Dear Parents,

Welcome to Pilgrim School, especially for those new families who have joined us here on The Campus. We love to see those new children in Reception on their first day who are starting school for the first time. You may also notice the new uniforms also have a new brand, which says CAMPUS and each schools’ name.

Our primary aim in 2015 is to continue to provide a distinctive Christian education, which means being a partner in the education of your child for the years ahead.

We welcome four new staff members this year as well. They are: Trish Gaskin (Year 1), Susanne Milne (Year 7), Joel Overweel (Year 6) and Bess Sarre (Year 2). We pray that their time here will be rewarding, enjoyable and full of special memories as they serve our school community. There is a small feature about our new staff in the first two newsletters this year.

There are many events ahead in a year at school and the first two are: the Meet the Teacher nights next week on Monday & Wednesday evenings and the Commencement Service on Saturday, February 14th at 5pm.

The Parents & Friends of Pilgrim School have already begun their planning for 2015 and you are very welcome to contribute to this strong part of this school. Please ask at the Front Office for more details.

We continue to pray for our school and all members of Pilgrim School are welcome to join our Worship and Assemblies on Tuesday & Thursday mornings at 8.55am in the Performing Arts Centre. These are the times where we give thanks to God for our school & Campus, as well as share the highlights of our studies.

Please drop in to say hello and I will look forward to seeing you at the various events this term.

Yours in His Service

Nigel Bennett
Principal

Welcome too, to our new students and their families commencing school in 2015. The new students are:

There are 26 new Reception Students starting Term 1

Benjamin, Lincoln, Jeremy, William, Pablo, Finn, YiFei, Rainer, Zoe, Hannah, Charlene, Jenna, Marcie-Mae, Farai, Noah, Aidan, Nathaniel, Sebastian, Patrick, Sean, Scarlett, Rachel, Talia, Annabelle, Adele and Amy.

WELCOME TO NEW STUDENTS
WORSHIP & ASSEMBLY ROSTER

Worship and Assemblies will be held each Tuesday and Thursday at 8.55am in the Performing Arts Centre. Parents and friends are warmly invited to share in these special times.

| Jan  | 29 | Nigel Bennett |
|  |  | Welcome to the school year. |
| Feb  | 3 | Andrew Harris |
|  | 5 | Assembly |
|  | 10 | Mel Grierson |

PLEASE NOTE

◆ Stationery packs that were not collected last week will be going home with your child. Please label items then return to school as soon as possible.
◆ School Times – classes begin at 8.45a.m. The yard is supervised from 8.30a.m. and children should not be at school before this unless they are in Out of School Hours Care – please contact on 8270 6178.
◆ Recess is from 10.55-11.20a.m.
◆ Lunch is from 1.00-1.30p.m. (children eat lunch under supervision from 12.50p.m.)
◆ Dismissal is at 3.10p.m.
◆ Kiss’n Drop – drivers are asked to remain in cars and to move up to the eastern end of Campus Drive before dropping off or collecting children. I ask for your support and for courtesy to be shown to other road users and the supervising teacher on duty after school.
◆ Parking – Parking is limited so please use designated parking areas appropriately (please do not use the aged care car park).

MEET THE TEACHER EVENINGS

These meetings are extremely important as each teacher presents information about the learning programs for their class. You are asked to attend. Please note that we are unable to provide ‘child minding’ at school. Meetings will be held in classrooms.

Monday, 2nd February 2015
Reception & Year 1 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Year 2 & Year 3 7.45pm – 8.45pm

Wednesday 4th February, 2015
Years 4 & 5 6.30 p.m. - 7.30pm
Years 6 & 7 7.45 p.m. – 8.45pm

In between these sessions on each evening there is an opportunity to meet the Principal, Indonesian teacher Roz Oldfield and Special Needs teacher, Deb Roberts.

