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NEWSLETTER | TERM 1, WEEK 4

FEBRUARY 24TH, 2022

Everyone was excited for Twosday, the coolest day of the decade! More photos on page 5 & 6 >>



Community.
Confidence.
Respect.

Key Dates

Governing Council AGM

* Changed to 28 March 7pm *
Meet in the school library

SPORTS DAY!
Friday 8th April

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We're changing the way we connect.

Communicating with families has always been a top priority for us at Port Elliot Primary. As a school, we are constantly aiming to improve our processes and with the growing use of technology and apps in our everyday, we've made the decision to move to digital roll calls.

This initiative will be supported by an SMS system allowing families to message the school if there is an absence. An automatic message will be sent if your child is not at school and you can respond directly on the number **0418 126 935** with the reason for absence. This message system will replace Skool Bag, which can now be deleted from your phone.

Students arriving after 8:55am or leaving before 3:15pm will be required to sign in and out via the portal (computer) located in the front office.

BRENTON HUDSON

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH SCHOOL



QKR:

For all financial transactions. Preferred method of payments for excursions, uniforms and lunch orders.



SEESAW:

For all parent to teacher communication and sharing of student's work. Plus newsletters and school notices from the administration team.



SMS TEXT MESSAGE:

For all absences and short messages send a text message to 0418 126 935.

Please continue to use the school website and Facebook page so you don't miss any important information!

<http://www.ptelliotps.sa.edu.au>

Keeping Kids Safe At Kiss and Drop

A reminder to all parents that the Kiss and Drop area alongside the office building is for dropping off and picking up students only.

This is not to be used as a parking area during these busy times. It helps everyone to move safely if it is used correctly. If your child is not waiting for you, please move on and do another lap of the block.

Parking is also available along Tottenham Court Rd, which enables a short walk to discuss all the great things that happened before or after school.



Student Free Days in 2022

The Term 1 Student Free Day was set to be March 15th, after the long weekend. Due to restrictions of gathering in large groups, we are unable to conduct the staff training and development we had planned. This day will now be postponed until Term 3, at a date to be confirmed.

Planned student free days for 2022:

- Monday 2nd May
- Tuesday 14th June
- Thursday 8th September
- Monday 21st November

The Adelaide Show School Closure is Friday 9th September (the same day as Victor Harbor High School).



MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Ken Brodie: 5/6 Class Teacher



My name is Ken Brodie and I am delighted to join Port Elliot Primary as a 0.4 contract teacher. Each Tuesday I will be working with Kate Taylor's Year 5/6 class and each Friday I will be in Mrs Hancock's Year 5/6 class. I have been working as a relief teacher at Port Elliot predominantly in upper primary, since the start of 2021.

My wife and I recently moved to Victor Harbor after 36 years working in various teaching and leadership roles in Darwin and Rural regions of NT. Port Elliot Primary, it's a great school and it's obvious that each staff member has the learning of the whole child at heart.

I look forward to meeting parents and carers and agree with the school's philosophy, that a successful home and school partnership is critical in ensuring your children get the best learning opportunities.

Outside of school I'm part of a community radio station and moonlight as a musician! Please introduce yourself if we cross paths. Here's to a great 2022.

Morgan: SSO Teacher



I'm just beginning my SSO career and I'm really excited to have that opportunity with Port Elliot Primary. I have lived in Victor Harbor for the last two years after living in Melbourne for most of my life.

I recently completed a Certificate III and Certificate IV in Education Support, where I was lucky enough to be able to do a placement here at Port Elliot.

I am excited to learn and grow along with all of the students, and I am loving getting to know everyone here. I'm looking forward to the year ahead!

Join us for Garden Club each Tuesday



Our enthusiastic gardeners meet each week on a Tuesday at Break 1; all students are welcome to join us! We have a fabulous tomato harvest and will be busy making tomato relish in coming weeks!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWESOME WINNERS

At the end of each year, the school community acknowledges those students who have worked exceptionally well.

