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Ken Smith

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Tim Seidel

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Alison Turner

WEEK 3, TERM 2
Friday, 19th May, 2017

The next assembly will be on
Friday, 26th May, 2017, at
10:15am and will be hosted by
Bu Pullman.



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Dedicated Phone Numbers

Kitchen Garden Volunteers: 0408 637 850
POSHC Enquiries: 0413 482 521
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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Are You Getting Push Notifications?
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DIARY DATES

22 May Governing Council
 23 May No Time To Waste –
 Incursion – Years 5,6 &7 –
 payment deadline extended
 24 May National Simultaneous
 Storytime
 31 May Pasta Special Lunch
 2 June Pupil Free Day
 7 June Road Safety Excursion –
 Ms Howlett & Ms Sims
 12 June Queen's Birthday Public
 Holiday
 19 June Governing Council
 26-28 June-Year 6/7 camp
 30 June Indonesian Day

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Pimpala Press

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great start to Term 2 with the students being very settled and participating in some great learning in their classrooms. I hope the calendar that was sent home 2 weeks ago was useful. The calendar will be updated throughout the year as more events are added. The calendar is also on the website.

Mother's Day

I hope all the mum's had a great Mother's Day and were appropriately spoilt. A very big thank you to Ali Turner, the Governing Council members and other volunteers who planned the stall, purchased gifts, wrapped gifts and assisted with the stall last Friday. I know all the children who purchased gifts were very excited and appreciative of your efforts.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to our Year 3, 5 and 7 students who participated in NAPLAN last week. All of the students did a great job and tried their very best. There were children from 12 of our classes participating in the testing and there was a lot of children moving to different places such as the hall and library to be supervised so I would like to thank all of the students for their great behaviour during the week. Well done everyone!

Have a great weekend.

Ken Smith
Principal



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YEAR 7/8 TRANSITION FORMS

Year 7/8 information packs were sent home at the end of last term. Please return the completed ED176 form to the Front Office **by Friday, 26th May**.

Secondary School open dates and times are available from individual school websites. Please see Barb in the Front Office if you require any further information about the process.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Don't forget there will be a Pupil Free Day on **Friday, 2nd June** to enable staff from schools in the Panalatinga Partnership to attend training and development. This will involve up to 18 schools / preschools.

POSHC will be available if required. Please contact Hazel.Godfrey850@schools.sa.edu.au or phone 0413 482 521.

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

PASTA SPECIAL LUNCH

The Special Lunch this term will be held on Wednesday, 31st May and will consist of a choice of pasta dish (Penne Napolitano or Mac & Cheese), a jelly, a fruit box and a choc chip muffin (served at recess) all for only \$7.00.

PIMPALA PRIMARY SCHOOL - Canteen
PASTA special lunch!
WEDNESDAY 31st MAY
PENNE NAPOLITANO + CHOC CHIP MUFFIN for recess \$
OR MAC & CHEESE + JELLY
+ JELLY BOX
Please place your order by -
Friday 30th May, 10.00am
Special/extra ORDER FORMS
\$8.50
NAME: _____
CLASS: _____
PENNE NAPOLITANO (1)
MAC & CHEESE (1)
BUSY CARD PAYMENT \$ _____
Please note: Orders will be processed on the day of the event. No late orders will be accepted. Orders are not refundable. No counter sales or lunch orders are available on this day.
Payment can be made via cash or credit card at the time of collection. Thank you for your order.

Please return the order form and money **by Friday, 26th May, 10:00am**. Please note: No late orders will be accepted. Orders are not refundable. No counter sales or lunch orders are available on this day.

ROAD SAFETY CENTRE EXCURSION

Students from Ms Howlett and Ms Sims' classes are invited to attend the SAPOL – Road Safety Centre at Thebarton on **Wednesday, 7th June**.

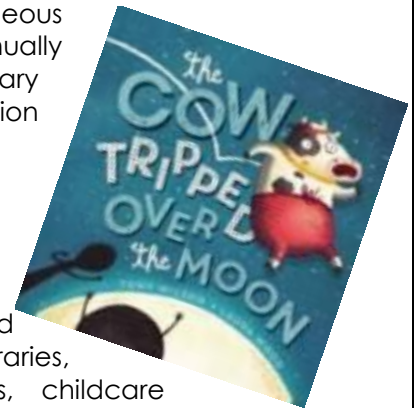
They will travel by bus to the centre where they will have a chance to become a pedestrian and a road user within small groups in their classes. Students will learn about road and traffic safety in a safe environment. The Centre's mock roadways will help students become familiar with correct road signage, pedestrian safety and the road rules.

