From the Principal

Thankyou to everyone who came along and joined in our shared lunch on Tuesday. It was very enjoyable and it was great to get to meet so many parents. The food supplied was delicious but it may have had an adverse effect on my six pack.

I would like to acknowledge and thank people who were elected onto the Governing Council for the year. I hope they find it a challenging and rewarding time. The Governing Council for 2007 is as follows:

Chairperson—Jodie Jones
Vice Chairperson—Liz Nield
Secretary—Sharon Bates
Assistant Secretary—Jennifer Horne
Finance Committee—Jodie Jones, Gill Masters, Liz Nield and Jackie Spronk
SAPSASA Rep—Gill Masters
Grounds Co-ordinator—Ian Noble
Other Council Members—Helen Heron, Vicki Forrest and Stewart Forrest

After the AGM the Governing Council held its first meeting for the year. The minutes of these meetings will be sent home with the next newsletter.

At recess on Tuesday the children made some yummy pancakes with the help of Carol Roberts. Thankyou Carol for your time and effort.

In the Upper Primary class the students have been working very hard on learning their times tables, so I am sure the children would love you to give them a quiz on their tables each night. In the Junior Primary class the children have been learning about measuring liquids. The children would enjoy explaining to you the difference between millimetres and litres and some of the liquids we need to measure and why.

Unfortunately, bullying has become an issue at school with many of the students, particularly from the Upper Primary class becoming involved. Amanda Prime and myself have spoken to the class about this matter. We spoke about:

- What is bullying?
- Why people do it
- What we can do if we are bullied
- How bullying affects people
- Consequences if we bully others
- How to help people if they are being bullied

We hope the students now fully understand that they are responsible for their own behaviour and what is acceptable behaviour. The school would appreciate it if you could discuss this issue at home.

On Monday the teaching staff went to Tumby Bay for the first workshop on “Success for Boys”. The day consisted of exploring why boys in general may not be reaching their potential at school and then identifying areas of concern specific to Wharminda such as literacy and self esteem. The staff will now develop a plan to tackle these areas. Included in the newsletter is an article summarizing some pertinent points regarding boys’ education which you might find interesting.

Murray Adams
Upper Primary Learning Update

The Upper Primary Class has been working on the text type of Procedure in Literacy. Procedural text includes aspects such as: list of materials needed, steps required to complete the task & illustrations or pictures to support the text. Below is one example of the procedural text children have written this term.

How to Make a Pizza

Ingredients

- Pizza base
- Pizza sauce
- Shredded cheese
- Shredded Ham

Steps

1. Wash your hands
2. Turn oven onto 210 degrees Celsius
3. Put pizza base on a pizza tray
4. Spread tomato paste on the pizza base
5. Sprinkle cheese over the pizza base
6. Sprinkle shredded ham over the pizza base
7. Cover with shredded cheese
8. Put in the oven
9. Set timer for 30 minutes
10. Remove from oven—make sure you wear oven mitts
11. Cut into slices and serve on a plate
12. Eat

By Thomas
Community Coach Training Workshop
Sunday, 25th February 2007
Venue: Wharinda Primary School
Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

If you are interested in coaching children in sport or currently do so then this workshop may be of interest to you. It will also give you accreditation and enable you to be employed as a coach in the ‘Active After Schools Programmes’ run in approximately 30 schools across Eyre Peninsula. The course is about teaching children to have fun when playing sport and games not just skill development.

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school. This must be completed and returned to Wharinda Primary School ASAP if you wish to attend the workshop.
Lou McDonough

Volunteer wanted

Our collection of school concert costumes needs to be sorted and catalogued so that we know what we have in storage. Last year we cleaned them out and placed them in large plastic tubs and now we need someone to organise them and type up a list of the different types of costumes and the box they are in etc. If you are able to take this task on please contact Lou at school.

Pancakes Yum!!
Farm families who would like assistance completing their Income Support application (Claim for Drought Assistance) for Exceptional Circumstances can contact Rural Counsellor Sue Olsen on 0427 978918.

Sue is able to visit on property Tuesday and Wednesdays at no cost. Prior bookings are needed.

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Centacare  
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Port Lincoln SA  5606  
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BEACH SPORTS DAY

If you wish to purchase lunch from the General Store, please order the day before. You can either fax or phone your orders through on 86889005

TAFESA Cleve campus

PLEASE PAY NOW for Firearms Safety, Cleve Sunday March 11th. Approval letter from Firearms Branch necessary. “A&B” class $150 “C” class $50

Chemcert training is available by contacting 8389 1854, (TAFESA is no longer offering Chemcert courses.) A course is being held in Cleve February 28th 2007, Tumby Bay 27th Feb, Kimba March 2nd.

Finance and Business Studies, and Information Technology (computing) classes will be available in Cleve 2007, run by visiting lecturers from Pt Lincoln and Whyalla. RECOGNITION of PRIOR LEARNING information available for people needing certificates eg for promotion or new employment. Michelle Power Programme Manager from Pt Lincoln will be in Cleve campus Tuesday March 6th to discuss Financial Services, Retail, Information Technology, Office Administration, Training and Assessment qualifications. Please call the campus to register your interest in attending.

Small Business studies is also being offered by open learning, with support from Con Theologou at Whyalla Campus. He will also run face to face Contractor Licensing Workshops for people in the trade areas of plumbing, gas fitting, electrical and building.

Digital Camera course with Jeffrey Venning Tuesday March 20th Cost $35 conc $25.

Senior First Aid two day workshop on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th March. Cost $156

Explosives Course anticipated to run at Pt Neill, two days in March or April. Expressions of interest needed to confirm this course. Put your name down by calling 8628 2456
Welding, Front End Loader, Forklift and ATV training will be available, tba.

Call in to discuss your training needs, so our community benefits.
TAFESA Cleve Campus open 9am – 5 pm Tuesday to Friday.