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Newsletter

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Students and Mrs V Dybala in front of Uluru.



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Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER

5TH STUDENT FREE DAY

6TH SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

**8th CRICKET CLINIC
11AM-1PM**

9th READERS RAP

**12th GOVERNING COUNCIL
7.30PM**

**14th OPAL J.P. SHOW
09.50AM**

**15th CHEETAH FUNDRAISER
ROOM 5:08**

Friday the 18th August I returned from eleven amazing days of travel, experiences and adventure with 38 students travelling from Port Elliot Primary School to Murputja Anangu School and then Uluru.

The students were able to meet the people of the Murputja community, learn about the culture and the language, and create friendships. The highlights were searching for witchetty grubs (lunki) and honey ants (tjala), spear and wood buring and an Inma with dancing.



Cody and Hudson eating a Honey Ant

Our students were welcomed by the Murputja school students and staff. We were all very privileged to join in and be instructed by the community elders through many tasks.

A highlight was a day trip out into the outback to special places as part of the dreaming stories, including a cave with rock art visible on the walls. This was an amazing place that very few people have had the opportunity to visit.

RESOURCE CENTRE

Book Club

Issue 6 Scholastic Book Club brochures have been distributed to students. Orders need to be back at school by **Thursday 8th September**. Please mark orders clearly with the students name and class number so that the organisers know who to distribute the books to when they arrive. We still have one order from **Issue 4** that was not named and it is waiting in the Library to be claimed. Please contact library staff if your child did not receive his/her order from Issue 4.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The closing date for the Challenge is **Friday September 9th 2016**. Encourage your child/children to complete their reading list as soon as possible and to give their completed record sheet to their classroom teacher.

Readers' Rap

12 of our Year 6/7 students will be travelling to Yankalilla Area School on **Friday 9th September** to participate in this Year's Southern Fleurieu Readers' Rap. They are busy studying the books and movie selected for the competition. Thank you to Sharon Stephens and Philip Osborn for volunteering to transport on the day.



eBook Library

To stimulate interest and encourage more students to borrow from our Pt Elliot ebook library, we have committed to a 13 month subscription to a shared ebook collection. This means that over 1000 new books have been added to the collection, many of them recent publications. Check out our Pt Elliot Primary School ePlatform site at peps.wheelers.co to see the collection of books available. At this site students can also download the free ePlatform app to their computer, phone, iPad or tablet.

Once students have downloaded the app they will be ready to borrow and read ebooks from our collection. Only one book can be borrowed at a time and the loan period is 2 weeks. Students who attended this school last year are already registered for borrowing with the same log on details. New students will be added to the system this week. Students who have forgotten their log on details can ask their teachers or library staff to help them.

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**STUDENT FREE DAY
MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER**

Following the visit to Murputja School, the camp made its way to Uluru and Katja Tjuta for the students to see and learn about an iconic part of Australia and its cultural significance to the Aboriginal people of the area. This is always a spectacular highlight for the students and adults on the trip.



Daemon W looking at the sunset.

Thank you to our parent volunteers Tyann O'Donoghue, Steve Evans, Steven Milis, Cindy Kuhn, Duane Huxtable, Jeff Emerson, Tane Lukens and Ben Coventry who helped with the cooking, first aid, rolling up swags and entertaining students over 11 days of travel on many bumpy roads and at different camp sites.

Thank you to Kathy Turley and Vic Dybala as the teachers and leaders on the camp who also put in plenty of time before and after the camp.

Finally a special acknowledgement to Port Elliot Primary School's retired Principal Chris Tapscott, whose knowledge and understanding of the Anangu people and area is a valuable resource. Chris was able to share not only his cultural understandings, but also outback skills with many of us on the trip.

If you or your student is currently in Year 4 or 5, start thinking about hosting a student from Murputja School next year and planning your own adventure north with Port Elliot Primary School in 2018.

Brenton Hudson



Vicki L, Les C, Tanisha B (short listed) and Meiki R (Winner of her division) at the Mayor's Short Story presentation night.

PE AND SAPSASA NEWS

In PE we have been focusing on and discussing the skills required in hockey and lacrosse. We are also continuing to practice individual, partner and group skipping skills.

SAPSASA ATHLETICS

On Wednesday 31st August the school's Athletics team competed at Victor Harbor Primary School. More information and photos will be in the next newsletter.

Year 6/7 Sporting activities at recess and lunch times

Throughout the year many Year 6/7 students run activities at recess and lunch times for students, as well as running a sports equipment borrowing trolley system. Congratulations to all involved. Keep up the great work and leadership.

Local Sporting Success Stories!

If you have any local success stories involving our students, please let me know so they can get a mention in this section of the newsletter.

Please refer to the school website for further PE News, SAPSASA dates and for a link to the SAPSASA website.

Trina Doig

We are excited to announce that Port Elliot Primary is now using the QKR app (by Mastercard) for school fees, uniforms, excursions and fun lunches.

We are encouraging this method of payment over bank transfer, as the payments are applied daily to your school account instead of waiting until the end of the month to reconcile.

