

**Principal:**

Karen Knox

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Michelle Smith

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Scott Whitters

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Director: Hazel Godfrey

0413 482 521**WEEK 9, TERM 4****Friday, 16th December,
2016****The next assembly will be
on Monday, 30th January,
2017, at 9:45am and will be
hosted by Mr Smith.**Download our app
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DIARY DATES

30 Jan	First Day of 2017 school year
30 Jan	First Day Assembly
3 Feb	RAN Training for Volunteers 9-11am
17 Feb	RAN Training for Volunteers 1-3pm

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS &
A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



2016 has certainly been an amazing year! There has been so much learning and excitement around the school with students successfully completing another year of their primary education. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this so that Pimpala can offer our students a wide range of learning opportunities.

One of the groups that tirelessly assist us in many programs are the volunteers. This week we had our Volunteers' Morning Tea. We have an incredible number of volunteers and we certainly appreciate the fantastic help that you provide. We hope that you will join us again next year.

Pimpala staff are some of the most professional and hard-working that I have had the pleasure of working with. Now we have reached the end of the year there are a few people leaving us.....

Deb Egglestone has decided to retire after many years at Pimpala and over 40 years as an educator for DECD. She has made an excellent contribution to this school both in her role as classroom teacher, 4 year old program coordinator as well as being a calming influence for parents and children as they started their schooling journey. We will certainly all miss her and her compassionate and steady manner. On behalf of all the students, staff and families, I would like to thank Deb for the great work she has done and wish her all the best for the future.

Scott Whitters has been a fabulous member of the Pimpala team and his support for families has been outstanding. Students and teachers alike have greatly appreciated Scott's welcoming, calm nature and willingness to assist students to develop themselves to become the best people they can be. We wish Scott all the best in his new position in Far North Queensland.

Emma Shillum had to step into Neil Lohmeyer's class when he went on leave. She has done a fabulous job and enthusiastically supported these Year 6/7 students to learn, develop and move forward with their learning. We wish Emma all the best at her new position at Hackham East Primary School.

Michelle Parslow has done an excellent job in a number of classes this year as teachers went on leave and moved into leadership roles. She has been a great team teacher with Mel Yates and the Year 2s and the program that they have developed, has meant students have been involved in some excellent learning. Coorara Primary School is very lucky to have Michelle on their team in 2017 and we wish her all the best.

Jordan Wheatcroft has had a role in many classes this term and has been a fabulous team teacher with Gerry Lewis and the Year 4/5s. His calm and conscientious nature has been appreciated by us all. Jordan has done an amazing job and as a contract teacher we hope to see him return to Pimpala in the future.

Many of our SSOs are temporary. During this term, eleven positions were advertised state-wide and an extensive process was conducted. Congratulations to the following people on winning their positions: Karen Campbell, Kylie Gatter, Helen Clark, Kyal Bacon, Jenny Jackson, Rob Rodgers, Marli Stanley, Debbie Vatsinaris, Maggie Palmer and Kate Turner. Michelle Ormsby-Smith was also successful in her application to continue the fabulous work she does in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. We thank all of the SSOs for their tireless work with Pimpala students.

We offer our congratulations to our Year 7s who leave us to continue their learning journey at secondary school. We hope these students and their families have fond memories of their time at Pimpala and we wish them all the best for the future.

On behalf of all the Pimpala staff I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday.

Karen Knox
Principal



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CLEARANCES & TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers at Pimpala Primary School need to have a DCSI clearance and have undertaken RAN – EC volunteer training to be able to volunteer in any capacity at school. This includes everything from reading, working in the canteen, helping at special events, coaching sporting teams etc.

In the past DCSI applicants completed paper applications and showed 100 points of ID at school, however DCSI will now only accept electronic applications from the school.

If you would like to apply for a DCSI clearance, please provide the Front Office with your name, date of birth, phone number and email address and we will lodge the application on your behalf. DCSI will then contact you directly to complete the process. The school will cover the costs associated with the assessment.

For the last part of this year, RAN-EC Training has been available sporadically through the South Australian Association of School Parents Club at various locations.

Great news! We have been able to secure RAN – EC training for volunteers on site at Pimpala for 2 sessions early in 2017. If you are considering volunteering in any capacity next year, it is strongly recommended that you undertake one of these sessions.

These sessions will also be run by the South Australian Association of School Parents Club and will be held on:

- **Friday, 3rd February, 2017** from 9:00am – 11:00am
- **Friday, 17th February 2017** from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

Please note: these sessions are for anyone who registers with SAASPC and not just Pimpala Primary School volunteers. Please book in with the Front Office to guarantee your spot at the training.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Thank you to those of you who responded to our request for email addresses. Next year we plan to use email to send notes, the newsletter and other communications. Consequently, we need to make sure we have your most up to date email address on our records.

Please provide your most 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, 23rd December**.

