Dear Parents,

Some Sad News

Last Friday afternoon the funeral was held for the first Principal of Pilgrim School, Mr Gavin Haslam, at Westminster School Chapel. I have written to the family and expressed condolences on behalf of our community. A special feature page is attached to this newsletter. It is a special thing to be the founding Principal of Christian school such as Pilgrim. The vision of the Uniting Church has continued for the past 32 years and continues on.

We recognised Mr Haslam at our Assembly this week. Please take time to read the special tribute in this newsletter.

SAPSASA Athletics

This Wednesday, sixteen Year 4-7 students represented Pilgrim School and the Campus at the Inter-Zone athletics at Santos Stadium. Congratulations to all the team and results will be published in the next newsletter.

On-Line NAPLAN Trials

This week our Years 3, 5 & 7 students will be trialling the new On-Line NAPLAN tests. These tests will be supervised and will be using the school’s computing facilities over two days. Thanks to all concerned and especially Mrs Wicks for her organisation of the arrangements.

P&F Quiz Night

Last Saturday evening, the PAC was packed full of characters who had a night of challenge and laughter. A big thanks to the P&F and the Year 4 parents who worked hard to arrange the evening. The event raised just under $3000, which will be used to help improve the facilities around Pilgrim. Thank you to all who supported the event.

Campus Performing Arts Show Case & Pilgrim Camps

The Campus will be Show Casing its Performing Arts talent next week with a 1.30pm Matinee and 6.30pm Evening performances in our PAC. Tickets are $5.00 and available through Nativity office. A sausage sizzle is being held prior to the event.

The next fortnight sees the Years 5 & 6s and Years 3 & 4s going on their annual camps. This year they are going to Mylor and Aldinga campsites. Year 2 will be having a sleepover at the school with breakfast to follow. Please pray for good health, new friendships and great adventures.

Yours in His service

Nigel Bennett, Principal.
Thank You

♥ To Working Bee helpers from the Reception and Year 7 who were at the school Saturday 16th August. We had a great turn out of families. Thanks to Brumby, Fritz, Ricks, Rajesh, Thomas, Heath, McLennan, Haydon and Kekare families who all got involved. Your work was very much appreciated.

Worship & Assembly Roster

Worship and Assemblies are held on Tuesday and Thursdays at 9.00am. Parents and friends are warmly invited to share in these special times in the Performing Arts Centre. Come and join us!

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SCHOOL TOUR DAY

NEXT PILGRIM SCHOOL TOUR DAY
SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2014. 10.00am

For parents interested in sending their children to Pilgrim School.

We encourage interested families to ring the school to make a booking, or simply turn up on the day.

Father’s Day Stall

Tuesday 2nd September the Parents and Friends are holding a stall where students may buy a gift for their father or grandfather.

Classes visit the art room before recess, where they choose something special to purchase.

Thank you to the Year 2 parents who are preparing goodies for sale, with class liaisons Megan Muller and Bronwyn Earl coordinating the stall. The class is the first to use online booking their availability. Feedback is welcome.

Show Day School Closure

Pilgrim School Closure Day Monday September 8th.

Please mark this day in your calendar. This is timed so that families can attend the Royal Adelaide Show.

Thiele and Nativity schools also have a Student Free Day on the same day so parents who require OSHC will need to book in and register their children as soon as possible to ensure a place. OSHC’s direct phone number is 8270 6178.

Enrichment Studies

The second block of enrichment studies will be in Term 4. If you are interested in helping with block 2 starting 17th October – 7th November on Friday afternoons and wish to discuss this further, please come and have a chat.

Nigel Bennett, Principal

ICAS Science Results

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools run by the University of NSW. In the 2014 Science Competition 18 students from Years 4, 5, 6 and 7 entered. Congratulations to the following students who excelled:

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Louis Francis (Year 6)

Merit
Carson Gardiner (Year 6)
Joshua Gomez (Year 6)
Russel Fritz (Year 7)

7 Participation Certificates

Famine Fighters

Last chance for Famine Fighters money!!! Money is due this week – Friday 29th September!

So far we have cash donations of $1,232.55 and on-line donations of $1,724.46 making a total of $2,957.01. Well done Pilgrim School and wider community!

Please return your booklet promptly. In the next few weeks, certificates will be given for each students’ participation as well as a laminated award for those who raised over $100.

Thank you all,
from Roz Oldfield

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TRIBUTE TO GAVIN HASLAM

Gavin Haslam was the very first Principal of Pilgrim School.

It is with our deepest sympathy and condolences we acknowledge the passing of Mr Haslam on the 15th August 2014 at 77 years of age.

In 1981 he was appointed by the Uniting Church to open a unique educational enterprise as part of a primary school campus. The church decided to call the UCA school, Pilgrim School. Mr Haslam took up his appointment in September 1981 and the school officially opened in March 1982 with 95 students.

