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NEWSLETTER | TERM 2, WEEK 4

MAY 23RD, 2019



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Deputy Appointment

Congratulations to Kelly Caire who has been appointed as our new Port Elliot Primary Deputy Principal for the remainder of the 2019 year.

Kelly will lead the Junior Primary team and Intervention and Support processes. I welcome Kelly to the leadership team. The Intervention and Support teacher role will be taken by Natalie Mumford who was already filling this two days a week and will now increase this to four days.

We also welcome Jane Brewer who will be taking Tuesday's Indonesian lessons as Natalie was doing this teaching one day a week.

### Student Free Day

Reminder that Friday 31st May 2019 is a Student Free Day for all staff. POSHC will be open with bookings available via

<http://www.campastralia.com.au/>

### Public Education Teaching Awards

The staff at Port Elliot Primary are a dedicated group of educators who work tirelessly every day to ensure students feel welcomed, safe and able to learn to the best of their ability.

Each year the Department for Education seeks nominations for outstanding teachers and SSOs. If you would like to nominate your child's teacher...

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## Key Dates

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**Whole School Assembly  
Farewell Ms Cameron**  
Friday 24 May 2:15pm

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**Dream Big Excursions**  
See page 2 for details  
22 to 28 May

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**SAPSASA Carnival  
Netball & Football**  
Wednesday 29 May

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**STUDENT FREE DAY**  
Friday 31 May

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## Teacher's Awards

you can use the link below or collect a form from the front office.

<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/working-us/working-teacher/teacher-initiatives/public-education-awards>

Nominations close May 31st 2019!

## NAPLAN online

Today marks the last scheduled day of NAPLAN online testing. Over the past two weeks, students in Years 3, 5 and 7 have been working their way through the tests on Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. The tests were undertaken using the online format with very minor interruptions. The students were able to work their way through the questions and navigate the technical aspects very well. We look forward to the results and seeing how we as a school can improve benefiting all learners.

A big thank you to all the staff who supported students during the NAPLAN testing period and to all the teachers whose timetables were modified for testing to occur. A particular thank you to Steven Taylor who coordinated the organisation of the tests and to Darryn Burdett, ICT technician who ensured all the computers were functioning and able to troubleshoot as needed.

Brenton Hudson



## SAVE THE DATE

Parent Network Quiz Night  
Saturday 29 June

## BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

Interested in helping out in your child's classroom, on class excursions or at sporting events? Parent and carer support is always welcomed, but certain documentation is needed first.

To become a volunteer at the school, you will need to complete the RAN\_EC.

If you are viewing this newsletter online, simply click the link below to get started.

<https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/signup.jsf>



# STUDENTS GET A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE

In week 2 this term, students from Mr Benger's Year 6/7 class, Mrs Warner's Year 3 class and the STEM Ambassadors got a glimpse into the future when they walked down to Elliot Gardens to experience what it was like to have a ride in a driverless car.

Elliot Gardens have been trailing the Autonomous Driverless Pod (one of very few in Australia), since March 28th where it is being used by residents as a mobility solution.

The car is safe to operate and can travel up to 15 kilometres per hour. Students learnt all about the advantages of having a driverless car including they are carbon neutral, so good for the environment, less costs due to not needing to pay a driver and helps people with disabilities.

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> Ella, April (Port Elliot STEM Ambassadors) and Tarni (Student Teacher) enjoyed their ride in the Driverless Pod.

< Joel, Polly and Anjali rode in the Driverless car with Jean-Pierre.



Students in both classes had lots of questions and ideas about the Driverless Pod. Here are some questions from Mr Benger's year 6/7's:

Q: How much does the Pod cost?  
A: Around \$200,000.00

Q: If it is so safe why do you need a controller?  
A: The law currently says that there needs to be an 'operator' in the vehicle whenever it is moving. However, all they are really doing is stopping the pod if there is a navigation issue.

Q: Do you need a licence to 'drive' one?  
A: Good question.

Q: Does it have wi-fi?  
A: Yes but not free wi-fi for public use at the moment.

