

How high can our fish fly? DORT ELLIOT DRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER ISSUE 1

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DIARY DATES FEBRUARY

11th Ms Milis-Mr BlackerLocal walk
15th 6-7's Aquatics Middleton
22nd 6-7's Aquatics Horseshoe Bay
18th PUPIL FREE DAY
19th Netball Clinic yr 2-3's 9.00am-10.30am

20th-22nd SAPSASA Swimming Strathalbyn

25TH Governing Council A.G.M.

25th-1st/3 INTERVIEWS

MARCH 1ST

"Noises" Come Out Performance

8TH PUPIL FREE DAY 11TH PUBLIC HOLIDAY

THE PRINCIPAL

Flying Start to 2013 at Port Elliot Primary School

Welcome and welcome back to students and staff. At this stage we have over 290 students. I have been welcomed by many students and parents during the first two weeks and already feel "at home" here at Port Elliot.

School staff have been busy over the first few weeks helping students to feel comfortable in their "new" rooms and settling into the routine of school. We have made some small modifications to Recess and Lunch times. Recess is now 10:50-11:20 and lunch 1:00 -1:40. The start (8:55am) and end of the day (3:25pm) are unchanged.

The first few weeks of the year are a very important time for students to be reminded of class expectations and to get to know the other class members.

For teachers, time is spent getting to know students, their learning strengths and needs.

I have visited all the classes this week and have been impressed with the students' engagement in their learning already.

Brenton Hudson

Principal

New Staff We welcome Brenton Hudson as Principal.



Kate Threadgold as History and class teacher in Room 4:01 & 3:07.



Rachelle Dale in Room 4:02 as a Year 2 teacher.

Acquaintance Interview Night

Parents/Caregivers are invited to meet their child's teachers and see where their child is learning this year through an interview during Week 5, February 25th until March 1st. An interview booking sheet will be coming out in the next week.

Governing Council AGM

Parents are welcome to attend the Governing Council AGM Monday February 25th at 7.30pm in the library where the 2012 Annual Report will be presented and where parents representatives will be voted onto the Governing Council.

We have had many Governing Council Members retire as their children have moved onto high school so if you are at all interested please come along or let the office know via a phone call if you are unable to make the AGM.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to school for 2013. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and are enjoying being back at school. Students in all classes are very busy starting their programs for the term. Many classes have been involved in exciting activities.

It is an especially exciting time for our new Reception students. Welcome to new Reception students; Emilie, Riley, Chloe, Imogen, Patrick, Jai, Chantel, Noah, Ashlee, Ruby, Seth and Kobi.

Welcome to new students: Holly, Iliana-Ruby, AJ, Corey-Jay, Felicity, Jorja, Shaun, Aisha, Sophie and Connor. Welcome back to Cypress.

Welcome also to all new families to the school. We hope you have found being part of Port Elliot Primary School a positive experience.

Yvette Foster

Deputy Principal

COUNSELLOR NEWS

Welcome to all our new students and families. We all hope that you enjoy and prosper in your time at Port Elliot Primary School.

Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with.

In the next two weeks all students will be focusing on this theme. Using the Wilson McCaskill training which teachers completed from Play is the Way students will learn and develop skills to become more successful learners.

"We don't come to school to be better than others. We come to school to better ourselves by being able to work with others"

<u>SRC</u> elections are currently being completed. SRC members for 2013 will be presented with their certificates this week at the whole school assembly.

<u>Assembly</u> will be held this Friday in the gym at 12:00. Flying Fish Awards will also be presented.

To only participate in things you are good at, is to miss all the benefits of participating in things that are good for you.
Wilson McCaskill

Cheers Karen School Counsellor

SAPSASA

Netball Clinic

Jacky Ayres and other members of the Port Elliot Netball Club are running their annual Netball Clinic for girls in Years 2 and 3, at our school on Tuesday 19th February from 9am-10:30am.

We would like to thank Jacky Ayres and the Port Elliot Netball Club for this wonderful opportunity and experience.

