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Term :1 Week : 6

March 10th 2016
~Diary Dates~

March

- 14th Adel Cup PHOL
- 15th Student Free Day
- 24th PPS Produce Stall
- 25th Good Friday P/HOL
- 28th Easter Monday P/HOL
- 31st SRC Focus Groups

April

- 4-5th Parent/Teacher Inter views
- 15th Major Ski Trip Fundraiser Chinese Banquet
- 15th Last Day of Term 1

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

TERM DATES-2017

- Term 1. ~ 30th Jan - 13th Apr
- Term 2. ~ 1st May - 7th July
- Term 3. ~ 24th July - 29th Sept
- Term 4. ~ 16th Oct - 15th Dec

Recent Notes

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Principal's Report

Half way through the term already and a lot has been going on in the school . After the start to the term being full of swimming lessons and extra curricular activities the students have begun to settle into great learning activities and routines within each of the classrooms, even through the heat we have been experiencing.

Services available for students and families

Over the course of your child/rens education you may be concerned for their social, emotional or educational outcomes. If you have concerns about your child/ren or would like some support in any areas of raising children there are many services that are accessible through the school. There are brochures regarding these services available in the front office, or please feel free to ask your child's teacher about how these can be of assistance to you.

Border and Bubs

It was great to host the Pinnaroo & Districts, Border Bubs and families at the Community Library on Monday morning for a craft session run by Marianne Wallis. Also a session for parents on the importance reading and Early Literacy strategies for children.

SRC Elections

Congratulations to our SRC leaders for 2016.

- President - Abbey Thiel
- Vice President - Tilly Nickolls
- Secretary - Angel Joseph
- Treasurer - Estella Gum

Our SRC have already been very busy and looking forward to making great changes and having a say in what happens at Pinnaroo Primary School.

SAPSASA News

Congratulations to Elli Jenzen, Tilly Nickolls, Tristan Pearson, Elsie Nickolls and Georgie Jenzen in qualifying for the State Country Swimming Championships in Adelaide on Friday 18th March.

Congratulation must also go to Tilly Nickolls, Bailey Vogt, Abbey Thiel and Estella Gum for being picked in the Murray and Mallee Softball team to compete in Adelaide from the 4-8th April.

Governing Council AGM

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended the Governing Council AGM. It is always pleasing to see you going the extra mile to support your children's education and the school. At the meeting I presented the 2015 Annual report which is now available to the community. Please contact the school if you would like a copy. I look forward to working with all parents and carers to continually improve the fantastic school we have at Pinnaroo.

Parent Club AGM

The Parent Club AGM was held last Friday and we welcomed some new families to this important committee. All school families are reminded that they are welcome and encouraged to attend parent club meetings and activities even if they cannot commit to becoming a member. Many hands make light work.

Parent Club are currently seeking donations of food items for a produce stall fundraiser on March 24th. There is more information about this later in the newsletter.

A reminder that next Monday is a



Public Holiday, followed by a Student Free Day on Tuesday. Staff will be attending training at Coomandook Area School. No students are expected at school on these days.

'AIM HIGH'
Sunyl Vogt

Student Awards

~ Student of the Week ~

Term 1 Week 4

- R/1 Rachel Moyle**-for always helping without hesitation
- 2/3 Alana Oster**-for always doing what is asked & being prepared to 'have a go'.
- 4/5 Maya Weimans**-displaying excellent listening skills, joining in all discussions & for showing great enthusiasm for all activities.
- 6/7 Yasmine Houston**-for an all round good start to the year in all subjects

Principal Alex Perry - Fantastic effort to improve his attitude, work ethic and choices he makes; increased effort and improved attitude in all aspects of his school work.

Term 1 Week 5

- R/1 Kai Lloyd**e-making positive choices & his effort in reading.
- 2/3 Harry Nickolls**-demonstrating a great effort learning to write Left handed after breaking his arm & staying on task.
- 4/5 Alisha Palmer**-her effort in all areas this week, particularly in maths & on her Ned Kelly research.
- 6/7 Bailey Vogt**-for her research & understanding of concepts in science.

Principal Owen Gum - Fantastic effort to continue to question his thinking and improve his understanding of the world around him. increased effort in leadership to positively involve other students around him.