The graduating students also have subject-specific awards selected by specialist teachers. With both Year 6 and 7 students graduating, there were even more award winners for 2021.

The Jubilee 150 award is the highest award and is given to the student selected by the Year 6 and 7 teachers.

This award recognises outstanding school citizenship and academic success as measured through testing and grades achieved.

Congratulations to the Year 6 award winners: Bailey and Misty and the Year 7 award winners Blair and Indie.

We also acknowledge the hard work and time put in by all the graduating students of 2021, they have been outstanding role models to all the other students.



HAPPY TWOSDAY 22 - 2 - 22



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PE AND SPORTS NEWS

In PE this year, we will be focusing on learning and developing our Fundamental Movement Skills and the skills required for successful team work and participation in many sporting activities and events. Fitness and active lifestyles are also a focus. During PE Year 3-6 students will be having a go at the athletic field

events of shot put and discuss, as a possible Sports Day tabloid and if they choose to, they can also participate in the School Sport SA Athletics trials. If you have concerns or do not want your child to undertake these activities please email Trina Doig at school on trina.doig836@schools.sa.edu.au

Students are required in all PE lessons to wear appropriate footwear and clothing conducive to successful participation, so please be sure to encourage your child to wear these items every day we have PE. Students will also require a hat in Terms 1 & 4.

2022 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to all the students who ran for 2022 House Captain. The students who were voted in by their peers to represent them this year at Sports Day and throughout the year.

These students have started preparing for Sports Day, have organised the new team chants (please refer to page 8 of this newsletter for the chants to practice at home), are working on the warm up and are coordinating break time activities. A busy and productive start!

Isaiah, Hunter C, Lilly and Quinn



Connor, Nate, Summer and Jade



Charlie, Harper, Amelia and Nadia



Jed, Ayla, Raimundo and Julieta



S P O R T S D A Y

Friday Week 10, Term 1, 8th April 2022.

In PE, students have begun practicing team activities and talking about Sports Day chants and the warm up activity. Every student should soon know which House Team and colour they are in. If you need to purchase a top for the day so your child can be dressed in their team colours, please inquire at the front office.

BOOMER

BOOMER BOOMER
BOOM, BOOM, BOOM
WATCH OUR SCORE
GO ZOOM, ZOOM,
ZOOM

AGAIN WE'LL BE
NUMBER ONE
WE WILL ALSO
HAVE SOME FUN

WE'RE ROUGH
WE'RE TOUGH
WE'RE HARD TO BEAT
COME ON BOOMER
LET'S DEFEAT

LET'S ALL SCREAM
LET'S ALL CHEER
BOOMER'S GOING TO
WIN THIS YEAR

B. O. O. M. E. R

**GOOOO
BOOMER!**

COMMODORE

COMMODORE,
COMMODORE
WE'RE THE BEST
WE ARE GOING TO
BEAT THE REST.

WE'LL TRY OUR
BEST AND GET
THE JOB DONE,
BUT MOST OF ALL
WE'LL HAVE SOME
FUN!

COMMODORE IS THE
NAME WE CHEER YOU
WILL HEAR US LOUD
AND CLEAR.

C. O. M. M. O. D. O. R. E

**GOOOO
COMMODORE!**

FREEMAN

PUT ON YOUR SHOES
AND HAVE A LITTLE
DANCE
COME ON FREEMAN
THIS IS OUR CHANCE

WE CAN JUMP
WE CAN RUN
BUT MOST OF ALL
WE'LL HAVE SOME
FUN

AT THE END
OF THE DAY
WE WILL LET OUT A
CHEER TO SHOW THE
WORLD THAT
WE ARE HERE

F. R. E. E. M. A. N

**GOOOO
FREEMAN!**

KNIGHTS

KNIGHTS ARE HERE
WE'VE GOT THE HEAT
THE OTHER TEAMS
CAN TASTE DEFEAT.

OUR SCORES ARE
HIGH, THEY'LL TOUCH
THE SKY
AND IN THE END
WE'LL WAVE
GOODBYE.

