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~ Established 1906 ~

6<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Term : 1 Week : 6

### ~Diary Dates~

#### March

7<sup>th</sup> Student free day  
 10<sup>th</sup> Public holiday  
 12<sup>th</sup> Pancake Day  
 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Interviews  
 21<sup>st</sup> SAPSASA Swim @ Adel.  
 25-26<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Leadership Camp

#### TERM DATES-2014

Term 1. ~ 28<sup>th</sup> Jan- 11<sup>th</sup> Apr  
 Term 2. ~ 28<sup>th</sup> Apr - 4<sup>th</sup> July  
 Term 3. ~ 21<sup>st</sup> July- 26<sup>th</sup> Sept  
 Term 4. ~ 13<sup>th</sup> Oct- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### TERM DATES-2015

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

### Recent Notes

Date	Note
4/3	Pancake day
6/3	Parent/Teacher Interviews

## Principal's Report

On Monday and Tuesday of this week all of the Principals and Preschool Directors from around the state met in Adelaide to help set the new direction for Education in South Australia.

Lots of great learning took place, but the main message for us as Principals was the need to develop students Learning Power and Developing 21st Century Learners.

Learners who are:

- Willing to take risks with their learning
- Willing to make mistakes and learn from them
- Problem solvers
- Independent thinkers

These are not new concepts, but ones that have been raised again as our world becomes increasingly complex and future jobs continue to change their shape.

Traditionally school has been a place where students are provided with knowledge sets (specific pieces of information about history, science, maths, etc.), however with the advent of the internet and Google this type of information is just a click away and it now gives us an opportunity to focus on developing in students the skills mentioned above. This means that the role of the teacher in the class is changing from the primary role of information giver to that of facilitator/guide/ learner alongside the students. A simple example would be instead of the teacher saying 18 plus 6 equals 24 they would say the answer is 24 what could the question be? This gives students the opportunity to problem solve, try different combinations and if they don't work, try different ones.

This might sometimes look messy and the teachers aren't "Teaching", but I can assure you that this is a very deliberate teaching technique designed to make the students do the thinking. We as teachers are making a conscious effort not to "rescue" students by telling them the answer, but instead giving them strategies to ensure they can find the answer for themselves. If you would like any further information on these ideas please contact your child's teacher or me at any time.

It is a good thing if we teach our children to flounder intelligently! And value the struggle that is life, not give them, or do everything for them, where is the learning in that??

### Student Free Day Tomorrow

A reminder that **tomorrow Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March is a Student Free Day**, no students are expected at school on this day. Staff will be travelling to Karoonda and will be involved in Professional Learning around the Australian Curriculum and peer observations.

### SAPSASA News

Congratulations to Tilly Nickolls, Elli Jenzen, Tom Wurfel, Blake Virgo, Mitchell Hawthorne, Bailey Vogt, Bram Schiller and Jaylen Vogt in qualifying for the State Country Swimming Championships in Adelaide on Friday 21st March.

Congratulations also to Emmerson Thiel who has been selected to represent the Murray and Mallee in the state country softball championships in Adelaide in week 10.



## Active After Schools Programme

This term students will be doing swimming and water activities. R/1 students will swim at the school pool on Mondays, the Yr 2-4 will swim at the town pool on Wednesdays and the Yr 5-7 class will swim at the town pool on Thursdays. Please ensure that your children bring their bathers on these days until the end of Term 1.

'Aim High'

Sunyl Vogt

## Student Awards

### ~ Student of the Week ~

#### Term 1 Week 4

- R/1 Javen Gum**-fantastic effort in all subject areas.
- 2/3 Sophie Sharrad/Owen Gum**-for being excellent role models and for their all round achievement.
- 3/4 Elsie Nickolls**-working in A/L and home-work effort.

**5/6/7**

**Principal William Colwill** - Great start to the school year with his increased focus on work, good decision making and responsible leadership.

#### Term 1 Week 5

- R/1 Amelia Daniel**-fantastic work in all subjects.
- 2/3 Eliza Wallis**-her persistence with using BIG numbers in Maths.
- 3/4 Cooper Nickolls**-making an effort in all subjects including homework.
- 5/6/7 Blake Virgo**-really striving for personal improvements in all areas of school.

**Principal**

### ~ Parent Club Award ~

#### Term 1 Week 4

- R/1 Angus Schiller**-fantastic work in Maths.
- 2/3 Jack Hyde**-for accepting a challenge and starting times tables in Maths.
- 3/4 Sharon Joseph**-learning times tables at home.

**5/6/7**

#### Term 1 Week 5

- R/1 Max Dabinett**-achieving our daily goals.
- 2/3 Mitch Kingston**-achieving 10/10 for his spelling test and working hard to use the 'does it look right' strategy.
- 3/4 Ryan Angel**-great input into spelling lessons.  
**Nicole Bell**-great effort in maths problem solving activities.
- 5/6/7 Bram Schiller**-his focus and effort this week in class.

