



# Plympton PRIMARY SCHOOL

5 August, 2015  
Week 3 Term 3

## Diary Dates

August	
8	Footy Triple Header
11	ICAS Maths
14	Assembly: Room 1 hosts
15	Footy Triple Header
17	Science Week begins
19	Open Morning Light Up Your Mind Science Show
24	Book Week begins
28	Parents and Special Friends visiting
	Assembly: Room 13.8 hosts
September	
1	District Athletics
4	School Closure
8	School Council meets
11	Assembly: Room 6 hosts
12	Festival of Music Choir performance
25	Assembly: Room 2.3 hosts
25	Last day of T3. 2:15 dismissal
October	
12	T4 begins
23	Assembly: Room 2.2 hosts
27	School Council meets
November	
6	Assembly: Room 2.1 hosts
11	Open morning
13	Japanese Games Day
20	Assembly: Room 2.7 hosts
25	Orientation for 2016 starters
December	
1	School Council meets
2	Music Concert

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**New bike and scooter racks and a water bubbler for the oval, all bought with grants we have recently received.**

## Science Alive!

8 August 2015 - 9 August 2015

As part of Science Week there is a Science Alive event being held at the Goyder Pavilion, Adelaide Showground on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August. It is a great opportunity for students to engage with scientific experiences. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Science Alive! will be bigger and better than ever with new science shows, new hands-on attractions and, for this year only, the involvement of Questacon science presenters and exhibits from Canberra. But of course all the favourites will be back again with native animals, Stardomes, LED torch-making, robots, electronics, the Curiosity Show, slime, smoke rings, Daleks and over 50 science organizations offering interactive and fun activities.

Opening Times: 9am to 4pm  
 Entry Cost: Adults \$15  
 Concession \$10  
 U/18 Free  
 Pavilion: Goyder & Jubilee,  
 Adelaide Show Grounds

*Regards  
Kerry Baldwin*

## Fundraising News

### Entertainment Books

There is only one Entertainment Book left for sale in the Finance Office for \$65. Be quick!

### Family Portraits

Melanie Leske (mother of Jake from 13.8) will be holding 20 minute sitting times across the weekend of Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August from 10am to 4pm here at the school. See Alison in the Finance Office to book your 20 minute sitting, along with payment of a \$10 sitting fee which will be deducted from one of her package options if you wish to purchase photos. Proceeds from photo orders will go towards fundraising for the Nature Play Area.

### People's Choice Community Lottery

There are now 46 raffle books left in the Finance Office for anyone who'd like to sell them on our school's behalf. We've sold 4 books! Tickets cost \$2 each with all proceeds staying with Plympton Primary School. See Alison to collect a book. There are 10 tickets in each book. If we sell all 50 books we will have raised \$1,000 to go towards fundraising for the Nature Play Area. You can also purchase tickets online for the school at [www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/plympton-primary-school](http://www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/plympton-primary-school). If you're not interested in selling a whole book, individual tickets are for sale from the Finance Office from Tuesdays – Thursdays.

## Finance

### Payment of School Materials and Services Fee by Instalment

Please be aware that all fees being paid by instalment are due to be paid in full by the end of this term – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September is the last day for payment. The Finance Office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

## Staff News

Next year, there will be a new principal at Plympton Primary School. I intend taking leave in 2016, and then retiring in 2017. DECD will advertise for a new principal later this term. A selection panel, including a parent representative from School Council will make an appointment for 2016-2020 tenure and the community will be informed during term 4.



**Government  
of South Australia**

**Department for Education  
and Child Development**

# Sporting Schools

Our school has been successful in winning a sporting grant of \$ 4,800 from the Sporting Schools program, to run sporting activities during Term 3 and 4 this year.

Sporting Schools is a new government initiative aimed at enabling schools to deliver sports-based activities during or after school hours.

As a result all students in Year 3-7 this term will be participating in several gymnastic sessions provided by Gymnastics SA over a 4 week period starting in week 7 of this term.

Term 4 activities will be announced towards the end of Term 3.

This funding is a fantastic opportunity for schools to supply specialist programs that students would not normally be involved in.

## Principal's Awards

### Room 1 (Reception)

*Kerry Baldwin*

**Hannah M** for working hard to follow class routines

**Ekam J** for always talking respectfully to others

### Room 6 (Reception)

*Stephanie Kakoschke*

**Jasmine S** for taking responsibility for her own learning and making great progress in literacy

**Katherine G** for writing a whole sentence correctly with lines and numbers

### Room 2 (Reception & Year 1)

*Georgina Ninos*

**Seth B** for trying with his learning in grammar

**Reyaansh G** for being a respectful class member by listening and following instruction

### Room 13.7 (Year 1)

*Kerry Briggs*

**Ben H** for trying to complete tasks in a given time

**Liva W** for being a friendly caring member of the classroom who likes to help others

### Room 13.8 (Year 2)

*Tina Bridgland & Jane Finlayson*

**Thomas R** for a great effort learning his two times tables

**Chika T** for putting effort in to all subject areas and making a big effort  
**Riley Mc** for moving up a reading level and putting effort in to reading

