As you can see by our diary dates our term calendar is filling up. As well as what is mentioned we also have the year 7 transition happening in week 5, which will have the Cleve year 7’s visit Wharminda. Then in week 10 our whole school will visit Cleve to attend a performance and the year 7’s will spend the remainder of the day with the Cleve students. It is so important that our year 7 students have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the Cleve school grounds and make new friends before starting their secondary schooling.

I would like to thank Gill Masters for offering to transport our year 6/7 students to Cleve for the Rugby on Thursday. Once again this is an excellent opportunity for our students to make connections with Cleve and the wider community.

We have included photographs from the Mexican Fiesta held in week 10 last term. It was a wonderful day in which the students could celebrate and share their learning with the community and Pt Neill school. We also valued the history shared with us at the Verran cemetery by Daphne & Lyall Bates, Maurice Smith, Adrian & Heather Masters and Monty Horne. The donations of flowers from Mary LeRaye, Heather & Adrian Masters and Daphne Bates were beautiful. The students took pride in making posies and placing them on the graves. The breaking of the piñatas was a highlight of the day and it is a wonder no one was injured. Once again thank you to everyone that attended for supporting our special days here at Wharminda Primary School.

We will participate in National Tree Day again this year. We have chosen next Tuesday as our planting day. We will be using some of the native trees grown by the students with Daphne Bates and planting them in front of the school. We will start at 9:30 a.m. Everyone welcome.

This term our theme is China and the Olympics and we have loads of experiences planned which will engage the students in their learning.

A farewell to our Principal Matthew McCurry was held yesterday and we wish him all the best in his new job at District Office. A new principal will be appointed in the near future. Until this time I will be Acting Principal.

Lou McDonough
**Port Neill Bay to Bay Walk / Run–athon**

12 Kilometre starts at Cowley's Beach  
5 Kilometre starts at Carrow Wells  
Finish is at the Green Shed for a shared lunch

**When:** Sunday 21st September  
**Time:**  
12 Kilometre walk—10am  
12 Kilometre run—10:30am  
5 Kilometre walk / run 11am  

**Cost:** $2 (with all proceeds to be passed to the Burma Relief Fund)

**Categories:**  
Open Male / Female 5 Km  
Open Male / Female 12 Km  
U/15 Male / Female 5 Km  
Over 50’s  
U/15 Male / Female 12km

*Everyone welcome to participate. Don’t forget to get training and prepare for the event. To register please contact Lou McDonough on 8688 9290 before the 20th September. Be at the start 15 minutes before your start time.*

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**SAPSASA**

I was selected in the South Australian 12 and under SAPSASA cricket team to play in Darwin in June. We travelled to Darwin on the Sunday and it was really hot when we came out of the airport. We stayed at the same place as the Boylan’s from Wudinna. Isaac and I spent most of Sunday afternoon in the pool.

On Monday we lost to Victoria by 2 runs .. They batted first and made 184 we were all out for 182. On Tuesday we beat NSW and our coach Ben was really pleased because SA haven't beaten NSW before. On Thursday we played Northern Territory we made 100 and they were all out for 86. We had a really bad day on Friday and lost to Queensland. We were all out for 45. On Sunday we played ACT we made 99 ( I made 17) and ACT made 67. Over all we came third and we won the bronze medal. Everyone was pleased. SA don't usually win medals.

Bob and Joyce Davey from Port Neill were staying in their caravan in Darwin and they came to watch cricket every day.

We had some time for sightseeing. On Wednesday all of the cricketers went to the jumping crocodiles. On Saturday some of us went to Berry Springs and had a BBQ lunch. We swam in the waterfall.

I had a great time and meet some really good people.

Sidney Masters