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0413 482 521**WEEK 9, TERM 2****Friday, 1st July, 2016**

The next assembly will be on Friday, 8th July, at 10.15am and will be hosted by Mr Lucas' class.



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DIARY DATES

25 July	Pupil Free Day (First Day of Term 3)
27 July	52 Storey Treehouse

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EARLY DISMISSAL – FRIDAY, 8th JULY – 2:10PM

Indonesian Day and Carnival 2016

On Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 8, we held our annual Indonesian Day and Carnival. Students from Reception to Year 5 were involved in a range of interesting and fun activities that were run by the Year 6/7 students. These two days allowed students across the school to engage in Indonesian cultural activities to give them a deeper insight into the country of Indonesia. As many of you would be aware, Bahasa Indonesia (the Indonesian language) is taught from Reception to Year 7 at Pimpala. It is important for students to have this cultural insight to complement their language learning. The 'National Statement for Languages Education in Australian Schools' states:

"Education in a global community brings with it an increasing need to focus on developing inter-cultural understanding. This involves the integration of language, culture and learning. Inter-cultural language learning helps learners to know and understand the world around them, and to understand commonality and difference, global connections and patterns. Learners will view the world, not from a single perspective of their own first language and culture, but from the multiple perspectives gained through the study of second and subsequent languages and cultures."

During Indonesian Day on Tuesday, the Junior Primary students were involved in many Indonesian craft activities including making orangutan masks, puppets, and volcanoes and illustrating an Indonesian folktale. The Primary students learnt how to fold origami, make pop stick rafts to escape a volcano, learnt to play sepak takraw (a traditional Indonesian sport) and learnt how to play the Angklung (a traditional Indonesian instrument). All students were also involved in a session with Dodi Darmadi. Dodi is an Indonesian performer from Java. The Junior Primary students watched a drumming performance and were invited to play the drums with Dodi. The Primary students took part in a Kite Making workshop using bamboo, string and rice paper.

On Wednesday, the Year 6/7 students ran an Indonesian carnival in the hall for the entire school. There were games like 'Pin the Face on the Orangutan', 'Get the Ring on the Elephant Trunk', 'Rainforest Skeeball', 'Feed the Garuda', 'Volcano Throw' and many more.

The Year 6/7 students created all of these entertaining and fun activities for Indonesian Day and the Carnival and took on a lead role in organising both days. This gave these students an opportunity to develop their leadership skills and student voice. They have all done a fantastic job and all classes in the school have had an opportunity to participate in a range of amazing activities.

Terima Kasih
(Thankyou)

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MEET THE WRITERS FESTIVAL

The Year 6 & 7 students were invited to apply to attend the Annual "Meet the Writers" Festival. Ten students were able to convince Ms Hampton, our Librarian, that they were keen to and deserved to attend this exciting event. So on Tuesday, 20th June, a very wet and windy day, Keira, Kaneisha, Annalise, Travis, Ethan W, Amy, Lachlan B, Sarah M, Teresa and Emma M travelled by train to the "Meet the Writers" festival at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The group were able to listen to 4 Australian Authors including Claire Zorn – author of *"The Sky So Heavy"*, Phil Cummings – author of many books but most recently *"Ride Ricardo, Ride!"*, Archie Fusillo – author of *Dead Dog in the "Still Night"* and Jack Heath – author of *"300 Minutes of Danger"*.

The authors made some interesting observations:

Claire Zorn:

"When little kids tell stories it's called lying. When you're a writer it's called Fiction".

"The only way to find out how a story ends is to start writing it".

Phil Cummings:

"A book is an experience."

"Teachers are your light in the darkness – your torch in the tunnel".

Archie Fusillo:

"For writers, readers are the most important people."

Jack Heath:

"In writing you can do anything you want – the sky is the limit".

"You are the sum of the things you do so for heaven's sake do something."

"Writing is like everything you do, except skydiving – the more you practise, the better you get at it".

The author talks were interesting, entertaining, inspiring and humorous and helped to inspire the students. It was a great day and an enlightening experience for all the students.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS / STUDENT REPORTS

In Week 10 you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at school and be given their Mid-Year Report at a parent teacher interview. If you have not scheduled a meeting time with the teacher please make sure you do so as you must attend the parent / teacher interview to get your child's report.

CANTEEN NEWS

Once again, the Special Lunch this term was a big success. The take-up on special lunches is always around the 80% mark which is a credit to Trish and Faye who always provide fresh and delicious lunches for our students. Special Lunch day is always a very busy day and our volunteers work extremely hard to get so many lunches out on time. Thank you to our amazing volunteers for the special lunch, Rick Mart, Fiona O'Neill and Leanne Reed and our regular volunteers Shen Shen and Julie.

In Term 3, the canteen will be run a little differently. In an effort to reduce congestion at the Finance Window, all payments for the canteen will now be made directly to the canteen.