Mr Haslam opened the school with worship, using a whistle to get the attention of students and their families over the noise of hammers and saws. They strained to hear a reading from St Matthew and with the opening prayer Mr Haslam announced:

"Let the Life of the school begin."

In an incomplete building surrounded by sand and dust, without power or water, carpets or paint, but with faith and love in plenty, the life of the school began.

Gavin concluded his appointment at the end of 1984. Recent families to Pilgrim School may not have met Gavin although he and his wife attended the 25th Anniversary of Campus. Our thoughts are with Gavin’s wife Elizabeth and sons Tim, Don and Geoff during their time of sorrow.

His funeral was held at 2.00 pm Friday 22 August in the Chapel at Westminster School. Gavin was the Westminster Preparatory School Master in Charge for 12 years prior to coming to Pilgrim School.

This week at assembly we shared about the passing of Gavin Haslam, honouring his service to God.

At this time of reflection we give thanks for a life of influence and love and dedication. The very significant calling of Gavin to start Pilgrim School has borne much fruit and continues strongly today. God is faithful.
Parents and Friends Quiz Night

The 2014 Pilgrim Quiz night was last Saturday night and it was an exceptional night! Thank you to all the people that attended the night, without you it would not have been the success it was.

A HUGE thank you must go to Christine Dunthorne and Katie Nuttall for all the months of planning and organising. Thank you also to their team of year 4 parents who organised and worked with them.

We are proud to announce the amount raised was $2847.65! Thank you to all the families of Pilgrim that donated products to the silent auction and prizes.

Tonya Bishop
P & F President

A Night with the Stars

Katie and Christine our wonderful Quiz Night Coordinators

Thanks to everyone who supported our Quiz Night

Little Red Riding Hood

Men in Black

Sister Act!
Happy Families

If you have a small family then sibling rivalry will be a problem for you.

In a family of two children, it can be hard to escape your brother or sister so the rivalry can be intense.

After the birth of the second child you may think you are bringing a playmate home for the first born but in his or her eyes you have brought someone into your home who is a rival for your affection and attention.

This is not how you see the situation, but then it’s your child’s private logic that matters. It seems that rivalry is most intense between children adjacent to each other in the family tree.

*Kids don’t grow out of their rivalry.* It often gets worse as they get older unless parents put strategies in place to minimise it.

**Competitive Kids**

Parents need to contain the competitiveness within their kids. There is a time and a place for competition just as there is a time and place for cooperation. In many ways, it is the true test of family leadership where parents develop a sense of ‘we’ within their family while welcoming some of the competitive elements in their kids.

Here are some ways to reduce sibling rivalry in your family:

- **Accept children’s individual differences.** Your acceptance of differences will determine the degree of competitiveness between children.
- **Focus on the deed not the dude.** High praise families usually experience more sibling fighting than high encouragement families. So focus your positive comments on the process rather than the results, the act not the actor, the performer rather than the performance.
- **Put them in the same boat when they misbehave.** Be willing for all children to experience the consequences of a child’s misbehaviour. For instance, if one child is noisy in the car then they all miss an activity if you return home.
- **Focus on solutions not the fight.** When children fight and argue give ideas and strategies to resolve their problem rather than sorting out the fight.
- **Introduce family meetings at age five.** Through regular meetings teach children a conflict resolution process. You can also give children an opportunity to impact on family decision-making through meetings.

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**8 WAYS TO GET KIDS TO EAT A VARIED DIET**

1. **Enjoy a variety of foods.** Serve up a variety of healthy foods each day. These include fruit and vegetables, legumes (such as dried peas, beans and lentils), wholegrain cereals, low fat dairy, lean meat, fish and skinless chicken. Low fat or skim milks are not suitable for children under two years of age. However, for children over two years, low fat milk is recommended.
2. **Shop healthy.** If you haven’t got a healthy variety in your kitchen pantry or cupboard, you can’t put it on the table. Try avoid having “sometimes” foods such as confectionary in the cupboard as children will then see them as “everyday” foods.
3. **Go for quality, not quantity.** Children serves may be small. It all depends on their age and appetite. Variety is the important ingredient.
4. **Stick to three meals and two snacks every day.** Growing children need to be fed regularly and often.
5. **Begin their day with a healthy breakfast.** It improves concentration, assists learning and builds stamina.
6. **Give your children choices.** Offer kids a few healthy choices. For instance, ask if they want an apricot or a plum, beans or broccoli, an egg or tuna sandwich.
7. **Lunch boxes that go crunch.** Skip the chips. Fruits and vegetables make a great snack or lunch box addition. Try corn on the cob, carrots, small Lebanese cucumbers, green beans, cherry tomatoes, celery, stone fruit, grapes or berries.
8. **Frozen fruits.** Frozen fruits are great for snacks or dessert. Try frozen grapes, bananas, mango wedges or even dried fruit like sultanas.

