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Penny Wilde

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Belinda Finlay-Smith

**School Counsellor:**  
Erin Anear

**Council Chairperson:**  
Alison Turner

**WEEK 1, TERM 1**  
**Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February,**  
**2018**

**The next assembly will be a**  
**Junior Primary assembly on**  
**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018, at**  
**10:15am and will be hosted by**  
**Ms Pullman's Year 1/2 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 Phone 0439 782 686

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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### DIARY DATES

12 Feb	Acquaintance Night 5:30-6:30pm
12 Feb	Governing Council AGM 6:45pm
26 Feb	Student Free Day
15 Mar	School Photos
19-21 Mar	Year 5/6 Camp
30 Mar	Good Friday
2 April	Easter Monday
13 April	Last Day of Term – Early Dismissal

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# Pimpala Press

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

Welcome back to all staff, students and parents to a new year at Pimpala Primary School. I have been incredibly impressed with the positive start our students have made and in classroom visits, have been invited into engaging conversations and observed genuine enthusiasm for learning.

Last week, all staff were involved in the first of several training days, concentrating on Restorative Practices, which is a whole school focus. Restorative Practices help to build and support an interconnected system of conflict resolution, social inclusion and values development which allows schools to become more productive learning environments and better equip students in building strong relationships with those around them. We want the very best for all our students and within the next month, we will be holding a Parent/ Caregiver session so you can become involved and informed about Restorative Practices – please watch the newsletter for more details.

We are holding our Acquaintance Night on Monday, February 12, from 5.30 – 6.30pm, where you are invited to come into the school and meet classroom and specialist teachers and find out about how classrooms and programs work. Please note that this is general invitation, and is not an opportunity for a one on one conversation about students.

Governing Council's Annual General Meeting will follow on at 6:45pm. We hope you can join us.

I would like to welcome some new staff to Pimpala:

- Erin Anear, Student Wellbeing Leader
- Carol Thomas, Reception teacher in Mrs. Lang's class
- Joanna Idzikowski, Year 1/2 teacher in Mrs. Dobson's class
- Jess Brown, Year 1/2 teacher
- Alena Birss, Year 1/2 teacher
- Tanjie Brown, Year 3/4 teacher
- Nunung Lehmann, Indonesian Specialist Teacher

Our building works are still on track and we anticipate an on-time completion of April this year. We appreciate your patience while the final stage is being completed and look forward to seeing some beautiful new learning spaces when it is finished.

I look forward to working with you all during 2018.

Penny Wilde  
**PRINCIPAL**



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## CAR PARKING

The City of Onkaparinga has implemented **"NO STOPPING"** BETWEEN 8:30AM – 9AM AND 3PM – 3:30 PM ON SCHOOL DAYS signs, on the western side of Vanstone Avenue in response to safety concerns by members of our Pimpala School Community. This will mean at times when the Kiss & Drop is operational that there will be the capacity for cars to travel safely in both directions along Vanstone Avenue. The speed limit has been signposted as 25kph when children are present.

Public parking is **not** available on school grounds, however, Disabled Parking spaces are available. These parks are only for those people who have been issued a Disabled Parking Permit, and need to exit their vehicle onto school grounds, not to sit in the car and wait for, or drop off students.

The Kiss and Drop zone on Vanstone Avenue allows traffic to flow while students are entering and exiting the vehicles. PLEASE do not park in the Kiss and Drop zone.

Can you also please ensure your children use only the footpath side of the car. We have had near misses where students have opened doors into oncoming traffic or race to try to get into the car while other cars are trying to pass. Please be patient while waiting for your turn for your children to enter or exit the vehicle.

If you have parked incorrectly, whether by accident or design, you may be asked to move your vehicle and we would expect, in the interests of the safety of our students and school community that you comply with any and all reasonable requests from **all** staff members.

We thank you for your cooperation.

## CLASS STRUCTURES / STAFF 2018

Acting Principal	Penny Wilde
Deputy Principal	Belinda Finlay-Smith
Student Wellbeing Leader	Erin Anear
Reception	Pam Ryles
Reception	Silvia Lang (Carol Thomas)
Year 1/2	Hazel Dobson (Joanna Idzikowski)
Year 1/2	Sandra Howlett
Year 1/2	Jess Brown
Year 1/2	Alena Birss
Year 1/2	Mel Yates
Year 1/2	Rachel Pullman
Year 3/4	Susan Kaye (Tues-Fri) & Tanjje Brown (Mondays)
Year 3/4	Nigel Branson
Year 3/4	Gerry Lewis (Mon – Thurs) & Sarah Pearce (Fridays)
Year 3/4	Neil Lohmeyer (Mon – Wed) & Tanjje Brown (Thurs – Fri)
Year 3/4	Peter Lucas
Year 5/6	Chris Burns
Year 5/6	Richard Kemp
Year 5/6	Alyssa Rigney
Year 6/7	Christine MacLean
Year 6/7	Jo Power
Indonesian	Nunung Lehmann
Music	Sarah Pearce
Science	Vance Smith
Physical Education	Michael Sboro
Library	Deb Hampton
Student Learning Support	Eira Dixon (Mon-Thurs)

