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WEEK, TERM
Friday, 21st October, 2016

The next assembly will be on Friday,
28th October, at 10.15am and will be
hosted by Mrs Yates Year 2 class
and Mrs Ryles Year R/1 class.



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

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

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- Celebration of Learning Concert
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 - Class Placement Information Form 2017
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DIARY DATES

28 Oct	World Teachers Day
28 Oct	Pastoral Care Review deadline
4 Nov	Parent Opinion Survey deadline
4 Nov	Class Placement Form deadline
4 Nov	Sports Day BBQ Lunch orders due
10 Nov	Sports Day
11 Nov	School Closure Day
15/16 Nov	Year 6/7 Aquatics
25 Nov	Celebration of Learning Concert
28 Nov- 9 Dec	R-Year 5 Swimming

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Festival of Music 2016

Last term, on Thursday, 22nd September, a group of selected students from our Pimpala Primary Choir joined approximately 450 other primary school children to perform at Adelaide's premier performance venue, The Festival Theatre, for Concert #11 of this year's *Festival of Music*.

The *Festival of Music* is a South Australian Heritage Icon that is now in its 125th season. The annual concert series is conducted over twelve performances and combines over 6000 students from 230 government schools.

This year the Festival presented a World Premiere of the Commissioned Work '*Mission Possible!*' which identifies problems and provides solutions for caring for our planet, as well as a variety of other songs including popular pieces such as '*Que Sera*' by Justice Crew.

Students are expected to learn this vast repertoire of 15 songs and commit to weekly lessons, as well as some lunchtime practices and rehearsals. It takes persistence, loads of practice, and a lot of hard work for the students to be performance ready in September, and as such all of the students in our senior choir this year should be congratulated on this amazing achievement!

In other Music news, on Thursday of Week 3 our whole school will again be participating in the nation-wide event, *Music: Count Us In!*, where schools across Australia pause to sing the exact same song *Let It Play* at the exact same time. The song was written by competition winning Australian school students and aims to promote music and singing in our schools.

Sarah Pearce
R-7 Music Teacher

Welcome to Term Four! This is our shortest term of nine weeks but the one with the most action!

Firstly I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the Festival Choir on their amazing performance at the end of last term at the Festival Theatre. Their enthusiasm and commitment over the past year really showed in the way that they enthusiastically sang and danced through the evening. A big thankyou to Sarah Pearce and Jenny Jackson for their guidance and support for the students, enabling them to have such a wonderful and memorable experience.

Over the coming weeks students will be involved in many activities such as swimming, excursions, Sports Day, Celebration of Learning concert, Pimpala's Got Talent and end of year activities. Please watch the App for reminders of these activities.

At this time of year we are starting to plan for 2017. A "Class Placement Information 2017" form has been sent home with this newsletter. If you would like to provide any information, please ensure you return the form by Friday, 4th November to ensure that the information can be taken into account when placing your child/ren in classes. Please be aware that a range of factors are taken into consideration as part of the class placement process.

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PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Included with this newsletter is a "Parent Opinion Survey 2016" form asking you to provide feedback about our school.

We encourage you to complete the form, providing as much information as you like, and lodge it in the drop-off box in the Front Office **by Friday, 4th November**. Additional forms are available from the Front Office.

CLASS PLACEMENT FEEDBACK

Also included with this newsletter is a "Class Placement Information 2017" form. If you would like to provide information about your child, which you would like to be taken into consideration in the class placement process for next year, please complete the form, and lodge it in the drop-off box in the Front Office **by Friday, 4th November**.

We would prefer all information about class placements be provided through this process. Additional forms are available from the Front Office.

PLANNING FOR 2017

Planning is continuing for 2017. We are looking at class configurations and need accurate numbers for each year level to plan for the best possible scenarios.

Please let us know if you are planning to leave the school or if you know anyone intending to enrol for next year as soon as possible.

SPORTS DAY

Planning is progressing for another fantastic Sports Day on **Thursday, 10th November**. Michael Sboro, our PE teacher, has been busily organising some great events for all classes to participate in. Students are to arrive at regular time. A program of events will be distributed before the event.

The activities are programmed to continue until the end of the school day. Come along and support your child/ren on this fun day. There will be a cake stall, BBQ, and coffee vans.

SPORTS DAY BBQ LUNCH

Students are able to pre-order their sausage sizzle for Sports Day by completing the Sports Day BBQ Lunch Order Form which has gone home this week. Sausages will cost \$2.00 each if pre-ordered for the students and Snappy Ice-blocks will also be available for pre order ONLY at 50c.

