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# Newsletter

TERM 2- WEEK 4  
21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2015



## LEADERSHIP

### Swimming:

Well done to all the families who have been preparing the students for swimming over the past 3 weeks. The students enjoy the time at the pool and learning to swim. This is a vital skill for our community, living so close to the ocean and rivers.

This is also an opportunity to have students learn independence such as organisation of swimming clothes, towels etc. and then getting themselves changed at the pool. These are all skills which are learnt and prepare students for the future.

During week 6 and 7 (June 1<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>) Mrs Reedy's class and all the Year 5's go for their lessons



### NAPLAN:

Congratulations to all of the Year 3, 5 and 7 students who took part in last week's NAPLAN tests. The students all tried to do their best and settled quickly despite the rearrangement of rooms and timetables. Thank you to all the teachers and SSOs for their support during this time.

Parents and teachers usually receive the students' results during Term 3.



### Come Out

Tomorrow (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May) the whole school is going to Goolwa oval as part of the Come Out festival celebrations. Port Elliot Primary School will be joined by the other schools along the South Coast. All students will be travelling by bus leaving at approximately 9:00am and returning by 2pm. Parents are encouraged to meet us at the Goolwa oval and park carefully around the outside.

Students may wear 1970s style clothing such as a head band but please make sure they are wearing a teal coloured school shirt underneath as this will help with identifying students.

## Upcoming Events

### MAY

22<sup>nd</sup> **Come Out Opening**

**Goolwa Oval**

25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> **Swimming**

Roberts, Simon, Allsop &  
Warner.

26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> **CAMP MS BLAKE**

26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>

**Come Out Celebrations**

29<sup>th</sup> **Come Out Adelaide**

**Warner's Yr 3's**

**Turley's Yr 6/7's**

### JUNE

1<sup>st</sup> **Governing Council 7pm**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> **Swimming**

Reedy & Blacker

3<sup>rd</sup> **Whale Centre Excursion**

Fyfe & Allsop Classes

4<sup>th</sup> **Oakbank Cross Country**

2.30pm **Assembly**

**Dorward/James**

8<sup>th</sup> **QUEENS BIRTHDAY**

## External Review Reminder:

Monday and Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of June (week 6) Port Elliot Primary School will be undertaking an external review process. This will involve an External Review Officer from DECD Department for Education for Child Development and a Principal from another school. The review will focus on student learning and improvement from Reception to Year 7. During the days the review officers will be talking with staff, students, parents and members of the Governing Council. The Governing Council meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> to allow for a presentation and questions from the review officers. If you would prefer your son/daughter not be interviewed please email the school to opt out on [dl.0356\\_info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0356_info@schools.sa.edu.au)

## School Budget and School fees

Like all families and businesses the school has a budget. The cost of running Port Elliot Primary School is close to \$3 million dollars. This includes all wages, computers, utilities like water and electricity, resources and some site improvements, books, pencils, paper, readers, sports equipment etc. The Governments (State and Australian) give the school most of our income based on student enrolments.

An amount for materials and services is charged per student to parents. The finance committee of Governing Council has ensured that parents are only charged the legal recoverable amount. The amount this year is \$226.

Many Government schools charge parents up to \$100 more in fees and families coming from non-Government schools to Port Elliot Primary School are surprised at the value for money at just over a dollar a day.

The finance committee recognises that family circumstances at times means that paying this may be a struggle however, like your own budget, commitments have been made in the school budget based on recovering \$226 for every child.

Payment may be

- through an approved school card application, which must be done each year as family circumstances change
- by making payments over time and entering into a direct debit payment plan that contributes regularly.
- payment in full.

Thank you to those who have already paid their fees. We are still waiting on over one third of students fees. If you have not paid your school fees please speak with Jo Colbeck, our finance officer as soon as possible.

