Leader’s Report
We are in the early stages of organising for the 2016 school year and trying to determine classes for next year.

It is vital that our predicted enrolment numbers are as accurate as we can possibly be. Therefore if your child/children will not be attending Ascot Park PS I ask that you provide this information ASAP.

End of Term
The last day for term 3 is **Friday 25th September**. School will be dismissed at **2.10pm**

CHOIR
Sincere congratulations to our students representing the school in this year’s Festival Centre Primary Schools choir performance. The Sunday afternoon performance was absolutely fantastic and all members of the choir did our school proud! A big thank you and congratulations goes to Pam Barratt who took on the enormous job of running the choir, organising practice and performances. Fantastic!!

SCHOOL CROSSING
Can I please ask parents to remind their children to use the school crossings appropriately and in particular not to distract the crossing monitors. May I also ask parents themselves to ensure the crossings are used appropriately?

Thanks in anticipation.

Four Year Old Programme
Our 4 YO programme for children who have turned 4 and intend to enrol at Ascot Park PS runs each Monday from 9am to 10:30 am except public and school holidays. The early years are crucial to the learning experiences of children and this programme aims to build on learning at pre-school, improve transition to school, establish relationships and enrich literacy and numeracy skills.

For more information and to enrol call our front office.
SAPSASA Rugby – Tackle Challenge Tournament

On 28th August, the Year 5 students in Mr Kennedy’s class pulled on their game socks and boots and made their way to West Beach Primary School for the annual Rugby Tackle Challenge competition.

Our school was one of the first on the scene and used the time to practise our skills and talk about our positions. With that out of the way we started the challenge. The teams we were playing were three teams from Glenelg Primary and two teams from West Beach Primary.

In our first game it didn’t take long for our first try! But within a few minutes Glenelg had scored too! It looked like it was going to be a close game but from then it was Ascot Park all the way!

This continued in the final games and in the end Ascot Park was successful in winning all games – clearly the best team on the day!

Perhaps most exciting was that all students played their part, with tries and conversions scored by many and lots of excellent tackles! Well done all!

Our squad included:

Braxton Meinel, Blake Kiesewetter, James White, Lucas Wilden, Latifah Bush, Kaitlyn Lewis, Mohammad Alsaadi, Mohammed Teah and David Hunter.

By Mr Kennedy

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Library Book Sale
The pre-loved book sale has been continuing in the Library and so far we have sold over 200 books! What a bargain for only 20c each. We still have heaps of books to sell so make sure you come in and grab some bargains before the holidays! Tuesday and Thursday next week: Students at lunchtime, Parents 9-9:30am or 3:10pm on Tuesday.

PCW Corner
It is spring again!! :) We have just had a glorious weekend with temperatures in the high twenties, beautiful blossoms appearing, fresh green leaves growing and flowers appearing!
It has been great to sit outside and enjoy the warmth of the spring sun on your face, watch the footy finals without the rain and cold, go to the Royal Adelaide Show, attend the Gymnastics Assembly, go to the Senior School Camp and even go to school without being concerned about the very cold or the very hot. It is just a very pleasant time of year.

Without taking a survey, I am assuming that most people find spring a lovely time of year. However, I also know that there are people who may express a different opinion about spring. You could take it as a fact that spring occurs every year without getting too excited about it. Or you could even find it boring that the same thing occurs every year, and you might get sick of people talking about “the joy of spring” and even get angry at people talking like this.

One of the reasons that spring is so great is that it reminds us that there are pleasant times to be had despite the difficulties of the extremes of weather that occur in both winter and summer. I love extreme weather as these conditions teach us about the amazing planet that we live on. However, I also know that I am unable to live in such conditions on my own. It is exciting that we can create ways in which we can live in and explore the world in extreme conditions. Yet it is always tougher living and working in such environments as disasters and tragedies occur, and the things we make to help us also break down.
The same occurs in summer and winter even in the mild climates. This is why spring is a great time of relaxation from the tough times. It is a time to relax and just enjoy the beautiful world in which we live and it is a time to recover from the tough times that we have had and to prepare for the next lot of tough times ahead. That is why spring is never boring! But it can seem boring if you have not recovered from a tough time or if you do not know how to prepare for the next tough time. All of us experience tough times and can find that spring does not seem to give us the hope that is promised. This is when those with the hope of spring can help and encourage those without the hope of spring.

Wishing you “a little ray of sunshine” as we finish the term and enjoy the school holidays
Karen Tromans
PCW

COMMUNITY NEWS

A Multicultural Experience & More for Seniors
Friday 16 October
10:30am To 3:00pm
Active Elders Association Hall
27a Charles Street, Ascot Park

Come and join Active Elders Association for a fun multicultural theme experience showcasing some multicultural & other groups at the Club & in the area.
Free entry. Disability access.
Demonstrations of cultural dance, information, come & try social media, Wii Nintendo games and lots more.
Lion’s Club delicious BBQ plus soft drinks available to purchase.
Continuous tea, coffee & yummy biscuits available (gold coin donation).
Let us know if you are attending by 12 October 2015 so we can cater for you:
Phone Kristina on 8224 5530
Email: kbarnett@cotasa.org.au

COTA
For older Australians
WINNERS OF THE MITCHAM COUNCIL AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE BY A GROUP

We once again have **FREE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES ON TUESDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER & WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2015** in the Hawthorn Masonic Hall, 6 Wattle Avenue Lower Mitcham at 11.00 am.

Lunch is included but we do appreciate parents registering their interest so we know how many to cater for.

We are family friendly and welcome all members of the family.

Our current “SERVICE PROJECT FOR BACKPACKS 4SA KIDS” is progressing well and we will be presenting a large amount of items for the backpacks as well as a cash donation on Saturday 7th November, 2015.

Members of the community are welcome to attend.

For further details please ring Kimberley 0417 885 488 or email: rainbowgirlssa@yahoo.com.au

**RAINBOW GIRLS ARE READY FOR LIFE**

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**SPECSAVERS OPTOMETRISTS**

Eye conditions in children are often not diagnosed because the child assumes the way they see is normal. Therefore we would like to take this opportunity to advise you of our upcoming event at Westfield Shoppingtown Marion, where we will be making available **FREE KIDS EYE SCREENING!**

**Dates:** Thursday 1st October, Friday 2nd October & Saturday 3rd October

**Time:** 10:30am – 2:30pm

**Location:** Ground floor under the Food court

If you have any queries please contact Jenny Lanham (Optometrist Partner) on 8296 5969

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**Cyber Safety**

An opportunity for parents to learn about the technology their children are using and to identify ways to keep their children safe. BHIMBO – come along if you are not sure what that means!

**Venue:** Fennescey House

**Dates:** Thursday 16th October, 2015

Tuesday 8th December, 2015

**Time:** 6:00pm – 8:00pm

*Bookings essential, please contact 8210 8200*

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**Free parenting seminar**

**The wonderful world of toddlers**

Are you the parent or carer of a 1-3 year old? Want to understand their feeling and behaviour? Come and hear how you can connect with your toddler and help them thrive by:

- Seeing them through their eyes
- Helping them manage strong feelings
- Guiding their behaviour

**When:** Wednesday 4th November

**Time:** 7:15 – 9:00pm

**Where:** City Rooms

Adelaide Convention Centre

North Terrace, ADELAIDE

Register to attend in person:

- **Phone:** 8303 1660
- **Email:** health.parentingsa@health.sagov.au

Presented by Parenting SA

For more information about catering for your toddler go to [www.parenting.sa.gov.au](http://www.parenting.sa.gov.au) or [www.cyh.com](http://www.cyh.com)

Helping parents to do their best