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Key Dates

NAIDOC Excursion
Thursday 6th July

LAST DAY OF TERM
Fri 7th July
Early dismissal 2.15pm

RAA Street Smart Sessions
Friday 7th July

Term 3 Starts
Monday 24th July

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Individual Student Reports, new concise format

At the end of next week, students will bring home their school reports for the first time this year. The format has been reduced in length with a greater focus on individual comments. The general subject descriptions have been removed, and all comments under subject areas are now specifically about your child's progress and next steps in learning.

We encourage you to carefully read the teacher comments in conjunction with the achievement and effort grades. This is an important summary of learning and directions for improvement. Students have completed a self-reflection, which is included as an insert. These provide valuable insights and are a great starting point for discussion.

An enormous amount of after-hours Teacher time goes into writing detailed reports. These are accurate summaries of student improvement and areas for growth. Spending time carefully reading your child's report will give all parents/caregivers an accurate understanding of your child's strengths and challenges.

Principal Cathy Knight

NAPLAN Reports Principal Cathy Knight

New updated student reports to families

Families of Year 3 and 5 students will soon be receiving their child's NAPLAN summary, possibly this term. Student's results will now be reported against four levels of achievement instead of the previous ten "proficiency bands". These new levels are "exceeding", "strong", "developing" and "needs additional support". As always, please contact the school if you need any further clarification.



Have a question about student reports?



Is a satisfactory grade ok?

Yes, satisfactory means your child has achieved the required curriculum year level standard. They are working at the level expected for that year level, all around Australia.

My child stays on satisfactory every year, are they progressing?

Yes, if your child continues to have a satisfactory grade they are demonstrating one year's academic growth in 12 months. The requirement to achieve a satisfactory grade each year is reflective of that year level curriculum. Always consider the grade in conjunction with the effort eg a satisfactory achievement with a good or excellent effort is to be celebrated, whereas satisfactory with a minimal or partial effort is concerning. If you feel like your child is "coasting" please make a time to speak to the classroom teacher.

My child's grades or effort have gone down and I'm concerned, what should I do?

Please Seesaw message or phone the school to arrange an appointment time with the class teacher. Early identification of learning challenges is important to ensure the appropriate supports are provided. We have many avenues for communication and work hard to ensure families are aware of all children's strengths and areas of concern, however you are always welcome to come in and discuss any concerns.

Port Elliot Primary Mobile Phone Policy

All South Australian Schools are required to have a Mobile Phone Policy in place by the start of Term 3. The Port Elliot Primary School Mobile Phone Policy has been operating since Term 1 and is clearly understood and followed by students. Mobile phones are not allowed to be used whilst on school grounds or camps/activities. Please note that this includes devices which may be connected to phones, eg watches. If families need to contact students through the school day please phone the front office. Thank you for your on-going support. The full policy will be available on the school website www.ptelliotps.sa.edu.au



Congratulations to Ms Tamika Williams on her appointment to Coomandook Area School, commencing Term 3. This is a sad farewell for our school community as Tamika has been a wonderful teacher and colleague. We sincerely thank her for her contribution to Port Elliot Primary and wish her all the best in her new ventures in the South East. Ms Kate Reynolds (Mondays) and Ms Nicole Cleggett (Tuesdays to Fridays) will be Year 3 / 4 classroom teachers in 5.07.

MRS LACEY YEAR 1/2 CLASS PJ DAY

The pros of wearing PJs to school

We should wear pyjamas because on cold days they are warm and snuggly and we can snuggle them – Ivy

We should wear pjs so I don't have to get dressed every day and I cannot be late for school so I can go to the playground – Marley

I wish there were pj every day because I could sleep and watch movies every day – Julian

We should wear pj every day because it will be warm and soft and if I brought my bear it will be soft for everyone – Esme

Some cons of wearing PJs to school

I think we shouldn't wear pjs to school because you won't have anything to wear to bed – Jonah