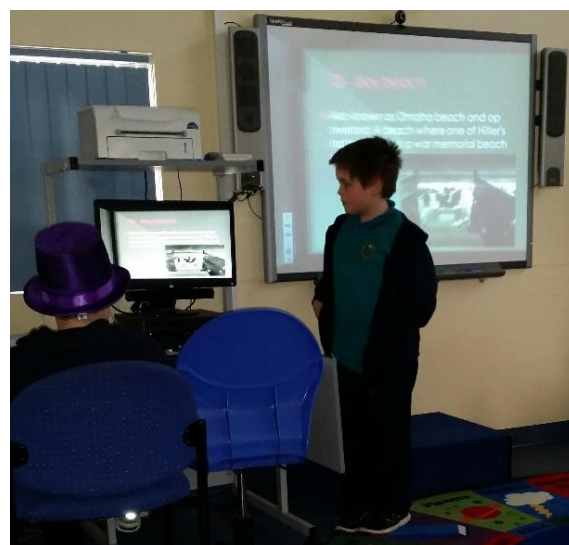
Brenton Hudson

**STUDENT FREE DAY TUESDAY**

Thank you to all the family members who attended the special person morning. Student's thought it was wonderful. Classes were involved in a range of different activities.



Last week Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of May students from the extension group presented at staff meeting. These students showed a snap shot of their projects they have worked on. They were very brave talking in front of staff. Thank you to their parents for staying after school so they could be part of the presentation. I followed on from students by sharing some of the research I learned about in Brisbane.



## National collection of data on students with disabilities.

Port Elliot Primary School is required to collect information on students who need extra support at school. The level of support varies and this is added to the data collection. Families of students who are identified will be sent a letter in the next couple of weeks. If you are happy for information on your child to be collected you don't need to do anything. However if you don't want your child to be recorded return the form to Yvette by the cut off date.

Thank you, Yvette Foster

**9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE & FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

## COUNSELLOR NEWS

### Flying Fish Awards

Congratulations to these students on receiving Flying Fish Awards Hunter W, Torre G, Will B, Rose D, Mikayla K, Ashlee H, Bailey A, Jemma L, Kobi H, Holly T, April S, Dino A, Amelia W, Joshua S, Cooper H, Liam R, Josh R and Cooper E.



### Helping children learn to manage anger

When children get caught up with angry feelings it can be quite difficult for them to calm down. This is because the body gets ready to fight when we are angry and can take some time to return to normal. Teaching children steps to cool down their anger can help

#### **There are lots of ways to relax:-**

Some useful ways to teach children to use relaxation strategies to calm their angry feelings are:

- *Deep breathing*
- *Slow deep breathing has a very helpful calming effect. Getting children to practise breathing in deeply and breathing out very slowly, can help to calm down angry feelings.*

#### **Visualisation**

- *Have children visualise a very relaxing scene in their minds. For example, they might imagine themselves floating on an air bed in a swimming pool. You can combine deep breathing with visualisation. For example, ask children to imagine a candle in front of them. As they exhale, ask them to imagine making the candle flicker but not go out.*

#### **Robot/rag doll technique**

- *The robot/rag doll technique is useful for helping young children release muscle tension. Ask children to tense up all muscles in the body and visualise themselves as robots. Have them hold this tense state for approximately 15 seconds. Then ask them to release all the tension and visualise themselves as rag dolls, with all muscles very loose, and stay relaxed like this for 15 seconds*

## Walk Safely to School Day

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015



Traditionally Port Elliot Primary School has been involved in Walk to School Day. However this year our students are involved in the Come Out celebrations at Goolwa Oval, along with other schools on the south coast. The objectives of Walk to School Day is to promote the health benefits of walking, looking after the environment and to support your child's development in road crossing skills. It is great to see so many more children riding their bikes and walking to school.

## IT and Electronics Day Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May

Well done to the SRC Presidents Patrick and Georgia and Treasurer Ruby for assisting with IT and Electronics Day. It was a huge success with over one hundred students participating!



### Volunteers

We are extremely fortunate to have wonderful volunteers at Port Elliot Primary School. Last week was volunteer week. As a community we are continuously grateful to all our volunteers who contribute amazingly to our school. Thank you!

In term four we host a morning tea to say thank you!

*Cheers Karen*

## SAPSASA AND PE NEWS

### SAPSASA KNOCKOUT FOOTBALL, NETBALL AND SOCCER

Our first round soccer match was played on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1pm** at Breakers Oval.

We won 4-1. Report will be in the next newsletter.

The next round game for netball and football are yet to be decided. I will inform students as soon as I know.

