Welcome
Thank you to all of the parents who have welcomed me to your lovely school. It was pleasing to receive “congratulations” and “good luck” text messages from many of you once the announcement had been made, and to receive further congratulations from many since I have started. Thank you also to those who have introduced themselves, I look forward to working with the students and watching them learn in a fantastic environment. Credit must go to the staff who were able to ensure a smooth and successful start to the school year. We are very lucky to have such experienced and capable staff guiding our children.

Governing Council AGM
Governing Council AGM is on Monday February 22nd at 8pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. This is your chance as parents to have an input into the direction of the school, to help with fundraising and to review policies. We welcome fresh ideas and look forward to seeing you Monday night.

Forms
A reminder to return forms that were sent home at the start of the year, such as an updated contact list. It is very important that we have the correct information regarding your child for various reasons. Thank you to those who have already done so.

Car parking
Just a reminder regarding car parking surrounding the school. Out the front of the Admin building on East Terrace, there is a 5 minute drop off zone, just north of the crossing, for those of you wanting to just “kiss and drop”. We have noticed an increase in those of you who are parking on the south side of the school on O’Halloran St and walking in through the gate located near the garden. Whilst this area is not signed regarding parking allowances and restrictions, please be highly vigilant of students and families that walk to school, ride bikes to and from school and of course those who are getting in and out of cars near the gate entrance. Pedestrians and bike riders also need to be aware of car traffic on this road, as it is the main lead road into the school for parents wanting to both “drop and go” and “park and stay”. We all need to be obeying the road rules for the safety of our students.

Grievance Procedures
Attached to the newsletter, you will find the schools grievance procedures. There may be times when clarification on matters needs to happen, or there may be a genuine grievance, so should you need to use them, please follow the correct protocols as outlined to ensure a positive outcome for all involved.

Student Free Day
A reminder that TOMORROW – Friday February 19th is a STUDENT FREE DAY. All staff will be attending Professional Development on Growth Mindset by James Anderson. Growth Mindset is an Upper Mid North priority, so all schools within this partnership will be attending. We will look forward to telling you more about it all, once we’ve attended our first session.
**Week 1** – **Koby Staker** received this award for a hardworking attitude and for showing excellent leadership in class. *Well done Koby!*

**Week 2** – **Will Griffin** received this award for making a fantastic start to Year 4 and displaying responsible behaviour in the classroom. *Well done Will!*

**RECOGNITION AWARDS Week 1 & 2**

- Rhys Schultz – for great listening and following all instructions.
- Adam Wegner – for displaying excellent work habits.
- Kohen Ross – for making a conscientious start to Year 5.
- Lucy Kleinig – for neat bookwork and excellent listening.
- Chloe Nettle – for trying her hardest at all tasks.
- Harry Staker – for excellent work with Jolly Phonics.
- Jobe Stevens – for a hardworking approach to all tasks.
- Tanika Simic – for listening, trying hard and doing her very best.

- Tate Nettle – for an excellent start to Year 4 Maths.
- Lillie Shepherdson – for being an excellent role model and working very well in Maths.
- Jake Schultz – for 2 pleasing Maths assessments.
- Kayden Mill – for an enthusiastic approach to all tasks.
- Lucy Cameron – for an enthusiastic approach to all tasks.
- Hailey Zwar – for excellent concentration and neat bookwork.
- Bella Sargent – for excellent, accurate skip counting.
- Tess Cleggett – for excellent spelling and dictation results.
- Lucy Clogg – for a great start to the year.
SRC NEWS

Congratulations to the following students on being elected-
SRC : Lara Zanker
       Adam Wegner
       Tess Cleggett
       Koby Staker
       Chloe Nettle
       Lucas Jackson

Together with the School Leaders:
       Daisy, Casey, Georgia and Liam.

The students will meet each fortnight.

The Students were all presented with their badges at Week 2’s assembly.

I look forward to working with these students.

Sandra Zander.

Quelch Bars -

will be available for sale on Wednesdays starting in Week 4 at 50c each.
Southern Flinders Football Club

**Colts AGM**

Laura Clubrooms

**Wednesday 24th February**

**Starting at 7:30pm**

All parents or caregivers of current and prospective footballers from Senior and Junior Colts to Mini and Sub-Mini Colts are encouraged to attend.

John Hennessy  0409 723 622

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**Twilight Market**

Hosted by Laura Events Committee at

**LAURA CIVIC CENTRE**

**26th February 2016**

4.30pm -- 8pm

The HON. GEOFF BROCK MP TO OPEN

Entertainment, Food, Plants, Produce and More!!!

BBQ. Golden North ice-cream

Enquiries for stallholders ring

Joyce  08(866)32660 or 0437345211

Ian  0886632581

Email: slikiu58@outlook.com

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**Keep your kids smiling**

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

**Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.**

Please call now for an appointment

Pt Pirie West School Dental Clinic

Phone: 8632 1926

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**The Wizard of Oz**

29th February at 7:30pm

20th February at 12:30pm & 7:30pm

Adults $30  Child/Concession $20

Keith Michell Theatre

(08) 8633 8500

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**Community Notices**

Crystal Brook Scout Group

Bowman St Extension

Hiking, Climbing, Sailing, Camping, leadership, self-reliance, service to others, values, great mates, fun, adventure, games

To name just a small part of what you will experience in Scouting!

**Do it All... Join the Scouts!**

Every Monday, school term time

(Excluding public holidays)

- **Joeys**  Aged 6-8  5pm
- **Cubs**  Aged 8-11  6pm
- **Scouts**  Aged 11-14  7.30pm
- **Venturers**  Aged 14-18  7pm Wednesdays

For more information contact the Group Scout Leader

Graham Phillips 0418973296

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LAURA PRIMARY SCHOOL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

It is important that these grievances are kept confidential.

Good relationships within our school allow staff members to fulfil their roles and also give students a greater chance of success. It is only natural that from time to time staff, students and parents will have concerns about what happens at school. When this happens, we need to know the correct way to satisfactorily have our concerns heard and acted upon.

Your concerns may relate to parent relationships, student and staff performance or school policies. The school can only deal with issues that are raised in the ways outlined below.

**PARENT CONCERN ABOUT SCHOOL POLICY**

At a mutually convenient time, discuss the concern with a Governing Council member and ask for it to be placed on the agenda for the next Governing Council Meeting.

Resolved

At a mutually convenient time, meet with the Principal to discuss your concern. You may wish to take an advocate with you.

Resolved

Contact the Parent Complaint Unit (to make a time to discuss the concern with a departmental officer).

**PARENT CONCERN ABOUT PRINCIPAL PERFORMANCE**

At a mutually convenient time, meet with the Principal and discuss the concern. You may wish to take an advocate with you.

Resolved

Contact the Port Pirie Education Office (86320600) to make a time to discuss the concern with a departmental officer.

**PARENT CONCERN ABOUT STAFF PERFORMANCE**

At a mutually convenient time, meet with the staff member concerned and discuss your concern. You may wish to take an advocate with you.

Resolved

Contact the Port Pirie Education Office (86320600) to make a time to discuss the concern with a departmental officer.
Student Concern About Another Student

Speak with your parents.

At a time that is good for all students involved, meet together to sort it out! If needed bring a friend or a staff member.

All sorted

At a time that is good, meet with the principal or a teacher to talk about the problem. Can bring a friend if needed.

Student Concern About A Staff

Speak with your parents.

At a time that is good for all, meet together to talk about the problem. If needed bring a friend or a staff member.

All sorted

At a time that is good for both principal and student, meet to talk about the problem. Can bring a friend or parent if needed.

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