

NEWSLETTER ISSUE 6

MAY 8TH 2014

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D I A R Y D A T E	12 th	Reedy/Gross Monarto Zoo Excursion Governing Council 7.30pm Swimming-9:08- 9:07-4:02
	13 th	NAPLAN
	14 th	NAPLAN
	15 th	NAPLAN FUN LUNCH ASSEMBLY
	16 th	J.P. Families Picnic-Lakala
	19 th	Swimming-3:08-5:02-4:01
	20 th	Swimming-3:08-5:02-4:01 Year 6/7's-Misty Brae Excursion
	21 st	Swimming-3:08-5:02-4:01
	22 nd	SCHOOL PHOTOS

SPORTS DAY

Port Elliot Primary School had an outstanding sports day held on Thursday 3rd of April. It was a bit wet to start but the clouds cleared to have a great day. All the teams competed well with a close result at the end. We were pleased with the sportsmanship shown by many students of all ages.

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, uncles and aunties who came along to cheer on the children.

An event of this type is successful thanks to the efforts of many people:

- Trina Doig; Physical Education teacher who worked tirelessly with classes and staff to organise the day.
- Michelle Whitehead, Richard Martin and their player assistants (Henry, Will and Joel)coaches from last years Championship SAPSASA teams for opening the sport day and judging the march, chants and warm up.
- Steven Taylor (Governing Council Chairperson) for being the official starter to the sprint events.
- The Lions club volunteers who served over 200 sausages in the canteen. Thankyou!
- The Victor Harbor High School Physical Education students and their teacher Simon Harris who helped run activities and ensured the day ran smoothly.
- Wayne Beadman; groundsman who marked out the oval and had the grass all ready for the day.
- All staff, who, practiced with their classes, set up before students arrived and packed up after.

I hope all Students and Parents had a great day. Congratulations to Freeman for their overall win, but also to Commodore and Boomer for their efforts on the day.

NAPLAN Tests 2014

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. On Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May, students will undertake the 2014 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in Literacy and Numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in Numeracy And Literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to

LEADERSHIP NEWS

Welcome to Term 2

The coming few weeks are particularly busy ones for Port Elliot Primary School as students in Year 3, 5 and 7 prepare for the NAPLAN test. Plus all classes from Reception to Year 5 have swimming lessons and Mrs Reedy and Mrs Gross's class head off on camp.

It is therefore very important that students are on time to class and teachers are informed of any absences, please contact the school either via phone 8554 3399 or email dl.0356_info@schools.sa.edu.au if your student is away.

New students

Welcome to Port Elliot Primary School:. Alissa, Ashton, Kyle, Isabelle, Emily, Deegan and Seth. We hope you enjoy being part of our school community.

Welcome Kyla McHughes

Kyla is our new Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO). Kyla will be working mostly with Aboriginal students and families. Kyla is here on Monday's and Wednesday's. She has an excellent understanding of Aboriginal and Narijarri culture and a welcome addition to our staff. During the first few weeks Kyla has been meeting the students and begun making contact with families.



monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au or you can ask your child's class teachers.

It has certainly been a busy start to the term

Junior Primary students Family Picnic

This week you will receive a yellow flyer about a family picnic. This is to invite all parents and grandparents to come to a family picnic at Lakala Reserve between 11:20 and 1:00 on Friday the 16th of May. Students will take their own lunch along to eat at the park. If you are coming to the park to share lunch with your child, you can bring their lunch with you. Parents are welcome to come on the walk there and back. The classes attending will be Miss Dale, Mrs Simon, Mrs Lacey, Miss Steele, Mrs Dorward/Mrs James and Mrs Allsop/Mrs Milis'. We look forward to seeing you there.

I Maths

At our Junior Primary meeting next week Rachelle Dale and Vicki Lacey will be sharing with the teachers the I Maths program. These two teachers have found this is an excellent way to work with students and other teachers are keen to know more.

Leadership Team

CHRISTIAN PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

SPECIAL PEOPLE

Last week, at lunch time activities, children had a lot of fun creating Mother's Day gifts. I watched as many took a lot of care to make sure it was exactly the right personal message written to show how much they loved their mums. Even famous people were open in making sure their mothers were honoured. Some quotes about mothers are: *Abraham Lincoln* "I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me and clung to me all my life."

Stevie Wonder: "Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness."

Leonardo De Caprio "My mother is a walking miracle."

Alicia Keys: " My Mum is my rock."

Our mothers are very special. All throughout our lives they give us unconditional love and support so on Mother's Day pamper that special person in your life or be celebrated for being that special person in your children's lives.

Blessings

**Deb Pryor
CPSW**



COUNSELLOR


Flying Fish Awards- Congratulations to Riley B, Airlie U, Mia H, Mason G, Caitlin B, Chelsy P, Matawai S, Leo O and Dylan K. for receiving Flying Fish Awards in the first week of term two. Well done!

Lunch Time Activities

There are many activities offered at lunch times for all of our students. Enclosed is a timetable of the different activities offered. If your child says they have nothing to do or trouble finding friends, direct them to try something new.

