From the Principal

Welcome to Term 4.
Students and teachers have settled into the term quickly and well. There is a huge amount of excitement about our end of year concert. Look for information from Lou about the concert elsewhere in this newsletter.

The date for our concert is Friday 8th of December, with a preconcert hall clean up on Wednesday 6th at 9.00am and the post concert clean up on Sunday 10th December at 10.00am.

Pupil Free Day
Yesterday teachers worked hard at school to ensure we continue to provide high quality education for students at Wharminda Primary School. Topics included:

- The Action Research project examining at how we work with the whole school as an R-7 group,
- Early years Literacy focus on data collection,
- How we can best carry our clear focus on improving student learning outcomes into 2007.

Community Tea
Please come along with some food to share for tea on Friday evening at school. We will have tea from 6.00pm and all share in supervising the disco which will be in the science shed from 7.00pm.

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Wednesday 1st November between recess and lunch. I am not sure exactly what time family photos will be taken, but there will be coffee and tea available while you wait.

Library Working Bee
This is tomorrow at 1.00pm. Please bring some afternoon tea to share.

Congratulations
Firstly to Darren and Fiona who have brought their delightful family home. The photos of the babies and Amelia sent to us from a proud grandmother Leslie are beautiful.

Secondly to Tori Masters who is the reserve in the SAPSASA tennis.

Diary Dates

**October**

- Thurs 26th: Library and History Working Bee
- Fri 27th: Community Tea and Disco 6pm
- Tues 31st: Finance Meeting 9.30am

**November**

- Wed 1st: School Photos
- Fri 3rd: Bandana SRC fundraiser
- Tues 7th: Finance Meeting @ 9.30am
- Tues 21st: Finance Meeting @9.30am
- Thur 23rd: 6/ 7 Leadership Camp @ Pt Lincoln
- Fri 24th: 6/ 7 Leadership Camp
- Tues 28th: Finance Meeting @ 9.30am

**December**

- Fri 1st: Port Neill School Concert
- Tues 5th: Finance Meeting @ 9.30am
- Wed 6th: Concert Hall Clean and Set Up - 9am
- Fri 8th: Whariminda School Concert 7.30pm
- Sun 10th: Post Concert hall clean up 10am
- Tues 12th: Ungarra School Concert
- Fri 15th: End of Term - Casual Clothes

Notices for next newsletter to be emailed to news.letter@wharmindaps.sa.edu.au by Monday 23rd October
GOVERNING COUNCIL
INSIDE WORKING BEE
at
Wharminda Primary School
on Thursday 26th October 2006.
Meet at 1.00pm

Jobs include:
- Tidy library shelves
- Book cataloguing in library
- Sort Wharminda Primary School recent historical papers etc

Let Mary know if you are able to attend.
Afternoon tea provided

Community Tea
Wharminda Primary School
Come along with a plate of food to share on Friday 27th October
Tea at 6.00pm.
Enjoy a social gathering of friends at your local school.
There will be a parent and staff supervised disco for students from 7.00pm to 9.00pm at the school.

School Concert Christmas Raffle
The school is looking for donations for our raffle. It would be much appreciated if each school family could donate 2 items for the raffle.
Please have your donations to the school by Tuesday 5th December - week 8.
Thankyou

Concert Hall Clean and Set Up
Wednesday 6th December @ 9am
Any help would be appreciated to set up the hall for our concert.
Clean up will be 10am Sunday 10th

WHARMINDA END OF YEAR CONCERT
DECEMBER 8TH
IT’S GOING TO BE OUT OF THIS WORLD

Planning of the concert has already begun. We have chosen a musical comedy and allocated the characters to the students. Scripts and a music Cd will go home with your child soon to help with learning their part and words to the songs. A list of clothing required will also go home soon in your child’s communication book.

Lou McDonough
Wanted:
Your favourite recipes!
To put in a recipe book for a fundraiser for Wharminda Primary School
Please email your favourite Recipes from home to Georgina at Cuddles_at_home@yahoo.com.au

Cleve Meats
If you shop at Cleve meats
ask to put your points towards Wharminda Primary

Port Neill Friday Night Social Bowls
Starting October 20th
Names in by 7.00pm for 7.30pm start
Contact: Luke Fauser 86889209
Kym Shepherd 86880040
Port Neill Bowling Club 86889056

Flat shoes, bring a jumper.

$2.00 mat fee

Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult

Congratulations to
Amy for 100 nights reading
Niamh for 75 night reading
Abi for 125 nights reading

TAFE TALK
Semester II classes
CHEMCERT Re-accreditation session will run at Cleve campus Wednesday 19th October.
This class is almost full. If you need this, get your name in now.
CPR Three hour session 9 am Monday 30th October cost $40
First Aid Re-certification One day only, Friday 24th November cost $85
Internet and Email can run as soon as the waitlist fills.
Word Processing classes can run either day or evening, whichever fills first.
Christmas card/Letter using Publisher will be repeated by popular demand in Term IV.
Firearms Safety Sunday November 5th. If you need this course please APPLY IMMEDIATELY at the Police Station for your approval from Firearms Branch. This approval can take 6 – 8 weeks to come through, so don’t delay. Cost $135 for A & B class.

