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Newsletter

TERM 4 – WEEK 2
22nd OCTOBER 2015



The official opening of the Port Elliot Show featured Port Elliot primary student Jai and Kyla McHughes ACED doing "Welcome to Country". Also in photo is Southern Agricultural Show Society President Steve Rogers.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

26th-30th Canberra Camp

23RD Tammy's and Gabby's
Receptions excursion
Gummeracha

28th SCHOOL SURFING

29TH Stacey Fyfes class
Assembly 2.45pm

NOVEMBER

4th VHHS YR7'S Sports/Arts
trial day.

OPAL Free Performance

Kindy-JP Gym 11.15am

SCHOOL SURFING

23rd M.N.D. Fundraiser

• Casual Clothes Day

• Cupcake Day Recess

• Sponsored Walk

WELCOME

Welcome back to a new term and especially to our new students Alex W, Lilly G, Amelle L, Mia P, Yana H, Lilly B and James B. There are now almost 350 students at Port Elliot Primary School. Next year we are expecting to grow again by one class to 14 classes. It has been wonderful to hear from new enrolments the positive reports about Port Elliot Primary School in the community. Planning is well underway for 2016. If you are considering changing schools next year please let us know.

ATTENDANCE

All schools continue to focus on student attendance as research continues to indicate how important it is for student success to attend school every day. Last term many students (and staff) were unwell during the last few weeks which has resulted in many days of school missed. As we head into summer and being outdoors more, hopefully we can have a much better term. The schools target is to have 93% of students at school every day by 8:55am. Please consider making appointments outside of school hours or as late in the day as possible. Absences for birthdays and some family events should be avoided whenever possible.

Congratulations to Room 3:08 Mr Blacker/Ms Millis class with the best overall attendance for Term 3 with an attendance rate of 92.7%. That rounds up to 93% which is our target!!

23rd NOVEMBER

MOTOR NEURON DISEASE FUNDRAISER

PARKING

The more students we have the more cars which come and go. As you may have noticed there has been a fence constructed around the cemetery opposite the school. This is to protect the heritage of the area and show respect to the graves and the people who visit them. A space has been left closer to Tottenham Court Rd where you may park and walk across to the school.

Please **DO NOT** park in front of our neighbours driveways. We encourage people to use the drop off and pick up zone in front of the office area but if your child is not there please drive on and do a lap of the block. This is not a parking area.

PLEASE NOTE THE SPEED LIMIT IS 25 KILOMETERS PER HOUR WHEN CHILDREN ARE PRESENT.

Students are welcome on site at 8:20am (not before) as this is when supervision begins. This may help with the last minute 8:50am rush. Teachers are also on duty after school until 3:30pm so once again this may allow you to arrive a little later after the peak period, particularly with older students.

Another option is many students can walk or ride bikes together with a parent and this saves parking completely.

Thank you for your support with these matters.

Brenton Hudson
Principal

KINDY TRANSITION ANS PARENT MEETINGS

Today we had our first Transition visits and parent meetings. Students are in 3 different groups and attend at 9-9:45, 10-10:45 and 11-11:45am over the next two weeks.

From the 5th of November to the 3rd of December times will be at: Group 1 9-10:50am, Group 2 11:05 -12:55pm and Group 3 is 1:25-3:15pm. Group 1 and 3 will be held in the Library and Group 2 in 9:01 Ms Morgan's room. Ms Morgan's Reception class will be in the Library with me (Ms Foster) while Group 2 is in the classroom.

NEW RECEPTIONS

If you know of anyone who is thinking of coming to the school next year as a Reception, please let them know to contact the school due to transition starting today.

MY PLACEMENT FOR NEXT YEAR

I am very excited to announce that I have been placed at Strathalbyn R-6 school as a Year 1 teacher in 2016. I am looking forward to working back in the classroom each day with students and not having to take my phone everywhere with me. It will be a new adventure meeting new families and learning about another school. However, I will miss working with the school community at Port Elliot.

Yvette Foster
Deputy Principal

STUDENT FREE DAY
16TH NOVEMBER

COUNSELLOR NEWS

Canberra 2015

This Saturday, 24th October, forty six Year 6, 7 students, three teachers and seven parents, will travel overnight to Canberra. We will be visiting Parliament House, The Australian War Memorial, Old Parliament House, Institute of Sport, Questacon, Canberra Deep Space Communication Centre, National Portrait Gallery, High Court of Australia to name a few. This is the fifth trip for Port Elliot Primary School to Canberra. Students are excited, looking forward to many of the experiences and learning that our national capital has to offer. I am sure many ex Port Elliot Primary School students reflect positively on their experience of both the Murputja and Canberra Camps.

