



# Plympton PRIMARY SCHOOL

10 March, 2015  
Week 7, Term 1

## Diary Dates

March	
13	Sports Day Ride to School Day
17	School Council meets
18	Assembly
20	Harmony Day Assembly (Room 2.2 hosts)
23	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Week	
25	Last day for Kyton's orders
April	
1	Easter Stall
2	Assembly (Room 2.1 hosts)
3	Public Holiday
6	Public Holiday
7	Last day to enter ICAS
10	Last day of T1. 2:15 dismissal
27	T 2 begins
May	
7	Assembly
8	Staff Only Day
12	NAPLAN School Council Meets
13	NAPLAN
15	NAPLAN
19	ICAS Digital Technologies
22	Assembly
22	Walk Safely to School Day
27	Open Morning
31	Footy Triple Header
June	
3	ICAS Science
5	Assembly



## Harmony Day Anti Bullying Day Friday March 20

The message of Harmony Day is 'Everyone belongs'.

At PPS we are recognising  
Harmony Day and Anti Bullying Day  
on Friday March 20th.

At our school, during assembly at 2-30pm on Friday, we will be featuring work/songs students have done in their classrooms on this theme.

Students are encouraged to dress in the colour of Harmony Day- orange.

All classes will be playing games from around the world (and some that are just fun), between recess and lunch.

There will be a special surprise lunch order available too, so look out for the order form!

Parents are welcome to come along to assembly and to watch the games

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Principal: Tom O'Callaghan



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of South Australia**

Department for Education  
and Child Development

## Sports Day: Friday 13 March

Remember it's Twilight 1pm – 7pm  
We need help to cook the barbecue. At the time of printing only 2 have volunteered: There'll be a very long line up if we can't do better than this!

- 1:00 pm Arrive
- 1:20pm Opening Ceremony
- 1:40pm Tabloid events
- 3:00pm Break
- 3:20pm Tabloid events
- 5:00pm Tea break
- 6:00pm House Cup Relay
- 6:20pm Year Level Sprints
- 6:50pm Presentation

## Principal's Awards

### Room 1 (Reception)

*Kerry Baldwin*

**Yudi L** for working hard to learn the 42 letter sounds

**Joyeta P** for working hard to learn the 42 letter sounds

### Room 2 (Reception & Year 1)

*Georgina Ninos*

**Chloe G** for respecting our class equipment and keeping the class tidy

**Taj K** for trying hard to practise his spelling words

### Room 13.7 (Year 1)

*Kerry Briggs*

**Georgia V** for trying hard and using teacher feedback to improve her work

**Ioanna G** for thinking carefully and writing interesting sentences in her recount writing

### Room 13.8 (Year 2)

*Tina Bridgland & Jane Finlayson*

**Ethan M** for great, interesting and well organised oral language presentation

**Gerald G** for helping to tidy up the class and putting away class equipment when others have left it out

**Kimmy T** for respecting others and respecting our school

### Room 13.2 (Year 2)

*Margie Barylak & Lynn Johnson*

**Kristianna K** for showing such a lot of care for Sammy

**Mannon G** for showing respect and care for everyone in the classroom

### Room 13.1 (Year 3)

*Brenton Woolford*

**Thomas K** for giving his very best in his learning in Mathematics and Literacy

**Nila M** for caring for others in the classroom and school yard, doing her very best in her learning

### Room 2.4 (Years 3&4)

*Cath Newbould*

**Jahquontei W** for all his hard work with his reading and spelling

**Patrick A** for all his hard work with his reading and spelling

### Room 2.5 (Year 4)

*Tracey Niekel*

**Lachlan I** for applying consistent effort towards completing all set tasks to the best of his ability

**Emma N** for striving to complete all set work to the best of her ability

### Room 2.3 (Year 5)

*Merryn Jones*

**Chloe A** for being a responsible helper in the classroom and using her initiative

**Balhaar S** for always using good listening skills in class

### Room 2.7 (Years 5&6)

*Jonathan Gardner*

**Ryan J** for demonstrating initiative when working on his dice cricket Maths investigation

**Subigya A** for consistently working during class and home time, meeting deadlines and demonstrating excellent organisation

### Room 2.1 (Years 6&7)

*Rose McCarthy-Jones*

**Laura S** for always telling the truth to her peers and class teacher

**Derry M** for working hard on his narrative

## About ICAS

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. The assessments comprise tests in computer skills, English, maths, science, spelling and writing.

Over one million student entries are accepted from over 6,300 schools in Australia and New Zealand annually. In addition, students from over 20 countries including Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Singapore, South Africa and the USA participate in ICAS each year.

