From the Principal

Book Week is fast approaching and this year’s event promises to be a great success. The children will be involved in a range of activities throughout the week. Last year we appreciated the visits and purchases by grandparents and parents on Thursday, and once again we are looking forward to a great time. The back page has information outlining the program for Book Week. A big thank you to our Library Reference Committee who have worked hard to make it a week to be enjoyed by all. Thank you for your support.

Our school has agreed to be part of a child road safety program to increase the safety of children travelling to and from school and in their local area. Safe Routes to school is conducted in conjunction with the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure and the Local Council and requires the cooperation of staff, children and parents of the schools involved. I would ask you take some time to complete the enclosed Travel Survey with each of your children who attend this school. The survey seeks information relating to how your children travel to and from school. We also seek your help in identifying locations that your children find to be dangerous when riding or walking to school. You are not asked to identify your children or place of residence. Your response will provide valuable information to be used by the organisations listed to enable them to identify and implement engineering and education safety improvements in the local area. Thank you for your support of this important road safety program. Please return all completed forms to school.

Seasons for Growth is a program offered at Prescott for those children who have experienced a significant loss in their lives and need support in developing strategies in “bouncing back”. A flyer is enclosed and we would encourage parents to discuss with their children if they may like to be involved. Emotional well-being has a significant impact on children’s ability to learn and cope socially in the school environment and we wish to assist as a school in enabling children to develop their skills in this area.

Have a great week.

Christine Clark
**COMING EVENTS**

**Red Day**
Next **Thursday, 16 August**, we are having Red Day to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy. Students in Grades 4-7 will be doing a trivia quiz on this day. All students are asked to bring a **gold coin donation** to support people with Muscular Dystrophy. Students can celebrate Red Day by **wearing something red** with their usual uniform (eg. Red ribbons, red scarf, red hat etc.).

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**
For those parents who requested an interview with their child’s teacher, there is an appointment card enclosed. Please remember that interviews are for 10 minutes and the teachers need to keep to a tight schedule. Parents are asked to wait outside the classroom at the appointed time.

**Volunteer Training Session**
Parents who volunteer around the school, who haven’t yet attended a Volunteers Training Session, please note that there is one scheduled for next Thursday, August 16. This will be held in the Library at 2.30pm.

**Book Week**
Book Week is almost here. In Week 5 you can **READiscover the fun of reading**. A fantastic program of events is planned including the usual Book Fair in the Library each day. You will have the opportunity to purchase some great books and other interesting items. For more details see the back page.

**FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

**Premiers Reading Challenge**
There is only 3 weeks left to complete your reading for the Premiers Reading Challenge. All forms must be returned to Mrs Street by Friday, August 31. Well done for your efforts so far.

**From OSHC**
Please note that OSHC closes strictly at 6.30pm. If parents are unable to collect their children by this time, they are advised to either arrange for someone else to collect their child or to make alternate child care arrangements. Thank you.

**School Photos**
School Photos will be taken on **Wednesday, August 29**. If you wish to purchase photos you must return the envelope that was sent home in the last newsletter. No envelope—No photo. All envelopes with payment enclosed must be returned to school by **Friday, August 24**. No envelopes can be accepted after this date, nor on photo day; so get your envelopes in now! Please take the time to read all the relevant information on the envelopes and check the spelling of names.

On photo day students need to be dressed in complete, clean and correct winter uniform (including a jumper). If you need any uniform items, please visit the Uniform Shop BEFORE photo day. The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8.45-9.15am and 3.00-3.30pm.

**From Mrs Crowe**
Mrs Crowe still needs some more empty tin cans for a Wakakirri prop. If you have any empty tins at home, please make sure they have been washed and bring them to the Science/Music Room. Please note: not pet food cans. Thank you.

And don’t forget the animals are always grateful for any food scraps you can send along. Suitable items include any fruit, brown bread, broccoli, lettuce, carrot, tomato, muesli and grains.

**FUNDRAISING**

**Chocolate Drive**
Chocolates are selling fast. There is a prize basket for the 3 families who sell the most boxes, this could be you! All money must be returned to the front office by Friday, August 31. Any unsold chocolate cannot be accepted after this date, only the equivalent in money. Thank you for your efforts in making this a successful fundraiser.

**Classroom Fundraiser Lunches**
Don’t forget the Fundraiser Lunches each Thursday. Order forms are sent home each week and need to be returned by the due date. Any help with either donations or your time would be greatly appreciated. Please watch you child’s diary/communication book for details.
Fathers Day Stall
The first Sunday in September is Fathers Day. We will be holding our annual Fathers Day Stall during Week 6 (27-31 August). Don’t forget to come and visit our stall.

If there are any parents who would be interested in making cards for the Fathers Day Stall, please let us know. A supply of card/paper can be collected from the front office if you need it. All offers of help will be appreciated.

