Dear Parents and Caregivers

Apart from being our Student Free Day on Friday, is also World Teachers’ Day. Over 100 countries worldwide acknowledge and celebrate the important role teachers and support staff such as School Services Officers play in the lives of students in their local communities. World Teachers’ Day was set up by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 as a way of valuing the role of educators in society. For more information on this world wide event go to www.worldteachersday.org.

At Manoora Primary School we are so fortunate to have a group of dedicated and motivated teachers who work so hard to meet the learning needs of our students. I would like to acknowledge the work of Mrs Sharryn Johnson and Miss Nicky Tilbrook in Banksia Class and Mrs Laura Hadley and Mrs Belinda Nichols in the Waratah Class. Their efforts ensure the curriculum presented to students is interesting, current and relevant. I am sure the teachers would also join with me in also acknowledging Mrs Marie Schwarz, whose work supporting teachers and students in the classroom makes such a difference to the quality of students’ learning.

And because we have the Student Free Day on Friday, World Teachers’ Day, teachers will be treated to a special morning tea! Happy World Teachers’ Day!

Still on the topic of staffing, I need to let people know that I will be taking long service leave from Monday 17 November 2014 (Week 6) until Friday 12 December 2014 (end of the term). I had wanted to talk it over at Governing Council last week, but that meeting didn’t happen and the term is moving forward quickly! I am pleased to announce that Mr Errol Pfitzner will be filling in as Principal while I am away. Errol is keen to come here and be a part of our school. He is currently in a senior leadership position at Lyndoch Primary school and has had some acting principal experience as well.

My leave is about taking my mother to visit family she has not seen for a number of years in Queensland, so it should be a fun road trip! Aside from a handover prior to Week 6, I will give the acting principal my mobile phone number and be available to them via text as required. I will also be working part of the week after students finish for the year in Week 10 in order to finalise matters, such as the school’s Annual Report for 2014. So I can be found!

The process to appoint teachers for 2015 is also underway and you can expect to hear news on that front later in the term. I obviously believe we have a good team (see previous comments) and will be working closely with our staffing officer in town to ensure that the teaching team in 2015 is the best it can be for our students and their educational programme.

In other news, the Kitchen Committee have met and worked out a plan that is being costed as we speak, ready for the next Governing Council meeting on Tuesday 4 November (ie next week). Splashback and cupboard colours have been chosen (brushed copper and antique white from memory) as well as a lino colour (ceduna white). The interesting part will be what it all adds up to! Stay tuned!

Tracy Griffin
At the last meeting of the Parent Club (12 September) the new kitchen was discussed, including the need for separate hand washing facilities. The Quiz Night was declared a success, with plans for another one next year, or a bingo night. Parent Club are in the process of getting quotes for school photos.

Other matters under discussion included the South Australian Parent Club Association and possible avenues for involvement, as well as a ‘Scrub Lunch’ and the Christmas Raffle.

The next meeting of the Parent Club is this Thursday 30 October at 9 am.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

Attached today are Raffle Books for our Annual Christmas Raffle. Thankyou to all those families who donated or found donations for our prizes.

1\textsuperscript{st} Prize – Garden Wheelbarrow & goods value $600

2\textsuperscript{nd} Prize – Pindari butchered Hogget pack value $200

3\textsuperscript{rd} Prize – Dunira Lamb pack value $200

4\textsuperscript{th} Prize – Nescafe Dolce Gusto System value $150

5\textsuperscript{th} Prize – Garden Trolley value $120

6\textsuperscript{th} Prize – $50 Marrabel Hotel Meal Voucher and 1 carton of West End Draught $50 Total value $100

7\textsuperscript{th} Prize - $50 Bunnings Voucher

8\textsuperscript{th} Prize – Pamper Pack value $50

9\textsuperscript{th} Prize – 2 Bottles Wine value $50

More books are available from the Front Office if you need more. Thankyou for your kind efforts in raising money for the benefit of our children.