- **Monday** Counsellor room open
Nunga Room with Kyla open
Computer room Minecraft with Mrs Turley
- **Tuesday** Computer room with Ms Lacey
Dancing with Bu Cathy
Gardening with Mrs Allsop
- **Wednesday** Counsellor room open
Girls fun with Annie in the gym
- **Thursday** Computer room with Mrs Reynolds
Trina JP focus or SAPSASA
Deb (Chaplain) Games
- **Friday** Counsellor room open.
Gardening with Mrs James

Friendships

 **Kidsmatter provides information sheets** for families on all aspects of mental health and wellbeing. At Port Elliot Primary School we are starting to introduce SEL lessons (SEL Social and Emotional Learning) which explicitly teaches students strategies and skills to

- Make and build relationships with others
- Manage their own emotions
- Recognise the link between SEL and academic success

Relationships skills are important to a child's future success as an adult as well as their day-to-day life. We need to know how to make and maintain friendships, resolve conflict, make decisions and solve problems to get along in the world.

Children aren't born with these skills. Like many skills, they are learned and improved with regular practice as children mature.

With positive and effective guidance from families, children can develop these life skills and experience good mental health and wellbeing. Information sheets are available in the front office and www.kidsmatter.edu.au

**Have a great week!
Cheers Karen
School Counsellor**



PARENT NETWORK

FUN LUNCH Next Thursday May 15

Please remember money on the day, this can be a good time to sit with your children and go through the amount of money that they need and what change they will get. Talk about not giving their money away to other children. Just a reminder children's hot food, drink and any change will happen first. Then they can come back for their cake and ice creams, once all lunches have been served.

If you can donate some cupcakes, bring them to the canteen from 8.30 on the day. If you can please help on the day arrive at the canteen by 12.

Starting Wednesday 21st May we are going to offer warm milo every Wednesday at lunchtimes. Children could bring their own mug (therefore less rubbish around the school). The cup of Milo will be \$1.50. Ice creams will be available Friday lunch time.

Thanks to all who put your names down to help, you should have your roster soon.

SCHOOL PHOTOS THURSDAY MAY 22

All children will be required to wear school uniform, no jumpers will be worn in photos so please make sure the uniform is under the jumper.

Family photos are only for siblings at the school and will start in the Gym from 8.45am. Please bring or send them to the Gym together on arrival at school.

Our next Parent Network meeting is Thursday 29th May at 9am in the Staff Room.

Parent Network Committee

ICE CREAMS are on sale Wednesday and Friday, thanks to all who put your names down to help.

Frozen Yoghurt	\$0.80
Juice Stick	\$1.00
Billabong	\$1.80
Milo Scoop	\$2.50



SCHOOL FEES/SCHOOL CARD

You will have received your unpaid fee statement recently, please pay, make a plan or come and get a school card application form from the front office.

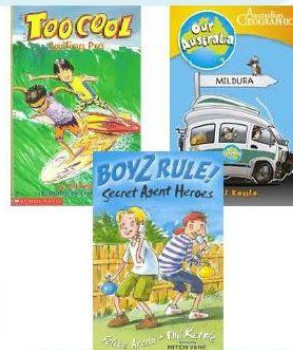
Only works out to \$1.07 per day. If you haven't yet paid for swimming please do so at your earliest convenience.

Thankyou Vicki M.

RESOURCE CENTRE

Author Phil Kettle

On Monday 5th May well known Victorian children's author Phil Kettle visited our school to run writing workshops with 9 of our classes. Phil is the author of the very popular **Too Cool**, **Boyz Rule** and **Girls Rock** series of books. He has also written the **Marcy**, **Great Reads** and **Our Australia** series of books. Phil has had 160 of his books published so far and is still busy writing. Phil spoke to the students about



the importance of reading and shared his guidelines for writing a story. We were very lucky to be one of the 5 schools in South Australia that Phil was able to visit this week. Thank you to the Parent Network who made this possible by funding Phil's visit so that all students from the 9 participating classes could attend his sessions. Phil's books are some of the most frequently borrowed from the library and it was great for students to get to know the person who created their favourite books.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 3 Scholastic Book Club brochures have been distributed to students by classroom teachers. Please have order forms back at school by **Monday 12th May**. Make sure your child's name and room number are clearly marked at the top of the order form.



Sandy Bevan/ Dorothy Geaghan

Victor Harbor High School

School Tours:
Term 2 Week 4

Wednesday 21st/05
2:30pm

Thursday- 22nd/05
9:30am

Friday- 23rd/05
11:30am



Sports Day was held on Thursday 3rd April. Students participated in many Team activities and school events. Congratulations to Freeman for winning the Championship Shield with Commodore coming 2nd and Boomer 3rd. Well done to Ella S and Kane for winning the Open 800m race.

Congratulations to the House Captains for their organisation leading up to and on the day.



Thanks to our many helpers on the day and thankyou to all the supporters.

We appreciate you all giving up your time and for all of your effort to support our school. It was a great day enjoyed by many.

