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# Upcoming Events

### **FEBRUARY**

26th AQUATICS 6/7'S

Vic Dybala 3:01 Margy Hancock 3:08

Kym Palka 3:07 26<sup>TH,</sup> 27<sup>TH</sup>, 28<sup>TH</sup>, 05<sup>TH</sup> & 06<sup>TH</sup>/03

**SWIMMING** 

Vicki Lacey 5:07

Jamie Cordy 4:02 Mary Gillett 4:01

Sandy Warner 5:0

### **MARCH**

2<sup>nd</sup> Clean up \$chool

Assembly 2:30pm

7<sup>th</sup> Nunga TAG Carnival

12th ADELAIDE CUP DAY

13TH STUDENT FREE DAY

21<sup>ST</sup> Harmony Day

23rd FUN LUNCH

Assembly 2:30pm

28th SCHOOL PHOTOS

**APRIL** 

6TH SPORTS DAY

# Newsletter



Ms Rachelle Dale's Reception students showing their Chinese New Year Dragon out visiting classrooms.

### Welcome night

Monday the 19th February was a welcome night for all parents to come to their child's classroom, meet the teacher and visit specialist teacher's areas. It was great to see so many people take up this opportunity, particularly the new parents to our school. The teachers value this time to share their goals and expectations for the students. It also allows teachers to outline classroom routines and ways that parents can support their children at home. A positive relationship between school and home allows students to achieve their best which is always our goal.

Thank you to the parents who were able to come along. If you were unable to attend but have any questions, please make a time with the teacher during the coming weeks.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The Governing Council AGM was held on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00pm. Thank you to the parents and staff who made the time to attend, it is always good to see community support for the school. Thank you to Kerry Lange who has retired from Governing Council.

Kerry has held various executive positions on the Council over many years.

Welcome to the 2018 Governing Council members:

Chairperson: Chris Mitchell

Deputy Chairperson: Helen Bagnell

Secretary: Vicki Evans Treasurer: Peter Radcliff

General Members: Sarah Cross, Kate Annells, Kate Overall, Naomi O'Brien, Steven Croft and Lara Goodier (Kindergarten Representative), Rachael Norde and Stella Dorward (Staff Representatives) and Michael Scott (Alexandrina Council Rep.)

It is good to have a wide representative group of people with students in various year levels. If you have any ideas for the school please speak with one of these people to bring to Governing Council. If you are unsure of the role and responsibility of the Governing Council, there is a full description available on the school website.

### Student Free Days and School Closures for 2018.

The Governing Council have endorsed 3 student free days and 1 school closure for 2018. We endeavour to line up with the Victor Harbor High School whenever possible. To help with your forward planning the days for 2018 are: **Student Free**; Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September. The school closure day lines up with the Royal Adelaide Show on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Please note there will be 1 more student free day in Term 4, this date is to be confirmed at the next Governing Council Meeting.

### Port Elliot Out of School Hours Care: (POSHC)

The Governing Council are responsible for POSHC which is outsourced to Camp Australia, therefore it is important that there is a sub-committee to support this process. As there is a new Governing Council, a new POSHC committee is also required. Meetings are 2 times a term from 5:30pm for approximately 1 hour. If you are a user of POSHC and would like to join the committee please email the school on <a href="mailto:dl.0356.info@schools.sa.edu.au">dl.0356.info@schools.sa.edu.au</a>.

### **Before school POSHC**

With more students at Port Elliot there is an increasing demand for a before school POSHC. The POSHC committee have asked if a morning service could be implemented. This requires a survey of parents across the school. Therefore if you are interested, please complete the survey below before **Friday the 16th March 2018.** There will need to be a consistent group of regular users to make this viable so please share with other families so all are informed.

Please use the link below to complete the survey: <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PortElliotPrimarySchool-BSC">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PortElliotPrimarySchool-BSC</a>

The survey will take approximately 3 minutes of your time.

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Room 7:01 Happenings**





This year we have diaries and each week our teacher gives us a diary theme to turn our diaries into a piece of art.

