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**WEEK 11, TERM 1**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

**The next assembly will be on**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, at**  
**10:15am and will be hosted by**  
**Mr Kemp's 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 Phone 0439 782 686

### WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Author Incurtion for R-2 students
- Canteen volunteers
- Credit Union SA – Win a Trip to Italy!
- Kindy Garage Sale
- Mother's Day Donations
- Mother's Day Stall
- NAPLAN
- Personal items at school
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### DIARY DATES

5 May	Mother's Day Stall
8 May	Mother's Day
10-12 May	NAPLAN tests
17 May	Aleesah Darlison Incurtion R-2 students
23 May	Governing Council
27 May	High School Forms to be returned
30 May-3 June	Reconciliation Week
3 June	Pupil Free Day
13 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
20 June	Governing Council
21 June	Indonesian Day
22 June	Indonesian Carnival

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# Pimpala Press

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

As we reach the end of Term One we can look back and reflect on all that has been done in the first term of 2016. There have been excursions, incursions, interviews, Acquaintance Night, SAPSASA events, Young Leader's Day and many high quality learning experiences within the classrooms. Today we have also celebrated a student initiated casual day that supports Epilepsy Awareness. On every occasion we have good reason to be proud of our students, both in their achievements and the way they have conducted themselves. What a productive term at Pimpala Primary School!

*"You learn new things all the time." – Cady*

*"Learning with my friends". – Lucas*

*"We get support with our learning because if you get stuck on a sum you are not going to get it done." - Josh*

The curriculum and support / intervention programs are well established and extra curricula activities planned and organised. We hope you found the recent parent teacher interviews useful in acknowledging your child's progress and identifying areas for further improvement. Research clearly shows that the relationship between home and school is significant in influencing student learning outcomes and wellbeing. Written reports will be sent home towards the end of next term.

We have welcomed many new families to our community and it is certainly great to notice new faces in the canteen, coaching sports, hearing students read and coming to assemblies. The Reception students have settled well into the routine of school life and have developed a level of independence quickly.

On behalf of the Pimpala staff can I wish you a relaxing break from the school routine and look forward to another productive and exciting term of learning next term.

Next term will bring the Pimpala Kindy on site. We look forward to welcoming the Kindy students and staff.

Karen Knox

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## STUDENT ABSENCES

All schools are required to meet DECD policy regarding student absences. In fact schools are accountable for all absences including days off, late arrivals and early departures which is why we follow up on all unexplained absences and on explained absences which are excessive or out of the ordinary. Please note: the parent or legal guardian must explain the absence so if siblings, or friends tell us of any absence we must still follow it up with the parent.

Can you please make sure you let us know when your child will be away and the reason on **every occasion**. You can do this by:

- Sending an SMS message or ring the school's dedicated absence line **0412 089 811**;
- Leaving a message on our school answering machine which is operational after school hours;
- Ringing the school during office hours;
- Sending a note in your child's diary;
- Sending an email to **dl.1059.info@schools.sa.edu.au**

If your child is going to be absent as part of a planned absence eg. family holiday, please notify the school before the absence.

If your child will be away from school for 3 or more days on a planned absence (not sickness) then an Exemption Form needs to be completed by the parent to advise the Principal of this absence. The Exemption Form is available from the Front Office.

**Please make sure your mobile phone contact numbers are up to date.**

**It is the parent's responsibility to notify the school of a student's absence and we appreciate your co-operation in this.**

Pimpala is continually trying to reduce our absence rates by offering support to families who struggle to get the children to school on time, or at all, and to those who collect their children early, on a regular basis. If you require any assistance, please contact the Front Office in the first instance.

We understand that it is often convenient to make medical appointments first thing in the morning or near the end of the day and this constitutes a valid reason for a late arrival or early pick up. As much as possible we would appreciate these appointments being made outside of school times.

However, picking up your child early because it is hot, or raining or because it is hard to get a car park are not valid reasons.

We ask that students arrive on time so that they have access to any information required for the first lesson and the rest of the school day. We also ask that students stay until the end of the school day so that they are able to complete tasks in their lesson times and do not miss out on any end of day instructions regarding homework etc.

Let's enable our children to get the best education they can, by making sure they arrive on time and do not leave early, **unless it is absolutely necessary**.



## SPORTS FEES FOR THE 2016 SEASON

As you are no doubt aware the sports season is nearly upon us. Invoices have been sent home.

**Netball fees are \$40.00**, which includes the cost of court hire, equipment and trophies. Players are required to wear the Microfibre School Polo which can be purchased from the Uniform Shop for \$23.00.

**Basketball fees are \$30.00 + \$5 per week payable at the basketball stadium**, which includes the cost of equipment, basketball singlets (which are supplied on match day) and also trophies.

**Soccer fees are \$60.00** for Registration fees payable to the NDJSA (Noarlunga Districts Junior Soccer Association), equipment, umpires, trophies and grounds preparation.

Please note the last day to pay for Sports Fees is **Friday, 6th May**. If you have trouble paying by this date please contact Front Office staff to make arrangements.