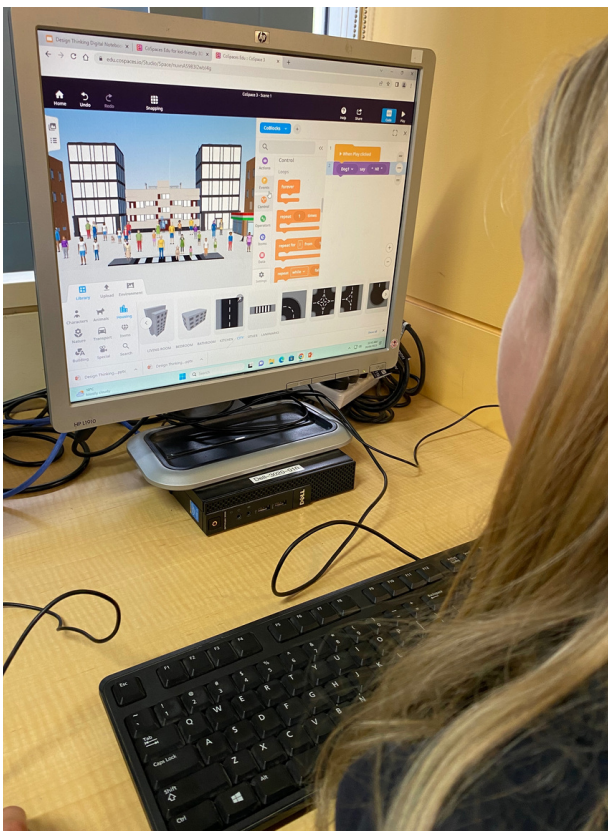
I don't want people to see my PJs – Winter



LUMINATION INCURSION

Playing with technology

Earlier this year, our school won an 'Emerging Technologies' kit, which includes VR/AR technology, a drone and some codable AR robots. To help with the implementation of this technology into the curriculum, 'Lumination' visited the school for a half-day incursion. Students were selected from Year 3-6 to participate and had the opportunity to try out the VR headsets and several different programs to design their own AR objects. We had an awesome day and the students returned to class buzzing with excitement!



Southern Fleurieu District Soccer trials information

Southern Fleurieu would like to invite Year 5 & 6 boys and girls to nominate to attend trials with the possibility of being selected to play for the district, playing Soccer against other district teams at the School Sport SA SAPSASA State Carnival. The carnival will be played at Services FM Stadium – home of Football SA (Cnr Matildas Drive & Briens Rd, Gepps Cross) from Wed 16th – Fri 18th August. Approx cost will be \$90. Transport to the carnival each day to be organised by parents. A trial note with online nomination details was sent home with students who were interested. Please see Trina at school if you would like any further information.



School Sport SA Southern Fleurieu District Netball Representation

Congratulations to Ruby P, Matilda, Annabelle and Holly (reserve) who were selected to represent our District in the State Netball carnival held at Netball SA Priceline Stadium this week. We hope you had a wonderful experience.



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 Southern Fleurieu District Hockey Representation

Congratulations to Niko and Taj who were selected to represent our District in the State Hockey carnival in Adelaide this week. We hope you all had a very enjoyable experience.



School Sport SA SAPSASA State Cross Country District Representation

Congratulations to Audrey, Lilliana, Tobias and Ollie who represented our Southern Fleurieu District at the School Sport SA SAPSASA State Cross Country carnival held at Oakbank Racecourse on Thursday 8th June. The day was very wet, muddy and windy but they all enjoyed the experience.

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 newsletter.

School Sport SA Basketball Carnival

Interested Year 5/6 students have been involved in trials and practicing for our girls and boys basketball teams. Teams will play in a carnival at Morphett Vale Stadium on Thursday 10th August (Term 3 Week 3). Info has been sent home with selected players.

Port Elliot Primary School Parent Network



What is Parent Network?

Parent Network is a group of dedicated parent volunteers who raise money for our school.

Funds raised are used to provide additional resources for activities/equipment that are **fun** and **educational** or **improve** the school in a way that benefits all year levels equally.

What we do:

In a nutshell... fundraising!

Our current fundraising activities include Fun Lunch (once per term) and the selling of Icy Poles (each Friday from the canteen).

However previously we have undertaken many fundraising activities such as raffles, pie/lamington drives, bulb drives, cupcake/milo days etc.

Parent Network funds have been used for:

- Library/reader bags provided to Reception students every year
- Playground upgrades/paving/soft-fall
- New iPads
- Wi-Fi upgrade
- New SAPSASA tops
- Incursion events e.g. Rock wall climbing, Planetarium and Author visits etc.
- Special whole-school excursions e.g. Dream Big Festival.
- And so much more!

Parent Network does not fund standard curriculum activities or site improvements that are the responsibility of the school.

Being part of Parent Network:

Committee members – are those strongly involved with Parent Network activities, either managing events, support those who manage, or take on additional roles or tasks to support events.

Volunteers – are valuable supporters of these events who assist on the day.

Committee members and volunteers are welcome to attend all meetings and vote on future planning, events, and spending.

How to join:

Come along to a meeting – advertised in the school newsletter, PEPS Facebook page and/or Seesaw.

Volunteer for an activity – these are advertised by notes sent home, or on the PEPS Facebook page.

Get in touch via Facebook (please like and follow the Port Elliot Primary School Facebook page to see Parent Network posts) or by contacting the school on 85543399.