This will ensure we have the right address on file for any future contact, distributions etc. Please note:

From the beginning of 2017, if we do not have an up to date email address, you will have to access the newsletter and other notes from the app only. Hard copies will only be available from the Front Office next year.

PIMPALA'S GOT TALENT WINNERS

Pimpala's Got Talent is a lunch-time talent competition run at the end of each year where students from all year levels can participate. A large number of students auditioned demonstrating their prowess in a range of performance styles. Over a number of weeks the judges, Alyssa Forsaith, Tiana Swan and a guest staff member chose the final three acts in each age group: Reception – Year 2, Years 3-5 and Years 6-7 and during the week they each performed. Students voted for their favourites and congratulations to the final winners in each group:

- **Reception – Year 2:** Dance Act - Jada W & Vanessa M
- **Year 3-5:** Dance Act – Starla E, Anushka R, Amy T, Rebecca T, Abby R, Chloe M & Holley V.
- **Years 6-7:** Comedy Act – Robert H & Ethan W

Thank you to all the students who auditioned, and to those who came to watch the participants. The large crowd each session is a testament to the popularity of the annual event. It was fantastic to see so many talented students!

The winner of each group Rec-2, Years 3 - 5 and Years 6 - 7 performed at the End of Year Assembly today and this was a highlight of the event. Well done!

PIMPALA APP

If you have not already done so, we strongly encourage all of our school community to download the Pimpala PS app. The app is currently being used to send school wide notices including payment reminders for excursions and events including special lunches, alerts and the newsletter.

It is really simple to download. Just go to the App Store for Apple users and Google Play for android phones and search-

"Skoolbag"
and then "Pimpala PS".



Please also make sure you enable push notifications so that when a message is sent, you know about it immediately.

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.

NDIS PROVIDERS

Due to the growth in enrolments, the number of visiting DECD practitioners and the high demand for the use of the meeting room from within the school, it will not be possible for Pimpala Primary School to host NDIS Service Providers from 2017. If your child currently has a provider coming to the school to work with them, can you please let them know of this change for next year. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

KITCHEN GARDEN UPDATE – ELDERLY CITIZENS HOUSING VISIT

On Tuesday and Thursday of Week 7, Pimpala Primary School students hosted afternoon tea for the Happy Valley Elderly Citizens Housing Southern Day Program. It was a wonderful intergenerational experience for all involved.

Students took the visitors on informative tours of the vegetable garden then headed into the kitchen to prepare a variety of delightful items for afternoon tea. Using fresh produce from the garden these items included dips, savoury muffins, cupcakes, lemonade scones, homemade apricot jam and fresh fruit lemonade.

Students entertained, chatted and waited on the visitors throughout the afternoon. At the end of the visit our visitors presented us with a donation and a beautiful big basket full of pantry ingredients for our kitchen garden program. We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Happy Valley Elderly Citizens Housing Southern Day Program in 2017.

The Student Action Environmental Committee spent some time in the vegetable garden last week inspecting the current composting system. Four of the compost bins were ready to use and the lovely rich compost was spread onto numerous garden beds. Those garden beds have now been planted out with summer fruit and vegetable seedlings in preparation for the 2017 Kitchen Garden program.

On a personal note I would like to sincerely thank all of the amazing volunteers who gave up their time this year to help in the kitchen and garden. Without your assistance, time and support we would not be able to run and offer such a successful program. I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Look forward to seeing you all in 2017!

Michele Ormsby-Smith
STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM
COORDINATOR

Student Reflections:

"I thought it was fun cooking for them and hearing about their life. If I was here next year I would want to do it again"
– Ben

"The event was very successful and I enjoyed talking with the elderly people about their lives"-James

"I quite enjoyed the elderly citizens visiting. My favourite part was seeing them enjoy the food"-Travis

I enjoyed making the Rainbow Fruit Skewers and interacting with the oldies because they were really friendly and gentle"- Pacey

"I think that bonding with the elderly people is fantastic because you have to show respect and that is one of our school values" – Meghan

"I think the best part of the visit was when we got to talk to them about how life was back when they were children" – Khushi

"I enjoyed meeting the elderly citizens. I like how they enjoyed our food. Dean (ECH gardener) was funny and he enjoyed looking around our garden" – Chelsea

"I think having the elderly citizen's visit our school was great for gaining my confidence to talk to other people. They were also very nice and I hope to see them again next year" – Scarlet

"I liked the visit but was a bit shy so if we do it more I might be less shy. IT WAS FUN!" – Alora

"I thought it was fun and exciting. Talking to the elderly people was nice; it was surprising that they talked so much. They really enjoyed the food a lot." - Isabella



PIMPALA'S DAILY PROGRAM

School Starts:	8:50 am
	<i>Students must be in class when the bell sounds</i>
Recess Eating Time:	10:40 am
Recess Play Time:	10:50 am – 11:10 am
Lunch Eating Time:	12:40 pm – 12:50 pm
Lunch Play Time:	12:50 pm – 1:30 pm
Dismissal:	3:10 pm

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