### Room 13.2 (Year 2)

*Margie Barylak & Lynn Johnson*

**Yousf M** for taking responsibility and trying so hard with learning tasks

**Jessica W** for taking responsibility and trying so hard with writing tasks

### Room 13.1 (Year 3)

*Brenton Woolford*

**Joshua H** for focussing on his goals as an effective learner in the classroom

**Afton M** for focussing on her goals as an effective learner in the classroom

### Room 2.4 (Years 3&4)

*Cath Newbould*

**Riya A** for trying and achieving great success with Lexile quizzes

**Rowan G** for trying and achieving great success with Lexile quizzes

### Room 2.5 (Year 4)

*Tracey Niekel*

**Abigail H** for demonstrating enthusiasm, positivity and commitment towards her Personal Learning Project

**James H** for demonstrating a high degree of independence and initiative in the planning and organisation of his PLP

### Room 2.3 (Year 5)

*Merryn Jones*

**Devang S** for consistent effort in all learning tasks

**Dani S** for being a considerate and helpful friend

### Room 2.7 (Years 5&6)

*Jonathan Gardner*

**Jashan K** for being one of only two PALS mentors in the yard on Tuesday

**Scarlett W** for taking her class role seriously, even if it means coming back at 5pm

**Ruby C** for consistently showing a caring attitude to other children in the class; taking responsibility to help herself when possible and seeking help from others when required  
**Zander L** for writing an excellent piece of descriptive text in his own time, displaying initiative

### Room 2.1 (Years 6&7)

*Rose McCarty Jones*

**Cody S** for following instructions and an improvement in his learning outcomes across all subject areas

**Phoebe F** for working well with others in the class and making new friends

### Room 2.2 (Years 6&7)

*Lauren Ireland*

**Bradley L** for being one of only two PALS mentors in the yard on Tuesday

**Alicia A** for always putting in effort to develop positive relationships

**Hansa M** for trying her best to complete learning tasks on time

## Gardening Corner

Many thanks to those who helped move a large heap of mulch near the daisy patch, which is beginning to look colourful. Some of you will not know who the "Old Gardening Gran" is, but if you join our working Bee you will! Our once school gardening group used to spread all the bark chips, so now we need a willing group of parents to do it again on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August.

Please put this date in your diaries to come and join our mulch spreading group. The more the merrier and the least time required to do the job. We will start at 10.00am and all you need to bring is yourself along with a spade and/ or fork.

Thanks in anticipation of a willing mulch moving group.

*Your Old Gardening Gran.  
Wendy*

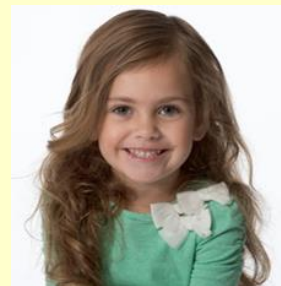


## Keep your kids smiling!

### Dental care is

**FREE** for most school children and ALL preschool children at the Marion GP Plus School Dental Clinic.

We recently sent you some information about the dental clinic. If you have not already made an appointment, please call us now on 7425 8400.



## PSWCORNER

It has been an eventful couple of weeks for me as I attended the Pastoral Care Worker Conference in Week 1 and the Generation Next Conference in Week 2. My uncle died in week 1 and so I took my mother to Queensland for the funeral in-between conferences. It was good to be with my uncle's family as they shared their grief and prepared for the funeral. We spent lots of time just sitting around having cups of tea and talking – supporting and comforting each other. It reinforced for me just how personal grief is and how each person deals with it differently. And it does not matter what you think of the person who has died, or how well you were prepared for their death; the actual moment of death releases powerful emotions. This is normal and helpful. It is also a critical time in the healthy management of the expression of these emotions and this is where a comforting, supportive environment is invaluable in enabling people to mourn and to face the future with hope. The Christian funeral assured us that my uncle was in heaven with God where he would be waiting for us to join him.

Meanwhile there is a wonderful world here to enjoy. But this world also has problems which we all experience and with which we need help ie "all we need is somebody to lean on" as the song goes. This is where the conferences that I attended were so helpful. It is great to see so many other people that want to help people in school communities, no matter what the need. We were given information about support telephone services such as LifeLine; care agencies such as Anglicare, the Salvation Army, Uniting Care, Catholic Centacare and Lutheran Community Care; mental health services such as KidsMatter, MindMatters, BeyondBlue and the Butterfly Foundation (eating disorders; Seasons for Growth (loss and grief; Australian Council on Children and the Media (appropriate media content for children); Australian Council for Educational Research; Alcoholics Anonymous; Teen Challenge (alcohol and drugs); KidsHopeAus (mentoring); Cancer Council SA; and FoodBank – just to name a few.

The lectures and seminars that I attended covered topics such as Child Neglect and Abuse, Depression, Cyber bullying, Domestic violence, Social skills, Well-Being, Body Image, Marketing to Children, Motivation, Fathers and bringing up boys, Impulse Control, Shame, and Drug and Alcohol Addiction.

I am looking forward to being able to use some of the new information gained from the conference as I begin the Seasons for Growth program on Friday this week.

**Til next time – Karen (CPS)**

*Karen Tromans works in our school as a Pastoral Support Worker, and her role is supported through the Federal Government Schools' Chaplaincy Program.*