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NEWSLETTER | TERM 2, WEEK 2

MAY 9TH, 2019



Lest we forget

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

ANZAC Spirit

During the school holidays, our SRC representatives Poppy S, Harry C and Sasha E attended the ANZAC Day Dawn Service on The Strand at Port Elliot.

The students laid a wreath at the memorial along with many other associations and schools.

Harry, Sasha and Poppy did an excellent job showing respect on behalf of our students.

Thank you to their families who brought them down early in the morning.

It was wonderful to see many other students and families of Port Elliot Primary amongst the crowd.

Staffing Update

It has been a busy period with a few staff changes.

Congratulations Les Cameron.

As noted in a letter home last week, Port Elliot Primary School Deputy Principal, Les Cameron, has won a position closer to her home at Eastern Fleurieu School in Strathalbyn.

Les commenced her new role on the first day of term. We're hoping she can come back to say her goodbyes to students and families over the coming weeks. A temporary Deputy Position will be announced next week.

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Key Dates

NAPLAN Tests

Weeks 3 & 4

14 to 24 May

Dream Big Excursions

See page 2 for details

22 to 28 May

Student Free Day

Friday 31 May

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Staffing Update

Welcome back Jodie Allsop to three days a week in Room 9:01 as a Reception teacher. Brylee Gillies will continue to work on the other two days. It's great to see Jodie back and feeling well.

Sarah King has had an increase in time at Rapid Bay Primary School and is therefore unavailable for Marg Robert's Year 5/6 class on Wednesdays.

We wish Sarah well as she now has her own primary year level class. Sarah Zadow who works in the other Year 5/6 will take on Wednesdays in Marg's room for the rest of the year.

The SSO team has also had some changes as Stacey Flack has taken a position closer to her home in Adelaide but we have added Fiona Nelligan, Meg Rodgeron, Rachael Grant and Jan Carr.

We welcome all of our new staff and of course the seven new students who have recently joined Port Elliot Primary School.

Drop Off and Pick Up Zone

The Governing Council continue to work with the Alexandrina Council on the parking situation for parents at the start and end of the school day. Please continue to use the drop-off and pick up zone as much as possible. It has been working much better in 2019 and saves the need to park. If you do require a park, please remember to avoid corners and be respectful of neighbours driveways and verges.



Extended Footpaths

Over many years, Port Elliot Primary has been working with the Alexandrina Council on extending the footpaths to enable more students to walk and ride bicycles to school.

It's great to see the footpath finished all the way up Montpelier Terrace, allowing students to access the school via Kurramin Court or Leeds Street safely.

Please take advantage of these improved conditions by encouraging your child to walk or bike along these paths. Thank you to the council for this work. We look forward to even more improvements over the coming years.

Brenton Hudson

Dream Big Excursion Times

All students will be attending a show, participating in a workshop and enjoying an activity. See your child's class teacher below for excursion times.

Wed 22 May	Tue 28 May	Wed 29th May
Mr Blacker	Mrs Dybala	Ms Gillett
Mrs Roberts	Mrs Hancock	Mr Cordy
Mrs Warner	Mr Benger	Ms Dale
Mrs Reedy	Mr Taylor	Sarah
Mrs Lacey	Mrs Turley	Mrs Norde
		Mrs Allsop

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 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>



Got Any Local Sporting Success Stories?

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

ENCOUNTER CELEBRATION

Competition winners

On Sunday 14th April, a group of Port Elliot Primary students were invited to Warland Reserve, Victor Harbor to accept certificates and prizes for their wonderful winning entries in the Encounter Competition.

Each year on the 8th and 9th of April, celebrations are held to commemorate the 1802 meeting between English Captain Matthew Flinders in The Investigator and French Captain Nicolas Baudin in Le Geographe. Flinders named our southern waters Encounter Bay in honour of this meeting.

Education Officer Joe van Dalen, dressed as Nicolas Baudin, presented awards to Nadia T-M, Kai T-M, Jade P, Ziarah B and Bodhi H. Congratulations to these students for their exemplary efforts.