Mikalya, Myah, Jude and Ruby

### **Swimming**

For the first 2 weeks of this term we have been practising swimming survival skills. We had fun jumping in the deep end of the pool and swimming to the shallow end. We had to swim in the deep end of the pool with our clothes on. Grace, Hayley and Izabela

### Class Rules

We had to discuss in groups what we wanted for our class rules and then decide which ones were common to us all. We came up with have a positive mental attitude, to be responsible and to have fun.

**Thomas** 

### **Word of the Week**

Word of the Week is where Mrs Roberts chooses a word and she helps us remember it by chunking it. So far we have had **tremendous** and **splendid**. We have to use them in sentences throughout the week.

Amy and Mia P.

### **Shoot Out**

We have 2 teams called

Supercalifradlisticexpealadocious and Gocci Gang and each week we compete against each other with tables facts and number facts. Mrs Roberts calls out a question and the first person from each team to answer stays and the other person sits down. The last team standing is the winner.

Kobi T, Ashley and Jett

### **Reading activities**

Our class has been doing guided reading and the group names are Flying Turtles, #...?, Aussie Unicorns, Hungry Jacks, Aussie Donkeys, and Crispy Potatoes. Some of our reading activities are: listening to reading, comprehension, word work and more.

By Erin B and Holly T







### MS REEDY'S CLASS 5:08











### **Happy Valentines Day**



On Wednesday 14th February our class adopted three gorgeous orangutans to show our love for nature and animals at risk of extinction. We have been learning about orangutans and found a website called the Australian Orangutan Project. We voted to adopt Popi, Sam and Cupcake. We wanted to make them happy and safe. They are very cute but have been traumatised and are being cared for in a rehabilitation Centre in Sumatra. They are learning to live in the jungle and go to 'jungle' school. They will eventually be released into the wild.

Popi was rescued from a house where she was being kept as a pet. She is an orphan and has no teeth. She is very young and needs a babysitter and help to go to 'jungle' school. Sam is a female orangutan that was rescued from a zoo in Asia. She is healthy now and has had a baby called Cupcake.

Did you know?

Orangutans are the slowest breeding mammal in the world and have 97% common DNA to humans.

An orangutan is as intelligent as a 7 or 8 year old child.

Mother orangutans are hunted so that their babies can be sold illegally as pets.

An orangutan's arms are longer than its whole body.

Orangutans are arboreal which means they live in the trees.

Orangutans make nests in the tree tops to rest in.

Wild Orangutans are only found in Sumatra and Borneo.

Orangutans are critically endangered.

We gathered up loose change and counted up \$142.00, enough to adopt 3 orangutans! We were so excited and happy and very proud of our achievement. We had lots of fun. We love them. It's amazing how much our class cares about animals. No matter how big or small, we can help save the animals by working as a team. We hope to one day save an entire species.

Ms Reedy's class of year 3/4 students



In 2018, all classes will be encouraging students to develop healthy eating habits by participating in Waste Free Wednesdays. Students bring a 'Nude Food' lunchbox to focus on minimizing food and packaging waste, which is the main component of school waste that has to go to landfill. If children do have wrappers or waste products in their recess or lunch boxes then this waste goes home for families to dispose of. In this way we are all working together to care for our world. This is where you can help!

### Our <u>NUDE FOOD DAY</u> is EVERY Wednesday!

On behalf of the staff and students we appreciate your support! Of course, if students want to pack a nude food lunch box everyday, that would be fantastic!



### P.E. AND SAPSASA NEWS

In PE we have been focusing on learning and further developing our Fundamental Movement Skills and the skills required for successful team work and participation in Sports Day style events.

# PORT ELLIOT NETBALL CLUB AND GOOLWA / PORT ELLIOT FOOTBALL CLUB CLINIC (ran by Victor Harbor High AFL pathway students)

Port Elliot Netball Club and Goolwa/Port Elliot Football Club (assisted by staff and students from SANFL and the Victor Harbor High School Specialist AFL Program) hosted a skills session for Year 2-5 girls and boys on Friday 9th February. This was a chance for our girls and boys to get information about netball and football competitions in our area. Thank you to all of the volunteers for running this opportunity for the students and thanks to the staff and students from the Victor Harbor High School Specialist AFL Program for assisting in the running of the football clinic. The students really enjoyed these opportunities. Within this newsletter is information re the Goolwa Port Elliot Football Club for both males and females.