SPECIALANNOUNCEMENT

Farewell to a Bus Driver
Tony O’Connor, Prescott Southern’s relief bus driver, has called it a day, finding employment driving a truck up to three days a week. Tony joined the staff in 2001. He still has his business Port Wharf Cycles at the Port Adelaide Markets on Sundays and Public holidays so you can still catch up with Tony there. All the best Tony, we will miss your input at Prescott.

Children Are Like Kites
By: Erma Bombeck
You spend years trying to get them off the ground.

You run with them until you are both breathless. They crash ... they hit the roof ... you patch, comfort and assure them that someday they will fly.

Finally, they are airborne.

They need more string, and you keep letting it out. They tug, and with each twist of the twine, there is sadness that goes with joy.

The kite becomes more distant, and you know it won't be long before that beautiful creature will snap the lifeline that binds you together and will soar as meant to soar ... free and alone.

Only then do you know that you have done your job.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

From Morphett Vale Church
Playgroup
We now meet twice a week for playgroup. Tuesday Mornings 9.15-11.00am in the Hall and Thursday Mornings 9.15-11.00am in the church foyer. Please bring a piece of fruit to share. Cost is $2 per family. Come enjoy a time together. For more information contact Kate on 8322 9662.

Adventurers
If you weren’t at Adventurers last Saturday night you missed a lot of fun (especially the sticky iced, cupcakes!) The next Adventurers, which is for children aged 5-9 years, will be on September 1st from 6.30—9.00pm in the church foyer. Mark your calendars so you don’t miss out!

Sanitarium Promotion
Morphett Vale SDA church is participating in a promotion conducted by Sanitarium. The challenge is to collect the labels from Sanitarium canned products (eg. Nutmeat, Nutolene, Rediburger, Casserole Mince, Vegetarian Sausages, etc.). The church group who collects the most labels will receive $1,000 and Morphett Vale is planning to use the money (if we win) for kids programs such as Fiesta and Adventurers. If you use any of these canned products could you please remove the labels and send them to school to add to the collection. Every bit helps. Promotion will conclude at the end of September.

Morphett Vale Cricket Club
Junior cricket players wanted for U13, U14 & U16. Come and register at Morphett Vale Cricket Club on Monday, 20 August, Wednesday 22 August or Friday 24 August from 5.00-6.00pm. Sausage Sizzle will be provided.

Southern Tigers Basketball Association
The Southern Tigers Basketball Association is holding external trials for the upcoming 2007/2008 District Season. These trials are open to girls and boys in various age groups. Trials will be held on Sunday, August 26 at the Morphett Vale Basketball Stadium, Wilfred Taylor Reserve, States Road, Morphett Vale.

For more information visit the website at: www.southernntigersbasketball.com.au.
The theme for Book Week 2007 is READiscover so come and see our fantastic display in the library where the power of a book can bring your imagination to life! We have some fantastic events planned to celebrate Book Week 2007.

During **Week 4**, students have the opportunity to make an *Animal Bookmark* to enter into the Book Week competition. Paper and instructions will be sent home during Week 4 in homework folders. Those students wishing to participate need to have their *Animal Bookmark* handed in to their classroom teachers on Friday 17th August. There will be a 1st Prize of a $10 Book Voucher and 2nd Prize of a Stationery Voucher for each classroom. The judging will take place before Book Week begins on Monday 20th and all entries will be displayed around the READiscover library.

Students will also be able to visit the Book Week book display on Monday to fill in their “Wish List”. The “Wish List” are books they’ve seen in the library and are interested in reading. As parents, you have the opportunity to buy books from the “Wish List” to either add to your home library or donate to the school library.

This year, we have a special **Guessing Competition**. In the library there will be a mural with hidden animals in it. For students to have a guess at discovering how many animals there may be, it will cost 20c. The student who guesses the correct number of hidden animals will receive a Book Voucher.

The library will also be selling various stationery items. Pens, pencils, erasers, highlighters and mini memo pads are all available with nothing over $2.

On Wednesday 22nd, the SRC has organised a Fancy Dress Parade. Students are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite book character. Posters will be given as prizes, so here’s your chance to be as creative as possible.

Parents/Grandparents are invited to come and join us on Thursday 23rd for a Sausage Sizzle lunch. This will start at 12:00 when the students have their lunchtime play and lunch will be served at 12:30pm. Separate Parent/Grandparent sausage sizzle order forms will be sent home in the usual lunchtime fundraiser format where you can mark how many sausages, iced donuts and drinks you’d like to purchase.

The Library will be open from 8:30-9:30am, lunch time and 3:15-4:00pm. Remember, a percentage of all books sold during Book Week goes into buying more books for our school library.

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