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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Flinders Ranges Adventure

During Week 10 of Term 3, Margie Hancock, Sarah Zadow and I, accompanied 56 students to the Flinders Ranges on our Year 6/7 camp.

We traveled by bus to Merna Mora Station on the western side of the Ranges. We explored Wilpena Pound and hiked to the old homestead, took part in shearing demonstrations, visited the Jeff Morgan Art Gallery in Hawker and explored the Blinman mine site.

The students had a wonderful time sleeping in swags and tents, although the storm and freezing conditions on the last night certainly highlighted our resilience!

Our parent volunteers were just outstanding and worked so hard to make our trip as good as it could be. I cannot thank Amy Mitchell, Jade McHughes, Tania Turley, Rowan Gillies and Justin Allsop enough.

They prepared meals, supported injured students and packed many swags and bags. Thank you so much, without parents willing to help our camps cannot go ahead. See page 2 for more photos!

Welcome to our new Deputy Principal!

Our new Deputy Principal, Cathy Knight, joins us this Term and we are so pleased to have her as part of Port Elliot Primary. Cathy was to start in 2021 but we have been fortunate enough to bring that forward. Cathy has been busy meeting all our students and families and is settling in well. It will be fantastic to have Cathy supporting our planning for next year over the coming 10 weeks.



YEAR 6/7 FLINDERS CAMP

On Friday 25th September, 56 Year 6/7 students, staff and volunteers returned weary but happy after five fun-filled and adventurous days camping on Merna Mora Station in the Flinders Ranges.

The students completed two long and challenging walks at Wilpena Pound and Arkaroo Rock being rewarded with spectacular views for their efforts. The drive through Parachilna Gorge was picturesque and exploring the huge creek beds was fascinating. The Blinman Mine was interesting and hard to believe no machinery was ever used! We visited Jeff Morgan's Art Gallery at Hawker and gazed in awe at his gigantic paintings. We were very well fed by our amazing volunteers and the weather was kind to us right until the final night when high winds and heavy rains hit - it even snowed during our bus ride back home! A HUGE thank you to the parents who accompanied us, without these tireless volunteers experiences like this simply wouldn't happen for our students.



On Thursday 15th October, Port Elliot Primary School proudly hosted the annual Reader's Rap competition.

Victor Harbor, Willunga, Yankalilla and Encounter Lutheran all joined us for a great day of questions and quick quizzes with Willunga taking the honours.

Congratulations to our four teams, Chapter Chocolate Returns Again!, We're Still Reading, The Random Readers and The Loraxs'.

Our teams were great hosts and an invaluable help in getting the day set up and packed up, a fantastic day!



As part of Reader's Rap, we always have a visiting author or illustrator, this year we welcomed illustrator, Nahum Ziersch.

Nahum has not only illustrated books, but also created animation for online games and worked closely with sports people.

Five of our classes were able to have a drawing session with Nahum, looking at his work and trying to create some of their own characters with Nahum creating a different character for each class.

The students loved seeing him draw and having the opportunity to work with a professional illustrator!



FLYING FISH AWARDS



Eliza L, Ollie M, Patrick B, Quinn P, Alexis S, Liam F, Saxon E, Bryley B, Mecki R, Charlotte P, Indigo A, Grace K, Alice T, Ruby M, Lilly B, Sage F, Will S, Rose D, Anna-May P

MEET THE NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

A message from Cathy Knight

Many thanks to all of the students, families and staff who gave me such a warm welcome last week.

Port Elliot Primary is a wonderfully dynamic school, offering many varied and exciting learning programs.

I have loved the energy and positive vibe and look forward to getting to know all of you over the coming weeks.



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Volunteer Induction – Thursday 29th October 9am.
Phone the office to register and sign in on the day.

Breakfast Club – Monday and Friday 8:30 – 8:55

Canteen (iceblocks) – Fridays break 2 – 1:40 to 2:10

School surfing – starts 28th October

Children's University Graduation – 5th November

Swimming – starts Nov 2nd for classes 4:01, 5:01, 5:07, 8:02, 9:01

Fun Lunch Days – minimum 6 volunteers needed, approximately 1 hour on the day starting 11:30 am. Text Rebekah Hollamby on 0438 863 528 if interested.

Transition visits for students starting Reception in 2021

Children who normally attend Kindy on Wednesdays will continue to do so. Kindy staff will bring students over at 9am and ensure they return to Kindy. Children who do not attend Kindy on Wednesdays will need to come to school and be collected through family arrangements, please meet outside Building 9.

Wed 11th Nov,
9am to 10am.

Wed 18th Nov,
10am to 11am.

Wed 25th Nov,
9am to 12 noon.

Starting Week 3, Mondays and Wednesdays will be Nude Food Day at school. This just helps reduce the amount of excess packaging that goes in bins and ends up in landfill.



2021 House Captains

The current Year 5 and Year 6's have been invited to apply for House Captain in 2021. They are currently being supported to organise their campaign. Speeches will be delivered to all classes in Week 7 with voting occurring in Week 7 PE lessons. The successful House Captains will be announced in Week 8/9 and will have the responsibilities handed over to them at the end of year awards assembly. They will also have training during the remainder of Week 9 by the existing House Captains. We wish all candidates the best.

Tennis SA Hot Shots Tennis Carnival

On Friday 23rd October we will have 32 Year 3/4 students play in, and 12 Year 7 students coach at the SA Tennis Hot Shots Year 3/4 Tennis Carnival at Victor Harbor Tennis Courts. We wish the players and coaches a fantastic day where they learn a lot about tennis.

Southern Fleurieu District Softball trials information

Southern Fleurieu would like to invite year 6 and 7 boys and girls, or talented year 5s who play Softball, to nominate to attend trials with the possibility of being selected in the district team, playing softball against other district teams at the School Sport SA SAPSASA State Carnival at Adelaide Shores, West Beach Monday the 2nd of November to Thursday the 5th of November.

Trial forms were sent home at the end of Term 3 with interested students. See Trina or Kate if you would like further information.

Sports Day 2021 preparations are already well underway with a date to be confirmed soon.



School Sports SA (Sapsasa) Year 6/7 Basketball carnival

On Wednesday 21st October we had a girls and a boys team compete at the annual Sapsasa Yr 6/7 Basketball Carnival at Morphett Vale. A more detailed account will be in the next newsletter.

Trina Doig and Kate Reynolds

Outdoor Classroom Day will be held on Thursday, 5th of November at Port Elliot Primary School.

The whole school will be taking their learning outdoors with teachers and other staff providing some great activities and lessons outside for the day.

Parent Network have supported the day with a donation to each class for resources. A whole school 'nude food' picnic will take place on the oval at 12 noon.

All are welcome to join in.

Please see your classroom teacher if you wish to help out on the day or you may have something that you can contribute.

Please ensure that your children have comfortable shoes and a hat on the day.