Message from the Principal

It was an unseasonably cool Summer’s morning when the young schoolboy walked across the road and into the school grounds. After rushing several paces he turned around and ran back to his house, only to appear 30 seconds later with what appeared to be his lunch. Once again on the trail to the school grounds, he turned and waved to his loved ones. ‘Tuck your shirt in at the back luv’ floated a voice out from behind the front screen door of the house. The young man threw his head back in disgust. He unloaded his arms, including his lunch, onto the gum leaf strewn ground and tucked in his shirt. It was going to be a big first day at school after the holidays!

My first day as principal was a busy one, and yes, I was a nervous school boy, even though I am the principal! First day nerves can get the better of us sometimes, but like any adult, once you’re back into the swing of work, the skills of the trade seem to come back pretty quickly. As I have found in life, this feeling of nervousness and apprehension fits into the category of ‘healthy stress’. It’s the kind of stress that ensures that you are organised and motivated to achieve to the best of your ability. It’s the kind of stress that lets you know you are going out of your comfort zone in order that you continue to build positive character traits.

Healthy stress becomes unhealthy stress when it builds and builds. I find that personally, most of the time I have contributed to this! I have not met deadlines, been organised or planned the way I should. Sometimes, however, these times are unavoidable. It is in these times that I take comfort in handing my worries and thoughts to God. Matthew 11: 28 says: ‘Come to me all who are weary and I will give you rest’.

Blessings for the week ahead,
Adam Borgas.

Term 1 Calendar

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Appointments/Arriving Late to School
If your child has an appointment before school or during school, could you please notify their teacher (via homework diary or reading diary) the day before. Upon return to school could you please ensure that you sign your children in at the office and advise whether they will be on the bus (if applicable).

Canteen/Lunch Orders
Please find attached to the newsletter, the updated price lists for Monday and Wednesday Canteen days. Monday lunch orders are provided by the Waikerie Bakery and the Wednesday lunch orders are provided by the Orange Grove Bakery.

To ensure the smooth operation of canteen this year, we ask that Lunch orders for Wednesday are placed in boxes by the end of the school day on Tuesday. Late orders will be accepted until 9.15am on Wednesday only, no orders will be accepted after 9:15am. If a student does not put in their lunch order in time, they will be offered the option of either a vegemite or cheese (slice) sandwich for the cost of $0.50.

Another slight change is that lunch order bags and lists are not available from the office. Students are to collect lunch order bags through their classroom teachers. This has been altered so that students are responsible for their notices.

Canteen Volunteers “Help Wanted”
Also, any parents that would be able to pack lunches on Wednesday from 12.30-1.15pm, please register your interest with the staff in the office.

Cleaning Roster
The cleaning roster will be finalized and sent home next Thursday with the newsletter. If you have not yet indicated via the Family Database Check if you are interested in cleaning, please contact the office on 85412344.

Communication with School Office
Could all phone calls relating to bus travel, sickness, appointments etc please be done by 1:30pm (end of lunch). Teachers collect their notes as they return to class, and delivering messages after this time interrupts the students’ learning time.

Dates for 2011
Our Term dates for 2011 school year are as follows:
Term 1: 31 January to 5 April
Term 2: 23 April to 29 June
Term 3: 16 July to 21 September
Term 4: 8 October to 13 December

Family Database Check
Could all Family Database Forms please be returned to the office by Friday, 3rd February. If you have lost your form, please contact the office for a replacement copy.

Healthy Eating/Lunch Box Options
To promote healthy lifestyles and to help our students learn at an optimum level, we encourage parents to limit the amount of processed foods included in their child/ren’s lunchboxes.

LLL Banking
Have you got your child an LLL Bank Account yet? There are No Fees to fritter your savings away. 4.75% interest paid annually on daily balances. All funds are available on call. LLL school banking day—Tuesday. Account opening forms are available from the office.

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Meet & Greet BBQ  -  Friday, 17 February 2012 at 6:00pm
(Please return this form to the school by Monday, 13th February)

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This year we will have sausages and sandwich steaks at the BBQ, and families are invited to join us at no cost. Please let us know how many from your family will be attending, for catering purposes.

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Nomination Form for School Council Representatives

We will need to elect two representatives from our parent body, to be a part of School Council. If you would like to take on this position or know of someone else who would, please nominate.

I would like to nominate …………………………………………………………………………………… as a Parent Representative on School Council.

I have spoken to this person and they are happy to stand. ……………………………………………… Signature
Lutheran Worship
Sunday 5th February - 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Parish at WLPS: 10:00am HC & Installation of Mr Borgas
Lowbank/Morgan/Ramco/Waikerie combined Parish Services at Waikerie Lutheran Primary School Hall,
16 McCutcheon Street, Waikerie
Pastor Richard Fox - 8541 2689
Tim Hensel (Youth & Family Worker) 8541 2689

Families In Our Prayers
Friday: Andrew
Monday: Arnold
Tuesday: Beelitz
Wednesday: Bell
Thursday: Bishop

Prayers
- Ask God to be with our new principal and teachers, Mr Borgas, Mrs Mason and Mrs Burgemeister as they settles into their new roles at Waikerie Lutheran Primary School.
- Ask God to be with our new students and their families as they settle into their new school.

Birthdays this Week
God Bless You
William Weir
2nd February
Shelby Strauss
3rd February
Andrew Hanton
4th February
Melissa Schmidt
5th February
Bailee Pretty-Forrester
9th February

Berri Greek School
Greek School enrolments will be held on Thursday, 2nd February at Glossop Primary School from 6:00pm until 7:00pm. Please come along on this night to enrol your child/children. Fees for the year are $100 per student for members and $150 per student for non-members. Lessons for Greek School commence on Thursday, 9th February 2012 from 5:30pm until 8:00pm. Thank you. Athina Papametis.

Blanchetown Kart Club
Education Day, Sunday, 12th February from 9:00am. Track events from 2:00pm. Normal canteen hours. Lunch break from 12:00 until 12:30pm. For more information, please contact Dave Hassett 85405101, Jodi Lambe on 85405149 or Angela Pfeiler 85413326.

Waikerie Scouts
Children Wanted! Joeys ages 6 to 8 years. Cubs ages 8 to 11 years. Scouts ages 11 to 14 years. Learn lots of different skills, make friends, go on camps and much, much more. All enquiries to John: 0427419247.

New Faces at WLPS - Reception Class
Introducing our new Reception Students for Term 1, 2012:

Top Row: Flynn Andrew, Derlerean Bell, Tyler Duffield, Brodie Fechner & Syrus Hensel.

Bottom Row: Malachi Lloyd, Latia Loffler, Jasmine Macey, Theo Pipikos & Aaron Schmidt