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WEEK 5, TERM 4

**Friday, 18th November,
2016**

**The next assembly will be on
Friday, 25th November, 2016, at
1:30pm and will be the
Celebration of Learning concert.**



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Kitchen Garden Volunteers: 0408 637 850
Student Absences: 0412 089 811

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Address Details
- Canteen Closed Week 9
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DIARY DATES

25 Nov	Celebration of Learning Concert
28 Nov- 9 Dec	Rec-Year 5 Swimming
30 Nov	Governing Council Dinner
14 Dec	Volunteers Morning Tea
15 Dec	Graduation
16 Dec	Last Day of Term
	Early Dismissal 2:10pm

Feedback:

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Pimpala Press

* RESPONSIBILITY * RESPECT * COMMUNICATION *
* EXCELLENCE * FRIENDSHIP *

Last Thursday we had our Annual School Sports Day. We were lucky enough this year to have some fantastic weather on offer for the students to dress up, have fun and compete in this year's daytime event. We had 2 different programs running throughout the day; the Primary section and a Junior Primary section.

At the end of the day, all students ran in a sprint and supported their teams. All students participated fantastically, showing great sportsmanship and encouraging their classmates. Well done to **O'Sullivan (Yellow)** for winning this year's Sport Day. The students really loved Sports Day and had lots of fun.

"I liked the bucket relay game the best because we got wet and it was a hot day." – Leesa (Rec)

"Sports Day was a great day because we had games all day and we were able to get fit." Noah (Yr 1)

I enjoyed Sports Day because we were able to play games all day with friends and show great sportsmanship." Anushka (Yr 4)

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, the Year 6/7s travelled to Port Noarlunga to participate in their annual Aquatics lessons. Although it was a bit cooler than Sports Day we were also very lucky to have some fantastic weather for the 2 days. The students were involved in wind-sailing, surfing, boogie boarding and wave skiing, kayaking, snorkelling and fishing (this year we caught a squid). The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt many new skills throughout the 2 days.

In the next few weeks students from Reception to Year 5 will be participating in Swimming lessons. During these lessons students will learn some basic lifesaving skills, learn the basics of swimming, learn survival skills and have some fun whilst practising water safety.

All students in the state are required to participate in Swimming from Years R-5 and Aquatics for Years 6-7. This is part of the State Government's plan to educate students on water safety. It is also a part of the Australian Curriculum's Health and PE Curriculum.

Michael Sboro
PE SPECIALIST

What a fabulous day for a Sports Day last Thursday! With the sun shining and a rainbow of yellow, blue, red and green colours, Pimpala students embarked on a day of fun, action and sportsmanship. Many families came to support their children throughout the day with the loudest cheers being heard during the whole school relays. Thank you to the teachers and students for making the day such a delight. Thank you to the families for supporting the event and thank you to those who provided help and support with cakes and the cake stall, barbecue assistance, and support with events.

On the day the winning team was O'Sullivan with the captains, Jesse C and Amber P, making a heartfelt speech about how well their team participated both in the events but as supportive team members. They also sincerely thanked the participation of all of the other teams in the events and their efforts as fair sportspeople. Thank you to the Sports Team Leaders who showed great leadership not just on Sports Day but in the weeks leading up to the event by encouraging best efforts and sportsmanship.

The biggest thanks goes to Mr S who once again coordinated a successful event!

Next week we have another big event to continue our jam packed Term Four schedule. The *Celebration of Learning* concert will be held on Friday 25th November in the Hall at 1.30pm. Please be seated by 1.30pm to be ready for a plethora of fabulous performances and an afternoon of entertainment. We hope to see you there.

Karen Knox
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CELEBRATION OF LEARNING CONCERT

Practice. Practice. Practice. All classes are busily preparing for the inaugural Celebration of Learning Concert on Friday, 25th November at 1:30pm.

Please put this date and time in your diary so you can enjoy this wonderful display of talent. We are looking forward to our students showcasing what they have learned during the year with a variety of performances.



RECEPTION – YEAR 5 SWIMMING

The Reception – Year 5 Swimming Program will take place over 2 weeks from **Monday 28th November to Friday 9th December** at the Noarlunga Swimming Centre. Parents are welcome to go to the pool to watch. Please note: only teachers may take photographs/videos at the swimming centre. This is to respect and protect the rights of the children and the instructors in relation to privacy.

Full payment is required by **Wednesday, 18th November, 2016.**

Swimming is part of the school curriculum, however, if your child will not be attending, can you please let the class teacher or the Front Office know as soon as possible.

Students will be attending lessons at various times during the day, so unless you are notified otherwise, they should wear their bathers under their school uniform to school each day. The junior primary students will be attending the earlier sessions at the pool each day. Students will travel to and from the pool in their bathers wrapped in their towels and will get changed back into their uniforms at school.

Please ensure **ALL** items are labelled with your child's name. Any unclaimed items will be put in the lost property bins in the courtyard.

Please ensure you have an up to date Health Care Plan for your child (they are only valid for 12 months).

