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NEWSLETTER | TERM 4, WEEK 4

NOVEMBER 8TH, 2018



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Our School Choir Shines

Our school choir had an absolute blast at the Southern Metro Music Festival at Noarlunga's Hopgood Theatre recently.

I was super impressed to see the students working really hard for three whole Terms to get ready for this event.

Congratulations also to Holly and Erin who won the banner design.

School Sustainability

Check out the exciting sustainability initiatives on page 10.

Congrats to Natalie Bond

We are very lucky at Port Elliot Primary to have educators and staff who work exceptionally hard to ensure our students are successful. So it is fantastic when a teacher is recognised for their work over many years. Our own Natalie Bond was nominated for the Minster's Arts Education Award earlier this year and won! We are all very proud of you Natalie and grateful for all of your efforts over the years. Read more on page 2.

Brenton Hudson

Key Dates

STUDENT FREE DAY
Friday 16 NOVEMBER

Outside Classroom Day
Thursday 22 November

SACA Cricket Clinic
Friday 26 November



PEPS Choir at Southern Metro Music Festival

On Wednesday 31st October we had the privilege of performing at the Southern Metro Music Festival, held at the Hopgood Theatre Noarlunga. 55 choristers from Port Elliot joined to make a mass Choir of 250+ who performed 14 songs with harmonies and choreography.

Our choir has been working for 3 Terms in preparation for this event. Our banner design was won by Holly Taylor and Erin Bagnell.

We'd also like to congratulate Willem and Joshua Dunkley who were assisting artists for the evening.

It was such a wonderful and memorable opportunity for our students!

Natalie Bond



Flying Fish Awards

Flying Fish Awards were given to Milla P, Elijah H, Ryan P, Niko T, Lilly C, Rhianna V, Luke H, Sophia A, Amarley C, Everett T, Esther S, Matisse R, Oliver T, Declan R, Lola I, Nate N, Jordan M, Isaac H, Sean B, Alex H, Bentley T, Tara C, Lachie E, Jordyn L, Cooper M.



Minister's Arts Education Awards – official statement

Winner of the 2018 Ministers Arts Education Award – Primary is Natalie Bond from Port Elliot Primary School! Natalie has been the Arts specialist teacher, with a specific focus on Drama, Music and Media Studies, for the past 12 years. In this time, she has displayed tremendous leadership and extraordinary ability in engaging and leading student and staff learning. Inclusivity and high standards in creative and critical thinking are clearly evident in her work allowing for intellectual stretch and ensuring a high level of engagement. Believing in, dreaming and making the impossible happen are trademarks of her work. Natalie's meticulous designing, planning and organisation for learning ensures that it is purposeful and engaging. She sets tasks that are challenging, foster deep conceptual understanding and are explored and assessed in authentic contexts. Natalie's determination and commitment are clearly evident in that she gives hours of after school and weekend work to provide her students with performance opportunities.

Oral Language Across The Fleurieu

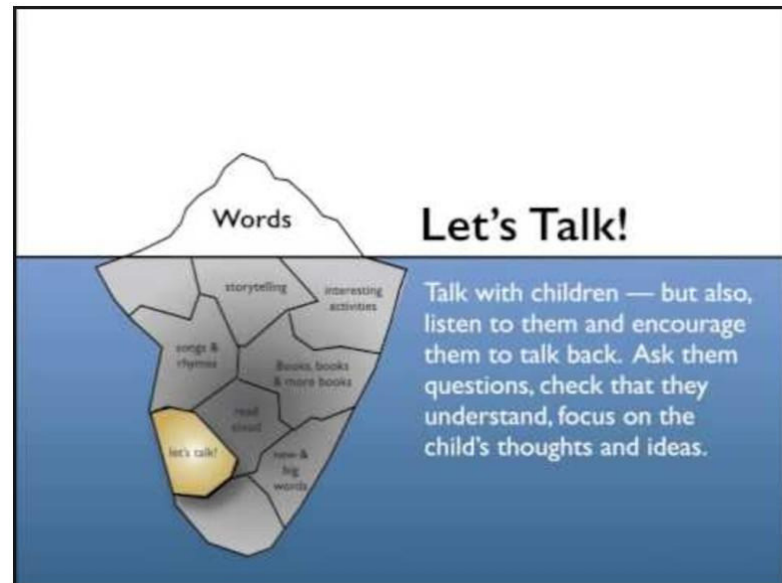
“We live at the level of our language. Whatever we can articulate we can imagine or understand or explore”.
(Ellen Gilchrist, 2000).

