With just over a week of school remaining it is a perfect time to have a look at the great activities our students have, and continue to, participate in. A term full of aquatic experiences has come to an end. All students had the opportunity to undertake swimming lessons, PPS swimming carnival, SAPSASA swimming carnival and further active after school swimming programming. A big thank you to Deb Colwill and Barbara Pearson for their assistance in all these activities.

Year 6 Leadership Day
An awesome and inspiring day was had by our Year 6 students last Wednesday when they headed to Adelaide to participate in the Halogen, National Young Leaders Day. The theme of the conference was...

'I always wondered why somebody didn't do something... then I realized I am somebody.’

This was continually referred back to with students being challenged by guest speakers who included Julie Gillard and the very popular Andy Griffiths, to stop expecting others to solve a problem and to stand up and make a difference themselves.

If we want and need things to change for the better, we all need to stand up and make that change. The organizer of the event Mr Mike Martin summed it up like this, “Nothing great, cool, or long lasting ever starts out that way”. It is up to us to continue to improve everything around us! What will your contribution be??

Thanks to Mrs Sheryn Bennier and Mr Matthew Thiel for helping out with the excursion.

SAPSASA News
Well Done to our 8 Swimmers who competed at the State Swimming Championships in Adelaide a fortnight ago. It was exciting to see the students names on the big screen and competing in some very high standard events. Well done to Elli Jenzen for making the final of the 10yo girls 50m freestyle event and the 10yo boys 4x50m relay team who finished 4th. This week Emmerson Thiel is competing in the State Country SAPSASA competition. News to date is that they have had 2 wins a draw and a loss. Another great effort.

Lunch Orders
Tomorrow will be our final sausage sizzle for the term. A big thank you to Miss Milford and the 2/3 class for organizing this term’s lunch orders and for those parents who were able to assist with this fundraiser. All proceeds have gone to the Year 3 & 4 Woodhouse camp.

Next term Miss White’s 3/4 class will be hosting toasted sandwiches also in aid of the Year 3 & 4 camp, so please watch this space as we will be looking for parental help with this also.
**Easter activities**
Next Friday Schools Ministry Group will be visiting the school and with the assistance of Di Nuske our (CPSW) will be working through some Easter Activities with the students. If you do not want your child/ren to participate, please let the school know.

**Last Day of Term**
Next Friday the 11th of April is the last day of term.
The SRC will be hosting a PJ themed Disco at lunchtime, more details will be available next week.

**Reminder of Early Dismissal at 2.20pm.** Buses will run at this earlier time.

"Aim High"
Sunyl Vogt

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## Student Awards

### ~ Student of the Week ~

#### Term 1  Week 8

- **R/1** Lauren Angel - excellent work in addition.

- **2/3** Amber Tyler - her outstanding work ethic.

- **3/4** Jarrod Wilkie - for settling into our class easily & for improved handwriting & neatness of work.

- **5/6/7** Mitchell Hawthorne - his art drawings

Principal

#### Term 1  Week 9

- **R/1** Alana Oster - working hard in spelling activities

- **2/3** Skye Ribbons - her improved behaviour particularly following teacher instructions.

- **3/4** Abbey Thiel - her narrative writing-following structures studied & using language features creatively.

- **5/6/7** Tom Wurfel - for a comprehensive exposition containing many literary facts.

Principal

### ~ Parent Club Award ~

#### Term 1  Week 8

- **R/1** Samuel Moyle - excellent improvement in reading.

- **2/3** Ruby Schiller - effort and achievement with learning timetables.

- **3/4** Riley Kulper - for making a real effort with spelling and enthusiasm towards writing narratives.

- **5/6/7** Tilly Nickolls - for her good focus and work ethic.

Principal

#### Term 1  Week 9

- **R/1** Jazz Sharrad - working hard and being helpful.

- **2/3** Mackayla Perry - her excellent work ethic and improvements in Literacy.

