From the Principal

You keep us waiting.
You the God of all time,
Want us to wait for the right
time in which to discover
Who we are, where we must
go,
Who will be with us, and what
we must do.
So thank you…for the waiting
time.

You keep us looking.
You, the God of all space,
Want us to look in the right
and wrong places for signs of
hope,
For people who are hopeless,
For visions of a better world
that will appear
Among the disappointments of
the world we know.
So thank you…for the looking
time.

You keep us loving.
You, the God whose name is
love,
Wants us to be like you –
To love the loveless and the
unlovely and the unlovable;
To love without jealousy or
design or threat;
And most difficult of all, to
love ourselves.
So thank you…for the loving
time.
And in all this, you keep us,
Through hard questions with
no easy answers;
Through failing where we
hoped to succeed
And making an impact when
we felt we were useless;
Through the patience and the
dreams and the love of
others;
And through Jesus Christ and
his Spirit,
You keep us.
So thank you…for keeping
time,
And for now and forever.
Amen

Iona Community, Scotland

GOOD NEWS

How lovely to
have a surprise
visit from Liam
Knevitt (who is now
in Year 5) and his
family today.

The family
relocated to
Bangkok three
years ago and
are back for the
first time for a
holiday.

Special points
of interest:

- Tomorrow—
  Cake Stall
  (Room 5)
  Uniform Shop
  open after Chapel

- 5/8—SPLOSCH
  Committee
  Meeting 5pm
Parents & Friends

Cake Stalls
Thank you very much to the parents in Room B who ran our first cake stall for the term last Friday. Their fabulous baking efforts raised $158.50 for the school.

Tomorrow morning it is Room’s 5 turn to run the cake stall under the guidance of Bron Masters, Michaela Baker and Jane Tiekstra.

Chocolate Drive
More chocolates have arrived and are available for collection from the office. Please call in and grab a box to sell if you are able to.

Civics & Citizenship
As you know, earlier this year we were very fortunate to receive a grant under the banner of Civics and Citizenship to build on the leadership programme we have in the school for Year 7 students.

On Tuesday this week Rebecca Geue shared our project with a group of teachers and others from a range of schools.

Rebecca’s presentation will soon be on our website so you will all be able to enjoy seeing the excellent work that has been done.

Look out for it.

School Musical
Ticket requests were sent home this week for the upcoming musical, Are we there yet? to be performed at 1.45pm on Tuesday 11th August and 7.00pm on Thursday 13th August. 300 tickets are available for each performance and are available on a first come, first served basis. Once we have received your order, tickets will be sent home with your eldest child soon afterwards.

If there are tickets still available, a second round ticket request notice will come home next week. If you need any more tickets than the maximum 6 allowed (with 4 being the greatest number for either performance), this will be your chance!

Invacuation Drill
Yesterday the whole school practised an emergency lock-in.

Drills occur once a term with a different scenario each time to ensure the correct procedures are in place should an emergency situation arise.

Swine Flu
Just a reminder to all parents of the “Wash, Wipe, Cover, Don’t Infect Another” message that should be re-inforced with children as we all make every effort to reduce the spread of this highly contagious virus.

As previously advised, students should not be at school if they have flu-like symptoms and if a student displays flu-like symptoms they will be withdrawn from class and parents will be contacted so that arrangements can be made to send the student home.

Lions Mart
A BIG thank you to the following volunteers who helped out at the Blackwood Lions Mart on Saturday mornings in July…

Andrew Bishop, Mark Zeitz, Paul Wallis, Matt Anderson, Matt Neal, Noel Markham, Jeremy Hobbs, Jeff Fisher, Randall Birt, Tim Millar, Bo Gacic and Chris Barry.

For their fine work, the school has received $600 towards our fundraising and we are very grateful for their efforts.
Money Tree Bins

Thanks to all those people who have been bringing in their newspapers for our recycling programme.

These bins are now located in the front office and outside the kitchen and will be collected each Friday from now on, however, papers may be brought in on any day of the week.

Please remember that newspapers only are to be put in these bins and any coloured inserts should be removed.

