From the Principal

Our Book Fair has been a positive event once again, and if you have not yet visited the library, it is worthwhile to view the wonderful displays and maybe buy a book. Proceeds of books purchased for you personally enable the school to buy books for the library.

Our Wakakirri team have been successful in making the State Finals once again. They will be performing on September 25 – Tuesday of Week 10. Congratulations to Mrs Crowe and her team. For those students in Wakakirri it does mean that Friday rehearsals will be continuing until the end of Week 9. Thanks parents for noting this and ensuring your children are at the rehearsals each Friday afternoon.

Our fathers are an important part of the family and as we celebrate Father’s Day early in September, we would encourage you to buy your gifts from the stall at the school. Our Fundraising Committee have organised a range of items that we are sure would be appreciated by the dads of our community. It is often at these special times of the year we spend time together as families but research suggests that the more regular rituals of a family are also important in making children feel special as part of a unique and significant social group – their family. A flyer enclosed provides some ideas on how to make your family a stronger unit through the rituals followed.

As a school we also have a number of rituals that make us unique and what “Prescott” is all about. Our school concert is a tradition that has been with us for a number of years and we look forward to your support of this event later in the term. Furthermore as a Christian school one of the rituals that we follow is the time we share as staff in worship in the morning before the school day begins. This provides us with an opportunity to share together and pray for all within our community that we might support each other in the care and education of the children attending Prescott.

Have a great week.

Christine Clark
COMING EVENTS

Book Week
It’s almost over! Tomorrow is your last chance to visit the Book Fair in the library to buy or donate a book. What a fun week it has been. Thank you for your support.

Fathers Day Stall
Hope you have been saving your money to spend at the Fathers Day Stall next week. This is your chance to get a great gift for Dad and support the school fundraising at the same time.

School Photos
School Photo day is next Wednesday, August 29. Please make sure that you child is dressed in complete, clean and correct winter uniform (including a jumper). For those students who participate in After School Sports, please make sure you are in school uniform NOT sports uniform.

The deadline for returning photo envelopes is TOMORROW (Friday, August 24). If you wish to purchase school photos, envelopes with payment enclosed, must be handed in by tomorrow. No orders can be accepted after tomorrow. Thank you for your cooperation.

Pupil Free Day—Show Holiday
Please make sure you have marked your calendars for Wednesday, September 12 as a Pupil Free Day. OSHC will be visiting the Royal Show and bookings are essential.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Canteen Closed Monday, September 3
Please note that the Reynella Canteen will be closed on Monday, September 3, so there will be no lunch orders available on that day. Students will be able to purchase soup and noodles from Kids Canteen in Classroom 5.

Premiers Reading Challenge
Time is almost up for those participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge. All completed forms must be returned to Mrs Street by next Friday, August 31. Students will miss out on receiving their medals if forms are not returned by this date.

Accounts
Parents are reminded that school fees are due and need to be finalised ASAP. Your prompt attention to this would be greatly appreciated.

Book Club
Scholastic Australia is one of the sponsors of the annual Book Week program. The latest Book Club catalogues are enclosed with some great Book Week specials. All orders, with payment enclosed, must be returned to school no later than Monday, September 3. If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Prescott Primary Southern, not Scholastic. If paying by credit card, please follow the instructions on the back page of the catalogue. Thank you for your support.

EdAlive Software Offer
Our school is participating in the BRAINtastic! Reading Success Community Software Plan (CSP). BRAINtastic! Reading Success uses an integrated Phonemic-and Text-based approach to reading, with full sound support, and will help every child, be they a Beginning Reader, Emerging Reader, Struggling Reader or Power Reader, to be the very best reader they can be.

Accompanying this newsletter is an information leaflet profiling the award-winning EdAlive range. Please consider investing in one or more of these products. The home computer is a powerful educational tool and with these EdAlive titles your children can learn while they play. EdAlive titles are directly correlated with the curriculum. Our school will receive $ for $ in EdAlive Discount Vouchers for every title ordered. Please return orders to the school, with payment enclosed, by Friday, September 7. Demo versions of the EdAlive products can be downloaded from www.edalive.com.

