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Ken Smith

Deputy Principal:
Penny Wilde

School Counsellor:
Tim Seidel

Council Chairperson:
Alison Turner

WEEK 1, TERM 3
Friday, 28th July, 2017

The next assembly will be on
Friday, 4th August, 2017, at
10:15am and will be hosted by
Ms Yates Year 2/3 class.



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or Google Play

Dedicated Phone Numbers

Kitchen Garden Volunteers: 0408 637 850
POSHC Enquiries: 0413 482 521
Student Absences: 0412 089 811
Soccer Phone 0439 78 2686

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Kitchen Garden Program
 - Absence Line
 - Father's Day Stall Donations
 - NIADOC Week Celebrations
 - Superhero Disco
 - Sports Day
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 - Casual Day
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DIARY DATES

14 Aug Governing Council
7 Sep Student Disco
8 Sep School Closure Day
11 Sep Governing Council
28 Sep Sports Day
29 Sep Casual Day
29 Sep Last day of Term 3

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for Term 3. I hope all the students had a nice break during the holidays. The students have returned to school with a positive attitude to their learning and are very settled which is a great start to the term.

As always there is a lot happening this term with Book Week, Science Week, Festival Choir rehearsals and performances and Sports Day being significant events. An updated copy of the school calendar is on the App and the school website. Please note on the calendar that due to large parts of the merit selection procedures outlined below (occurring in Week 4), our Science Week activities will now be in Week 6. Please also remember that the calendar will be updated throughout the term so make sure you have the correct version. This version is dated 28 July. The events for Term 3 have also been added to our Skoolbag app and website.

Due to a variety of reasons there have been some changes to our teaching staff. Mrs Finlay-Smith will be teaching Year 1 Sims for the rest of the year while Mrs Sims is on leave; Mrs Robins will now be teaching 2/3 Dixon-Robins four days a week (Monday to Thursday) as Mrs Dixon will be taking on the Learning Support role on Wednesdays and Thursdays while Mrs Kemp is on maternity leave; Tanjje Brown will be teaching 3/4 Lewis on Fridays and Alena Birss will be teaching 2/3 Kaye on Fridays.

Further to the above staffing changes, merit selection processes will be undertaken this term to appoint a Deputy Principal for 2018 for a 5 year period and a Student Wellbeing Leader which is the new name for School Counsellors for a 3 year period.

I hope all the students have a productive term full of rich learning experiences.

Regards
Ken Smith
Principal



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KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

This term our Year 3/4 and 2/3 classes will participate in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Mrs Lewis, Mr Branson and Mr Lohmeyer/Wheatcroft's classes will participate in Weeks 1,2,3,4 and 5 while Mr Lucas, Ms Yates, Ms Kaye and Ms Robins' classes will enjoy the program in Weeks 6,7,8,9 and 10.

We require helpers for both kitchen and garden lessons. If you are interested and have both the DCSI clearance to work with children and have completed RAN training (or equivalent), we would love your help. Please inform your class teacher or myself if you are able to help in any of our classes. All help is greatly appreciated.

Term 3 Program (Weeks 1-5)				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11:10	Lohmeyer Garden	Lohmeyer Kitchen		
12:00	Lewis Garden	Lohmeyer Kitchen		Branson Kitchen
1:30		Lewis Kitchen	Branson Garden	Branson Kitchen
2:20		Lewis Kitchen		

Term 3 Program (Weeks 6-10)				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11:10	Lucas Garden	Yates Kitchen	Kaye Garden	Kaye Kitchen
12:00	Yates Garden	Yates Kitchen	Dixon/Robins Garden	Kaye Kitchen
1:30		Lucas Kitchen		Dixon/Robins Kitchen
2:20		Lucas Kitchen		Dixon/Robins Kitchen

Michele Ormsby-Smith
Kitchen Garden Coordinator
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ABSENCE LINE

Our dedicated Absence Line phone number is 0412 089 811. You are able to send a text message, or telephone this phone number to let us know your child will be away that day.

If we have not been advised of a reason for absence, you will be sent a text message advising that your child is not at school and for you to let us know why they are not here. Please respond to this message as soon as practicable. We appreciate your co-operation.

