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Director: Hazel Godfrey

0413 482 521**WEEK 9, TERM 3****Friday, 23rd September
2016****The next assembly will be
on Friday, 30th September,
at 10.15am and will be
hosted by Mr Sboro.**Download our app
from the App store
or Google Play

Kitchen Garden Volunteers: 0408 637 850

POSHC Enquiries: 0413 482 521

Student Absences: 0412 089 811

**WHAT'S INCLUDED?**

- **Celebration of Learning**
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- **Planning for 2017**
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**DIARY DATES**

30 Sep	Last Day of Term 3 – Early Dismissal – 2:10pm
17 Oct	Pupil Free Day
20/21 Oct	Year 4/5 Excursion
28 Oct	World Teachers Day
10 Nov	Sports Day
11 Nov	School Closure Day
15/16 Nov	Year 6/7 Aquatics
25 Nov	Celebration of Learning Concert

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**EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER
AT 2:10PM**

KIMOCHIS

Pimpala PS has taken a whole school approach to Kimochis, introducing them to all year levels and even using them in the sick room. During the last year, two of our Junior Primary students have needed to go to hospital and both of them found the use of the Kimochis comforting.

They are used in a classroom setting in a number of ways but fundamentally they are used to help students identify their own feelings and to find ways to deal with these feelings. The Kimochis consist of a number of characters including Lovey Dove, Bella Rose, Cat, Huggtopus, Clover, Cloud and Bug. Children identify with the characters, including their flaws and use these to develop strategies to assist them with their day to day issues.



"If your emotional abilities aren't in hand, if you don't have self-awareness, if you are not able to manage distressing emotions, if you can't have empathy and have effective relationships, then no matter how smart you are, you are not going to get very far." —Daniel Goleman, *Emotional Intelligence*

Kimochis are a fantastic tool for everyone including children, adolescents, and adults. Kimochis enable us to see ourselves and each other in a non-judgmental way. Whilst the introduction of this program was initially targeted at the R-3 classes, it has now been implemented in the higher year levels and can also be used to tackle more serious issues including mental health.

The Kimochis help teachers provide students with the tools to be successful people by allowing them to develop social intelligence, kindness, and the ability to work in a community. We strongly believe our students are reaping the benefits from the Kimochi program.

On a different note, I would like to thank Michelle Parslow and Jordan Wheatcroft who have replaced Deb Egglestone, Gerry Lewis and Christine Seyfang while they were on leave during this term.

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CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Don't forget our Celebration of Learning Concert which will be held on Friday, 25th November at 1:30pm. Please put this date in your diaries.

We are looking forward to our students showcasing what they have learned during the year with a variety of performances.

Some classes will perform on their own, while others will join together for a fusion of talent. The program has not been finalised yet but so far, will include songs, singing and dancing and puppetry.

Please come along to see your child and their classmates' performance.

More information will be sent home as it becomes available.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure all students are wearing appropriate school uniform and abide by the Uniform Policy at all times.

Please note: Class teachers will be following up with any students not wearing school uniform and they will be asked to play in a designated area of the yard.

We understand that there are occasions when there are exceptional circumstances. If this is the case, please write a note to the class teacher. We thank you for your ongoing support in this area.

PRINTER TONER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING

We are pleased to advise Pimpala Primary School is a recycling location for printer cartridges. Bring your used cartridges to the Front Office or hand them to your child's class teacher before or after school and they will be placed in the recycling bin.

PUPIL FREE DAY

On Monday, 17th October, the first day of Term 4 there will be a Pupil Free Day so staff can undertake Training & Development around STEM - to enable all staff to embrace the new learning styles and inclusivity of the STEM mindset and to incorporate it into Term 4's learning

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

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be held on **Thursday, 10th November** and will be run during school hours.

More information to follow in future newsletters.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

On **Friday, 11th November** there will be a School Closure day – the day after Sports Day.

POSHC will be **NOT** be available as their staff will use this opportunity to undertake Training & Development.

PLANNING FOR 2017

As indicated in our last newsletter we are still planning for 2017. We are looking at class configurations and need accurate numbers for each year level to plan the best possible scenarios. Consequently we would like to know if you are planning to leave the school. Please let the Front Office know if your children will not be returning to Pimpala PS next year.

We will seek your feedback early in Term 4 regarding your child's placement. If there are any issues you would like considered, please complete the form we will send then, or if there are any matters requiring more urgent attention, please make an appointment with Karen.

