Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term Three. I trust that you and your family had an enjoyable holiday break, which was extended by one more day with our student free day on Monday.

Jo, Sue and I attended a successful day of Maths training at the Barmera Country Club with all the staff from our cluster group. This was another opportunity to share ideas and resources as well as look at assessment methodologies.

We also spent time on the Maths topic of Chance and were presented with a lot of games and activities for teaching and assessing the topic.

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VALUES: Respect, Honesty, Caring, Cooperation, Responsibility, Self Discipline

THE TERM AHEAD

Term Three will see the students involved in many enjoyable and interesting activities. We are starting the term with an Olympic theme in both classes. We will continue with this theme for at least half of the term.

We have also downloaded some more apps on the iPads and will be using these during IT lessons on Wednesdays and throughout the week. Yesterday Joe and Jessica started working on a typing skills program with the Upper Primary students during IT time.

Next Thursday, we have been invited to Lyrup Primary to watch a performance called Robyn in Da Hood. There is more information later in this newsletter. Science week is in Week Five.

Looking further ahead to Week Eight, we will be going to Glossop Primary for a performance from the Splash Theatre Company. In the same week we will also be involved in a presentation by SA Water called Slippery Stuff at the Riverland Special School. Also during this week, the Premier’s Reading Challenge finishes.

We are very definite about making sure that all students complete the challenge so that we have 100% participation.
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

At the half way mark of the year, I would like to take the opportunity to reinforce to you the importance of continuing your support towards your child/children and our school.

The ways that you can do that, will also strengthen the partnership that the teaching staff and parents share in the education of the students.

1) Please make sure all Home Folders/X-Files have been signed and returned by the end of the week.
2) Support your child/children with their Home Reading. We are again looking to see that students have done at least 20 nights of Home Reading by the end of Week Five. Please sign and date your child’s Home Reading diary when they read.
3) Return all newsletter envelopes promptly. Newsletters will go home this term on the Thursday of weeks 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9.
4) If your child is absent, please notify the school by phone or a written note. We are required to follow up all absentees and record them in our roll books.
5) Finally, as school begins at 8.50am, it is very important that students arrive at school with enough time for them to organise themselves for the day ahead, plus complete any monitor jobs before the 8.50am siren.

Thank you for your ongoing support with these.

ROBYN IN DA HOOD PERFORMANCE

Next Thursday, 26th July the whole school will be travelling in staff cars to Lyrup Primary School to watch a performance called Robyn in Da Hood. The performance will be performed by RAZZ, which is a group of students, music teachers, past students and community members from Minlaton.

We will be leaving school at 10.45am and will be returning after lunch. Lyrup have kindly offered to make lunch for us. There will be no cost for the performance and lunch. Please return the reply slip at the end of this newsletter to your child’s classroom teacher by Tuesday 24th July.

LOVEDAY SCHOOL IN THE NEWS

Our school features in this week’s Tuesday edition of the Murray Pioneer on the school page. There was also an article and picture about our Fun Run from last term in the Riverland Weekly during the holidays.

SCHOOL GARDEN

On the last day of term, all of the students and I planted spinach, broccoli, snow peas, brown onions, parsley, rosemary and strawberries in our vegetable garden. More plantings will occur this term.

To support our Healthy Eating program can you please make sure that your child brings a water bottle and a healthy snack for our 10.00am Healthy Eating break.

I am looking forward to the term ahead. Please come and see us if you have any questions or concerns throughout the term.

 Regards
Rod ☺

COLES VOUCHERS AND WOOLWORTHS STICKERS

Please keep collecting your Coles vouchers and Woolworths stickers. You can drop them into the front office even if your Woolworths sheet isn’t quite full.

Congratulations to Jamie and Madison who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. The end is getting near as we only have 7 weeks left to complete it.

Please support us by encouraging your child/children to read at home.

TUCKSHOP

Wednesday 25th July will be the next Tuck Shop. It will be Pancakes with a hot or cold milo. Order forms were given out with this newsletter. Please make sure your order form with money is in the plastic money bag that was supplied in your newsletter envelope and is given to Brigit by Tuesday morning.

Sorry, we can’t take any late orders. Tuck Shop will be held each week either on a Tuesday or Wednesday. Please check the lunch order each week.