Dear Parents and Friends,

The school year has begun well and now that swimming lessons have been completed for the year, the classes have settled into their learning programs. Having been around to classrooms, it is fantastic to see so many students very positive about the progress they intend to make this year. Having Parent / Teacher interviews early this term seems to have been a positive change, with teachers enjoying the opportunity to meet parents early on to discuss the needs and learning goals of each individual student. The uptake for interviews has been quite pleasing. If you haven’t arranged an interview with your child’s teacher yet, we do encourage you to do so.

Welcome
Welcome to Berta (Yr 2) and Guillem (F) Llop who have joined us for the next 3 months from Spain. We look forward to learning about their lifestyle in Spain as well as having them at our school.

Splash Carnival
Last Friday, the Junior Primary Staff held a successful Splash Carnival. I was really impressed with the progress, and willingness to have a go of all the students. This was a great way to celebrate the end of the swimming program for most of the students.

Governing Council
On Tuesday night the Governing Council held its Annual General Meeting. The Annual Report was presented as well as the election of office bearers and councillors. The Governing Council members for 2015 are:

- Melissa Hunter (Chairperson)
- Peta Crewe (Vice Chairperson)
- Pete Balnaves (Treasurer)
- Trish Brand (Secretary)
- Jamie Sheppard (Staff Rep)
- Cindy Hutchesson (Parent Club)
- Stuart Sharman
- Kirsten Croser
- Justin McDonald
- Mark DeGaris
- Leolla Balk
- Rachael Messenger
- Vacancy (one year term—replace retiring member)

We welcome our new members as well as our returning members.

Respect and Responsibility
Governing Council Chairperson: Melissa Hunter
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Term 1 & 2

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MARCH

- Wedn’day 4th Alpha Show: Cinderella
- Monday 9th Public Holiday (Adelaide Cup)
- Wedn’day 11th SAPSASA Athletics Tryouts (Between recess and lunch)
- Thursday 12th Cyber Safety Parent Information Night—Community Event
  Assembly—Yr 4/5 Williams 2pm
- Friday 13th Yr 4/5 & Yr6/7 Cyber Safety Sessions
- Friday 27th Assembly—Yr 4/5 Lear
- Sunday 29th Rose Farm Open Day Fundraiser

APRIL

- Friday 3rd GOOD FRIDAY
- Monday 6th EASTER MONDAY
- Wedn’day 8th SAPSASA Athletics—Millicent
- Friday 10th Assembly—Foundation (Mrs Finch) Last day Term 1 (2:15pm dismissal)
members. As you can see, we still have one vacancy. If you have considered being on Governing Council and would like to have a say in the decisions made at the school then it is not too late, Please speak to Paul or any of the Governing Council if you are interested.

**Parent Club**
The Parent Club held its AGM last week and has formed their new committee.

- **President**: Mardi Currie
- **Vice**: Cindy Hutchesson
- **Treasurer**: Kerry Dent
- **Secretary**: Ilana Minge
- **Staff rep**: Tony O’Connell
- **Uniform**: Cindy Hutchesson
- **GC Rep**: Cindy Hutchesson
- **Canteen Rep**: Denise Powell
- **Committee**: Naomi McShane, Lisa Rowntree

One of the first duties is to provide the BBQ at the swimming carnival. Attached is a tear off slip asking for people to volunteer to help out. If you can spare half an hour, it would be greatly appreciated. The reply slips can be returned to the front office.

**Swimming Carnival**
We have conducted the majority of our time trials for the upcoming senior swimming carnival on **Friday 27th February.** All students from Years 4-7 are expected to attend. Students in Year 3 who can swim a lap of the pool and have completed the time trial will be entered into their chosen races and some team events—regardless of their time. The carnival will start at 11:15am and go through to the conclusion of the day. Students will be expected to return to school, unless they are picked up by a parent or have written permission to remain at the pool.

Team game practice will be on next Tuesday. Students are expected to have their swimming gear that day.

**Buses**
As written in the last newsletter, please be aware that the Monbulla and Nangwarry buses are at capacity. Parents who are requesting casual travel for their child/ren may not be approved—it will be subject to availability.

The bus drivers are still looking for relief drivers. If you have a heavy vehicle license and would be available to undertake casual driving, please contact Louise Clayfield at Penola HS (8737 0000).

**House Captains**
At last week’s assembly, the house captains were announced. The successful candidates were:

- **Rymill Captains**: Jess Eastwood, Tom Skeer
- **Vice Captains**: Sha’lee Leistra, Connor Hunter
- **Woods Captains**: Sophie McDonald, Caleb Lythgo
- **Vice Captains**: Amy Whitehouse, Sebastian Hamilton
- **Dickson Captains**: Lucy Sharman, Joel Dent
- **Vice Captains**: Tyler Batt, Kaleb Messenger
- **Gordon Captains**: Ally Jones, Zac Currie
- **Vice Captains**: Skye McLachlan, Angus Croser

We look forward to seeing their leadership not only at sports carnivals, but in all that they do at school throughout the whole year.

**Student Representative Council**
The Year 6/7 students have been invited to apply for the executive positions, which will close next week. The staff will decide on the successful candidates, which will be announced at the next assembly.

**Canteen News**
The canteen is back to normal sales after the swimming lessons. The students have lots of healthy options for lunches and Fridays continue to be the busiest days. We will continue with having a wrap special on Mondays. Next week will be chicken, avocado and salad. These are available recess and lunch time for $3.00 or 2 for $5.00.

**Piano and Guitar Lessons**
Guitar (Tuesday) and Piano (Friday) lessons have begun this term. There are still a couple of vacancies for each if you are interested. Congratulations also to our piano teacher, Bo’az Manser and his wife on the birth of their son, Eli.
Community News
Swimming Lessons Coonawarra
Indoor heated pool
Swimming Lessons fro Term 1 are starting on 17th February.
Please contact Jo Brand on 87363252 and leave a message with your phone number, child’s name, age and preferred day.
Lesson times: Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday 3:30pm until 6:00pm (for kindy and school children)
Babies’ sessions— Thursday 9am (6 months / new babies - parents in water) 9:30am (next level—parents in water) 10am (more independent—parents on side)
Fitness or rehab swim sessions—contact Jo to organise time

Splash Carnival
Susan Mclean is Australia’s foremost expert in the area of Cyber-safety and young people. She is a mother of three and was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. She took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training in this area in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP’s, and both State and Federal Governments. She is a member of the National Centre Against Bullying (NCAB)Cybersafety Committee and is afforded 'expert' status on the Safer Internet Programme Data Base. She is also a member of the Australian Government's Cybersafety working group and a published author. Her book 'Sext's Texts & Selfies', is the definitive parents' guide to helping their children stay safe online.

What Susan doesn’t know about Cybersafety is not worth knowing! She is absolutely brilliant and her presentations are dynamic and entertaining. She has the unique ability to connect with each audience from young people to adults.  
(Dr Michael Carr-Gregg Adolescent Psychologist)