**NOTE: All sports fees must be paid prior to the first match.**



## PERSONAL ITEMS AT SCHOOL

Please do not let students bring personal items including toys, sporting equipment or Pokemon cards to school. Items brought to school for "sharing" during class times should be given to the teacher for safe-keeping and not played with during the day.

Student mobile phones are given to teachers at the start of the day and returned at the end of the day.

The school does not take any responsibility for lost personal items including phones, toys, sports equipment, Pokemon cards or trading cards.

## SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY

On Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, 28 students went to Noarlunga Downs Primary School to compete in the Onkaparinga North and Onkaparinga South District Cross Country Day. The students born in 2006 had to run 2km, while the students born in 2005, 2004 or 2003 had to run the 3km course. The course was a little damp with some tough hills, but the Pimpala students ran very well and all students finished the race. We had some great results, with Silas finishing first, and Isabella finished third. Pimpala came first in the 10 Year old girls team event, and second in the 11 Year old boys event.

All students represented Pimpala well, showing great sportsmanship and encouraging all our participants. For the second year in a row, it was mentioned from officials on the day that Pimpala had some of the best sportsmanship they had ever seen, encouraging our own school but also other schools too.

Special mention to the drivers who were able to take our students to the event and parents who assisted on the day. Without your support we wouldn't be able to compete. Thanks to Deb Kemp, Sarah Bosworth, Rebecca Betterman, Vicky Craggs, Bronwyn Vidau, Alema Holmes, Tina Gelven and Anthony Doman and all the parents who drove their own children to and from the event. Thank you.

Well done all students. Another great day.

Michael Sboro  
**PE TEACHER**



## PUPIL FREE DAY

On **Friday, 3rd June** there will be a Pupil Free Day to enable staff from schools in the Panalatinga Partnership to attend annual training and development. This will involve up to 18 schools.

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

## MOTHER'S DAY DONATIONS

It's not far away now! Mother's Day is on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. If you would still like to contribute donations to sell on our stall, please bring them to the Front Office by Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May.

Thank you for all the wonderful Mother's Day Stall donations we have already received. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The Mother's Day stall will be held on **Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May** – each class will be given the opportunity to purchase items during the day, and then students and parents may purchase after school on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May and then before and after school on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May.

## YEAR 7/8 TRANSITION FORMS

Year 7/8 information packs were sent home today. Please return the completed ED176 form to the Front Office by **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## AUTHOR INCURSION FOR R-2 STUDENTS

As part of the English curriculum, Aleesah Darlison, a multi-published, award winning children's author will be performing "Puggles & The Little Bent-wing Bat" on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May for Reception to Year 2 students. The performance will focus on the uniqueness and diversity of Australian native wildlife and the preservation of animal species and habitats.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for the students to attend an entertaining and delightful performance which they will thoroughly enjoy.

Forms have been sent home during the week. The cost of the incursion is \$5 per student, to be paid by **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May**.

## CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

We would love your help in the canteen. Any help would be greatly appreciated. If you can assist between 10:30am and 1:00pm on Monday, Wednesday or Fridays please see Trish in the canteen or let the Front Office staff know.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Pimpala will once again participate in Scholastic Book Clubs from Term 2. 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 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.

## NAPLAN

In Week 2 of next term the Year 3, 5 & 7 students will participate in the National Literacy and Numeracy tests. It is expected that all students participate, however, if you have any concerns about this can you please see Karen Knox as soon as possible. The timetable will be sent home early next term.

## CREDIT UNION SA – WIN A TRIP TO ITALY!

Win tickets to the 2016 Italian Grand Prix and a Lake Como experience by taking out a new Allianz car, home or landlord insurance policy through Credit union SA and you could win. Call your School Community Representative Mark Kohler 82027675 or visit [creditunionsa.com.au](http://creditunionsa.com.au)

## KINDY GARAGE SALE

The Morphett Vale Preschool Kindy is closing at Venning Street, and is holding a Garage Sale on **Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> April** from 9:00 - 11:00am. All unwanted equipment is for sale (for a donation) - old tables, easels, climbing frames, anything inside that can be dismantled (bring a screwdriver), even plants from the garden (bring a shovel).

Shelley Mair

**Director, Morphett Vale Preschool Kindergarten**

## WIRREANDA SECONDARY SCHOOL SPECIALIST SPORT PROGRAM

### Applications are still open for 2017

In an attempt to respond to the ongoing changes in sport and athlete development, we have closely reviewed our Specialist Sport Program and made significant changes over the past 3 years. The course enables students to experience an elite program to support their sporting and individual athletic development.

We are continuing to review the course and seek feedback from families, students and the wider community to further develop our Specialist Sports Course at Wirreanda Secondary School.

To support our redesigned program in 2017 our SSC leadership team will consist of:

- Dan Gale HPE and Specialist Sport Course Coordinator
- Andrew Attwell-Gill, Lead Teacher: Transition, Community and Pathways
- Heather Lee, SSC Sport Officer

The application package for the Specialist Sports program for Year 7s going into Year 8 in 2017 are open. You can get these from the Wirreanda Secondary School website by going to the Specialist Sports link where it says to apply for 2017 or the sports office by contacting Heather at [Heather.Lee54@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:Heather.Lee54@schools.sa.edu.au) or phone 83297230. Applications for the SSC program close on Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> 2016.