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WEEK 9, TERM 1
Friday, 31st March, 2017

The next assembly will be on
Friday, 6th April, 2017, at
10:15am and will be hosted by
Ms Dixon, Mrs Robins & Ms
Kaye's classes.



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Dedicated Phone Numbers

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

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- After School Sports
- Behaviour Support SMS Messages
- Casual Day
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DIARY DATES

6 April	SAPSASA District Cross Country Day
6 April	Botanical Gardens Excursion
13 April	Cultural Casual Day
13 April	Last day to pay school fees
13 April	Last day of Term 1
1 May	Pupil Free Day
14 May	Mother's Day
12 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
30 June	Indonesian Day

Feedback -
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EARLY DISMISSAL

THURSDAY, 13th APRIL - 2:10pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Teacher Interviews

The weeks have passed by very quickly with next week being Week 10. As mentioned in the last newsletter and a separate note that went home we will be holding our parent/ teacher interviews next week. If you haven't already done so, please log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **ceauq** to book your interview with your child's class teacher.



STEM Works Update

Progress is continuing on our STEM Works project, with a recent Project Design Start Up meeting held at our school on 17th March. Discussion focussed on fine tuning our project design which includes a new building and a refurbishment to part of the Primary Unit building to create a science lab.

The meeting also allowed school leadership to be introduced to key personnel working on the project. This included departmental representatives, along with the project's architect and key engineers.

Our STEM Works project has a budget of \$1 million, which will be used to develop an integrated Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths facility.

It is anticipated that the concept phase will take six weeks to complete. This process includes engaging engineers and developing a more detailed report to set out an indicative building program and to inform the procurement strategy.

Prior to construction beginning, the project may be required to undergo planning/development approvals if required and also building certification.

It is anticipated that the builder for our STEM Works project will be engaged from mid-year; however, this will be subject to the size and complexity of each project.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Chris Burns and his partner Nicole on the birth of their daughter, Elsie Quinn Burns.

Have a great weekend.

Ken Smith
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KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM

Term one has been extremely busy with the Year 6/7 classes participating in the Kitchen Garden Program. Classes have shown great enthusiasm and completed many different tasks in the garden such as mulching the garden paths, harvesting garden produce for cooking lessons, shredding paper for the compost bins, giving the garden chairs a coat of varnish, watering, weeding, building climbing structures for our beans, garden bed preparation, fertilizing and general vegetable garden maintenance.

The weather has proven challenging for classes and the students have endured warm weather, humidity and rain throughout the term. These conditions, although challenging to run classes in, have truly benefited the growth of the garden produce. This year we have had record crops of tomatoes, eggplants, pumpkins and zucchini. We have grown approximately 10 zucchinis that have all weighed in excess of 3 kilograms each. A few even weighed in at a whopping 4 kilograms! Needless to say we have incorporated lots of zucchini into our menu this term. We also have 25 butternut pumpkins currently growing. Rockmelons, pomegranates and sweet potatoes are some of the other less common fruits and vegetables we currently have growing in the school vegetable garden.

Donations to the Kitchen Garden Program this term have included plums, apples, strawberries, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, a giant zucchini and some pantry items. The donated zucchini was grown by one of our students, Rhys Slater, who grew the zucchini at home and pollinated it by hand. Well done Rhys! I would like to thank our school community for the wonderful donations. Any donations of excess fruit and vegetables that you might have grown at home are gratefully accepted and can be dropped into the kitchens Monday – Thursdays. These are then incorporated into our current menu or preserved to be used at a later date.

Term 1 Menu

Week 3

Egyptian Roasted Beetroot Dip with Pita Bread Dippers
Bacon, Lemon Zucchini Pasta
Apple Slice

Week 4

Apple, lettuce and Fennel Salad
Pasta with Chunky Eggplant Sauce
Rock Cakes

Week 5

Minted Apple Slaw
Risoni, Leek, Roasted Tomato and Basil – Zucchini Boats
Peach Cakes with Cinnamon Sugar

Week 6

Master Salad/Special touches for salad
Pasta with Basil Pesto – Zucchini Boats
Tropical Smoothies

Week 7/ 8

Silver beet Dip with Pita Bread Dippers
Zucchini and Bacon Fritters with Garlic Yoghurt Dipping Sauce
Lemon and Lime Honey Cakes

Week 9

Roasted Eggplant Dip
Leek, Bacon, Lemon and Herb Risotto
Lemon and Poppy Seed Biscuits

