From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 3. A special welcome to our new students and their families and we look forward to working with you all. This term has seen the re-enrolment of a group of children from Korea who attended our school last year for Term 3. Welcome back to Andy, Wendy and Christina and we trust you will enjoy your term with us.

This term promises to be a busy one in the area of performance and competitions. Our Wakakirri group will perform in Week 4, senior choir will participate in the Festival of Music in Week 5, Tournaments of Minds groups will participate in Week 8 and our annual school concert will be held in Week 9. It is great to see a significant number of our students participating in these activities even though for some it has involved after school commitments. Thank you parents for your support as this has enabled us as a school to provide these opportunities for the children.

In Week 3 of this term children in Grades 3, 5 & 7 will participate in Benchmarking assessments. This provides an assessment of the children in numeracy and literacy and provides information about their performance in relation to national benchmark standards. We use the WALNA (Western Australian Literacy and Numeracy Assessment), which allows flexibility in its implementation and students who usually need extra help during normal classroom activities, receive similar assistance in the assessment tasks.

On Tuesday the staff from the Prescott Schools appreciated the opportunity to spend time together with experts in the field of Resiliency and what we can do as staff to assist all children within our school to be resilient to the ups and downs of life. It highlighted to us the fact that we are often a “significant other” in the eyes of the children we work with each day, and as such we have a great impact on how they view themselves, their self-image being primarily based on what they think those who are of value think of them.

As we go through this term we trust that God will work with each of us to help each student know that they are special and a valued member of our school community.

Have a great week

Christine Clark
COMING EVENTS

Wakakirri Wednesday
Join in the fun of Wakakirri by supporting the Donut Drive to be held next Wednesday, 1 August. Iced donuts with sprinkles will be sold at Kids Canteen during lunch and recess for 80c each. Money raised will go towards making fantastic Wakakirri costumes.

Strategic Management Planning
Members of the School Council, Reference Committees and staff will be meeting on Monday, 6 August. The purpose of this meeting will be to look at goals for the next twelve months.

Benchmark Assessments
Students in Grade 3, 5 & 7 will be involved in benchmark testing in Week 3. A letter with all relevant information is enclosed for the parents of children in these classes.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, 15 August. Request forms were enclosed with your child’s report that was sent home at the end of last term. If you wish to book an interview with your child’s teacher, please complete the form and return it to school by next Wednesday, 1 August. Appointment cards will be enclosed in the next newsletter.

Volunteer Training Session
For those parents who volunteer around the school, who haven’t yet attending a Volunteers Training Session; there is one scheduled for Thursday, 16 August. This will be held in the Library from 2.30pm.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Canteen Lunch List
The latest Lunch Order List from Reynella Canteen is enclosed. If you are ordering your lunch, please make sure you refer to this new list. Lunch orders must be written on paper bags (not envelopes) with money enclosed. Make sure your child’s name and classroom number is clearly printed and orders are left in classroom boxes by 9.00am.

Also, please note that the Reynella Canteen will be closed next Wednesday, 1st August, so there will be no lunch orders available on that day.

School Fees
This term’s accounts have been sent out and are now due for payment. An early payment discount (where applicable) is available if fees are paid in full by Friday, 10 August. No discount is available after this date. Prompt payment of accounts is always greatly appreciated.

School Uniform
Winter Uniform is still to be worn in Term 3. Please ensure that you have all the necessary items for your child to be in complete & correct uniform. The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8.45-9.15am and 3.00-3.30pm. All purchases are to be paid for at the front office on the same day as purchased.

Toys for Computing Project
As part of the computing program this term, 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 you no longer need and would like to donate to the school, it would be greatly appreciated. These can be left at Student Reception marked “Toys for Computing”. Thank you.

After School Sports
The After School Sports program begins next week. The Wednesday Martial Arts program is full, but there are places available in Tuesday’s Badminton program. If your child is interested in joining in with Badminton, then please come to the front office and fill in a form before next Tuesday.

Weekly Chess Challenge
This term’s Chess program begins next Wednesday, 1 August and will continue until Week 6. Cost for this term is $20. If your child would like to join in please make sure a consent form and your money has been handed in to the front office before next Wednesday.