PE & SAPSASA NEWS

SAPSASA District Athletics Day

On Monday 6th May, we had 25 students participate in our school Athletics team against the other schools in our District at Victor Harbor Primary. Events were 100m, 200m, 800m, long jump, high jump, shot put and discus. The students had a great day. Thank you to the adult helpers and to the High School helpers who assisted us on the day. A more detailed report of the day will be in the Term 2 Week 4 newsletter.

SAPSASA CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 8th May, students aged 10-13 were invited to nominate and practice for the Cross Country event held at Kent Reserve. In total, 20 students participated on the day. Thanks to Becky for assisting us there and on the bus. A more detailed report about the day will be in the next newsletter.



2019 DREAM BIG FESTIVAL



Port Elliot Primary School is booked in for the 2019 DreamBig Festival! Every class will be attending a show, participating in a workshop and enjoying an activity.

All 16 classes, 430+ students with 60+ adults will experience a wonderful ARTS opportunity in Adelaide this May.

A very special thanks to our wonderful Parent Network Committee who have donated \$4,500 towards our venture!

This donation has halved our student costs to make this exciting event affordable for all!



Please read all forms carefully as departure times vary for classes. Please return all paperwork and payment promptly so we can confirm numbers.

We wish the students a fantastic experience, what a wonderful opportunity for all!

Natalie Bond Performing Arts Teacher

INDABA BUSH CAMP

Ms Reedy's year 3/4 class had a fabulous time at Indaba Bush Camp during week 11 of term 1 to successfully complete the Junior Zoo Keeper program.

Some of the student's favourite moments included...

Absolutely everything...it was amazing... the best thing in my life! **Amity**

Making our lanyards...the giraffe coming soooo close.... shovelling bison poo! **Zara**

Seeing the baby chimpanzee....soooo cute! **Ruby H**

The rhinos, chimpanzees, giraffes, bison, cheetahs, emu and the Tasmanian devil! **Julieta**

Picking up bison poo...seeing the lions... finding ostrich eggs! **Evan**

The giraffes, their height and their long tongue! **AV**

It was the best thing in the world... the baby chimpanzee! **Asher**

The baby rhino trying to protect its mum....the giraffe looking at her reflection in the bus mirror (her eyelashes were really big!). **Ayla**

The meerkats! **Harper**

Seeing the rhinos charge...finding the ostrich eggs...Super fun! **Chester**

Staying for 2 days and 1 night.....the meerkats were so cute! **Angel**

The night walk...the playground...sleeping in my swag...giraffes...the sunset! **Torre**

The chimpanzees playing...the bison coming close to us! **Lucas**

Talking about crocodiles...the painted dogs...the lions...the chimps! **Joshua**

When the bison came to have a look...the meerkats trying to climb our clipboards! **CJ**

Armani, the baby rhino, snorting and kicking up dust...finding 3 ostrich eggs! **Ruby D**



The chimpanzee activity...rhinos... meerkats....such fun!
Urshuler

The baby rhino with it's mum...the baby chimpanzee was so cute!
Will

The safari tour...the night walk...the lions getting fed...the cheetahs...the rhinos!
Maddison H

The night walk was fun and dark...the deers were beautiful... the emus were more Egyptian than Aussie!
Malcolm

Just the fact that we slept there...the meerkats and the yellow footed rock wallabies were the cutest!
Sage

Learning how they put yellow footed rock wallaby joeys into the pouches of black footed wallabies so they can breed more yellow footed rock wallabies..it was awesome!

Working together to make a cubby...the baby rhino bouncing around its mother!
Alexis

Sunrise on the big dirt hill...the chimpanzees making funny noises!
Keit

MONARTO ZOO

I liked the baby giraffe. – Felix

The lions were scary. – Ella

I liked the toddler chimpanzee the best. – Brian

We got to see rhinos and a baby giraffe. – Elijah

I liked the giraffe, it was cute. – Everett



On Friday, May 3rd Ms Dale's, Mrs Gillies, Mrs Allsop's and Mrs Nordes's classes went to the Monarto Zoo. We travelled by bus and went on a tour of the zoo. We learnt all about the animals at the zoo from one of the friendly zookeepers.