The BBQ stall will be selling food on the day – and will also sell sausages for \$2.00 and bacon and egg sandwiches for \$4.00. Please return order forms by **Friday, 4th November, 2016 at 10am**.

SPORTS DAY HELP

As in previous years, we will have a BBQ stall and a Cake Stall on Sports Day and we need your help to cook and serve. We have prepared a roster so if you are available – even for just half an hour, can you please let the Front Office know.

CAKE STALL DONATIONS

We would really appreciate donations of cakes for the cake stall. We know there are many budding cooks out there – the Stephanie Alexander program would have made sure of that, so please donate items for the cake stall (eg cakes, cup-cakes, brownies, slices etc).

Can you also please ensure you list the ingredients on the items.

Please note: pursuant to our Nut Aware Policy we are unable to sell items which contain nuts.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

On Friday, 11th November, 2016 there will be a School Closure Day. POSHC will **NOT** be open on this day as the POSHC staff will be undertaking training and development.

YEAR 6/7 AQUATICS

The Year 6/7 Aquatics Program will be conducted on **Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th November**. The Aquatics Program is a very popular part of the compulsory curriculum and provides important skills in the ocean environments. All students in Years 6 and 7 are expected to undertake the program. Information and consent forms will be sent home early next week – additional copies will also be available from the Front Office.

Please ensure all Health Care Plans are up to date and that medications are within their use-by date. Students will take their school-based medications with them to the Aquatic Centre.

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

World Teacher's Day is celebrated on **Friday, 28th October**, this year. It is important to acknowledge the efforts of teachers in an increasingly complex, multicultural and technological society.

World Teachers' Day symbolises a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers make and have made to their community.

This year to celebrate World Teacher's Day and to acknowledge our own teachers, non-teaching staff will provide morning tea to celebrate their achievements and success.

RECEPTION – YEAR 5 SWIMMING

During Weeks 7 & 8 of this term, students in Reception to Year 5 will participate in swimming lessons at the Noarlunga Leisure Centre each day for a week. As we have so many students in these year levels, the program will be run as 2 x 1-week programs with the first program running from **Monday, 28th November - Friday, 2nd December** and the second program running from **Monday 5th December - Friday, 9th December**.

The Swimming Program is a very popular part of the PE curriculum and teaches important survival skills in the water. All students in Reception to Year 5 are expected to undertake this program. Forms will be sent home next week and will indicate which session your child will attend.

Please ensure all Health Care Plans are up to date and that medications are within their use by date. Students will take their school-based medications with them to the pool.

PASTORAL CARE REVIEW

Simon Uppill has been working as a Pastoral Care Worker at Pimpala PS for the last 3 years and many students would have benefited from working with Simon during this time.

The Schools Ministry Group will be conducting a review of Simon as a Pastoral Care Worker and is seeking parent/family feedback. Can you please complete the enclosed survey and return it to the Front Office **by next Friday, 28th October**.

We appreciate all of your feedback **by Friday, 28th October, 2016**.

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.

SALE - 2016 YEAR 7 POLO TOPS

There is a limited number of 2016 Year 7 Polo tops for sale at \$10 each at the Uniform Shop on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Limited numbers so first in, first served.

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 we send you a message about your child's absence **can you please ensure you include your child's name in your response**.

The computerised sign in / sign out system is also affected and will be replaced sometime this term. There have been significant upgrades during the holidays, however, we are still awaiting DECD approval for some of the other changes we hope to make during Term 4. The exact timeline for this to happen is still to be determined.

We appreciate your patience until these matters can be resolved.

NETBALL / BASKETBALL



Pimpala Netball and Basketball teams had a celebration lunch and trophy presentation to acknowledge the players contribution to school sport during Terms 2 & 3. All players were recognised for sportsmanship and representing the school values during the team seasons.

Christine Seyfang & Susan Kaye

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that Oscar Ellis and Isabella Reed were successful in winning a position on the Grounds Committee. Both students wrote applications demonstrating their eagerness and skills. They will represent the Student Voice and collaborate to make our school more engaging.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Treasure Hunt for Nature is a fabulous family friendly opportunity to explore, discover, have fun and connect with nature in the very heart of Adelaide. It will be held at the Nature Hub - start/finish at Botanic Park, Plane Tree Drive on Sunday, 30th October, 2016. Start the hunt anytime between 10am – 1pm with a 4pm finish. For more information email the Nature Foundation SA at admin@nfsa.org.au or call 83402880.