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NEWSLETTER | TERM 1, WEEK 2

FEBRUARY 9, 2023



Welcome to our new Receptions

Community.
Confidence.
Respect.

Key Dates

Parent / Carer Reader Workshop

15 Feb, 5-6 pm
In classrooms 901/902

Governing Council AGM

20 Feb 7 pm

SPORTS DAY 2023

Week 10, Term 1
6 April

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome to The 2023 School Year

Can you believe it's already Week 2? I hope you all had a wonderful break over the summer and had plenty of opportunities to relax and recharge. This term is shaping up to be a busy one. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and our Facebook page for any updated information for the school term.

Seesaw and Family Communication

Families are a crucial part of every child's learning. We encourage you to get involved in your child's success and challenges. Throughout the year, look out for Coffee & Cake opportunities when you can meet with teachers and leaders to discuss various topics to support each other.

Seesaw is an excellent communication app, however it differs from social media in that it communicates between the profession of education and the family. Teachers will share student work and messages, leadership also use it for important letters and newsletters. Our teachers are available to answer messages during business hours and will always try to get back to you within two days. For any urgent messages, please phone 8554 3399.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE – (CONT)

Governing Council AGM Monday 20 February 7pm

As teachers and SSOs, the students of Port Elliot Primary are our # 1 focus, but we always need input from families.

To ensure you have a greater say in the school's direction and understand how decisions are made, we invite you to join the Governing Council.

This group of parents and staff meet two times a term, usually on a Monday night for about 90 minutes. Each year we need new parents to join the group with new ideas.

If you're interested, please come to the library at 7pm Monday 20 February, we would love to have you join us.

2023 Newsletter Dates

This year, there will be three school newsletters per term so look out for those on Seesaw and on our website every third week.

Phones & Smartwatches

A reminder that students' mobile phones and smart watches are NOT to be used while at school as per the Department for Education policy.



Welcome to our new teachers



Caitlin Rose in Room 301 with Year 4/5s and Craig Farlam with Year 5/6s in Room 102. We look forward to working with you both and seeing everything you bring to Port Elliot Primary.

Brenton Hudson – Principal



Daily Timetable

This year, you will find a small change to our school timetable. School starts and finishes at the same time but the 30 minute breaks have changed:

- 8:25 am Students are supervised onsite
- 8:55 am Students enter classrooms, lessons start
- 11:25 am BREAK 1 (30 min)
- 11:55 am ALL Students eating lunch with teacher supervision
- 1:55 pm BREAK 2 (30 min)
- 2:55 pm Students in class
- 3:15 pm Dismissal
- 3:45 pm Site supervision for bus students ends



Parent/Carer Reading Workshop

Come and learn how you can best support your child in learning to read.

Wednesday 15th Feb, 5-6pm
In classrooms 901/902

Tea/coffee and light refreshments available.
Creche provided at no cost, please phone front office to confirm crèche booking.

Home Internet

The student home internet program can provide internet access to students who do not have reliable home internet to learn and study at home. Internet access supports extended learning at home and allows teachers to design more learning experiences that use digital technology.

Who's eligible?

Open to SA government school students who don't have adequate home internet access. Students must only use the internet access for learning and study at home. To find out more about the program and how parents and carers can apply, visit Free home internet access for students.

www.education.sa.gov.au

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

It's time to get back to school and meet other parents. All welcome.

Coffee & Cake

Port Elliot Primary School
Tuesday 14th February 2023
8:45am- 10 am Room 4.03



Welcome back budding authors, the first Flash Fiction of 2023 is here!

We are giving away free a Zooper Dooper for each entry. Take a look at this week's picture, a T-Rex marauding through a city.

- What city is it?
- Why is the T-Rex in the city?
- What destruction is it causing?

Remember, the story mustn't be more than 50 words total. Once you've finished your spellbinding story, please put it in the relevant folder (R-2, 3-4 & 5-6) in Mrs Turley's Literacy room. Good luck and we can't wait to read your story!

In PE this year, we'll be focusing on learning and further developing our Fundamental Movement Skills, the skills required for successful team work and participation in many sporting activities and events.

Fitness and active lifestyles are also a focus. Students from Year 3-6 will be undertaking the athletic field events of shot put and discus during PE lessons, as a possible Sports Day tabloid and if they choose to participate in the School Sport SA Athletics trials.

If you have concerns or choose not to have your child undertake these activities please email trina.doig836@schools.sa.edu.au or arrange a time to meet with Trina at school.

Students are required in all PE lessons to wear appropriate footwear and clothing conducive to successful participation, so please be sure to encourage your child to wear these needs every day we have PE.

They also require a hat in Terms 1 and 4.

Thank you.

Sports Day Date 2023

Our school Sports Day has been set as Thursday Week 10, Term 1, 6th April 2023.

In PE students have begun practicing Team activities and talking about Sports Day chants and the warm up activity.

