News from the Principal—Robyn Brooks

Learning Conferences
Thank you to all families who have attended the Learning Conferences this week. We value and expect all children to be involved in these conferences. This was a time for students, parents and teachers to discuss your child’s successes and learning goals. We have aimed to create conferences that were interactive and supported the needs and expectations of all participants. We would value your feedback and have included a feedback form with today’s newsletter.

Somers Camp
Somers School Camp is on again this year for Sunraysia students. This camp has been operating since 1959. It is an outdoor camp which aims to develop students’ confidence and independence, enhance their awareness of self, others and the environment. The camp promotes respect, cooperation, communication and tolerance and provides leadership in outdoor education. We have been allocated seven spaces for four boys and three girls.

Names were literally pulled out of a hat from those who expressed an interest in going and the lucky students are: Matthew Avery, Adam Bennett, Lachlan Rowett, Joshua Symes, Kiah Morris, Grace Albert and Eliza Searle. The students will be on camp from May 11 – 19. Payment is to be finalised two weeks before camp, April 23rd.

5/6 Camp to Ballarat
Students in grades 5 & 6 together with Mr Milsom, Mr Smith, Miss Price & Penni will be spending the week in Ballarat with a day trip to Melbourne. I know they will have a great time and have no doubt they will come home exhausted and ready for the school holidays!

Building update
After a few hiccups, grades 3/4C & 4/5S have moved into the new buildings. They do look great and the classes have much more room to spread out. The multi purpose room will be completed by the builders and cleaned up by the middle of next week.

Chocolate Drive and Hot Cross Bun Drive
Thank you for the great support of both fundraising events. The proceeds of these drives will be used to purchase calico money bags for every child and stools for the “new” art area of the multi purpose room.

After School Care
After much contemplation by School Council, we have agreed to sign over the running of After School Care to the Ballarat YMCA. They are also running After School Care for Nichols Point, Sunnysliffs, Cardross, Sacred Heart, St Paul’s and Mildura Primary School. This will take effect from the first day of term two.
Debbie Brown has accepted a job at Koorlong After School Care and will be leaving us at the end of next week. We are very sorry to see Debbie leave as she has done a great job caring for our children in the program. Ballarat YMCA will be appointing a new coordinator for our After School Care Service to begin next term.

Debbie would like to ‘thank the Irymple South Community for making her feel welcome in her role as Coordinator of the OSHC program. She will miss the children and families of Irymple South.’

Prep/One Tea
The Prep/One family tea will be held next Thursday March 25th from 5.00 – 7.00. We look forward to seeing all new and old families at the combined tea.

Parent Helpers
Thank you to the parents who have responded to our request for classroom helpers. These roles were to support specific students or programs within the school on a regular basis. The support that we are receiving is already making a significant difference to our students.

Special School visit
On Wednesday we had a visit from a group of students and their teacher Mrs Woods from the Mildura Specialist School. The students came to visit our environmental programs. Bradley Leersen, our Environmental School Leader and Stephanie Woods spoke to the students and showed them our worm farms, chooks and vegetable gardens.

House Captains Report
We would like to congratulate everyone on helping keep our school cleaner. We feel there has been a lot less rubbish around.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT ALL RUBBISH IN THE BIN!!
We should treat everyone with respect and be nice to all people!

Finally, for this week, no one should be in the bike shed during lunch or recess. The bike shed will be locked again as of today!

By Afu and Eric
Red House Captains

Farewell
It is with much sadness we will farewell the Sleep family at the end of this term. Paul, Alanie, Nick (year 8, Irymple SC) and Corey (grade 3, 2/3D) will be moving to Merbein after Easter and as such Corey will be attending Merbein West Primary School. Paul and Alanie have been of great support to our school in so many ways throughout the past 9 years. We will miss them all and wish them well in their new ventures.

School Council Elections
Congratulations to the following parents who have successfully nominated for positions on School Council. It is wonderful to have such strong support for School Council. Alanie Sleep will be retiring due to her relocation. We are able to accommodate all candidates on School council this year.

Richard Neagle
Fiona Gerstemayer
Geoffrey Allen
Anne Symes
Heather Young
Kellee Weir

Our first meeting which will include our AGM will be held next Wednesday evening at 7.30 in the library.

Casual Dress Day
Next Friday, 26th March we will be holding a casual dress day. All children who bring along a gold coin donation will be given a raffle ticket. The two students who are drawn out will win a Cadbury Easter hamper.

