Welcome back to our families for the start of Term 4, we have a busy nine week term with a variety of camps and events already organised. We have Mandy our dance teacher beginning our dance curriculum ready for the End of Year Concert which will be held on Wednesday 9th of December.

We farewelled Morgan Wallis at the end of Term 3, we are now waiting to hear when her and Ben become proud parents.

I welcome Hilary Ferguson who will be working in Room 5 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with Avril Clogg. Hilary brings great experience with our school and teaching to her role and we are pleased to have her in our school. Morgan, Avril and Hilary worked together late last term to ensure continuity with the classroom program.

2016 Planning

To assist us with planning for 2016, if your family circumstances are changing and your children may not be attending Crystal Brook Primary School, or you know of new families coming to our area, could you please let us know. Thank you.

The Staff is considering what the class structures of our school will be in 2016 and have begun preliminary discussions about what this will look like for particular groups of students. The students will be asked to list their friends or peers they work well with in order to aid the process.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT (CONT.)

If your family have any special considerations we need to take into account, can you please write to me or call me. We do our best to accommodate needs of students and families but there is no guarantee that all requests can be met, we do our best to ensure that your child’s placement will be the best option for them. This does not include requesting specific teachers as currently we are working through staffing for 2016.

Hats

Please ensure your child / children have a suitable hat which they need to wear during any outside activities and at break times. We have an all year round hat policy in this site and it is an expectation that if a student does not have a hat that they will sit in hard covered shade during the break and miss out on Physical Education activities. Please support your child to be organised!

Lost Property

Once again we have an enormous amount of lost property, please come in and check whether any of it belongs to your family. After the end of Week 2 we will take it to the Op Shop!

Materials and Services Charge for 2015

This is the fee that we charge parents for some of the things that students use such as photocopied worksheets, stationery, art materials and library resources. Governing Council will vote to set the 2016 Charge which is recommended by the Finance Committee to be $229 at its meeting on Wednesday 28th October beginning at 7.00pm in the Library. Parents are most welcome to attend this meeting. Please see attached Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2016 for the breakdown of these fees. Any questions about the charge can be brought up at the meeting or can be directed to the Office. Thank you.

Anne Franks
Principal

UNIFORM NEWS

Our Uniform Day’s for Term Four are Week 2, Thursday 22nd October and Week 6, Thursday 19th November. These will be the last Uniform Day’s for this year. If you would like to order uniforms for your child please collect a uniform order form from the Office, download from the school’s website or Tiqbiz. You can pay for your uniforms between 8:30am and 9.30am Monday to Thursday at the office and they will be delivered to your child on Uniform Days providing they are in stock. With warmer weather upon us, don’t forget that we have a new style of skort available. Also, we have basketball style mesh shorts available from size 6 - 14 for only $10.50! If you have any queries regarding Uniforms, please contact Liv Alpe on 0438 780 814. Thank you.

Liv Alpe, Uniform Coordinator

SRC Stall at the Kindy Markets

This Sunday the 18th October is the Kindy Markets held on the school grounds from 10am to 3pm.

SRC willing be running a stall selling yummy pretzel sticks for $2 each and also children can make some crafts for $1 and $2. Please come support the SRC and the local Kindy! Lots of fun and lots of stalls!

Free Entry
STUDENT FREE DAY
For your information and planning, our next student free day will be Monday 9th November, Week 5, Term 4. Thank you.

PARENT CLUB FUNDRAISER – THANK YOU
On Friday 18th September Parent Club catered for the Crystal Brook Football / Netball Club end of season dinner. This was a very successful fundraiser, raising approx. $1980 for our school. As many of you would know, a fundraiser such as this involves many hours of preparation before the event and on the night, and it can’t be successful without the support of helpers. This year I had a lot of people volunteer their time, which was great as it means less for everyone to do.

Firstly, to those who helped during the day with the prep work, Robyn Kelly, Julie Rackham, Hilary Ferguson, Kirsten Marshall, Jo Hayes, Kirsty Nicolson, Jacqui Merkel, Rachel Kirchner, Meagan Venning and Kia Tilbrook. You were a fantastic, hard working, fun group of people who made my job so much easier, thank you! Some of you helped both in the morning and again in the afternoon, I really couldn’t do it without you!

