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NEWSLETTER | TERM 1, WEEK 8

MARCH 19TH, 2020



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### What does COVID-19 mean for us?

In the face of these uncertain times, I wanted to reach out to our whole school community with a message of reassurance and positivity.

As we have watched events unfold with the recent COVID-19 outbreak, here at school we've been trying to keep things functioning 'as usual' for the students with regular programs continuing wherever possible.

However, student, parent and staff safety is at the forefront of everything we do and the Australian Government directions to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus means that many events have been postponed or cancelled until further notice.

For now, schools are remaining

open and we will maintain normal routines for the children in our care. All staff are remaining vigilant in their own hygiene practices and regularly reminding our students about hand washing. This will be valuable now and into the future!

We will continue to keep you informed as we receive new information in this ever-changing climate. In the meantime, if you would like some tips on how to talk to your kids about COVID-19, [click here: https://bit.ly/2xNIXvD](https://bit.ly/2xNIXvD)

I would like to thank all of our wonderful students, parents and staff for your continued cooperation and understanding during this unprecedented time.

Brenton Hudson

## Key Dates

### HARMONY DAY

Wear something orange  
Bring a gold coin donation  
Friday 20 March

### STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 23 March

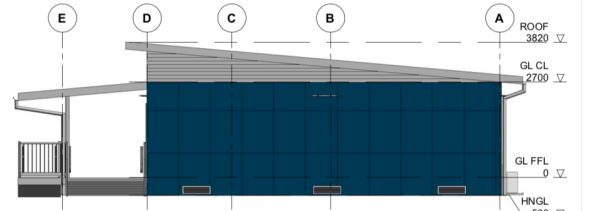
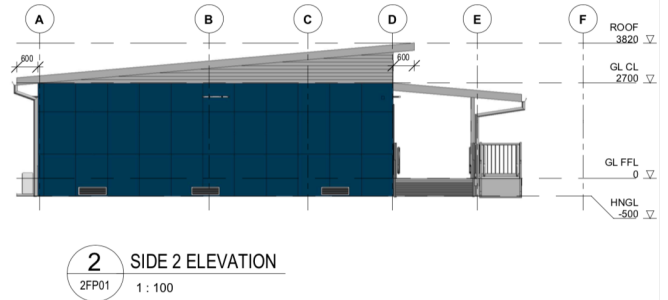
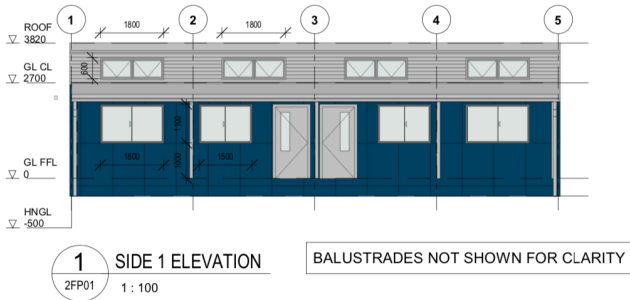
### BE YOU ACTION TEAM MEETING

In the Staffroom at 9am  
Tuesday 24 March

### SCHOOL PHOTOS DAY

Wednesday 1st April

# FUTURE GROWTH



## New school room construction to begin in Term 3, 2020!

Exciting news! After many years of letter writing, phone calls and meetings I can now confirm we will have a new building at Port Elliot Primary before the end of Term 3, 2020 (maybe earlier).

The past 6 months has been spent negotiating tender documents and working with the Education Department facilities to come up with the final location on the courts adjacent building 3, opposite 3:08, Mrs Hancock's room.

This work will require the relocation of the basketball court and fencing. During construction there will be no access to half of the courts and brief interruption to car parking.

We will be working with the successful tender company, Fusco, during this construction period.

Once the building is ready for use, the leadership team will nominate which classes will be located in the new rooms, this could be temporarily for the rest of 2020.

For 2021, there will be the opportunity to relocate more classes to provide more space for students around the school.

Thank you to the previous years of Governing Council members for your support and advocacy for the students of Port Elliot.



## National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

### Wear Orange for Harmony Day Friday 20th March

Friday 20th March is National Harmony Day and this year, the theme is EMPATHY.

All students are encouraged to wear something orange and bring a gold coin donation. Proceeds will go towards supporting our local CFS!

#### Break 1 Outside Library

Peace flags  
Rocks painting  
Craft activities

#### Buddy Class Activity

Place your gold coin on the word **EMPTHY** on the netball court

#### Break 2 Por:Lar Pulgi Room

Harmony Day Activities



## SAPSASA Year 6-7 girls' Football Crows Cup at Encounter Bay Oval

The Encounter Bay Crows Cup Carnival on Friday 20th March is postponed until further notice.

## SAPSASA Cross Country Wednesday 29th April

Students aged 10-13 have been invited to nominate and attend practices for the Cross Country event which is planned to be held at Kent Reserve Wednesday 29th April (Week 1 Term 2). More information will be sent home with interested students once more details are known.

## SAPSASA Girls Netball & Boys Football Carnival Wed 6 May

Year 6/7 students are invited to nominate and attend practices for the Girls Netball and Boys Football Carnival which is planned to be held on Wednesday 6th May (Week 2 Term 2). Information will be sent home with students once more details are known.



## SAPSASA School Sport SA Girls Cricket SAPSASA State Carnival

Congratulations to Kirra and Matilda who played in a carnival in Adelaide, representing our District in girl's cricket. The girls had an enjoyable and rewarding experience, developing their skills and knowledge of cricket.

## Local Sporting Success Stories!

Let us know any student success stories so they can get a mention in this newsletter.



## BeYou Action Team Meeting Tuesday 24 March.

If you are interested in being part of a group promoting good mental health and wellbeing, we would like to see you at 9 am in the staff room.

## FLYING FISH AWARDS

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|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Tahlia B  | River T  | Blake P     |
| Hunter P  | Ayla G   | Sean B      |
| Summer F  | Chase H  | Harper B    |
| Shaylee L | Lexi D   | Nate S      |
| Jaxx R    | Jimi C   | Robbie M    |
| Kiarnah B | Summer R | Jimmy Y     |
| Leo W     | Zoey D   | Reegan L    |
| Luke H    | Sage F   | Mackenzie J |
| Alba B    | Imogen M | Joshua P    |
| Cooper M  | Will O   | Zach B      |
| Oceana H  | Angus A  | Phoenix G   |
| Bentlee T | Myah H   | Bastian A   |
| River T   | Kobe E   | Charlie S   |
| Ruben H   | Daniel B | Levi H      |
|           | Ella P   |             |