



*How high can our fish fly?*

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#### DIARY DATES

##### AUGUST

8 <sup>th</sup>	SAPSASA Girls Basketball
9 <sup>th</sup>	SAPSASA Boys Basketball
20 <sup>th</sup> –24 <sup>th</sup>	BOOK WEEK
19 <sup>th</sup> –30 <sup>th</sup>	MURPUTJA CULTURAL EXCURSION
27 <sup>th</sup>	PUPIL FREE DAY
31 <sup>st</sup>	PYJAMA DAY

#### THE PRINCIPAL

Thankyou to the hard-working National Tree Day tree planters and gardeners!



Matawai and Kyle working hard at the working bee.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July a hard-working group of people attended our National Tree Day Working Bee. A great deal was achieved over the weekend, including the final planting and mulching of the Playscape near the southern boundary, trimming of almost all of the hedges around the school, clearing and trimming of overgrown garden beds, and maintenance of the established indigenous garden. Thankyou to Richard Martin, Ben Simon, Sonia Read, Jacqui Brayford, Estelle, David Jarman, Leanne Machin, Kyle, Ron Blacker, Leah Tapscott, Ella Smith, Lori Buchanan, Jack, Matt Smith, Darcy, Karina Overall, Harriet, Stephen Scarvelis, Kirsty Martin, Jamar, Matawai, Josie Wilson, Louise Jaensch...and any other people who made a contribution but whose name may not have made it on to the register for either of the days. Thank you all.

#### **Congratulations to our girls' football team.**

The upper primary girls' football team has won their way through to the semi finals of the inter-school competition, after their recent resounding win. Many of the girls will soon be away on the Murputja trip, but will play the semi-

final at Port Elliot Primary School soon after their return, on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Good luck girls!

#### **Murputja trip almost ready to go.**

A great deal of organisation and preparation is being completed at the moment, in preparation for the departure on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August of 35 Year 6-7 students, and about twenty adults, for our Cultural Exchange visit to Murputja Anangu School. The group will be away for twelve days, returning on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August. While away the group will travel across the APY Lands to Murputja in the Mann Ranges, as well as visiting Coober Pedy, and the Uluru-Katatjuta National Park.

#### **No written reports this term. Interviews if you or your child's teacher feels it necessary.**

Written reports are sent home at the end of second and fourth terms, and so there will not be a written report this term. If you feel that you would like an interview with your child's teacher towards the end of this term to discuss their progress, you may request one. Teachers who have concerns about the progress of your child may also invite you for an interview.

#### **Next pupil-free-day, and Show Day.**

The next pupil-free-day for staff training will be on Monday August 27<sup>th</sup>. (At this time many Year 6-7 students will be away on the Murputja trip, and so will not be affected.)

School will also be closed on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September for Show Day. We encourage families who are planning to attend the Royal Adelaide Show to do so on this day if at all possible.

**Chris Tapscott**  
Principal

#### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

#### **PRESERVICE TEACHERS**

Preservice teacher Timika Williams, from Flinders University, will finish her 4 week practicum in Vicki Lacey's R/1 class this week. We thank her for the energy and commitment she has shown to the class. Denise Adler will be continuing her practicum in Kathy Turley and Jen Wallace's 6/7 class until part way through week 6.

From next Monday preservice teachers from Uni SA, Kayla Richardson and Heather Barrett, will begin observation days in Sandy Graham and Vicki Lacey's classes in preparation for their block teaching practicum in Term 4. It is wonderful to see so many of our experienced staff volunteering to mentor preservice teachers.

**Sandy Bevan**  
Acting Deputy Principal

## COUNSELLOR NEWS

### Flying Fish Awards

Congratulations to Lachlan S, Ellie B, Matawai S, Kiara L, Jaxon V, Celeste H, Josh S, Maya O, Tayha O, Kasey G, Hudson B, Jackson B, Jamar S, Tahlia G, Cooper E, Liam H, Georgia P, Tabettha F, Jordan M, Alexandra H, Alex L-R, Max S, Ben H, Jayden B, Aaron S, Chloe N and Mimi G.

Congratulations to all these students who received awards!

### SRC- IT and Electronics Day

#### Wednesday 8th August

SRC are holding electronics and IT day this Wednesday.

Students are able, **with parents' permission and at their own risk**, bring their DS, game boys, IPODS, Laptops, PSPs etc. The Shack, Counsellor and middle room in building 9 will be opened at recess and lunch times.

#### **Mobile phones are not allowed.**

We hope that all parents, caregivers and students make appropriate, strong choices about the content. We hope everyone enjoys the day!

### NED Show

Last Friday Port Elliot Primary School students enjoyed a great show performed by our American friend, Nate. Nate told a great story about resiliency, never giving up, encouraging others and doing your best! This story was told whilst Nate displayed his great skills using yo-yos.



Seb S, enjoying some fun antics with Nate and the NED show.

*"We may have no control over what happens, but we always have control over how we react to what happens."*

**Wilson McCaskill**

**HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**

**Karen**

**School Counsellor**



## RESOURCE CENTRE

### BOOK CLUB

Issue 5 Scholastic Book Club orders have been sent away. Ordered items will be distributed through classroom teachers when they arrive.

### PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge finishes on **September 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please hand completed Premier's Reading Challenge record sheets in to your child's classroom teacher before this date to be sent away for processing. Reading Challenge medals/awards are sent to the school at the end of October.

## BOOK WEEK

The theme of this year's Book Week (18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> August) is '**Champions Read**'. In this National Year of Reading encourage your child/children to be champion readers.