~ Parent Club Award ~

Term 1 Week 4

- R/1 Cooper Biggs**-for stepping up in Year 1. **All receptions**-for settling in so well.
- 2/3 Zhane Bell**-for being an excellent role model, his positive attitude to learning & staying on task.
- 4/5 Connor MacDermott**-making an excellent start to the year, behaviour, homework, neatness, maturity= role model.
- 6/7 Larissa Haywood**-for the improvements she has made with written work, particularly her recount.

Term 1 Week 5

- R/1 Jasmine Thiel**-for her extra effort in her own work & helping others.
- 2/3 Jazz Sharrad**-consistently demonstrating a ready to learn attitude & always doing what is asked.
- 4/5 Zac White**-his research report on Ned Kelly: independent research skills, neat presentation & originality.
- 6/7 Estella Gum**- maintaining a solid work rate in class and at home.

Governing Council

On Tuesday 8th March Governing Council held its Annual General Meeting before a good attendance with positions readily filled for the coming year. Council members are as follows:

Chairperson : Wade Nickolls

Vice Chair : Heath Nickolls

Secretary : Amanda Tyler

Treasurer : Craig Gum & Daniel Schiller

Council members : Mark Gum, Mark White, Barbara Pearson, Jamie Sharrad, Heath Boseley, Katharine Daniel and Matthew Thiel.

Sunyl Vogt remains on Council as our Principal, Chloe Schunke is the staff rep with Parent Club rep being Deb Colwill.

Retiring members were Daryl Bennier, Sara Jenzen and Barbara Pearson. We thank them for their efforts over a long period on the Governing Council.

Parent Club

On Friday 4th March Parent Club held its Annual General Meeting before a good attendance with positions readily filled for the coming year. Members are as follows:

Chairperson : Barb Ireland

Vice Chair : Liz Moyle

Secretary : Lelle Schiller

Treasurer : Jade Gum

Council members : Deb Colwill, Helen Rooney, Danielle Nickolls, Marika Thiel, Kerrie Sharrad, Jessie Simon.

Next General Meeting

Friday 6 May at 9.30am (following assembly) at the School Community Library.

Parent Club Members and all PPS Parents very welcome

School Announcements

Department and School Parent Complaint Policy

Parent guide to raising a concern or complaint

We all expect quality and expert care and teaching for your child in order that they achieve their potential. Working together will give us the best chance of solving a problem that may arise during your child's years in preschool and school.

We also recognise that at times things may go wrong. If you have a concern or a complaint, we want you to let us know. It's important to learn from mistakes or misunderstandings so that we can improve your child's experience and learning, and also improve processes where possible.

The first step in working through a complaint is to talk to your child's teacher, and then the director or principal if you still are not happy.

Ask at the front office for a copy of the school/preschool's *Parent Guide to Raising a Concern or Complaint* brochure. Steps guiding how complaints should be made are explained in the brochure.

Use this guide to help you think through what you are concerned about and how to resolve the matter respectfully and effectively.

About complaints or concerns

This information may be helpful in explaining what a complaint is:

A complaint may be made by a parent if they think that the school has, for example:

- done something wrong
- failed to do something it should have done
- acted unfairly or impolitely.

Your concern or complaint may be about:

- the type, level or quality of services
- the behaviour and decisions of staff
- a policy, procedure or practice.

Sometimes a complaint is about something we have to do because of State or federal law. In such cases we are able to talk to you about the matter and help you understand the requirements and why they exist.

If you'd like more information give me a call Sunyl Vogt or visit the department's website at

www.decd.sa.gov.au/parentcomplaint or email DECD.parentcomplaint@sa.gov.au.

There is also a Freecall number 1800 677 435.

Library News

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

PRC Update

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 find out which books are on the Challenge booklists by visiting <http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/prc/pages/books> .

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.

If you have misplaced your child's PRC reading record, you can download another from the school website at http://www.pinnarooops.sa.edu.au/parent_info.htm or ask the school for another copy.

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.

Top 10 books

1. [Foot in the Grave](#) 4367 Likes
2. [The Hunt for Ned Kelly](#) 400 Likes
3. [The 26-Storey Treehouse](#) 399 Likes
4. [Tucker](#) 301 Likes
5. [Hairy Maclary's Caterwaul Caper](#) 288 Likes
6. [Ghost Club 3: A Transylvanian Tale](#) 239 Likes
7. [Selby Santa](#) 226 Likes
8. [Queen of the Night](#) 218 Likes
9. [The Adventures of Bert](#) 217 Likes
10. [Spyforce Revealed](#) 201 Likes

If your child is looking for PRC inspiration, here are the top 10 PRC books from 2015.