Jump Rope For Heart

The Heart Foundation would like to thank our school, students, staff and families for participating in Jump Rope For Heart in November 2012. We raised \$1047.50 for The Heart Foundation.

Prizes were distributed to the students last week.

SAPSASA Swimming

The annual SAPSASA Swimming carnival is being held on Wednesday 20th February at Strathalbyn swimming pool, 2.15pm for warm ups with races commencing at 3pm. Age groups will be covered from U10 to 16. Prizes will be awarded in all strokes.

The District SAPSASA team will be chosen from this event. This is a swimming competition so all competitors are required to wear competition uniforms (i.e. speedos, girls' one piece or bikini and no rash vests) and must be able to competently swim 50m of a pool without stopping or touching. Due to lack of interest last year from students we will not be training or entering a team this year. If you are keen to participate please contact me at school so I can try to arrange something.

SAPSASA Events

Over the past couple of years our school has participated in a wide range of SAPSASA events. As part of my P.E. role I train and select students to represent the school at these events. SAPSASA is aimed mainly at Year 6 and 7 students but there will be opportunities for Year 4 and 5 students to participate in some sports. The events we participated in last year were:

Swimming Athletics

Cross Country
 Netball (Girls only)

Soccer FootballBasketball Cricket

When information on the events is available I will put notices in the Newsletter and send notes home with the students who are interested. Level of student interest, costs, parental support etc will all factor on the final decision of which events we will participate in.

Southern District Association Representative Teams

There will be opportunities for students to try out for the above in various sports. As I receive information about these trials I will let the students know.

SAPSASA State Teams Selections

Interested students wanting to trial for **State teams** need to refer to: www.decd.sa.gov/sport/pages/sapsasa for further information. If you wish to trial for a team, an online nomination must be completed and submitted by the due date for each sport. Information for each sport is available by clicking on List of Sports, then the sport you are interested in nominating for. (A separate nomination form is required for each sport). It is up to the student and their parent/caregiver to enrol, pay for and attend these try outs. See me at school if you need more information re this process.

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 in this section of the newsletter.

I also will be putting up PE and SAPSASA photo displays on the gym windows so feel free to come and have a look after events at some of the photos taken.

Trina Doig

Physical Education Co-Ordinator

PARENT NETWORK

All parents are welcome to come along for coffee & cake on Thursday 14th February at 9.00am in the staff room to discuss this years fundraising

New parents most welcome!

Ice Creams on sale from this Friday`Juice Stick\$1.00Billabongs\$1.80Milo Scoop\$2.50

Cheers Parent Network

SCHOOL NEWS

WEB SITE

New look!! Web Site for the school, have you seen it? A must see, full of information.

Visit it at www.ptelliotps.sa.edu.au

MATERIALS AND SERVICE CHARGES

Every student will have received an invoice for the fees for 2013. If you are eligible for school card and haven't received a form, please come in and get one from the front office. These forms **must be filled in each year**, it is not automatic if you had one before. Circumstances change and we can't guess!

All fees need to be paid by the end of Term 1. If you need more time, come in and fill out an instalment form to let us know of your intention to pay.

Many thanks to all parents who have already paid and bought in forms, if you need any assistance please contact or come in and see me.

Vicki Moliere

COMMUNITY NEWS

GUITAR LESSONS WITH ANNE TODD

Cords, note reading, theory, songs, accompliment styles and fingerstyle all taught.

Half hour private lessons are held once per week.

For further details please phone Anne.

Home: 85526518 **Mobile**: 0402109767

<u>Port Elliot Netball Club</u> welcomes new & returning players, coaches, umpires & supporters to the 2013 season. Registration & 1st Junior training commences -:

Wednesday 13th Feb 2013.

4.30pm-5.30pm 7-13 year olds 5.30pm-6.30pm 14-17 year olds

Senior players are welcome to come along Wednesday nights from 6.30pm

Further enquiries please phone Jacky Ayres on 0409679518 or ayres4@bigpond.com (also if can't make registration night)