Dear Parents,

It is a special privilege to write this penultimate Newsletter, as it focuses on acknowledging some special people and extraordinary service to students at Pilgrim School.

Next week will see an amazing period in the school’s history begin to close as we bid farewell to Lucy Collins, Glenda Perrott, who will both retire and finish teaching at Pilgrim. We will also recognise the retirement of Deb Roberts, however she will be returning to work on a casual basis next year and finally we will be saying goodbye to Carolyn Pynor, who is transferring back to Investigator College near Goolwa.

Mrs Collins (29 years), Mrs Perrott (16 years) and Mrs Roberts (26 years) represent a significant passage of time and so many young lives, that really cannot be done justice in a few short lines of a newsletter. What wonderful, faithful and much-loved teachers they are, so please come along next Tuesday morning at our final 2014 Assembly, to help say farewell to them in formal manner. It will be a special morning.

When a teacher retires, the memories of their students and the memories of the teacher live on forever. The impact is life-long and the work bears fruit. There were the struggles and the successes and all the special events. Teaching is a rewarding calling and Pilgrim School has been shaped by God through these dedicated teachers.

We will miss each one and we wish them every blessing in their new ventures. All of these ladies will still be teaching in the future, in various ways, but their time together at Pilgrim will end next week. This will be sad and yet very special. Thank you for your service to God in helping to provide a distinctive Christian education at Pilgrim School.

\[\text{Principal’s Awards}\] will be presented at the beginning of Worship next Thursday 11\textsuperscript{th} December. This is to acknowledge students in 3 categories: Academic Achievement, Service and Improvement.

Yours in His service

\[\text{Nigel Bennett,}\]
\[\text{Principal}.\]
Thank You

Thank you to Jodie Hoff and Heather Stevens for so efficiently recording Lexile readers onto Literacy Pro software. Your help is very much appreciated.

Worship & Assembly Roster
You are warmly invited to share in the last two farewell worships in the Performing Arts Centre at 8.55am. Come and join us!

| December | 9 Farewell Staff & non-Year 7 students worship
| 11 Principal’s Awards & Year 7 Farewell Students Worship

Invitation to Year 7 Graduation
All parents and students are invited to the Year 7 Graduation

Wednesday 10th December
7.00pm at Seeds UCA
42 Sunnymead Road, Aberfoyle Park
Supper to follow.

Celebrate with the Year 7 students their joys and highlights of being at Pilgrim School.
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Where are they going?

We pray God’s richest blessing on these students and their families as they settle into their new schools and homes.

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Bali Life – Thank you

We can celebrate that almost $1,000.00 has been raised through donations and the Year 6 class “Small Business Enterprise” activities. The school community is so generous, and we truly thank you for your response to helping Bali Life and the new school they have opened for street kids.

Class Activities
Each class teacher has planned special class activities, parties and farewells to celebrate the end of the school year.
Next Wednesday 10th December most classes will have parties, and Christmas bling/sports uniform can be worn. A gold coin donation will go towards RDA (Riding for the Disabled).

Family Data
Family Data Base Check and Medical Forms have been sent home to families who are continuing in 2015. Thank you to the majority of families (75%) who have responded so far.

Family data forms need to be returned to school as soon as possible, even if there are no changes, please sign them and bring them to the front office. Medical and medication updates please return as soon as possible. If you have misplaced forms email Sue Galpin for a replacement galpins@pilgrim.sa.edu.au.

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It is always sad to say goodbye to students, and at the end of this year we not only farewell our Year 7 students but also
- Jasmine Niemann-Nuttall and Patrick Jones (Year 4)
- Erin Mulders & Zayd Lecner (Year 5)

Thank you to their parents for their involvement in the life of Pilgrim School. We pray for all of these children as they change schools that they can easily make great friends.

During our worship next week on the 9th December we will farewell students these students who are leaving Pilgrim.

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School Banking in 2015

School banking will not be available from the beginning of 2015. New protocols have been put in place by BankSA for their staff and they will no longer be collecting the school banking deposits for students.

SA Ambulance

Please note that in case of serious injury or illness, the school will take the necessary steps to gain immediate medical assistance for students by calling an ambulance and parents will be notified as soon as possible. All students enrolled at Pilgrim School have S.A. Ambulance Service cover for accident and injury while in attendance for normal school activities during normal school hours, and when participating in formal school activities either at or away from the school during normal school hours: Inter-School sports and excursions where parents are not required to be in attendance.

