From the Principal

You will find enclosed in this newsletter an Annual Report for the 2006 school year. This is a new initiative for Prescott Southern as part of our role in meeting the accountability requirements of the Commonwealth Government funding. We trust that it will be informative for you as parents and would encourage you to make an appointment to meet with me or contact school council members if you have further queries in regards to the report.

Throughout this term a number of children have presented a musical program at some of the local Seventh-day Adventist churches, and this Saturday they will be presenting at Morphett Vale adjacent the school. Their contribution has been greatly appreciated and I would like to thank the children involved under the leadership of Mrs Crowe for their efforts in this area. A number of parents have attended each of the services and we wish to thank all involved for their willingness to give back to the church community.

On Monday at assembly we will have the opportunity to officially farewell Mrs Possingham and Mrs Newbold who will be leaving us at the end of the term on maternity leave. Both Renee and Nicole came to us as graduates and have developed into competent professionals who have contributed significantly to the program at Prescott Southern. We would like to thank them for their commitment to the school program over the years and wish them well as they begin their role as parents.

Our school reports will be sent home on Thursday of next week. I always enjoy reading the school reports as it provides an opportunity for me to gain insight into the various students’ learning progress and overall approach to school. It is pleasing to see children putting in such a great effort towards improving their learning. As parents you play a significant role in this process, and it is your commitment to your child’s education that is helping them on their educational journey. I also recognize for many it is also a financial sacrifice that many of you are making and it is great to see people honouring their commitment in this area. Thank you for your overall support of the school.

Just a reminder that our new term will begin on Wednesday July 25 due to the staff being involved in professional development with all of the staff from the Prescott School System in Adelaide. Out of School Hours Care will operate for those parents who wish to use this service.

We thank God for His continual presence, and having the knowledge that each of us is special to Him helps us as individuals to provide that same love and care to those we associate with. I would like to wish all families an enjoyable and relaxed holiday time and look forward to working with you again in the new term.

Christine Clark
**COMING EVENTS**

**Morphett Vale Church Service**
Students who are presenting the Church Service program this Saturday, June 30 need to meet in the Church foyer at 11.15am. They need to be in full winter uniform.

The program begins at 11.30am and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the program that the students have prepared.

**Special Assembly**
Next week is the last week for Mrs Newbold and Mrs Possingham before they go on maternity leave. At Assembly next Monday, July 2 we will be officially saying farewell to them. If parents would like to farewell them, you are invited to join us at Assembly next week.

**Junior Choir Visit**
The Junior Choir will be singing at the Reynella Lifecare Retirement Village, 7 Railway Tce, Reynella on Wednesday, July 4 at 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**Last Day of Term**
Friday, July 6 is the last day of the term. School will finish at the usual time of 2.30pm. Students can come in casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation to support our sponsored Asian child. Donations are to be given to the classroom teacher.

**Wakakirri Holiday Rehearsal**
Just a reminder to students who are participating in Wakakirri that there will be a rehearsal for everyone on Thursday, July 12 from 9.00am-12noon.

**Term 3 Begins**
Please note that Term 3 will commence on the Wednesday, July 25. Monday, July 23 and Tuesday, July 24 are Pupil Free Days while the teachers attend a Prescott Schools Staff conference. OSHC will be operating, but bookings are essential.

**FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

**School Fees**
Please make sure all outstanding accounts have been finalised before the term ends. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Library Books**
All borrowed library books need to be returned before the end of term. Any unreturned books will result in a replacement fee being charged. Thank you.

**Chicken Pox Reported**
A case of chicken pox has been reported in the Reception Class. Please watch your child for any symptoms that may appear. These include cold-like symptoms such as fever, headache, backache & loss of appetite. This is quickly followed by an itchy, red and pimply rash, which soon develops into blister-like sores. Chickenpox is most infectious from 2 days before the rash appears until after scabs have formed (approx. 7 days). Do not send your child to school during this time, until at least 5 days after the spots first appear AND until all the blisters have dried.

**Vacation Care**
Places are filling fast. If you haven’t booked for Vacation Care, please do so immediately or you might miss out!

**After School Sports**
In Term 3 students have the opportunity to participate in After School Sports again. The sports being offered are Badminton on Tuesdays and Martial Arts on Wednesdays. If your child wishes to participate, please complete the enclosed consent form (both sides of the page) and return it to school by the end of next week (Friday, July 6). After School Sports will begin in Week 2 of next term.