PACKAGE OF INFORMATION

With this newsletter there is an envelope, which contains information concerning the following:

◆ Family Data – for new families, or those who need to update their details for 2015 with accompanying instructions.
◆ Newsletter with Term 1 Calendar
◆ School Account
◆ School Card for families who were eligible last year in 2014
◆ Medical & Asthma forms as required for continuing students
◆ Commencement Celebration Invitation
◆ Campus Treasure Market this Saturday 31st January

For new students only
◆ Government requirement data collection
◆ Cyber Safety Consent
◆ Volunteers Information for Police Checks

For Year 7 students
◆ Cyber Safety Consent forms to be signed by parents & student

Please return forms by Monday 2nd February 2015

SCHOOL FEES

Fees that are paid for a full year attract 5% discount. To receive an annual account please speak to our Bursar, Mandy, or mention it at the Front Office. All fees paid by the 13th February receive a discount of 2.5%.

School Card application forms are now available from Mandy. Mandy works every day except Thursday.

UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child is dressed in the approved Pilgrim summer uniform. If you are unsure as to the requirements, please check with the School or on our website (News tab + Parent Information page).

DZ Uniforms are open on Campus
Mondays 2.30-3.30pm
Wednesdays 8.30-9.30am
Fridays 8.30-9.30am

PILGRIM COMMENCEMENT CELEBRATION

5.00PM SATURDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Worship at Seeds Uniting Church
42 Sunnymede Drive, Aberfoyle Park

Followed by a free Barbecue. Drinks available for sale.

We invite all students, family and friends to come and celebrate the start of the 2015 School Year at Pilgrim. We will commence with worship focused on God’s blessings to Pilgrim School. Staff, students, parents, P&P and the Board will be acknowledged and prayed for during the service.

Worship will be vibrant and family-friendly, including student involvement. This is a great chance to meet and mix with other members of our school community.

Several students and classes will be involved in worship, so please make every effort to join us. We would love you to attend as a family and encourage you to sit together as we celebrate the start of 2015.

We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP by Friday 6th February.

Please indicate if your family is going on the yellow reply slip issued with stationery. This will really help our Year 5 parents who are catering.

HOT WEATHER

All Campus schools remain open on hot days. Pilgrim is air conditioned, and children remain indoors for P.E. and at recess and lunch times when the temperature is in excess of 35°C.

Please ensure your child brings a full water bottle and that they wear their school hat. Puratap water is available for refilling bottles.
**Meet our new Staff!**

**Tricia Gaskin  Year 1 Class Teacher**

Hello! My name is Tricia Gaskin. I am originally from the United Kingdom. I qualified as a teacher in the UK and taught there for a number of years before I moved to the United States where I taught in an elementary school for a few years. After returning to the UK from the U.S.A. I decided to emigrate to Australia in 2012.

I have worked in a few schools in Adelaide (Mark Oliphant, Marion and Fulham North) and I’m extremely excited to join the Pilgrim School community and will be teaching the Year 1 class. I look forward to getting to know the students and parents and learning more about our school.

In my spare time I enjoy eating out, reading, watching cricket, spending time at the beach and going to church where I teach “Sunday Kids”.

I look forward to meeting you when the new school year commences.

---

**Joel Overweel  Year 6 Class Teacher**

Hi everyone! I am thrilled to be joining the Pilgrim and Campus community this year. For the last 5 years I have been teaching in the upper primary year levels and I am excited to continue doing so at Pilgrim. I already feel welcomed by interactions with the staff and families I have met and I look forward to meeting you all as the year progresses.

Just over 3 years ago I married my beautiful wife Renée, and towards the end of last year, we moved into our new house we have built in the Seaford area. We have just returned from a 6-week trip around the UK and Europe over the Christmas and New Year break. It was just brilliant. We also have an amazing 18-month-old German Shepherd dog who keeps us on our toes and our favourite pastime is heading down to the beach with him.

Again, thank you all for being so welcoming. I am very much looking forward to working with you all this year!