What isn’t covered: The cost of requiring emergency ambulance transport for children with non school related incidents eg asthma, anaphylaxis, diabetes, epilepsy, heart condition, etc is the parents responsibility, and is not covered by school ambulance cover.

We would like to stress the need for families to have their own ambulance cover for children with a pre-existing condition. A letter will go home to parents who have indicated their child has a medical condition clarifying this in more detail.

Term Dates 2014

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Congratulations

- Year 3 Pilgrim student Bianca Hoff recently met with leading Adelaide fashion designer, Liza Emanuele, to show her some designs and outfits she’d been working on in her free time. Liza was very impressed by the standard and quality of Bianca’s work and set Bianca her first fashion assignment – to design a wedding dress using some of Liza’s own materials. Congratulations, Bianca!
- Lara Sarre (Year 4) received an ‘A’ for her Preliminary Grade AMEB piano exam. Excellent results!

Semester 2 Reports

Written Reports will be sent home at the end of the school year. Please take time to go through these with your child/ren and celebrate the learning and progress that has been made during the year.

Library

Student borrowing in the Campus library has ended for the year. We appreciate prompt return of all Campus Library books for stocktake.

Reader Stocktake

All readers to be returned as soon as possible please!

We have nearly completed entering the school’s Lexile books onto the library for the Literacy Pro program that Year 4-7 students use. It will truly be appreciated if all readers can be returned as soon as possible.

Information Sent Home

- Campus Sport: Request for Coordinators, Coaches, Umpires
- Campus Treasure Market 30/11
- Canteen Newsletter
- Canteen Volunteers: Christmas Dinner
- Choir Students: Nativity Carols Night
- Class Liaisons Needed for Reception, Years 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
- Family Data & Medical Forms
- Kytons Christmas Orders
- Parents & Friends: Request for Help in 2015
- Reception: Head lice alert
- Year 1: Class Party
- Year 1: Excursion Carol Singing
- Year 3: Baby Basket
- Year 7 Graduation Invitations
- Year 7: Information for the class about end of year activities
- Year 7: Dinner for Parents

Parents & Friends

Woolworth BBQ Saturday 22nd November

Well the weather was not what we hoped for but the outcome was excellent! The amount raised from the Woolworths BBQ was $358.05 + $50.00 from hair clip sales. Thank you to Juliet Sheppard & Susanne Milne (Year 5 class liaisons) who co-ordinated the BBQ and to all the people who volunteered their time to make this event so successful.

Class Liaisons for 2015

Thank you to the following people who have volunteered to be our class liaisons next year. As you can see we are still in need of 2 more people to help out. Please seriously consider if this could be you. Please contact me on 0438688249 or tonya.bishop1977@gmail.com especially if you would like to know exactly what you would need to do.

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Kytons Christmas Treats

Don’t forget to get your order in by tomorrow, Friday 5th December and enjoy some very yummy Christmas treats. Thanks to Bronwyn Earl, Megan Muller and the Year 2 parents for organising this.

P&F AGM

Thank you to teachers Lucy Collins and Glenda Perrott who shared some of their experiences about some of the changes they have seen at Pilgrim over the past 29 years at the annual general meeting.

The following positions on Parents and Friends were unfilled:

- President: Tonya Bishop
- Treasurer: Karen Hillier
- Vice-President: Jenni Forder
- Secretary: Unfilled

Could you help with being Secretary, Pastoral Care, Co-ordinator or Campus Uniform Committee Representative?
From the Treasurer’s Report presented at AGM
To date we have raised $17,753.54 in 2014. This is made up as follows: $11,703.54 from various fund raising activities (including 2nd hand uniform sales), and $6,050.00 from the P&F levy. This does not include the Woolworths BBQ amount and the Kytons Christmas Fundraiser that is currently being finalised.