Week 10

Cheese and Chives Dip
Silver beet and Feta Pinwheels
Raspberry, Orange and Passionfruit Frappe

One of the highlights this term was hosting luncheons for some very special people in our community. On Thursday of Week 7 and Tuesday of Week 8 Pimpala Primary School Year 6/7 classes hosted luncheons for the Happy Valley Elderly Citizens Housing Southern Day Program. It was a wonderful intergenerational experience for all involved. Students took the visitors on informative tours of the vegetable garden then headed into the kitchen to prepare a variety of delicious items for lunch. Using fresh produce from the garden the students prepared a wonderful menu which included Roasted Eggplant dip, Lemon, Bacon and Zucchini pasta, garden fresh salads and Lemon and Lime Honey cakes. Students entertained, chatted and waited on the visitors throughout the afternoon. At the end of the visit our guests presented us with two beautiful big gift bags full of pantry ingredients for our Kitchen Garden program. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Happy Valley Elderly Citizens Housing Southern Day Program throughout the year.

Term 2 Information

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11:10	Kemp-Garden		Rigney Garden	Burns Kitchen
12:00			Burns Garden	
1:30		Kemp Kitchen		Rigney Kitchen

Year 5/6 classes will be participating in the Kitchen Garden program throughout Term 2. Classes will start in Week 3 and continue until Week 10. We will be requiring lots of helpers for our kitchen lessons. If you have completed the RAN-EC Training for volunteers and have a current DCSI clearance to work with children we would love your help!! If you would like to obtain a DCSI clearance to work with children please see the front office staff. DECD is now offering online RAN-EC training for volunteers, please see the DECD website for the link or speak to Barb in the Front Office for more information.

If you are able to help with our cooking lessons please ring or message me of your availability or if you have any questions at all regarding the program please don't hesitate to contact me or pop in and see me in either the kitchen or school vegetable garden.

Michele Ormsby – Smith

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program Coordinator
Volunteer Mobile 0408 637 850**



YEAR 7/8 TRANSITION

As part of the Year 7/8 transition process, information packs will be sent home to parents usually by the end of Week 11 of Term 1. Parents are required to complete the ED176 form indicating their preference of high school for their child and return the form to the Front Office.

Students are guaranteed a place at their zoned high school only, but may apply for positions at out of zone schools including special interest schools. (Please note: if you are considering a Special Interest Course you should contact the high school directly as soon as possible for entry criteria).

It is a good idea to visit any schools you may be considering and for this purpose all high schools including non-government schools, have a designated open time where they display what they have to offer. Opening dates and times are available from individual school websites. Further information is also available on their websites.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Mother's Day is on Sunday, 14th May. We are seeking donations of new items to sell at our Mother's Day stall. Please bring any donations to the Front Office by Tuesday, 10th May.

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



EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who has donated goods for the Easter raffle, we have many wonderful prizes to be won. To ensure this fundraising event is a major success, we are still accepting donations for the Easter Raffle. Please bring along Easter eggs or goodies, and place them in the Easter Raffle donations box in the Front Office. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Just a reminder that all raffle books need to be returned to school by Friday 7th April whether they are sold or not. The Easter Raffle will be drawn at a special assembly on Tuesday, 11th April at 2:30pm.



PUPIL FREE DAY

Pimpala Primary School will be having a Pupil Free day on **Monday 1st May** (the first Monday of Term 2), to enable staff to undertake Training and Development.

POSHC will be available. Please contact Hazel Godfrey at Hazel.Godfrey850@schools.sa.edu.au or phone 0413 482 521 for bookings.

BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT SMS MESSAGES

You may receive a message from the Counsellor reading "Dear Parent, your child attended time out today due to their yard behaviour. Regards, Tim Seidel, Counsellor. Pimpala Primary School." Or "Dear Parent, your child required leadership support due to their behaviour in class. Regards, Tim Seidel, Counsellor. Pimpala Primary School."

These messages will be sent each afternoon to the families of students, where the student has displayed behaviour that is inconsistent with our school behaviour code, or deemed inappropriate by a staff member.

The intention of this is to inform parents that something has occurred, and to encourage you to speak with your child/ren about their day. We encourage students to be honest with their families and 'own' their behavioural choices. The school will contact families directly if we are concerned about a student's behaviour and arrange for a meeting to discuss further strategies to support students where we perceive that their behaviour is ongoing and unresponsive to the 'time out' procedures. If families wish to implement a further consequence at home, that is your choice, however, from the school's perspective, we encourage families to discuss the behaviours and try to get the student to understand the broader impact that it has on themselves and the wider school community.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions with the school messaging system, we are currently unable to identify individual students with these messages, which we understand is inconvenient for families with more than one child attending the school. We are looking into a solution for this.

