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How high can our fish fly?



NEWSLETTER | TERM 3, WEEK 8

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021



Community.
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Key Dates

Fun Lunch
Thursday 16th Sept

**End of Term Early
Dismissal at 2.15pm**
Friday 24th Sept

CLASS PHOTOS
Monday 13 September

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

NAPLAN Results

Families will be receiving their child's individual NAPLAN results over the coming days after completing the test back in May. NAPLAN coordinator, Steven Taylor and myself, have now had an opportunity to do a preliminary analysis of the school year level scores and I'm happy to say, the results are pleasing. We have shared these results with the teachers as a way of recognising their great work from Reception, right through to Year 7.

WRITING RESULTS

Following a school external review in 2019, the area of writing was identified as a focus for improvement. In 2020, staff introduced the Brightpath assessment tool along with Big Writes as a way of teaching. It's been great to see the hard work paying off with 100% of Year 3, 73% of Year 5 and 69% of Year 7 students at or above the National Minimum Standard. In the Year 3s, over 50% of students were in the top 2 learning bands of the state! That is a wonderful result for the children and reward for the focus teachers have been putting in. See page 2 for more NAPLAN results >>

NAPLAN RESULTS CONTINUED...

READING RESULTS

The results in reading are particularly good with 93% of Year 3 students and 85% of Year 5 students at or above the South Australian Standards of Educational Achievement with 50% of Year 3 students in the top two bands for reading. This means that half of the Year 3 students in Port Elliot are reading at the top 2 levels for the state!

An excellent result and well-deserved by the Junior Primary and Year 3 teachers over the last few years.

NUMERACY RESULTS

Our Numeracy results also continue to improve with 91% of Year 3, 75% of Year 5 and 79% of Year 7 students at or above the South Australian Standards of Educational Achievement.

The high achieving students have also increased with 35% Year 3 and 26% of Year 7 achieving the top 2 bands in numeracy.

A great result after the years focusing on Mathematics.

Given the interruptions in 2020 due to COVID-19 and no NAPLAN testing, it is a reflection on the resilience of the Port Elliot students, staff and families to achieve such good results.

We will now review individual students and create targets for the 2022 school year.

Congratulations to the many students who did very well on their tests. If you have any questions or concerns, please make a time to speak to your child's teacher.

Brenton Hudson



Father's Day Portrait Winners

Congratulations to Emily from Year 7 and Olivia from Reception who were the winners of our Father's Day portrait competition!

A big thanks to the Parent Network for running the competition and supplying the wonderful prizes for our dads!

Premier's Reading Challenge

PRC is now complete. Please return ALL forms by Monday 13th September, we cannot accept any forms after this date!

AND REMEMBER – It's not too early to start reading for next PRC 😊



I really liked it because it was fun the whole time, not boring, I also liked that it was all songs and they made the songs different – Reuben

I liked how kids could get up and perform with the band, I liked the music. I got to get up on stage and perform with them that was my favourite part! – Willow

I like how the band played lots of songs instead of just showing us all the instruments, and I liked how nearly every single class got to go on stage. – Annabelle

I liked how you didn't have to sit down the whole time, we got to dance and join in. If you wanted to, you got to go up and sing with the band. – Koa



I liked how we got to go up and sing, I enjoyed the Austrian yodelling because they had funny voices. They also had Sponge Bob Square Pants and other characters. – Esther

Recounts from 5.02 Mr Taylors class.



Flying Fish Awards

Community

Harley F, Ollie M, Alba B,
Ptryk P, Marlee A

Confidence

Mikayla S, Eli H, Summer R,
Isabel O, Leo M, Jasmine H, Adelyn B,
Grace M, Olivia P, Emilia C, Lua I,
Summer F, Cade D

Respect

Charlotte Q, Sophie H,
Nate C, Oakley M, Winnie W,
River B, Bonnie T

Stories Around the Fire with Jade

On Thursday, Week 7 of Term 3, our class went to Hunter's Garden to hear two Aboriginal stories from Jade.