## Community Announcements

### Pinnaroo Wetlands

"Day on the Green"  
Official Opening  
with free  
Family and Children's  
Entertainment  
**Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> 2014**

# Library News

## ADULT NON-FICTION

Attitude is Everything by *Nick Vujicic*  
The anxiety cure for kids by *Elizabeth DuPont Spencer M.D.*

## ADULT FICTION

Brandon's Bride by *Alicia Scott*  
First Love by *James Patterson*  
The unpredictable consequences of love by *Jill Mansell*  
Courting trouble by *Lisa Scottoline*

## CHILDREN'S FICTION

What's your story by *Rose Giannone*  
My two blankets by *Irena Kobald*  
Along the road to Gundagai by *Jack O'Hagan*  
Midnight: The story of a light horse by *Mark Greenwood*  
Fire by *Jackie French*  
Toucan can by *Juliette MacIver*  
Secret Kingdom; Glitter Bird by *Rosie Banks*

The Tinklers Three by *M.C. Badger*  
Double Trouble: Prank Alert by *Fiona Regan*  
Going Bush with Grandpa by *Sally Morgan*  
Kitten Kaboodle: Mission One, The Catier  
Emerald by *Eileen O'Hely*  
Meet Pearl by *Gabrielle Wang*  
Little chef big curse by *Tilney Cotton*  
The year my life broke by *John Marsden*

## TEEN FICTION

Bird by *Crystal Chan*

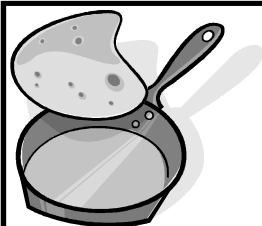
## CHILDREN'S NON FICTION

Body Parts: The ears by *Lorna Hendry*  
The poppy by *Andrew Plant*  
Fire by *Charles Hope*  
Meet the ANZACS by *Claire Saxby*  
Picture this Animals by *Margaret Hynes*  
We've got your number by *Mukul Patel*

# School Announcements

## PPS: Nut Aware

Pinnaroo Primary School has a nut aware policy. This means that we ask that all students do not bring any items to school which contain nuts in the main ingredients. This will include peanut butter, nutella and nut bars. Where items say "may contain traces of nuts" these may be brought to school. If you have any questions or queries please contact the school on 8577 8176.



## Pancake Day

Wednesday March 12<sup>th</sup>  
at Lunch time

\$1 per pancake, choice of toppings (jam, maple syrup, icecream)  
SRC Community and Fundraising

## 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: 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 5<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

# CPSW Corner

Hi, to the whole school community,

I can't believe we are already over halfway through the school term, but a great start to the year and the blessing of two new teachers that the children love.

I have been talking in some of the classrooms about a concept of sowing and reaping and how the things that we say and do will reap harvest for good or bad.

The children gave me some great examples of sowing good seed. We also talked about how good it makes you feel inside when you are kind.

As adults its so easy to be too busy to stop and chat and I am guilty of this too at times. I remember when my children were going to school, I use to sew clothes for them, do lots of cooking and preserving, gardening and helping on the farm. I think back and wish I'd read more stories with them, well just took more time for them.

5 minutes here and there to stop and listen to our children can have a huge impact. This time passes by only once.

George Eliot wrote 'the strongest principle of growth is human choice.'

Choosing to be positive, kind, helpful and forgiving is the best thing we can do for others and for ourselves.

Sometimes bad things do happen in our lives but we do have a choice in how we respond.

Sometimes we don't always make the best choices but that's a part of life too and we can learn, move on and grow.

Keeping all the families and staff in my prayers as we make choices each day!



Dianne Nuske  
CPSW



## Community Announcements

Do you have a child  
in year 4, 5 or 6?



Have you  
missed out  
on thousands  
of dollars?

**ACT NOW!**  
**DEADLINE**  
**JUNE 2014**

In 2001 the Government introduced the 'First Child Tax Offset' and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

If you have **ANY** child that was born between **1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004** you may be eligible to receive up to \$12,500 of entitlements.

The government has a 30 June 2014 deadline on this entitlement so please email [childoffset@twelve.com.au](mailto:childoffset@twelve.com.au) today to receive more information.

Twelve Chartered Accountants ABN 61 712 659 747  
[www.twelve.com.au](http://www.twelve.com.au) Principal: Derek Nolan CA



Your Family Tax Specialist

### Murray Mallee Gymnastics Colours and Numbers

This Term at KinderGym we will be exploring **Colours and Numbers**. Help your child develop their coordination, confidence and self esteem through this fun and exciting program. All activities for term two involve activities and items relating to everyday living and social experiences—by having a theme each term the child gets to use their imagination and expand their understanding of the world through music, games, song and dance. KinderGym is a great way to start developing brain /body development ready for academic learning.



Your KinderGym leader will be there to advise and direct you and help with play between yourself and your child. We aim to structure the room and not the child, therefore a big part of your child's learning is by finding and experiencing activities at their pace. The structure of the room and the themes are there to enrich your child's learning experience. Children are able to learn in a relaxed and fun setting.



THE BENEFITS OF KINDERGym ARE HUGE!

KinderGym is a program for children 0-5 years of age and is on offer Mondays at 11.00am to 10.45am during school terms in the Pinnaroo Hall—On Day Street. Please enter down the side near the Council Chambers

Please note Committee for 2014...

President: Lanie Curtis  
Secretary: Jezzimy Zadow  
Treasurer: Caroline Phillips  
Committee Members:  
Kylie Martin, Abbi Martin,  
Bec Boseley



KinderGym is also available in Karoonda on Tuesdays 9.00am and 10.00am again Fridays at 10.00am during the school Term. This is held in the Karoonda Masonic Lodge next to the Institute.

For more information please feel free to call Melissa Huxtable 0448 789 342





# WOODHOUSE CAMP