Every student should soon know which House Team and colour they are in. If you need to purchase a top for the day so that your child can be dressed in their Team colours, please inquire at the front office.

2023 House Captains

Congratulations to all the students who ran for 2023 House Captain.

The students who were voted in by their peers to represent them this year at Sports Day and throughout the year are:

Commodore

Phoenix, James, Finn and Isaac

Boomer

Annabelle, Rosie, Xavier and Jessica

Knights

Sophia, Sol, Ayden and Alexis

Freeman

Charlize, Matilda, Luke, Hudson

These students have started preparing for Sports Day, have organised the new team chants (please refer to page 4 of this newsletter for copies of the chants to practice at home), are working on the warm up and are coordinating break time activities. A busy and productive start!

SPORTS DAY CHANTS

Knights chant



Knights are here
We've got the heat

It's time to start
Our winning streak.

We'll have fun
And try our best

The other teams
Will need some
rest!

At the end of
the day

When we are done
Knights will finish
Number 1!

K.N.I.G.H.T.S

GOOO KNIGHTS

Boomer chant



Boomer Boomer
Boom, Boom, Boom

Watch our
score go
Zoom, Zoom, Zoom

You'll hear us cheer
Loud and clear

This is going to be
our year

We're rough
We're tough

We're hard to beat
Come on Boomer
Let's defeat

Make us proud
Shout out loud

The name that will
Attract the crowd.

B. O. O. M. E. R

GO BOOMER!

Freeman chant



Come on Freeman
Let's have
some fun

And we will
finish number 1!

We can jump
We can run

But most of all
We'll have
some fun

At the end of
the day

We will jump
up and say

This is our
Winning day.

F.R.E.E.M.A.N

GOOOO FREEMAN!

Commodore chant



Turn on the radio
What do you hear?

Commodore,
Commodore
Saying our
cheer.

All the other
teams
You better
watch out

'Cos we are
going to
Kick you out.

Come on
Commodore

Let's have fun
And we will finish
Number 1!

C.O.M.M.O.D.O.R.E.

GOOOO

COMMODORE!

School Sport SA (SAPSASA, SACA, SANFL & SA Tennis) Events

Our school participates in a wide range of extra sporting events throughout the year. Trina and Kate train and trial students during PE lessons and at Break times, to represent the school at these events.

The events we anticipate competing in this year and their tentative dates are as follows:

- Swimming (students born 2013, 2012, 2011).
Thur 2 March at Strathalbyn Pool
- Football (Yr 5/6 girls). Victor Harbor Football Club, normally in Term 1. TBA
- Football (Yr 5/6 boys). Encounter Bay Carnival
Wednesday 12 April
- Cross Country (students born 2013, 2012, 2011) Thur 11 May Encounter Lutheran School
- Athletics (students born 2013, 2012, 2011).
Friday 26 May at Victor R-7.
- Netball (Yr 5/6 girls). Victor Harbor Netball Club Friday 2 June
- Basketball (Yr 5/6 girls & boys), normally Term 3. TBA. Morphett Vale Stadium
- Tennis (Yr 3/4) Fri 27 Oct Victor Tennis courts
- Cricket (Yr 5/6) Wed 22 Nov at Port Elliot Oval

When dates are confirmed and information on these events is available we will put notices in the Newsletter, inform students in PE lessons and send notes home with the students who are interested.

Photo displays will be put up on the gym windows so feel free to come and have a look after events at some of the photos taken.

There also will be opportunities for students to try out for the Southern Fleurieu District Association teams in various sports. Again, when this information becomes available to us we will inform all eligible students via this newsletter, within PE lessons and notices home.

The District convenor will also be posting information on the Southern Fleurieu Facebook page. Our Southern Fleurieu Zone Convenor is Jonathon Koutsikis.

School Sport SA State Teams Selections

Interested students wanting to trial for State teams, please refer to the website to access all trial information and nomination forms.

www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport



If you wish to trial for a team, an online nomination must be completed and submitted by the due date for each sport.

Information for each sport is available by clicking on **List of Sports**, then the sport you are interested in nominating for. (Please note a separate nomination form is required for each sport).

It is up to the student and their parent or caregiver to enrol, pay and attend the try outs. See Trina or Kate at school if you need more information about this process.

School Sport SA Swimming

Students born in 2013, 2012 and 2011 were offered the opportunity to nominate for a spot in our school Swimming team.

The carnival is planned to be held on Thursday 2nd March at Strathalbyn Swimming Centre.

Please make sure all forms are completed and brought back to school as soon as possible. If you need further information about this carnival, please contact Trina at school.

Trina Doig and Kate Reynolds

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.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications **are now online.**

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

- STEP 1** Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard
- STEP 2** Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.
- STEP 3** Complete all mandatory fields.
Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.
- STEP 4** Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.
- STEP 5** Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.
Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.



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