We sat around the firepit, as a class, to hear Jade read a book called Welcome to Country. We then spoke about the importance of the Acknowledgment of Country. This is important because it shows respect to the original Ngarrindjeri custodians of the local land in which Port Elliot Primary School sits upon.

The other story Jade told us was about birds. The story taught us how to respect anyone who is different from us and how to put our differences aside and work together. We are lucky to have Jade as part of our school and we look forward to more story time.

By Lily Baxter and Siena McCracken



Veggie Garden News

We've had a bountiful winter with a healthy crop of parsley, garlic, potatoes and rhubarb! We will be selling our surplus fresh parsley and rhubarb after school on Fridays so look out for us just outside the playground gate! We are always looking for gardening volunteers, if you are able to help out please see Deputy Principal, Cathy Knight.



Gardening club regulars making tabouli salad from our home grown parsley!

Silly Scientist Show

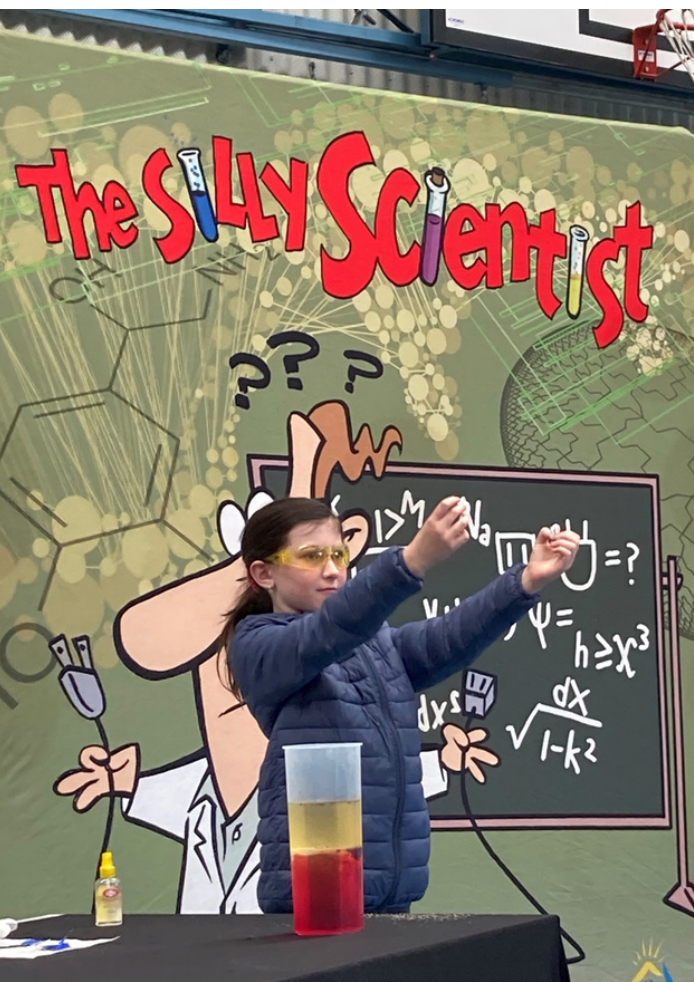


On Wednesday in Week 7, all students were lucky to watch and participate in the Silly Scientist Show held at school.

Students enjoyed watching experiments and laughing at silly antics of the Scientist.



Some students also enjoyed getting up to assist in creating some strange and wondrous science, including elephant toothpaste and exploding soft drink!



School Sport SA Athletics Carnival

On Tuesday 24th August 32 students participated in our PEPS Athletics team in the local carnival at Victor Harbor Primary School. Our school finished 5th out of the 11 schools who participated. Students who placed on the day included:

- 1st: Mia S-B -Discus, Ava - Discus, Mecki - Shot Put,
- 2nd: Isaac - High Jump, Hamish - 800m and 200m, Mecki - High Jump, Mya - Shot Put, Brodie - Shot Put, Corey - Shot Put
- 3rd: Alice - Shot Put, Brodie - Discus, Mya - 100m, Orlando - High Jump, Sophia - Long Jump, Harper- Discus, Mecki - High Jump, Jack - Shot Put

Thank you to Neriah for running the girls high jump all day; to Steven, Taryn, Carly, Fernando and Daniel for assisting us on the day. This continued support is invaluable and very much appreciated.

