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**Term : 1 Week : 2**

**February 9<sup>th</sup> 2018**

### ~Diary Dates~

#### February

- 12<sup>th</sup> SAPSASA Softball trials
- 14<sup>th</sup> Swimming Carnival
- 20<sup>th</sup> 6/7 leadership Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> SAPSASA Swim trials @ M/Bridge

#### March

- 7<sup>th</sup> Parent Club AGM @ Lib.
- 9<sup>th</sup> SRC Groups
- 12<sup>th</sup> Public Holiday
- 13<sup>th</sup> School Photos
- 23<sup>rd</sup> SAPSASA Swim @ Adel.
- 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Inter views
- 29<sup>th</sup> Student Free Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday

#### April

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Monday
- 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> SAPSASA Softball @ Adel.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Term 1 ends

#### TERM DATES-2018

- Term 1. ~ 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - 13<sup>th</sup> Apr
- Term 2. ~ 30<sup>th</sup> April- 6<sup>th</sup> July
- Term 3. ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 28<sup>th</sup> Sept
- Term 4. ~ 15<sup>th</sup> Oct - 14<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### TERM DATES-2019

- Term 1. ~ 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - 12<sup>th</sup> Apr
- Term 2. ~ 29<sup>th</sup> Apr - 5<sup>th</sup> July
- Term 3. ~ 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 27<sup>th</sup> Sept
- Term 4. ~ 14<sup>th</sup> Oct - 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Recent Notes

| Date | Note                      |
|------|---------------------------|
| 30/1 | Supervision bus students  |
| 31/1 | Acquaintance night        |
| 2/2  | Swimming carnival helpers |
| 8/2  | Bus students              |
| 8/2  | William Westbury Service  |
| 8/2  | Consent forms             |

## 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 2018 school year. Keep up the fantastic efforts.

### 2018 Staff

We are very excited to have retained most of our staff from 2017. With the new addition of Miss Jessica Cobb as the 2/3 class teacher and Mrs Kyra Brown as our NIT teacher on Fridays for Term 1. I believe the relative stability in staffing and all staffs' 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. Leading 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 - Miss Jess Cobb, Year 4/5 - Mrs Caroline White, Year 6/7 - Mr Phillip Searle, NIT Teachers - Mrs Kyra Brown and Mrs Phillipa Lawson (away term 1), Teacher Librarian - Mrs Marianne Wallis, Community Librarian 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 a great 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.

### Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons began 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 – **Wednesday 14th 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 there will be no assembly until week 4.



## PPS Swimming Carnival

The PPS Swimming Carnival will take place next **Wednesday - February 14th** 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 and staff in 2018 - Right top - bottom; Miss Jess Cobb, Ms Kyra Brown



## 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 literacy levels 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.

## School Photos

A reminder that school photos are scheduled to take place on Tuesday 13th March. This is the first day back at school following a long weekend so we encourage families to mark this date on their calendars!

'Aim High'  
Sunyl Vogt

## Parent Club

The Annual General Meeting of PPS Parent Club will be held  
On Wednesday 7th March  
In the Library from 9am  
Apologies - please contact Kerrie Sharrad on 0435 644 369

All families welcome to come along and listen to Sunny present his annual report and hear what Parent Club have been up to!  
A general committee meeting will follow.

## Governing Council

The 2018 Governing Council Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 13th March at 7:30pm 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, Amanda Tyler, Heath Nickolls, Craig Gum, Mark Gum, Katharine Daniel, Jamie Sharrad, Heath Boseley.

*(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 and 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 2017 school year.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

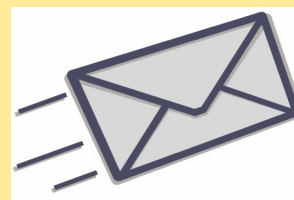
Amanda Tyler (Secretary)

## REMINDER

*Pinnaroo Primary School emails all bulletins and newsletters to families each week.*

*Please advise the Front Office if you would like a paper copy sent home with your child, to [dl.07640admin@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.07640admin@schools.sa.edu.au) or 8577 8176.*

*Thank you to those families who have already contacted us!*



# 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**.....

# 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.

# School Announcements

School Banking day is

**TUESDAY**



If you have a spare minute we would love to see you about the school helping us to maintain this great facility

We are currently looking for people to assist us with;

- Vegie garden pruning and weeding
- Blowing/raking leaf litter in the yard

Like and follow our facebook page Pinnaroo Primary School Official.