The cost of the excursion is \$8.50 per student and is to be paid to the Finance Window or online **by Wednesday 31st May at 10:00am**.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME

National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association.

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.



This year the National Simultaneous Storytime takes place on **Wednesday, 24th May** at 11am (AEST) and we will be sharing *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon* written by Tony Wilson, illustrated by Laura Wood, as a whole school. Mrs Kaye and Mr Burns' classes will be performing the book as a play during the reading.

Ask your children to tell you about it when they get home from school.

COOKING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help with our cooking program for Mr Burns' Year 5/6 class on Thursdays between recess and lunch and for Mr Kemp's Year 5/6 class on Tuesdays after lunch, until the end of Week 9 this term.

If you meet the volunteer requirements of an approved DCSI clearance to work with children and have completed RAN-EC training, we would love to hear from you. All help is greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL POLICIES UNDER REVIEW

You may have noticed when you look at the Pimpala PS website that the school policies under the downloads link are not available to look at.

All of the school policies are being reviewed over the next few months. It is important to ensure that all of the policies are relevant, are based on current information and work for the benefit of the school and students.

As part of our ongoing improvement plan the staff as a whole will consider each policy to make sure it is achieving its purpose and where necessary, make appropriate changes.

If you have specific enquiries regarding a school policy, please contact the Front Office or speak to a member of the Leadership team. We appreciate your patience during this time.



ARE YOU GETTING PUSH NOTIFICATIONS?

The App is a great communication tool for the school and we seem to be using it more and more. However, it is important that you have set your phone to receive push notifications. It is highly recommended that you also turn on push notifications for your child's class.

We often send messages to a separate class or groups of classes which don't come through on the whole school notices section.

There was an update to the Skoolbag App a few weeks ago so if you having any difficulty opening the App please make sure you have installed it.



NO TIME TO WASTE - INCURSION

Students in Years 5, 6 and 7 have the opportunity to be part of renowned environmentalist Tim Silverwood's highly engaging and intriguing presentation on reducing waste and how it affects the natural environment on **Tuesday, 23rd May**.

Students will gain considerable insight about the impact of unsustainable consumption, on people and the planet, addressing: pollution, oceans, energy, resource depletion, climate change and social disadvantage. What a fantastic way to learn about our environment.

The cost of the incursion is \$5.50 per student, to be paid online **by Monday, 22nd May**. **Please note:** the deadline has been extended for payment as all students will benefit from the performance, and are expected to attend.

SAPSASA GIRLS KNOCKOUT SOCCER

A group of 10 eager and enthusiastic girls played their best to narrowly lose to Reynella PS 2-1 in the first round of the SAPSASA Girls Knockout Soccer Competition today. Everyone played really well and the players: Mya B, Emily C, Tahlia M, Teresa O, Brooke G, Kayla P, Chelsea D, Alyssa F, Khushi R and Shakylah F had a great time. Some of the girls had never played before so this was a super effort.

Special thanks to the parents who transported the students – Alison Turner and Karen Campbell.

Michael Sboro
PE TEACHER





COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Free Parenting SA seminar: understanding the boy code - Nationally recognised parenting speaker, author and columnist Dr Justin Coulson will help parents understand the 'boy code' and what it means for boys and girls, as well as provide tips for parents about how to help young people see beyond stereotypes as part of a free Parenting SA seminar to be held later this month. The seminar is designed for parents of boys and girls in the teen and pre-teen years, but will help parents of children of all ages. Justin's presentation will address: the 'boy code', what it means for boys and girls, the importance of starting early to break the code, the influence of social media and celebrity culture, helping young people see beyond the stereotypes and be themselves. The seminar will be held in Riverbank Room 8 at the Adelaide Convention Centre on **Tuesday 30 May from 7.00pm to 9.00pm**. Parents can attend in person or watch the webcast live. A recording of the event will be available to view online for 3 weeks after the event. Registrations to attend, watch the webcast live or view a recording can be made by:

Online: <http://parentingsa.eventbrite.com.au>. Phone: 8303 1660 or Email: health.parentingsa@sa.gov.au The seminar is designed for an adult audience.

Spikezone! Discover mini-volleyball at the Hub Recreation Centre during Terms 2 & 3. Free come and try sessions on 23rd and 30th May from 4:00 – 5:00pm. A 10 week competition will follow beginning on 6th June. They are looking for students in Years 4 -7, both experienced and new players. Get a team of 4-6 players together and nominate online or enter as an individual and we will help you find a team. Contact volleyballsacomau/spikezone or phone 83631265.

