

COMMUNITY | CONFIDENCE | RESPECT

*How high can our fish fly?*

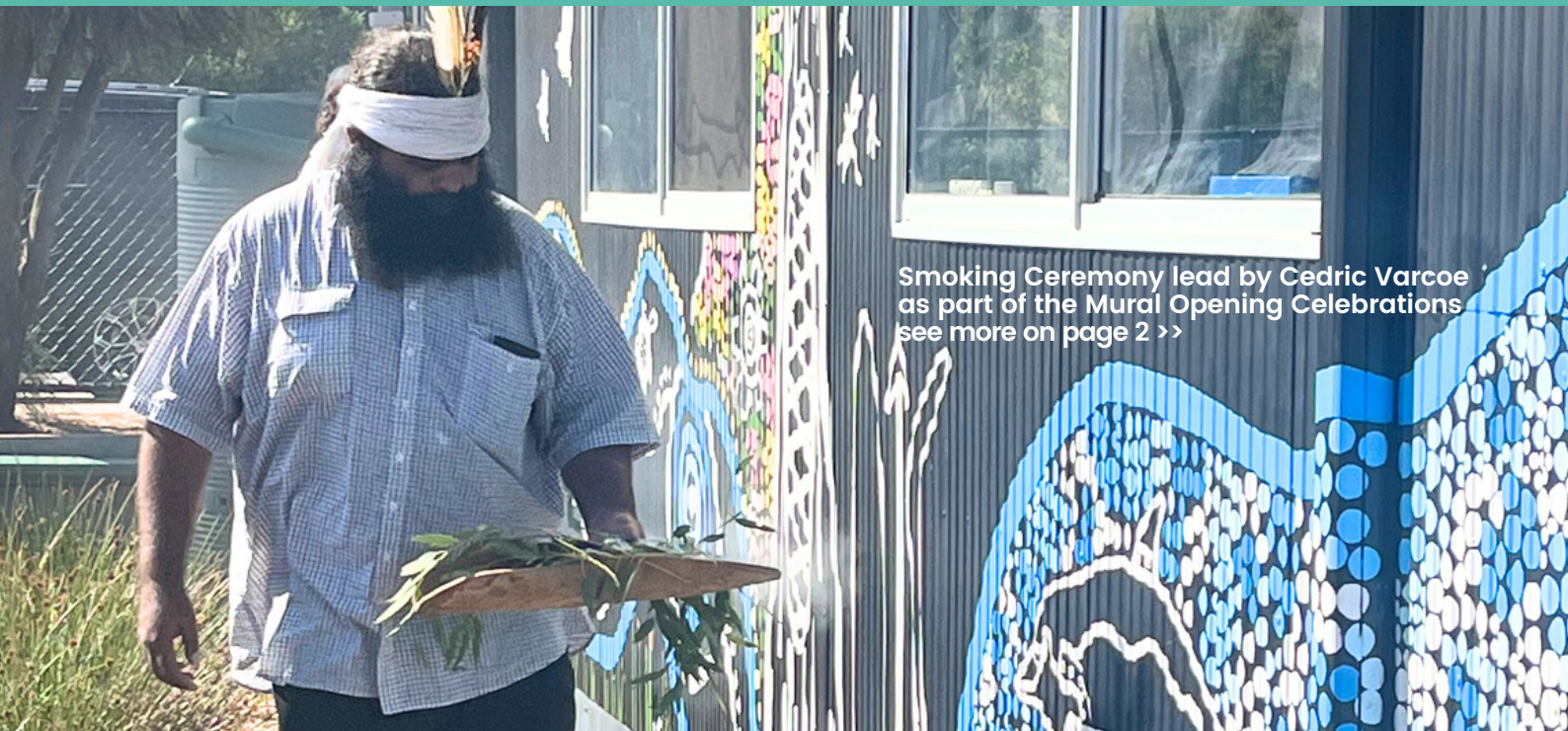


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Smoking Ceremony lead by Cedric Varcoe as part of the Mural Opening Celebrations see more on page 2 >>

Community.  
Confidence.  
Respect.

