What wonderful weather we had for our April holidays, I certainly hope you enjoyed the time with your children.

This term we welcome the new Pimpala Kindy onto our site. All our classes have had a very smooth start and settled back into school routines quickly. We also welcome back Susan Kaye to the Year 3 class.

**NAPLAN Tests**
Next week the Year 3, 5 & 7s will participate in the National Literacy and Numeracy tests. The timetable is as follows:

- **Tuesday:** Language Conventions and Writing
- **Wednesday:** Reading
- **Thursday:** Maths

We ask for your support in ensuring your children are at school and organised in a punctual manner each day. The Year 2, 4 & 6s from classes participating in the tests will be supervised in other areas during the testing times. Results will be sent home later in the year. Examples of the test questions will be available later this term.

**Sporting Schools Sessions**
This term we will be offering students the opportunity to be involved in the Sporting Schools program after school. The sport that we will be offering at this stage will be Hockey. These sessions are always really popular so please watch out for the information and forms and get them back to the Front Office quickly.

**Class Newsletters**
The Class Newsletters will be distributed early this term. In your Class Newsletters you will find information about the vast range of learning programs and activities planned for your child/ren this term, including in school performances and special events.

**Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers and grandmothers in our community.**

Karen Knox
Principal
**TEAM SPORTS STARTING TERM 2**

School Sports will commence in Week 2.

**Basketball** will be played over three nights at the Morphett Vale Basketball stadium at Wilfred Taylor Reserve. The teams will play every match on the days listed. **The times shown are for next week only.**

- Monday: Year 6/7s – 9th May – 3:50pm
- Tuesday: Year 2/3s – 10th May – 4:35pm
- Wednesday: 4/5s – 11th May – 3:50pm

**Netball** will be played on Tuesdays commencing 10th May, after school at the SUNA courts at the Wilfred Taylor Reserve.

- B Grade: 4:30pm
- C Grade: 4:30pm
- D Grade: 3:45pm
- E Grade – please note E Grade is now F Grade as the team consists only of Year 2 students
- F Grade: 3:45pm

**Soccer** will commence on Saturday, 14th May as part of a home and away series. Further information can be provided by the coaches.

Please note: Deb Kemp has a dedicated soccer phone number, however, during the day Deb works with students in classes and will not be able to answer the phone. Deb is available before 8:30am and after 3:00pm or you can leave a message and she will return your call when she is available.

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

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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

The Scholastic Book Club catalogues have gone home today. Scholastic offers award-winning books, as well as old and new favourite spanning 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 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.

**Last day to order is Thursday, 19th May, 2016.** No late orders will be taken.

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**NAPLAN TIMETABLE**

In Week 2 the Year 3, 5 & 7s will participate in the National Literacy and Numeracy tests. The timetable is as follows:

**Tuesday 10th May:** Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation); Writing

**Wednesday 11th May:** Reading

**Thursday 12th May:** Numeracy

We ask for your support in ensuring your children are at school and organised in a punctual manner each day.

The Year 2, 4, & 6 students who are in classes participating in the tests will be supervised in other areas during the testing times. Results will be sent home later in the year.

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**PUPIL FREE DAY**

Don’t forget there will be a Pupil Free Day on **Friday, 3rd 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.
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, 27th 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

Aleesah Darlison is a multi-published, award winning children’s author. She will be performing “Puggles & The Little Bent-wing Bat” on Tuesday, 17th 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 were sent home last term. The cost of the incursion is $5 per student, to be paid by Friday, 13th May.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY

We hope all of our mothers and grandmothers have an amazing day on Sunday and enjoy the wonderful gifts from the Mother’s Day stall.

Thank you for the lovely donations which made the Mother’s Day Stall so successful and a special thank you to our marvellous volunteers who worked tirelessly to source, prepare for sale, setup and sell the items. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

CREDIT UNION SA

Buy a new Allianz comprehensive car insurance policy through Credit Union SA for your chance to win a brand new Mazda3 Maxx, valued at $28,000.

Call your School Community Representative: Northern area - Dimitri Carapetis 8202 7673 Southern area - Mark Kohler 8202 7675, or visit creditunionsa.com.au

Hurry, competition closes 1 July 2016. Conditions apply.

ANZAC DAY

On ANZAC Eve, 24th April Jordan Franz and Thomas Franklin attended the Youth Vigil for the City of Onkaparinga. On an unseasonably warm ANZAC Eve, Jordan and Thomas represented Pimpala with pride, showed respect and embodied mate-ship. With the centenary of the battle of the Western Front being remembered this year, it was wonderful that we could pay our respects at the cenotaph.

Well done to both young men for taking time out of their school holidays to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Lest we forget.

OLIPHANT SCIENCE AWARDS

This year Pimpala will be participating in the Oliphant Science Awards. Students from Reception to Year Seven are able to enter a science project as individuals or a group in the following categories:

- Computer programming and robotics
- Crystal investigation
- Games
- Models and inventions
- Multimedia
- Photography
- Posters
- Science writing
- Scientific inquiry

These entries are judged against others from across the state, and there are prizes for the best projects. I will be holding an information session for any interested students during lunchtime in the next couple of weeks.

Vance Smith
Science Teacher