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Karen Knox

Deputy Principal:
Michelle Smith

School Counsellor:
Scott Whitters

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Alison Turner

WEEK 5, TERM 3
Friday, 26th August, 2016

The next assembly will be on
Friday, 2nd September, 2016, at
10:15am and will be hosted by
Mr Smith and Mrs Kaye's class.



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Dedicated Phone Numbers

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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Book Fair
- Book Week
- Burrito Special Lunch
- Community Noticeboard
- Father's Day Stall
- Father's Day Stall – Assistance Required
- Hats
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DIARY DATES

1-2 Sep Father's Day Stall
4 Sep Father's Day
12 Sep Governing Council
14 Sep Last day to pay for Burrito Special Lunch
21 Sep Burrito Special Lunch
30 Sep Last Day of Term 3 – Early Dismissal – 2:10pm
17 Oct First Day of Term 4

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SCIENCE DAY 2016

National Science Week this year was from August 14 – 20. During that week we held our annual Science Day. Students from Reception to Year Seven participated in a range of activities in the areas of biology, chemistry and physics. These included making lava lamps, playing with static electricity, a garden scavenger hunt, programming robots, building musical instruments, using magnetism to race around a maze, experimenting with electrical circuits and trying to knock things over with vortex cannons.

Many of the activities were suggested by the students. I have also received lots of constructive feedback on what they enjoyed and what could be improved upon. One thing they all agreed was that the day was fun. Hopefully they came home and shared stories of the day with all of you!

I would like to thank all of the staff here at Pimpala for their assistance in making it such a great day. Without their hard work it would not have been such a success. I would also like to thank two former students who offered a considerable amount of help on the day, Connor and Zander Mart. They helped with much of the setup and ran a couple of the upper primary activities.

Finally a huge thanks to the students, without their enthusiasm for Science and learning, days like this would not be possible.

We look forward to Science Day 2017!

Vance Smith
Science Teacher

Dear Families,

I am very happy to have been appointed as the Deputy Principal of Pimpala PS and have been impressed with many things I have seen this week. The students, families and the staff members here have been extremely welcoming to me and I am grateful to everyone for that.

My family and I migrated to Adelaide from London 9 years ago and Adelaide is now my home. Most recently, I was the Assistant Principal of Hampstead Primary School in Greenacres in north east Adelaide.

Education can enrich many peoples' lives and I am very proud to be an educator. I hope that with this strong team of educators here at Pimpala, I can contribute to ensuring that each child at Pimpala is given the opportunity to develop as a respectful and responsible communicator that shows excellence in everything they do.

I look forward to meeting you all face to face and to chat with you.

Michelle Smith
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



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FATHER'S DAY STALL

Don't forget, Father's Day is on Sunday 4th September. We will have some wonderful gifts for sale at the Father's Day Stall which will be held on **Thursday, 1st September**. Gifts will start from \$1.00 and go up to \$15.00.

Children will have the opportunity to buy gifts at the Father's Day Stall with their class during the day.

Families can also buy presents at the stall after school on Thursday, 1st and also before and after school on Friday, 2nd September.

We are still accepting donations of new items for the stall. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FATHER'S DAY STALL: ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

Please let the Front Office know if you are able to assist with the Father's Day Stall on **Thursday, 1st September** anytime from 9:00am – 1:00pm. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Please note: You must have a current DCSI - working with children clearance and have completed RAN-EC training to assist on the stall.

STEM UPDATE

Since our last update, the STEM Committee has met with the DECD Facilities representative and also with the Architect for the project.

As the STEM project is quite large, the membership of the committee may change over time as the project enters different phases. The committee is comprised of students, teachers and a parent representative.

On Tuesday, the Committee visited other sites and had tours of their STEM areas, to get ideas of what our space could possibly look like.

There is a display in the Library showing ideas for STEM classrooms.

BOOK WEEK

What a fantastic start to Book Week! The Book Fair arrived on Wednesday and the students have had the opportunity to make their wish list and to purchase their favourite books during the Scholastic Book Fair.

Then today we had our Book Week Parade. Our classes have worked very hard to prepare props, masks and costumes so they can represent the themes and characters from the book their class has chosen.

It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and friends at this annual event. The students enjoyed having you there to share this colourful event with them.

BOOK FAIR

Just a reminder that the Scholastic Book Fair will remain open for sales in the Library, before and after school Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th August, and before school on Wednesday 31st August. We hope to see you there.

MINISTER SUSAN CLOSE'S TOP PICKS FOR 2016 BOOK WEEK

Younger readers

- My Family and Other Animals* - Gerald Durrell - fantastic book about the love of nature and also English eccentricity
- Enid Blyton books - fantastic page turners for early readers... I tend to change up the names a bit so we're not quite as stuck in gender stereotypes
- The Secret Garden* - Frances Hodgson-Burnett , *The Railway Children* - E Nesbit - beautiful heart to them
- The Dark is Rising* series - Susan Cooper - very intelligently written, great characterisation
- The Great Ghost Rescue* - Eva Ibbotson
- The Twelve and the Genii* - Pauline Clarke - fabulous book for late primary to read to themselves
- Stig of the Dump* - Clive King - brilliant, funny lovely book
- Tom's Midnight Garden* - Philippa Pearce - beautiful book ... playing with concept of time, highly recommended for late primary/early secondary.
- The Hobbit & The Lord of the Rings* - JRR Tolkien

Older readers

- Lucky Jim* - Kingsley Amis - only book by Kingsley Amis I like, one of the funniest books I've ever read
- Pride and Prejudice* - Jane Austen
- Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy* - John Le Carré - page turner, intelligently written, thoughtfully characterised
- Anna Karenina* - Leo Tolstoy
- The Martian* - Andy Weir - fantastic because ... science, enjoyable to read
- Anything by PG Wodehouse - precision of language for the purpose of humour.