THE WINNING TEAM
IS HERE TO CHEER'
COS KNIGHTS WILL
WIN SPORTS DAY
THIS YEAR.

K. N. I. G. H. T. S

**GOOOO
KNIGHTS!**

SCHOOL SPORT SA EVENTS

Our school is very fortunate to be able to participate in a wide range of extra sporting events throughout the year.

Trina and Kate train and trial students during PE lessons and at Break times, to represent the school at these events.

The events we anticipate competing in this year and their tentative dates are:

- Swimming (students born 2012, 2011, 2010) Thur 24 Mar at Strathalbyn Pool.
- Football (Year 5/6 girls). Victor Harbor Football Club. Friday 1st April.
- Football (Year 5/6 boys). Encounter Bay Carnival. Friday 1 April.
- Cross Country (students born 2012, 2011, 2010). Fri 6 May Encounter Lutheran School
- Athletics (students born 2012, 2011, 2010). Friday 27th May at Victor Harbor Primary.
- Netball (Year 5/6 girls). Victor Harbor Netball Club. Friday 3rd June
- Basketball (Yr 5/6 girls + boys) normally Term 3. TBA. Morphett Vale stadium
- Tennis (Year 3/4) Friday 28th October. Victor Harbor Tennis courts.
- Cricket (Year 5/6 Cricket Carnival, normally in Term 4. TBA).

When dates are confirmed and information on these events is available we will put notices in this newsletter, inform students in PE lessons and send notes home with the students who are interested.

SA STATE TEAM SELECTIONS

To access trial info and nomination forms for State teams, please refer to the website (www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport).

If you wish to trial for a team, an online nomination must be completed and submitted by the due date for each sport. Info for each sport is available by clicking on List of Sports, then the sport you are interested in nominating for. (A separate nomination form is required for each sport).

It is up to the student and their parent/caregiver to enrol, pay for and attend try outs. See Trina or Kate for more info on the process.

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.

LOCAL SPORTING OPPORTUNITIES

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.

There will also be opportunities for students to try out for the Southern Fleurieu District Association teams in various sports. When this info becomes available to us we will inform all those eligible via the newsletter, within PE lessons and notices home.

The District convenor will also be posting information on the Southern Fleurieu Facebook page. Our Southern Fleurieu Zone Convenor is Danny Robinson. You can contact him via email danny.robinson706@schools.sa.edu.au

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Monday 28th March 7pm



Want to help nurture the positive culture Port Elliot Primary is known for?

The School Governing Council will be presenting the Annual Report for 2021 and declaring vacancies for the 2022 year.

Due to students graduating, we have many vacancies to fill. We would love to see some new faces representing the parent voice at our 2022 meetings.

There are two meetings per term that go for around 2 hours. It's an opportunity to mix with a great group of people, be informed on decisions and expenditures and become a representative for parent questions and feedback.

To date, the group has successfully:

- lobbied the Education Department for more classrooms
- activated a student mobile phone policy
- addressed the car parking limitations of our site
- guided the food choices for healthy lunches
- continue to attend to the overall wellbeing of our wonderful staff and students.

The meeting will be held in the school library and attendance can also be arranged via video. Please submit your nomination before 25th February by contacting the school.

WHAT IS SCHOOL CARD?



School Card provides financial help to cover the cost of school fees.

WHO CAN APPLY?

To qualify for School Card, your family's income must be below a specific limit. This limit depends on how many children are in your care.

You must **also** meet at least one of the following:

- have a child or children aged four years or over who attend a school full time
- be an independent full-time student studying year 10, 11 or 12
- be an adult re-entry student undertaking subjects to complete SACE (years 11 and 12).

You can find more information and apply for School Card here:

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM APPROVED?

After you apply, you will receive a letter in the mail advising if your application has been approved. Please note, School Card is not a student identification card.

WHO CAN HELP ME APPLY?

If you would like more information or need help applying for School Card, please visit your child's school office and show this flyer.

Hi! I would like help to apply for School Card.



sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard



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