## MEDICATION

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure any medication kept at school for your child is in date and that there are adequate supplies. Please note: this includes puffers.

## ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Acquaintance Night will be held on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2018** at 5:30pm – 6:30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers, visit the classrooms and find out more about our school. You will be able to seek clarification on any questions you may have. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The school garden will be open and you are welcome to come and admire learn about it. The Library will be open and everyone is encouraged to visit. Please come along and read a book with your family members or join in the Treasure Hunt!

## GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Would you like to have your say? Do you have ideas and or suggestions you would like to share? Would you like to be involved in your child's education? Do you have 2 Monday nights free per term? If so, please come along to the Governing Council Annual General Meeting on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> February**, immediately after the Acquaintance Night activities. The Governing Council AGM is scheduled to commence at **6.45pm in the Library**. No children please.

Please let Leadership or Front Office staff know if you would like to nominate for a position on Governing Council. The email address for all correspondence is [dl.1059.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.1059.info@schools.sa.edu.au)

## CANTEEN ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2018

Lunch orders and counter sales will commence on **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February**. A new menu / price list has been sent home separately.

All cash payments can be left in the classroom Lunch Boxes, please take EFTPOS/Credit Card payments to the Canteen staff.

**Uniform Shop** Monday & Wednesday 8.30am – 9.00am  
**Kitchens** Friday morning before 9.15am

If you are available to help in the canteen on Monday, Wednesday and / or Fridays, please see Trish in the Canteen, or the Front Office staff. Fridays and Special Lunch days are our busiest days, but if you can help on any of the days the canteen is open, that would be great. All help is greatly appreciated.

## FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS

Please advise the school **EVERY time** you change any of your details including phone numbers, mobiles, address, and emergency contacts.

**This information is critical if we need to contact you in an emergency.**

Please also ensure we have your current email address.

## PIMPALA'S DAILY PROGRAM

School Starts:	8:50 am <i>Students must be in class when the bell sounds</i>
Recess Eating Time:	10:40 am
Recess Play Time:	10:50 am – 11:10 am
Lunch Eating Time:	12:40 pm – 12:50 pm
Lunch Play Time:	12:50 pm – 1:30 pm
Dismissal:	3:10 pm

## 2018 SCHOOL FEES

Invoices for school fees have been sent home with students this week along with School Card forms. If you are eligible for School Card we would appreciate it if you could return School Card forms as soon as possible. Please note: the income threshold has been raised this year so you may be eligible this year, even though you may not have been in the past. If you are having financial difficulties paying your school fees, please do not hesitate to contact Helen Clark at the Front Office.

### Payments can be made via the following methods:

#### Online (Credit Card)

Visit [www.pimpalaps.sa.edu.au](http://www.pimpalaps.sa.edu.au) or the Skoolbag App to pay online.

#### In person

The Finance Window is open in the Courtyard each morning from 8:30am - 9:15am.

#### By Phone

The Finance Office will take over the phone EFTPOS payments from 9:15am – 3:00pm daily.

**School fees must be paid in full by no later than Friday, 13th April, 2018 (unless paying by instalments)**

#### Payment by Instalment

School fees can be paid by instalments, please fill in a Direct Debit By Instalment Request Form which is available on the website, app or Finance Window and return it to the Finance Office by Friday 16th March. Please note: payments must be finalised by the end of Term 2, (Friday, 6th July), unless alternate arrangements are made with the school.

## STUDENT PERMISSION FORM 2018

Thank you for returning the Student Permission Forms so promptly this year. For those of you who have not already done so, can you please complete the form and return it to the school as soon as possible, but no later than **Friday, 9th February, 2018**. This form enables your child to participate in school activities including Library Borrowing, local excursions and having photos taken.

The permission form now has a section on the reverse side regarding images. Please ensure you complete this section too.

