Principal’s Report

So much happens in a fortnight at school, it is hard to believe we are up to week 8 already and the school has been as busy as ever!

3/4 Camp
2 weeks ago the 3/4 students spent 3 days at Woodhouse campsite in the Adelaide hills participating in many different activities from laser skirmish and hip-hop dancing to boomerang throwing, storm the lantern and an obstacle course known as ‘challenge hill’.

I dropped in to visit them on my way home from Adelaide and they were having a great time. When they returned many students made comment that ‘challenge hill’ was their favourite part.

When questioned as to why it was the best part, the response I received was “because it was challenging!”

It is great to hear that our children and students like being challenged, as the feeling of success when being challenged is enormous. We must remember though that the falls and scratches that we encounter are not failures but learning experiences!!!

I hope we can continue to provide these challenging situations, learning opportunities and feelings of success for all of the students.

SAPSASA News
Good Luck to Tilly Nickolls, Elli Jenzen, Tom Wurfel, Blake Virgo, Mitchell Hawthorne, Bailey Vogt, Bram Schiller and Jaylen Vogt for the State Country Swimming Championships in Adelaide on tomorrow, Friday 21st March. I am sure that you will enjoy the challenge and represent yourselves well.

Parent/ Teacher Interviews
It has been great to see almost 70% of families in the school this week, meeting with parents, looking in the classrooms and through their students work. There are so many positives that can come out of this communication that benefit your children’s learning and the understanding. The three-way partnership between, parent, teacher and student is enormously powerful if used effectively. I encourage you if you have been unable to make it to these meetings that you set up a time with your child’s teacher at another time, we would love to give feedback to every family about how your child/ren are working. I also ask that if you have any further concerns to make an appointment with me to discuss this. Remember nothing will change if there is no problem raised.

Pancake Day
Last Wednesday we held Pancake day raising funds for Uniting Care. For the first time the 5/6/7 class helped make the pancake batter using the school kitchen. The mixture appeared to be a hit with many students commenting on how good they tasted and many students having more than one.

‘Aim High’
Sunyl Vogt
Materials and Services Charge
There are still some outstanding Material & Services Charge payments for students. It would be very much appreciated if you could make payment arrangements with the front office as these payments are now **OVERDUE**.

Student Awards

~ Student of the Week ~  ~ Parent Club Award ~

No awards week 6 due to Student Free day.

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| 2/3            | 2/3           |
| Alisha Palmer - for her kind and caring nature and helping others. | All Year 3’s - for their persistence, encouragement of others, willingness to give everything a go, excellent manners & all round responsible behaviour on camp. |

| 3/4            | 3/4           |
| Zac White - quality journal writing, taking pride in presentation of work & working hard to learn times tables. | Year 3/4 class - their persistence, encouragement of others, willingness to give everything a go, excellent manners & all round responsible behaviour on the camp to Woodhouse. |

| 5/6/7          | 5/6/7         |
| Emmerson Thiel - being selected in the district SAPSASA softball team. | Elli Jenzen - her mature approach to her learning. |

Principal James Wallis - fantastic improvement in his work output, his enthusiasm for learning, and his increased concentration and on task behaviour in class.

Governing Council

Next Governing Council Meeting Monday 31st March
Finance Meeting at 7.45pm
Governing Council Meeting 8.00pm
All Apologies Please contact the school

SRC Community & Fundraising

We wish to thank everyone for their support so far this term.

Pancake Day raised $108
Iceblock sales raised $281.74
(These have now finished)

Bring along a donation for Red Cross Challenge – Next Friday 28th March.

How much money can we raise for Red Cross? At the end of next Friday’s assembly we will put our donation coins in a line to see which House can make the biggest line with the most money.
Library News

*** NEW ARRIVALS ***

ADULT NON-FICTION
Nurses of the Outback by Annabelle Brayley

ADULT FICTION
Crimson dawn by Fleur McDonald
A tapestry of dreams by Jessica Blair
Killer by Jonathan Kellerman
Safe harbour by Helene Young
Thursday’s children by Nicci French

ADULT FICTION – Large Print
A time to love by Jean Davidson
Any Sunday by Debbie Macomber

CHILDREN’S FICTION
Do you dare? The bushranger boys by A. Lloyd
Deep fried frogs by Catherine Carvell
The simple things by Bill Condon
Annie’s snails by Dianne Wolfer
The ugg boot war by Kylie Fornasier

eBooks & Audiobooks – available for Pinnaroo library members on the LibrariesSA catalogue

The Kids eReading Room is a site strictly for kids content only, so young readers can navigate specialised kids collections without having to wade through adult or mature content.

School Announcements

LOST PROPERTY

Girls, Size 8/10 BONDS knickers, Fluoro green

Girls, Size 6/8 TARGET knickers, Pink

These items were found at swimming carnival.
If they sound like they might be yours, please come and check at the front office.
All lost property at the end of the term is given to the Thrift Shop.
**Student Representative Council – A new move forms a new groove**

In 2013 Pinnaroo Primary School adopted a new approach to a student representative council, a mechanism to engage student participation and foster leadership to create discussion of student views and ideas allowing for a range of SRC initiatives.

Whilst the more traditional student elections still take place, in addition to this we now allocate a cross section of students of all ages to each of the four new responsibility areas where they remain for a semester. An executive SRC member and a class teacher are in each group. The groups are as follows, School Grounds, School Pride, School Community and School Activities.