Students wishing to enter any or all of these tests should register and pay by Tuesday 7 April 2015 at the Finance Office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

ICAS SUBJECT	YEAR LEVELS	ICAS SITTING DATE	PRICE (GST INC)
Digital Technologies	3-10	Tuesday, 19 May 2015	\$8.80
Science	2-12	Wednesday, 3 June 2015	\$8.80
Writing	3-12	Monday, 15-19 June 2015	\$18.70
Spelling	3-7	Tuesday, 16 June 2015	\$12.10
English	2-12	Tuesday, 28 July 2015	\$ 8.80
Mathematics	2-12	Tuesday, 11 August 2015	\$8.80

### Principal's Awards

#### Room 2.2 (Years 6&7)

*Lauren Ireland*

**Muntazer A** for settling in well in 2.2 this term

**Ayat M** for her dedication to completing all tasks across all learning

## SAPSASA

### Knockout Cricket

Well done to the twelve students in years 5-7 who represented the school in boy's cricket on Thursday 26 February against Fulham North. The boys played well against a stronger Year 7 dominant team. Unfortunately we lost to Fulham North 123 to 50 due to some lucky fielding and strong batting.

Thank you to all the parents that assisted with transportation and scoring.

### Congratulations to

- Ruby Vanloo and Scarlett Williams selected for the District Softball team
- Georgie Vanloo District Swimming team

## Football

Trials for the selection of the 2015 Sate SAPSASA Australian Rules football team commence during the first three days of the upcoming holidays.

They are to be held at Norwood Oval from 9.30am to 2.00pm on Monday 13 April to Wednesday 15 April. We are seeking some volunteer coaches for the first two days to assist in the selection process.

We anticipate upwards of 150 boys who are divided into eight teams for the two days and as such need a coach for each of those teams.

If you would like to help out please contact Coach – Stuart Burns 0403192792

[sburns@westminster.sa.edu.au](mailto:sburns@westminster.sa.edu.au)

Manager – Gus Wenzel 0439 846 421

[rjguswenzel@bigpond.com](mailto:rjguswenzel@bigpond.com)

Also a reminder that students wishing to try out must register online through the school sport website

[www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport)

## Secondary School Information

### William Light R-12 School Open Day 6 May 2015



Principal Tour Dates  
 Principal Tour 17/6 3.30pm  
 Principal Tour 29/7 11.45am  
 Principal Tour 3/9 11.45am  
 Principal Tour 21/10 11.45am  
 Principal Tour 19/11 3.30pm

Please ring 8297 0488 to book into a Tour



### UNDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL



### OPEN DAY Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March

Information sessions, followed by a tour of the school at the following times:

9:30am 4:00pm 6:00pm

**Families are warmly invited to:**

- Meet our Principal, Mr Nigel Gill
- Tour the school and view our facilities
- Investigate our broad range of Year 8-12 curriculum offerings
- Learn about the specialist programs – Football, Netball and Gifted

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### Which High School?



### URRBRAE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

*A caring, enterprising school, recognised as a centre of excellence in student learning, with a focus on agriculture, horticulture, technology and the environment.*

#### URRBRAE COULD BE THE SCHOOL FOR YOU

To find out what Urrbrae has to offer, come along to one of our Information Sessions on

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2015**

Meeting at the Farm Shed.

Two hour visits to the school will include:

Information about the Application Process, Farm Tour and School Tour

The Open Day Programme runs from:

9.30am - 11.30am and will be repeated at 1.00pm - 3.00pm and again at 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Applications for Year 8 2016 will close at 5.00pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Collect a brochure from your School Office for more details.

E-mail: dl.0796\_admin@schools.sa.edu.au  
 Website: www.urrbrae.hs.sa.edu.au

505 Fullarton Road, Netherby SA 5062  
 Telephone: (08) 8372 6655  
 Facsimile: (08) 8372 6999

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Look out for the notice inviting you to make an appointment with your child's teacher in week 9 & 10 that will come home this week.

Nominate suitable times for you and the class teacher will send an appointment slip, confirming the time.

**School Tours 2015**  
 We invite you to join us on a tour of our school (see reverse for details).  
 Term 2 - Fri 29 May (Priority to Year 7 families)  
 Term 3 - Fri 4 Sep  
 Term 4 - Fri 30 Oct  
 8.55 - 10 am

**Glenunga International High School**  
 Registration for School Tours is required prior to the day as limited seats are available.  
 To register please go to www.gihs.sa.edu.au and follow the link under News Flash on Home Page.  
 Registrations will close when capacity reached. We will be unable to accommodate non-registered people on the day.