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**Dyslexia**

**The Out of the Box Thinkers**

**A Family Workshop for Primary School Children**

A fun day for parents and children which is about learning the power of Dyslexic brains and how to harness that power in a range of activities, some school based and some more about succeeding in life after school. We also look at ways to deal with some of the issues in school, including “Dyslexia Aware” ways to learn for tests, read more efficiently, spell tricky words and gel ideas down on paper. We will do this in a relaxed and entertaining way.

**When:** Saturday, November 8, 2014 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Where:** Greenock Primary School, Bevan St, Greenock, South Australia 5360

**Fees:** One Family $ 20.00 Registration Deadline: Thursday, November 6, 2014

To register: go to [www.dagbags.org.au](http://www.dagbags.org.au) scroll down to Dyslexia Workshops and click.

Presented by D.A.G.B.A.G.S. Dyslexia Action Group Barossa and Gawler Surrounds

Contact is Viv Wright (Greenock Principal) on ph. 8562 8011
As an Art Activity to get us in the Monster spirit before Concert, we made dice monsters. We had to roll a dice and match the head etc. to make a monster. We really enjoyed it and made lots of interesting monsters.

By Boston Schwartz
Maths

In maths this term we have been learning about fractions and decimals with Mrs Hadley. We have learnt many ways to use decimals and have had to do lots of problem solving.

For some of last term and continuing into this term, we have been reading the Novel *Nanberry: Black Brother White* by Jackie French.

This is a fantastic novel that looks at the story of a young Aboriginal boy and an English doctor, whose lives were forever changed with European settlement in Australia. The book is based on true account and journal entries made by the characters in the book.

Last week we took on our first Natural maths challenge. Kids all across Australia will be doing this challenge and sharing their methods of solving. We had to complete tasks using pentominoes, decimals and mental computation. Our problem solving skills were fantastic and everyone worked well in their groups.

We have had a fascinating time finding out about each of the characters and looking at the first-hand accounts of their journey and live here in Australia. We are continuing to look at challenges that were faced by the settlers and Aboriginal people in 1788 and beyond.

English/History

Concert

Our concert practice is well underway. We have been putting everything together and are so excited about how it is all going. We are starting to rehearse all of our parts and everyone is putting in their ideas and working together well.

Over the coming weeks we will let you know what we need to wear for the concert in case you have to find certain items.

Thank You!!!!!

We would like to say a very big thank you to Chris Palmer for selling our pickled beetroot at the markets during the holidays. We had a great time growing the huge beetroots and they made fantastic pickles!!

Working in pairs with our decimal/fraction spinners to see who can fill their boards up first!

Some of our pentomino solutions

With Mrs Nichols we have been learning about mapping and symmetry. One of our mapping activities was to place every person in our class farms.

For the rest of the term we are going to be working on Shape and Measurement.
**RIVERTON SWIM SCHOOL**
**TERM 4 2014**
Swimming lessons for children aged 4yrs to high school age are being held at the Riverton Pool for 4 weeks, starting Monday November 17th.

Half hour classes are held on Mon, Tues & Thurs from 5.00-7.00pm.

Squad swimmer classes are held on Mon & Thurs 5.00-6.00 and 6.00-7.00pm.

Fees are $7 per child per lesson, children need to be booked into a class, by Friday Nov 7th please.

For enquiries and bookings please contact Shirley Lands on 0439884742 or 88474201.

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**ROYAL LIFESAVING SA SWIM AND SURVIVE HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2014**

The Royal Lifesaving Swim & Survive Holiday program will be held at Riverton Pool

December 15-19 2014

Toddlers, levels D1 to Higher Awards


Download an enrolment form & email to swim@royallifesavingsa.com.au

Enrol & pay over the phone 82104500.

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**Auburn Open Gardens**
**Sunday November 16th 2014**
Start at Centenary Park (cnr King St & Horrocks Hwy)
12 noon
Sausage sizzle available
Entry $10
Includes afternoon tea
Five magnificent gardens
Concluding at Hillsview Estate
4pm
With Guest Speaker
Malcolm Campbell & Plant Sale

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Friday 14 November 7.30 am – 2.00 pm

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