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How high can our fish fly?

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Newsletter

TERM 3 – WEEK 4
13th August 2015



Harry, Josh, Patrick, Joshua and Brandon

Attendance

The Port Elliot Primary School Attendance procedure is currently under review. We believe regular attendance and punctuality at school are crucial to students' educational development.

The attendance rate is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if students are frequently absent.

Port Elliot Primary Schools attendance target is 93% of students attend each day.



During the first three weeks of Term 3 the student attendance has been 88%. A good result considering the illness through the school at the moment BUT we need to improve.

Congratulations to Ms Lacey's class with attendance of 94%. Well done to the students and their parents. Which class will do better over the next 4 weeks of the term?



Upcoming Events

August

14th SAPSASA KNOCK OUT FOOTY

20th Mr Blacker's Yr 5 Excursion Granite Island

21st Book Week dress up

24th ATSI cooking

25th V.H.H.S. visit Yrs 6/7 9-12pm

27th Assembly 2.30pm Mrs Warner class

28th District Athletics SAPSASA

24th-28th BOOK WEEK

Why is regular attendance at school important?

Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.

- ❖ they learn better
- ❖ they make friends
- ❖ they are happier
- ❖ they have a brighter future.

Students enrolled at Port Elliot Primary School are expected to attend every school day unless they have an acceptable reason. Please avoid keeping your child away from school for: birthdays, shopping, visiting family and friends, if they sleep in, looking after other children, minor check ups or care such as hair cuts.

If students are absent please let us know via the Skool bag app, email or telephone the office.

Lateness

The school day starts at 8:55am and therefore any student arriving after the bell is required to be signed in by an adult at the front office with the stated reason for lateness. The student will then take a yellow card to the classroom teacher so they know the student has been recorded on the roll. *This process can be avoided by arriving at school before 8:55am.*

Are you having problems getting your child to school for some of these reasons?

- ❖ won't get out of bed in the morning
- ❖ won't go to bed at night
- ❖ can't find their uniform, books, school bag ...
- ❖ slow to eat breakfast
- ❖ haven't done their homework
- ❖ watching TV
- ❖ have a test or presentation to do, have an assignment to hand in

If so, a set routine can help

- ❖ have a set time to go to bed
- ❖ have a set time to get out of bed
- ❖ have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- ❖ have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- ❖ set a time for daily homework activities
- ❖ speak about school positively
- ❖ be firm, send your child to school every school day



Staffing Update - Deputy Principal

I have decided **not to apply** for the Deputy Principal position at Port Elliot Primary School.

This is because my son, Jarryd will be starting Kindergarten next year and school the year after. The Deputy position requires long hours at school and after hours at home. This makes it very difficult to spend quality time with Jarryd each day. This also means I will be able to spend time with him outside after school. I will miss the school community, including the supportive parents and I will especially miss the students. I will continue in the role for the remainder of the year.

Yvette Foster

Extension Star Group

Year 2-5 Star Extension group:

Students have been on task in lessons and doing an amazing job! They had to share a space with the very vital St John presentation. Lukas assessed his learning from his le mans project using our group rubric. He has started a project on how plastic is made. Lukas has found that plastic comes from the Greek word plastikos. Joshie looked up what a blue moon is and is working on moons in our solar system. Willem worked on his stick insect project and looked up bugs and slugs. We looked at images that were ok to include in his project. Alexander started his project on snakes and found that there are over 3000 species of snakes! The Black Mamba can go at 20 mph. An average human can go at 28 mph. Jobe continued his renewable energy sources project. He compared pros and cons and found renewable energy sources are better even though they aren't very cheap. Jobe is looking at tidal power. Emilie worked on writing a story about a girl called Jessie and Lewie the owl. Ashlee researched different sorts of pigeons and has found 10 so far. Ashlee had a pigeon fly into her house so this sparked her interest. I have given students information on the Bright Sparks Club and the planetarium to look at if they were interested. We have had very efficient and informative lessons.



R-1 Extension Group:

Information students have been looking at: Ziarah found that dolphins are marine animals. Daniel looked up how street lights turn on. Emily found information about unicorns in history. We discussed that the information may not all be true but is interesting to think about. Ruby found out how dogs growl. Rose found Blue Tongued lizards can bite and not let go. CJ saw a video of a Humpback whale and shared with Mr Hudson. Bailey found out about Death Adders. Matilda found out what cheetahs eat. Hamish found there are 1500 active volcanoes in the world. Kirra found out how far away stars are. With students printing out some information to take home and read to gain further understanding.

Yvette Foster Extension Group

COUNSELLOR NEWS

Flying Fish Awards

Flying Fish Awards are given to celebrate the personal success of students. Congratulations to Porscha H, Maddie McK, Morgan B, Jack M, Zeb B, Georgia V-G, Nahla C, Rhys C, Ziarah B, Eve P, Mia B-S, Curtis R, Gerard S, Thomas U, Emily D, Isla F, Keat H, Emilie A-C, Deriney H, Lachy S, Ash O, Beau H, Breah M C, Leah F, Caden B, Coen B, Sarah C, Mackenzie M, Adin H, Sam P and Bryce P. Congratulations to all students who received a Flying Fish Award.