Source: www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au
**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART**

**Jump Rope for Heart 2014**

**Friday 19th September**

The event will be happening at the COLA

- Introduction and welcome
- Demo from upper primary group
- Class routines to different sound tracks
- Teacher/Parent skipping!
- Thanks and close

Total approx 50 (to 60) mins between start of day and recess. The children would love parent to come as an audience. They have been practicing for this day.

**SMS Messaging**

Pilgrim School has invested in new software that gives the school the capacity to message parents on their mobile phones. The intention is to use this facility in an emergency, to remind parents to notify the school of a student being absent, or other instances where unexpected circumstances arise (eg bus running late from camp or excursion). The system drastically reduces the time it takes for schools to successfully contact large number of parents immediately.

**YEAR 6 CLASS NEWS**

**What’s happening in Year 6?**

We are well immersed in our ‘Well-being’ iUnit, examining our perspective, thinking, relationships and conflict resolution. It is sobering to discover how much our thinking affects our emotions and our behaviour. We have been working to become more self-aware, controlling our thoughts, and thereby being empowered to move forward when we face challenges. We have been discovering some very creative ways to reinforce and share our learning (but we can’t tell you yet, as it’s a surprise…)

This Friday we will celebrate “Identity Day’ where we each share an interest or passion with other students and adults. We have each prepared information, pictures, models, etc to display and share with others.

Poetry has been the focus for our writing with some superb expression of emotion and thought issuing from the students. They’ve even amazed themselves!

Artistic flair has been very evident in our visual arts lessons. We have experimented with different painting and drawing techniques. The results have been most effective. Feel free to visit the Art room or our classroom to see some of the masterpieces.

We are very much looking forward to our camp in Week 7, where we will be continuing to develop our understanding of team building, risk taking, group problem solving and adventure.

Life is good! – Carolyn Pynor Year 6 Teacher

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**Information Sent Home**

- Campus: Influenza, Swine Flu Alert
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- Faith Family
- Father’s Day Stall 2nd September
- Parents & Friends Meeting September 1st Agenda
- Quiz Night Letter
- Reception Term 3 starters: Parent Teacher interviews
- Reception: Head Lice
- Scholastic Book Club Catalogues. Orders due 4/9/14
- Year 1: Letter to families
- Year 2: Father’s Day Stall Help Required
- Year 2: Sleepover information and consent
- Year 4 - 7: SAPSASA Athletics day 27/8 to selected students
- Year 5 & 6: iUnit on Health and Well Being

**Parents & Friends**

**Father’s Day Stall**

Next Tuesday 2nd September is the Father’s Day stall. Gifts range from 50 cents to $5 per gift. This is a great opportunity for the children to be able to go shopping for their Dad, Grandpa or a special person in their lives. Thank you to Bronwyn Earl, Megan Muller and the Year 2 Parents who have work so hard organising, wrapping and selling these amazing gifts. Don’t forget to remind your children that any spare gifts will be sold at recess if they would like to purchase more gifts.

**Campus Fair is the major fundraiser for the Campus and it is being held on Sunday 26th October. The proceeds raised go towards the campus grounds, PE program, Performing Arts and Library. Please help us raise funds for these areas as without money they can’t keep running.**

**How can you help?**

Each class has been allocated a stall to run.

- Reception, Year 3 and Year 5 are responsible for the Cafe.
- Year 1 and Year 4 are running the Donut stall.
- Year 2 and Year 6 are helping with Gardening and Outdoors
- Year 7 are running the Crockery smash.

**On the day** we need parents to volunteer to man a stall for half an hour time slots during the day. We also need help **setting up** on the Saturday and **packing up** at the end of the Fair. You can also help by **donating items** like serviettes, sauce and some other items. Soon information will come home explaining how you can volunteer for this and what items we need donated. Thank you in advance for your help. Could you help by ringing our list of businesses for donations? Letterbox flyers also need distributing.

**Campus Umbrellas**

There are still Umbrellas available for sale. Drop in and see Wendy or Karen and they will be able help you out. 1 for $40 or 2 for $70.

**Shoot SA Family Photos**

Thank you to all the families who participated in this. This fundraiser made **$360.00**. We hope you have some lovely photographs of your family.

Our next P&F meeting is next Monday 1st September 7:30pm in the staffroom. Everyone welcome!

Tonya Bishop  P&F President
Congratulations
To Hannah, Joshua and Sarah Gomez who competed in the Adelaide Piano Eisteddfod. They all performed well and earned two honourable mentions, a 2nd and two 1st places out of 6 events. Brilliant!

SAPSASA Athletics
Southern Heights and City South SAPSASA Athletics day was held, Wednesday 27th August, at Santos Stadium. 17 students from Pilgrim were selected to participate in the Campus team. Results will be in next newsletter.
Ben Searle the Physical Education teacher for Year 3-7 has coordinated student participation across Campus.

