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Term : 4 Week : 2

October 22nd 2015

~Diary Dates~

October

23rd Hot dog Day
 28th SRC Groups
 30th Strawberry Fete

November

4th Kindy Transition
 17th Cricket Clinic
 18th SRC Groups
 20th Student Free Day

December

1st Fin/Gov Council
 Working Bee

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

TERM DATES-2016

Term 1. ~ 1st Feb ~ 15th Apr
 Term 2. ~ 2nd May - 8th July
 Term 3. ~ 25th July- 30th Sept
 Term 4. ~ 17th Oct- 16th Dec

Recent Notes

Date	Note
13 th	Yr 4 Lameroo excursion
13 th	2016 Intentions
15 th	R/1 Recyclable material
19 th	Parent Survey

Principal's Report

Welcome back, Term 4 has certainly started with a flurry of activity. It was fantastic to see the amount of students entering into the displays and activities on show day. It is a fantastic event that we should proudly support. Thanks to Mrs White and Miss Baron on organising the school display. It was great for the students school work to be on display for the whole community to see. Thanks must also go to Mrs Nuske for entering the school vegetables.

5/6/7 Camp

Last week our 5/6/7 class enjoyed a camp to Lake Cullulleraine and Mildura. There were many activities that were thoroughly enjoyed by all students. A recount of the trip by Emmerson Thiel can be enjoyed later in the newsletter. Thanks to Paul Ireland, Louise Thiel, Deb Colwill, Jade Gum and Matthew Thiel for their support of catering, bus driving and supervision. These activities are not able to happen without the support of parents.

Can and Bottle Drive Success

On Sunday many students and families of our 5/6/7 class got their hands dirty gathering and sorting through donations of cans and bottles for recycling. This effort is in aid of our **fundraising efforts for next year's Snow Trip**. Thanks to all of the families that were able to assist, a lot of hands certainly did make light work. Also a huge thankyou must go to Jack Ribbons for helping out and opening on Sunday for us!! As well as the many community members who donated their cans and bottles to us. Thank You!!

New Air-conditioning

Our Upper Primary students and staff are just beginning to enjoy the benefits of the upgraded cooling and heating systems that were installed in their classrooms over the holiday period. It was fantastic to be able to get this replaced through a state government grant just in time for summer!

More work will be completed on the old red brick building over the summer holiday period to ensure its stability for many more years to come.

Planning for 2016

At the Governing Council meeting held on Monday night the decision was again made to fund the fourth teaching position out of the school budget. This is great news for our students and staff and gives us some certainty around our class structures for 2016. At this stage class structures will be as follows

- Year R/1 Class
- Year 2/3 Class
- Year 4/5 Class
- Year 6/7 Class

To tie in with our planning for 2016 it is essential that we gauge our student enrolments as accurately as possible, as our staffing allocation and class configurations are reliant on this figure. Your eldest child was sent home with a planning letter last week and we ask that you return the reply slip with your intentions no later than this Friday 23rd October. Thanks to those families who have already informed us.



Parent Opinion Surveys

On Monday you would have all received a letter regarding this years parent opinion survey. You have a number of options about how to complete the survey, either online or by collecting a hard copy from school. It would be much easier for the school if it were completed online, but we also understand that this is not always possible.

The online survey can be found at

<https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/Uyxk9WQJ> using access code [uTEZvZYV](#) .

These surveys need to be completed by Friday 13th November. If you have misplaced yours and would like another one please contact the school. Your feedback is very important to us and assists with the direction the school take in various manners.

Catastrophic Fire Days

With the Bushfire season upon us and the warm weather we are beginning to encounter, I would like to remind all parents and carers that Pinnaroo Primary School **does not close on forecast catastrophic days. However no buses are 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

Pinnaroo School Pool

With the warm weather we have been having, a lot of students have been asking about the school pool. It is ready to use, although the water is still quite cool.

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

Transition Days

There are many transition opportunities occurring for all of our students this term with kindy visits on 3rd and 24th of November. A whole school half day transition on the 11th November and a full day transition for kindy and school students the 2nd of December.

Students will be moving into classes structured as follows: R/1, 2/3, 4/5 and 6/7.

The new students for 2016 from the Kindergarten will be joining us in what we believe will help all students in understanding and coping with the changes and new challenges they will all encounter next year.

On the full day transition, Wednesday 2nd of December, all those students moving to new schools will have the opportunity to attend their chosen school. This has been organised with both Murrayville and Lameroo, to suit those students. We feel this will be a positive experience for all students.

"Aim High"

Sunyl Vogt

Student Awards

No Assembly last week, therefore there were no awards.

Governing Council

Next Governing Council Meeting Tuesday 1st December

Working Bee, beginning at 5.00pm

Followed by BBQ Tea and final meeting of the year.

Finance Meeting at 7.45pm

Governing Council Meeting 8.00pm

All apologies please contact the school 8577 8176

YEAR 5/6/7 MILDURA CAMP

Monday to Wednesday of week 1 term 4, our 5/6/7 class went on camp to the Lake Cullulleraine Holiday Park.