---

**Bess Sarre: Year 2 class teacher one day a week, usually Wednesdays.**

I’m thrilled to be teaching at Pilgrim this year. Having spent my primary school years here, returning later as a teacher and now it’s a school that my 3 children love, a place I hold close to my heart.

Recently I have enjoyed piano teaching and classroom teaching including some specialist music and science at a few different schools.

I love music, art/craft, chocolate, cheese, pasta and camping. My favourite destinations include Clayton Bay and Sellicks Beach in SA and OS Lucerne and Venice.

My family and I are looking forward to moving into our newly built home very soon.

---

**Staff News**

Update on Mel Grierson our Pastoral Care Worker (previously Christian Pastoral Support Worker)

We are happy to announce the school has received funding for a Pastoral Care Worker in 2015.

The initial arrangements in Term 1 for Mel will be one day per week allocation here at Pilgrim and that will be every Tuesday.

A new appointment will be arranged from the start of Term 2 as Mel and her husband Nathan are expecting their first baby.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>WEEK 1</th>
<th>SUNDAY</th>
<th>MONDAY</th>
<th>TUESDAY</th>
<th>WEDNESDAY</th>
<th>THURSDAY</th>
<th>FRIDAY</th>
<th>SATURDAY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>25/1</td>
<td>26/1</td>
<td>Public Holiday Australia Day</td>
<td>27/1</td>
<td>Staff PD</td>
<td>28/1</td>
<td>Student Begin School Year</td>
<td>29/1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 2</td>
<td>1/2</td>
<td>2/2 Meet the Teacher Night Reception &amp; Year 1 @ 6.30pm Year 2 &amp; 3 @ 7.45pm</td>
<td>3/2</td>
<td>4/2</td>
<td>5/2</td>
<td>6/2</td>
<td>7/2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 3</td>
<td>8/2</td>
<td>9/2</td>
<td>10/2</td>
<td>11/2</td>
<td>12/2</td>
<td>13/2</td>
<td>14/2 Commencement Celebration 5.00pm Seeds UCA with BBQ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 4</td>
<td>15/2</td>
<td>16/2</td>
<td>17/2 Pancake Breakfast 7.45 - 8.30am</td>
<td>18/2</td>
<td>19/2</td>
<td>20/2</td>
<td>21/2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 5</td>
<td>22/2</td>
<td>23/2</td>
<td>24/2</td>
<td>25/2</td>
<td>26/2</td>
<td>27/2</td>
<td>28/2 School Tours Working Bee (Years 1 &amp; 4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 6</td>
<td>1/3</td>
<td>2/3 Years 6 &amp; 7 Aquatics at Port Noarlunga</td>
<td>3/3</td>
<td>7.30 Parents &amp; Friends</td>
<td>4/3</td>
<td>5/3</td>
<td>6/3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 7</td>
<td>8/3</td>
<td>9/3 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday</td>
<td>10/3</td>
<td>11/3</td>
<td>12/3</td>
<td>13/3</td>
<td>14/3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 8</td>
<td>15/3</td>
<td>16/3</td>
<td>17/3</td>
<td>18/3</td>
<td>19/3</td>
<td>20/3 Campus Sports Day &amp; Harmony Day</td>
<td>21/3 Kids Camp Out</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 9</td>
<td>22/3 Kids Camp Out</td>
<td>23/3</td>
<td>24/3</td>
<td>25/3</td>
<td>26/3</td>
<td>27/3</td>
<td>28/3 School Tours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 10</td>
<td>29/3</td>
<td>30/3</td>
<td>31/3 Campus Open Night 7.30pm Parents &amp; Friends</td>
<td>1/4</td>
<td>2/4</td>
<td>3/4</td>
<td>4/4 EASTER GOOD FRIDAY Public Holiday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Week 11</td>
<td>5/4 EASTER</td>
<td>6/4 EASTER MONDAY Public Holiday</td>
<td>7/4</td>
<td>Parent/ Teacher Interviews</td>
<td>8/4</td>
<td>Kytons delivery</td>
<td>9/4 Parent/ Teacher Interviews</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>