Koorong Kids
Enclosed you will find the Koorong Kids catalogues for this term. You will find great discounts on Christian books, DVD’s and other interesting products. All orders with correct money enclosed must be returned to school no later than Monday, 6 August. 10% of all orders go to the school, so your support is appreciated.
**Book Club**
You will find the latest Book Club catalogues enclosed. All purchases help earn points for the school which can be used to obtain library books and other resources. Earlier this year we were able to obtain sets of readers for the Reception/Year 1 classes thanks to your support of the Book Club program.

All orders and payment must be returned to school no later than Monday, 6 August. Cheques are to be made payable to Prescott Southern, not Scholastic. If paying by credit card please follow the instructions on the back page of the catalogue.

**School Photos**
This year school photos will be taken on Wednesday, 29 August. Enclosed you will find a photo envelope for each child. For those with more than one child, a family envelope has also been included. If you wish to purchase school photos, please complete the envelope and return to school (with payment enclosed) by Friday, 24 August.

Please take the time to read all of the relevant information on the envelopes and check the spelling of names. Payment may be made by cash (correct money please as no change is given) or by cheque (cheques made payable to Master School Portraits) or by credit card (credit card payment slips are available at the front office). Payment for all your children can be placed in one envelope, but remember all children must have their own envelope for photo day. Do not seal envelopes inside each other. No envelope-No photo! Thank you for your cooperation to ensure a smooth running photo day.

**FROM MRS CROWE**

**Tin Cans Urgently Needed**
Mrs Crowe is in urgent need of lots of empty tin cans for a Wakakirri prop. Please check your recycling for any empty tin cans, make sure they have been washed and bring them to the Science Room. Please note: no pet food cans. Thank you.

**Food Scraps for Animals**
The animals in the Science Room would love your food scraps to satisfy their appetites. Suitable items include any fruit, brown bread, broccoli, lettuce, carrot, tomato, muesli and grains.

And a big thank you to all the families who cared for the animals over the term break.

**FUNDRAISING**

**Chocolate Drive**
It’s that time of year again! We have the opportunity to boost our fundraising dollars through our annual Chocolate Drive. Each family has received a box of chocolates to sell. All necessary information is included in the box, so please read it carefully. Money must be returned before any additional boxes can be taken. All money must be returned to the front office by Friday, 31 August. There is a prize basket for the 3 families who sell the most boxes. Thank you for your support and we look forward to another successful year for our Chocolate Drive.

**Fathers Day Stall**
It will soon be time to celebrate Fathers Day and we will be holding our annual Fathers Day Stall during Week 6. There will be great gift ideas for you, more details later. If you have anything you could donate to sell on the stall, please leave it at the front office. We look forward to your continued support.

**Used Stamps and Recyclables**
Any used stamps from your mail can be left at the front office and don’t forget to keep putting your recyclable cans, bottles, etc. in the orange bin at the rear of the front office. Every bit helps.

**Classroom Fundraiser Lunches**
We will be having Classroom Fundraiser lunches again this term. Please watch your child’s diary/communication book for order forms. Any assistance you can give through donations of items or your time is always appreciated.

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**Assembly Timetable Term 3**
Assembly is held on Monday mornings at 9.00am in the Church. Parents are welcome to attend.

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Book Week (in Week 5) is rapidly approaching. A fantastic program of events has been put together to make the Prescott Primary Southern 2007 Book Week the best we’ve ever had! Details of activities in the next newsletter.

**Book Week Stall**
The library will be open from 8.30-9.15am and 3.00-4.00pm all week for parents to browse through the 2007 book collection. You can buy a book from your “Wish list” or donate a book to the school library. Remember, the school receives a percentage from all books sold during Book Week. Also for sale will be various stationery items—pens, pencils, rubbers etc.—for under $2.

There will be exciting new adventures in this year’s Book Week. Hope to see you there. Don’t miss out!

**VACATION CARE**

It was a busy time at Vacation Care during the school holidays. During the first week children had the opportunity to attend the Fiesta program in the church, which some of them did and they had a great time. Other activities included a Teddy Bears picnic, jewelry and keyring making, pizza day and cooking and a trip to the Snowdome for ice skating. The Kite Factory people came and helped us make kites and then we flew them. On the last day we had a party.