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 students for their outstanding on-task attitudes in the first two weeks of school. All staff have commented about the positive transition into the 2016 school year. Keep up the fantastic efforts.

Deepest Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy and thoughts are with Chad, Harley, Brock and the Nickolls and Egan families at the passing of Kate.

Kate was a great supporter of her family, the school and the wider community and her presence, smiling face and enthusiasm will be sorely missed by us all.

If your family, or child/ren need support in this time, please contact the school or use the following services.
- Kids Help Line 1800 55 1800
- www.grieflink.asn.au
- Cancer Council 13 11 20

2016 Staff
We are very excited to have a number of new staff for 2016 as well as retaining our experienced upper primary staff. We welcome Ms Sarah O’Driscoll (2/3 Teacher) and Mrs Marianne Wallis (Teacher/ Librarian) 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/Year 1 - Miss Chloe Schunke, Year 2/3 - Ms Sarah O’Driscoll, Year 4/5 - Mrs Caroline White, Year 6/7 - Mr Phillip Searle, NIT Teacher - Miss Tess Baron, Librarians - Mrs Marianne Wallis and Mrs Lynne Summerton, Administration/Finance Officer - Mrs Michelle Thomas, PC 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. We welcome you to make appointments with staff to discuss any issues or questions you might have, please organise this in break times at school or after school to avoid disturbing lesson times.

Thank You!
A huge thanks must go to Garry and Lynne Summerton for putting together Library Shelves and shifting books around in the Library over the
holidays. It has certainly given us a lot more space in the community section of our library. Thanks must also go to Jade Gum for her work in gaining the grants to complete this project.

Swimming Lessons
Swimming lessons began on last Friday as part of this term’s Health and PE curriculum with our Swimming instructors Mrs Deb Colwill and Mr Sam Wurfel. 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 – Thursday 18th 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, rash vest or t-shirt, 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.

PPS Swimming Carnival
The PPS Swimming Carnival will take place next Thursday - February 18th 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.

Welcome to Pinnaroo Primary School
We Welcome the following students in 2016 -
Back - Charitie and Jorja
Front - Nathanual, Leo, Johanna, Malia, Blake, Levi, Nate, Jayla and Grace (absent).

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 2016

Hensley
Captain: Jaylen Vogt & Bailey Vogt
Vice Captain: Riley Kulper & Estella Gum

Venning
Captain: Owen Gum & Abbey Thiel
Vice Captain: Tristan Pearson & Tilly Nickolls

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.

Dogs on School grounds
Just a reminder that it is department policy that no dogs are to be brought onto school grounds, even on a lead, this is for the safety and health of all students, staff and community members.

‘Aim High’
Sunyl Vogt
The 2016 Governing Council Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 8th 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*: Matthew Thiel, Darryl Bennier, Amanda Tyler, Heath Nickolls, Craig Gum, Shona Hyde, Mark Gum, Sara Jenzen and Barbara Pearson  
*(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.) Daniel Schiller, Wade Nickolls, Mark White.

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 2015 school year.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Amanda Tyler (Secretary)

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**Community Notices**

**Pinnaroo Agricultural Show Society**

Annual General Meeting  
Monday 1st March at 7.30pm  
at the Show Office  
All welcome  
President: J Schutz  
Secretary: L Heinicke

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**Pinnaroo Netball Club**

**Coaches Required**

Now seeking expressions of interest in all *Senior* and *Junior* Grades for the 2016 Season

Please email expression of interest to pinnaroosecretary@gmail.com by the 1st March 2016
Reading record forms for the 2016 Premier’s Reading Challenge are being sent home this week. We would love it if all of our students could participate in and complete the challenge this year.

You can help us by encouraging your child to fill in their student reading records as they read their books and by signing off on what they have read.

The Challenge is to read **12** books in total.

In reception to Year 7, **8** of these books are to be from the Challenge booklists, and **4** of their own choice. E-books and audio books can be included as well as print books. You can also include books that you have read to your child.


You can also use the library catalogue to search for PRC books or look for the coloured PRC stickers on the spines of books in the library.

Please make sure your child hands the form to their teacher or brings it to the library by: **Friday 9th September**.

Please contact Marianne or Lynne in the library for further information.

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**School Notices**

**SA State School Term Dates**
All school terms – break up 1 hour early on last day of term for school holidays

**Term Dates for 2016**
Term 1 1 February – 15 April
Term 2 2 May – 8 July
Term 3 25 July – 30 September
Term 4 17 October – 16 December

**Public Holidays 2016**
Australia Day – Tuesday 26 January (during school holidays)
Adelaide Cup – Monday 14 March
Good Friday – Friday 25 March
Easter Monday 0 Monday 28 March
Anzac Day – Monday 25 April (during school holidays)
Queen’s Birthday – Monday 13 June
Labour Day – Monday 3 October (during school holidays)

**Private Music Lessons in 2016**
Due to personal issues Karen will be unable to begin music lessons until either later this term or the beginning of next term. We will keep you informed.

**WANTED RECYCLED ALUMINIUM CANS**
The SSO room is seeking clean food tins for a display they are making. Eg. Baked bean tins.

**Uniform sale**
There are a number of blue long sleeve polo shirts available on sale. Originally $25, these shirts have been marked down to just $18. Assorted sizes available. If you would like to purchase, please see one of our friendly staff in the front office. Be quick to grab a bargain!
**School Announcements**

**PPS Swimming Carnival**

A reminder that our annual swimming carnival will be held next Thursday the 18th 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.

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**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 e.g., 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](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au)

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**SRC Groups-Volunteers needed**

Due to the success of our SRC programme last year SRC groups will continue in 2016. 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 Thursday this term from 1.40pm till 2.40pm in weeks 6 and 9 ie: 10th and 31st 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.
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.

**REMEMBER : Materials and Services Charge**

Can all families please arrange for payment of their school fees prior to **Friday 26th 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.
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 raising 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 and 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.
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 that $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, 2016)