Have a great week!
Cheers Karen

PASSION PROJECT



Sandy Warner's year 3 class presented their project work to a gathering of over 50 parents on Thursday the 24th of September between 5 and 6.30pm. The students have been working with mentors throughout the term to learn more about a subject of their choice. The results have been fantastic with students directing their own learning. The feedback to students from the adults was all very positive with many appreciating the effort the students had gone to with their mentors.



CLASS 3:08

Mr R Blacker's and Mrs N Milis' yr 5 class would like to thank Chris and Tammy Simon and Morgan Park Nursery for donating a range of native shrubs and ground covers to plant around the school.



PE & SAPSASA NEWS

Over the past two weeks in PE we have been focusing on learning and further developing our skills required for cricket and skipping. Some classes are practicing the Super 8's/ Milo T20 Cricket games format in class time and challenging themselves with the Beep test (a test of fitness and endurance). We had SACA conduct a cricket clinic for R-4 students on Monday 19th October. Information was handed out to all students regarding In2 Cricket programs which will be running soon in our local area.



SACA Milo20 Cricket at Encounter Bay for Year 6/7's

On Tuesday October 20th 40 Year 6/7 students competed in a T20 cricket carnival at Encounter Bay. Each group of students formed their own team and needed an adult in charge of the team on the day. Thank you to Penny, Vicki, Natarsha, Ben and Brett for your assistance. Without it the students could not have participated and I know the students are very grateful. We fielded 3 boys' teams and 2 girls' teams. The girls' teams finished 3rd and 6th in their competition. The top 3 teams were all a draw for games won and lost but our runs per game percentage was below the 2 teams who finished above us. The boys' teams finished 2nd, 7th and 8th. The boys' team played in the Grand Final for a chance to get to play at the Adelaide Oval again. Unfortunately, they lost by 28 runs. All students conducted themselves tremendously. Respect, team work and 100% effort was on display all day. As always, I was very proud of all 40 students.



SAPSASA District Tennis

Congratulations to Mitchell for his selection in the SAPSASA District Tennis Team. He will play in a week long carnival in Adelaide representing the schools in our district. Well done.

SAPSASA District Cricket

Congratulations to Darcy, Patrick, Hassan and Jye for their selection in the SAPSASA District Cricket Team. They will play in a week long carnival in Adelaide representing the schools in our district. Well done boys.



DECLAN

Local Sporting Success Stories!

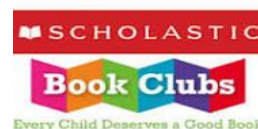
Declan is a member of the Victor Harbor Archery Club and on the 27th of September 2015 he competed in the Archery SA Tyro Tournament (which is a state wide tournament for archers in their first 18 months of the sport). Declan did very well shooting 810 out of a possible 900 and winning himself a silver medal. Congratulations Declan.

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 ☺

RESOURCE CENTRE



If you have any local success stories involving our students, please let me know so they too can get a mention in this **Issue 7** Scholastic Book Club orders will be finalised and sent to Scholastic. Books ordered will be distributed to students when they arrive and have been processed by Book Club organisers.



E Books

A Pt Elliot Primary School library borrowing platform for e books has been created and can be accessed at <http://peps.wheelers.co>

Students should know their user name and password. When the free wheelers' app is downloaded to their device (phone or I pad), e books can be borrowed from our Pt Elliot e library.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM PARENT WORKSHOP Your child is now learning from the Australian Curriculum. Would you like to know more about what it means for your child? The Primary Maths Association will be presenting a parent workshop designed for parents to help their children get a head start with mathematics and numeracy. In the workshop you will:

- Gain awareness of how the new Australian Curriculum works and what it means for your child.
- Knowledge of changes to reporting and how this affects your child.
- Information on what your child is required to be learning.
- Engage in some mathematics learning designed to stimulate your thinking about how you can help your child make a positive start to their learning journey with mathematics.

Details are below: Australian Curriculum Parent Workshop Thursday 29th October at 5.30pm Library Learning Centre Please contact the front office on 85580888 for bookings or Trudy Noack on trudy.noack740@schools.sa.edu



PARENT SEMINAR – ‘The wonderful world of toddlers’

Parenting SA is providing a free seminar, ‘[The wonderful world of toddlers](#)’, to parents and carers of children one to three years of age. DECD senior occupational therapist Mandy Seyfang will help parents understand toddler development and provide practical ways to help them thrive. We encourage you to promote this seminar in your newsletters using the paragraph below:

“The wonderful world of toddlers seminar

Parenting SA is providing a free seminar for parents ‘The wonderful world of toddlers’, from 7.15 to 9.00 pm on Wednesday 4 November 2015. The seminar will help you understand more about toddler development and provide practical ways to help them thrive and manage their strong feelings. Attend in person at the Adelaide Convention Centre, or view the live webcast. To book or access the live webcast, go to [Eventbrite](#).”