P&F have donated $10,374.00 to the school since the beginning of this financial year (Feb 2014). This money has been used to purchase a variety of goods for the school which our children are benefiting from. Below is a list of donations to Pilgrim to date. There is also a total of $5,950.00 in promised donations to the school. These are: $2000 to buy additional Pilgrim sports tops, $3000 to erect additional fencing near the Oasis building and some play equipment for pre-schoolers, $650 for the Campus cricket pitch upgrade and $300 to purchase some science equipment which will total $16324. It is exciting that for the past 5 years (at least), P&F have donated approximately $20,000.00 each year in equipment and resources to Pilgrim. Over this time donations have totalled over $103,500.00! This is great for our school and our children and an amazing effort by all volunteers!!

The class liaisons have once again done an amazing job overseeing their individual classes with pastoral support, social functions and fundraising. Thank you for all your support with building up the Pilgrim community, welcoming new families and co-ordinating your fundraising events. P & F are very grateful for all you have done and for the time you have given.

Thanks also to all Pilgrim parents who support our fundraisers in any way. Purchasing goods, attending functions and helping with sausage sizzles, stalls etc all help to raise funds to benefit our children and build community within our school. Thanks again for all your help. We really appreciate your support.

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A Moment with Mel
To all of our families here at Thiele and Pilgrim Schools, I want to wish you a safe and wonderful Christmas/ New Year. Take care of each other and make the most of spending time with your family and loved ones. We look forward to seeing you all in 2015!

Mel Grierson
Christian Pastoral Support Worker
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**Dates for 2015**

**Public Holidays:**
- Monday 26th January
- Monday 9th March
- Friday 3rd April
- Monday 6th April
- Monday 8th June
- Australia Day
- Adelaide Cup
- Good Friday
- Easter Monday
- Queen’s Birthday

**Student Free Days**
- Tuesday 27th January
- Monday 27th April
- Monday 20th July & Tuesday 21st July
- Monday 7th September Royal Adelaide Show (*to be confirmed)
- Friday 11th December

**2015 Back to School**

**Stationery for 2015**

Stationery pick up date: Friday 23rd January 2.00-3.30pm

Labels and plastic sleeves for exercise books are provided so parents do not have to contact books. Packs are not ready before Friday. If you cannot come at this time, ask a friend to pick up on your behalf, or leave it until when school starts Wednesday 28th January 2015.

**One Hour a Week for Lap?**

Do you have one hour a week to work with a child?

We would like to give you the opportunity to build a rewarding relationship with a student!

The Learning Assistance Program (LAP) is a program designed to build self-esteem with a child. It involves being a mentor and doing interesting activities with a student one to one.

The children in this program may:
- be aged between 5 and 12 years
- need help and encouragement with class work
- have an interest or talent to be developed
- be experiencing difficulties with learning
- need someone to listen and show they care.

For more information, please contact Heather Fallon at Pilgrim on 8270 3033.

Heather Fallon  LAP Coordinator
## Term 1 Dates for 2015

| Jan   | 23 | Stationery Distribution Day  
|       | 26 | Australia Day Public Holiday  
|       | 27 | Staff Professional Development Day  
|       |    | OSHC Available  
|       |    | Parents & Friends Class Liaisons Meet 7.30pm  
|       | 28 | Wednesday 28th January Students Start Term 1  
| Feb   | 2  | Meet the Teacher Night for Reception – Year 3  
|       | 4  | Meet the Teacher Night for Year 4 - Year 7  
|       | 10 | Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30pm  
|       | 17 | Pancake Breakfast  
|       | 18 | School Board  
|       | 25 | New Parents Dinner at Seeds Uniting Church  
|       | 28 | Working Bee for Year 1 & 4 Families  
|       |    | School Tours  
| March | 2-6| Year 6 & 7 Aquatics  
|       | 9  | Adelaide Cup Public Holiday  
|       | 18 | School Board  
|       | 20 | Sports Day  
| April | 3  | Good Friday  
|       | 6  | Easter Monday  
|       | 7  | Parent/ Teacher Interviews  
|       | 9  | Parent/Teacher Interviews  
|       | 10 | BBQ – Year 2 organising  
|       |    | 2.00pm Students Finish  

## Save the Date

**Commencement Celebration**  
Sat 14 Feb 2015, 5.00pm  
at Seeds UCA, 42 Sunnymeade Road, Aberfoyle Park.

**Out Of School Hours Care (OSHC) & Vacation Care**

Out of School Hours Care will be open up to and including Friday 19th December then closed for Christmas week and New Year week. Then we open again on Monday 5th January up to and including Tuesday 27th January.