This is the first in a short series of articles designed to share the importance of Oral Language development in our children.

We will explain why developing a rich vocabulary in our children is important, as well as strategies that you can use at home along with how teachers support oral language development in the classroom.

On the 12th June 2018, Elliot Primary School hosted a professional development day which was attended by teachers from schools across the Fleurieu. Dr Margery Hertzberg from the University of Sydney shared her vast knowledge and expertise of Oral Language Development. Oral language lays the foundation for the reading and writing skills children will develop as they enter kindergarten and progress through their school years. They use Oral Language in all aspects of their education, in the classroom as they connect with their peers and teachers, and throughout their lives as they grow into adulthood.

Having a solid foundation in Oral Language will help children become successful readers and strong communicators as well as build their confidence and overall sense of well-being.



What is Oral Language

- Information sharing
- Telling others how you feel
- Giving Advice
- Persuading others
- Entertaining
- Sharing Ideas
- Remembering and Retelling

Why oral language development is so important

Being proficient in oral language provides children with a vital tool. Without fluent and structured oral language, children can find it very difficult to think.

Studies have shown that children's vocabulary can vary greatly. Studies on children Aged 4 showed that their word knowledge varied from 500 words to 1100 words. Studies on students in grade one varied from 5,000 words to 20,000 words (Moats 2001).

Children who enter school with limited vocabulary knowledge increasingly are unable to communicate over time with their peers who have a richer vocabulary knowledge. This vocabulary gap can also impact on a student's reading ability. Vocabulary is related to reading comprehension. Knowing the meaning of words and being able to understand the message being conveyed supports students to comprehend written texts (Osborn & Hiebert, 2004).

Both parents and teachers are vital in ensuring students develop a rich oral vocabulary. In our next article, we will share how parents and caregivers can support oral language development at home.

The 30 Million Word Gap

- *“Meaningful Differences in the Everyday Experiences of Young American Children”* by Todd Risley, Ph.D. and Betty Hart, Ph.D. followed every word spoken to 42 families for one hour a week, for over three years.
- There was a 30 million gap in the number of words heard by children by the age of four years old.
- Children who had heard more words in books, songs, and conversation scored higher on IQ/intelligence tests.
- When the children were tested at age three and age nine, the differences held.
- Children's school success is directly connected to how many words they hear between birth and age three

SLAM POETRY COMPETITION – 2018

The three Year 6/7 classes have been looking at poetry throughout Term 3. Mrs Zadow's and Mrs Dybala's class participated in a Slam Poetry Competition on Thursday of Week 10, Term 3. The students wrote their own slam poems and then performed their poems to the entire Year 6/7 block.



Students voted the best Slam Poet by having a clap/cheer off. The three poets who received the most applause were Beau, Josh and Declan. The overall winner was Declan. A big thank you to Hamish for his continuing support - helping students write their Slam poems, running Slam poem lessons, sharing Slam poems he has written, reading poems and making the Slam Poetry perpetual trophy. Hamish's efforts with the Year 6/7 students is amazing and always inspiring.

Here are the 3 top poems:

Carpet deserves Rights to live

This poem dedicated to carpet who lost their lives.

I love carpet

Carpet is majestic because it can be soooooooooooooo soft and colourful

Red Carpet

Blue Carpet

Pink Carpet

White Carpet

And Orange Carpet

Are all so amazing.

Everyone should love carpet

Just like meeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee.

(esskeetit)

Carpet has been abused and neglected for century's now...

it's time for us to take a stand and change the way carpet is treated across the world.

Most commonly people have been abusing Carpet by standing and not cleaning them and leaving them for dead.

Our goal is to give Carpet a chance to survive and to change the way Carpet Court treat the Carpet. Our plan is to make the selling of carpet illegal.

