



**NEWSLETTER ISSUE 12**

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◆ Safety

◆ Happiness

◆ Respect

◆ Confidence

◆ Trust

◆ Pride

**DIARY DATES**

**AUGUST**

- 19<sup>TH</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> Bookweek
- 20<sup>th</sup> R-1 & Mrs Allsop's Yr 2's Excursion
- 21<sup>ST</sup> SAPSASA Soccer
- FUN LUNCH
- NLNW Bookweek Celebrations
- 23<sup>rd</sup> SAPSASA Footy Strathalbyn

**LEADERSHIP**

**FACEBOOK**

Facebook is a wonderful tool for communicating with family and friends. It has certainly had a huge impact across the world. Facebook currently has 845 million monthly active users across the world with 8 million claimed in Australia alone.

A few interesting Facebook notes for you to consider. Facebook's own regulations state you must be over 13 to join Facebook. The advertising and pop ups which run within Facebook are targeted at teenagers. Facebook has its own policies to prevent bullying or inappropriate use. Just go to <https://www.facebook.com/safety/>.

It is important that as parents and caregivers we help our children to become cyber safe and cyber aware. Here are some ways to keep your children safe:

- Teach students the right way to behave online. Don't let them spend long periods of time in the cyber world (especially at night). Ask questions about what they are doing and where they are going when they are online.
- Respect: Make children aware that what they send can offend. Discuss with your children what type of messages and images can cause harm to others when sent.
- Think before you send: Remind children that cyberspace is a public, and permanent forum. A text message or image sent to one person can be passed to an unlimited number of people.
- When students post pictures of themselves on the internet they often include classmates and friends whose parents may have a different view on this matter. A general rule is ask before you put anyone's image online.
- Treat online passwords like your house keys.
- Keep passwords guarded at all times
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- Don't reply to harassment: Bullies can keep your response and spread it further. Responding to bullying behaviour often encourages the bully to continue.
- Save the evidence: If you are bullied or see someone bullying keep the pictures or offending messages. Print them off or use the print screen button to capture the image. This can be used as proof when an investigation takes place. Where to get help online: [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au), <http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au>, <http://www.headspace.org.au>,
- Tell someone: Encourage your children to tell a trusted adult if they feel/think there is something wrong. At school this could be one of your teachers or Counsellor Karen Robinson, Mr Hudson or Ms Foster.

We certainly encourage children to use the internet as a tool for learning and sharing information however it is important that we as the adults are aware of what the students are doing "online." If you are unsure or concerned just do an "ego google" this is when you type in your name or your child's name to see who has mentioned them on the internet.

Brenton Hudson  
 Principal

**COUNSELLOR NEWS**

**Flying Fish Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who have received Flying Fish Awards for reaching their personal best:-Chantel G, Mia H, Jai G-P, Mya C, Georgia K, Maddy S, Billy M, Neriah M, Lucy P, Hudson B, Mark T, Cambell B, Cooper E, Daniel A, Ethan A, Chloe M, Jett R, Kody M, Lucius P, Willem D, Kane H, Deriney H, Chloe H, Estelle B, Makai W, Oscar C, Taihya G, Chelsy P, Shanae G & Celeste H.

**PARENT NETWORK**

**Ice Creams on sale Wednesday and Friday`**

Juice Stick	\$1.00
Billabongs	\$1.80
Milo Scoop	\$2.50
Frozen Yoghurt	80cents



**DON'T FORGET**  
**FUN LUNCH WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**  
**BRING YOUR MONEY ON THE DAY**

**SAPSASA Knockout Boys' Football**

Our Semi Final will be played at Strathalbyn Oval on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August against St Raphael School.

We wish the boys all the best.

**SAPSASA Knockout Boys' Soccer**

Our Quarter Final match was played on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August at Panther's Soccer Oval, O'Sullivan's Beach. We played another great team game and beat St John the Apostle 6 goals to 0.



Thank you to the drivers, Sam for umpiring, Jason for coaching and Angela for washing the uniforms. Thanks also to the Panther's Soccer Club for the use of their facilities.

**Next Game** will be the Semi Final against Bridgewater, on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am at O'Sullivan's Beach.

Well done boys.

**SAPSASA Basketball**

Our SAPSASA basketball teams participated on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August (Year 6/7 girls) and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August (Year 5/6 and 6/7 boys) in a day long carnival held at Morphett Vale.



The girls competed well and improved with every game, winning 2 out of 5 matches and narrowly losing to the eventual winner of our pool. Thanks to Nikki, Kerry and

Rex for driving, scoring and supporting. The girls had a great day and learnt a lot about basketball.

The boys had a very successful day with the Year 5/6 team being undefeated and winning going through to the statewide Grand Final on Thursday September 19<sup>th</sup>. The Year 7 team played better with every game and narrowly missed out on finishing fourth.



Thanks to Michelle and David for coaching and to all the parents for driving, scoring and for supporting the boys.



I am very proud of all players and their conduct over the last 2 days and wish the Year 5/6 boys all the best for the Grand Final.

**SAPSASA District Athletics Day**

All students aged 10 to 13 have had the opportunity to practice and try out for the local District Athletics Day which will be held at Victor Harbor Primary on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August. All successful athletes have been sent home information and consent forms to be filled out. Further practices will be held on Thursday and Friday lunch times.

We must provide 2 marshals on the day so if you are able to assist please let me know at school a.s.a.p. Thanks.

**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 ☺



**New Players needed for Piston Basketball Club.**

Summer season age groups are:-

U/10's born 2005 & 2006

U/12's born 2004 & 2003

U/14's born 2002 & 2001

U/16's born 2000 & 1999

U/20's born 1998, 1997, 1996, and 1995

New season starts in term 4. All intentions to play must be registered by 6<sup>th</sup> of September. After this date players will not be placed in a team. Please send an email to [pistonsbc@gmail.com](mailto:pistonsbc@gmail.com) with players name, date of birth and contact details, or talk to Trina Doig (school sports teacher) for any further information. (boys and girls)

**RESOURCE CENTRE**

- Children's Book Week is celebrated in Week 5 this term, 19<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> August. This year's theme is "**Read Across the Universe**". During this term, students in Reception to Year 5 have been exploring the short listed books from the Early Childhood, Picture Book and Information Book categories. The following website has lots of fun interactive activities related to these books. [www.mrsmaclibrary.com/book-week-2013.html](http://www.mrsmaclibrary.com/book-week-2013.html)
- Visits to Alexandrina Library have been arranged by a number of classes to celebrate Book Week, and the Early Years classes will have a special day at school on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August to celebrate National Numeracy and Literacy Day.
- Consent notices and order forms for the Andy Griffiths' author visit in September at VH R-7 have been sent home with students from Years 5-7. Please ensure that the book order form has been returned to school by **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August**, so that Andy Griffiths will be able to sign the pre-ordered books before the excursion day.



From the Library staff,  
**Sharon Cadman/Dorothy Geaghan**

**Help improve services on the Fleurieu for children with autism.**

**When:- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

**Where:- Port Elliot Kindergarten  
5 wright Street Port Elliot**

**Creche will be available**

**Phone:- 0419 170 266**