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Term : 1 Week : 2
February 6th 2014

~Diary Dates~

February

14th PPS Swimming carnival
 24th SAPSASA Swim trials @ Lam.

March

7th Student free day
 10th Public holiday
 17th-19th Parent/Teacher inter views

TERM DATES-2014

Term 1. ~ 28th Jan- 10th Apr
 Term 2. ~ 28th Apr - 4th July
 Term 3. ~ 21st July- 26th Sept
 Term 4. ~ 13th Oct- 12th Dec

TERM DATES-2015

Term 1. ~ 27th Jan- 10th Apr
 Term 2. ~ 27th Apr - 3rd July
 Term 3. ~ 20th July- 25th Sept
 Term 4. ~ 12th Oct- 11th Dec

Recent Notes

Date	Note
29 th	School grounds focus group
29 th	Swimming Programme
5 th	Swimming carnival helpers

Principal's Report

Welcome Back

Welcome back to a new school year. I trust everyone had a safe, enjoyable and relaxing break. This year again promises to be full of a variety of activities, events and exciting classroom themes for students to learn about.

I would like to congratulate ALL of the students for their outstanding on-task attitudes in the first two weeks of school. All staff have commented about the positive transition into the 2014 school year. Keep up the fantastic efforts.

New Students

In 2014 we welcome, Alana Oster, Max Dabinett, Alby Sharp, Makayla Hyde, James Wallis and Bridie Gum to Pinnaroo Primary School in Mrs Tyler's and Miss McGuire's Reception / Year 1 class. We also welcome Yasmine Houston, Charley Christie and Jarrod Wilkie to the Year 3/4 class. I'm sure they will all enjoy the challenges and opportunities provided by our school.

2014 Staff

Our school has been fortunate to maintain our staffing from 2013 with the welcome addition of Mrs Trisha Hamidi in the 3/4 class on Thursday and Miss Kathleen McGuire in the Reception/ Year 1 class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I believe their positive attitudes, organisation and commitment to do the best for their classes and Pinnaroo Primary school will provide the best possible learning programmes and opportunities and will only lead to success for your child / children. Pinnaroo Primary School's staff

comprises of the following '**fantastic people**': Reception – Mrs *Barb Tyler and Miss Kathleen McGuire*, Year 2/3 – Miss *Candice Milford*, Year 3/4 – Mrs *Caroline White* and Mrs *Trisha Hamidi*, Year 5/6/7 – Mr *Phillip Searle*, Librarians – Mrs *Tiffany Blacksell* and Mrs *Lynne Summerton*, Administration / Finance Officer – Mrs *Michelle Thomas*, CPS Worker—Mrs *Dianne Nuske*, School Services Officers (SSO) – Mrs *Stephanie Michell*, Mrs *Jade Gum*, Mrs *Donna Vogt*, and Groundsman – Mr *Bryan Michell*.

Acquaintance Night

On Monday we held our Acquaintance Night BBQ, allowing parents and teachers to meet and discuss the teaching program, behaviour expectations and activities and events that will happen in term 1 and throughout the year. We had about half of our school families represented and it was great to have your support. Thank you to all parents who attended and made the evening such a success.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons began on Monday as part of this term's Health and PE curriculum with our Swimming instructor Mrs *Deb Colwill*. The term swimming program is similar to Vacation Swimming Programs, teaching water confidence, water safety and fitness. It also provides training for our upcoming swimming carnival – Friday 14th Feb.

Lessons are being conducted at the town and the school pool. Students



are reminded to have the following items with them each day:- bathers, **t-shirt** (*rash vest preferable*) towel, water bottle, goggles, floaties (*optional- R/1's only*), ear plugs/bands (*if needed*), sunscreen, medication.

Assembly

Due to swimming lessons this week and Swimming Carnival next week, **NO Assembly will be held for the next two weeks.**

PPS Swimming Carnival

The PPS Swimming Carnival will take place next **Friday—February 14th** at the town pool. The day is always action-packed and enjoyable for all those who attend. Once again the need for volunteers to take on a variety of jobs is essential in making the day a success. If you are able to help out please contact the school ASAP.

Remember to also bring your bathers, as the 'Student, Staff and Parents Challenge' will again be on the programme.