The OSHC contact number is 8270 6178.

## Uniform Shop

The Campus uniform shop is situated between the Campus office and library, and is open at the following times.

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If you are unable to get into the shop you may order via e-mail at david@dzaustralia.com.au or phone 8276 8449 or the front office has an order form.

## Speed Limits on Campus Drive

There is some concern about the speed that cars travel along Campus Drive when children are present. Please note 25KPH is the speed limit, no matter which side of Campus Drive you are driving.

Some parents seem to be travelling at least 50kph in the rush to pick up their children. PLEASE SLOW DOWN!
Adelaide Youth Theatre Presents “Annie”
Phone 131246 or book at BASS bass.net.au
Rebekah Sarre (Year 7) is in the ensemble and will be in the shows on Saturday 24th January 2.00pm and Sunday 25th January 7.00pm. Adults $35 Children under 12 $20.

Changes to Adelaide Metro Public Transport
On 25 January 2015, the Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and the 3 bus service providers will be making changes to Adelaide Metro public transport services in the metro area.
Information regarding these changes will be available early January Ring the Adelaide Metro Infoline on 1300 311 108 or visit the Adelaide Metro website www.adelaidemetro.com.au

Summer Junior Netball
@ Marion Leisure & Fitness Centre
Team nominations for:
under 9’s - $28 per team/week
under 11’s - $35 per team/week
under 13’s - $35 per term/week
Weekly Premiership tables - finals played with trophies awarded at season end!
Games held Thursday after school during Term 1 2015.
Phone Tamara on 0478 504 999 or email for a nomination form: tamara@casaleisure.com.au

NET SET GO – Developing Your Netball Future
- Feb 8 & 15 Sunday 3.00-4.00pm @ Walford Sports Centre 344 Unley Road, Hyde Park
- Feb 21 @ netball SA 155 Railway Tce with Thunderbirds Players time to be announced
- Feb 26, March 5 & 12 Thursday 6.00-7.00pm @ Woods Panthers netball club Adey Road, Blackwood
- Cost $60 includes free netball, medal & t-shirt
- Register and pay on www.woospanthers.com.au

11 and Under Double Wicket Cricket Tournament
Just get a mate and nominate because you only need two players 2PlayCricket
Adelaide University Oval (Park 12)
Friday 19th December 2014
Games commence at 9.30am and conclude at 3.00pm
Registration fee of $60 per participant
Cost includes - Lunch (Subway & Nippy), unique 2PlayCricket playing shirt, $10 Rebel Sport voucher, Trophies and Giveaways
Winning Pair each receive a Knockabout Ball
One lucky participant will win a signed 2PlayCrate
Port Pecauds from the day donated to the McGrath Foundation

Visit www.2playcricket.com.au
for more information and to REGISTER for 2PlayCricket

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN AND HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR THE MIGHTY GOD THE PRINCE OF PEACE
The Year 6 students have recently been part of a small business enterprise and experienced, on a small scale, what it is like to run a small business.

Each group of students was required to put forward a business proposal and then conduct market research to evaluate potential sales of their product. Company names were developed and products were advertised amongst classes. Consideration was given to quality, hygiene and reputation. Potential risks were analysed. Each small business was loaned $10 which they were required to repay with 5% interest.

Two selling days were held in Week 6 and Week 7, with much being learnt from the first day! Presentation, service and organisation improved significantly by the second week.

Through the generous support of those who visited the stalls, the students raised over $750. All profits will support the development of a school for street kids associated with Bali Life.

Apart from enjoying the fun, the students gained much from the experience. I think we have some sharp entrepreneurs amongst us!

Thank you to all families and students for your support in this project. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

Carolyn Pynor
Year 6 Teacher
THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

A huge thank you from all the staff for the many volunteers that make our school such a great partnership and community. From sharpening pencils, helping in the library, sorting second hand uniform, cleaning desks, cooking in the canteen, washing linen, doing LAP working with a child, listening to reading, being a class liaison or having a role on Parents & Friends – it all adds up to an amazing amount of hours volunteered. Thank you.

From all the Staff at Pilgrim we wish you a Blessed Christmas!