Welcome Back to term 2, another busy term is already well and truly underway with lots of great learning activities.

Welcome Miss Victoria Fry
Miss Victoria Fry has begun work in the 2/3 class, replacing Miss Baron for the first five weeks of term. Miss Fry has settled into school routines well and has been offering lots of learning opportunities to the class whilst continuing the flow of Miss Baron’s expectations.

ANZAC Day
During the holidays it was fantastic to have most of our school leaders and other members of the school at the ANZAC Day Dawn service. Our school leaders participated in the march and dawn service, with Emerson Thiel and Tilly Nickolls laying a wreath on behalf of the school. This was a great honour for our students and another great learning opportunity. The students who participated were very respectful and mindful of the situation, did a fantastic job and made the school proud. Well Done.

Student Wellbeing
Last Friday Karen Vanderveen visited the school and spent time with our Upper Primary classes discussing ways that they can make decisions for around building self resilience, positive self talk and how to develop strong relationships with those around them. Student wellbeing goes hand in hand with strong educational processes, something we continue to work on and provide at Pinnaroo Primary School. Thanks to Di Nuske, and Barb and Paul Ireland for providing this opportunity to the school.

Bush Dance and Open Day
Last Friday students began some bush dancing lessons with Lelle Schiller in
preparation for our school open day and bush dance performance on Friday 26th June. Please put this date in your diaries and on your calendars.

**NAPLAN**

“The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May, students will take the 2015 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives. All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: [http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support.html)

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

Good luck to all our students completing NAPLAN tests next week!

**Focus Day**

On Tuesday 19th of May year 4-7 students from both Lameroo and Geranium will be attending Pinnaroo Primary School for a focus day. This day will provide a great opportunity to these students to socialize and participate in some learning activities together. One of the activities will involve a session with players from the West Adelaide Football Club who will also be visiting the school on the day.

**Miss Baron’s Exciting Adventure!**

Miss Baron spent ANZAC Day at Gallipoli and is currently travelling around continuing her learning Journey throughout Europe. Some photos from the Lone Pine memorial are below, where Miss Baron placed some artwork from PPS Students’.

‘Aim High’
Sunyl Vogt
School Announcements

Information Evening at LRCS

Please note that the date for this session at Lameroo is Monday 11th May not the 12th May as is written on the note sent out Monday.

Hot Food/Lunch Orders on Focus Day

A special hot food day will be held on Tuesday 19th May, where parents and helpers from the 567 Class will be opening the school kitchen to host a lunch for all PPS students as well other our Focus day visitors from Lameroo & Geranium. All foods will be NUT FREE.

This event is a fundraiser for the 2016 Ski trip.

Lunch orders are due back at school Wednesday 13th May.

More lunch order forms are available at the front office.

SAVE THE DATE—PPS OPEN DAY

The Pinnaroo Primary School Open Day will be held this term, on Friday 26th June. Past, prospective and present families, parents, grandparents and friends are all invited to attend what we are looking forward to being a great day. There will be a band, bush dancing by the students (visitors you may like to join in!) and food and displays throughout.

Keep this date in your calendar as it is sure to be upon us in no time.

Student Awards

~ Student of the Week ~

Term 1 Week 11

R/1 Jack Nickolls - for persistence in writing.
2/3 To be advised when Miss Baron returns
4 Charley Christie - for working hard on her exposition writing.
5/6/7 Jaylen Vogt - all round good effort in all areas.
Principal Rachel Moyle - For an excellent start to her school life. Always trying her best, being helpful and friendly to others in the class and always willing to learn.

~ Parent Club Award ~

Term 1 Week 11

R/1 Max Dabinett - for always being polite and helpful.
2/3 To be advised when Miss Baron returns
4 Nathalia Mountford - for using her initiative and being helpful.
5/6/7 Angel Joseph - speed and work manner in Maths.

Governing Council

Next Governing Council Meeting Monday 25th May
Finance Meeting at 7.15pm
Governing Council Meeting 7.30pm
All Apologies Please contact the school
8577 8176
If you’ve been wondering what we get up to at SRC Workshops, this is what the School Pride committee has been working on, under the artistic guidance of Mrs White.

The 4 SRC groups run sessions in weeks 3, 6 and 9 of each term from 1.40—2.40pm.
Our next session is next Wednesday 13th May at 1.40pm.

All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

The four groups are:

School Community & Fundraising
School Pride
School Grounds
School Activities

Completed mosaics at the entrance to the school (between the library and the front office)
Mallee Arts have quite a few forthcoming workshops. Bookings & payments to be made at either Lameroo or Pinnaroo Council Office. For up-to-the-minute details check out our Facebook page “Mallee Arts”.

40-Minute Fridays
Art/craft mini-workshops in the Pinnaroo Victoria Building.
- 8th May – Making Your Own Stamps (10am; $10)
- 22nd May – Make Your Own Buttons (10am; $5)
- 5th June – Ink & Pencil Mandalas (10am; $2)
- 19th June – Hand Printed Miniature Art Doll (10am; $5)
On each of the above Fridays the room will be open from 11am to 3pm to anyone who would like to come and work on, start or finish off any craft or art activity.

Card Making @ Pinnaroo
Wednesday May 20th with Sue Drabsch
Beginners to Advanced (no experience necessary).
- Session 1: 9:30am-12:00pm
- Session 2: 1:00-3:30pm
Places limited to 10 people. Cost $20 per session.
All materials and equipment will be supplied.

Card Making @ Parilla
Tuesday June 16th with Barb Ireland
Beginners to Advanced (no experience necessary).
- Session: 12:30-3:00pm
Places limited to 10 people. Cost $20 per session.
All materials and equipment will be supplied.

Photography – Turning Your Photos Into Gold
Photo editing made easy and how to make easy short films using smartphone or tablet.
Bring: laptop, phone or tablet, and your photo collection.
- Date: Sunday May 24th
- Venue: Lameroo CWA. Cost $5.

STAY TUNED for SPROUT Cooking workshops in late June, which have been graciously funded by

sprout sustainable farming
Foster Care Information Session: Play your part, enrich a life

When: Wed 13th May
Time: 6.30~ 8.30pm
Where: ac.care meeting room one
11-21 Kennett Rd, Murray Bridge (next to the speedway)

To book in or to find out more about fostering in South Australia call your local foster agency ac. Care (Murray Bridge) on 8532 6303

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 school-aged children and ALL preschool 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.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please phone 8222 8222 or visit [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)