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**WEEK 5, TERM 2**  
**Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2016**

**The next assembly will be on**  
**Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2016, at**  
**10:15am and will be hosted by**  
**Mrs Lewis' Year 4/5 class.**



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### Dedicated Phone Numbers

Kitchen Garden Volunteers: 0408 637 850  
POSHC Enquiries: 0413 482 521  
Student Absences: 0412 089 811  
Soccer Enquiries: 0439 782 686

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Bike Locks
- Children's Book Council Of Australia: 2016 Shortlisted Books of the Year
- Community Noticeboard
- Credit Union SA
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- Indonesian Carnival
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### DIARY DATES

13 June Queen's Birthday Public Holiday  
15 June Special Lunch  
20 June Governing Council  
21 June Indonesian Day  
22 June Indonesian Carnival  
29 June School Photos  
25 July Pupil Free Day  
(First Day of Term 3)

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# Pimpala Press

**\* RESPONSIBILITY \* RESPECT \* COMMUNICATION \***  
**\* EXCELLENCE \* FRIENDSHIP \***

## There is a direct correlation between attendance and achievement.

The Department for Education and Child Development requires all schools to have an attendance rate of 95% or above across the school. This means that students can have no more than 10 days absent from school throughout the year in order for us to reach this target. Patterns of attendance and absence that are set up in the early years usually persist through education and life. Regular attendance at school is important to a student's learning and development.

Poor attendance may lead to learning difficulties because children who are frequently absent are likely to miss learning the basic skills needed for their future education.

A much overlooked aspect of schooling is the social and emotional development of students. They require opportunities to interact and build the capacity to work together in order to develop essential social skills to build strong and rewarding relationships with other people.

### Pimpala Primary School is committed to:

- providing a safe, success orientated and caring environment
- providing relevant learning programs for all students
- maintaining accurate records of attendance
- ensuring non-attendance is followed up through early intervention
- developing strategies to resolve attendance difficulties.

Situations where it is acceptable for a child to miss school include times when the:

- child is too sick to leave the house
- child has an infectious illness such as gastroenteritis, chicken pox or measles
- child needs to attend medical or dental appointments that could not be made out of school hours
- school principal is provided with a genuine reason that prevents the student attending school
- child has been granted an exemption from school
- child has been sent home or suspended from school for disciplinary reasons.

If a child is absent due to reported illness for three or more consecutive days, please provide the school with a medical certificate. It is important to notify the school of your child's absence and the reason for it. If you are unable to notify the school in advance, send a note covering the days missed when your child returns.

A child's refusal to go to school can be very distressing both to parents and the student. Non-attendance can take different forms. There are many reasons why students refuse to attend school:

- separation anxiety
- learning difficulties
- not having friends

If you have difficulty with your child attending school, please contact us immediately to discuss how we can support improved attendance.

If your child misses...	That equals...	Over 13 years of schooling, that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days / 4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days / 8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days / 16 weeks per year	Over 5 years

Source of table data - The Smith Family

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## CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA – 2016 SHORT LISTED BOOKS OF THE YEAR

### BOOK OF THE YEAR: EARLY CHILDHOOD

Title	Author
<i>Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas</i>	Aaron Blabey
<i>My Dog Bigsy</i>	Alison Lester
<i>Perfect</i>	Danny Parker
<i>Ollie And The Wind</i>	Ghosh Ronojoy
<i>Mr Huff</i>	Anna Walker
<i>The Cow Tripped Over The Moon</i>	Tony Wilson

### BOOK OF THE YEAR: YOUNGER READERS

Title	Author
<i>The Cleo Stories: A Friend And A Pet</i>	Libby Gleeson
<i>Soon</i>	Morris Gleitman
<i>Run, Pip, Run</i>	J C Jones
<i>Sister Heart</i>	Sally Morgan
<i>Molly And Pim And The Millions Of Stars</i>	Martine Murray
<i>Shadows Of The Master</i>	Emily Rodda

### THE EVE POWNALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS

Title	Author
<i>Phasmid: Saving The Lord Howe Island Stick Insect</i>	Rohan Cleave
<i>The White Mouse: The Story Of Nancy Wake</i>	Peter Gouldthorpe
<i>The Amazing True Story Of How Babies Are Made</i>	Fiona Katauskas
<i>Lennie The Legend: Solo To Sydney By Pony</i>	Stephanie Owen Reeder
<i>Ancestry: Stories Of Multicultural Anzacs</i>	Robyn Siers & Carlie Walker
<i>We Are The Rebels: The Women And Men Who Made Eureka</i>	Claire Wright

### PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR

Title	Author
<i>Ride, Ricardo, Ride!</i>	Shane Devries
<i>My Dead Bunny</i>	James Foley
<i>Flight</i>	Armin Greder
<i>One Step At A Time</i>	Sally Heinrich
<i>Suri's Wall</i>	Matt Ottley
<i>And The Band Played Waltzing Matilda</i>	Bruce Whatley

### CREDIT UNION SA

Buy a new Allianz comprehensive car insurance policy through Credit Union SA for your chance to win a brand new Mazda3 Maxx, valued at \$28,000.

Call your School Community Representative: Northern area - Dimitri Carapetis 8202 7673 Southern area - Mark Kohler 8202 7675, or visit [creditunionsa.com.au](http://creditunionsa.com.au)

Hurry, competition closes 1 July 2016. Conditions apply.