Please donate your money to Carpet Life Savers.

www.carpetlifesavers.com

By Declan Bagnell

The criteria the students thought about when deciding the winning poem were:

1. It's important in the world
2. Interesting to you as a listener
3. Intelligent and thoughtful
4. Humorous, funny
5. Delivered with passion

Technology

Technology is not ruining the world

The elders can't see it because they didn't have it

It's different for us youth because we grew with it

It's like an older brother or younger sister

You think we aren't communicating but we are

getting closer through the internet

It's for people who aren't confident in

communicating in person

It builds confidence in yourself if you have good friends or influencers

It helps with anything we need, because there is always someone who has gone through the same thing

There is 7 billion people in the world at least one has had the same thought.

By Beau Hudson

SLAM POETRY COMPETITION – CONT

Life

Life.

It's full of things,
Good or bad.

It can be hard at times,
But we have to make the jump,
Breach the gap.

We have to make our way into the world,
Because if we fall, it's hard to get up,
To reply to the voice that tells you,
To give up, to lie down and die,
To leave the canyon and float away,
To be gone and taken away.

But I won't listen to it.
For when you're at the bottom where can you go?
Up is the answer.

Nowhere but up.
That's the only way to go.

So rise,
Climb until you can't climb anymore,
Until you are on top of everything.
Then the world will see that they have to make a change,
Then they will rise with you.

We won't be ordinary humans anymore,
We will be giants.

And when someone falls,
We can pick them up.

So that is why you should listen to me
Listen with your mind
And work for it.

Hard.
It's worth it.

By Josh Dunckley

Interested in Volunteering at Port Elliot Primary School?

Prerequisites required from Volunteers in school are as follows:

1) DCSI Criminal History Clearance – paid by the school, valid for 3 years.

Please call into Admin to see Jo Colbeck to commence the online requirements to complete your criminal history clearance.

2) Responding to Abuse and Neglect – In Education and Care Settings for volunteers – valid for 3 years, no cost.

To complete the RAN-EC Online Via Plink <https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/signup.jsf>

Please provide copies of certificates to school.

3) Work Health and Safety site Induction to site – required prior to Volunteering in the school. Please book through Front Office with Admin staff once you have the above documentation. I look forward to meeting with you at Induction.

All documentation is required prior to volunteering in the school.



Congratulations to Declan who was the overall winner of the Slam Poetry Competition.



CYBER SAFETY

SONYA RYAN & THE CARLY RYAN FOUNDATION

On Tuesday the 30th of October the year 6/7 students from Port Elliot Primary, Victor Harbor R-7 School and Goolwa Primary School came together to attend an online safety information session presented by the Carly Ryan Foundation.

This was followed by a session for parents in the evening presented by Sonya Ryan.

Students and parents learned about:

- >> The importance of digital reputation
- >> Current laws governing online behaviour
- >> Which apps share your location and pose safety risks,
- >> The importance of respectful relationships online
- >> How parents and students can set appropriate boundaries.

We also talked about the way unrestricted access to smart devices/gaming consoles can impact on sleep and relationships.

If you would like more information you can come and talk to Karen or Beth, pick up a handout from the front office, or visit <http://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/>



MATERIAL AND SERVICES CHARGES FOR 2019

The Governing Council are recommending that the 2018 Materials and Service charges be \$241. This is the legally enforceable amount, known as 'the standard sum', set by the State Government. Attached on the following page is a copy of the watermarked Materials and Service charges for 2019. Parents/caregivers who wish to raise their concerns about the charges can address them in writing to 'Chairperson of Governing Council'.

MATERIAL AND SERVICES CHARGES FOR 2019



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Port Elliot Primary School - 0356		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2019		
Notice of Charges for All Students		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$35.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$3.00
	Photocopied Material	\$35.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)	\$73.00
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$51.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)	\$51.00
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$50.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$0.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$47.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)	\$97.00
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$20.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)	\$20.00
Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)		\$241.00

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00

Sports Report



SACA Cricket Clinic

Year R-4 students were involved in a cricket clinic run by SACA on Friday 26th October. The students enjoyed the activities and the opportunity to work with peers from other classes.



Sapsasa District Cricket

Congratulations to Brandon who has been selected to represent the Southern Fleurieu Sapsasa region in Boys Cricket at a week long Carnival in Adelaide. We wish you a rewarding, enjoyable experience.



In PE we have been focusing on learning and further developing the skills required for participation in the games of Badminton and Tennis.