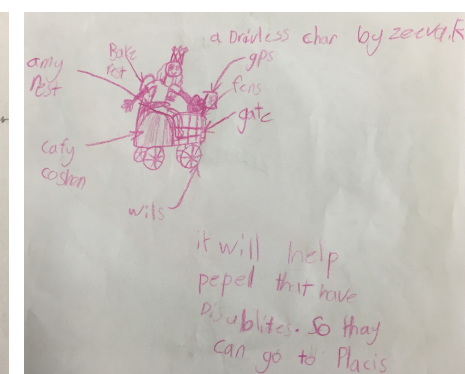
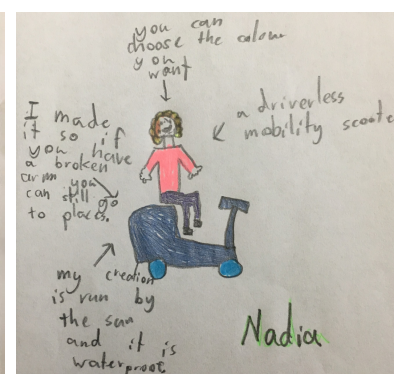
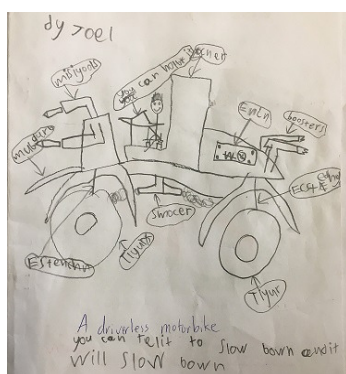
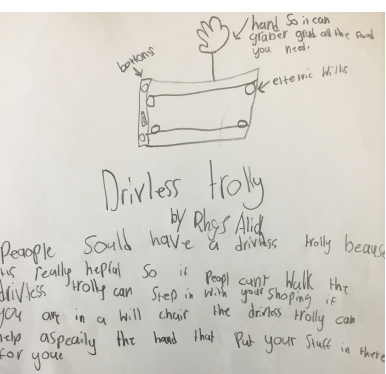
Some of the harder to answer questions:

Q: Won't driver-less cars cause more drink or drug driving?

Q: Might they cause road rage because they are slow and aren't like normal cars?

Q: Could people hack the car and control where you are going?

Students in Mrs Warner's class thought they would use this driverless technology to engineer other solutions. Here are some of their ideas...



# PE & SAPSASA NEWS



## SAPSASA DISTRICT ATHLETICS DAY

On Monday 6th May, 24 students participated in our school Athletics team, competing against other schools in our District at Victor Harbor Primary.

Events included 100m, 200m, 800m, long jump, high jump, shot put and discus. The students had a great day, enjoying the opportunity to compete.

Thank you to Sharon, Neriah, Becky, Sam and all the adult helpers who assisted us on the day. It's a very busy day and this extra support is greatly appreciated.

### There were many place getters:

1st: Jackson (100m), Josh P (Discus and 200m), Mecki (Discus)  
2nd: Ruben (Long Jump), Jai (Shot Put and Discus), Mya C (800m)  
Poppy S (Shot Put), Mecki (Shot Put), Cody (Shot Put)  
3rd: Jackson (Long Jump), Poppy S (800m and Discus)

Students who finished 1st in their event have been invited to represent our District at SANTOS stadium on Monday 20th May. We wish them luck and a very rewarding experience.



## SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY

17 Students aged 10-13 participated in the Cross Country event held at Kent Reserve on Wednesday 8th May.

All the students tried their very best and enjoyed the day. Congratulations to Poppy (pictured right) who came 2nd in her event! She has been invited to compete at Oakbank later this term representing our District. We hope you enjoy the experience.

Thanks to Becky for assisting us there and back on the bus and to all parents who supported us on the day.



### Got Any Local Sporting Success Stories?

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



# PE & SAPSASA NEWS

## SPORTING SCHOOLS GRANT

Trina applied for and received a Sporting Schools Grant for Badminton coaching, training and equipment to occur in Weeks 5,6,8 and 9 this term. Trina will receive training from the coach to teach these skills to the classes she teaches PE. From this grant, the school has received enough equipment necessary to successfully teach these sessions to a whole class of children at a time.

## SAPSASA NETBALL AND FOOTBALL CARNIVAL

We've entered a boys' football team and 2 girls' netball teams in the upcoming carnival on Wednesday 29th May. Thanks to Brett for coaching the boys and to Jodie and Kate for coaching and umpiring the netball teams. The players have been training hard and are looking forward to the day.

## STUDENT FREE DAY

Friday 31 May

### Dream Big Excursion Times

All students will be attending a show, participating in a workshop and enjoying an activity. See your child's class teacher below for excursion times.

#### Tue 28th May

Mrs Dybala  
Mrs Hancock  
Mr Bengner  
Mr Taylor  
Mrs Turley

#### Wed 29th May

Ms Gillett  
Mr Cordy  
Ms Dale  
Sarah  
Mrs Norde  
Mrs Allsop



## 2019 DREAM BIG FESTIVAL

All 16 classes, 430+ students with 60+ adults will experience a wonderful ARTS opportunity in Adelaide this May.

A very special thanks to our wonderful Parent Network Committee who have donated \$4,500 towards our venture!

This donation has halved our student costs to make this exciting event affordable for all!

Please read all forms carefully as departure times vary for classes. Please return all paperwork and payment promptly so we can confirm numbers.

We wish the students a fantastic experience, what a wonderful opportunity for all!

**Natalie Bond Performing Arts Teacher**