### SAPSASA SWIMMING

The SAPSASA Swimming carnival was held in Week 4 on Wednesday 21st February at Strathalbyn Swimming Centre. We had 19 students compete and represent our school. Well done to the students for trying their hardest and achieving their best result on the day. Thanks to Tara for being team manager and to the parents who drove, assisted with official duties and supported us.



### **Crows Visits**

Friday February 10:40am-11:30am On 23<sup>rd</sup> representatives from the Crows will be visiting our school to give a whole school presentation. This will be followed up by a player visit on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 1:45pm-2:45pm. Students from Years 5-7 will have the opportunity to get autographs during Break 2 and all students may have a chance at a kick and a catch with the players. R-4 students have the opportunity to get autographs from 2:10pm-2:45pm with their class group. The Crows are unsure which players will attend but everyone is welcome to come along for both of these activities.

### **SAPSASA Events**

The events we anticipate competing in this year are:

- Cross Country (students born 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005).
   Wednesday 9th May at Kent Reserve
- Netball (Year 6/7 girls. Knockout Carnival begins Term 2. Victor Harbor High Carnival Wednesday 2nd May)
- Football (Year 6/7 boys and girls. Knockout Carnival begins Term 2. Encounter Bay Boys Carnival Wednesday 2nd May)
- Soccer (Year 6/7. Knockout Carnival begins Term 2).
   When information on these events becomes available we will put

notices in the Newsletter and send notes home with the students who are interested.

### **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.

Trina Doig and Kate Reynolds



STUDENT FREE DAY
TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH
DON'T FORGET TO BOOK AT POSHC

### STUDENT WELLBEING LEADER

### Flying Fish Awards

Congratulations to all following students on receiving Flying Fish Awards. Ayla D, Xavier T, Josh W, Jess F, Myah H, Ellie B, Logan G, Ruben K, Mackenzie A, Elyssia M, Kael B, Nick B, Madi G, Maddie H, Luke B, Blair W and Kael G.





Students and staff at Port Elliot Primary School will be participating in the National Clean Up Schools Day on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> or Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. Some classes will be cleaning up areas outside of the school grounds on these days. Please see your child's class teacher for more information about when and where they will be participating.

### **CHILDRENS BOOK EXCHANGE**



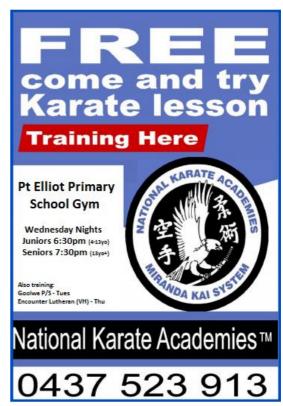
### Starting Monday 26th February

Lookout for our book exchange stations at the school. Feel free to browse with your child and take home books that you would like to keep for a while. Also please bring in any children books that you wish to share with others to add to the shelves.

Stella Dorward Literacy Mentor

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**





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## Goolwa / Port Elliot **Football Club**

Come and be involved at the Goolwa Port Elliot Football Club. Home of the "Mighty Magpies". Whether you are a player, trainer, coach, volunteer of just enjoy your local footy, we would love to welcome you to the club.

Men's—A Grade, B Grade, U17.5's, U14.5's, U12's, U8's

Women's-Open, U16, U13

For playing enquiries please contact Football Director Fraser Cooper on 0439854435 or Women's Coach, Lauren Dart via email goolwafcwomens@outlook.com.









### Victor Harbor Auskick Centre

Term 1 from 4pm at Victor Harbor Oval Starting March 1st Program Cost: \$70 or \$20 with ORS Voucher For more information please contact: VH Auskick Centre Coordinator Steve Fairhurst steven.fairhurst@anz.com or 0417 364 932

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DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR STUDENTS INTO POSHC FOR THE STUDENT FREE DAY TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Sports Day T Shirt Order Form

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SIZE: 4	6	8	10	12	14	16	S	M	L

Last day to order Thursday 15<sup>TH</sup> March. If not using QKr app please bring form back to Front Office.