Dates to Remember:

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Hi everyone! Welcome back to term 4.

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Welcome back to term 4. Summer uniforms, hat, sunscreen and a Total Fire Ban all in our first week. We are most certainly heading to summer now! It is great to see nearly all children with hats. They are welcome to leave these in their lockers so that they are prepared for outdoor learning/play each day. School hats are available for only $12 from the front office, and last for years.

Safety before and after school
Students are welcome to ride bikes on the left hand side of the road, WITH helmets to school. They need to hop off at the crossing gate or side road entrance and walk their bikes to the bike shed. This safety requirement is important during school hours, and we appreciate all parents and siblings also modelling and teaching all children this safe bike use thanks. Inside school yards can get extremely busy before and after school. Please remember also, **no parking/drop off over at the crossing.** Cars are to park and enter on the southern side of the school. The crossing street is for pedestrians and bike users only.

M&S School Fees
Karen Wright is sending home the required letter for the school community today which lets you know what the parent contribution amount is for 2016. We have continued to suggest the recommended minimum amount of $229 per student, which has also been prepared and approved by head office. We now consult the community and discussion is welcomed at the next Governing Council meeting if required.

Email addresses– newsletters and notes!
We are improving our communication with you at home. Please return the slip with your name, mobile and best email address. Many things can be emailed to you from school, saving time and cost and it will ensure things reach home every time! This will include newsletters every second Thursday, class and school event reminders and similar correspondence. If family/community members would also like to receive our newsletter by email, simply supply this to Karen Wright at the front office by adding them to your return slip, or by calling her on 87397241. Facebook is working well to share things, but not everyone is on Facebook. We hope this continues to strengthen our ability to communicate to your home.

Learning Boost Programmes
Our team of SSO educators, Rosalie, Brock, Ebony, Luci, Tanya and Trina are all involved in amazing support programmes across the school at the moment. These include Quicksmart Maths, Reading Box work with explicit comprehension learning and instruction, Ripper Reading, Speech targeted programmes and other differentiated and specialised work. Feedback from parents, students, volunteers listening to reading and all staff is that improvement is being noted after only a short time. We will add Quicksmart Literacy to this great menu in 2016, with Kay Elven, Brock, Rosalie and Ebony training in this December 2nd and 3rd in Adelaide. Combine this with improved attendance and home communication and we are really moving at Nangwarry. More reading volunteers are needed! Yell out if you can help any mornings. **Way to go, Nangas!!**

BENDIGO BANK SHOW TRAIL
As part of our commitment to the local community the local branch of the Bendigo Bank are running a Show Trail for children. On Saturday 31st October Penola and District Community Bank are offering the Bendigo Bank Show Trail for all participants who want to complete from 10am to 3pm. Entry forms will be available for collection from the Bendigo Bank Stand, which will have local representatives of our branch and board there to greet you. On entering all the children will receive a balloon and a sticker. The children can then visit the various exhibits around the show, answering the questions. Once the questionnaire is completed the entrant returns to the Bendigo Bank Stall and receives their reward. All correct entries are able to choose a special gift from Bendigo Bank staff. Penola and District Community bank is proud to be servicing and supporting the local community.
On a sunny Friday the Middle Primary Class said goodbye to their classroom and boarded a bus. They said hello to Mary the bus driver and headed south along the Riddoch Highway. The kids eagerly anticipated what was waiting for them at the end of their journey. As the bus pulled up outside their destination, jaws dropped, and eyes widened. “What if we get lost?” asked one child. “Is that their whole school?” asked another. The small group of kids walked along the path towards another, equally nervous group. “I know who they are!” yelled one excitable child. “They’re our Pen Pals!”

On Friday of Week 10, Term 3, the MP class were lucky enough to finally meet their pen pals, a Year 6 class from Reidy Park Primary School. We were given a personal tour of the school, went 10-pin bowling, and had a shared lunch at Vansittart Park.
Preschool: Transition to school
Making the transition to school is more than just helping children familiarise themselves with their new environment. It is about building relationships with peers and Educators. Relationship building takes time, so we plan transition to school activities a long time before the formal school visits begin in Term 4. Preschool has been part of the whole school assemblies right from the beginning of the year, and the children have participated in Book week, and excursions with Reception. This week we continued this process by inviting the Reception/Year 1 children to our Kindy so the pre-schoolers could have the opportunity to play with their new peers in their own environment. In the next couple of weeks Kay Elven, and I will be sending home a more detailed letter with times and dates for the formal school visits. It’s certainly going to be an exciting and busy term!

JP
Welcome back to better weather this term!
Next week we are looking forward to our excursion to the Agricultural centre at the Mt Gambier show with our special friends from preschool. We will see lambs, piglets, chicks and other animals and are looking forward to a great day. We are developing strong relationships with our preschool friends as they will be in our class next year, so from this week we have planned visits to preschool and from week 5 they will begin their transition visits with us. As reporting time gets closer our testing has begun. Over the next couple of weeks all students will be completing reading, spelling, numeracy, phonological tests just to name a few, so keep up the reading!

UP
Fourth term is already here and what an enormously busy term it is going to be in the Upper Primary. Tomorrow is Nacho Day which the class has organised to raise funds for our camp in week 4 but to also give all students some different options for their lunch. The students are working hard to give themselves some fantastic learning opportunities. We have started a new behaviour target and after 3 weeks the behaviour has been on the improve. The class is quite driven to achieve their goals.
We have started a new literacy block with some new activities. One activity includes writing letters to our pen pals all the way from Pleasant Hill Elementary School in Illinois, USA. Hopefully this is something the students will be keen to continue and find out a little bit more about America but also teach our new friends a little bit about our great town!
Congratulations to the following winners!!

**Junior Primary Award goes to:** Deklan Gartside for persistence and task completion
Kaylee McNair for being on task and helping others.

**Middle Primary Award goes to:** Cameron Perry for using manners all the time.
Aiden Jones-Jackway for demonstrating a kind and caring attitude.

**Upper Primary award goes to:** Nathan Rowe for improved attitude towards his work.

**Principals Awards go to:**
Bailey Lindner for completing the Premiers Reading Challenge.
Lachlan Summers for completing an excellent PAT-R test this week.
Rosalie Stewart for everything!

**Quicksmart Awards go to:** Adele Wilkinson, Zarlee Corman, Tannayah Cranwell, Blake Perry, Lachlan Summers, Jaxon Tasker, Bailey Lindner & Ty Dinnison. Well Done to all of these students for their work at improving their

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**South East Primary Schools’ Music Festival**

The school choir are very excited to be performing at Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre next Thursday evening (October 22nd). Students received a letter this week about it. They are to meet outside the theatre at 6.15pm (NO LATER PLEASE) on Thursday night, wearing a plain coloured, round necked t-shirt. They have been working very hard, and the concert promises to be very impressive. The song cycle about the 100th anniversary of the ANZACs is particularly moving (bring your tissues!). There are still tickets available for the concert, I strongly encourage anyone who is thinking about it to go. $15 each from the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre Box office (there may be a booking fee, I’m not sure). It would be fabulous to see as many people as possible there to support our fantastic students.

Regards, Mel