School Photos
School Photos were handed out last week. If your child is a School Captain, Environmental Leader or Junior School Council Representative, you can purchase a group photo. Photos are $10 and orders will be taken at the office.

The Eagles Baseball Club is holding their Registration Day on Sunday 21st March 2010 Aerodrome Ovals Pavilion at 12:00p.m. We look forward to seeing all new and old families at the combined tea.

Nichols Point Junior Tennis Club
Winter tennis season will be commencing on the 1st of May 2010. If you are interested in playing in the 2010 season or would like further information please contact; Val Munro Phone/fax: 50247550 Mobile: 0407858037 Email: bvmunro@internode.on.net John Galbraith Phone: 50221881 Mobile: 0408437935 Email: gqdv@cable.com.au

Grading Days will be held on the 28th of March & 11th of April 2010 from 1pm to 3pm at the Nichols Point Tennis Club

Red Cliffs Lawn Tennis Club’s Junior winter season commences on the 1st of May 2010. Any interested players please contact Lisa Hill on 50257577

For Sale
1 Kelvinator freezer
1 trampoline
1 blue 26’ mountain bike
1 cockateil with cage on wheels

Phone: 0417591702

Happy Birthday
March
Ms Sharon Welsh (15th)
Ms Robyn Brooks (16th)
Jordan Stephen (16th)
Sophie Driscoll (19th)
Milla Deckert (20th)
Angus Forrest (20th)
Tom Jaensch (21st)
Miss Renee Congress (21st)

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CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Yes, I would like my child/children to receive Catholic Religious Education this year 2010.

Child’s Name ____________________________ Grade ______
Child’s Name ____________________________ Grade ______
Child’s Name ____________________________ Grade ______

Signature __________________________ Date ____________

There were an enormous number of entries this week. Congratulations to everyone who located the Mystery Spot this week. All correct entries are put into a box and one winner is selected, so there is no need to “rush” to be the first entry!

The mystery spot is: __________________________

Name: __________________________
Grade: __________________________

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Diary Dates

March
Mon-Fri 22nd-25th Grade 5/6 Ballarat excision
Thur 25th Prep/One BBQ dinner, 5:30-7:00pm
Fri 26th Last Day of Term 1

April
Fri-Mon 2nd-5th Easter
Mon 12th First Day of Term 2
Mon 12th Chocolate Drive Money due
Mon 27th Anzac Day, Public Holiday

Easter Art activities will be held next week. All children at school next week, will need a ‘blown’ egg to use in these activities. A note was sent home today explaining how to blow an egg!

3/4C sing! Grade 3/4C will be performing ‘ABC’ by the Jackson 5 at Assembly on Monday morning. Come along and watch and listen!

Student Awards

To be presented on Friday 19th March

Prep R
Connor Aunger 1E
Chloe Waylen 1M
Lily Adams 2C
Unique Kirkpatrick 2/3D

3/4C
Georgia Smart 4/5S
Georgia Stephen 5/6M
Bradley Leersen 5/6P
Josh-Tom Clark

Art
Bronte Stone Science
Kidh Morrish
Rebecca D’Amico

ICF
Shari Brown
Principal
Maria Petrollo
Aiden Chamberlain

After School Care
S h a r i B r o w n

Mystery Spot!

Mystery Spot! Where is the mystery spot? Answer correctly and you could win! Place your entry in the box in the office by Wednesday 24th.

The winner this week is: Brodie Dalla Santa (2/3D)

Word in the yard

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What did you share in your learning conference? How did you feel about it?

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Swimming: We will be leaving school at 2:15pm on Thursday 25th March to go to the Wave pool. We will be back at school by 4:15pm. Accounts: All accounts are to paid in full by Monday the 22nd March for Term 1. Debrah Brown, Co-ordinator
Yesterday the grade 3 to 6 students were fortunate enough to have two very exciting guest speakers. The first speaker was freestyle motorcross rider Robbie Maddison, who was in Mildura practicing for a jump he is going to perform at the Grand Prix in Melbourne. The second was local BMX champion Kamahl Lord, who came out to speak to the students about being active and riding to school.

Both Robbie and Kamahl spoke about the importance of following your dreams and believing in the things you love.

Both of these boys have travelled the world in their chosen sport, with Kamahl being a former world champion and Robbie being the current number two in the world.

We would like to thank the Aunger family for organising Robbie to come to our school and Sunraysia Community Health for giving us the opportunity for Kamahl to visit as well.