Roller-skating and go-karting were the first two events of our camp. Both activities were fun; especially roller-skating for most because we hadn't done it before, but it's always good to try something new. It was pretty funny for all of us watching people trip and slip over as they were trying to get the hang of it, but they didn't really get hurt.

Go-karting was full-on. Everyone went flat out on the go-karts and we were told to try and not crash into the sides of the track or each other, but unfortunately promises were broken. Otherwise everyone loved the experience.

Next up, we hit the shops in Mildura. Most of it was window shopping and maybe the odd purchase here and there.

We arrived at the Lake Cullulleraine Holiday Park which was our base for the next couple of days. We unloaded our luggage and put it on our chosen bunks in the dorms.

We had some nice chicken burgers for tea and then it was a delicious birthday cake to help Mr Ireland celebrate his birthday.

A few of us may not have got much sleep that night due to the excitement!

The next day it was off to the Mildura Fruit Packing Shed which was pretty interesting. We were lucky enough to get a tour around the place and learnt about how the fruit was looked after, how it was packed, how they got rid of the germs etc. - there was a lot going on in that place!

Then it was Woodsie's Gem Shop. Everybody loved going through the maze. Some kids even did it twice! It was pretty tricky though getting back out again.

We had a lovely lady talk to us about how they make rings and jewellery, which I think everyone enjoyed. We also went for a walk and looked at some gems in the caves. The glow-in-the-dark gems were pretty cool.

After some lunch it was then onto the bus and off to the Mildura Wave Pool.

This was one of my highlights of the camp, and I reckon most of the other students would agree too. We would all body-surf on the waves as they came and a few of us (including me) got completely swallowed by the waves a couple of times which was pretty funny to watch.

After the wave pool, we went to the cinema and watched the movie 'Oddball'. This was another highlight of the camp.

It was off to bed earlier than the night before, but I don't think many of us got a lot of sleep again!

Last day, and on our way home we stopped at Lock 5 at Paringa and waited to watch it in operation, but unfortunately there was no action!

Our final stop was at the new Loxton Playground. All of us had a pretty great time there too as many of us hadn't been before.

We arrived back at school and by the time we unpacked the bus it was time for home.

Camp was fantastic. How lucky were we to come back from holidays and go on another holiday, this time with your friends.

Thanks heaps to Mr Searle and the other parents for making the camp happen, it was awesome!

Emmerson Thiel

5/6/7 Mildura Camp





School Notices

Hamilton Scholarship

The Hamilton Scholarship is open to Pinnaroo Primary School students in their last year of primary schooling and in their first year of secondary schooling.

Information regarding the scholarship is available at the front office at P.P.S.

All applications are due by **Friday 13th November**

for the panel to read and nominate a scholarship winner or winners.

Summer Dress Orders

Orders can be made for summer school dresses at the front office on 85778176.

These are made to order by the Mt Barker Uniform Shop and range in price from \$55-\$65 depending on size.

R/1 Hot Dog Fundraiser

A reminder that **tomorrow** is hot dog day.

Wanted

If you have an old fridge in non working order Bryan Michell would love to take it off your hands. He is looking for a fridge to store pool chemicals at school. If you are able to help us out please contact the front office.

Health Alert

We currently have a suspected case of shingles. A person is infectious from when the rash appears until all blisters have dried up. Shingles can only occur in people who have previously had chicken pox.

Community Notices

Pinnaroo Kindy Toy catalogue Fundraiser

The Kindy have been able to extend their toy catalogue fundraiser with orders now required by next **Wednesday 28th October**. If you thought you had missed the opportunity here is your chance! Return completed orders with money to the Kindergarten.

Pinnaroo Basketball Club Aussie Hoops

For age 5 – 7 years

Monday nights 3.30pm – 4pm

8 – 10 years

Monday nights 4pm – 5pm

Starting 26th October. Boys and Girls welcome .

For more information contact Serena Jenzen on 0428778411

MENTAL HEALTH EXPO

MURRAY BRIDGE TOWNHALL
FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER 2015 • 10AM—3PM

SPEAKERS

ON MAIN STAGE

- 10.00am: Opening Welcome
10.10am: Welcome to Country
Ngarrindjeri Elder of the Year
Uncle Bluey
10.30am: Brendan Maher
General Manager – RU Ok?
11.00am: Music by Hannah
Murray Bridge High School
11.15am: Philip Galley
"Paying Attention to the
Detail of People's Lives"

**Free Lunch Available
11.30am—1.30pm**

- 1.00pm: InnerSoul Demonstration
2.00pm: Drumming Demonstration
3.00pm: CLOSE

The Mental Health Expo Proudly Presents Speaker
Brendan Maher
General Manager of RU Ok? And the Around Australia Tour



FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY COMMUNITY EVENT

ENQUIRIES: 0417 819 994