### **The Student Permission Forms must be completed each year.**

Can you also please complete the **Information Technology – Cyber Safety Policy** (for YEAR 4 students only). The Cyber Safety Policy is divided into three parts with the first part providing general information, the second part relevant for Reception to Year 3 students and the third part for Years 4 – 7. The parent approvals are also signed by the students as a contract of use and are valid for the years the students are in the relevant age range. Consequently, only those students going from Year 3 in 2016 to Year 4 in 2018 need to complete this form and agreement of use.

Please return this form (by Year 4 students only) by **Friday, 9th February, 2018** so students can access our IT facilities.

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30am – 9:15am during term time. We also take phone orders and payments, for your convenience.

## ALLERGY AND NUT AWARENESS POLICY

As a number of our students have severe allergies, including nuts, so please abide by the school Allergy and Nut Awareness Policy. The policy is included with this newsletter. Please refrain from bringing any nuts and products containing nuts (including Nutella) to school. Thank you.

## CHANGES TO THE ASSEMBLY ROSTER

Whole School Assemblies will take place on the first and last week of each term and on Special Occasions. At other times the assemblies will either be a Junior Primary Assembly – Years R-2 or a Primary Assembly – Years 3-7. Listed below is the program for Term 1.

PROGRAM FOR TERM 1			
WEEK	DATE	WHOLE/JP/P	HOSTS
3	16/2/2018	JP	Rachel Pullman
5	2/3/2018	P	Jo Power & Christine MacLean
7	16/3/2018	JP	Sandra Howlett
9	30/3/2018	P	Year 5/6 classes
11	12/4/2018	WHOLE SCH	SRC

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Pimpala will once again participate in Scholastic Book Club this year. Twice a term, during the school year a Scholastic catalogue with different selections of books will be offered.

Scholastic offers award-winning books, as well as old and new favourites. These books span 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 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 when paying by LOOP.

## KITCHEN GARDEN UPDATE



The garden survived well over the Christmas holidays, a little messy underfoot at the moment with lots of gum leaf litter, but the fruit trees and vegetables are all flourishing! Thank you to our

Groundsman Harrie, who helped me to keep the garden well-watered.

Throughout the break I was able to harvest over 2kg of cherries and 3kg of apricots. Apricots have been made into jam, stewed and frozen for use throughout the year and the cherries have been pipped and snap frozen also for later use. We have a huge amount of apples, peaches and plums on the trees as well as lots of fresh herbs, beetroot, zucchini, Lebanese cucumbers, spring onions, warrigal greens all ready for cooking and preserving! Tomatoes seedlings which had been donated by one of our families have been doing well and we have a huge amount of pumpkin seedlings popping up everywhere, so it looks like another good crop again this year. For the first time we have oranges and lemonade fruit and figs are fruiting for their second year so hopefully we can look forward to good crops from them in the future.

Unfortunately no koalas were spotted in or around the garden over the break.

If you have excess produce from your own home gardens we are happy to take it for our kitchen lessons. Any produce can be dropped off in the Front Office or left in the kitchen from Monday to Thursday, we are always extremely grateful for your donations.

The Kitchen Garden Program will once again run as a whole school program this year. Each year level will participate in a block of both kitchen and garden lessons.

Each kitchen lesson requires 6 volunteers. It would be lovely to have some volunteers in the garden as well to help supervise small groups of students with activities including sowing seeds, seed saving and watering. Volunteers can be parents, caregivers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends and are welcome to help out in numerous classes if they wish.

Volunteers need to have completed the RAN-EC Training and have a current DCSI clearance. Volunteers are now able to complete the RAN-EC training online through a link on the DECD website. Certificates need to be sighted by the Front Office staff who can also provide any advice about how to meet the requirements to become a volunteer, including how to obtain the appropriate clearances.

If you have any questions about the program or wish to volunteer in one or more of the classes please don't hesitate to ring or SMS my volunteer mobile number 0408 637 850.

We also look forward to strengthening our relationship again this year with the Happy Valley Elderly Citizens Housing Southern Day Program. This will include hosting luncheons, garden tours, gardening sessions and Choir performances. This year we will also be running a lunch time garden club on Wednesdays for students who would like to help out with extra garden tasks and activities.

### 2018 PROGRAM

#### Term 1

Weeks 3-10 Year 6/7 Classes Ms Power, Ms MacLean.

#### Term 2

Weeks 3-10 Year 5/6 Classes Mrs Rigney, Mr Burns, Mr Kemp.

#### Term 3

Weeks 1-5 Year 3/4 Classes Mr Lohmeyer, Ms Kaye, Mr Lucas.

Weeks 6-10 Year 3/4 Classes Mrs Lewis, Mr Branson.

