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NEWSLETTER | TERM 2, WEEK 2

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back!

We have already had a very different looking start to the school term. The Coronavirus crisis certainly has made us all focus on what's most important so I hope you had a good break with your children over the holidays and were able to enjoy some quality family time. First of all I would like to say a big thank you to the parent community of Port Elliot Primary during the COVID-19 crisis. The positive comments and feedback we've received from you has been inspiring. Parents have really understood the complexity of what teachers have been asked to do in a very short amount of time so thank

you to all of you for your patience, support and understanding. If you are still doing home-based learning, thank you for taking on this important task.

SA Health and the Education Department have advised that schools are a safe place and I look forward to every student coming back.

We have purchased extra hand soaps and hand sanitisers and we are cleaning throughout the day with teachers supporting students with their hygiene reminders.

I hope that we can return to full classes as of Monday 11th May.

Brenton Hudson

GREAT RESULTS!

Thank you to all of our teachers for their support over the past few months. They've gone above and beyond, creating resources and guiding students through home learning. Check out some more examples of student's excellent work on page 4...



MEET THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Hi, I'm Kerry Docking and I've been appointed the new Deputy Principal of Port Elliot Primary for the remainder of 2020.

Most recently I was Principal and Deputy Principal at Hahndorf Primary and Preschool.

Over my time as an educator, I have had the opportunity to work in great schools and I have had the chance to reflect on what makes a great school. A great school has a community who values and actively develops strong and respectful relationships.

I was so pleased to see the words <u>Community</u>, <u>Confidence</u> and <u>Respect</u> on the school logo as these are the keys to Port Elliot Primary being such a great school. I look forward to working in partnership with our school community to best support your child in achieving their very best and am very excited to be a part of this school community for 2020.



WELCOME JACQUI FENLON



Mrs Jacqui Fenlon will be taking over from Mr Cordy as the new Year 1/2 class teacher in Room 4:02. Mr Cordy has chosen to resign from the Education Department.

Jacqui comes to us with 30 years of experience in Junior Primary teaching at various schools. She is very much looking forward to her time on the South Coast and joining our teaching team at Port Elliot.

FAREWELL FROM KEL CAIRE

Port Elliot Primary is such a thriving community of passionate educators who each morning arrive with enthusiasm in their step, carefully constructed plans for our learners and real excitement to educate.

It is an absolute joy to watch the connections, value in each other and contributions of all staff mix together to provide excellence. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here and it has reinforced my creativity, energy and passion. I wanted to take a moment to say a farewell to our community as I didn't get the opportunity at the end of Term I. Thank you for welcoming me to the community and being vulnerable learners with me as you each embraced the Zone and all of the new terminology. It overwhelms me to hear how families have incorporated aspects of selfregulation into their homes.

It is my absolute belief that the promotion of any strategies that improve self awareness will make a positive difference to our young people's education and overall wellbeing.

To students- You are the real ROCKSTARS, keep owning your learning, sharing your successes whilst knowing where to next.

Also, don't forget how it feels when you are in the



Green Zone, and what amazing things unfold for you whilst you are there. Makes you want to try and be there more often, doesn't it? I hope to see you all around the town, the school and in our wonderful community and will absolutely love to chat (1.5 metres apart). Gratitude plus, Kel



LEST WE FORGET



ANZAC day, like many things this year, looked very different. To pay our respects and acknowledge the sacrifices made by the men and women of our defence forces, Holly and Myah laid a wreath at the Port Elliot Memorial at 11am on the 25th of April.

Unfortunately, this was not at the traditional dawn service but the school did receive a special thank you from Dean Watson of the Port Elliot RSL.

Thank you to Holly and Myah's families for bringing them out at the end of the school holidays.