- **3/4** Kayla Wallis - for excellent work in subtraction & her ability to share her strategies with others.

- **5/6/7** Harry Bell - for his effort in the School Garden Focus group.

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## Governing Council

Next Governing Council Meeting Monday 26th May
Finance Meeting at 7.15pm
Governing Council Meeting 7.30pm
All Apologies Please contact the school
8577 8176
Library News

New Books in the Library

ADULT NON-FICTION
Lost Boys of Anzac by Peter Stanley

ADULT FICTION
Winds of change by Anna Jacobs
Unlucky 13 by James Patterson
Rocking horse hill by Cathryn Hein
Still Waters by Judith Saxton
Power Play by Danielle Steele

ADULT FICTION – Large Print
Hunting Shadows by Charles Todd

CHILDREN’s PICTURE BOOKS
Dreamers by Ezekiel Kwaymullina
Maisy Plays Soccer by Lucy Cousins

School Announcements

Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser
Tomorrow will be the last day for sausage sizzle as next Friday will be the last day of term. Thank you for all your support to this fundraiser. We were able to raise approximately $450.

SRC - Lunchtime Activities
DISCO
When: Last day of school
Friday 11th April at Lunchtime
Where: Assembly room
Theme: Bring your pyjamas for the disco
Cost: nothing!

Signing students/volunteers in/out

Just a reminder that if your child is late to school in the morning please ensure that you have signed them in the late register at the Front Office. This will ensure that the rolls are updated correctly.

If you need to take your child out early or if you need to take your child for only a short time to an appointment etc please also ensure that you come to the front office and sign them out correctly of the sign in/out register.

If you come into the school as a volunteer to read or help with activities please ensure that you also come to the front office and sign in the visitors book.

This will ensure that we are aware of all people on the school site at any time.
Thank you for your co-operation.

Exchange teacher returns

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Canadian teacher Georgette Clayton is returning to Pinnaroo shortly. Georgette was the Year 4/5 teacher in 1989, swapping homes and classrooms with then-deputy John Crook. Georgette plans to be in Pinnaroo this Sunday and Monday (6th and 7th April). If anyone would like to catch up with her please contact Barb Tyler for more details.
 SRC Update

School Focus Group – School Grounds

This term our focus group has met on three Wednesdays afternoons to help maintain small parts of the school grounds. These sessions are designed to provide the students with an extra opportunity to show and develop their personal traits such as team work, reliability, trust and their work ethic. All the students have really done a good job this term, particularly early when the weather was very hot.

The main task we have undertaken this term has been to improve the grounds to the South and West of the library. We have been replenishing the bark chips and soon hope to plant a number of native plants creating a colourful understory under the existing trees.

We have also helped maintain the school garden by weeding, watering and recently we harvested a number of pumpkins which we hope that with a bit of help from Mrs Nuske will turn into pumpkin scones. Below are some pictures of the group hard at work.

Mr Searle

SRC dates for Term 2 will again be Wednesdays in weeks 3, 6 and 9. These are 14th May, 4th and 25th of June.
Pinnaroo Swim Pool – Closed for 2013-14 Season

The Pinnaroo Swimming Pool has now closed to the public for the 2013-14 season. The Pinnaroo Swim Pool Advisory Group thanks everyone for their patronage, and look forward to welcoming you back next season.

Our committee’s AGM will be held on Tuesday, May 6th at 7pm. If you wish to be more involved in your local pool, or have some great ideas about what you’d like to see/do at the Pinnaroo Pool then please come along.

Pinnaroo Football & Netball Club

Junior Colts training Thursday at 4pm
Senior Colts training Thursday at 5pm
Auskick Thursday’s at 4pm
All junior netball grades training Thursday at 4pm
Junior Joey’s begins Thursday 1st May at 4pm

Pinnaroo Wetlands

"Day on the Green"
Official Opening
with free
Family and Children’s
Entertainment
Sunday May 4th 2014
Family Challenge # 5

An Angle on Time
What are the times when the hour hand and the minute hand are at right angles to each other? Record your findings.

