From The Principal:

Welcome back to another exciting year at Winkie Primary School.

I am excited about the work and the planning that staff have completed to continue the magnificent improvements we made in learning in 2014. This year sees some changes in staff and with that some minor changes in the way classes are set up.

Abby Threadgold will continue in her role in the Preschool and Ali Uren will continue to lead the learning in the Junior Primary Class. Due to lower numbers in the school Ali and Trish Porter's time has been reduced to three days. Ali will now work from Monday to Wednesday and Trish from Wednesday to Friday.

We will maintain two classes for most of the English time and for nearly all the Maths time. There will be some time in the afternoons where all the children in the school will work together in subjects like Art and PE. In the times when students come together for any subject but particularly English and Maths, the teachers have planned carefully to create relevant learning opportunities for all students.

We are lucky to have the ongoing support for our students of Jock, Pam and Lee and they will work closely with the teachers to provide the extra support that students need to be successful at school.

For communication purposes letters for the Junior Primary class can be addressed to Ali Uren from Monday to Wednesday and Trish Porter on Thursday and Friday. For the Upper Primary Class all letters of communication can be addressed to me, Paul Haenen, as I will have them most mornings.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child/ren's learning then please come in and talk with your child's teacher/s.

Paul Haenen
Principal

### Upcoming Events

- **Week 6**
  - Monday 2\(^{nd}\) March
  - Parent & Teacher Interviews

- **Week 7**
  - Monday March 9\(^{th}\)
  - Adelaide Cup

- **Week 10**
  - Friday April 3\(^{rd}\)
  - Good Friday

- **Week 11**
  - Monday April 6\(^{th}\)
  - Easter Monday
Below is a copy of the Junior Primary morning procedures. The students have gone through this with their teacher this morning, but it would be good if parents could again go through this with their children so that they become familiar with this process.

JUNIOR PRIMARY
MORNING PROCEDURE

• We arrive at school and we place our bags on the green bench seat by our classroom. Then we go and play.

• When the bell goes we go to our class, pick up our bags, take out our reader folder and line up quietly for our teacher.

• We say good morning to everyone then we take our bags to our lockers and carefully place our bags away.

• We choose a new book if we read last night. We take it to Lee (the library). We then return our old book and borrow our new book; we place our new book in our reader folder and collect a bread tag from Lee.

• We get the tray and place it on the floor; we place the reader folders in the tray for our teacher.

• We get any lunches with meat out of our bags, name them and then place them in the tray. Once all the lunches are in the tray we can take it to the kitchen fridge.

• We return to class, put down our chairs and sit quietly on the carpet.
5 Reasons a Child should be in a Young RMS Musical…

1. Building confidence – Being in a production and performing on stage shows a child that they can achieve. It takes a lot of courage to step on stage and perform and when a child does, they blossom before your eyes!

2. Self-discipline – Being a part of a cast gives a child great opportunities to practice self-control. Children need to “wait their turn” while others perform. They must stay in character and pay attention even when they action is elsewhere or their friend is right next them. (This isn’t always easy.) The musical experience is a great time to practice these sometimes difficult skills!

3. Persistence – In a musical “practice makes perfect” (or almost perfect!) Kids have a great opportunity to see and experience first hand what happens when a group of individuals work hard together. They will see it is not always easy and that at times one really needs to concentrate and dig deep. They also experience the joy of seeing something wonderful come together and then the even greater joy of sharing their hard work with an audience at each performance.

4. Friendship – Ask any cast member about their experience in a production and one thing I’m sure they will mention is they made new friends. The beauty of a Young RMS production is that we draw kids from all over the Riverland. Cast members will have the chance to meet and create friendships with kids from other schools as well as foster and cultivate friendships they may already have.

5. The joy of watching your child perform – There is no greater gift to a parent than watching their child do something they love. The joy one feels watching your son or daughter confidently performing something they have practiced and put a lot of time and energy into, on stage with a bunch of their new friends is a wonderful thing!

We hope you will encourage your son or daughter to be a part of the inaugural Young RMS production of Disney’s Aladdin Jr. You are invited to attend our information night to be held at Bonney Theatre Barmera on Wednesday 28th January at 6pm. For more information contact the shows Director Gretel Mann on 0400747271. Come fly with us!