2014 Office Holders
President: Blake Virgo  Vice President: Thomas Wurfel
Secretary: Jade Bennier    Treasurer: Emmerson Thiel

SRC groups meet in weeks 3, 6 and 9 for an hour after lunch. Due to the overwhelming success of SRC initiatives in 2013, an invitation has been extended to parents and volunteers who may wish to assist their children and the school at these sessions.

Some of the more recent activities include;
**School Pride – Mrs Caroline White**
We have been completing a mosaic project commenced last year, with the installation of 4 mosaics into pavements around the school. School mottos have been depicted within the mosaics; ‘TRUST’, ‘RESPECT’, ‘HONESTY’ and ‘CARING’. We are still working on another four. Next week we will finish painting bricks as labels for various vegie patches in the garden.

**School Grounds – Mr Phil Searle**
We have several ongoing projects at the moment. In the school garden we have done some general tidying up, and have sown the winter vegie seeds.

In the yard we have been focusing on the ‘Peace’ garden at the front of the library. Groundsman Bryan Michell has begun major jobs such as tree trimming and removal, which has made way for SRC to spread new bark mulch over the area, and begin the planting of new shrubs. This and many other areas around the school are due for rejuvenation, with many more plantings to come.

Following the success of recycling efforts for the 2013 Snow Trip, we will continue to collect and sort donations of cans and bottles. If you have cans and bottles and don’t mind donating them for a good cause, you can bring them into the school early in weeks 3, 6 and 9 or contact the school to organise a time after hours for us to collect them.

**School & Community – Mrs Barb Tyler**
During term 1 we have been selling iceblocks at lunch time and have raised $250 so far. Last Wednesday our students, under the watchful eye of Mr Vogt, prepared pancake batter and served nearly 200 pancakes. Funds raised from the day will be donated to Uniting Care.

**School Activities– Miss Candice Milford**
Our group has had so many lunchtime activity ideas that we have been attempting to run an activity every other week. So far we have conducted a talent show, held board games and cookery. CPSW Dianne Nuske got the students making pasta sauce with our summer tomato crop from the school garden. We have bottled the sauce, and plan to use the sauce when making pizzas later in the term.

Next week our lunchtime activity will be bracelet making, and a disco will be held later in the term.

**Our next SRC session will be next Wednesday 26th March from 1.40 – 2.40pm.**
Each group has activities to go on with and if you are able to help out please contact either the teacher in charge of the group or alternatively the front office.

We thank the school community for your continued support.
**Community Announcements**

**Wanted-working washing machine**
If you have a working washing machine that you may be looking to sell please contact the front office urgently.
Thank you

**Pinnaroo Football Club**

Junior Colts training Wednesday’s at 4pm
Senior Colts training Wednesday’s at 5pm
Auskick Thursday’s at 4pm

**Pinnaroo Lions Club**

**Auction**
Sunday March 30th
1 pm
At No2 oval
7am goods registration at the oval for auction
For more information contact
President Bill Venning on 0427 778462 or Sharon Phelps on 0428 581485

**Pinnaroo Wetlands**

"Day on the Green"

Official Opening
with free
Family and Children's Entertainment
Sunday May 4th 2014

**English Language Services**

Become a volunteer home tutor.
Help newly-arrived migrants and refugees learn English and settle in South Australia.
www.els.sa.edu.au
We have been advised of a person requiring this service in the area.

**Murrayville Early Learning Centre Ladies Day**

You’re invited to join us at the Murrayville hall for a 2 course meal to help fundraise for our Centre. The night will include stalls, great food, bar facilities and a fashion parade.

4th April 2014 from 6 ~ 9pm

Fashion Parade by LamiSaru Loxton at 7pm. Stockist of brands such as Betty Basics, Jump, Ladakh, Mesop, Pingpong, Sass, Seafolly, Wish and Yarra Trail.

Stalls include, LamiSaru, Tupperware, Body Shop, Psychic, Massage and Nails by Nikki and Mel, Two Little Moos, Flaschengeist, Naturpath Merryn, Rellinquish, Phoenix Trading (cards and stationery), Just Wrapped, Lorraine Lea Linen plus many more.

Prepaid tickets $20 from the Commonwealth Bank Murrayville, ANZ Pinnaroo or see one of our friendly Kindy mums Sally, Christine, Lisa, Belinda, Melissa, Katharine and Kasey OR $25 at the door.

Tickets include free entry into our door prize.
Family Maths Challenge #3
The weather during Kenny Koala’s vacation was strange. It rained on 15 different days, but it never rained for a whole day.

- Rainy mornings were followed by clear afternoons.
- Rainy afternoons were preceded by clear mornings.
- There were 12 clear mornings and 13 clear afternoons in all.
- How long was the vacation?

Family Maths Challenge #4
Using 6 toothpicks make 2 equal sized squares.

Record how you do the challenges and then bring them in to school (with name and class) for your entry ticket into this term’s raffle prize.

Murray Mallee Gymnastics

This Term at KinderGym we will be exploring Colours and Numbers. Help your child develop their imagination, confidence, empathy and understanding through this fun and exciting program. All activities are themed to involve activities and themes relating to everyday living and social experiences. Playing theme and theme based games help the child to use their imagination and extend their understanding of the world through music, games, song and dance. KinderGym is a great way to start developing their body development ready for academic learning.

In 2001, the Government introduced the “First Child Tax Offset” and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits. If you have ANY child that was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements. The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au today to receive more information.

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?