Family Maths Challenge #6
Can you connect 9 dots laid out 3x3 using 4 straight lines, without lifting your pencil from the paper?

Record how you do the challenges and then bring them in to school (with name and class). This is the last challenge for this term’s free raffle. Prizes will be drawn at the last assembly.
Year 6 Leadership Camp — Student’s Thoughts

On the 26th of March the year six’s went down to the Adelaide entertainment centre for young leader’s day. And we had people talk about how they got to be who they are, they talked about the bad things what happen in their life when they were our age. The people who spoke on stage where Anneka Denton who was in the army and her dream was being an air force pilot but she had road block on the way. Another person was Mike Martin and he told us “nothing great or long lasting ever starts out the way”. And the great book writer Andy Griffiths talked about writing jokes to his dad and reading books, so it made him becoming a writer. Daniel Flynn is a man who wanted to help poor people in different country and he made Thank you water.

The person I liked out of all, was Anneka Denton because I liked the story she told and how she overcame difficult things in her life, and what I learnt from all of this was is to never give up and keep going on with your dream.

- Darren Virgo

On the 26th of March the yr. 6 class went to the Adelaide entertainment centre to go to the national young leader’s day. There were six speakers Mike Martin who’s brother started the programme, Anneka Deaton who is a pilot for the army defence force, Julia Gillard obviously the former prime minister of Australia, Andy Griffiths an author for children books and Daniel Flynn one of the finalist of the young Australian of the year award who gave clean water to poor countries. My favourite saying was from Julia Gillard which was “stand up if something isn’t right” and my favourite speaker was Andy Griffiths because he was funny and had a good story.

- Bram Schiller

On the 26th of March the year six’s went to the national young leader’s day at the Adelaide entertainment centre. My favourite speaker was Andy Griffiths because he was inspired to become an author because he loved to read as a kid. He began teaching in the late 1980’s and in his 20’s he became an English teacher but the students didn’t like reading back then so he started writing funny books to inspire kids to read. So from this experience I have learnt to be your self and believe in yourself.

- Jade Bennier

On the 25 and 26 March 2014 we went to the leadership camp, the year sixes were excited because we were going to the entertainment center. When we got there, there was a lot of people and students. My favorite speaker was Andy Griffiths, Andy Griffiths is a story writer I know one book he wrote is called The 13 Story tree house. He told us about being confident and believing in your ideas.

- Macolm Moore
**Special Assembly Tomorrow**

Tomorrow, 4th April, our Australian Day Citizen of the Year, Mrs Lynne Summerton will be presenting the SRC Executive and House Captains with their badges. This is a great way to recognize both Mrs Summerton's leadership in the community and the leadership that we will see from our Executive and House Captains.

**Private Instrumental Music Lessons**

Next Monday 7th April, Karyn Skewes is able to come and meet with as many parents that can make it to discuss her plans for the rest of 2014.

Karyn is able to meet with parents and answer questions from 11.00am, please make every effort to come in, even if it is just for a short time to meet Karyn and make yourself known. She is making a great effort to help our students and develop their music ability.

**What do you do with lots of Pumpkins? Make Pumpkin Soup of course!!**

Yesterday our 5/6/7 students with the assistance of Mrs Dianne Nuske our CPS Worker made great use of the butternut pumpkins that have grown in the school garden by making pumpkin soup.

It was great to see the 5/6/7 students displaying their skills in the kitchen, with some better than others, fortunately their were only some minor incidents requiring band aids. But all cooking skills and learning for that matter come with risks, the key is to keep having a go and learning from our mistakes.

With all the pumpkins that grew we were able to make about 30 litres of soup, which has been frozen to hopefully use for lunch orders. There is not many things better than a warm cup of pumpkin soup on a cold winter day.