Year 6/7 Council Excursion



Year 6/7 Visit to Southern Mallee Council

As part of the Civics and Citizenship curriculum in HASS the year 6/7 students have been learning about the roles and responsibilities of the three levels of government. Last week we were able to visit the Southern Mallee District Council (SMDC) and speak to CEO Mia Dohnt and Sheryn Bennier about the role and responsibilities of SMDC. Miss Baron



On the 2nd of March the year 6/7 class took a small trip to the council to study the different elements of a community council. The CEO (chief executive officer) Mia Dohnt explained the roles and responsibilities she must deal with each day including complaints and many other events. I feel it was a real learning experience and helped answer the many questions we all had. Tilly



Today the 6/7s all walked down to the southern Mallee district council to have Mia Dohnt talk to us about the local council. While we were up there Mia talked to us about all the different roles of the council and she answered all of our questions we had. Estella

School Announcements

Hot Weather Policy

In extreme heat, which we hope we don't see too much more 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

Produce Stall

PPS will be holding a Produce Stall on Thursday 24 March in the Main Street Pinnaroo

We are fundraising for Di Nuske's Pastoral Care Worker Position so Di can purchase additional resources to assist in her very valuable role at PPS.

Any food donations, eg cakes, slices, preserves, fruit & vegetables very welcome
Please leave donations at PPS reception area the week of 24 March

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

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)

WANTED

Recycled Aluminium Cans

The SSO room is seeking clean food tins for a display they are making. Eg. Baked bean tins.

Keep your kids smiling

SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.

Please call now for an appointment.
Murray Bridge School Dental Clinic
Phone: 8531 9300

School Notices

PPS Uniform

PPS long sleeve school polos are now reduced to \$15 each. Bargain!!

Speld SA—Specific Learning Difficulties Association of South Australia

Did you know that SPELD SA has a free training module around 'Teaching a Child to Read and Write'. The module can be done step by step at your own pace, there are small quizzes as you progress through the modules.

Anyone can access the training for free, parents, carers, SSOs , teachers, student teachers, interested members of the community, teaching institutions such as TAFE and Universities etc.

A certificate can be printed off at the end of the training
SPELD: online training portal.
SPELDSA.E3LEARNING.COM.AU

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 week 9 ie: 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.

Ski Trip Fundraiser - Waterslide

On Tuesday the 23rd February students were treated to a water slide organised by Tilly Nickolls and Bailey Vogt, two of the schools year 7 students.

All of the students who participated thoroughly enjoyed it. They raised a total of \$82 dollars to go towards the 6/7 snow trip.

We would like to thank Wade Nickolls for helping make this event a success also to the teachers making time in the day. Tilly & Bailey



Community Notices

Kids Club

Tuesday afternoons
from 3.30pm till 5.00pm
in the Lutheran hall.
Afternoon tea provided.
Gold coin donation.
There will be an adult to walk younger
children over after school if required.

Independent Living Centres Mobile Unit Visit

Will be at the Karoonda Farm Fair Site No. 62, Yurgo
St on Friday 1st April 9am till 5pm and Saturday 2nd
April 9am till 4pm.

Pinnaroo Swimming Pool **CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** due to repairs

For further information please contact the Council

Big Friday - a night out for kids

Friday 18th March at Mallee Life Church
(88 Railway Tce North, Lameroo) 7-9 pm.
For all kids year 1 - year 7.

Featuring popular kids entertainer Sean W Smith,
carnival games, crafts, cafe (nothing over \$1), lucky
dips, giveaways, bookstall and lots
more. Registration forms available from PCW Mrs
Nuske.

For enquiries or assistance with transport please
contact Paul and Barb Ireland 85778362.

www.seanwsmith.com

Pinnaroo Cricket Club Presentation Evening

When: Thursday 17th March, From 4:00pm
Where: Pinnaroo Cricket Clubrooms

Father V Son/ Daughter Cricket Match

BBQ Tea Provided
Drinks Available
Please supply a Salad or Sweet to share.

FREE Parenting SA seminar



Presented by Dr Justin Coulson

- Nationally recognised parenting speaker
- Newspaper columnist
- TV commentator, author and researcher

Toddlers and touch screens: What should I do?