### Sandy Bevan/Dorothy Geaghan

## PE AND SAPSASA NEWS

### House Captains

The House Captains have been busy running numerous exciting activities for the students of the school. They all have been taking it in turns to open the sports shed for students to borrow equipment on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday. This has been very popular, especially with the Junior Primary students. Well done to all and to Austin and Cam for designing the roster.

**During Week 2** Angus and Max ran some lunch time football matches for all students. The Monday saw over 20 Year 3-5 students playing a game, the Tuesday saw many R-2 students playing and, unfortunately, the weather on the Friday postponed the 6-7 students versus the staff game. Everyone had fun and it was nice to see lots of people involved. Well done Angus, Max and all volunteers who helped. Let's hope we get to play the remaining game soon!

**During Weeks 3 and 4**, whilst the Olympic Games are on, students were asked to wear their Team Colours. We held an Opening Ceremony on the Monday morning where students marched in their team colours, behind their Team banner, singing their Team Chant. House Captains offered various activities at lunch times on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. It's great to see so many students involved and showing a great deal of interest in the Olympic Games.

**The House Captains** have been very committed to their roles and are giving up a lot of their own play time to make lunch times more fun for our students. I know we all appreciate their efforts!

### Knockout Girls' Football

The girls, coached by Matt and assisted by Jordan, had been busy practicing for our next game, which was played at McLaren Vale School on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 9:30am. We played such tight defence that the opposition (Hackham East) were unable to score a goal and only posted points. We were able to convert our shots at goal to win the match!

The girls are now in the semi final to be played soon. Date and opposition have not been determined yet.

Thanks to Matt and Jordan, Randall and Rory for umpiring, goal umpiring, and driving. This support is so valuable and essential to the success of our SAPSASA program.

We wish you all the best for the next match, girls! Extremely well done! 😊



### SAPSASA BASKETBALL

We have entered a Girls' Year 5/6, a Girls' Year 6/7, a Boys' Year 5/6 and a Boys' Year 6/7 team to participate in the annual SAPSASA Basketball tournament. This will be held on Wednesday 8th August (Girls) and Thursday 9th August (Boys) at Morphett Vale Stadium. Students are busy practicing during their lunch times for this carnival. We wish all involved a very rewarding and enjoyable time.

### SAPSASA NETBALL

We have entered 2 teams in the annual SAPSASA netball carnival held at Strathalbyn Netball Courts on Friday 17th August. The teams will be coached by Jacky Ayres, Jessica Ayres and Mikaela Doig. All the best for this carnival girls!

### Local Sporting Success Stories!

If you have any local success stories involving our students, please let me know so they too can get a mention.

Trina Doig ☺

### MURPUTJA TWEETS

Remember to follow @kathurley with #murputja2012 on twitter to keep up to date with all of the adventures on the Yr 6/7 Murputja Camp.

### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### HEADLICE

Help note for those trying to control the head lice problem  
A parent has recommended a preventative treatment that you can get from **Chemplus**. It is called **Ego Moov Head Lice Defence Spray**. It is a 120ml bottle. It gives 8 hour protection from getting head lice. It is advised that you spray it around the child's ears and back of head line. Combing it through is also another suggestion to get the spray through all the hair. If your child has a reoccurring issue this could be a helpful way to stop it.

### LAKERS BASKETBALL CLUB

### COME AND TRY AND RECRUITMENT FOR SUMMER

### 2012/13 SEASON

### UNDER 8, 10, 12, 14 AND 16 BOYS AND GIRLS

Lakers Basketball Club is holding a come and try and recruitment session for boys and girls from Under 8's through to Under 16's. This is a great opportunity for new comers to brush up on skills and get yourself in a team for the coming summer season. All new and existing players welcome. There will be coaches, senior players and parent helpers. To be held at Encounter Lutheran School Gym, Adelaide Road Victor Harbor on Sunday 19th August from 10.00 am to 11.30 am. For more information please contact Janice Moon (President) on 0428 814 973 or Judy Morden (Registration) on 8554 3737 or 0439 998 999.

### VICTOR HARBOR CRICKET CLUB

The new season of cricket is fast approaching and the Victor Harbor cricket club is looking for new juniors to fill our junior sides with an age group from 9 years to under16 on the first of September. (Under 12s, under 14s & under 16s) We have coaches and facilities to provide a happy learning environment.  
So give us a call on 85543594 or mob 0407398982. (Tony)

### PANTHERS THIRD TERM AUSKICK PROGRAM

**Where:** SOUTH ADELAIDE FOOTBALL CLUB, Hickinbotham Oval, Lovelock Drive, Noarlunga Downs

**When:** FRIDAYS – 10, 17th 24th & 31st AUGUST. 7<sup>th</sup> & 14th SEPTEMBER 4.45pm – 5.45pm

**Cost:** Auskick registration is \$55, which includes 6 weeks of fun plus benefits pack and lots of giveaways.

You can Register online now at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) or complete a registration form at your first session.

For any enquiries please contact Warren Ploenges at the SAFC on 8186 8200.

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## **Port Elliot Primary School 2012 Year Book Order Form**

Orders are now being taken for the 2012 year book.

This Year's book will be an A4 full colour bond book, with approximately 70 pages.

**Early Bird Special:** Ordered and pay by the end of term 3, 2012 pay **\$20.00**

**Order and pay** by end of term 4, 2012 pay full price **\$23.00**

Please return order form with full payment to Vicki at the payment window

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### **Order form 2012 Port Elliot Primary School Yearbook**

Name of child .....Current year at school .....

Parent name.....Contact Ph No .....

No of copies of yearbook .....

Pay \$20.00 before the end of term 3 2012

Pay \$23.00 any time after the above date