

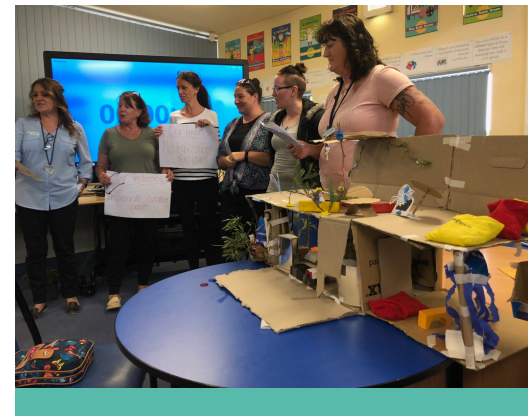
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How high can our fish fly?



NEWSLETTER | TERM 1, WEEK 8

MARCH 21ST, 2019



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Empowering Curiosity

At Port Elliot Primary, we are always striving to improve educational outcomes for our students. Part of this is supporting our educators to be the best they can be, too. Occasional student free days enables opportunities for this professional development.

On Tuesday 12th March, the staff were led by Innovation & Inquiry Coordinator, Hugh Benger, to explore the key idea that all learners are curious, including adults.

With a strong focus on preparing the students to be "Ready for the future unknowable" the theme of the day was, *The Future: Utopia or Dystopia?* Staff had a bit of fun either dressing up and/or bringing in artifacts to represent their vision for the future.

Hugh led the staff to explore ways for students to work collaboratively on real world tasks that are relevant to their current environment or how they would like to see positive change. This engages the students and develops a sense of curiosity.

For staff, this teamwork and engagement was modelled through a dilemma they face everyday in an overcrowded staffroom.

The premise theory was: "Better schools start with better staffrooms" Staff teams had 60 mins to create a design for a future staffroom and a 40 second pitch on why their ideas would be successful.

The process moved staff into the role of learners and collaborators and the ideas our teachers and SSOs came up with were amazing!

Key Dates

2019 Sports Day
Friday 5 April

SAPSASA District Athletics
Wednesday 1 May

SAPSASA Cross Country
Wednesday 8 May

We have a very talented group of staff who presented videos, jingles, art design and 3D models.

Anyone who uses Twitter can see some of the presentations using #pepsnext

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What does all this mean for our students? Teachers will continue to use this process of inquiry and innovation in their learning opportunities. This will engage students and allow those with high intellectual potential to take their ideas to the next level.

Staff will continue to encourage new vocabulary with challenges welcomed as mistakes are made. It was also interesting to note that many ideas and designs, in reality, are unsuccessful and therefore many prototypes may be necessary - and not always with

positive results. The innovation is in the process, which is the key to the learning - not the end result.

Look out for your children doing more inquiry or play based learning over the coming terms.

Brenton Hudson

Harmony Day



As part of 2019 Harmony Week, students celebrated diversity, kindness, acceptance and our ethos that Everybody Belongs! Our theme of "Harmony Masala" celebrated a mixture of activities that brought everyone together.

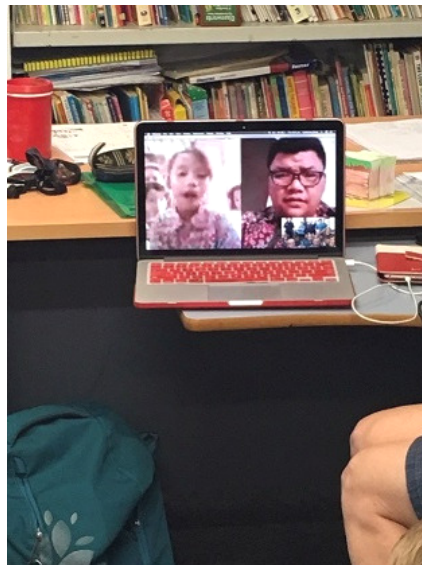
BECOME A VOLUNTEER!

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 first 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>

Room 701 News



On 14th March we contacted a year 5 class in Medan, Indonesia. We introduced ourselves and had a conversation. It was fascinating to hear them speaking Indonesian and then change to English. We spoke in Indonesian first and then in English as they wanted to hear us speak English.

We did have a couple of problems such as glitching and poor connections due to wi-fi issues. We didn't have enough time for everyone to speak.

Only a couple of us from both classes got to speak to each other. We are hoping to contact them again soon to further our interaction.

We would like to thank Bu Cathy and Mrs Roberts for the excellent experience.

Grace, Blair, Eve and Isaac



FLYING FISH AWARDS

Congratulations to Tayla W, Josh D, Erin B, Kael B, Jemma L on receiving Flying Fish Awards. Congratulations!

PE & SAPSASA NEWS

SAPSASA Year 5-7 Girls' Football Crows Cup

On Thursday 14th March our 2 Year 5/6/7 Girls' Football teams played in a 9 a side carnival at Strathalbyn. The girls enjoyed the opportunity to play football and learn more about the game, teamwork and sportsmanship. Thanks to coaches Brandon, Shaun, Ruben and Kobi. Thanks also to the adults who helped supervise on the bus trip and at the oval and for cheering us on.

SAPSASA District Athletics Day

The athletic trials that were held in PE lessons and break times have now been finalised. We have a total of 30 students participating in our school Athletics team who will compete at Victor Harbor Primary against the other schools in our District on Wednesday 1st May, Week 1 Term 2. Events are 100m, 200m, 800m, long jump, high jump, shot put and discus. Practices will be offered at designated Break times for participating students. More info was sent home this week with the participants.

SAPSASA Cross Country Wednesday 8th May

Students aged 10-13 have been invited to nominate and attend practices for the Cross Country event at Kent Reserve Wednesday 8th May, Week 2 Term 2. More info will be sent home soon with interested students.

Southern Fleurieu Girls & Boys Softball trials

Students have been informed of the opportunity to nominate to attend trials with the possibility of being selected in the SAPSASA District Softball team. If selected the student will play softball against other district teams at the School Sport SA SAPSASA State Carnival later this term. If you require further information please speak to Trina at school.



Local Sporting Success Stories!

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