Baby News
In case you haven’t heard, Mrs Nicole Newbold and her husband Jarrod, are the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy. His name is Riley Reynolds and he was born on August 10. Congratulations to Nicole and Jarrod and all the best for your future together as a family.
FUNDRAISING

Chocolate Drive
Well done to everyone for helping to sell lots of boxes of chocolates. All money must be returned to the front office by Friday, August 31. Any unsold chocolate must be returned by this date as well. Thank you for your support of our fundraising program, without your support it would not be such a success.

Fathers Day Stall—Next Week
Monday, August 27—31
Father’s Day is just around the corner, so we will be running our annual Fathers Day Stall all next week. The children will have the opportunity to purchase items from our Fathers Day Stall and support the fundraising program at the same time. The stall will be open from 8.30—9.00am each morning. Come and find something special for Dad. There will be a wide range of gifts with a wide range of price tags—something for everyone.

COMMUNITY ANNOUCEMENTS

Southern Districts T-Ball Club
The Southern Districts T-Ball club is preparing for the 2007/2008 season and would like to invite all children, both boys and girls aged 5-10 years to their “Come and Try” days. These will be held on Friday, October 12 at 4.30pm and Sunday, October 14 at 10.30am. The venue is on the corner of Flaxmill Road and Peregrine Cres, Morphett Vale.

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 of fun and fellowship. For more information contact Kate on 8322 9662.

Adventurers
Just a reminder that the next Adventurer meeting will be on Saturday, September 1 from 6.30-9.00pm in the church foyer. This program is for children aged 5-9 years. Hope to see you there.

STAFF PROFILE

We would like to welcome Mrs Wendy O’Sullivan to the Prescott team. Wendy has joined us since Mrs Possingham and Mrs Newbold left on maternity leave. You will find Mrs O’Sullivan in lots of different places including Classroom 3 on Mondays, Classroom 1 on Fridays and in computing class in between.

Wendy is a local, born in Glenelg and growing up in Hallett Cove. She attended St Teresa’s Primary School and remembers a particular Book Week parade when the television stations came to see all the costumes!

When asked about being a teacher Wendy said, “I have always loved children and was always babysitting my cousins and family friends children, so I knew early in life I wanted to work with children in some capacity.”

Her favourite food is lasagna or anything Italian and of course chocolate. She lists among her interests music, dancing, shopping, spending time with friends and family, going to church and generally enjoying life. Wendy says she loves the ocean therefore sea green is her favourite colour.

Before joining Prescott Wendy says she tried all kinds of jobs including pet shop attendant, clerical officer, florist, Early Learning Field Worker and then teacher. Welcome to Prescott, Wendy.

Happiness keeps You Sweet,
Trials keep You Strong,
Sorrows keep You Human,
Failures keep You Humble,
Success keeps You Glowing,
But Only God keeps You Going!
Among the many exciting highlights of Book Week was the Dress Up Parade held on Wednesday. Students and staff had the opportunity to come dressed as their favourite book character. The costumes were varied and creative and brought a lot of colour to the school for this special day. Following the grand parade, winners were chosen from each class for being the best dressed. Those winners were:

Classroom 1      Abby Petherick and Warat Baker
Classroom 2      Emily Carlsen and Joshua Bolzon
Classroom 3      Aleisha O’Sullivan and Kerrod Shoesmith
Classroom 4      Jett Rayner-Wilkinson
Classroom 5      Kascha Flack and Mitchell Cuming
Classroom 7      Kate Peterson
Classroom 8      Blake Stopp and Christelle Richardson
Classroom 10     Jinae Baker and Tyler Peterson

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair through either buying or donating books. It was great to share lunchtime with parents, family and friends on Thursday and the enthusiastic participation of the students in the various activities was appreciated.

Can you guess who these characters are?

The Library looks great for Book Week!