## Key Dates

**Early Dismissal**  
Friday 12 April 2.15pm

**Term 2 Commences**  
Monday 29 April, 2024

**Monarto Camp**  
2nd - 3rd May

**El Shaddai Camp**  
6th - 8th May 29

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### A Dynamic Start to the School Year

We certainly have had an amazing start to the school year. Recent highlights have included the mural opening. A wonderful occasion to join with local elders and community to recognise the Narrandjeri/Ramindjeri connections to land and waterways. Our local papers keenly promoted the event and shared our stories and photographs with the wider South Coast community. We are very proud of our work within the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), of which this occasion was a leading event for 2024.

Last Friday's Sports Day was another enormous success with students, staff and families engaged in a day of active fun and competition. We can be proud of the manner in which we displayed positive messages of being healthy and active, enjoying competition, and, above all, demonstrating our community values.

Events like these create strong, positive culture and are memories students will cherish. I sincerely thank the staff and all our families who put in the hard work leading up to and on the day to make these occasions so successful. I trust everyone has an enjoyable break over the holidays.

By Principal Cathy Knight

# MURAL OPENING & RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN LAUNCH

After much preparation and anticipation the School's latest Mural and Reconciliation Action Plan was launched seamlessly.

Strong community support guaranteed its resounding success with attendance numbers estimated at around 350. Our student MCs Isabelle and Ruby did us proud with their exemplary introduction of speakers and use of the Ngarrindjeri language.

Many who attended have spoken of the warmth and generosity of spirit shown by all at the event.

The special Welcome To Country conducted by Elder Aunty Leonie McCallum, followed by the Smoking Ceremony lead by Cedric Varcoe, set the tone for the afternoon. Next, the artist Kristal Matthews gave a heartfelt description of the mural depicting Ngarrindjeri Ruwi (Country). She highlighted that the preservation and celebration of the Ngarrindjeri language underpinned the design of the mural. Kristal also explained that the creation of the mural was a journey of collaboration between the Ngarrindjeri Elder Aunty Phyllis Williams, her sister Jazz, the students, staff and herself.

Subsequently, our Principal, Cathy Knight, stated the importance of the occasion, recognising and celebrating Ngarrindjeri language and culture and emphasised the long tradition of First Nations care of Ruwi. Thereafter she invited everyone to pledge their support to Care For Country by placing their thumbprint on the mural. The sentiment was well received.

We extend our gratitude and thanks to all who generously contributed to the creation of the mural and to all who assisted in making this event such a great success. Namely Alexandrina Council, The Lions Club, Bunnings/Dulux and Pipi and Co. and Reconciliation South Australia.

Lastly, the biggest thanks go to our Parent Network who worked tirelessly in 2023 to raise money to ensure the success and completion of the mural. You have our deepest gratitude.

We also would like to acknowledge our staff's generous contribution to this project in kind. A great collaborative effort everyone!



# THANK YOU PARENT NETWORK



The Parent Network are a small group of dedicated parents who volunteer to raise funds to support our students. There have been some fantastic parents who have contributed countless hours to ensure that ice blocks are available each week, Fun Lunches run smoothly and fundraisers are organised.

The Port Elliot Primary School staff, students and community would like to thank all those parents who have been on the Parent Network over the years. We value the time and effort you have put in for the benefit of our school community.

Just this year they have contributed to the Friday iceblocks, the mural, class excursions, the swimming and aquatics program, sports bags for each class, Reception library bags and organising the amazing Fun Lunch and Sports Day lunch options.



## Math family night feedback

### Parents

- Math is fun, especially when you play with your kids!
- Awesome! Love the game of 12, that's such a great idea!
- Fab night, thank you, great ideas for math play
- Really great, if anyone is interested I encourage you to go, learnt some great games for helping your kids with math skills

### Students

- I have very high standards for math games
- I liked all of it!
- I loved the Bingo and the count and roll
- I loved Bingo because I kept winning!!
- It was brilliant, thanks for having me.
- Lots of fun thank you!
- The games were great
- This was fun, you should run more of these nights!