**Weekly Chess Challenge**
Recently a group of our regular Chess players participated in a Chess competition with other schools in the area. Out of the 14 schools that competed our school’s team came 6th. Well done, guys. The team included Simon William, Luke Hutton, Nathanial Hutton, Juno Wang, Christopher Searle and Jalen Croxton. Congratulations to Simon who was listed in the Top Ten players.

Students are able to participate in the Weekly Chess Challenge each Wednesday lunchtime in the library. Next term’s program will run from Week 2—Week 6. If your child would like to join in please collect a consent form from the front office. The cost for Term 3 is $20. All completed forms must be returned by Friday, July 27.
Toys for Project
Can you help? Next term, as part of the computing program, the students will be learning how to make clay animation on the computer. For this project we need small toys such as plastic animals, toy cars, small figurines etc. If you have anything like this that you no longer need and would like to donate them to the school, it would be greatly appreciated. These can be left at Student Reception marked “Toys for Computing”. Thank you.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Morphett Vale Church
Playgroup
Playgroup has changed! Beginning in Term 3 (July 24) playgroup will be meeting in the Hall on Tuesday mornings 9.15-11.00am. The Thursday session will continue in the church foyer as usual. Now you have the choice of two days to come and join in the fun of playgroup. Please bring a piece of fruit to share. Cost is $2 per family. Contact Kate Croft for more information on 8322 9662.

Mexican Social Night
This Saturday night, June 30, Morphett Vale Church is holding a Mexican night in the Hall from 6.30pm. If you enjoy Mexican food and good company then come along and join in the fun. Entry is $6.50 adults, $3.50 kids or $16.00 family, this includes tea. Other refreshments will be available for purchase as well. There will be a cake auction and you can bid for which ever cake takes your fancy! Proceeds to help pay for the new carpet in the Hall.

Fiesta!
Kids don’t forget about Fiesta in the school holidays. There will be plenty of action with crafts, games, stories, snacks and new songs to learn. July 9—13 from 1.00—4.00pm and a Fiesta Church program on July 14 from 11.30am—12.30pm. Cost is $3 per session per child (3rd child or more per family free). If booked into Vacation Care you will still be able to attend. For more information or to register please contact Liz Hill on 8322 3052 or collect a registration form from the front office.

School Holiday Indoor Soccer Clinics
Junior Indoor Soccer Clinics are being held during the July school holidays for boys and girls aged between 5 and 12 years of age. Children learn the basics of the game, develop their skills and meet new friends. These are held at two locations: Marion Leisure and Fitness Centre, Oaklands Road, Morphettville from 3-5pm on Wednesday, 11 July and Friday, 13 July AND Hub Recreation Centre, Taylors Road, Aberfoyle Park from 10am-12noon on Thursday, 12 July and Thursday, 19 July. Cost is $8 per child per clinic. For more information contact James on 8294 6488.

SACA School Holiday Cricket Clinics
The South Australian Cricket Association July Cricket Clinics are being held from July 16-20 in the Indoor Centre at the Adelaide Oval. The clinics offer both individual and group coaching for boys and girls of all ages. All coaching is done by SACA accredited coaches. Get in quick as places will fill fast. For prices and more information you can visit www.cricketsa.com.au and download a brochure or phone Shaun Seigert on 8300 3838.

Super Clinic
Coaching Clinics for students aged 5-15 years at Prince Alfred College, Dequetteville Tce, Kent Town. Tuesday-Friday 10-13 July and 17-20 July. Choose from Football, Basketball, Netball, Soccer or a Combo. Guest appearances from Simon Goodwin, Nathan van Berlo, Chad Cornes and Michelle Den Dekker. Cost of the 4 day clinics either 9am-12noon $140 or 9am-3pm $190. For information and to enrol call 1300 134 154 or go to www.acnsport.com.au.

Bowl for Bucks
Present your Bowl for Bucks membership card (sent out in Newsletter a few weeks ago) when you purchase an AMF holiday package deal over the July school holidays and Prescott Primary Southern will receive 50c for every person in your group who bowls. $17.90 gets you 2 games, shoe hire, and a café meal any time before 6.00pm daily during the July school holidays. Phone AMF Noarlunga Bowl on 8384 5555 to book your lane now.
NARNU FARM CAMP

The students in Classroom 1 & 2 took a trip to Narnu Farm on June 13 and 14. For some this was the first time away from home. Everyone had a great time. Some of the activities included butter making, wagon rides, hand milking, hand ploughing and feeding the farm animals.

A big thank you to the parent helpers who came along and helped to make the camp a success.

Here are some pictures from our camp for you to enjoy.