Pinnaroo School Pool

A reminder to students / parents and caregivers that all students are able to bring their bathers, when the forecast temperature is above 30° at Renmark. Please note all classes do require extra supervision for swimming lessons. If able to help contact class teacher.

Sunscreen

During terms 1 and 4 Parent Club supplies all classes with sunscreen. Students are reminded to apply before all breaks and when participating in outdoor activities, such as swimming or physical education.

House Captains

Congratulations to our newly elected House Captains for 2014

Hensley

Captain: Mitchell Hawthorne & Bailey Vogt

Vice Captain: Will Colwill & Jade Bennier

Venning

Captain: Thomas Wurfel & Emmerson Thiel

Vice Captain: Blake Virgo & Tilly Nickolls

Literacy Shield

The Literacy Shield is being continued this year and will be awarded at the end of the year for the House who has been most successful in completing reading homework. This is a great way of increasing the level of reading within the school. Rules for the shield are found later in the newsletter.

All reading activities are eligible to qualify for reading requirements in the Literacy Shield.

Reading is a great way of developing students learning skills and developing knowledge.

'Aim High'

Sunyl Vogt

Governing Council

The 2014 Governing Council Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 18th February at 8:00pm in the Staff Room.**

Governing Council has a number of dedicated members due to retire as their elected time on Council has finished. We sincerely thank them for their time and decision making as the work they have done on the Council has allowed many great changes to our school's curriculum and facilities.

Retiring members are : Matthew Thiel, Darryl Bennier, Amanda Tyler, Heath Nickolls, Craig Gum, Shona Hyde, Brad Wallis, Mark Gum and Ros Wurfel, *(who complete their 2 year terms)*

Of course all retiring members are eligible for re-nomination. A Parent Club rep will be elected at their AGM.

Continuing members are Sunyl Vogt (Principal) and Candice Milford (staff rep.) Daniel Schiller, Wade Nickolls, Mark White,

We would encourage any parent wishing to participate in decision making and policy formation for your children at this school to nominate for Governing Council. If you are not sure what this entails please ask at school or see an existing Council member. Meetings are held twice a term and run for approximately 1-2 hours. A nomination form appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Parents are also encouraged to attend the AGM to receive Sunyl's Annual report for the 2013 school year.

We will be looking to fill the position of Secretary, look forward to seeing you all there!

Shona Hyde (Secretary)

Student Awards

No awards given out the first week of school.

New Reception students

Back Row L-R, Max Dabinett, James Wallis & Bridie Gum

Front Row L-R, Makayla Hyde, Alby Sharp & Alana Oster



New Students

From L to R, Malcolm Moore, Charley Christie and Jarrod Wilkie.

Absent, Yazzi Houston



Governing Council

PINNAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES RULES AND REGULATIONS

There will be a notice in the newsletter after the Annual General Meeting asking for participation on the Governing Council Subcommittees

Subcommittees: Finance
Grounds
Bus
Curriculum
Asset Management
Fundraising

Each subcommittee will have a roll statement

There must be at least one Governing Councillor on each Subcommittee. One of these is to be Convenor of the committee. The role of the Convenor is to call meetings, ensure the agenda is prepared, be responsible for the general running of the meeting and report back to Governing Council.

Meeting Procedure:

- Agenda prepared – essential for an effective meeting
- Opening and apologies
- Confirmation of previous meeting Minutes
- Business arising from Minutes
- Correspondence
- General Business

Minutes are to be kept of Subcommittee meetings

- Name of Committee
- Time & Place of meeting.

Resolutions for recommendations that were made. It is preferred that the mover and seconder of a resolution not be reordered, all that is required is the statement that “it was resolved”.

Reports from the Minutes should be written and, if possible circulated prior to Council meetings.

The Minister of Education and Children's Services indemnifies Governing Council Subcommittees against personal injury and property damage claims arising from the conduct of their affairs provided the activity is not excluded from cover. However, in this instance, the Principal must approve the activity of the subcommittee, in advance. Affiliated committees must not engage in activities which are excluded under the Governing Council's indemnity (Section 5-24).

SUBCOMMITTEES

Governing council is a decision making organisation – if a decision can not be made at a particular meeting because of lack of information or further consideration is required, refer it to another committee – either a standing Sub committee or a special committee convened for that purpose ie an “ad hoc” Committee.

For the Governing Council to operate effectively and provide for maximum participation for all.

