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**Term : 2 Week :2**  
**May 8<sup>th</sup> 2014**

### ~Diary Dates~

#### May

13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN testing  
 20<sup>th</sup> ICAS Computer skills test

#### June

4<sup>th</sup> ICAS Science test  
 6<sup>th</sup> Student Free Day  
 9<sup>th</sup> Public Holiday  
 16<sup>th</sup> ICAS Writing test  
 17<sup>th</sup> ICAS Spelling test

#### July

4<sup>th</sup> Term 2 ends  
 21<sup>st</sup> Term 3 begins  
 29<sup>th</sup> ICAS English test

#### August

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Parent/Teacher Interviews  
 12<sup>th</sup> ICAS Maths test  
 22<sup>nd</sup> H12 Athletics  
 27<sup>th</sup> SAPSASA Athletic trials  
 29<sup>th</sup> School Photos

#### September

2<sup>nd</sup> R/1/2 Chaffey Theatre  
 5<sup>th</sup> School Closure

#### 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
5/5	Hand, Foot & Mouth

## Principal's Report

Term 2 has started in a hurry and everyone has slotted straight back into their work. Pinnaroo Primary School has been in the public eye a number of times recently and it is great to see the students representing the school well and displaying the great learning activities we offer.

### Wetlands Opening

It was great to see so many students and families at the Pinnaroo Wetlands opening on Sunday. The students were recognized for their contributions in tree planting and mosaics. They do look fantastic with all the other community work that has been completed. The students should be very proud of their contributions to this fantastic community resource and will give them something to share for a long time into the future.

### It's Academic

It was great to see Pinnaroo Primary School represented on National television this week on the children's quiz show "It's Academic". Even though the segment was very brief, it highlighted the fantastic features of the Mallee, Pinnaroo and the school. Well done to all the students involved and Mrs Michell and Mrs Vogt who helped the students gather all of the information and photos that displayed us so well!!

If you missed the program, we will be sent a DVD soon. A DVD has also been made by the Extension class including all the researched information and pictures. It is well worth viewing. Drop into the school and enquire about it.

### SAPSASA News

Congratulations to Emmerson Thiel (Netball) and Tom Wurfel, Mitchell Hawthorne and Bram Schiller (Football) for being selected in the Murray and Mallee SAPSASA teams to compete in Adelaide later this term. We wish them well in the competition.

### NAPLAN

"The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students will take the 2014 NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australia children. It also provides valuable information that allows schools and governments to better target effort and support to help all students achieve their potential and acquire the basic skills to help them build successful and happy lives. All students are expected to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for reasonable adjustments that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom. Some students with very specific circumstances may be exempted from participating in the tests. For information about participation in NAPLAN, you can go to: <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/>



[parent-carer-support.html](http://parent-carer-support.html)

NAPLAN tests fundamental skills rather than specific content, and as such is not a test for which students can study or drill. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)."

Good luck to all our students completing NAPLAN tests next week!

'Aim High'

Sunyl Vogt

## Student Awards

### ~ Student of the Week ~

#### Term 1 Week 10

- R/1** **Alby Sharp**-increased confidence & working hard with Mrs Michell.
- 2/3** **Grace Michell**-peer tutoring skills in Maths.
- 3/4** **Cooper Nickolls**-his narrative writing-following structures using similes & adjectives to enhance writing & writing independently.
- 5/6/7** **Bailey Vogt**-working hard to maintain high standards in all areas.

#### Term 2 Week 1

- R/1** **Alex Perry**-a great start to Term 2.
- 2/3** **Nathalia Mountford**-for her kind & caring nature & for her helpfulness in the classroom.
- 3/4** **Tahli Ireland**-her work in spelling, participation & knowledge & understanding of spelling rules & strategies.
- 5/6/7** **Bram Schiller**-making good progress with his exposition writing.
- Principal** **Max Dabinett** - Great attitude toward all school activities; increased concentration, improvement in his work output and willingness to share his thoughts and ideas.

### ~ Parent Club Award ~

#### Term 1 Week 10

- R/1** **Harrison Colwill**-being very settled in class & working hard.
- 2/3** **Lana White**-for her focus and attention to detail in her art extension project.
- 3/4** **Estella Gum**-for working on her time management skills & planning & organising homework.
- 5/6/7** **Casey MacDermott**-positive attitude and effort towards her learning

#### Term 2 Week 1

- R/1** **Brodie Gum**-excellent work in maths.
- 2/3** **Sophie Sharrad**-her magnificent effort in learning her tables. 10x,5x,2x,3x,4x & 6x.
- 3/4** **Yasmine Houston**-working hard in all lessons & trying her best.
- 5/6/7** **Casey MacDermott**-a mature approach to her learning.

