



PPS Pinnaroo
Primary School

'AIM HIGH'

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Term : 1 Week : 2

February 5th 2015

~**Diary Dates**~

February

12th Wellbeing Session 5/6/7
 SRC Group Session
 13th Swimming Carnival

March

5th SRC Group Session
 17-18th Parent/Teacher
 Interviews
 29th SRC Group Session
 Fun Run

April

3rd Good Friday
 6th Easter Monday
 10th End of Term 1
 27th Start of Term 2

TERM DATES-2015

Term 1. ~ 27th Jan- 10th Apr
 Term 2. ~ 27th Apr - 3rd July
 Term 3. ~ 20th July- 25th Sept
 Term 4. ~ 12th Oct- 11th Dec

TERM DATES-2016

Term 1. ~ 1st Feb ~ 15th Apr
 Term 2. ~ 2nd May - 8th July
 Term 3. ~ 25th July- 30th Sept
 Term 4. ~ 17th Oct- 16th Dec

Recent Notes

<u>Date</u>	<u>Note</u>
3.2.15	Swimming Carnival Helpers

Principal's Report

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new school year. I trust everyone had a safe, enjoyable and relaxing break. This year again promises to be full of a variety of activities, events and exciting classroom themes for students to learn about.

I would like to congratulate ALL of the students for their outstanding on-task attitudes in the first two weeks of school. All staff have commented about the positive transition into the 2015 school year. Keep up the fantastic efforts.

2015 Staff

We are very excited to have a number of new staff for 2015 as well as retaining our experienced upper primary staff. We welcome Miss Chloe Schunke (R/1 Teacher) and Miss Tess Baron (2/3 Teacher) to the school. I believe their positive attitudes, organisation and commitment to do the best for their classes and Pinnaroo Primary school will provide the best possible learning programmes and opportunities and will only lead to success for your child / children.

Pinnaroo Primary School's staff comprises of the following 'fantastic people': Reception – Miss Chloe Schunke, Year 2/3 – Miss Tess Baron Year 4 – Mrs Caroline White , Year 5/6/7 – Mr Phillip Searle, Librarians – Mrs Trisha Hamidi and Mrs Lynne Summerton, Administration / Finance Officer – Mrs Michelle Thomas, CPS Worker—Mrs Dianne Nuske, School Services Officers (SSO) – Mrs Stephanie Michell, Mrs Jade Gum, Mrs Donna Vogt, and Groundsman – Mr Bryan Michell.

Acquaintance Night

On Monday we held our Acquaintance Night BBQ, allowing parents and teachers to meet and discuss the teaching program, behaviour expectations and activities and events that will happen in term 1 and throughout the year. We had an outstanding response from you as parents, thankyou! We look forward to continuing that positive relationships with you and your children in their educational journey. Thank you to all parents who attended and made the evening such a success.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons began on Monday as part of this term's Health and PE curriculum with our Swimming instructor Mrs Deb Colwill. The term swimming program is similar to Vacation Swimming Programs, teaching water confidence, water safety and fitness. It also provides training for our upcoming swimming carnival – Friday 13th Feb.

Lessons are being conducted at the town and the school pool. Students are reminded to have the following items with them each day:- bathers, **t-shirt** (rash vest preferable) towel, water bottle, goggles, floaties (optional- R/1's only), ear plugs/bands (if needed), sunscreen, medication.

Assembly

Due to swimming lessons this week and Swimming Carnival next week, **NO Assembly will be held for the next two weeks.**



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PPS Swimming Carnival

The PPS Swimming Carnival will take place next **Friday—February 13th** at the town pool. The day is always action-packed and enjoyable for all those who attend. Once again the need for volunteers to take on a variety of jobs is essential in making the day a success. If you are able to help out please contact the school ASAP.

Remember to also bring your bathers, as the 'Student, Staff and Parents Challenge' will again be on the programme.

Pinnaroo School Pool

A reminder to students / parents and caregivers that all students are able to bring their bathers, when the forecast temperature is above 30° at Renmark. Please note all classes do require extra supervision for swimming lessons. If able to help contact class teacher.