# YEAR 5/6 CIVICS & CITIZENSHIP EXCURSION



## Student Reflections

In Week 7, all the year 5/6 classes went to the Town Hall to learn about civics and citizenship.

We made posters about what problems there are in the community and did a fake vote. David Basham even visited and listened to our community problems! Overall, I think we all learnt a lot and had heaps of fun. Thank you to Shannon and Nat from Parliament SA for teaching us all those wonderful facts. - **Lily P 301**

The civics and citizenship excursion was super fun. I got to sort the 'votes' and we got to dress up in a big wig. Overall it was super enjoyable. - **Addison 301**

The excursion was so fun. I learnt lots about citizenship and David Basham. - **Amaya 301**

I learnt a lot about how they decided laws and we did our own vote on 'what's for dinner'. - **Charlotte 301**

## Year 5/6 Science

*In Science we are investigating how changing physical conditions affects plant growth. We are finding out which plants grow the best when changing one condition to keep it as a fair test. Some of the variables groups are changing is the amount of light or the amount of water or the type of soil. A few of the plant options were sunflowers, lettuce and radish. Thank you to Kristy from 'Charlie & Jack' for donating the black pots for all the Year 5/6 classes to use. - **Bonnie & Ariana 301***





It was great to see everyone dressed in their colours, giving 100% effort and enjoying Sports Day. It was also wonderful to see so many spectators, we greatly appreciated your support for the students and staff on the day.

Congratulations to Commodore on first place, beating out Boomer with Freeman coming in 3rd with Knights finishing 4th. All teams tried their best all day and showed great sportsmanship. **Congratulations to Ollie and Liliana who won the 800m Championship race**, they will be rewarded by having their name engraved on the 800m shield donated by Dodd and Page.



Thank you to all the organisers and helpers (students, staff and parents) leading up to and on the day. Thank you to all the past Port Elliot Primary high school students who were invited back to assist on the day. There were four local high schools represented and the students all did a wonderful job ensuring the day ran smoothly. Thanks to these schools for allowing last year's House Captains, 800m winners and Year 6 sports award winner to attend to support a JP class and run events. We are very grateful.



Our House Captains did a fantastic job in the lead up to and on the day. Your leadership, resilience and sportsmanship was outstanding. At the start of Term 4 we will begin the 2025 House Captain process. Students have been informed and will begin meeting with the PE teacher early Term 4 to begin their campaign; with speeches and voting happening in Week 7.

**2025 Sports Day is tentatively booked for Term 1 Week 10 Friday 4th April.**



## School Sport SA Athletics

The Athletics Carnival will be held in Term 2 again this year, Week 4, Friday 24th May.

Interested students born in 2014, 2013 and 2012 are being given the opportunity to trial in PE lessons and at break times in the 7 events – high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, 100m, 200m and 800m.

Trialling is optional and is the student's choice. Early Term 2, once the team has been decided, consents and further information will be sent home with students.

## School Sport SA Cross Country

Students born in 2014, 2013 and 2012 have been offered the opportunity to nominate for a spot in our school Cross Country team. The carnival is planned to be held on Thursday 9th May (Term 2 Week 2) at Encounter Lutheran School. Please make sure all forms are completed and brought back to school as soon as possible. If you need further information about this carnival, please contact Trina at school.

## Southern Fleurieu District Softball

Congratulations to Eli, Hunter B, Tobias and Annabelle T who were selected to play in the School Sport SA District Softball teams. They played in a 3 day carnival at West Beach in Week 9. They had a great time, learning a lot about Softball and meeting new friends from other schools across the State.



## School Sport SA State Swimming



Isabelle, Ruben, Jonathon, Oceana, Max, Ruby H and Flynn were chosen to represent our District at the State Swimming carnival in Adelaide on Monday 8th April. Unfortunately, not all were able to attend, but from all accounts those who did get to participate had a wonderfully rewarding experience. Congratulations again to you all for your selection.



Congratulations to Liliana who was awarded under 11 club champion at the PESLC state championships held in mid March. A lot of students from PEPS and PESLC competed at these state championships. Well done to you all.