## Governing Council

Next Governing Council Meeting  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Finance Meeting at 7.15pm  
Governing Council Meeting 7.30pm  
All Apologies Please contact the school  
8577 8176

# School Announcements

## Yr 3/4 Fundraising Term 2

During this term Mrs White's 3/4 class will be preparing toasted sandwiches, for weeks 2-10. Order forms will be sent home with your child each week, and term orders will again be available.

## Signing students/volunteers in/out

Just a reminder that if your child is late to school in the morning please ensure that you have signed them in the late register at the Front Office. This will ensure that the rolls are updated correctly.

If you need to take your child out early or if you need to take your child for only a short time to an appointment etc please also ensure that you come to the front office and sign them out Correctly of the sign in/out register.

If you come into the school as a volunteer to read or help with activities please ensure that you also come to the front office and sign in the visitors book.

This will ensure that we are aware of all people on the school site at any time.  
Thank you for your co-operation.

## SRC Groups Update

A reminder that our next SRC session will be next **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 1.40 ~ 2.40pm.**

Each group has activities to go on with and 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.

## 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.

## Materials and Services Charge

There are still some outstanding Material & Services Charge payments for students. It would be very much appreciated if you could make payment arrangements with the front office as these payments are now **OVERDUE.**

# Community Announcements

## Auskick

There will be no Auskick training for children on Thursday afternoons for the next few weeks as all volunteer coaches are busy.

If you would like to volunteer to take the children during this time please contact Heath Nickolls.

## Attention Year 7 students.

Mallee Youth are holding a Table Tennis competition at our next youth night this Friday at 5:30pm at the Lutheran Hall in Pinnaroo. We would love to see you all there for an evening of fun and fellowship. Snacks and Hot Dogs will be provided.

# CPSW Corner

## To the whole school community

Here we are, the second week of school already coming to an end. I hope you all had a wonderful break for the Easter celebrations and holidays. It is a time of celebration and family tradition. Many have taken this time to go camping over Easter. Many Christians from around the world gather to celebrate Jesus Christ who rose from the dead, known to them as the +Saviour of the world. On Easter Sunday there was a service held where all the churches of our town gathered together. Our very own talented Mrs Michell and her two daughters Molly and Shantelle and also Mrs Fiona Atze performed a dance and sign language to the song "Christ Alone". It was moving and meaningful.

Some of you parents would have enjoyed not having to rush in the morning to get lunches ready and children off to school. Children, I can understand you enjoying having a break from +homework because I enjoyed not having to do assignments during this time. I feel a bit like a school girl too. The lovely rain we have enjoyed has been great for our farming community, our gardens and the towns gardens. It was good to see so many of you there at the Wetlands opening on Sunday which the committee organised with the entertainment for the children. Such wonderful weather at those beautiful surrounds, celebrating together.

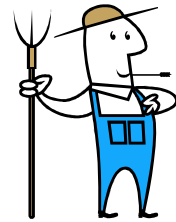
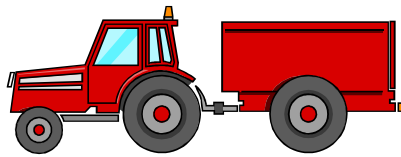
It just shows what can be done by working together as a team, sharing ideas and seeing it become a reality. Children, I hope you have been inspired as I have. This term in your classrooms we are going to have the privilege of community people coming to the different classrooms and sharing their lives to encourage you to know that things don't always go to plan in our lives but we do not have to give up hope. School is part of our great community. Enjoy it!

Blessings to you all from your CPSW.

## **Family Maths Challenge #7 – STRANDED!**

a) There has been a flood near a local farm causing a herd of 48 sheep and 12 lambs to be stranded on top of a hill. The only way the farmer can rescue the herd is by using a tractor pulling the trailer. The trailer can hold only 6 sheep or 12 lambs at a time. How many trips will the farmer need to take to rescue his entire herd?

b) If the herd consisted of 480 sheep and 120 lambs, how many trips would the farmer need to make?



## **Family Maths Challenge #8 - TUESDAY 1ST MAY 2007**

Did you know that the 1st May is the only first day of the month in 2007 which falls on a Tuesday?

Add together the dates of all the Tuesdays in May this year.

Which day of the week has the largest sum of dates in May?



Don't forget to submit your answers to your teacher for a chance to win this term's prize!  
Answers are not published or corrected as anyone giving it a go can win the prize.