### HATS

Pursuant to our Sun Smart Policy, school hats are not required to be worn during Winter months, 1<sup>st</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> August each year.

Hats will be required to be worn from Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos have been scheduled to be taken on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June**, by "The School Photographer".

Payment envelopes have been sent home this week. Student names are printed on each envelope so where possible, please make sure you use the envelopes provided.

Every student is photographed whether they are purchasing a photo or not. To streamline the process please bring the envelope along on photo day, even if it is empty.

Sibling envelopes are available from the Front Office. Please do not put your sibling envelope inside of the individual student envelope or vice versa.

School photos are conducted by a private company so you are paying them directly. Please make sure you put correct money in the envelope, or pay by credit card, and bring the envelope on photo day.

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS / MID-YEAR REPORTS

In Week 10 of this term mid-year reports will be available for collection at your Parent / Teacher interview. Letters with interview times will be sent home with your child in Week 7.

If you are in a separated family situation and want to make sure you receive the information about the parent / teacher interviews, please contact the Front Office so we can ensure you get the interview letter.

### INDONESIAN CARNIVAL

Get ready! We will be immersing Pimpala in Indonesian culture over 2 days at our annual Indonesian Day and Carnival! This will be held in Week 8 on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June (Indonesian Day)** and **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June (Indonesian Carnival)**. The Year 6/7 students and Bu Pullman, our Indonesian teacher, are busy organising lots of exciting activities such as mask making, batik, language games and Indonesian themed carnival games.

Dodi Darmadi from Java will also be running workshops over the 2 days for students to take part in.

The Reception to Year 3 students will be taking part in a drumming performance and the Year 4 to 7 students will be involved in a kite making workshop. There is a \$2.50 fee for the Year 4 to 7 students to cover the costs of the materials for kite making. This payment is due by Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June and no late payments will be accepted.

These days will give all students an opportunity to broaden their knowledge of Indonesian culture and participate in some exciting activities. We will look forward to sharing all of our work with you!

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

It's Scholastic Book Club time again! Scholastic offers award-winning books, as well as old and new favourite spanning a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and are quite inexpensive. A great way to encourage reading is to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

### Payment

Once you have looked over the catalogue and selected books you wish to purchase there are 2 ways to pay.

1. Mark them on the order form on the back of the catalogue and return the order form to the Finance Window with payment.
2. Log into [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) or download the iPhone and iPad app from the App Store or on Google Play for Android.
  - LOOP is Scholastic Book Clubs Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for Parents. For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time.
  - Select your school and your child's class.
  - Add your child's first name and last initial (so Scholastic know who the book is for).
  - Enter the item number from the book Club catalogue.
  - You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
  - All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom when you order by the closing date.
  - There is no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

**Last day to order is Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2016.** No late orders will be taken.

## SPECIAL LUNCH

Don't forget the Special Lunch which will be held on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June and will consist of a Gourmet Hot Dog with coleslaw, cheese and sauce, a jelly, a choc-chip muffin (served at recess) and a choice of either chocolate or strawberry milk for only \$7.00. If you are really hungry you can also purchase an extra sausage for \$2.00. Information has been sent home today.



Please return the order form and money **by Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June**. Please note: No late orders will be accepted. Orders are not refundable. No counter sales or lunch orders are available on this day.

## SOUP DRIVE

Winter is a difficult time for many families in our school community. For this reason we are asking for donations of canned soup. These cans of soups will then be distributed to families in need, with the help of our local supporting church, Vines Uniting in Reynella. If you are able to donate, please place your donations of canned soup in the marked box in the Front Office. Thank you for your support.

Simon Uppill  
Pastoral Care Worker

## SAPSASA KNOCK-OUT GIRLS SOCCER

On a wet and muddy Monday morning our Year 6/7 girls battled valiantly to lose 1:0 in extra time against Morphett Vale East Primary School. It was a tense battle with the score 0:0 at the end of full time. Extra time was played with the opposition scoring late in the match. The girls played a great game with dedication and persistence at the ball. Well done!



## BIKE LOCKS

Since the beginning of the year two bikes have been stolen from the bike rack at the front of the school. Please make sure that you lock your bike or scooter. We don't want any more bikes to go missing. If you have any information about the whereabouts of the bikes or the offenders, please contact the police on 131 444.

## FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

After consideration of the complexity of student allergies and intolerances, and the time taken out of class for the Year 6/7s to cut up and prepare the fruit, it was decided to discontinue Fresh Fruit Friday. Students are encouraged to bring fruit to school daily and eat the fruit they bring.

## COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange are still URGENTLY trying to find families for the last 7 French students and 1 Italian student arriving on the 6<sup>th</sup> July. Can you please help? Host families do not need to have a child the same age to have a student, what we require is people with a kind heart and a willingness to help bring different cultures closer together. Anyone interested to know more could contact Jenny Hanson at the Southern Cultural Exchange on (08) 8323 0973 or email Jenny at [jeh1313@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jeh1313@bigpond.net.au)

Mitcham Girls High School is offering the Gift Dance Program which gives girls the opportunity to develop their skills and passion for dance performance. Students develop creative, technical and physical understanding and appreciation of dance as an art form. For girls who love to dance and want to share and develop their gift, Gift Dance at Mitcham Girls HS is for you. Audition date: Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 at 11:30am. Please register your interest at [www.mitichamgirlshs.sa.edu.au](http://www.mitichamgirlshs.sa.edu.au) or phone 82728233