# A word from your PCW

## TRANSITIONING WELL INTO THEIR CHANGED ENVIRONMENT.....

It is lovely to see the new children fitting in and enjoying their school life and hopefully Mum and Dad, the family is adjusting well. For some families it can mean changing priorities with different schedules to meet and children learning to take responsibility for their things.

### Financial Counsellor coming.....

This time can be a very difficult for some families financially without the extra expense of Christmas and Holidays so I have arranged for a Financial Counsellor to come and run a session for Parents and the wider community. It can be very rewarding sometimes to hear another persons perspective regarding this issue even when we don't have any difficulty in that area. Hoping you can come along and have a listen to what Sharon has to say. It is on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February. I will run a creche if needed so please let the school know if you would like to utilise this service. Light lunch provided. Please register with the school.

### Do you want to continue to have a Pastoral Care Worker (School Chaplain) In your school?

Then it's vital that you write, email or go on social media to your politicians, both local and federal otherwise funding ceases at the end of this year. You need to act now before the budget is set!

Blessings to you all from your Pastoral Care Worker

Dianne Nuske

## Free financial wellbeing workshop

You're invited to come along and learn some financial tips

- What is Financial Counselling
- Working out the difference between needs and wants
- Money management
- Dealing with debt and debt collectors
- Know your rights
- Payday loans
- Understanding energy costs
- Concessions and entitlements
- No Interest Loans Scheme

Financial Counselling **ac.care**  
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ac.care Financial Counselling provides a free and Independent financial counselling service offering information and support to individuals and families who are experiencing financial difficulties.

#### What you could see a financial counsellor for:

- Keep running short of money
- Have received a disconnection notice from your utility provider
- Have received a final notice from lenders, including banks, or service providers, such as gas, electricity, phone, landlord etc.
- Just want someone to discuss your budgeting with
- Have a debt that was jointly borrowed

#### We can :

- Provide information on benefits and entitlements
- Give information about rules and laws relating to payment
- Negotiate with creditors
- Assist with consumer issues
- Assist you with planning a budget
- Provide information on bankruptcy and other options
- Refer people to other organisations for Assistance

**Date:** Wednesday 28th February 2018  
**Time:** 10.45 meet and greet for 11 am start to 1 pm  
**FREE LUNCH**  
**Location:** Pinnaroo Primary School Bundy Terrace PCW Room  
**Register by:** Email: dl.0764.admin@schools.sa.edu  
 Phone 85778176

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Call your local ac.care office to make an appointment to see one of our Financial Counsellors

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# Library News

## Library Lesson Days:

R/1 Wednesday      4/5 Tuesday  
2/3 Tuesday          6/7 Tuesday

Tales on Tuesdays (aimed and 3-4 year olds, all ages welcome) 10:30 – 11am  
Rhyme Time (aimed at 0-2 year olds, all ages welcome) Tuesday 11:20 – 11:50am

We would love students to use library bags as they do help protect books from schoolbag hazards such as water bottles and wet bathers!

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is on again in 2018 and record sheets were sent home this week. We would love to see all students complete the challenge this year. Students need to read twelve books, eight of which must be from the Premier's Reading Challenge list. You can access the booklist online or look for books in the library with Premier's Reading Challenge stickers (orange for years R-2, green for years 3 – 5 and yellow for years 6-9/mature readers). Audio books and e-books can be included, as can books that you have read with or to your child. The PRC finishes on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. Further information can be found at [www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au) or please speak to library staff if you have any questions.

We also have a further optional challenge running this term. Students aim to read 10 books, one from each of the following categories as chosen by the 4/5 class:

- A book that has an animal as the main character
- A book by David Walliams
- A book set in a country other than Australia
- A book with a yellow cover
- A book that has been made into a movie or TV series
- A book by an author you haven't tried before
- A book of short stories
- A book with a first person narrator
- A book with a 3 word title
- A book that will make you smarter

If students feel that 10 books for the term is too much of a challenge, they are invited to 'build their own' challenge by nominating the number of books they are aiming to read this term and choosing categories from the list above. Record sheets are available in the library.

Please call in at any time and have a chat to library staff if you have any questions.