We have had 6 students invited to compete in the State championship at SANTOS stadium later in the term. They will be representing our district because they won their event or placed in the top 4 spots within the 100m to compete in the relay team. Congratulations Hallie, Bailey, Mya, Ava, Mecki and Mia S-B. We wish you all the best!



School Sport SA SAPSASA Hockey State Carnival

Congratulations to Summer (pictured right) who represented our District participating in a 3 day Hockey carnival in Adelaide. We hope you enjoyed playing a lot of hockey and learning more about the sport.

Congratulations again to Will who was selected to play in the boys' carnival. Unfortunately, injury saw him unable to play this time but he was still there cheering his team on from the sidelines. Fantastic effort and team work!

Crows Cup Girls Football Carnival

On Wednesday 22nd September we will have 13 Year 6/7 girls competing at our local girls' football carnival. They have been practicing well during their breaks, with coaches Corey and Ryan. We wish the girls a very enjoyable day and hope the boys have a rewarding experience coaching the team.



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

School Sport SA SAPSASA Soccer State Carnival



Congratulations to Jack and Nila who represented our district participating in a 3-day Soccer carnival in Adelaide. By all accounts they had an enjoyable and rewarding experience.



Festival of Music: Stars of the Arena

Isabella auditioned in April to be part of the dance troupe for the Festival of Music: Stars of the Arena and was the only regional student chosen. Izzy has been attending rehearsals on Sundays at Klemzig for 6 months, and finally this week has been performing at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre in front of an audience of thousands. This Saturday she will also be joined by a small group of Port Elliot Choir students who will be part of the thousand voices choir. Well done Isabella!

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.

School Sport SA SAPSASA Year 5/6/7 Girls Cricket State Trials

Girls in Year 5/6/7 have been offered the opportunity to trial for the School Sport SA SAPSASA Girls Cricket District Team. Information was sent home with interested students. If you would like more info, please contact Trina.



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JAZZ MARCH
SATURDAY

★ JAZZ IN
FOUR VENUES
SATURDAY/SUNDAY

★ JAZZ ON THE
COCKLE TRAIN

★ GOSPEL CHURCH
SERVICE SUNDAY

WEEKEND JAZZ PROGRAMME

Friday 15 October

6pm – 10pm Welcome Cabaret at the
South Lakes Golf Club
Four bands, dancing and meal \$30pp
Bookings essential Ph 0403 120 754

Saturday 16 October

10am Jazz march and public concert
11am – 10pm Jazz bands play at four venues
• Signal Point
• Centenary Hall
• South Coast Regional Art Centre
• Goolwa RSL

Sunday 17 October

9.30am Gospel Church Service
Goolwa Uniting Church
11am – 6pm Jazz at four venues as above
12.15pm Jazz Cackle Train \$30pp
Victor Harbor and return
7.00pm Farewell Cabaret at the
South Lakes Golf Club
Three bands, dancing and meal \$35pp
(Non-badge holders \$50pp)
Bookings essential Ph 0403 120 754

Festival Badge Entry to all events for the
full weekend

Early bird \$55pp prior to 31 August
After 31 August, \$65pp

Single day badge Saturday \$40pp, Sunday \$30pp

Registrations southcoastjazzfest@gmail.com

Enquiries Ph 0401 029 598

Our Major Sponsors:



South Coast Jazz Festival – Goolwa

- * The 'early-bird' deadline for Delegates registration has been extended to Friday September 10.
- * Students accompanied by an Adult Delegate can attend the Festival for a payment of \$10.
- * Enquiries welcome to Festival Coordinator Mel Hopgood on 0401 029 598