



DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

- 10th Crows Clinic
- 11th Netball Clinic
- 12th School Surfing
- 13th Rockwall Assembly
- 14th Aquatics 6/7
- 19th School Surfing
- 21st Aquatics 6/7
- 26th SAPSASA SWIMMING School Surfing

MARCH

- 5th School Surfing
- 6th Assembly
- 7th **STUDENT FREE DAY DON'T FORGET TO BOOK INTO POSCH A.S.A.P.**
- 10TH **PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

We also welcome back contract teachers Natarsha Millis, Rachele Dale and Kate Threadgold.

During the holidays Kay Wood made the decision to retire. We wish Kay all the best in her new adventures in Port Germaine and thank her for all her efforts at Port Elliot over the last 6 years. Kay has shown a dedicated approach to the students in her class and education over more than 30 years. Her experience, knowledge and sense of humour will be missed.

Murputja Exchange 2014

This year students in year 6 and 7 will be invited to participate in the Murputja exchange programme. We are currently working with the Murputja Community School to find agreeable dates. We expect this adventure to take place at the beginning of Term 3. It involves at least 2 mini buses of approximately 40 students to the Murputja Aboriginal community on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Lands in the far North of South Australia. This will be followed by a visit to Uluru and Coober Pedy before returning to Port Elliot. The trip is usually 10 days and quite an experience for students from both schools. If you have a student in these year levels you may like to begin the conversation about going as expression of interest forms will be coming out later this term.

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Welcome back everyone to 2014. It has been a very positive start to the year welcoming all of the new students and new staff to Port Elliot Primary School.

We start the year with 337 students which I believe is a new record for Port Elliot Primary School. Teachers chose to have 13 classes at the end of last year which has allowed us to have slightly smaller class sizes. It has been very pleasing to hear all the positive comments about Port Elliot over the holidays and the parents who have come to enrol through the recommendation of others. Thank you to all of you who spread the word of the good work and dedicated staff of Port Elliot Primary School.

This year we welcome four new staff members Alicia Blake, Melissa Gross, Tammy Bennett and Ellen Steele.



Grounds

If you enter the school by the gate next to the office I hope you will have noticed the new railway track garden. This was designed by the grounds committee during 2013 and constructed during the first week of the school holidays.

The railway line was chosen to represent the first railway which linked Port Elliot to Goolwa. We hope to add more to the grounds during the next 12 months as well.

While the landscapers were onsite we modified Hunter's garden space next to the gym by adding in automatic drip irrigation and removing the pebbles and adding a chair for students to use this area as a quiet place.

So far all of the plants have survived the hot summer and we look forward to both gardens becoming more established in the near future.



Acquaintance conversations

During week 4, 17th to 21st of February, teachers will be inviting you to have a conversation about your child. A separate booking sheet has been sent out where you can nominate a time. Please use this opportunity to share your goals and concerns with the teachers as we learn so much from these events.

AGM

Monday the 17th February at 7pm is the Annual General Meeting for the Governing Council held in the School Resource Centre. The Council will be presenting the annual report for 2013 and declaring vacancies for the 2014 year. It will also be the last meeting for our current Chairperson Matthew Smith who we thank for all his efforts throughout 2013 as Chairperson but also the many years prior as a Governing Council member.

At the meeting two vacancies will be available to be on Governing Council for 2014. This is an opportunity to have a greater say in the schools direction and be informed about decisions and expenditure. You also are able to mix with a good group of people once a month for about 2 hours on a Monday evening.

Brenton Hudson

Welcome to all students including those returning and new students, and their families. The one and only intake of new Receptions has started with the majority of students in Miss Bennett's class and six in Miss Dale's class. We already have interested parents having tours of the school while considering where to send their child next year.

Welcome to Kirra, Jai, Lyla, Mecki, Ava, Keeley, Tanisha, Mani, Morgan, Nahla, Rhys, Scarlett, Emily, Joey, Lachlan, Isabella, Malakye, Harper, Auric, Curtis, Wesley, Gerard, Mia, Georgia, Keilen, Izaak.