School Business Directory

The School has a Business Directory which contains details of various businesses within our school community. If you have misplaced your copy, further copies are available from the school office.

If you have a business/service you would like included, please advise the school and we will pass on your details to Fiona Dimou who kindly coordinates this service for us.

Pedal Prix

Great work from all the riders on the weekend. We came 113th out of 171 and 128th in our category.

The day was mainly fine with some rain later in the afternoon.

The bike is going really well and the kids are doing a fantastic job.

Well done everyone!

Dave Racz
Pedal Prix Coordinator

Pick-up and Drop-off Procedures

Morning Drop-off
The Trevor Terrace car park is the only area allowed by the Council for dropping off students. Cars need to enter and exit from Trevor Terrace and are not permitted to drop child/ren off at the front entrance to the school.

Afternoon Pick-up
The drive-through Pick-up Zone is on the eastern side of the Trevor Terrace car park. This pick-up zone must be kept clear of parked vehicles after 3pm to enable this zone to work efficiently. Please remember to display the child/ren's surname “label” on your sunvisor when using the Pick-up Zone as this makes identification easier for teachers and assists in the speed of the pick-up process.

Please note that the speed limit within the car park is walking pace only.

If you intend to take longer to collect your child/ren, you will need to park on the western side of the car park and walk over to collect your child/ren as they are not permitted to walk unaccompanied to or from a parked car unless it is in the Pick-up Zone. If you wish to see a teacher after school you will need to make an appointment and park on the western side of the car park or outside the school grounds.

There have been a number of speed cameras in the vicinity recently so please be mindful of the speed limit when driving near the school grounds.

A detailed map and more information is available on ‘Attachment B’ in the Information Handbook for Parents & Caregivers.

IB Learner Profile

Inquirers
Knowledgeable
Thinkers
Communicators
Principled
Open-minded
Caring
Risk-takers
Balanced
Reflective
IB Learners strive to be
Out of School Hours Sports

Football and Netball

Year 2/3 Football - Saturday 1st August at 8.30am

Colonel Light Gardens v Blackwood/St Peters at Mortlock Park, Sturt Avenue, Colonel Light Gardens

Players to be at the oval 20 minutes before the game.

Please note all 2/3 Footballers:
The West v Glenelg Mini League game scheduled for Saturday 5th September. Players to be at City Mazda Stadium at 1.30pm. Free entry to family members.

Year 4/5 Football - Saturday 1st August at 9.30am

St Peters vs. Plympton at Blackwood Primary School

Year 2/3 Netball – Saturday 1st August at 10am

St Peters vs. Aberfoyle Campus at St Peters

Players to be at the school 10 minutes before the game.

If you can find the time, come and support our netballers as they are playing at home this week.

Sturt District Cricket Club Inc.

Welcome to the commencement of the 2009-2010 Junior Cricket season.

We trust you have had a good sporting winter and are looking forward to the coming cricket season. We would like to maintain as many of the players from last season as possible and hope you are ready for the pre-season trials and training. We are also keen to see new, quality players.

Trials will begin Sunday 9th August 1—3pm at Scotch College, Montrose (junior oval and nets). They will run for 3 or 4 Sundays (depending on weather).

From these trials an U14 and U16 squad will be selected. These represent the best 25 Junior Cricket players in the Sturt District.

As usual, if you have a friend that can play please do not hesitate to bring them along and introduce them to one of the coaching staff.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Jeanette Carter on 0403 924 038.

A copy of this letter has been sent home with all Year 6/7 students this week.

Out of School Hours Sport - Term 4

Nomination forms for Term 4 Out of School Hours sport will be going home tomorrow. Please complete the nomination form and return it to school by Friday 21st August. As previously explained, if the form is not in by the due date, your child’s participation in that sport cannot be considered. This strict adherence to the due date is necessary so that Term 4 sport teams are registered and we are ready to go by the end of term as some sports start in Week 1.

Mrs Smith
For the OSHSport Committee

4/5 Football
We won by 8 points. Mitchell T was really good. The best players the Coach said are Cole N, Sam T, Liam and Lachlan. The score was 7 goals and 11 points. We played a great game. Mitchell R took good kicks.

