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*How high can our fish fly?*



NEWSLETTER | TERM 4, WEEK 6

NOVEMBER 18, 2021



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## Key Dates

Musical Performance  
1 & 2 December

Year 6 Graduation  
7 December

Year 7 Graduation  
8 December

Primary Awards Ceremony  
9 December

Last Day Dismissal  
10 December 2:15pm

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK Cockle Train Excursion

After being unable to go in July, we finally had the chance to take the Cockle Train into Victor Harbor on Friday 12th of November. Transporting such a large number of students always presents some challenges but thanks to the great support of SteamRanger Railways we were able to use the Cockle Train to move 500 people to Victor Harbor and back. This provides the train service with much needed funds and a unique opportunity for our students.

SteamRanger have kindly provided a FREE child's ticket for every student so please take advantage of this by taking your child on the train anytime over the school holidays. What a great family activity. Look out for this coming home from today.

While in Victor Harbor, the students all did various activities including visiting the Art Show, treasure hunting in the shopping centre, walking over the old Causeway and seeing the final piece of the new Causeway put into place. Many younger students stayed warm and cosy at the movies. Thank you very much to SteamRanger for their support. See over the page for more photos of our fun excursion!

Brenton Hudson

# COCKLE TRAIN EXCURSION - CONT...



## Flying Fish Awards

### COMMUNITY

Ryder H, Hunter P, Xavier T, Arlo P,  
Tobi P, Ruben C

### CONFIDENCE

Olivia P, Riley G, Lua I, Summer F,  
Esther S, Leah S, Tilly H, Amarley C,  
Jade S, Ellena L, Alexis W, Marlee TC

### RESPECT

Arily N, Isabelle D, Akira B, Lexi C,  
Kara C, Lily P



**What a week! From visiting Paralympian's and personalised video Morning Motivation Messages from Olympian's and Elite athlete's, to using wheelchairs in PE, we've had a cracking week!**

Michael from Novita came and taught every class in the school over three days how to use sports wheelchairs and played games and basketball in the gym. The students loved it! He was open and honest about life as a wheelchair athlete and living day to day life with a disability.

We had at least two personal video Morning Motivation Messages each day from Olympians and Elite Athletes telling us about how PE at school has been so influential and important in their lives.



Our personal messages came from 2x Olympian and International Hall of Fame Soccer player Di Cleary (Nee Alagich), 2x Olympian and Bronze medallist Kayaker Hannah Davis, World Cup and USA Minor League Baseballer Paul Mildren, 5x World Cup and International best Lacrosse player in the world Hannah Nielsen, World Cup rower and AFL footballer Barnaby French, SA Scorpions Women's Cricket team, 4x World Cup Lacrosse player Nigel Morton, and lastly an extra special one for the JP from kids entertainer KimmiBop!

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On Wednesday, staff and students represented their team colours with pride and made gold coin donations to help cover the costs of the wheelchair sports lessons. A big thanks to all those who donated.

At break times, we had extra equipment out with lots of students enjoying the totem tennis on the oval. We also had the Yr 6/7 students take on staff in a wheelchair basketball game. The staff dominated with the help of the roaring crowd support - and perhaps a little sitting height advantage ;)



On Thursday, all was abuzz when Channel 7 showed up to capture the amazingly talented and accomplished Paralympian Jocelyn Neumuller who joined us at assembly to talk about her achievements and living with a disability. Jocelyn's story is incredibly inspiring and her message was clear...

**DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN'T DO, JUST FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN DO!**



Jocelyn was a PEPS student herself and our school is very proud to claim her as one of our own, she certainly taught us that anything is possible! We wish her all the best when she heads to the USA in 3 weeks to represent Australia in the International Para Surfing World Championships! GO JOCELYN!!!

During the week, there was a PE Week Quiz. Well done to all those who completed and submitted theirs. At assembly, those who completed the quiz correctly won prizes. Congratulations to Bentley W, Miranda H, Bentley G and Macey R.

And finally, a big thank you to all staff and students for participating in the activities and supporting the HPE curriculum in a fun and active week.



Kate Reynolds – PE Staff

# REMEMBRANCE DAY



## Lest we forget

On 11/11/2021 three Year 6/7 classes walked down and attended the Remembrance Day Service to honour and pay respect to the Australians who have fought and died in wars. SRC Executives Bailey D, Blair W, Mia S-B and Keeley I laid a wreath at the War Memorial on the Strand in Port Elliot on behalf of the Port Elliot Primary School community.



## Outdoor Classroom Day

On Thursday 11 November, Port Elliot Primary students took their learning outside to participate in National Outdoor Classroom Day.

The students took part in a wide range of interesting and fun curriculum activities including potion making, a veggie garden treasure hunt, mandala making, scientific drawing and lots of old-fashioned games.

Being aware of and connected to our outdoor environment builds positive well-being for all.





## AFTER SCHOOL SURFING PROGRAM

After School Surfing has returned with the passing of the baton from Sarah to Pak Tim. Over the past two years, Port Elliot Primary has shown exemplary values winning the Spirit of Surfing trophy. 11 students have begun well enough to have been mentioned by instructors in the first two weeks.

Day Street has produced less than amazing waves, but despite the conditions all students have returned to the beach with nothing but grins. Many of the students are very capable surfers and challenged themselves, to get 'out the back'.

After school surfing is usually held at Surfers Parade or 'Day Street' each Monday from 4:30 – 6:15. Our students are joined by Goolwa Primary and Victor Harbour Primary school in the water.

## Local Sporting Success Stories!

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.

## 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.



**Sports Day 2022**  
Tentatively set for Week 10, Term 1,  
Friday 8th April 2022.

## 2022 HOUSE CAPTAINS

The current Year 5's were invited to apply for House Captain in 2022 and have been busy working on their campaign. Speeches will be delivered to all classes next week 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.

# Port Elliot Community Garden

*An exciting new initiative for Port Elliot.  
Space to garden, grow your own food,  
share your gardening passion!*

Information about the Port Elliot Community Garden project can be found on the Port Elliot Town & Foreshore Improvement Association website or by contacting Friends of Port Elliot Community Garden members

**Elizabeth 0409679944 or Ian 0421144671**

To enable the formation of a community garden in Port Elliot **add your positive and supportive comments at**  
**[mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/portelliotcommunitygarden](https://mysay.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/portelliotcommunitygarden)**

