Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to both Pilgrim School and Campus as we start 2017, especially as this is the school’s 35th Year! The staff are all ready to start and things are well in place with no new staff to introduce at this time.

A special welcome is always a pleasure for those at Pilgrim for the first time. I particularly welcome the new Reception students, this is the first time we have had two larger Reception classes. We last had over 200 students back in 2005. Welcome to our new families, whose names are included in this Newsletter.

I am very pleased to welcome Mrs Julie Wicks to the Deputy Principal role, and she will be sharing an office on the Mezzanine level every Tuesday and Thursday. I would also like to welcome Mrs Kerry Heil to the new Student Well-Being Coordinator role and she will be working every Wednesday. Welcome back to Mrs Sharon Cartwright, who has joined the Learning Support team again this year. Mrs Sarah Beresford will be taking over the Learning Support Coordinator’s role from Deb Roberts in the near future.

The start of each school year sees some special events, which are a highlight of our calendar.

Meet the Teacher Nights next week and the Commencement Service and meal together on Saturday, February 11th at Seeds Uniting Church mark the start of the journey.

We aim to provide the best possible Christian education by encouraging each child’s gifts and talents. The partnership between home and school is vital and the secret is complex yet simple: good education is about consistency and love. In our school it’s about Christ’s love, forgiveness and encouraging each child’s gifts and talents.

There will be a letter sent home regarding our updated Uniform Policies and details. Please read it carefully as we aim to start the year on a consistent note once again.

I would encourage you to get involved in the life of the Campus in your time here. This is a unique place in Australian education and there are many opportunities to meet new people.

Finally, our staff meet each day and share two of the foundations of the Christian life: praying for our school and reading God’s Word. I encourage you to do the same with your family. Deuteronomy 6: v 2-7 is a great starting point.

Yours in His Service this year,

Nigel Bennett

Principal
Welcome

Welcome To New Students
Welcome too, to our new students and their families commencing school in 2017.
33 new Reception Students starting Term 1
The new students are:

New Roles at Pilgrim
Congratulations to Julie Wicks who has been appointed as Deputy Principal. Julie will be teaching in Year 7 and released in her role as Deputy on a Tuesday and Thursday. Julie will be located in the first office upstairs on the mezzanine.
Kerry Heil has been appointed as coordinator of Student Well Being, and will be taking up this role one day a week, on a Wednesday. This role is in combination with teaching in Year 5 on Monday and Tuesday.

New Campus Staff
Hajnalka Molloy – Library
Welcome to Hajnalka who is teaching in the Campus Library. She is well suited to the new directions that the Library is taking.

Campus Physical Education: Renee Sawyer will be teaching Physical Education to the Reception -Year 3 classes. Renee has done some relief teaching on Campus and is employed through Thiele Primary School.

Chris Gent who has taught PE on Campus for the past ten years is continuing at Thiele Primary School. Chris is taken on the responsibility of being a Year 3/4 classroom teacher. Thank you Chris for all that you have contributed to Sport across Campus.

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.

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 8.45am. The yard is supervised from 8.30am and children should not be at school before this unless they are in Out of School Hours Care – please contact them 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.

Dropping Off and Picking Up Children
- 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.
- Pilgrim School Families are asked to use Campus Drive kiss’n drop. Campus Drive is supervised by a Pilgrim staff member until 3.30pm. Any students not picked up by this time wait in Pilgrim Front Office.
- The staff car park kiss’n drop is primarily for Thiele families. This is supervised by a Thiele staff member until 3.20pm only.
- Parking – Parking is limited so please use designated parking areas appropriately (please do not use the aged care car park).
Information Sent Home

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

- Newsletter with Term 1 Calendar
- School Fee Account
- Uniform Update 2017
- Families who have not already updated their details late last year, will receive a Family Data Base form for 2017 with accompanying instructions.

For new students only
- Computer Use Consent
- Family Data with accompanying instructions
- Government requirement Data Collection.

For Year 5, 6 & 7 students
- Computer Use Consent forms to be signed by parents & student

Please return forms by Friday 3rd February 2017

Please return any outstanding Medical/Asthma/Medication forms issued late last year, signed by a doctor.

School Fees

Fees that are paid for a full year attract a 5% discount. To receive an annual account please speak to our Bursar, Mandy Williams, or mention it at the Front Office.

All term fees paid by the 10th February receive a discount of 2.5%.

Email bursar@pilgrim.sa.edu.au.

Centrepay

Pilgrim now offers families the opportunity to pay school fees using Centerpay deductions. Centerpay is a bill paying service which is free for Centerpay customers. If you wish to use this facility, please contact Mandy Williams to obtain & complete the forms.

Meet The Teacher Evenings

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

Monday, 6th February 2017
Reception & Year 1 6.30pm – 7.15pm
Meet the Principal, Specialist Teachers 7.15-7.45pm
Year 2 & Year 3 7.45pm – 8.30pm

Wednesday 8th February, 2017
Years 4 & 5 6.30pm - 7.15pm
Meet the Principal & Specialist Teachers 7.15-7.45pm
Years 6 & 7 7.45pm – 8.30pm

Commencement Celebration

5.00PM SATURDAY 11th FEBRUARY
Worship at Seeds Uniting Church
42 Sunnymeade Drive, Aberfoyle Park

Followed by a free Barbeque. Drinks available for sale.

We invite all students, family and friends to come and celebrate the start of the 2017 School Year at Pilgrim. We will commence with worship focused on God’s blessings to Pilgrim School. Staff, students, parents, P&F 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 2017.

We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP by Friday 3rd February.
Please indicate if your family is going. 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.

The school provides sunblock for students to use. If your child is sensitive to the school sunblock, parents may provide their own child’s sunblock, clearly labelled.

Pilgrim Photo Competition

Thank you to everyone who sent us entries for our Photo Competition last year. We are still in the process of checking the chosen photos are of appropriate definition for enlarging to canvasses and will be making an announcement of winners in the next newsletter.

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 email info@dzaustralia.com.au . Phone 8276 8449.

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

Order forms are available from our Front Office.
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