Canteen Payment Options

Option 1: Send all cash payments via the class room lunch order box on **Monday, Wednesday & Fridays only**. **Please note:** this includes payments for special lunches. Credit Card payments can be made by supplying your credit card details in the lunch bag.

Option 2. Payment can be made at the Uniform Shop on Monday and Wednesdays 8.30 – 9.00am and from the kitchens on Friday Mornings.

A new canteen menu is enclosed with the Newsletter. We have had to increase prices to cover increased wages and costs.

From Term 3, NO canteen payments will be taken at the Finance Window.

Canteen payments can only be made when the canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays.

RAN TRAINING

As you would be aware, Pimpala PS is ensuring all volunteers have the appropriate DCSI clearance and have undertaken RAN training before they are able to volunteer. If you wish to volunteer and haven't applied for your DCSI clearance yet, you can still apply by completing a form at the Front Office and providing 100 points of ID.

Although Pimpala has not planned any RAN training sessions in the short term, the South Australian Association of School Parents Clubs is providing free sessions for volunteers in government schools. Please call 1800 724 640 or email info@saaspc.org.au for more information or to register for the sessions.

FATHER'S DAY STALL DONATIONS

Father's Day is on Sunday, 4th 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.

HANDBALL

Most of our students love playing handball. It is a fantastic activity as it puts into play many of the skills taught during PE lessons including: hand – eye coordination, playing by the rules, gamesmanship etc.

Unfortunately some students take these games so seriously that they exhibit poor behaviours at times including arguing, swearing and on odd occasions pushing and shoving.

Handball was only allowed to be played during lesson times at school for quite some time due to this type of behaviour and it was only recently re-introduced at playtimes at student request. It would be unfortunate if this activity needed to be limited again.

We encourage all parents to speak with your children about playing fairly, taking turns, speaking in a respectful manner to all players and keeping violence and aggression out of the playground at all times, to ensure the opportunity of playing at recess and lunch continues to be available for everyone's enjoyment.

PUPIL FREE DAY

There will be a Pupil Free Day on Monday, 25th July, 2016, the first day of Term 3 for a Whole Staff Wellbeing Day. Louiza Hebbardt will present a program for all school staff which increases awareness and provides practical information about how to best manage the emotional demands and associated complexities of working in the school setting.

POSHC will be available. Please contact Hazel Godfrey at Hazel.Godfrey850@schools.sa.edu.au or phone 0413 428 521

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. The system is set up in such a way that if you send an SMS message you will automatically receive a reply if your message has come through to the school.

Recently we have had a few glitches in the system where parents have been able to demonstrate that a message was sent and yet it hasn't been received by the school.

If you do not receive a response to your SMS, we have not received the message, so please phone the school or re-send until you receive a response. We apologise for any inconvenience. Thank you for your co-operation.

FUNDRAISING MONEY

As fundraising over the last 18 months within our school community has been very successful, we now need to decide on what we wish to spend the money on.

A form is included with this newsletter so you can list your ideas and suggestions. These will be collated and put forward at the next Governing Council meeting in Term 3. We would love to hear your thoughts. Please return the form to the Front Office **by Friday, 5th August.**

52 STOREY TREEHOUSE EXCURSION

Students in Mrs Yates, Mrs Dobson, Ms Seyfang, Mrs Kaye and Mr Lucas classes will be travelling to the Adelaide Festival Centre Dunstan Playhouse to view the performance of the "52 Storey Treehouse" on Wednesday, 27th July, the first week of Term 3. The cost of the excursion is \$12.00 which can be paid at the Finance Window by Friday, 8th July or you can pay online by Friday, 15th July.

Please return your **consent form by Friday, 8th July**, regardless of how you will pay.

SAPSASA KNOCKOUT NETBALL

On Monday, 27th June (Week 9), 9 of the schools best Year 6/7 girls represented Pimpala in the SAPSASA Knockout Competition, playing against Aldinga Primary School. Although we started the game well, Aldinga had some great, tall and skilful players who were too strong for our girls. We came back late in the game, but Aldinga won and will go onto the next round of the Knockout Competition. The score was 25:11.

Although we lost, we received 2 separate phone calls from Aldinga parents and teachers, saying how fantastic our girls behaved on the court, showing great sportsmanship. Well done to Majella E, Kaneisha G, Tyler M, Lauren H, Kayla P, Tahlia M, Emily R, Annalise E and Teresa O. Great effort.

SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday, June 9th (Week 6) we had 3 students from Pimpala represent Onkaparinga North in the SAPSASA State Cross Country Day, being held at Oakbank Racecourse. Brooke G and Isabella S represented us in the 10 Year old girls' event. Silas H represented us in the 11 Year old boys. All 3 competitors ran very well, doing Pimpala proud.

They enjoyed the experience, running against some of the fastest runners in the State. They particularly enjoyed getting down and dirty on the wet day. Great work guys and well done.