NEWSLETTER No 12    Thursday 28th July    2011

DIARY DATES

Aug 15th
Aug 22nd to 26th
Sept 2nd
Governing Council meeting
Book Week
Adelaide Show Day Closure
Parent Opinion Surveys must be completed by today
Sep 16th
Sep 27th
Sept 30th
Sam Oshidi – African Drummer
SAPSASA Tennis/Cricket Selection
At Karoonda Area School
Wheelathon at GPS

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Welcome back for the start of term 3! It is hard to believe that we have already passed the halfway mark in what has so-far been a very successful year. I would like to give a particular welcome to Jade, who started school for the first time this week. It has been wonderful to watch her settle in and already see her enjoying her time at school.

It is a great shame that earlier in the week, one of my first duties as Acting Principal was to inform you of the passing of one of our staff, Brian Redden. Brian’s warmth, kindness and sense of humour will be missed by the staff and students and his contribution to the running and maintenance of our IT equipment is a great loss for us all.

The funeral for Brian will be held next Monday at 2:00pm in Murray Bridge. As expected, many of our staff will be attending the funeral. Please be aware that from 12:30pm on Monday, the school will be operating with limited staff. If you wish, you are welcome to collect your child early that day from 12:00pm onwards.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY
This week, a letter was sent out to families who had a child enrolled at our school in Term 2. This letter invites parents to participate in the annual Parent Opinion Survey. The survey may be completed online and the instructions on how to do so are included in the letter. If you do not have internet access or if you would feel more comfortable completing a paper copy, these are available from the front office.

It is really important that we get as high a response as possible, so that we can get an accurate picture of the opinions of the whole school community.

Students from years 4-7 and all staff members will also be surveyed in the next few weeks.

All replies are anonymous and no individual response can be identified by the school.
AWARDS
Congratulations to the end of Term 2 School Values Award winners:

Junior Primary Class
Honesty   Bethany
Persistence Matthew
Responsibility Tom
Respect Amy
Team Work Beau

Upper Primary Class
Honesty   Cody
Persistence Maddie
Responsibility Rhianon
Respect Kyle
Team Work Braidyn

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
The following students have completed the challenge during the last two weeks. Congratulations to: Makylah, Josh and Cody in the Upper Primary class and Amy, Jessica, Tracey, Matthew, Harrison, Emelia, Lilly, Jasmine, Olivia, Tom, Luke, Monique, Tyson, Trent, Joe, Bethany and Beau in the Junior Primary class.

WOOLWORTHS ‘EARN AND LEARN’ AND COLES ‘SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS’ SCHEMES
This term, our school will be participating in both the Coles and Woolworths docket collecting schemes.

Woolworths - Collect one ‘Earn and Learn’ point every time you spend $10.00 in store. The total points will automatically appear on the bottom of the docket, which is then placed in the collection box in the Front Office. The program will run from July 18th to September 18th.

Coles - Customers will receive one voucher every time they shop. There will be a docket collection box in the Front Office when the program starts. The program begins on the 11th of August.

CAN YOU HELP US?
Last term, the R-3 children and I cleaned out our “Play Boxes”. These are boxes which contain dress-ups, real life equipment and toys that are related to a particular theme. We threw away many damaged or outdated toys and equipment, but now our boxes are looking a bit empty! We have play boxes based around the following themes: pirates, Asian, office, post office, safari, shopping, restaurant, transport, farming, babies (dolls), sporting (indoor sports) and hospital.
If you have anything around the home to donate, it would be fantastic!
Some examples of things that the children would like include: old mobile phones, cameras, old work books, carbon paper or ‘office-style’ equipment, postage stamps, envelopes, sunglasses, farm toys, jewellery, a ‘treasure box’ (for the pirates!), handbags, sunglasses, hats and anything else appropriate to the play box themes.
Thank you to Charles and Marie Gabrieël, who helped mend some of the broken toys and costumes and for donating a new doll and dolls clothes for our ‘babies’ play box.
Thank you also to the Barrett and Sweatman families who donated equipment for our boxes.

HIGHWAY 12 ATHLETICS 2011
Please note that the Highway 12 Athletics event that was to be held this term at Lameroo Regional Community School on August 26th has been postponed to October 17th next term.

Good luck to all the children who are taking part in the six hour Pedal Prix race this weekend in Adelaide. Thank you to all the parents who are helping with the event.

Kind Regards,

Lauren Gabrieël
Sunday School
31st July at 10am
Uniting Church
All welcome

KIDS CLUB FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT & BBQ Fundraiser

Friday 12th August 4-7pm
Geranium Uniting Church
Food, drinks and snacks for sale.
All ages (including parents and grandparents) welcome.
Details from:
Deb Lock 85762058
Marg Smith 85772216
Opening celebration of Mosaic Pathway created by Kids Club.

LIBRARY NEWS
New Books July 2011

Non-Fiction
The BHS book of the Natural Horse  Sarah Widdicombe
(donated by Diana Ryan)
Fearless Star  Taylor Swift

Children’s Easy Fiction
The Last Viking  Norman Jorgensen
A Surprise for Dingo  Rina A Foti
Just One More  Mark Macleod
Nog and the Land of Noses  Bruce Whatley
Good Morning Mr Pancakes  Chris McKimmie
Warambi  Aleesah Darlison

Children’s Fiction
Uncommon Criminals  Ally Carter
Words in the Dust  Trent Reedy

Adult Fiction
Sawbones  Stuart Macbride
A Moment Like Forever  Martina Reilly
Whispering Death  Garry Disher
Fighting Dirty  June Hampson
A Place Called Freedom  Ken Follett
All I ever Wanted  Kristan Higgins
No More secrets  Gina Amos
No More Lies  Martin Cole
The Runaway

Adult Non Fiction
From Karma to Grace  John Van Auken

DVD’S
Yogi Bear
Cool Running
Ice Age