Because of the volume of decision making being undertaken by Governing Council, it is no longer feasible for all matters to be fully discussed by all the Council. The use of subcommittees has become an essential development of an effective Governing Council. This means that the Governing council must develop the art of delegation and the mutual trust and respect in other Council members to develop recommendations for discussion at Council, in which they have not been involved.

Subcommittees would research and develop recommendations for decision by council. They do not have the authority to act on their own behalf unless the power has been given prior by the Council some Councils insist that all new business, including correspondence, should first be referred to the relevant subcommittees before being referred to Council. Some urgent matters may need to be exempted from the procedure.

Governing Council

Role Statements for Governing Council Subcommittees

Finance Committee

- To advise the Governing Council about all school budget matters.
- To recommend approval / non-approval of the annual school budget to Governing Council
- To make recommendations to Governing Council regarding approval / non-approval of single item purchases greater in value than \$500 not previously approved in the budget.
- To reconcile requested expenditure against expected income.
- To monitor requested expenditure throughout the year and to allocate money from the contingency (reserve) fund as it considers necessary. No budget line may be overspent without prior permission.
- Meet a minimum of 2 times per term.

Curriculum Committee

- Reflect upon and review / monitor the progress of curriculum priorities within the school.
- Formulate the curriculum priorities for the year.
- Examine new curriculum proposals and policies (DETE) and to advise the Governing Council about these.
- To recommend approval / non approval to Governing Council for curriculum initiatives.
- Meet a minimum of one time per term.

Grounds & Surrounds Committee

- Regularly oversee the condition of the school ground.
- Report to Governing Council about condition of the grounds.
- Develop and plan for grounds development and upgrading.
- Organise working bees.
- Check playground safety and make recommendations to Governing Council.
- Meet on a needs basis.

Asset Management Committee

- Oversee the condition and maintenance of the school buildings.
- Report to Governing Council about the condition.
- Develop a 5 year Asset plan for the school.
- Advise Governing Council about priorities.
- Meet on a needs basis.

Fundraising Committee

- Organise / fundraising activities throughout the year.
- Report to Governing Council about activities.
- Report to and liaise with finance committee about events and money raised.
- Prioritise funds from fundraising to what it will be spent on.
- Meet on a needs basis.

Bus Committee

- Review Bus Policy beginning of each year. (eg. examine criteria and information set out in the policy and the school, parent, driver and DECS expectations)
- Report to Governing Council about issues – road condition, route changes, parent issues.

Pinnaroo Primary School

Governing Council—Nomination Form

I,..... nominate

For election to Governing Council.

SIGNED:

I accept the nomination for Governing Council.

SIGNED.....

(Return to Front Office by Tuesday 26th February, 2013)

School Announcements

Literacy Shield

Inaugurated in 2011 the Literacy Shield is used to encourage and support the students reading program and reward participants for improving their reading outcomes and reading on a regular basis.

1. Each week, each student will have the chance to earn 1 point for their House Team (Hensley or Venning) as well as individually.
 2. Points will be given if they meet the reading requirements of the class teacher. These will be as follows:
 - Reception / Year 1 - Read 4 Nights for the week (e.g. Monday – Monday)
 - Year 2/3 - Read 4 out of 5 Nights for the week (e.g. Monday – Thursday)
 - Year 3/4 – Read 40 Minutes/ week (Monday – Thursday)
 - Year 5/6/7 – Read 60 Minutes/ week (Monday – Thursday)
- PLEASE NOTE: Allowance is made for students with an explained absence. E.g. If the school has been advised of a child's absence, then their reading requirement for that day is considered met. This will ensure that students with a perfect reading record, who have been absent at some stage, will not be disadvantaged.
3. Reading Diaries will need to be signed by a parent or caregiver to verify the student has met the reading requirements each night or for the week.
 4. Every Friday Reading Diaries will be checked by the class teacher and points recorded.
 5. At the end of each term
 - A running tally of points for Hensley and Venning will be given to encourage improvement and competition.
 - Students who have a perfect term and been awarded a point for every week of the term will be awarded a voucher (valid for 12 months) to purchase books (e.g. in a 10 week term, they earn 10 points).
 - If a child has been absent or ill, concession will be given to them in accumulating points for themselves and their house.
 6. At the end of the year the House with the most points will be awarded the 'Literacy Shield.