Feedback has been great. **"It is so easy!"**

If you have any questions please see Jo in the Front Office.

Preferred Payment Method



PARENTS in EDUCATION WEEK
12-15 September 2016

Parent engagement helps children learn best
Free parent information sessions to help you support your child's learning

Monday 12 Sept	Tuesday 13 Sept	Wednesday 14 Sept	Thursday 15 Sept	Friday 16 Sept
 Dr Margy Whalley Helping you to get involved in your child's learning and development in the early years. Time: 7-9pm Location: Christies Beach or view online <small>For parents of children 0-5 years of age</small>	 Kirielle Smoot Understanding the mysterious world of teens at home and at school. Time: 7-9pm Location: Murray Bridge or view online <small>For parents of secondary school children 10-18 years of age</small>	 An evening with Minister Susan Close and guests Discussing views on childhood: the role of education, schools, parents and the community. Time: 6:30-8pm Location: Sapphire Park or view online	 Andrew Fuller Unlocking your child's genius. Time: 7-9pm Location: Elizabeth or view online <small>For parents of primary school children 5-12 years of age</small>	 Jodie Benveniste Understanding your child's development and learning. Time: 7-9pm Location: Elizabeth or view online <small>For parents of primary school children 5-12 years of age</small>

Get involved! In person View online

For more information visit www.decd.sa.gov.au/2016PIEWeek

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SCHOOL NEWS

Bookweek Celebrations

Students and teachers celebrated the 2016 Book Week by participating in a range of activities throughout week 5. Celebrations kicked off on Monday with the whole school enjoying a live performance by the Cornerstone College school band. Teachers then swapped classes after recess and shared their favourite books.

On Tuesday Mr Hudson read some books to all the JP classes in the gym.



On Wednesday buddy classes across the school came together to share their favourite books with each other and enjoyed a Teddy Bears Picnic at lunchtime.



Mrs Cameron read to some of the UP classes on Thursday.

Book week concluded on Friday with a Dress up Parade in which students and teachers came dressed up as their favourite book or movie character, with some spectacular costumes.



Throughout the week the school's librarian, Mrs Bevan, also organised a fantastic display of the featured shortlisted books of the year and offered a range of activities, including a QR code – search and find activity, investigating e books and story teller Kym Lardner's DVD.

COUNSELLOR

Flying Fish Awards Well done and congratulations to the following students, Ryder G, Georgia S, Mecki R, Tanisha B, Isabel W, Kirra D, Porscha H, Amity E, Luke B, Hunter M, Astrid D R, Dylan H, Amelia L, Mackenzie M, Tahlia G, Jessica H, Ashlee W, Conner C, Isabelle W, Fergus P, Jackson B, Jayden H, Kayla M, Zachary B, Nadia T-M, Lucah B, Polly N, Sage F, Jordyn L, Ben S and Georgia McK.

Olympic Week Celebrations

Congratulations to Declan who placed all competing countries in correct alphabetical order. Well done Declan!

Teddy Bear Olympics

In week 5, the students in Mrs Warner's 2/3 class celebrated the 2016 Olympics by holding their own Teddy Bear Olympics.

Students were involved in the planning of the events for their teddies, which countries they would be competing for and making their own Olympic medals.

Students held an opening ceremony before the Games began.



Australian Team



Thailand Team



Refugee Team



Indonesian Team



Fijian Team

They then participated in five modified Olympic events which included;

Pentathlon Events

Cycling Event (Skateboarding) Equestrian (horseriding)



Four Metre Sprint



Gymnastics-Mat and Bars routine



The students had a great time and were very proud of the medals their teddies won!

Ms S Warner



Seven ways to help children who struggle with anxiety.

- Getting kids to learn how to deep breathe.
- Get them outside.
- Get kids moving. Walk and talk.
- Think positive: Gratitude Journals.
- Help kids eat healthy and stay well.
- Share a story.
- Consider accommodations.

This helpful article by Karen Head and many more are available on the KidsMatter Facebook page.

Have a great week!

Cheers Karen



THERE'S A MYSTERY IN PORT ELLIOT TOWN!

Port Elliot Primary R-3 students and your families – can you help **Inspector Hector** solve the **Case of the Vanishing Vegetables?**

It seems in recent times, healthy foods from the five food groups have disappeared without a trace. Not only have the vegetables vanished, but dairy has disappeared, meat is missing, and the cereals have been sequestered – whatever that means?

And they've been replaced with a whole swag of 'sometimes foods'!

Can the Inspector solve this mystifying mystery and bring back the veggies? With the help of super sleuths, like you, in the audience... he just might!

Come along and join us for this entertaining family theatre show on:

Wednesday 14th September

9:50am (45 min show)

Port Elliot Primary School Gym, 4 Cameron Street, Port Elliot

FREE! Parents and younger siblings very welcome.



Children will have the chance to win a **NEW BIKE** (valued at \$200)! Attend the show to find out how to enter.

OPAL Alexandrina is a joint program of State and Local Governments. For more information please contact OPAL at Alexandrina Council on 8555 7000 or visit <http://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/opal>.