Adelaide Crows AFLW Clinic

Adelaide Crows ALWF ran two 30 min clinics with our Year 3-7 girls on Tuesday 6th November. The girls had a great time and enjoyed the opportunity to play and learn about the sport. If more information is required re participating in AFL football or any sport, please see Trina or Kate at school.



CELEBRATING PHYSICAL EDUCATION WEEK

In Week 5 we'll be celebrating PE Week. Each morning students will start their day with a special 'Morning Motivation' video from an Elite sporting team or Olympian, made especially for our school! Students will have their normal PE and Break time activities run by Year 6/7's. There will also be Table Tennis and Totem Tennis equipment set up on the oval for

access at Break times. On Monday and Thursday, we will have staff vs students games occurring. Tuesday and Wednesday's PE lessons will be buddy lessons with a Literacy focus on games by racing to unjumble sports words.

Numeracy based PE games will be set up for lesson times to be played with classes all week at their leisure.

There will be a 'PE week @ PEPS' quiz

quiz and take home 'task sheet' that students can fill in, finish and hand in to win awesome prizes at the assembly on Thursday. Students are invited to wear sports clothing on Thursday only. Please, no singlets or exposed shoulders. The student may prefer to wear the sports singlet over a school shirt or similar. It'll be a fun, active week for all!

Trina Doig and Kate Reynolds

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 the sports section of the newsletter.



Sustainability Group Support Local Businesses

Recently the Port Elliot Primary Sustainability Group held a meeting with local Businesses to look at ways in which they can become more sustainable. During the meeting, students heard from two Businesses, the Port Elliot Bakery and Walter Melon Café on how they are making positive changes in their business to reduce their environmental footprint. Some of the initiatives included providing alternatives to plastic bags,

using paper straws instead of plastic straws and giving discounts to customers who bring their own coffee cup.

The students from the Sustainability Group are now developing a website to help these businesses promote their sustainable practices.

If you own a business in Port Elliot and would like to be featured on the website, please contact Sandy at the Port Elliot Primary School.

Southern Fleurieu STEM EXPO

Students from Goolwa, Port Elliot and Victor Harbor Primary schools celebrated their Stem creations last week at the inaugural STEM Expo held at the Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club. Last term students and families were invited to use their Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical skills (STEM) to create solutions to real life local community environmental issues. Students used a design thinking process to investigate these issues and develop prototypes solutions. display. The STEM Expo was developed by the STEM Ambassadors from both Victor and Port Elliot Primary Schools and was sponsored by Inspiring South Australia. Students and their families enjoyed participating in activities provided by Bunning's Victor Harbor and The Farm Shop Goolwa. Australian Geographic Colonnades also demonstrated STEM resources with their display.



2018/19 SEASON REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN NOW!

WHAT IS LITTLE ATHLETICS?

Little Athletics is a modified program for children of all abilities aged 3 - 17 years. It is based on a wide range of track and field events including: running, jumping, throwing and walking. The Track and Field season starts in September and runs through to March, with some Centres offering training and meets all year around. The Cross Country season begins in May and continues through to July.

WHERE IS MY CLOSEST CENTRE?

There are currently over 50 Centres in operation around Metropolitan and Regional South Australia.

To find your closest Centre, simply visit the Little Athletics SA website (www.littleathleticssa.com.au) and click *Find a Centre!*

HOW CAN I REGISTER?

Simply visit the Little Athletics SA website (www.littleathleticssa.com.au), click *Register Now* and create a new Family Profile on the Members Portal.

You can also register for 2 Come & Try sessions at any Centre!

☎ 08 8352 8133

✉ office@salaa.org.au

🌐 littleathleticssa.com.au

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

Outdoor Classroom Day will be held on Thursday, 22nd of November at Port Elliot Primary School.

The whole school will be taking their learning outdoors with teachers and other staff providing some great activities and lessons outside for the day.

Parent Network have supported the day with a donation to each class for resources.

A whole school picnic will take place on the oval at 12 noon.

All are welcome to join in.

Please see your classroom teacher if you wish to help out on the day or you may even have something that you can contribute.

Please ensure that your children have comfortable shoes and a hat on the day.



Port Elliot RSL Sub-Branch invites you to the

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Sunday November 11th 2018

Commencing at: 10:45 am

War Memorial, The Strand, Port Elliot

Tributes may be laid as part of the service.

Please assemble on the adjacent grass area.

The Strand will not be closed to traffic.