Any school based medication will be taken to the pool. If you have ticked the box on the Swimming Consent Form for asthma and have not provided an Asthma Care Plan or any medication or spacer, you will need to provide it before swimming lessons commence. If you require any further information about Health Care Plans, please ask Front Office staff.



CANTEEN CLOSED WEEK 9

The canteen will be closed during the last week of this term, 12th – 16th December, 2016. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

CAR PARK

PLEASE do not walk through the car park with your children. In the morning often POSHC staff are leaving as children are arriving. Reversing vehicles find it almost impossible to see little children in their rear view mirror.

If you plan to enter the school from Vanstone Avenue, please use the paved pathway at the front of the school to exit and enter.

Public parking is not available on school grounds, however, Disabled Parking spaces will still be available in the outer car park. These parks are only for those people who have been issued a Disabled Parking Permit, and need to exit their vehicle onto school grounds, not just to sit in the cars and wait for, or drop off students.

The Kiss and Drop zones work well, however, please ensure your children enter and exit the parked car on the footpath side of the car. We have had near misses where students have opened doors into oncoming traffic or race to try to get into the car while other cars are trying to pass. Please be patient while waiting for your turn for your children to enter or exit the vehicle.

In the interests of the safety of our students and school community please be patient, use the paths provided and take due care when picking up or dropping off your children. We thank you for your cooperation.



YEAR 7 GRADUATION

The Year 7 Graduation Ceremony will be held on **Thursday, 15th December** at 6:00pm in the Hall. Family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony to celebrate this special event, to see our Year 7 students graduate.

Afterwards, students and staff will attend a dinner. Further information will be sent home at the end of Week 6.



CHRISTMAS GIVING

As in past years, Pimpala will be co-ordinating donations of canned and non-perishable food and presents for a local church to distribute to needy families. These items are used to make hampers for the less fortunate in our community.

Let's make it a great time for everyone this Christmas by bringing something to help struggling families. Please bring items including canned food, packet food or unwrapped new presents and toys to the Front Office.

ADDRESS DETAILS

At the beginning of the last week of school, we will be posting reports and class placement letters home. Can you please make sure your address and contact details are up to date.

If you have not already provided one, or if it has changed, can you please provide a current email address by sending an email to the school info address dl.1059.info@schools.sa.edu.au from your phone, ipad or computer with the Subject "Email Address – Your Child's Name". Please make sure you include **your** child/ren's names in the subject line and send this email **by Friday, 25th November**. This will ensure we have the right address on file for any future contact, distributions etc. Our plan, supported by Governing Council, is to email the newsletter in 2017.

CLEARANCES & TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

The 2 essential items you require to volunteer at Pimpala Primary School are:

- The Department for Communities & Social Inclusion – Working with children clearance;
- and
- the Responding to Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care – volunteer training.

If you need to get the appropriate clearances so you can help as a volunteer in any capacity at school, there is a new process to apply for a DCSI clearance to work with children. Please provide the Front Office with your full name, date of birth and email address and this information will be lodged electronically by Pimpala to DCSI who will then send the applicant a link to complete the rest of your information. DCSI have advised that your application will be processed within 30 business days. All costs are covered by the school.

Although Pimpala has not planned any on-site RAN Training sessions this term, the South Australian Association of School Parents Clubs is providing free sessions for volunteers in government schools. We are trying to organise for one of these sessions to be at Pimpala within the first 2 weeks of school next year however, this is still to be confirmed. In the meantime please call 1800 724 640 or email info@saaspc.org.au for more information.

VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA

On Wednesday, 14th December we will be holding our annual Volunteers morning tea to appreciate and acknowledge your valuable contributions. Invitations will be posted soon. However, if you do not receive one but have contributed in some way to our school during the year, we would love for you to join us at 10:45am on Wednesday, 14th December.

WHOSE JUMPER ARE YOU WEARING?

Can you please check the name in the jumper your child is currently wearing. It is so easy to pick up a jumper belonging to someone else as they all look the same.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Now is a great time to start looking for any Library books you may have borrowed during the year but haven't yet returned. We will be commencing stock-take after Week 7 so we require all Library books to be returned by Friday, 2nd December.

UNIFORM SHOP HOLIDAY OPEN TIMES

During the school holidays the Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday, 24th January, 2017 from 1:30 – 3:30pm for your convenience.

MUSIC COUNT US IN! 2016

On Thursday, 3rd November (Week 3), Pimpala Primary School again participated in the nation-wide music event for "Music Count Us In!" 2016. We joined over half a million other students across Australia to sing the song "Let It Play" at the exact same time on the exact same day.

All students from Reception to Year 7 performed the song with the accompanying actions they had learnt in music lessons. We were all led by our amazing Junior Primary Choir who stood front and centre and the Year 4/5 cohort provided excellent drumming and dance to really bring the performance to the next level.

Holley, Rebecca, Amy and Emma performed the AUSLAN signing translation of the song, which they had learnt mostly in their own time.

Well done to all of the students and staff for such an incredible performance. You sounded fantastic!