Welcome to new students, Achol, Ader, Anastacia, Bayley, Charlie, Charlotte, Connor, Indie, Saxon and Sebastian.

This year I will be in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Wednesdays I spend with my son Jarryd who is two and Fridays I am teaching. If you need to contact me and I am unavailable, please leave a message and I will respond as soon as possible. If possible always see the class teacher first, then see me if it is a Junior Primary issue and Brenton if it is Primary. (However if you specifically want to see one of us let us know).

On Fridays I will be teaching Geography in The Indonesian room. Geography is in its first year as part of the Australian Curriculum. I work with Miss Dale's and Miss Bennett's Receptions, Mrs Lacey's Reception/ Year 1 class and Miss Steele's and Mrs Doward/Mrs James' Year 1 / 2 classes. If you are looking for students, I have Miss Dale's first in the morning and Mrs Lacey's at the end of the day.

The Geography curriculum includes many interesting concepts for students to learn. I am very excited about teaching Geography and had a wonderful day last Friday.

Parents can look at students work at the Acquaintance interviews in Week 4 to see what students have done so far. Next week Friday the 14th February students can bring photos of places they have been to on holidays or just their favourite places share with their class as part of our Geography lesson. We will be looking at what makes each place special, natural and man-made features and mapping.

We hope you are able to join us.

Yvette Foster

COUNSELLOR NEWS

Welcome back to all our wonderful students and families. We all hope you have a fantastic year and a great learning journey!

Flying Fish Awards

Flying Fish Awards are given to any students who have achieved their personal best. The award is based on the courageous feat by a young Agen Dent, an indigenous boy who rescued many people from the Flying Fish clipper at Horseshoe Bay. It is an iconic part of Port Elliot History and as a school would like to instil these qualities in our students.

Kidsmatter support for students starting school

- Kidsmatter have a great article on their web site for families of children starting school.

The articles talk about the main changes for your child

- Physical environment, Rules and procedures, relationships and learning.
- SEL Social and Emotional skills
- Friendship, encouraging taking turns, playing together, child conversations, managing emotions and getting to know other families at school.
- View on line at www.kidsmatter.edu.au/startingschool

Buddy Classes

At Port Elliot Primary we have a very strong Buddy Class connection. Each class is matched with an older or younger buddy to help develop skills of friendships, yard support, relationships and build connections. Buddy activities can range from weekly reading buddies, whole school activities and walking excursions etc. Classes, buddy for our whole school walk every Monday. Throughout the year you will see examples of this wonderful connection.

Think of praise (and attention) as you would food. No child should starve from a lack of it, just as no child should become obese from too much of it.

Wilson McCaskill

Have a great week! Cheers Karen

P.O.S.H.C

STUDENT FREE DAY FRIDAY MARCH 7th
BOOK NOW AND AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT
ALL ENQUIRIES TO KIM CLAY
0407 490 149

Book Club

Issue 1 Scholastic Book Club brochures have been distributed to students by classroom teachers. Orders for Issue 1 Book Club need to be returned to the school by Thursday **13th February**, clearly marked with the student's name and class teacher. Parents wishing to pay for orders using a credit card are asked **not** to do so online or by phone to Scholastic as credit card payments can be made through the school's finance officer in the front office. It is much easier for us to keep track of orders if they are all done through the school.

MISSING RESOURCES

There are still some **library books** that have not been returned to the library from last year. Parents/caregivers are asked to help students look at home for any overdue library books that students may still have. There are also many **take home readers** that have not been returned to school from last year. As the take home readers are not borrowed out in the same way as library books it is very difficult to chase up the missing books. We rely on parents to ensure that readers borrowed are returned to the classroom regularly as part of the reading routine. With so many readers missing from the reading boxes students have fewer choices of material to read and it would cost hundreds of dollars to replace these missing items. If you know your child still has some readers from last year please ask him/her to return them to school.

Sandy Bevan/ Dorothy Geaghan

P E NEWS

Crows Visits

On Tuesday 4th February a couple of representatives from the Crows Football Club and Claude the Mascot came to speak to the R-3 students re football, healthy living and active lifestyles. The students enjoyed this visit and meeting Claude.

