Dear Parents and Friends,

It’s good to be back at school after a week on camp and then a few days in Adelaide on an External Review Panel. Being able to go on camp to Adelaide with the Year 6 class was a privilege and I can speak very positively about the way the group presented themselves, both in public and back at the campsite. It was an action packed few days with the Race around Adelaide the highlight. There certainly were a few tired bodies on the bus on the way home.

Book Week
This week we have been celebrating Book Week with lots of great activities in the library each day. Thanks to our wonderful SSOs who have organised the lunch time events, and also to the staff who have taken the time to read a story. We have included lots of great photos later this newsletter.

Today we celebrated the Book Week Assembly and dress-up day. There were lots of great performances and I thank all the parents, family and friends who attended. We will have photos from this in the next edition.

Service Awards
At the last assembly and SSO week, I presented a number of service awards to staff. The Department of Education and Child Development have recognised milestones for permanent staff working for DECD. Those who have completed 40 years service were invited to an official presentation in Adelaide. We would like to recognise the following people for their service to DECD:

40 years
Cathy Heyn
Tony O’Connell
Marcia Hunt

20 Years
Julianne Williams

10 Years
Stacey Walters
Olivia Thomas
Fiona Holberton
Dione McDonald-French
Anna Copping
Toni Cadzow

We thank them for their commitment to improving the lives of children and young people.

Sports Day
We are starting to prepare for our annual festival of sports, otherwise known as Sports Day. It is usually held on the Friday of week 2, but we wanted to avoid clashing with the Penola Show, so this year we will hold Sports Day on Friday 4th November. There will also be lead up events on the Wednesday and Thursday prior.

The first of the tryouts for championship events is due to be held on Monday. However, currently the oval would be more akin to holding the swimming championships, with the water clearer than the pool at Rio. We are hoping the water will soak away over the weekend, and the tryouts can still go ahead.
Therefore we ask that students wear suitable attire for running, throwing and jumping this Monday, 12th September.

**School Photographs**
This year we have been booked in for **Friday 28th October**. We are aware this is Penola Show Day and students need to enter items for show competitions, so we will hold them slightly later in the day. Unfortunately due to the tight schedule of the photographer, this date could not be changed.

**University of NSW Competitions**
We have received more results for the UNSW Competitions, this time Writing and Spelling.
At the last assembly we presented the Merit (top 40% of entrants), Credit (top 25%), Distinction (top 10%) and High Distinction (top 1%) certificates for Writing and Spelling Winners were:

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*Principal’s Award

**Spelling and Grammar Strategy of the Week**

*The letter ‘u’*

- The letter u is a vowel and it has four sounds: /u/ for up, /oo/ for blue, /ῡ/ for cute and; /oo/ for put.

- The letter u can never end an English word, a silent e is needed - due - tissue

This strategy helps when reading and spelling words that use u.

(Sourced from www.learningmadeeasier.com.au)

1st Prize ($300 Hamper): Scott Hunter
2nd Prize ($200 Hamper): Ryan Meek
3rd Prize ($100 Hamper): Kaleb Moulton

A big Thank-you to Denise Powell who took the time to collect all the prizes. Thanks also to all the local businesses who supported the raffle.

**Canteen**
Over the next few weeks we will have a $3.50 chocolate milkshake special - one class at a time. Next Thursday will be the Year 7 class. Order forms need to be in by next Tuesday.

**Rosters for the next few weeks:**

**Munchies Roster**
- **Tuesday 13th September**
  - Sue Bell
  - Rosalia Faux
  - Hannah Lewis

- **Tuesday 20th September**
  - Trish Brand
  - Amelia Balnaves
  - Stacey Marlow

**Canteen Roster**
- **Friday 16th September**
  - Katherine Hunter

- **Friday 23rd September**
  - Rachael Messenger

**Parent Club**

**Father’s Day Raffle**
Thank you to everyone who sold raffle tickets for the Father’s Day raffle. We raised over $1200 which will go towards School Projects. The winners were:
Year 6 Camp

Thanks To Christy Radford for her great photos