- the pros and cons of the digital age for children 0-5 years
- how and when to introduce phones, tablets, apps, e-games
- how to manage electronic media use

Tuesday 5 April

When: 7.00 - 9.00pm

Where: City Rooms, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Terrace, Adelaide

Register to attend in person or view the
live webcasts at:
<http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>

Phone: 8303 1660
Email: health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au

Find out more about Dr Justin Coulson at www.happyfamilies.com.au
For parenting information go to www.parenting.sa.gov.au or www.cyh.com.

For the benefit of all participants unfortunately we are unable to admit babies and children.

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Children, teens and pornography: What every parent should know

- the alarming statistics
- are we becoming desensitised?
- the impact on boys and girls
- how parents can guide children and teens

Wednesday 6 April

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Year 4/5 School Work

VOTE FOR ME AS PRIME MINISTER

By Alisha Palmer

Vote for me as Australia's prime minister. These are some of the things I will change: I will ban smoking, I will give every family 1000 dollars each month and I will Donate 2000 dollars to cancer.

Firstly I will ban smoking all around Australia. This is because it can give you lung cancer, it rots your teeth and it is very bad for you.

Secondly I will give every family 1000 dollars each month. This will mean they don't have to work and they get to spend more time with their family.

Thirdly I will give 500 dollars to every poor person and donate 2000 dollars to cancer. Because then people that have cancer can pay for operations.

So please vote for me as Australia's prime minister in about 15 years because I will ban smoking, give every family 1000 dollars, I will give 500 dollars to every poor person and donate 2000 to cancer.

When I Become Prime-Minister of Australia

Hi, my name is Amber Tyler and vote for me to be prime-minister in about 11 years, because I will donate money to all kinds of Cancer, more gymnastics classes, and change pool tickets to lower prices. In the first place, I will donate money to all kinds of Cancer. This is because people in the hospital will find a cure for cancer.

Next, we will have more gymnastics classes all around Australia. This is because you can get bender, and you can compete.

In addition, I will make the pool tickets \$4.94 for children and \$7.58 for adults. This is because more people will come and you will not want to go home.

So as you can see, vote for me to become prime-minister because I will donate money to all kinds of Cancer, more gymnastics classes, and change pool tickets to lower prices.

From Amber Tyler

Prime minister

Hi my name is Elsie Nickolls and I want you to vote for me to be prime minister of Australia.

If you vote for me I would make some changes around here. We will have more gymnastics, everyone gets a pool and everyone gets a free kitten I would ban bullying and ban guns. when you work you get a pay day every day and you get to go sky diving every day.

Firstly, we will have more gymnastics. If we have more gymnastics people will get more fit and it won't lead people to obesity.

My second reason is everyone gets a free pool and kitten. If they get it free they won't run out of money.

Thirdly I will ban bullying and guns. If I ban bullying people will be friendlier and happier. Also if I guns we will have more animals and they won't become extinct.

Fourthly you will get a pay day every day. If you get a payday everyday people won't get poor.

Lastly we get to go skydiving every Day. This is because it's fun and it helps you not be afraid of heights.

So you should vote for me because we will have more gymnastics, everyone will get a free pool and kitten. I will ban bullying and guns, you will get a pay day every day and you get to go skydiving every day.

So vote for me in about 10 years

Thankyou for listening

Dear fellow people of Australia. I am running for prime minister. I think you should vote for me because I will ban smoking so no-one can smoke.

The next reason why you should vote for me is because I will make sure that no-one will get taxes over \$100. Because the taxes are \$200 to \$500 so I will lower them.

my third reason why you should vote fore me is that I will make sour there are no hobos on the street I will make sour that they will have a home to live in because they deserve a home.

my next resone why I think you should vote for me is I will give every one 50\$ a week because most people need the money and they wold love it so vote fore me and you will be loven life Thanks you and hope you have a grate day so vote fore me in about 20 years.

Mitch K

Major Ski Trip Fundraiser



ASIAN BANQUET & GAMES NIGHT & AUCTION

Friday 15th April – 6:00pm

@ The Pinnaroo Institute

\$45 per head – Catered by Salt n Pepper Catering

Includes – Entree, Main & Dessert

Book a table of 10, with family & friends & come along
for wonderful evening of fun filled games, & bag an Auction bargain
There will be a table 'play-off', please bring your gold coins to participate.

Great prizes and cash to be won.

Fantastic Auction Items up for grabs –
including a signed Gary Ablett Guernsey

Fundraiser for Pinnaroo Primary School Year 6/7 Class Snow Trip

Bookings & Payment Essential prior to Wednesday 6th April-

To book your table and for any further enquiries please contact PPS -

Ph 08 85 778 176