Free BOYS Netball clinic on Sunday, 4th June at Priceline Stadium. 5-8years – (9am – 10am) and 9-16 years – (10am-12noon). Register at sa.netball.com.au/men-boys/

The Ambassador Multi-sport workshop for SANFL, tennis and netball will be held on 16th June, 2017 at Adelaide Oval from 9am – 4:30pm. A teacher specific course which covers coaching fundamentals as well as sport specific skill acquisition across the three sports. Practical game based activities will equip participants with the skills and knowledge to confidently conduct sporting sessions within schools. Register at nick.harnas@sanfl.com.au

Let's Take the Next Steps at the Warriparinga Youth Event on Wednesday, 31st May from 11am-3pm at the Living Kaurna Cultural Centre, Warriparinga Way (off Sturt Road), Bedford Park. Ages 10-22 free! Bookings essential on 83575900.



DRUM BEAT program

with Pastoral Support Worker Simon Uphill

Lohmeyer/Wheatcroft Yr 3/4 Class



DRUMBEAT

"We learned how to work as a team." Chloe

"It was really fun. We worked well as a team." Jake



"I liked learning new rhythms!" Logan

"It was very fun!" Sarah

"We practiced a lot which helped everyone stay in rhythm." Jaxon

Building Resilience Through Rhythm



"Doing drum beat with Simon was really fun." Bailey Naylor

"I am good at drums and the beat sounds good to me" Zenon



"I enjoyed it and didn't know you could play base, base tone and other rhythms." Meckenzie

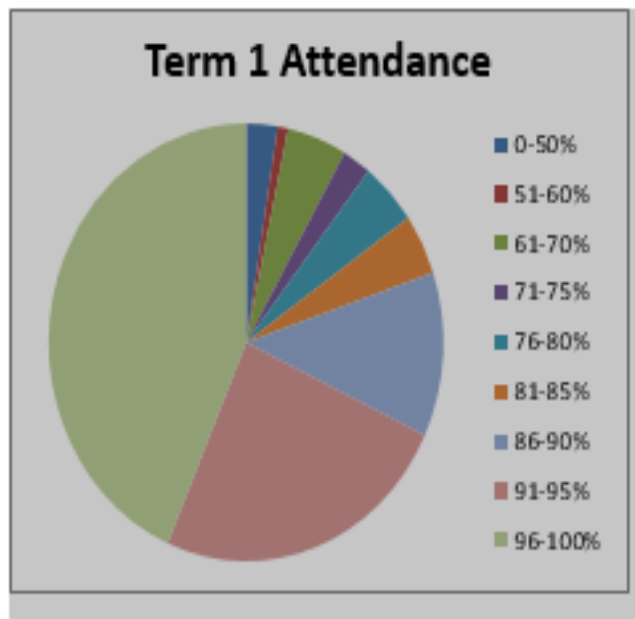
"We learned about being a team and friendship, be nice to everyone." Grace

"I liked how we learned to control our anger playing anger games and group discussion." Ahtayne



Term 1 attendance

Across the school, we had very good attendance last term, with the student average at 94.6% attendance.



Attendance Percentage Range	Total number of Students	School wide percentage
0-50	12	2.6
51-60	4	0.8
61-70	23	4.9
71-75	11	2.3
76-80	22	4.7
81-85	21	4.5
86-90	57	12.2
91-95	115	24.5
95-100	204	43.5

72 Students from across the school had 100% attendance – a fantastic effort! The DECD attendance goal is 92%. At Pimpala we had 291 students (62%) reach or exceed this target. Pimpala has an attendance goal of 95%. Last term 204 students (43.5%) reached or exceeded this goal.

Please see your child's teacher if you would like to know their attendance rate for last term. If you are concerned about your child's attendance and would like some assistance with strategies to help improve their attendance, please contact the school to arrange a meeting to discuss this.

Here is some information that generally applies to student's success at school as determined by their attendance.

Your child's attendance rate is above 95%

They are an excellent attendee. They have the best chance to learn and develop strong friendship groups. They have the opportunity to develop a very good work ethic.

Your child's attendance is 90-95%

They have good attendance and they are likely to achieve their best learning that will give them real opportunities to continue their studies and develop strong friendships.

Your child's attendance is 85 to 90%

They have missed a number of days this term which may make it difficult for them to achieve their best learning and maintain steady friendships.

Your child's attendance is 80 to 85%

They have missed a number of days this term which may make it difficult to keep on track with work and maintain steady friendship groups.

Your child's attendance is below 80%

Students with irregular and poor attendance are more likely to struggle at school and the value they receive from their education is greatly diminished as a result. Your child is missing so much school that it will be very difficult for them to keep up their work and maintain strong friendship groups.