All instances of a more 'serious' nature will result in either a more personalised message from the school, an email or phone call direct to the parent.



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 your child's teacher as soon as possible. The timetable will be sent home early next term.



VACATION CARE FORMS

Vacation Care forms for the April school holidays are now available from POSHC as well as the app and website for your convenience.

Please contact Hazel Godfrey at POSHC for bookings and further information on 0413 482 521 or email to Hazel.Godfrey850@schools.sa.edu.au

CASUAL DAY

On the last day of Term 1, Thursday, 13th April we will be having a Cultural Casual Day. Students can choose to dress in clothes that represent their culture. Regular casual clothes are also welcome but we would like to encourage a cultural theme.

Please bring along a gold coin donation to participate.

The money raised from the day will go towards purchasing a second flag pole to raise the Indigenous Flag on each day alongside the Australian flag which already stands at the front of our school.



NUTS

We have a number of students at school with a severe nut allergy. This can be a life or death situation in some cases, so we ask that everyone complies with the Nut Aware Policy. (Refer to the Nut Aware Policy in the Downloads / Policies section of the website www.pimpalaps.sa.edu.au).

Please do not bring **any** nuts, or nut derivative products to school. This includes but is not limited to peanut paste and Nutella.

In the interests of the safety of all of our students, thank you for your care and consideration in this matter.

KISS & DROP

The Kiss and Drop zone on Vanstone Avenue works brilliantly in the mornings with traffic flowing smoothly as students are dropped off on the way to school.

However, in the afternoons, it could be better. Some parents /carers are parking in the zone while waiting for their child/ren to come out from school, meaning that traffic is not able to flow.

If your child is not visible when you get to the zone in the afternoon, please drive around the block. The traffic needs to flow to make the process work successfully. The area in question is well signposted and we ask that you respect the signage.

AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS

Soccer:

We have had significant interest in soccer with over 100 players registering their interest in playing. This takes a lot of organisation so thank you for your patience. Due to the large number of players we need more coaches and team managers.

Basketball:

We have also had a good response from students wanting to play basketball. However, we are in the same position as with soccer, in that we also need coaches and team managers.

Netball:

Once again we have had a good response from students wanting to play netball but we also need coaches and team managers.

If you have completed the RAN-EC Training for volunteers and have a current DCSI clearance to work with children we would love your help!!

If you would like volunteer for any of these teams but currently don't meet the requirements, please see Front Office staff who can commence the DCSI process for you. DECD is now offering online RAN-EC (Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education Care) training for volunteers so it is now easier to access the required training. If you need any further information, please see Barb in the Front Office.

We can only offer these sports if we have enough coaches and team managers. Please consider volunteering so that every child gets the opportunity to be part of a sports team.

CLASSROOM ACCESS

Parents and carers are able to access the classroom before school until the bell goes. After this time, please make sure that you go through the Front Office for everything including if your child is late, or if they have forgotten something eg. their lunch, homework book, diary, show and share of if you need to collect your child early. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Parenting after Divorce and Separation

Separation and divorce can be a stressful and challenging time for parents and children. It can put children at risk for emotional and behavioural problems, poor academic achievement, and ongoing relationship problems. Parents may also experience increased depression, anxiety and stress.

It is important that families have access to evidence-based preventative interventions. Researchers at the University of South Australia and The University of Queensland are developing an online intervention to support parents during this transition. They are encouraging parents to have an input into what is important to go in the program and what their needs are.

Interested parents can learn more about the study and complete a brief online survey at <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/pads>

The BFG Measurement

Our class novel this term is 'The BFG', (The Big Friendly Giant) and the class absolutely love it!

What a fun and engaging way to introduce our new topic of measurement this term by measuring the BFG. Our class spent the Maths lesson outside estimating and measuring the length of the BFG as well as the length of our class, if they were a giant!

If our class was a giant (minus a few students away), we would be roughly 33 metres tall! Much taller than the BFG who only measures 10.8 metres tall.



Measurement is fun because it challenges you. – Olivia

I like measurement because it is helpful when you grow up!

- Alissah

Measurement is really important to learn.

- Kaylee

Our BFG measurement lesson was really fun!

- Lachie/Rylan



Ms Dixon and Mrs Robins class ☺