Sunscreen

During terms 1 and 4 Parent Club supplies all classes with sunscreen. Students are reminded to apply before all breaks and when participating in outdoor activities, such as swimming or physical education.

House Captains

Congratulations to our newly elected House Captains for 2015

Hensley

Captain: Jaylen Vogt & Bailey Vogt

Vice Captain: Will Colwill & Casey MacDermott

Venning

Captain: Jarrod Wilkie & Emmerson Thiel

Vice Captain: Harry Ribbons & Elli Jenzen

Literacy Shield

The Literacy Shield is being continued this year and will be awarded at the end of the year for the House who has been most successful in completing reading homework. This is a great way of increasing the level of reading within the school. Rules for the shield are found later in the newsletter.

All reading activities are eligible to qualify for reading requirements in the Literacy Shield.

Reading is a great way of developing students learning skills and developing knowledge.

'Aim High'

Sunyl Vogt

New students

Back Row L-R, Jack Nickolls, Rachel Moyle, Hannah Kulper, Isabel Jolley (year 3), Angus Jolley, Dallas Summerton, Kai Lloyde and Ethan Hyde.

Front Row L-R, Sharlene Sharp, Jasmine Thiel, Harley Nickolls, Cooper Biggs, Maddison Gum and Jacob Daniel.

New Staff

Miss Tess Baron (2/3 Teacher),

Miss Chloe Schunke (R/1 Teacher)



Governing Council

The 2015 Governing Council Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 3rd March at 8:00pm in the Staff Room.**

Governing Council has a number of dedicated members due to retire as their elected time on Council has finished. We sincerely thank them for their time and decision making as the work they **have done on the Council has allowed many great changes to our school's curriculum and facilities.**

Retiring members are : Daniel Schiller, Wade Nickolls, Mark White, and Ros Wurfel (who complete their 2 year terms)

Of course all retiring members are eligible for re-nomination. A Parent Club rep will be elected at their AGM.

Continuing members are Sunyl Vogt (Principal) and Chloe Schunke (staff rep.) Matthew Thiel, Darryl Bennier, Amanda Tyler, Heath Nickolls, Craig Gum, Shona Hyde, , Mark Gum, Sara Jenzen and Barbara Pearson

We would encourage any parent wishing to participate in decision making and policy formation for your children at this school to nominate for Governing Council. If you are not sure what this entails please ask at school or see an existing Council member. Meetings are held twice a term and run for approximately 1-2 hours. A nomination form appears later in this newsletter.

Parents are also encouraged to attend the AGM to receive Sunyl's Annual report for the 2014 school year.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Amanda Tyler (Secretary)

Student Awards

No awards given out the first week of school.

Australia Day Awards

The Pinnaroo Primary School received a Commendation Award for their 2014 production 'Honour Roll'.

This is a huge achievement and is a direct reflection of the efforts by staff, students and families of PPS.



Left to right: Max Wurfel, Steph Michell, Bryan Michell, Sunyl Vogt, Debbie Colwill, Riverland Radio Bruce Merrett

PCW Corner

To the Whole School Community,

Hi, I hope you have come back refreshed after the holidays. It was good to see so many parents at the school acquaintance night to meet the new teachers, to hear the plans for the school and the teacher's plans for the term. When school goes back, we all know it can be a time to get the running shoes on again, life can get so busy. A certain amount of stress can be good for us but.....

Just like it's important for our children to keep on learning it's good for us to keep on learning especially when it comes to our own wellbeing and our loved ones. I would really like to encourage you to come to two free workshops that I have organised with Centacare to run for you and any family, friend or neighbour on strengthening carers around family wellbeing. The topics covered will be around: How does caring affect us? How to recognise depression and anxiety, the impact stress has on our lives, creating a support network and learning to take time out for ourselves.

If you would like more information about the program please feel free to contact Cathy or Alison at Centacare Murray Bridge on 08 8531 8888

For bookings please contact me: Dianne Nuske on 0447 778 498

I will be running a crèche but you will need to let me know your children's name and age to ascertain how many helpers I will need. We will provide an afternoon tea for the children as well.