Secondly, to my crew of evening workers, Kathryn Hansen, Brooke Hodgson, Jess Crawford, Lissy Arbon, Emma Grossman, Alison Clarke & David Tilbrook. Thank you so much for your work throughout the evening. Once again, a hard working group who just got in and got the job done.

To those helping me with a catering fundraiser for the first time, I know the hard work won’t scare you off, I just hope I haven’t because you’ll be glad to know you all passed the ‘test’ and you’ll be on my list for next time. Good Job :) 

Lastly, but most importantly, I would like to thank the year 7 students who helped on the night - Angus Combe, Madeline Hansen, Lucy O’Dea, Georgina Grossman, Stella Arbon, Jordan Nicolson, and Amelia Smart. The year 7 students are given this opportunity to help each year, and once again I am very happy to say they represented the school, their families and themselves in a very responsible manner and we should all be proud of them. Well done and thank you! I hope you enjoyed the experience, I certainly enjoyed working with you all.

Samara Tilbrook, Parent Club

NO PICTURES INCLUDED

On Tuesday 18th August, a group of our students represented our School at SAPSASA Athletics in Adelaide.
THANK YOU!

Parent Club would like to Thank each and every person who helped in any way with Catering on Sports Day. What a wonderful show of support and what a wonderful fundraiser. A total of $1658.99 was raised which will go towards resources for our kids at Crystal Brook Primary.

If you have any feedback on catering for the day please make the effort to come to our next Parent Club meeting early in Term 4. All feedback and new fundraising ideas are welcome.

I would also like to Thank Michael Nelson from Fresh n Delicious who very kindly donated and delivered free of charge the fresh ingredients needed for catering which included 40kg of giant potatoes! I don’t think anyone who ordered a potato went hungry on the day!

“IT SHOULDN’T MATTER HOW SLOWLY A CHILD LEARNS, AS LONG AS WE ARE ENCOURAGING THEM NOT TO STOP.”

Langhorne Creek

On the 23rd September Adele Clarke, Ella Tilly, Chelsea Hombsch, Hugh Rackham, Will Clarke and Bill Clarke set off for Langhorne Creek at 6.30am! They picked Hugh up at 7.00am at his house. Then it was the open road. We stopped at Port Wakefield on the way there for a ‘break’. We arrived at Langhorne Creek at 10.30am, where we heard Jane Jolly talk about a book she published called ‘One Step At A Time’. We then got told what would happen after lunch. During recess, Chelsea and Ella stole everyone’s bags and hid them in a tunnel at the sandpit! The year 4, 5, 6’s then went with Jane Jolly and finished a piece of her work. We then had a sausage sizzle for lunch, yummy!

After we ate lunch, we played chasey and basketball, Hugh fell over trying to get past Will. After lunch we left for home. On the way we stopped at Hungry Jacks. After that Ella couldn’t stop laughing and nearly choked on her ice-cream. We stopped at Dublin where Chelsea shouted a treat for everyone. At about 5.30pm we dropped of Hugh, then we went to see Ella’s goose, it was very funny. We then went and dropped Chelsea off. After that, Bill, Will and Adele went home and that was the end of our trip to Langhorne Creek. A very special thanks to Bill Clark for driving us to and from Langhorne Creek even though we may have driven him crazy!

CHILDREN’S MEDICATION

Please remember to return any medication taken home during the holidays and for all those families contacted last term to update out of date health plans or medication, please make sure this is done this week as we legally cannot administer out of date medication or administer medication at all without an up to date Health Plan. Thank you.

BOOK FAIR

Book Fair this term is from the 19th - 23rd October, Week 2. Please come and have a look at some great books. There are posters and book packs to help fill those Christmas stockings. The library will be open during lunch breaks, 11.00am - 11.30am and after School from 3.20 - 4.00pm from Tuesday to Thursday. Thank you.

Olga Smart