FYI Drug and Health Education
Educational Entertainment specialist Richard Rowland is coming to Campus to lead sessions in a “Top Secret” inflatable classroom. Students become “Junior Secret Agents”. A Spy Training manual helps the children, assisted by “Charlie” the Secret Agent Dog. Teachers chose the manual appropriate to their age and year level. The topics follow the Health and PE Curriculum.

Campus Fair Shed
The Campus Fair Shed is open this Sunday 31st August from 10am to 1pm to receive your clean, pre-loved items. Donated goods will be used to raise money at the Fair’s Giant Trash ‘n Treasure. So it’s time to spring clean out your garage, kitchen, toybox or garden shed and take those goodies to the Fair Shed. Toys, games, household goods, bric-a-brac, sporting goods, gardening tools & items, crockery, books and magazines are all wanted for the Fair. Please note, we cannot accept broken, damaged or incomplete items, no electrical, large furniture or clothing, no computers or TV’s and no safety equipment (such as life vests, helmets, baby items). Forget the garage sale, donate to the Fair Shed.

Opening dates are 31st August, 14th September, 28th September and 12th October. Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm.
The Fair Shed is on Budapest Road, near the Campus Kindy.

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.
Order forms are also available from our front office.

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE
The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend.

Dental care is FREE for most children. Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can also attend – a small fee will apply for each course of general dental care.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

Community News
Further Information on Notice Board in Foyer Entrance

DJUKI MALA – CHOOKY DANCERS
Arback NT: arts development and touring
Tuesday 2 September 2pm & 8pm Tickets $15 & $10 concession. Marion Cultural Centre
287 Diagonal Road, Oaklands Park
www.marionculturalcentre.com.au

Come and Try Athletics at Noarlunga Little Athletics!

The sport where all kids can ‘Be Their Best’
Little Athletics is a great way for kids to have fun and get fit, in a family friendly environment.

Learn how to compete in all events, such as running, shot put, discus, high jump, long jump and more!

Who can join? Families with Girls and Boys aged 3 – 16.

All abilities, you compete against your last best efforts.
No obligation “Come ‘n’ Try” to see if you enjoy participating.
Where are we? Christies Beach High School Oval.
When do we meet? 9.00am Sunday mornings.
If you have questions, contact us by:
• Email at noarlungalac@gmail.com
• Call Garry our Secretary on 0400 147 662
• www.facebook.com/NoarlungaLAC
• Or visit our website www.noarlungalac.com.au
Season runs September 7, 2014 to March 29, 2015
with Cross Country from May to July

2014 SA Church District Basketball Club Try-Outs
SA Church District Basketball Club is a Christian Basketball Club based in Adelaide. Our motto is ‘more than basketball’, we believe in basketball excellence, but more importantly in putting people first and developing character.

We welcome both men and women aged 16 and up to an open run try-out for the upcoming district basketball season. If you are not able to make the try-out, but would still please contact us.

When: Saturday Morning 6 September, 2014
Where: Home of SA Church Basketball Adelaide Arena,
44A Crittenden Rd Findon
Time: 10am – 12noon
Who: Males and Females aged 16 and up

We also welcome expressions from those wishing to be involved in a non-playing capacity as Coaches & Team managers.

RSVP by Thursday 4 September, 2014
SA Church District Basketball Club is the representative District Club of the Saturday afternoon SA Church Basketball Association competition. Contact Details
Email: sachurchbasketball@gmail.com
Phone: 0422 500 303

Have you Considered Nominating for Council?
Nominating for Council provides a great opportunity to take a community leadership role and make a positive contribution to the City of Onkaparinga. Nominations open Tuesday 2 September Close Tuesday 16 September 12 noon.
Candidate briefing sessions provide valuable information about eligibility, roles, responsibilities, legal obligations and commitment of being an elected member. Nomination kits available at next session: Monday 1 September 7.00pm @ City of Onkaparinga Noarlunga office. www.onkaparingacity.com 8384 0666

2014 SA Church District Basketball Club Try-Outs
Year 3 Student Page  Term 3 : Measurement

Our class has started this Term exploring how to measure the world around us.

We’ve been led in our investigations by questions that have really tested how well we understand measurement.

Here are some examples:

Does the shape of a container change the way the same amount of liquid looks? Estimating amounts of liquid to make different quantities and finding quick ways to check the totals in our heads.

How can I accurately measure different lengths?
Using cm to measure small distances exactly (above left), and both cm and m for larger distances (above right).

How long can you make one sheet of paper? 11m!

What if we join everyone’s efforts together? 68.5m!

“Find an expert” lesson: Can you help me understand how to convert measurements when we haven’t tried it with a teacher?

What’s the biggest picture we’ve made? A river scene 5m long!