Jade: Monday and Thursday  
Lynne: Tuesday – Friday  
Marianne: Tuesday - Thursday





# Proposed Swimming Carnival Programme

## Wednesday 14th February

**9:30am**      *Students assemble at the pool*  
**Welcome**      –      Sunyl Vogt  
**Opening**      –

**9:45am**      **R-7 Novelty Events**

1.    R / 1      Hoop Relay
2.    2 / 3      Hoop Relay
3.    4 / 5      Hoop Relay
4.    R / 1      Shuttlecock Return
5.    2 / 3      Shuttlecock Relay
6.    4 / 5      Shuttlecock Return
7.    6/7      Shuttlecock Return
8.    1 / 2 / 3      10m Backstroke (across pool)
9.    R / 1      Hat Race
10.   2 / 3      Hat Race
11.   4/5      Hat Race
12.   6/7      Hat Race
13.   R / 1      Noodle Relay
14.   2 / 3      Noodle Relay
15.   4 / 5      Noodle Relay
16.   6/7      News Paper Swim
17.   6 y.o.      Across the pool dash Boys
18.   7 y.o.      Across the pool dash Boys
19.   8 y.o.      Across the pool dash Boys
20.   6 y.o.      Across the pool dash Girls
21.   7 y.o.      Across the pool dash Girls
22.   8 y.o.      Across the pool dash Girls

**11:00am** (onwards) Recess / Snacks / Packed lunch  
Canteen Open (*Swimming Club fundraising*)

**Fruit Boxes, Sausage in bread, Hamburger with Coleslaw, Zooper Dooper Ice Blocks**

Please note: **Parents are reminded that the toddlers' pool is out of bounds for all children.**  
Parents / Caregivers are asked to help in policing this.

**11:15am**      Championship Events

**1:30pm**      Presentations

**1:40pm**      Clean Up

***All parents and families are encouraged to attend and offer their support.  
We are also still looking for some parent helpers to make the day run smoothly.***



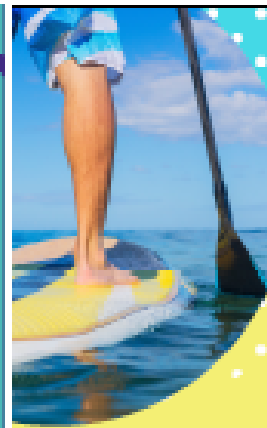
# Community Announcements



## KAYAKING COME AND TRY

- WHEN** : Tu and Fr's Afternoon start in Feb 20th until April 10th
- WHERE** : Rowing Club, Stuart Reserve Murray Bridge SA 5253
- WHO** : With two fully qualified instructors
- AGE** : Between the ages of 12 & 35
- TIMES** : 4pm Session  
5pm Session

Contact headspace Murray Bridge on 0831 2122 to book into a session.



## STAND UP PADDLE BOARDING COME AND TRY

- WHEN** : Once-off Tuesday Afternoon on Feb 20th
- WHERE** : Rowing Club, Stuart Reserve Murray Bridge SA 5253
- WHO** : Fully Qualified Surfing SA Instructors
- AGE** : Between the ages of 12 and 35
- TIMES** : 4pm Session  
5pm Session

Contact headspace Murray Bridge on 0831 2122 to book into a session.



## Free parenting seminar Raising brilliantly behaved children



Are you the parent of a 5 - 12 year old?  
Want fewer behaviour dramas at home?

Hear psychologist, parenting author and comedian **Jodie Ikeno** talk about:

- dealing with challenging behaviour in ways that bring out your child's strengths and true character
- alternatives to discipline and punishment
- encouraging cooperation rather than conflict.

**Wednesday 21 March**

**When:** 7:00 - 8:00pm

**Where:** Adelaide Convention Centre North Terrace, Adelaide Riverside Room 2 & 3 (easy access via West entrance)

Register to attend in person or view the live broadcast at:

Online: <https://parentingqa.eventbrite.com.au>  
Phone: 8303 1660  
Email: [health.parenting@rha.gov.au](mailto:health.parenting@rha.gov.au)

Powered by Parenting SA, for more information about using children's aid or how parenting.sa.gov.au or [www.rha.gov.au](http://www.rha.gov.au)

For the benefit of all participants we request no babies and young children.

Helping parents be their best



## TUNING IN TO TEENS

A 6 week workshop for parents, grandparents and caregivers...  
Come along to learn about parenting ideas based on the Tuning in to Teens program that might make the ride a little smoother and ultimately support your relationship with your teen.

Light tea provided

The Station, 3-5  
Railway Terrace,  
Murray Bridge

Starting date Thurs 8th March through to Thurs 12th April

6pm until 7.30pm

Contact Elaine at headspace on 8531 2122 for more information