STRENGTHENING CARERS AND FAMILIES AROUND WELLBEING

**VENUE: PINNAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL,
My PCW room, near the flag pole, depending on numbers.**

DATES: 12TH AND 19TH OF FEBRUARY, 2015

TIME: 3:30 – 5:30

I have also organised for Centacare to run a session for the grade 4's one afternoon and the 5/6/7's on the other week. 1:40-3:00pm

The grade 4's will be looking at feelings, how to stop butterflies, self-care importance and different techniques, also where to go for help-identifying who can help.

The grade 5/6/7's will be looking at celebrities living with mental illness, what is anxiety and depression – what it feels like within our bodies/ accepting differences-Body picture exercise. Safe people you can turn to and looking after yourselves.

Within the term I also hope to adapt and run a session for each of the younger classes. I am always ready and willing to meet with you if you would like a chat at some stage. You can make an appointment through the school or ring me on my mobile. Keep smiling and remember to give thanks! It lightens the load!

Blessings to you all from Dianne Nuske

Governing Council

PINNAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES RULES AND REGULATIONS

There will be a notice in the newsletter after the Annual General Meeting asking for participation on the Governing Council Subcommittees

Subcommittees: Finance
Grounds
Bus
Curriculum
Asset Management
Fundraising

Each subcommittee will have a roll statement

There must be at least one Governing Councillor on each Subcommittee. One of these is to be Convenor of the committee. The role of the Convenor is to call meetings, ensure the agenda is prepared, be responsible for the general running of the meeting and report back to Governing Council.

Meeting Procedure:

- Agenda prepared – essential for an effective meeting
- Opening and apologies
- Confirmation of previous meeting Minutes
- Business arising from Minutes
- Correspondence
- General Business

Minutes are to be kept of Subcommittee meetings

- Name of Committee
- Time & Place of meeting.

Resolutions for recommendations that were made. It is preferred that the mover and seconder of a resolution not be reordered, all that is required is the statement that "it was resolved".

Reports from the Minutes should be written and, if possible circulated prior to Council meetings.

The Minister of Education and Children's Services indemnifies Governing Council Subcommittees against personal injury and property damage claims arising from the conduct of their affairs provided the activity is not excluded from cover. However, in this instance, the Principal must approve the activity of the subcommittee, in advance. Affiliated committees must not engage in activities which are excluded under the Governing Council's indemnity (Section 5-24).

SUBCOMMITTEES

Governing council is a decision making organisation – if a decision can not be made at a particular meeting because of lack of information or further consideration is required, refer it to another committee – either a standing Sub committee or a special committee convened for that purpose ie an "ad hoc" Committee.

For the Governing Council to operate effectively and provide for maximum participation for all.

Because of the volume of decision making being undertaken by Governing Council, it is no longer feasible for all matters to be fully discussed by all the Council. The use of subcommittees has become an essential development of an effective Governing Council. This means that the Governing council must develop the art of delegation and the mutual trust and respect in other Council members to develop recommendations for discussion at Council, in which they have not been involved.

Subcommittees would research and develop recommendations for decision by council. They do not have the authority to act on their own behalf unless the power has been given prior by the Council some Councils insist that all new business, including correspondence, should first be referred to the relevant subcommittees before being referred to Council. Some urgent matters may need to be exempted from the procedure.

Governing Council

Role Statements for Governing Council Subcommittees

Finance Committee

- To advise the Governing Council about all school budget matters.
- To recommend approval / non-approval of the annual school budget to Governing Council
- To make recommendations to Governing Council regarding approval / non-approval of single item purchases greater in value than \$500 not previously approved in the budget.
- To reconcile requested expenditure against expected income.
- To monitor requested expenditure throughout the year and to allocate money from the contingency (reserve) fund as it considers necessary. No budget line may be overspent without prior permission.
- Meet a minimum of 2 times per term.

Curriculum Committee

- Reflect upon and review / monitor the progress of curriculum priorities within the school.
- Formulate the curriculum priorities for the year.
- Examine new curriculum proposals and policies (DETE) and to advise the Governing Council about these.
- To recommend approval / non approval to Governing Council for curriculum initiatives.
- Meet a minimum of one time per term.

