Leader’s Report

Many Thanks

I would like to acknowledge our two Governing Council members leaving us at the end of this year. Helle Christopherson has been a valuable member of council this year and I have appreciated knowledge and insight in meetings. She has accepted a new job position in Perth and I wish her and family well. Tully Barnett is also sadly leaving our school. Tully has been chairperson of the Governing Council since 2007 and her insight and input into Ascot Park PS has been immense. She will be sorely missed by the whole school community.

I would urge all parents of Ascot Park Primary School to consider joining Governing Council in 2015. The AGM will be in the first few weeks of the 2015 school year.

Class Placements

These are all but finalised thus we hope to notify parents soon!

School Concert

Congratulations to all students who so admirably performed at the school concert last Wednesday. What a great night it was!! Hearty congratulations to Heather Smith for her tireless work and organisation.

Well Done ALL!

Thank You

I would like to acknowledge the staff leaving us at the end of the year and for the fine work they have done.

Megan Jane – EALD teacher
Kipp Jones – PE and Classroom teacher
Mandy Hackett – has won a leadership position and will be returning in 2016

Reminder

End of school term on Friday 12th December. Early dismissal at 2:10pm
**Year 7 Award Winners**

Congratulations to our award winners for the 2014 school year  
**Achievement Award:** Doyoun Kim & Gabby Prider  
**Citizenship Award:** Julianne Pamintuan & Maddy Payne  
**Active Award:** Nick Matthews & Theodore Fermin  
**Gymjets Award:** Grace Popplestone  
**Soccer Award:** Theodore Fermin  
**Edwardstown Lions Club Leadership Award:** Paige Bowers

Well Done ALL!

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**Family Maths Challenge**

Talk about the Maths Challenge as a family and see how you all solve the problems. 
Record how you do the challenge and then bring it into school (with name and class) and post it into the Maths Box in the office by Friday.

We will acknowledge students’ and family efforts in the next newsletter.

**Challenge # 13 – CHRISTMAS DINNER**

1. The Ryan family are preparing for their traditional Christmas lunch which they plan to have at 1.30pm. They have a turkey which will need 2 and 3/4 hours cooking time, roast potatoes which will need one hour, roast pumpkin which will need 45 minutes and vegetable bake which will only need 20 minutes. The other vegetables will be steamed for five minutes before serving.

   At what times will they need to start cooking the different foods?

   a) turkey __________________

   b) roast potatoes ______________

   c) roast pumpkin ______________

   d) vegetable bake ______________

2. If the pudding needs to be boiled for 3 and ½ hours, what time would they need to start cooking it if they wish to eat the pudding at 2.30pm?

**#12 Answer – The Life Boat**

How did your family go with solving last time’s problem?

1. 5
2. 12

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**CPS CORNER**

What a fantastic concert we had last night! It was great that so many parents, carers and friends could be there to help celebrate the children’s achievements as they provided some great entertainment for us under the watchful tutelage of Heather Smith. It was a lovely evening and all the hard work was really appreciated. Thanks to all whether you did a lot or a little or just came along!!

And what fantastic storms we had last Saturday afternoon! The thunder and lightning was extraordinary – so much so that a large redwood tree was destroyed by lightning and the accompanying offshoot injured a boy working in a shed nearby. It seems that every now and again nature puts on a display that fills us with awe and wonder. Another phenomenon that people have been commenting on is that of how fast this year seems to have gone. The school year is rapidly drawing to a close and everyone is excited and busy in these last three weeks. There are projects being finished, reports being written, practices happening for celebration night, Christmas crafts being made, Christmas stories being told and preparations being made for the Year 7 Graduation ceremony. Most Australian families are also excitedly getting ready for Christmas by sending greetings to each other, buying gifts for each other, baking Christmas goodies and preparing for the family to get together on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There is a good feeling in the air as one wanders through the shopping centres with their decorations and music and one sees the smiles on children’s faces as they talk to Father Christmas. It is all jolly good fun.

It is also a time to think of others less fortunate than ourselves and to offer them some Christmas cheer. Broken relationships and physical ailments need comforting and healing. I think it was timely then that I attended a workshop on suicide last week. The uplifting thing was that the workshop was held in the building of the SA Guide Dogs Association and we got to meet a working dog helping to improve the lives of people with disabilities.

The Christmas story will be told in the school on Monday afternoon December 8 and you are welcome to come. Watch out for the notice next week.

I hope that you all get on well for the rest of the term.

Til next time
Karen Tromans
CPSW