**For all football games we will need a football umpire, goal umpire, time keeper and scorer. For netball we need an umpire, scorer and timekeeper. For Soccer we will need an umpire and linesperson. If we can not fill these positions our team will need to forfeit. So please let me know a.s.a.p. if you can assist. Thank you.**

Practices are occurring at the following times:

#### **Netball:**

- Thursday lunch on school netball court with Trina D

#### **Football:**

- Friday lunch on school oval with Matt Smith (coach) and Trina Doig

#### **Soccer:**

- Monday lunch with Trina Doig on school oval
- Monday 4:30pm-5:30pm at Breakers Oval with Josh Peters (coach) and Trina Doig

### SAPSASA DISTRICT FOOTBALL AND NETBALL

Congratulations to Dylan, Mitchell and Brooklyn who will be representing our District in Football and Netball next week in Adelaide. We wish them an enjoyable week.

## SAPSASA Cross Country

32 students aged from 10-13 years attended this year's Cross Country event at Kent Reserve on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. The weather was cold, windy and we had a few light showers but the students still gave their best efforts. We finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, which was a great achievement.



A very big thank you to Amanda for assisting me all day, on the bus and at the event. Also thanks to Louise and Lisa for marshalling throughout the day. It was lovely to see so many parents there cheering their children on and assisting us, also. Without this adult help SAPSASA events could not occur. So thank you all again.

Congratulations to all participants. A special mention to Achol and Riley who finished 1<sup>st</sup>, Kasper and Jye who achieved 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jye, Brayden and Luke who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their events. We have 10 competitors invited to represent the Southern District at Oakbank for the State Cross Country event to be held on Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done to Sunset, Riley, Jye, Ryan, Achol, Ella, Kasper, Luke, Eli and Brayden. Students are encouraged to practice in their own time. We wish you an enjoyable experience.



## SAPSASA DISTRICT HOCKEY AND SOCCER TRIALS

Year 6/7 students have been made aware of the Hockey and Soccer trials occurring for both boys and girls for a chance to represent the District in a week long carnival later this term. Please see Trina or Kerry at school if you would like any further information.

### **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.

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

Trina Doig and Kerry Dodd ☺ ☺

## RESOURCE CENTRE



### Book Club

**Issue 3** Scholastic Book Club orders have been processed and sent to Scholastic. Books will be distributed to students by classroom teachers when they arrive.

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### SCHOOL NEWS

Did you see this in The Advertiser 28/04/2015?



#### **KATHY TURLEY**

**Age:** 41

**School:** Port Elliot Primary School

**Role:** Teaching and Learning Co-ordinator

**How long have you been teaching?**

19 years.

**What do you do?**

I am currently working one day a week as the Teaching and Learning Co-ordinator with a focus on innovation and numeracy for 21st century learners. I am working closely with the school's leadership team and teachers to develop ways that we can incorporate innovative teaching into all curriculum areas at Port Elliot Primary School. We are currently working with an international company called NoTosh based in Melbourne, to support our teachers to develop lessons that encourage students to solve real problems in innovative and creative ways.

**How did you end up as a 21st century learning co-ordinator?**

I have always been interested in using technology and innovative teaching practices with my students. I enjoy watching students engage with their learning through connecting outside of the walls of their classrooms.

**Why is this role important?**

The advancement of technologies means that students learn differently to when we went to school. Today it is easy to "google" answers to things but not understand what it means. Students need to be educated about how to ask good

questions and think creatively about their world. By using the internet and a simple webcam they have access to specialists, professors, families and classes across the world. Why keep students just inside the classroom?

**Does it have a teaching component?**

I have four days in a year 6/7 classroom. I love these days because I enjoy working directly with students and it also gives me a chance to put into practice the things I am showing my colleagues. For example, last year our class connected with a class in New Zealand to create a collaborative project using Google Docs and Scratch to teach other students about cybersafety.

**Do you run professional development sessions?**

I have run a number of PD sessions for colleagues. Some of the topics I have supported staff with include using blogs to connect with the world, setting up a professional Twitter account, using QR codes to engage students and using iPads creatively in the classroom. You can check out some of our class blogs on our school website [www.ptelliotps.sa.edu.au](http://www.ptelliotps.sa.edu.au)

**What is innovative in education at the moment?**

Education is exciting at the moment. The ability to open the classroom to the world is changing the way students learn. Things such as Mystery Skype allows students to meet, talk to and interact with other students across the world. A lesson on volcanoes means a lot more when you can talk to a student who lives near an active volcano.