#### Term 4

Weeks 1-3 Year 1/2 Classes Ms Birss, Ms Pullman, Ms Howlett, Mrs Dobson

Weeks 4-6 Year 1/2 and Reception Classes Mrs Ryles, Mrs Lang, Mrs Brown, Mrs Yates.

Michele Ormsby-Smith

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program Coordinator

Volunteer Mobile 0408 637 850



### COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

**Reynella Braeview Calisthenics** – Does your child like to sing and dance, love to be part of a team, want to make life-long friends? Then come and try calisthenics. First 2 lessons are free. Email Tish for more information at [enquiries@reynella-braeview.org.au](mailto:enquiries@reynella-braeview.org.au) or phone 0411581413.

# Allergy and Nut Awareness Policy

## **PIMPALA PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A "NUT AWARE" SCHOOL**

A number of our students have a severe allergy to nuts and can have a life threatening reaction. Anaphylactic shock can occur within seconds of exposure to a nut allergen.

This can occur if...

- contact is made with a person who has handled or eaten nuts or nut products
- contact is made with an object such as a toy or door handle that has traces of nuts on it.
- the person with the allergy inhales the air close to nuts or products containing traces of nuts.

For this reason the following *Allergy and Nut Awareness Policy* has been endorsed by staff and Governing Council.

### **PURPOSE**

- To provide a safe environment for all members of the Pimpala Primary School community.
- To raise the awareness of all members of the community regarding severe allergies.

### **MANAGEMENT**

#### **Parents...**

- Parents and caregivers are requested NOT to send food to school with their child that contains nuts (especially peanuts). This includes peanut paste products, peanut / satay sauce, nut biscuits, Nutella / chocolate spread, crushed nuts on cakes / buns, baklava or other nut pastries, nuts in salads, muesli bars, nougat, any other product with nuts as a usual ingredient as well as foods containing nuts.
- are requested *NOT* to send empty containers to school, for classroom use, if those containers once had a substance that included nuts or traces of nuts
- will be informed of this policy at the commencement of each new school year and at enrolment.
- will furnish the school with a Health Care Plan and Emergency Procedure Plan for each child they have with a nut allergy.

#### **Students...**

- are encouraged to wash their hands before and after eating.
- who bring food containing nuts, or nut products, are required to eat that food right away from other students and to wash their hands, face and mouth before going to play.
- are not to share food.

#### **Staff...**

- will be made aware of students who have anaphylactic responses, including nut allergies.
- will supervise all students during lunch eating time and will be vigilant in regard to this policy.
- will participate in training from Red Cross in understanding and dealing with Anaphylaxis (severe allergic reactions) as the need arises.
- will ensure no nut products to be included in food on special food days (eg cakes, or in any cooking activities at school or on school camps).

### **PROMOTION**

- Parents and caregivers are informed via the Policy Statement being distributed to all families at the beginning of each year.
- New families to the school community are informed.
- Governing Council are informed.
- Staff are informed and provided with training opportunities in the treatment of anaphylaxis.
- Staff are aware of specific students via photographs / information in staffroom, sickroom, in the classroom, TRT folders and class roll books.
- Education, information and procedures are part of staff induction.
- The First Aid officer is in charge of Epi-pens and medications (these treatments will be supplied by the parent / caregiver).
- Staff are required to take Epi-pens, medications and medical plans on any camps & excursions.
- Students are informed via teachers, letters and items in the newsletter.

# Allergy and Nut Awareness Policy cont.

## **PIMPALA PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A "NUT AWARE" SCHOOL**

The Principal will obtain specific medical information from the family at the time of enrolling a student with an allergy (eg an Anaphylaxis Action Plan being provided by a medical practitioner).

This will include:

- Clear photo of the child;
- Documentation of the allergic triggers;
- Documentation of the first aid response and prescribed medication;
- Identification and contact details of the doctor who has signed the action plan.

The Anaphylaxis Action Plan will need to be reviewed every 12 months by the child's parents/ caregiver and GP.

\* This school acknowledges that due to food processing practices it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. Therefore we have opted to be a Nut "Aware" School.

Advice from the Australian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy recommends minimising the risk of food-induced anaphylaxis in schools by:

- Obtaining medical information;
- Education of carers;
- Practical strategies to avoid exposure to known triggers;
- Age appropriate education of children with severe food allergies.

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Bubble Show!



Charlies Diner!



Double Water Slide!

# POSHC Vacation Care!



Wheelchair Sports!



Cooking!



Motor Museum!



Noarlunga Swimming Centre!



Cricket Clinic!