Grounds & Surrounds Committee

- Regularly oversee the condition of the school ground.
- Report to Governing Council about condition of the grounds.
- Develop and plan for grounds development and upgrading.
- Organise working bees.
- Check playground safety and make recommendations to Governing Council.
- Meet on a needs basis.

Asset Management Committee

- Oversee the condition and maintenance of the school buildings.
- Report to Governing Council about the condition.
- Develop a 5 year Asset plan for the school.
- Advise Governing Council about priorities.
- Meet on a needs basis.

Fundraising Committee

- Organise / fundraising activities throughout the year.
- Report to Governing Council about activities.
- Report to and liaise with finance committee about events and money raised.
- Prioritise funds from fundraising to what it will be spent on.
- Meet on a needs basis.

Bus Committee

- Review Bus Policy beginning of each year. (eg. examine criteria and information set out in the policy and the school, parent, driver and DECS expectations)
- Report to Governing Council about issues – road condition, route changes, parent issues.

Pinnaroo Primary School

Governing Council—Nomination Form

I,..... nominate

For election to Governing Council.

SIGNED:

I accept the nomination for Governing Council.

SIGNED.....

(Return to Front Office by Thursday 26th February, 2015)

School Announcements

Literacy Shield

Inaugurated in 2011 the Literacy Shield is used to encourage and support the students reading program and reward participants for improving their reading outcomes and reading on a regular basis.

1. Each week, each student will have the chance to earn 1 point for their House Team (Hensley or Venning) as well as individually.
 2. Points will be given if they meet the reading requirements of the class teacher. These will be as follows:
 - Reception / Year 1 - Read 4 Nights for the week (e.g. Monday – Monday)
 - Year 2/3 - Read 4 out of 5 Nights for the week (e.g. Monday – Thursday)
 - Year 3/4 – Read 40 Minutes/ week (Monday – Thursday)
 - Year 5/6/7 – Read 60 Minutes/ week (Monday – Thursday)
- PLEASE NOTE: Allowance is made for students with an explained absence. E.g. If the school **has been advised of a child's absence, then their reading requirement for that day is considered met.** This will ensure that students with a perfect reading record, who have been absent at some stage, will not be disadvantaged.
3. Reading Diaries will need to be signed by a parent or caregiver to verify the student has met the reading requirements each night or for the week.
 4. Every Friday Reading Diaries will be checked by the class teacher and points recorded.
 5. At the end of each term
 - A running tally of points for Hensley and Venning will be given to encourage improvement and competition.
 - Students who have a perfect term and been awarded a point for every week of the term will be awarded a voucher (valid for 12 months) to purchase books (e.g. in a 10 week term, they earn 10 points).
 - If a child has been absent or ill, concession will be given to them in accumulating points for themselves and their house.
 6. **At the end of the year the House with the most points will be awarded the 'Literacy Shield.**

REMINDER : Materials and Services Charge

Can all families please arrange for payment of their school fees prior to **Friday 27th February.** If you need to arrange a payment plan please contact Michelle at the front office. School card applications are also available at the front office.

School Announcements

Hot Weather Policy

In extreme heat, which we hope we don't see too much of this term, the school will implement its 'Hot Weather Policy'. This means that when it is forecast over 38° in Renmark all students will remain in their classroom or designated area eg. Assembly Room or Library for the entire lunch break. The classroom teachers / school may also use their discretion to have modified play at the recess break if required on specific days as well.

Catastrophic Fire Days

With the Bushfire season upon us I would like to remind all parents and carers that Pinnaroo Primary School **does not close on forecast catastrophic days. However no buses will be able to run on these days.** On these days parents will need to make the decision to transport your children to school or to keep them home.

The announcement of these days cannot be made until DECD is notified of the following days forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology after 4pm. The school will make every effort to contact parents once this announcement has been made.

Information will also be provided on the DECD Parent Hotline (1800 000 279), ABC Radio 891 and local regional stations, ABC TV and the DECD website www.decd.sa.gov.au

PPS Swimming Carnival

A reminder that our annual swimming carnival will be held next Friday the 13th February.

