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*How high can our fish fly?*



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NEWSLETTER | TERM 1, WEEK 6

MARCH 7TH, 2024



Community.  
Confidence.  
Respect.

## Key Dates

### Family Maths Night

Wed 13th March  
3:30-4:30pm or 5:30-6:30pm

### Civics & Citizenship Excursion

Yr 6 Tue 12th March  
Yr 5 Thur 14th March

### Cleland Excursion

901/902 Wed 20th March  
401/402 Fri 22nd March  
907/908 Wed 27th March

**2024 SPORTS DAY**

Term 1, Week 10  
Friday 5 April

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Supporting Our Students To Thrive and Prosper

Four years ago, and again last year, our External School Review identified "Learner Agency" as an area of improvement for our staff, families and students. It is essential that our students continue to be strong in numeracy and literacy as well as developing a deep understanding and ability to use the ability and dispositions to navigate and thrive in a rapidly changing world.

There are many opportunities for students to be engaged in whole of school decision making (eg Wellbeing Ambassadors, SRC, House Captains, and invited guests to Governing Council). We now have the more challenging goal of engaging every student in developing the skills required to be empowered learners that become genuine partners in learning; develop a strong sense of identity and responsibility as they participate in their community.

The SA Strategy for Public Education has Learner Agency as 1 of the 4 central components to enable students to learn and thrive.

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Friday 15 March 3:30 - 6pm

## SCHOOL MURAL LAUNCH

Please join us for a special Family BBQ to celebrate



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK (CONT.)

One of our early steps in the co-design of our Port Elliot Primary School Implementation Strategy, has been to reflect on the purpose of school. At the Student Conference last week, the 40 participants all offered their ideas to the question ... "What's the point of school?" They showed some delightful clarity of thought.

- Getting ready for life by yourself
- To learn life skills and make life friends
- To learn more stuff you don't know and to make friends. Also to be kind and nice too.
- The point of school is to learn to be smart when you are older to make wise decisions
- Educate your brain and have fun, how to be respectful of others and become smart for the rest of your life

Governing Council will work this year to widely engage with parents/carers to ensure their views are heard and incorporated into school initiatives.

On **Friday's Student Free Day**, staff will be reviewing current world's best practice in student agency and ensuring our implementation strategy is reflective of our values and priorities.

by Principal Cathy Knight

## Areas Of Impact



<https://discover.education.sa.gov.au/our-strategy/>

## Gardening Club News

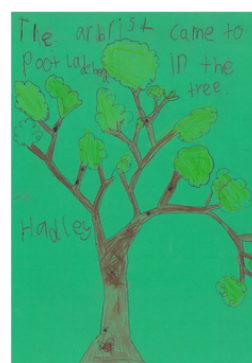
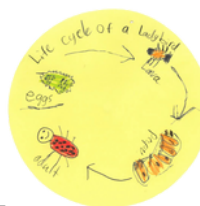
Our summer garden has been bountiful! We've harvested tomatoes, potatoes and strawberries. We recently made hot potato chips, creatively seasoned with herbs from the garden. Garden club is open to all students; Thursday Break 2.



## Lady Birds

We saw big grubs in the tree that were eating the leaves so we called an arborist and he saw aphids in the tree. so he bought in some ladybirds and they are eating the aphids. so if you find a ladybird please put it back into the tree. Thank you.

– Jack 907



# 301 & 307 AQUATICS



## Student Reflections

On Tuesday Week 3, classes 301 & 307 and Ms Reedy's Year 5 class, ventured down to Horseshoe Bay for aquatics. The students participated in various activities including flags, learning how to rescue each other and boogie boarding.

"I really liked the boogie boarding and saving each other. It was all pretty fun." – Bonnie 301

"I enjoyed everything about aquatics. My favourite thing we did was pretending to rescue each other." – Indigo 301

"I enjoyed flags and boogie boarding, but hopefully next time there are bigger waves." – Ariana 301

"I enjoyed swimming around. The instructors were super helpful and nice." – Addison 301

"I can't wait to do it again." – Flynn 301

"I liked the boogie boarding and wish I could do it again." – Chase 301

## Sports Day information

Throughout week 4 in PE classes the students competed for their first points towards Sports Day, with the High Jump event. These points will be revealed and displayed at the beginning of Sports Day. Over the past few weeks in PE lessons and Break times students were given the opportunity to trial for the 100m event and Tug of War team (Year 3-6), and 50m Relay team (per class). All classes are busy practicing for the day.



## School Sport SA Cross Country

Students born in 2014, 2013 and 2012 will be 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.

## School Sport SA Boys Football

Students in Year 5/6 were offered the opportunity to try out for a spot in our school boy's football team. The carnival is planned to be held on Wednesday 10th April (Term 1 Week 11) at Encounter Bay Football Oval.

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.



## School Sport SA Swimming

We had 15 students compete for our school Swimming team at the carnival held on Thursday 29th February at Strathalbyn Swimming Centre.

The students had an enjoyable, rewarding day with our school finishing 3rd overall. We have 6 students invited to represent our district at the State Swimming carnival in Adelaide in April. We wish a wonderfully rewarding experience to: Isabelle, Ruben, Flynn, Oceana, Jonathon and Max. Congratulations to these students and to all the swimmers who all tried their hardest and conducted themselves with respect and confidence.

Congratulations also to Isabelle who set 5 new District records in the 12 year old girls 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly, 50m backstroke and Open girls 100m freestyle.

Thank you to Erin, Chelsea and Ryan for assisting on the day and thank you to all the spectators who offered assistance and cheered our team on all day.

## Southern Fleurieu District Softball trials information

Southern Fleurieu would like to invite year 5 & 6 boys and girls to nominate to attend trials with the possibility of being selected in the district, playing Softball 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 25th-27th March. 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 Softball Carnival. A trial note has 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. For further information, please contact Trina at school.

## 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.

## 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 information about numerous local sporting clinics, clubs and opportunities for the students to be involved in after school hours and within the holidays.



PORT ELLIOT PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NGULDI ARNDU WIRAKAR  
WELCOME FRIENDS

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Mural Opening & Reconciliation Action Plan Launch

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

Welcome to Country	Smoking Ceremony
Free BBQ and Kutar (cockles)	Student Led Activities
Handmade Badges \$6 (School Fundraising)	

For catering purposes please register your interest via:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/port-elliott-primary-school-rap-mural-community-event>



FRIDAY 15TH MARCH 2024 3:30PM  
4 CAMERON ST, PORT ELLIOT



## Family Maths Night!

**Wednesday 13th March**

**3.30 to 4.30**  
or  
**5.30 to 6.30**  
**in the library**

Learn some fun math games that you can do as a family

Hosted by Mr Taylor  
Limited to 40 spots each session

Book through the front office