On Monday 10th February a few Crows players will be visiting the school to speak to the Year 4-7 students. There will also be a free football clinic at Encounter Bay Oval for all students to attend and meet their favourite Crows player. This will be from 4:30pm.

There will also be a community dinner at the Hotel Victor on the 10th February which is open to the public. Crows players and Coaches will be in attendance with 2-3 Adelaide Football Club representatives at each table. Tickets can be purchased via the Hotel and further information will appear in the local media.

Netball Clinic

On Tuesday 11th February, 9am – 12 noon, Jacky Ayres and other representatives from the Port Elliot Netball Club will be running a netball clinic with girls from Years 2,3,4 and 5. If you would like any more information about your child joining a netball club please come along to the clinic or speak to me at school.

Cricket Clinic

On Tuesday 11th February, 9am – 12 noon, Tom Fenoughty and other representatives from SACA will be running a cricket clinic with boys from Years 2,3,4 and 5. If you would like any

more information about your child joining a cricket club please come along to the clinic or speak to me at school.

Rockwall

On Thursday 13th February and Friday 14th February we will have a Rockwall from Rock About company here in our school grounds. Each class will get one rostered turn on the equipment.

The fee for this activity has been covered using funds from the PE budget and contributions from the Parent Network.

On behalf of the students I would like to thank the Parent Network for their assistance in funding this valuable learning opportunity for the students. We are truly grateful.

The activity will be run in conjunction with the students' normal Physical Education program. It is a great Team Building exercise that also promotes Goal Setting, Persistence, Confidence, Resilience and Getting Along!

Rock Wall Timetable

Term 1 Week 3 Thursday 13th Feb & Friday 14th Feb 2014

Time	Thursday	Friday
8:55am	Warner 5.01 (Yr3)	Milis 5.02 (Yr 2/3)
9:50am	Blake 4.02 (3/4)	Dale 9.02 (Rec)
10:40am	Blacker 3.08 (Yr 5 Girls)	Blacker 3.08 (Yr 5 Boys)
11:10am	Roberts 3.02 (Yr 5/6)	James 5.07 (Yr 1/2)
12noon	Lacey 9.07 (R/1)	Bennett 9.08 (Rec)
12:50pm	Lunch	Lunch
1:35pm	Gross 4:01 (Yr 4)	Threadgold 3.01 (Yr 6)
2:25pm	Steele 5:08 (Yr1/2)	Turley 3.07 (Yr 6/7)
3:15pm	Pack up	Pack up

It is necessary for us to have adult helpers on these days to help with harness changes and for support and encouragement. So if you have any spare time during these days please come along and help out. Please refer to the proposed timetable for your child's time on the wall.

Students are required in all PE lessons to wear appropriate footwear and clothing conducive to successful participation, so please be sure to encourage your child to wear these needs every day we have PE and on the days of the Rockwall visit. Shoes must have enclosed toes. Thongs, sandals and bare feet are not permitted.

**ATTENTION HEAD LICE GOING AROUND FROM HEAD TO HEAD AGAIN!
PLEASE SEE BROCHURE ATTACHED AND TREAT ACCORDINGLY.**

SAPSASA Events

Our school participates in a wide range of SAPSASA events throughout the year. 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 anticipate competing in this year are:

- **Swimming**
- **Athletics**
- **Cross Country**
- **Netball**
- **Soccer**
- **Football**
- **Basketball**
- **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.

There also will be opportunities for students to try out for the Southern District Association teams in various sports and also for State teams. Again, when this information becomes available to me I will inform all eligible via the newsletter and notices home.

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

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.

Trina Doig ☺

ATTENTION
PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK
DRIVEWAYS WHEN DROPPING OFF
AND PICKING UP
CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL.

TUMMY BUG HAS VISITED AGAIN. PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF HAS ANY SIGNS AND MAKE SURE THEY WASH THEIR HANDS BEFORE EATING ETC.

Hi everyone,
The Mighty Panthers will be staying down at Victor Harbor on the weekend.

They will be training at the Primary School on Saturday and the VHFC on the Sunday.

Everyone is welcome to call in and have a look and for the kids grab an autograph.