Timetable:

9.45am	Official Opening
10.00am	Events begin
11.15am	Championship events commence
1.30pm	Presentations



Students in non championship events are encouraged to stay and support their team. Any parents wishing to take children early are asked to advise their class teacher. After the presentations and clean up students may leave with their parents after informing their class teacher. A BBQ will be available on the day with fruit boxes and Zooper Doopers also available for sale. Prices to be advised.

All parents and families are encouraged to attend and offer their support.

We are also still looking for some parent helpers

SRC Groups-Volunteers needed

Due to the success of our SRC programme last year SRC groups will continue in 2014. Groups are as follows, School Grounds, School Pride, School Community and School Activities. Students from Reception to Year 7 are allocated into the 4 different areas where they will remain for a semester. An executive SRC member will be in each group.

This year we are asking for volunteer support to the various groups. SRC will run on Wednesday this term from 1.40pm till 2.40pm in weeks 3,6 and 9 ie: 12th Feb, 5th and 29th March.

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 Notices

Pinnaroo Fun Run Walk & Roll For Elise and Luke Sunday 29th March 2015

A Fun Run, Walk or Roll around Pinnaroo township followed by family entertainment

Distance: 3 km, 5 km and 10 km

When: Sunday 29th March 2015

Time: 9 am— 12pm

Where: Pinnaroo Football Grounds, Homburg Tce, Pinnaroo

Cost: Adults 3 km: \$25.00, 5km: \$30.00 10 km: \$35.00

Children 12 y.o. -15 y.o: \$15.00

Under 12 free and must be accompanied by an adult at all times

Registration: ONLINE WEBSITE pinnaroorunwalkandroll.com

Early Bird Before 1st March

Pick up pack on day if registered 1st March – 26th March

PLEASE NOTE NO Bikes, Skateboards, Roller-skates, Children Scooters or Pets.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Address: PO Box 163, Pinnaroo SA 5304

Email: pinnaroorunwalkandroll@gmail.com

Website: pinnaroorunwalkandroll.com

Mobile: 0423318612

A Southern Mallee Council Event



Little Savers

\$10 gift deposit for students and \$10 donation to school fundraising kitty.

HURRY!
\$10 for your child
\$10 for the school
ends 10th April 2015

Throughout the first term, for every new Incentive Saver Account opened by a student from your school, BankSA will donate \$10 to the school's fundraising kitty and credit \$10 into the child's new account, to help them get started with their savings efforts.

Children will also receive a Digger the Wombat Money Box, LittleSavers Calculator, LittleSavers Library Bag and a School Bank Wallet, while stocks last. The offer is open to new customers only, aged 12 years and under. Limit of one \$10 credit per child and one \$10 school donation per child. This offer is available for new Incentive Saver Account opened before 10 April, 2015. For more details or to collect a BankSA Application Pack, please call into the school office.

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Empty containers needed for SSO Room

We are seeking clean recyclables for arts/crafts/ construction.

Things like food cartons, yoghurt containers, toilet paper/paper towel rolls, plastic bottle tops are fantastic for little fingers to get crafty.

Drop them into school at any time.

Thank you,

Community Notices



SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental care is FREE for most children.**

SA Dental Service participates in the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*, please visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Change of hours PINNAROO SWIMMING POOL

The Pinnaroo Swimming Pool will now be opening from **2pm on WEEKENDS.**



Hairy Maclary™ **Fun Day**
@ the State Library
Sunday 29 March 2015.
11am - 4pm

Lynley Dodd: A Retrospective

Dodd's bouncy rhyme and lively illustrations make her stories much-loved by readers of all ages. In 1983, Dodd produced the first of the series of books on the infamous Hairy Maclary, which would warm the hearts of thousands of children worldwide and for which she has achieved international renown.

This exhibition contains original drawings for these books, and is also an opportunity to display the workings of how picture books are made and characters created.

Lynley Dodd: A Retrospective

29 March - 30 May

Open 10am - 5pm every day (except Public Holidays)

Institute Room, State Library of South Australia

Corner North Terrace and Kintore Ave, Adelaide SA 5000

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