FATHER'S DAY STALL DONATIONS

Father's Day is on Sunday, 3rd September. Although it may seem a long way off, we are seeking donations of new items for our Father's Day Stall. Please bring any donation of new items to the Front Office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

On the 3rd of July, 2017 the Aboriginal Flag was raised for the very first time at Pimpala Primary School. We had



four of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students speak at a



special NAIDOC Week assembly, and share the history and

meaning of the Aboriginal Flag with the rest of the school. From there the school followed the students to the flag pole at front of the school ready to raise the Aboriginal Flag for the first time. This was a very proud moment for our school.



SUPERHERO DISCO

Students get your dancing shoes ready! Are you working on some new moves? Here is your chance to impress at our Superhero Disco which will be held on **Thursday night, 7th September, 2017**. Get ready for a fun time!

Come along dressed as your favourite Superhero character (no weapons please). Be creative. There will be prizes for the best dressed!

Session Times:

- Reception - Year 3 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- Years 3-7 6:45pm – 8.15pm

Year 3 students will be able to choose which session they will attend. More information will be sent home soon.

SPORTS DAY

Planning is progressing for another fantastic Sports Day on **Thursday, 28 September, 2017**. Michael Sboro, our PE teacher, has been busily organising some great events for all classes to participate in. Students are to arrive at the regular time and will then assemble under the COLA at 9:15am, ready for all the events to begin.

The activities are programmed to continue until the end of the school day. Come along and support your child/ren on this fun day.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Come and play summer netball at Southern Stars. Players wanted – all ages. Games are held at SUNA, Morphett Vale during the week. Registrations close 27th July. For more information please visit www.ssnc.sa.netball.com.au

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

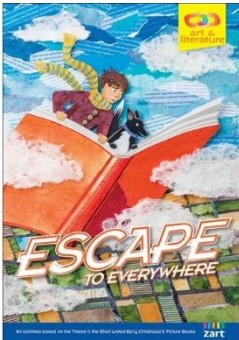
There will be a School Closure Day on **Friday, 8th September, 2017** to acknowledge and celebrate the significance of the Royal Adelaide Show.

POSHC will be **NOT** be available as their staff will use this opportunity to undertake Training & Development.

CASUAL DAY

There will be a casual day on the last day of term, **Friday, 29th September, 2017**. Given the time of year with footy finals imminent, the theme will be "Sports Teams". Proceeds will go to the Australian Cancer Research Foundation.

BOOK WEEK 2017



"Escape to Everywhere"

Book Week is the longest running children's festival in Australia. It is an annual event celebrated by schools and local community libraries to promote books and reading. Each year the Children's Book Council

of Australia selects books written or illustrated by Australian authors to be shortlisted in a book competition. These books can be recognised by the bronze circle on them. All classes have been exposed to some of these books.

We will be having a **Scholastic Book Fair** in the Library from **Wednesday 23rd August** to **Wednesday 30th August**. Students will have the opportunity of looking at the display on Wednesday after school, Thursday before school and Thursday lunch time. There will be no sales during these 3 sessions as these times will enable children to make a wish list. The Library will be open for sales on **Thursday 24th August** after school to **Wednesday 31st August** before school.

On **Thursday, 24th August** a highlight of our Book Week celebrations will include a Book Week Parade at 9:30am. Parents, grandparents and special friends are invited to our special '**Escape to Everywhere**' Book Week Parade.

The parade will be held under the COLA and will showcase the children, and maybe some teachers, dressed up in costumes / masks based on the characters or storyline from the shortlisted book chosen by their class. The costumes will be made in class and will just add a bit of fun to the morning.

Look forward to seeing everyone at the parade.
Deb Hampton
Teacher Librarian

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

It's Scholastic Book Club time again! A great way to encourage reading is to allow children to choose the books they want to read. Scholastic offers a wide range of books suited to many children's reading levels and interests.

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. Order online by logging into www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and following the instructions.

Last day to order is Wednesday, 11th August, 2017.
No late orders will be accepted.

NO ENTRY TO CLASSROOMS

Parents and other adults bringing children to school each day are able to take children to class until the bell goes, at which time we ask that you leave the classroom area so the regular school program can proceed. If you need to speak to a teacher after this time, please make an appointment.

If your child has forgotten something, please bring it to the Front Office so we can arrange for them to collect it at a convenient time for the teacher.

If you need to collect your child for an appointment during the day, please come to the Front Office and we will arrange your child to meet you there.

Adults, please do not go into classrooms after the bell has gone in the morning. Please also do not enter your child's classroom until the bell has gone in the afternoon. Thank you.