I am thankful that the **Government funding** has now come through for my role as a Pastoral Care Worker in your school. Up until this week my work in the school has been totally funded by the generosity of the **local churches in South Australia**. More schools have received the funding for a PCW than previously which has meant that the hours for existing PCWs in schools have been cut as the funding was fixed. I will now only be in the school for **9 hours per week** so if you wish to speak with me please make an appointment by leaving your contact details at the front office with your request. Thankyou for your ongoing support as we transition to the new funding model.

The **Easter long weekend** is not far away now. As one of the two major religious festivals in Australia, I will be bringing the Easter story to the school in Week 9 this term. No matter what your belief or religious affiliation, the Seminar is for everyone in order to create harmony and to better understand the beliefs and practices of others.

*Til next time – Karen (PSW)*

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

## Hot Shots Tennis

Remember that students who register with Tennis Australia will receive a free ANZ hot shots tee-shirt and reception students who registers is also eligible for a free tennis racquet.

This year Plympton PS was lucky to be selected as an ANZ Tennis Hot Shots school as a part of the National Schools partnership program. As a result we received new tennis racquets, balls and nets for students to use to develop tennis skills within the school.

All students from years 3-7 will be involved at some stage this year in a 6-8 week program learning about the skills associated with playing tennis.

Since the school is involved in this program all students are eligible to receive a free ANZ hot shots tee-shirt and other offers from Tennis Australia once registered with the Tennis Australia website. Also any reception student that registers is also eligible for a free tennis racquet.

As an additional bonus for each student that registers and confirms their details with Tennis Australia the school receives funding to purchase new equipment from Tennis Australia.

So I strongly encourage all students to register and confirm their details on the website below to get heaps of free gear.

[hotshots.tennis.com.au/claim](http://hotshots.tennis.com.au/claim)



## DID YOU KNOW?

We are lucky enough to have a Gallipoli Lone Pine growing as a lone pine on the mound near the top end of the Old School triangle.

In 2005, 90 years after the first landing on the Gallipoli Peninsular, the Yarralumba Nursery, who collected seeds from the tree grown from a seed from the original pine cone planted at the Australian War Memorial Canberra, offered a small number of organisations, including schools, the opportunity to buy a small tree at a small cost. Our school gardening group ordered one and planted it out on Anzac Day in 2005. With lots of love and care it has grown in to a large Lone Pine to be seen and appreciated by all. We are now commemorating 100 years since the Gallipoli campaign, but unlike 2005, Anzac Day won't fall during term time so if we hold a special service it will be after Anzac Day.

The story of how our "Lone Pine Cone" came to Australia is a moving story on its own.

Two brothers fought together and one was eventually killed near the Lone Pine. The remaining brother sent a pine cone home to his mother as a memento of her dead son. From this cone lots more have been propagated. The Pine became the Lone Pine at Gallipoli because the Turkish army had cut down all but one pine to protect their trenches. In the 3 days of fighting the Australians lost more than 2000 men and the Turks approximately 7000.

*Your Gardening Gran  
Wendy Bagot*



Have you noticed the display of knitted poppies at the front desk recently? Red poppies are a symbol of remembrance, used at Anzac Day and Remembrance Day. We plan to use these poppies when we commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Gallipoli campaign early next term. If families at our school have a special link to this event (a relation or friend who served in the armed forces at the time) we could involve them in this commemoration.

If you would like to help out by knitting a poppy, the pattern is beside the display on the front desk.

## Community Notices

### Camden Park Scouts

Joeys (6-8 yr olds) Mon or Tues  
6-7pm

Cubs (8-10.5 yr olds) Mon or  
Tues 7-8.30pm

Scouts (10.5-14.5 yr olds) Wed  
or Thurs 7-9pm

All welcome to come and try if  
you could like to come and  
visit, please call 041316558  
first as we might be out doing  
canoeing, touring wetlands or  
on amazing races ...

We hope to see you soon!

### KYTON'S EASTER FUNDRAISER

The Fundraising Committee  
has organised a Kyton's  
Fundraiser to coincide with  
Easter. All proceeds will go  
towards the Natural Play  
Area currently being  
organised by the School  
Council. Orders need to be  
given to Alison in the  
Finance Office (open on  
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and  
Thursdays only) by  
Wednesday 25th March.  
Orders can be collected  
from the Front Office after  
3pm on Wednesday 1st  
April. Please see Alison if  
you have any questions or  
need an order form.

### EASTER STALL

*The Easter Bunny is coming!*

The Fundraising Committee  
will be holding an Easter  
Stall on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
in the Canteen.

Items will be available for  
purchase at Recess and  
Lunchtime. Items will range  
in price from 50c to \$5. Get  
your pocket money ready!

Please leave your name with  
Wendy in the Front Office if  
you can volunteer your time  
on the day to help with  
serving.