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How high can our fish fly?



NEWSLETTER | TERM 1, WEEK 6

MARCH 7TH, 2019



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Sound off.

As staff are learning and understanding more about student's (and their own) sensory needs, we have reflected on the loud noise that our school bell makes at various times throughout the day.

The sound of the bell has traditionally been used to signal transition times to students and staff, including start, finish and break times.

The bell needs to be loud enough to be heard over the noise during the end of playtimes.

However, in the classrooms during learning time it can be quite disruptive, causing some students and teachers a level of discomfort.

With this in mind, staff will conduct a trial over the coming weeks.

During this trial period, the bells will not ring to signal the start of breaks or to end the day. Instead, students will be able to leave the class at break times and at 3:15pm when verbally dismissed by the teacher.

Ideally, we would like to find some other way of signalling break times and are working with facilities management to change the bell system in the future.

There will be a review of how successful the changes were later in the term. Family feedback can also be shared via dl.0356.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Brenton Hudson

Key Dates

Student Free Day
Tuesday 12 March

SAPSASA Carnival
Yr 5/6/7 Girl's Football
Thursday 14 March

Way to A Workshop
Thursday 21 March

2019 Sports Day
Term 1 Week 10
Friday 5 April

CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY



Amelia & Jordyn were unimpressed with how much rubbish they found!

On Friday 1st March students and staff participated in the Clean Up Our Schools initiative as part of the International Clean Up Australia campaign.

Students were surprised at how much rubbish they collected around the school and in our local community. Mrs Warner's class did an audit of the rubbish and found that over 75% of this rubbish was single use plastic! The most interesting item collected was a sock puppet!



Students in Mrs Warner's class audited their rubbish - mostly single use plastic.



Ms Lacey's class filled two bags of rubbish

Well done to all of the classes who participated. Every bit of rubbish picked up makes a big difference to our environment.



Mr Taylor's class cleaned up Hunter's Garden

Sports Day T Shirt Order Form

NAME/S.....

CLASS'.....

PLEASE TICK COLOUR AND SIZE

COST:- 4-16 \$7.00

S-L \$9.00

QKr app Preferred



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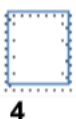
BOOMER



KNIGHTS



SIZE:



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Last day to order Friday 15TH March. If not using QKr app please bring form back to Front Office.

PE & SAPSASA

Student Leadership Day

The 2019 House Captains and Yr 3-7 SRC were involved in a Student Leadership Day held at our school on Friday, 1st of March 2019. Trina, Karen, Kate and Brenton along, with guest speaker Ashley Manuel from Growing With Gratitude, held presentations and ran workshops and team building activities for students. The themes of the day were focusing on gratitude, resilience, self belief, ownership, empathy, appreciating others and the skill of reframing. The students then set goals to help them be effective leaders who "make a positive difference" in 2019.

SAPSASA Yr 5-7 Girls' Football Crows Cup

On Thursday 14th March our 2 Year 5/6/7 Girls' Football teams will play in a 9 a side carnival at Strathalbyn. Notes have been sent home for interested players and practices are occurring at Break times. We wish the girls well!

NETBALL SELECTIONS

Congratulations to Ashlee, Jade and Jemma who have been selected in the local netball association (GSNA) 11 and Under Representative team. Well done girls. We hope you enjoy the experience and learn a lot about netball..



SAPSASA Swimming

The SAPSASA Swimming carnival was held on Monday 25th February at Strathalbyn Swimming Centre. We had 14 students compete and represent our school. Our school finished 3rd for the day, with Eastern Fleurieu School and Victor Harbor Primary in 1st and 2nd place. 10 schools competed overall.

Well done to the students for trying their hardest and achieving their best result on the day. We had many place getters, with five students being invited to represent our Southern Fleurieu District at the State SAPSASA swim meet in a few weeks, at Marion Aquatic Centre. Congratulations to Ava, April, Keat, Harry and Mia. We wish you all the best.

Some results were:

50m Freestyle: 1st Keat & Mia 2nd April & Harry 4th Ava
50m Backstroke: 2nd Harry 3rd Keat & Ava 4th Maddi 5th April & Ethan 6th Ella
50m Breaststroke: 2nd Harry & Ava 6th Jade
50m Butterfly: 2nd Harry, Keat and Ava 4th Jade

Congratulations to all and thanks again to all our adult helpers on the day.

Local Sporting Success Stories!

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

STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY

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The students involved in the Student Leadership Day seemed to really enjoy the opportunity and were very grateful to Ashley and the staff who organised and ran the day.

Our School has received 12 months free access to the **Growing With Gratitude** program, which is fully resourced online. All students and staff will have access to this program to further develop these leadership skills and personal qualities.

Families are welcome to access the Home Grown Gratitude program. The login for the Family version is: <https://go.growingwithgratitude.com.au/familymembership-area> (must log in from this URL)

LOGIN DETAILS:

Email: family@peps.com.au (the email login is made up, the purpose of the email is purely for login)
Password: family (all lower case)

For more info about the **Growing With Gratitude** program please contact Ashley on:

+61 (0) 405 188 355

info@growingwithgratitude.com.au

[facebook.com/growingwithgratitude](https://www.facebook.com/growingwithgratitude)



A POSITIVE APPROACH

Using the 'Way to A' as a behaviour management strategy at home

What is the 'Way to A'?

'The Way to A focuses on motivating a child towards the alternative, not just teaching the alternative...'

...it outlines the problem in child-friendly language and pictures, provides an alternative behaviour, and then gives the child a direct, personal, and concrete incentive to use the alternative behaviour.

(Author: Manasco, H.)



WORKSHOP

USING A AND B CHOICES AT HOME

Thursday 21 MARCH, 2019

Parents and carers are invited to this special workshop to learn how to use the highly visual, concrete program The Way to A© in the home environment. The program provides visual information to assist a person to clearly identify 'A' and 'B' choices, and to provide motivation to make 'A' choices.

Time: 9:30am-12:30pm

Venue: Elizabeth

Cost: \$171.96

NDIS funding may be used to access these workshops. Please complete the questions relating to your participants NDIS Plan when registering.

Visit our website www.autismsa.org.au

For assistance in registering please contact

Emma Bennett, Training, Consultancy and Research Officer on 8462 0658 or ebennett@autismsa.org.au

For further information regarding the content of the workshop please contact

Kate Exner, the Training and Consultancy Coordinator on 0421 326 710 or kexner@autismsa.org.au

Interested in Volunteering at Port Elliot Primary School?

Prerequisites required from Volunteers in school include:

DCSI Criminal History Clearance: paid by the school, valid for 3 years.

See Jo in admin to commence the online requirements to complete your criminal history clearance.

Responding to Abuse and Neglect In Education and Care Settings for volunteers: valid for 3 years, cost is free. To complete the RAN-EC Online Via Plink <https://www.plink.sa.edu.au/pages/signup.jsf> must provide copies of certificates to school.

Work Health and Safety Induction To Site: required prior to Volunteering in the school. Please book through Front Office with admin staff once you have the above documentation.

All documentation is required prior to volunteering in the school.