Materials and Services Charge

Can all families please arrange for payment of their school fees prior to **Friday 28th February**. If you need to arrange a payment plan please contact Michelle at the front office. School card applications are also available at the front office.

Library News

Library overdue notices

In order for parents to be aware if their children have overdue library items we will be recording parents' email addresses (as advised to the school) on student records.

You will receive an email three days before a book/DVD/CD is due to be returned and you can check if your child has finished with the item and remind them to return it to the library. If they need to renew it, they can bring the book in to the library. If an item has not been returned or renewed, you will receive an email one week after the due date. Please remind your child that their library book/DVD/CD is overdue and it is possible that someone else is waiting to borrow it.

Library bags are excellent for keeping library books together & separate from your books at home. Occasionally these bags get stains on them so please put them through the wash occasionally if you haven't already done so! A reminder also to make sure that books & discs are protected from leaky water bottles etc, in school bags.

NEW BOOKS AND DVD'S

ADULT NON-FICTION

The Anxiety Cure for Kids 2nd Edition
Attitude is Everything, The Story of an Extraordinary Life
Building the Future *The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre*

ADULT FICTION

The Unpredictable Consequences of Love by Jill Mansell
Liverpool Angels by Lyn Andrews
In Search of Hope by Anna Jacobs

CHILDREN'S

Fairy Animals Poppy the Pony by Lily Small
Double Trouble Skateboard Stars by Felicity Carter
Caesar the War Dog by Stephen Dando-Collins
LOST in the Jungle of Doom by Tracey Turner
Rainbow Magic Georgie the Royal Prince Fairy by Daisy Meadows
Zog by Julia Donaldson
Fantastic Mr Fox Roald Dahl

DVD

Octonauts GUP-X to the Rescue
Octonauts Amazon Adventure
Dinosaur Train Meet the Grandparents

Community Announcements

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE



A new children's dental benefits schedule for 2 – 17 year olds started in January 2014. It is called the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider and welcomes babies, children and young people under 18 years.

Dental care is FREE for most children and the School Dental Service will bulk-bill Medicare.

Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can still attend – a small fee may apply for each course of general dental care provided.

There are no waiting times at the School Dental Service. To keep your children's teeth and gums healthy we encourage them to attend the School Dental Service.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, and for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

School Announcements

Hot Weather Policy

In extreme heat, which we hope we don't see too much of this term, the school will implement its 'Hot Weather Policy'. This means that when it is forecast over 38° in Renmark all students will remain in their classroom or designated area eg. GP Room or Library for the entire lunch break. The classroom teachers / school may also use their discretion to have modified play at the recess break if required on specific days as well.

Catastrophic Fire Days

With the Bushfire season upon us I would like to remind all parents and carers that Pinnaroo Primary School **does not close on forecast catastrophic days. However no buses will be able to run on these days.** On these days parents will need to make the decision to transport your children to school or to keep them home.

The announcement of these days cannot be made until DECD is notified of the following days forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology after 4pm. The school will make every effort to contact parents once this announcement has been made.

Information will also be provided on the DECD Parent Hotline (1800 000 279), ABC Radio 891 and local regional stations, ABC TV and the DECD website www.decd.sa.gov.au

PPS Swimming Carnival

A reminder that our annual swimming carnival will be held next Friday the 14th February.

Timetable:

- 9.45am Official Opening
- 10.00am Events begin
- 11.15am Championship events commence
- 1.30pm Presentations



Students in non championship events are encouraged to stay and support their team. Any parents wishing to take children early are asked to advise their class teacher. After the presentations and clean up students may leave with their parents after informing their class teacher.

A BBQ will be available on the day with fruit boxes and Zooper Doopers also available for sale. Prices to be advised.

All parents and families are encouraged to attend and offer their support.

We are also still looking for some parent helpers .

SRC Groups-Volunteers needed

Due to the success of our SRC programme last year SRC groups will continue in 2014. Groups are as follows, School Grounds, School Pride, School Community and School Activities. Students from Reception to Year 7 are allocated into the 4 different areas where they will remain for a semester. An executive SRC member will be in each group. This year we are asking for volunteer support to the various groups. SRC will run on Wednesday this term from 1.40pm till 2.40pm in weeks 3,6 and 9 ie: 12th Feb, 5th and 29th March. If you are able to help out please contact either the teacher in charge of the group or alternatively the front office.

We thank the school community for your continued support.