From the Principal
Welcome to term three and what a cold start we have had. It is definitely time to drag out the winter long pants and jumpers for our students. As per our uniform policy, jumpers should be black, maroon or grey (Yr. 7 only) and should not have hoods. Students are able to wear their own coats and scarves over their uniform but these are not worn as substitutes for jumpers.

We finished last term with Grandparent’s Day. It was a huge success. Many visitors told me it was the best Grandparent’s Day they had ever attended! We had a full gym of visitors for both concerts. It was a pleasure meeting so many extended family members and receiving so many positive comments about our students and staff. I have to say that this year’s concert was particularly great, with very upbeat energetic performances from all classes and some audience members! Well done to all our students and teachers, your efforts were certainly appreciated by all. A big thank you to the volunteers who contributed their time on the day, including the Parent and Friends, Governing Council members and Mr Green.

NAPLAN Online – Getting ready for 2017 - The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period. This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child's teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in August 2016. This trial is not a ‘test’ of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial. As part of the trial, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake 2 online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully.

This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a state wide level. If you have any questions about the NAPLAN Online trials please contact me at the school.

Just a reminder about the procedures we have in place for students at the end of a school day. We have two bells, one at 3pm for students who catch the bus. The second bell at 3.05pm is the dismissal time for all other students. Students who walk/ride home are expected to leave the grounds immediately and if they leave via the front of the school they must use the path provided. Students with bikes should not be riding on the path or the driveway. They should be walking their bikes until they reach Gawler Rd and then only ride when there are fewer pedestrians. Parents/caregivers coming in to collect their children should also use the path instead of walking down the driveway, particularly when we have buses and cars coming in and out. We need to be setting a good example for our students.

The car park at the front of the admin block is for staff only. Parents have the option of parking on Gawler Rd, Old Mallala Rd (off Hart Reserve) or in the car park behind the school oval. You can access the car park via old Mallala Rd. There is a speed limit of 10 kmph so please consider the safety of our students and their families at pick up and drop off times.

Two Wells Primary School has been allocated funding of $1 million under the State Government’s STEM Works Program announced in the 2016-2017 State Budget. We’re one of 139 schools across the state to benefit from a $250 million State Government investment.
The funding has been allocated to schools to refurbish and redevelop learning facilities for the delivery of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths). Planning for these facilities will start immediately with construction to be completed before the end of 2018. DECD and DPTI (Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure) are working together to deliver the program. At this stage the school has been allocated a Project Officer through DECD and it is anticipated that by the end of August an architect will make contact with the school. Further information about the Stem Works Program is available at [www.decd.sa.gov.au/stemworks](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/stemworks).

This is great news for our school. The new facility will complement our existing Science and Maths programs by providing facilities that embrace a more interactive style of teaching and learning.

“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.” Socrates

Lynda Fitzpatrick-Brown
Principal

**Around the School – Box Car Grand Prix**

This morning rooms 5 and 6 decided to build racing cars because they had brought up in SAT meeting there wasn’t enough cars to play with during play time. They worked in groups to make their cars from cardboard boxes then decorated them with paints, crayons and textas. They also made flags, signs, a pit stop and a petrol pump. They then each took a turn “driving” their cars against the other teams on the oval. All the smiles and laughs made it obvious they were having fun.

*Reporters: D Slattery and S Harnas*

**Pictures from our last assembly last term**

**Betsy Starts School**

Earlier this year our school was fortunate to have a snake donated to our Science program. Betsy is a three and a half year old non-venomous Bredliai Python, also called a Centralian Carpet Python. Since being acquired, she had been housed at Mr Hawkey’s where they both got to know each other. Term 3 marked the beginning of Betsy’s school life. She is now housed in our Science room where she, along with the other animals in the classroom, is teaching students the importance of caring for and respecting the diversity of animals that we have in Australia. Several classes have already been introduced to Betsy where they can appreciate her stunning appearance and inquisitive nature. Betsy has been a model student, settling in to the hustle and bustle of school life very well.
**Meritorious Service Award**

Meritorious or praiseworthy service to the Association for a period of at least 6 years

**Awarded to**

**Stephen Cummins**

*Cub Scout Leader, Two Wells Cub Pack*

**Citation**

Steve is a Cub Scout Leader with the two Wells Scout Group.

Passionate about Scouting and never missing a section night, Steve is a popular and respected member of the Group, often assisting with other sections within the Group.

Steve’s initiative to fundraise with recycling collection has proven very successful with Steve planning and implementing this project.

Showing great leadership skills, Steve has mentored Leaders and inspired parents to become adult helpers in the Group.

Steve attended Evolution 2008 and Cuboree 2011 as an Activity Leader.

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The GAWLER RANGERS BASEBALL CLUB is looking for juniors and seniors, both boys and girls, to come and play baseball with the club in Gawler.

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