If you have a training need or a leisure interest enquiry, call in at the campus to discuss your options, or ring 8628 2456 9am – 5pm Tuesday to Friday

Most award courses for TAFESA now require admission through SATAC to study in 2007. Please be aware that applications must be completed by October 30th.

Now is the time to plan your future accredited skills training.
Adelaide Entertainment Centre presents

Walking with the dinosaurs

The must-see theatrical show for all ages...but hurry, tickets are selling fast don’t miss out.
Starts 1 March 2007

Do you want a Boat Licence!

Tony Bagnell from Transport SA Pt Lincoln branch) will be running a Boat Licence training course at TAFE SA Cleve campus on Tuesday October 31st from 6 pm. Course cost $20, boat licence fee additional $28. You need to read the manual before attending the class. Register at Cleve TAFE 8628 2456.

Active After School Communities Program

Community members, teachers and parents enthusiastic about getting kids active are being encouraged to train as community coaches. The Active After School Communities Program, which was developed to address the decreasing levels of physical activity in children, has been running successfully on the Eyre Peninsula since Term 2, 2005. Wharminda Primary School is joining the program in Term 1, 2007 and is looking at ways to get the whole school community involved.

The program provides a range of structured, fun and inclusive activities to primary school aged children in the after school time-slot, with two to three sessions offered every week. The children may get the opportunity to try out new activities or to develop more confidence in their own involvement with physical activities and sport. The program is also an ideal way for local sporting and community groups to get involved with junior members of the community and to raise the profile of their sport or club. Additionally it is an ideal platform for beginner coaches to develop the skills and knowledge they need to run activities for young children with confidence and with access to helpful and well-developed resources.

The Australian Sports Commission is providing free training for community members to become registered deliverers in this program, working with their local schools. A course will be run during Term 4 in the Wharminda area. If you are interested please contact either Cheryl Glenie, principal of Wharminda Primary School on ph: 8628 9030 or Margie Fahy, Regional Coordinator AASC on ph: 0437 700 417.

It is finally back!

Driver River (Verran) Strawberry Fete.
Saturday 11th November. Stalls open 7:30, concert 8pm. See you there!

The terrific triplets are born

Ericka, Lauren, Miranda Millard. Born on the 27/9/06
Dinosaurs

The junior primary class have been learning lots of facts about dinosaurs.

Literacy
Our literacy Focus is reading non-fiction texts and reading for information. We have a huge collection of dinosaur books in our class which we read each day. In reading lessons we have also used our Dinosaur Fact Files to answer question sheets about dinosaurs. In writing lessons we have each found information on a specific dinosaur and included some of this in a fictional story about our dinosaur. We are currently working with Mrs Prime and Mrs Mac on making a slide-show with our dinosaur stories.

Society & Environment
With Ms Glenie the Junior Primary class have placed their dinosaurs and relevant vegetation on a timeline.

Mathematics
We have been continuing with our daily Mental. In term 3 we concentrated mainly on multiplication and division. This term we have a ‘Dinosaur maths’ book full of lots of number activities. We are also doing a unit on money. We are currently in the process of making a shop in our classroom to help with calculating amounts of money and giving change. We hope to also have a lesson measuring out how big our dinosaurs were.

R-7 Art
Dinosaurs have also managed to find themselves in our art lessons. We are currently working on 3D models of dinosaurs. We made the basic shape with junk materials and have built up the detail with Paper Mache.

We hope that we can soon share all our dinosaur work with you at an assembly.

Lou McDonough
**R—7 Curriculum**

I wanted the opportunity to share my delight in how our students have coped with the R-7 curriculum. To begin with it was difficult for both myself and the students. It was something new and change often takes time to adjust to. Our students and staff have done just this. We have experimented with different lesson structures and found what works best for the individual teacher and students. I have watched as our upper primary students have further developed their leadership skills as they peer tutor the younger students. The junior primary students are taking on tasks which would not have been possible without guidance from the older students. The co-operation between the students and initiative by individual students as improved immensely. Being able to work as a member of a team is vital in the workforce. And in real life members of a team are of different ages and ability as is our R-7 curriculum. I have included some pictures of our R-7 Visual Art lessons where we are busy working on our 3D dinosaur models.  

Lou McDonough

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**Key Competencies**

As part of our teaching and learning programming we focus on what is known as the Key Competencies along with SA Curriculum and Accountability Frameworks (SACSA). We have found that as we work with our students as an R-7 group they are developing the Key Competency skills very well. Our students are very quickly developing the key competency skills of:

- Communicating ideas and information to people of different ages
- Planning and organising activities
- Working with others and in teams
- Solving problems
- Using a wide variety of technology
- Collecting, analysing and organising information.

When our students work in the R-7 groups we believe they are achieving these skills much faster than if they were in a larger school.

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**Tasha's corner!**

Which is the largest polar bird?

How many offspring can female lemmings have?

What are baby arctic hares called?

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**Thanks To!**

1. Gavin for saving the lizard
2. Jennifer and Jodie for driving the bus while Lyall was on holidays
3. Ian, Monty and Jeff for checking out the area under the Pergola.
4. Robyn for displaying our art work for the Lipson show, and collecting both our prize money and art work after the show.