Children’s Centres can register their interest to act as a hub for parents, carers, staff and others to watch the webcast together. To register your centre, contact Parenting SA on 8303 1660.

Contact: Aboriginal Senior Health Promotion Officer, Parenting SA, [Keara Pearce](#), telephone 8161 7763, fax 8161 7778

More information- Find out more on the [Parenting SA website](#) or book on [Eventbrite](#)

FUN LUNCH
12TH NOVEMBER



MILO in2CRICKET Program

MILO in2CRICKET is the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to the great Australian game. It provides children with an opportunity to develop fundamental movement skills, meet new friends and have fun with their whole family in a safe and interactive environment.

Your nearest Centre/s will be run at: Port Elliot Cricket Club, starting Sunday 8th November at 8:30am

By registering for the Program not only will you enjoy some great cricket fun this summer but every registered child receives a MILO in2CRICKET Participant Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, drink bottle and other goodies! They will look just like their Aussie Cricket heroes!

To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for this season log on to www.playcricket.com.au and type your post code into the centre finder.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me-:

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Come Swim With Us

Swimming is a great way to stay fit and have a good time doing it. All ages are welcome.

The **summer season** runs from October through late March with training Monday through Thursday evenings from 5:30pm to 7:00pm.

Come and Try four times between October and Christmas. Ringing ahead will be appreciated so we can anticipate your attendance.

Junior swimmers should be able to swim 25m freestyle and backstroke in recognisable form. **Intermediate swimmers** should be able to swim 50m freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke in good form and have a recognisable butterfly stroke. **Senior swimmers** should be able to swim 100m of all four competitive strokes in good form. We ask that families commit to at least one training a week, but of course, the more training, the better swimmer.

Competitions are held nearly every weekend around the state. Competing is not required and families choose which competitions work best for them.

Questions? Contact President Craig Dix 0439 890 941.

WASTE V'S RECYCLING

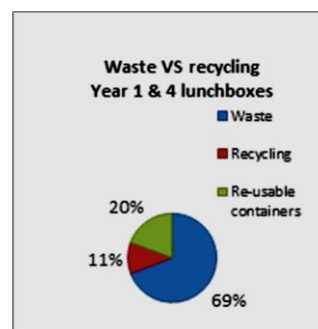
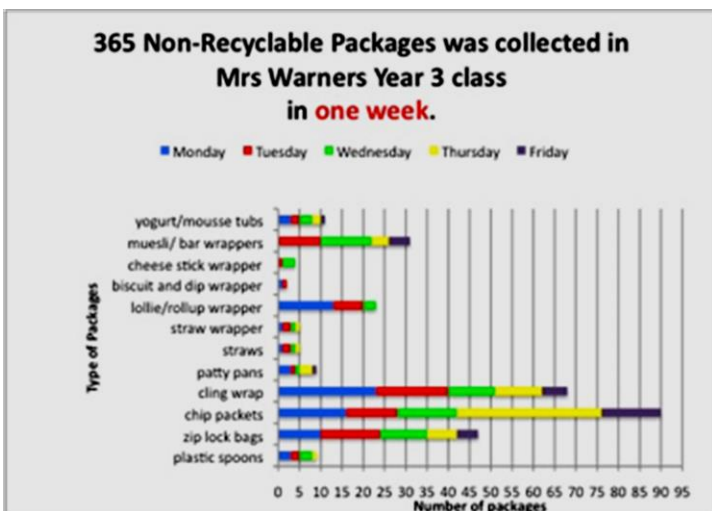
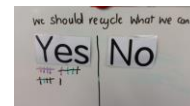
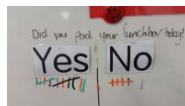
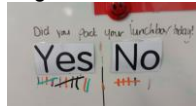
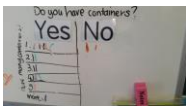
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Classes Junk	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Types Of Junk	9.07	4.02	9.07	4.02	9.07	4.02	9.07	4.02	9.07	4.02
Glad Wrap	13	15	13	14	09	08	07	10	06	04
Glad Bags	09	14	05	09	05	06	05	07	02	07
Wrappers	09	24	13	20	06	17	08	10	24	24
Chip Packets	06	11	10	15	04	06	10	10	09	12
Squidgee	01	00	01	0	03	00	01	01	01	01
Total	34	54	46	58	27	37	31	38	49	45



"We collected all the packaging from our lunchboxes everyday for a week. We were shocked to find that our class filled a garbage bag **everyday** with non-recyclable plastic and rubbish".