SMALL CHANGE FUNDRAISER

You may have noticed that we have a large money box in the Front Office, to collect any small change donations you may wish to make, to purchase new plants for our Sensory Garden. This is a Governing Council initiative.

We appreciate your donation, no matter how small as it will all go to a great cause. Thank you for your support.

SSO WEEK

Recently, we celebrated School Service Officers Week. At Pimpala we are very fortunate to have a fantastic team of support staff helping to care for and educate your child, and run our school efficiently. As many of you are aware they are always happy to go above and beyond the call of duty for the benefit of our students, staff and school.

Our heartfelt thanks to:

Class support team

Deb Kemp
Joan Jameson
Sue Renfrey
Debbie Vatsinaris
Rob Rodgers
Jenny Jackson
Kate Turner
Marli Stanley
Kyal Bacon
Lauren Richardson
Maggie Palmer

Canteen

Trish Mart
Faye Yeomans

Stephanie Alexander

**Kitchen Garden
Coordinator**
Michele Ormsby-Smith

Groundsman

Harrie Thyssen

Administration team

Barb West
Kylie Gatter
Karen Campbell
Pam Pearce
Helen Clark

Resource Centre

Karen Campbell
Helen Clark

Pastoral Care Worker

Simon Uppill

POSHC Director

Hazel Godfrey
(and her fantastic team)

Aboriginal Community

Education Officer
Marli Stanley

BURRITO SPECIAL LUNCH

Don't forget our Burrito Special Lunch on Wednesday, 21st September. At a cost of just \$8 you will receive the following delicious lunch with recess included:

- a chicken burrito,
- churro - cinnamon donut (for recess),
- jelly,
- juice.

Please return the order form with payment **by Wednesday, 14th September**. **Please note:** No counter sales or lunch orders will be available on this day.

Payments can be made via the classroom lunch boxes on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays **ONLY**.

EFTPOS payments are taken at the Uniform Shop on Monday and Wednesdays and at the Canteen on Friday mornings.

No late orders will be accepted.

WALKATHON

Thank you for your fantastic support with our Walkathon again this year. Congratulations to the three winners – Ryley Davidson, Nicholas Heyink and Ayrliia Richards who raised the most money by an individual student, and to all the raffle winners, who were drawn at the Special Assembly late this afternoon.

HATS

Pursuant to the Pimpala Sun Smart Policy, hats must be worn throughout the school year except for Winter months, 1st June to 31st August.



Students will require hats at school **from Thursday, 1st September**. Hats are for sale from the Uniform Shop and cost \$15.00.

SPECIAL VISITORS

Recently the DECD Senior Executive Group headed by Rod Perse, the Chief Executive, elected to hold their meetings at schools, to allow Principals the opportunity of being involved in decision making, and making the department aware of issues affecting schools.

Pimpala was chosen for the inaugural school meeting.

Karen Knox, and a group of students met with the Senior Executive Group and took the group on a tour of the school and kindy, and used this opportunity to discuss issues relevant to Pimpala PS.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the school to put forward its' ideas and I am sure the Senior Executives were able to better understand life at a school as a result of this visit.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

There will be a School Closure Day on Friday, 11th November, the day after Sports Day.

Please note: POSHC will **not** be open on this day due to Training and Development commitments.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Christies Beach Blue Light Bounds and Sounds at Inflatable World, Morphett Vale on Friday, 30th September from 7-9pm for ages 10-14 years. Tickets available at the Colonnades Info Desk or at Inflatable World.

The Surviving and Thriving Playgroup - a free supported playgroup for mums and children aged 0 – 5 years old, where the mums are survivors of domestic violence. 10 – 11:30am, Thursday mornings (during term time) at Woodcroft Heights Children's Centre. Beginning: Thursday, 1st September 2016. Bookings not required. If you'd like to go along, just take yourselves and a piece of fruit to share. If you have any questions, or would like to have a chat beforehand, please phone: Bonnie Yates (Family Services Coordinator) on 8381 8005, or email at bonnie.yates2@sa.gov.au. The Woodcroft Heights Children's Centre can be found at: 25 Investigator Drive, Woodcroft, right next door to Woodcroft PS.

GoDigi – PopUp Event at Woodcroft Library, 175 Bains Road, Morphett Vale on Thursday, 8th September from 10am – 12 noon. Learn about Centrelink Online Services, Medibank Online Accounts, What is MyGov and why do I need to use it and linking member services to MyGov. Bookings are essential on 8384 0050. Please bring your laptop or tablet and any passwords that you may find relevant.

The Hub Library has a **Coding Club** which meets on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 4:30pm. Please phone 83840100 for more information.