NAMES ON CLOTHES

We have many un-named and un-claimed jumpers in the lost property. If you have lost one, can you please check to see if it is in the lost property bins.

Can you **please** make sure your child's belongings and clothes are labelled appropriately.

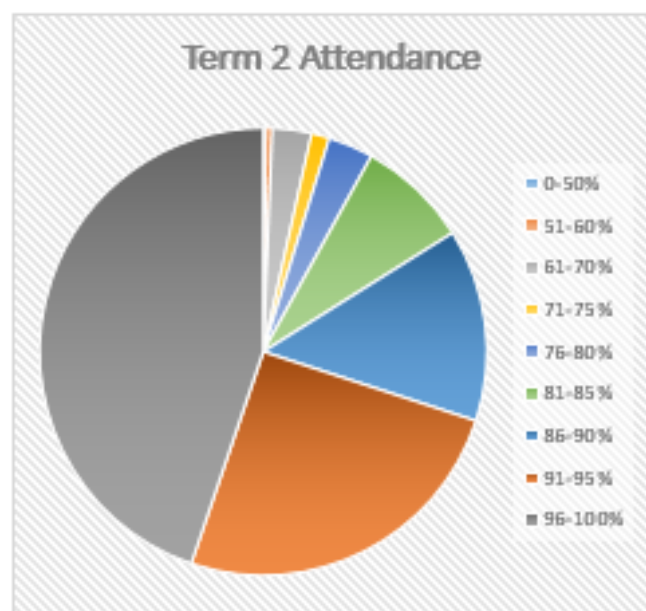
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS

Winter can be a busy time for hospital emergency departments. It is important to consider whether it really is an emergency before taking action.

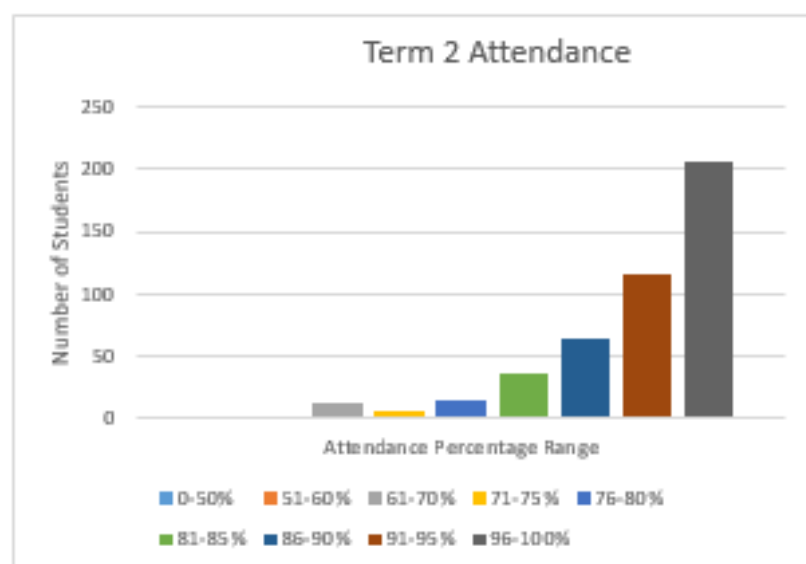
SA Health is asking for your assistance to recognise that hospital emergency departments are for emergencies only. There are other care options available in situations that are not an emergency including your GP or the local chemist can also offer advice.

Term 2 attendance

Across the school, we had good attendance last term, with students averaging 92.6% attendance (a decrease of 2% from term 1, which is understandable, given the increase of illnesses due to colder weather during this term).



Attendance Percentage Range	Total number of Students	School wide percentage
0-50	1	0.2
51-60	2	0.4
61-70	13	2.8
71-75	6	1.3
76-80	15	3.3
81-85	37	8.1
86-90	64	13.9
91-95	116	25.2
96-100	206	44.8



Attendance by Year Level	
School Year	Average %
R	92
1	93
2	95
3	93
4	94
5	90
6	92
7	92
Whole School	92.6

80 Students had 100 % attendance in term 2 (72 in term 1) – a brilliant effort! The DECD attendance goal is 92%. At Pimpala we had 296 students (64.3%) reach or exceed this target. Pimpala has an attendance goal of 95%. Last term 244 students (53%) reached or exceeded this goal, an increase of almost 10% from last term!

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.

Indonesian Day 2017

Friday 30th June