NEW SAPSASA SPORTS TOPS

Our new tops have arrived and look amazing. The students wore them for the first time at Cross Country this week. Photos of the students wearing these new tops will be in the next newsletter along with the Cross Country, Football and Netball results.

Thanks again to Parent Network for funding these fantastic new tops.

SAPSASA Cross Country

25 students have been training during class time, recess and lunch times for our local Cross Country event held yesterday Wednesday 7th May in Victor Harbor. All competed well in great weather and had a great day. More details will be in the next newsletter.

SAPSASA Knockout Netball and Football

The first round game will be held on Friday May 9th at Port Elliot Primary School versus Encounter Lutheran School at 1:30pm. Matt Smith and Annie Kraft will be coaching. Practices have been occurring at break times. Thanks to John Whitbourne for volunteering to umpire the football and to Fraser Cooper and Jamie

Ayris for offering to assist with goal umpiring, etc. Thanks to Karen Robinson for offering to umpire the netball and to Kerry Lange, Sue Lawn and Tracey Grivell for offering to score, timekeep and assist at the netball. Without adult volunteers these events couldn't occur. Feel free to come along and cheer the teams on.

SAPSASA Knockout Soccer

We have entered a SAPSASA Knockout Soccer team in both the girls and boys divisions this year. **Thank you so much to Josh Peters for volunteering to coach the soccer teams.** Without this support we would not be able to compete in these competitions. The first game for the boys is booked to be played on Friday May 30th at Breakers Oval. The girls have advanced to the second round as we had a bye in the first round. Practices are occurring with Josh at Breakers Oval every Monday at 4:30pm.

Local Sporting Success Stories!

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

Please refer to the school website for further PE News, SAPSASA dates and for a link to the SAPSASA website.

Trina Doig
P E Coordinator



SCHOOL NEWS

Gardening news

Recently the Rotary club of Encounter Bay contacted our school. They were looking to support us in a project we are doing or about to undertake to support the youth of the local area. We wrote a brief application and on Thursday the 24th April Brenton Hudson and Jodie

Allsop went to a presentation event to accept our donation of \$1000.

We plan to use the donation to help re-establish the vegetable garden. The school has already had much interest in the garden and this means many of the great ideas we have can finally come true. We are in the process of accepting a quote for the garden fence and seeds have been purchased and we will start planting soon. We thank Rotary so much for their generous donation. These funds were raised from the money they are getting by organizing the Port Elliot and Goolwa Markets.

If you would like to help in the school garden we will be working every **Tuesday and Friday Lunch times**. We are also looking for donations of seedlings and fruit trees. Please see Jodie in room 5.02 if you are keen.

Jodie Allsop on behalf of the Vegetable Garden Committee



ANZAC Day

During the school holidays Kelsea and Bailey joined Mrs Warner at dawn on ANZAC day to lay a wreath at the memorial during the ANZAC day ceremony. The students

represented Port Elliot Primary School respectfully and demonstrated an understanding of the significance of the day making their parents, teachers and class mates observing proud.

Thankyou to the parents for bringing the students out early in the morning.



The World Of Minecraft at Port Elliot

Over the past term Mrs Turley has been working with a group of year 5 – 7 students to create a Minecraft Club. Minecraft is an open-ended 'sandbox' game where you can construct, explore and build elaborate worlds. Many students at the school already use Minecraft at home.

As part of the Minecraft Club we have had 20 – 25 students meeting in the computer room at lunch time on Fridays. We discussed what Minecraft was and what rules and expectations we needed to have to use

Minecraft at school. We then created our own server (world) using Minecraft edu.

Finally, we entered our world and started to explore. It was very exciting and fun!

Next term we will be showing Mrs Turley how it works and what we can build in our new world.

Minecraft club meets every Monday at lunch time.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Saturday- 24th May- 2014-12pm



Come along to the Royal Family Hotel at Port Elliot for A chat and buy your own lunch Any questions and RSVP

Please call Jodie Allsop on 0408824205

FLY-IN FLY-OUT FAMILIES

FIFO Families is a new and unique organisation providing social and supportive networks for employees and their families who work on a fly-in-fly-out (FIFO) or drive-in-drive-out (DIDO) basis in the resource sector. FIFO Families currently has 30 local, grass roots community groups that meet in almost every state of Australia, including Victor Harbor.

FIFO Families is an informal group that meets monthly to offer the opportunity share stories, make new friends and provide some support to women/men who are managing the family and/or work whilst their partners are mining.

For more information and to RSVP to the Victor Harbor events please visit the website www.fifofamilies.com.au. Go to EVENTS section and scroll down to Victor Harbor, for location details and time of event Or feel free to contact

Jodie at victorharbor@fifofamilies.com.au

COME'N'TRY TABLE TENNIS

Friday nights is social night @ Currency Creek Hall @ 6.30pm

Come and learn table tennis No experience necessary – we will teach you.

Open to ages 9 to 99

Join in for a hit if you already know how.

A great family fun night out.

Light supper provided.

Cost – gold coin donation. Equipment supplied.

More information contact:-

Helen 8555 4091 or Tony 8555 4126