Saturday

10.30 – 12 – Football Session – Victor Harbor Primary

Sunday

10.30 – 12 – Football session – Victor Harbor Football Club

Regards,

Warren Ploenges

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'Working together, towards success'

Season 2014**Registration for both Juniors and Seniors**

Thursday 30th January, 4-7pm or

Wednesday 5th February, 5-7pm at the clubrooms

Fees: Juniors \$90 (Deposit \$30),

Seniors \$140 (Deposit \$50)

Card facilities available courtesy Bendigo Bank.

10% off if paid in full on registration night.

Uniforms will be available to purchase with a deposit required when ordering.

Training will commence Thursday 6th February.

New players, coaches & umpires welcome!

For further details please contact

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**\$1000 of BULK BILLED DENTAL TREATMENT
FOR CHILDREN 2-17 YEARS OLD
UNDER THE NEW GOVERNMENT FUNDED
Child Dental Benefits Scheme**

If you have received a letter from the Department of Human Services, your child is eligible for \$1000 worth of BULK BILLED general dental treatment.

Call the Normanville Dental Surgery on 8558 2098
Victor Harbor Dental Surgery on 8552 7711 to book your child in for a check-up today!

DENTAL CARE FOR YOUR CHILDREN

It is important for children to have strong, healthy teeth and gums.

All children 0-17 years) are welcome to attend **School Dental Service** clinics if:

- Family Tax Part A is paid for your child, or
- Your child is covered by a School Card, Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card

The **School Dental Service** will bulk bill under the new Medicare *Child Dental Benefits Schedule* that starts in 2014. Under this scheme, most children aged between 2-17 years will be eligible to claim up to \$1,000 of Dental Services over 2 years.

If your child already attends a SA Dental Service clinic, contact us when their next appointment is due. If your child does not already attend one of our clinics, please phone us to make an appointment in 2014.

For more information contact your local clinic. Clinic list found at www.sadental.sa.gov.au

CHILDREN, TECHNOLOGY AND GAMBLING A FORUM
protecting your kids online

Tim Costello - Lainie Anderson (Host) Amity Dry

Join Premier Jay Weatherill, World Vision's Tim Costello, Amity Dry, star of Channel 9's The Block, and University of Adelaide expert Paul Delfabbro, in an intimate panel discussion to discuss the effects of children's early exposure to gambling through technology. Hosted by Lainie Anderson (Sunday Mail).

**MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 7PM, ELDER HALL
UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE (NORTH TCE) FREE**

Unlike previous generations, today's youth have online lives that blend seamlessly with their offline lives. They invite the world into their daily activities through use of computers, smartphones and tablet devices.

Experts are worried that the early exposure of children to games that simulate gambling may lead to problem gambling habits in adulthood. Despite this, most of these games are freely available to young people.

Playing these games often becomes a daily activity making gambling seem like part of everyday life.

***Seating is limited so get in fast!* Register now at
CHILDRENTECHGAMBLING.EVENTBRITE.COM**

This event supports the Government's Every Chance for Every Child strategic priority.

www.GAMBLINGISNOGAME.sa.gov.au

NUNGA LUNCH

Please come and join us for another Nunga Lunch.
Seating is limited so get in fast!

Where: Victor Harbour Yacht Club
29 Bridge Terrace
Victor Harbour

When: Monday 10 February 2014

Time: 11.30 am to 1.00 pm

Cost: Free

Come along and catch up with friends to enjoy a fun and relaxed lunch at the Yacht Club. This is a great chance to meet the new Keep it Corka team and enjoy a free meal.

If you are interested in coming or require transport please see contact details below.



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MATERIALS & SERVICES CHARGE 2014

By now you will have received your invoice for 2014 school fees. Please come and see me if you need an instalment plan. If you are eligible for School Card (Have a Centrelink Customer Reference Number) please return these as soon as possible. If you do not have a form see us in the front office.

A BIG Thankyou to those who have already paid their fees, or filled in and returned their School Card Forms.

We need you to fill in the school card forms each year as you may have had a change in your circumstances and we won't know this.

Any questions please don't hesitate to come in and see me.

Thanks again
Vicki Moliere
Finance Officer