By Cole

If you would like to include a sports report for your team, simply send it to Mrs Smith in the front office by Wednesday.
Working Bee—Saturday 8 August

As you are aware, the next working bee has been scheduled for Saturday 8 August beginning at 9am. This time we will be pruning, weeding, spreading soft fall, cleaning out the storm water sumps and attending to a range of other regular maintenance tasks. Useful tools to bring along include forks, shovels, wheelbarrows, gardening gloves, pruners, rakes, yard brooms and cobweb brooms.

Families who will be involved this time include…

Room 8
Bishop, Economides, Hebdon, Henman, McGinn, McGrath, Millar, Ross, Sperling-Sloan, Vincenzi, Evans N, Gray, Hunt, Hutchinson, Kenning, Lam, Patel

Room 7
Anderson, Barry, Birt, Fisher, Gacic, Hobbs, Kilderry, Ledson, Pruszinski, Sharrad, Worthington

ELC

Plus the following families who have been scheduled on previous working bees but have been unable to attend….


On the day there will be a sheet for your to sign in which serves two purposes. The first is for insurance and the second is so that your name does not reappear on the roster again next term.

Working bees are very important events on the school calendar. They are a cost-free way of supporting the school which helps reduce the pressure on fees and provides a great opportunity for parents to socialise and get to know each other.

Thanks for supporting your school in this way.

Watch out for the working bee/sausage sizzle reply form coming home soon.

Uniform Shop Sale

The supplier of our school uniform, Universal Uniforms, is having a 10% off sale commencing Monday 3 August for one week only. All floor stock will be discounted.

Universal Uniforms is located on the corner of Daveys Road and Emerald Street, Flagstaff Hill and is open between 9.30am—5.00pm Monday to Friday and 9.30—12.30pm on Saturday.

Staff Professional Development

On Thursday Kathryn Davies (Room 6) attended the first day of a two-day programme on supporting beginning writers.
### Diary Dates Term 3
(for your calendar!)

#### Week 2 (Monday 27/7)
- **Tue 28/7**: Uniform Shop Open 3pm
- **Thu 30/7**: Art Gallery Excursion (Rooms 1 & 2)
- **Fri 31/7**: Cake Stall (Room 5), National Motor Museum Excursion (Rooms B & 3), Uniform Shop Open 9.15am

#### Week 3 (Monday 3/8)
- **Wed 5/8**: SPLOSHC Com Mtg 5pm
- **Thu 6/8**: School Council Meeting 7pm
- **Fri 7/8**: Cake Stall (Room 2), Primary Principals’ Mtg 9am
- **Sat 8/8**: Working Bee 9am

#### Week 4 (Monday 10/8)
- **Tue 11/8**: Musical Performance 1.45pm, Uniform Shop Open 3pm, Marketing Mtg 5pm
- **Thu 13/8**: Musical Performance 7pm
- **Fri 14/8**: Cake Stall (ELC)

#### Week 5 (Monday 17/8)
- **Fri 21/8**: Cake Stall (Room 7)

#### Week 6 (Monday 24/8)
- **Tue 25/8**: Uniform Shop open 3pm
- **Fri 28/8**: Cake Stall (Room 3), Uniform Shop Open 9.15am
- **Sun 30/8**: Family Service (Room 3)

#### Week 7 (Monday 31/8)
- **Thu 3/9**: School Photos
- **Fri 4/9**: Student Free Day/PD Day for Staff

#### Week 8 (Monday 7/9)
- **Tue 8/9**: Uniform Shop Open 3pm
- **Fri 11/9**: Cake Stall (Room 8)
- **Sun 13/9**: Family Service (Room B)

#### Week 9 (Monday 14/9)
- **Fri 18/9**: Cake Stall (Room 6), Uniform Shop Open 9.15am
- **Sat 19/9**: Pedal Prix
- **Sun 20/9**: Pedal Prix

#### Week 10 (Monday 21/9)
- **Tue 22/9**: Uniform Shop open 3pm
- **Thu 24/4**: Last day of term of students (Casual Day), Cake Stall (Room 1)

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These dates are subject to change so please make sure you check them each week.