## SA State Age Long Course Championships

Isabelle had an incredible 4 day weekend of swimming at the SA State Age Long Course Championships. She competed on all 4 days with prelims in the morning and finals in the evening taking on 9 events of the 10 that she qualified for against the best 11year olds in the State. She made all 9 finals for a total of 18 swims, achieving personal bests in every event.

Placed 2nd in: 100m Freestyle (taking 2.25 seconds off her PB). 100m Breaststroke ((taking 6.47 seconds off her PB). 50m Backstroke. 200m Freestyle (dropping 7.97seconds off her PB).

Placed 3rd in: 100m Backstroke (dropping 5.29 seconds off her PB). 50m Freestyle - went into finals placing 1st in the prelims with a spectacular PB dropping 1.01seconds, only to end up in 3rd place in a time of 30.22 missing out on the top spots by a mere 0.24 of a second.

Placed 4th in: 50m Breaststroke. 50m Butterfly. 100m Butterfly, placing 4th with a massive drop in her PB of almost 10 seconds.

Congratulations Isabelle. Your achievements are a credit to your dedication, determination, training and mind set.



## Tennis Grand Final

Congratulations to Tate, Tobias, Jasmine, Angus and Abby who competed in the local tennis association's Division 5 Grand Final. It was a beautiful morning for tennis at Back Valley and both teams showed great sportsmanship. Port Elliot Black played against Port Elliot Red, with Port Elliot Black being victorious on the day. Well done to all involved.



## Swimming

Special mention to Oceana who earned a Silver medal in the 10 year old girls' 50m Butterfly and to Isabelle for coming first in her 4 events, earning a Gold medal in the 12 year old girls 100m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke and 50m Relay. And to our Fleurieu District Swimming team who came first overall with 9 Gold, 8 Silver and 4 Bronze medals, making them the State Regional District Champions. A successful day indeed.



## Southern Fleurieu District Boys football trials

Southern Fleurieu would like to invite year 5 and 6 boys to nominate to attend trials with the possibility of being selected in the District, playing Football against other district teams at the School Sport SA SAPSASA State Carnival.

The carnival will be played at West Beach playing fields, West Beach, during school hours from 27th-29th May.

The approximate cost of the carnival will be \$100.00.

Transport to the carnival each day must be provided by parents. Students were informed in PE lessons of the opportunity to trial for this Southern Fleurieu District Football Carnival. A trial note would have been sent home with students who were interested. All Southern Fleurieu District trial information and calendars will be uploaded to the Southern Fleurieu Sapsasa facebook page. If you would like any further information, please contact Trina at school.

## Local Sporting Success Stories & Opportunities

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.

Please refer regularly to the PE section of the school website for info about many local sporting clinics, clubs and opportunities for students to be involved in after school hours and within the holidays.

## School Sport SA Boys Football



14 Year 5/6 students represented our school at the boys football carnival on Wednesday 10th April (Term 1 Week 11) at Victor Harbor High School Football Oval. Our boys tried their hardest and played some very skilful, team football. We finished 3rd overall. Thank you to Corey and Jack for coaching the boys, and to Tom for all of your support. It was lovely to see so many spectators cheering us on too.





**Child Safe Environments Training -  
Through their eyes**

**Fleurieu Families is providing Safe Environments-  
'Through Their Eyes training,' free for the community**

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**This is the full day course, if you require the  
refresher course, please contact Fleurieu Families**

**Where:** City of Victor Harbor- Encounter  
Room, 1 Bay rd Victor Harbor  
**Date:** April 9th 2024  
**Time:** 9.30am- 4.30pm

**Contact for bookings-  
fleurieufamilies@victor.sa.gov.au**

**📞 08 8551 0500**



# Fun and games by the river



**For young people 12–18 years old seeking some outdoor fun!**

Test your accuracy and skills with games on the lush grassy banks of the river.

Relax to some tunes and refuel with a free BBQ lunch. All equipment provided.

 **Tuesday 16 April, 11am–1pm**

 **Bristow Smith Reserve  
Nature Playspace, Goolwa**

**Activities will include:**

- Disc golf
- Finska
- Corn hole
- Volleyball
- Badminton



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