This term Mrs Lacey, Mrs Warner, Mrs Allsop and Ms. Blake's classes have teamed together to focus on healthy eating and environmental issues relating to waste across the school site. During week one, the classes gathered information about what sorts of foods children at our school are eating and how much rubbish is accumulated from the types of foods we eat. Each day they took photos of lunchboxes and separated rubbish into waste, recycling and organic material. They also kept a tally of re-usable food containers that are already fantastically used by some families. Class teachers found the children made similar observations and had like discussions across our school. An investigation between Mrs. Lacey and Ms. Blake's class involving a week long rubbish audit found that the total rubbish that their 54 students were placing in landfill in one week was **428** items! With our school numbers now exceeding 350 we think rubbish is a big problem in our school yard. Using their multiplication skills the year 4's estimated if every class made as much rubbish as their two classes found in a week that would be **2, 996** items in landfill a week! That would be **119,840** pieces of rubbish in a school year! These two classes also spent the week eating off re-usable plates to start the students thinking about how much food they consume and the types of food groups they are eating. This created great conversations and realisations from students some commenting "wow look how many chips I have got" and "I don't think I need to open this" or "I have a much healthier lunch today than yesterday". All classes noticed a reduction in rubbish as the week went on and more conscious choice, especially amongst the students who were old enough to pack their own lunches. Here is the interesting data results found:



"On Thursday we counted 36 chip packets but we only have 27 students" Mrs Warner's class.

Shack Extension Program – Adventures in Science Exploration, Animation and Music Composition through Digital Technology.

Tom Jaensch has worked at Port Elliot Primary School as an SSO since 2013 while completing a Bachelor of Arts degree at Flinders University. He has strengths in music and digital technology and has been a huge asset to the school and the Shack programs. Tom is currently guiding (and also being taught by) some JP gifted students as they investigate Science and music through digital technology.

Here are some of their favourite programs:-

They have used **Mars Sim** which is a simulator of a NASA mission to Mars and involves the basic coordination of tasks and personnel. **The Butterfly Effect** is a physics simulator that teaches basic rules of momentum and gravity.

Space Engine is a real-time universe model with huge capabilities to explore celestial bodies in detail.

Biogenesis is a software program which allows students to interact with a simulated world of unicellular organisms and explore simple genetics, photosynthesis, evolution and mutation. Logan's interest in the human body means he has particularly enjoyed exploring this software.

Jackson is adept in image creation, animation and coding. He creates cartoons with his favourite characters with paper and pen, stop motion videos with modelling clay models and ipads as well as characters and objects with digital animation programs. His skill with the latter in particular is exciting.

Blender is an extensive animation and design software program which uses geometry, dimensionality, textures, lighting and more.

Jackson uses **Blender** to create 'challenges' set for him as well as working on projects of his own choosing. He has created a house, car, console gadget, trees and cartoon characters.

He uses **Pencil 2D** (a basic drawing software with multiframe features for stop-motion animation) and **Scratch** (a networked browser program) that enables the creation of games and animation using simplified *if/then* coding.

The **Music Suite** at school has been used to extend these students' exploration of music composition. Multitrack pianos allow the students to create layered mini-compositions by overdubbing successive audio tracks recorded on the piano.

Linux Multimedia Studio (LMMS) is a digital audio workspace (DAW) that allows for the creation of music using step sequencers and drum machines. Complex synthesizers and samplers enable the manipulation of sounds and effects. There will be a regular column in the newsletter reviewing software from a student user's perspective. This week's review is by a Yr 3 student using a pseudonym.

Louise (Intervention and Support teacher)



Jackson is currently enjoying re-creating his favourite animations' theme songs. He works out the melody by ear, sequences the notes and then adds layers of harmonies with various instruments to compose his own versions. When given a 4 chord progression, he is able to successfully compose a melody over top.

SCHOOL NEWS



COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH!

Port Elliot Primary R-3 students and your families – Junkfood Jim and the Flying Food Circus are coming to Port Elliot and you are all invited!

Join Junkfood Jim as he runs away to the circus and meets the Circus Stars – Manuél the Magical Baker, Freda the Fruit Juggler, Professor Smarts, Doctor Dairy and the *one*, the *only* VEGGIE-MAN! Jim dreams of joining the Flying Food Circus, but he can only join if he learns all about healthy eating and polishes up his clumsy circus tricks. Will Jim learn all he needs to know and become a Circus Star too? Come along and find out!

Wednesday 4th November

11:15am (50 min show)

Port Elliot Primary School Gym, 4 Cameron Street, Port Elliot

FREE! Parents and younger siblings very welcome.

OPAL Alexandrina is a joint program of State and Local Governments. For more information please contact OPAL at Alexandrina Council on 8555 7000 or visit <http://www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/opal>.