We also want to make sure we have all siblings listed. If you have had a child recently, or if you are not sure whether you have lodged an enrolment form for any siblings, please check with the Front Office. We don't want to miss anyone!

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER

We have recently been having problems with our school phone number 8326 0900 and we are organising to have it repaired. However, if you are unable to get through on our regular phone number please call **8326 0690** or the Absence Line **0412 089 811** to contact the school.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE

Reminder: Although our Absence Phone Line is working and we can receive messages and calls, the system which gives automatic return messages is no longer working. When you reply SMS, can you please ensure you include your child's name in your response.

The computerised sign in / sign out system is also affected and has not been working for most of this term. We are planning a new server upgrade and local system upgrade which will alleviate these issues. However the timeline for this to happen is still to be determined.

We appreciate your patience until these matters can be resolved.

TERM 4 EVENTS

Term 4 is going to be very busy. In order to help you plan the 9 weeks of Term 4 here is a snapshot of what we have planned. More information about each event will be provided during Term 4.

Week 1 - Pupil Free Day

There will be a Pupil Free Day on Monday, 17th October. POSHC is available.

Week 1 -Year 4/5 Excursion

The Year 4/5 classes will visit the Apple Store and the History Museum on 20th or 21st October. Forms have been sent home. Last day to pay is Friday, 30th September.

Week 2 -World Teacher's Day

We will celebrate our wonderful teaching staff on World Teachers Day, Friday, 28th October, with a morning tea provided by all of the non-teaching staff at school.

Weeks 4/5/6 -Transition Visits

Our new Reception students for 2017 will get to experience 3 sessions of school on *Wednesday, 9th November, Tuesday, 15th November and Tuesday, 22nd November* from 9:00am to 11:45am.

Week 4 -Sports Day

Sports Day will be held on *Thursday, 10th November* and will be run during normal school hours. Events will start at 9:00am and the day will conclude at 3:10pm. Family and friends are welcome to come and watch the fun and games of the day.

Week 4 - School Closure Day

There will be a School Closure Day on Friday, 11th November, 2016. POSHC is not available as the POSHC staff will be undertaking T&D.

Week 5 - Aquatics

The Year 6/7s will spend 2 days in or on the water at Port Noarlunga on *Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th November*.

Week 6 - Celebration of Learning Concert

Our inaugural Celebration of Learning concert will be held on Friday, 25th November at 1:30pm. Come along and enjoy watching all of the classes demonstrate their skills and talent during the afternoon.

Weeks 7/8 - Swimming (Reception - Year 5)

Reception - Year 5 students will attend swimming sessions for 1 week either during Week 7 (28th November- 2nd December) or Week 8 (5th - 9th December).

Week 9 - Volunteers Morning Tea

In appreciation of all of our wonderful volunteers who help out in so many ways in and around the school, the staff will provide a morning tea in the last week of term. Date and time to be provided.

Week 9 - Graduation

And finally, our Year 7 students will graduate from Primary School on *Thursday, 15th December*.



SOCCKER SEASON

This year the Pimpala School Soccer Season was a great success with 12 teams, a total of 117 participants, who all tried their best.

We would like to give a huge thank you to the parents and caregivers who gave their support at all times.

We would like to thank the coaches for giving up their time to educate the kids on this world-wide game and for making this season possible. We would also like to say a big thanks to Bek Woodley who organised the BBQ at home games.

On behalf of everybody involved we would like to say a massive thanks to Deb Kemp for making this season possible.

Jude Y & Thomas F

CRAZY HAIR DAY

On Friday, 30th September we will have **Crazy Hair Day** to raise funds in support of "Ella's Gift" – which is linked to the Variety Club – the Children's Charity.

Please bring a gold coin donation to support "Ella's Gift" to Variety – the Children's Charity.

Ella Zerna, is a Year 4 students from Mrs Lewis' class, who is planning to cut off and donate her hair so it can be made into a wig for someone who has lost their hair due to a medical condition.

Wigs cost families up to \$6000, lasting 1-2 years, meaning families can spend tens of thousands of dollars on the purchase of wigs throughout a child's youth.

By making a donation to Variety – the Children's Charity, you can help provide a wig or other vital equipment to a child in need.

You can also donate directly on line at www.alopecia.everydayhero.com/au/ella-s-gift

Please note: Students are required to wear full school uniform.