ICAN Innovative Community Action Networks

You may have noticed our new "African Themed" recycled bins in the playground. Congratulations to Seb E, Daniel I, Kyle D and Thomas C for their great work! The boys worked with local artist Tracey Grivell to design, sand and paint the bins. The recycle bins are used to collect 10 cents containers to raise money to sponsor Salima Rashid, our 10 year old sponsored child from Tanzania.



Kyle, Seb and Daniel spray painting and enjoying the results of their finished product. Absent Thomas C



SRC CUPCAKE DAY RSPCA FUNDRAISER Friday 21st August

On Friday 21st August SRC will be selling cupcakes to raise money for the RSPCA. [Cupcakes will be available at recess time outside the Counsellors Room for \\$1:00 each.](#)

This day also celebrates Book Week. Children are encouraged to dress up in their favourite book week character, animal characters or bright colours.

Have a great week!
Cheers Karen

PE & SAPSASA NEWS

SAPSASA KNOCKOUT FOOTBALL

Our next match, the quarter final, will be played against Flagstaff Hill Primary. We will be playing at Goolwa football oval on Friday 14th August (tomorrow) starting around 10:30am. Thanks to the Goolwa football club for allowing us to use their oval, to Fraser for organising it for us and to Ryan for umpiring.

Practices are occurring Friday lunch on the school oval with Matt Smith (coach) and Trina Doig.

SAPSASA BASKETBALL



Year 5/6 Girls

On Wednesday 5th August, 8 Year 5/6 and 8 Year 6/7 girls competed in a round robin basketball carnival at Morphett Vale Stadium. The girls finished 4th (Year 5/6) and 5th (Year 6/7) in their respective pools. Both teams won 2 games, the 5/6 team also drew a game and both teams were very close in all other games. All girls played well, learnt lots and showed tremendous sportsmanship and teamwork. Thank you to Natarsha and Sheena for coaching and to the parents for driving, scoring, timekeeping and cheering us on.



Year 6/7 Girls



Year 5/6 Boys

On Thursday 6th August, 8 Year 5/6 and 8 Year 6/7 boys competed in a round robin basketball carnival at Morphett Vale Stadium. The year 5/6 team finished 3rd in their pool, winning 3 games, losing 2 and drawing 1. Thank you to Kristin and Kerry for coaching this team. The Year 6/7 boys team won all 6 games and then played off in the grand final of the 2 pools competing that day. They won! So now they are through to the state wide Grand Final on Thursday 17th September. We wish the boys luck. Practices are occurring with Trina during lunch times. Thanks to the parents for driving, scoring, timekeeping and cheering both teams on. It was a great atmosphere and both teams played fair, determined, competitive basketball.



Year 6/7 Boys

SAPSASA ATHLETICS

In PE the students have finished their unit of work in Athletics. 100m, 200m, 800m, long jump, high jump, discus and shot put were some of the events covered. Students born in 2005, 2004, 2003 and 2002 were given the opportunity to trial in the events mentioned above for the school's Athletics team, which will compete at Victor Harbor Primary on Friday 28th August. More information was sent home with the successful athletes last week. Practices will occur for the selected athletes during designated lunch breaks.

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

The date for the Super 8's style carnival at Encounter Bay has been set for Tuesday October 14th. The year 6/7's who are interested are forming their teams of 8. Each team nominated must have an adult in charge of the team on the day. This is the carnival we won last year, then we played at Adelaide Oval and won, then we played at MCG and became Australian Champions. So, if you are interested in supervising a team on the day, please let me know. There could be a trip to Adelaide Oval or the MCG involved!

SAPSASA STATE HOCKEY

Congratulations to Hassan who was selected in the State Boys SAPSASA Hockey team. He played a week long carnival in Perth.

"I spent a week in Perth playing Hockey. We had a good time. We came 6th out of 7 teams. I really enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot."

Local Sporting Success Stories!

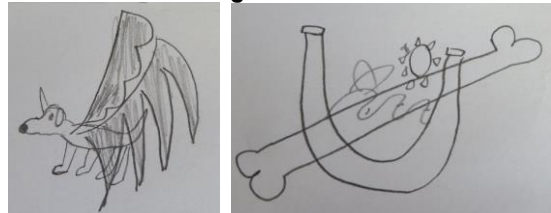
If you have any local success stories involving our students, please let me know so they too can get a mention in this section of the newsletter.

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

Trina Doig 😊

SCHOOL NEWS

Mosaic – students had great ideas



Last Thursday, 36 grade three and seven students shared their design ideas for the dog park shelter floor project. Mosaic artist Mike Tye asked students to give their thoughts about what the mosaic design could include. The students had lots of great ideas. After brainstorming, students worked in small groups to identify their top five ideas and then shared them with the whole group.

Students clearly felt a dog theme was appropriate with various ideas about dogs doing different things, for example surfing, at the beach, on the beach at sunset, flying, playing, riding a motorbike and different sizes of dogs, paw prints and bones. A dog poem was also a lovely idea. Organiser, Ruth Miller said "It was a great activity, the students participated really well and had some terrific ideas".

The Port Elliot Town and Foreshore Improvement Association would like to thank the students and teachers Mrs Warner and Mrs Turley for their help with this community project. It is expected Mike will have the design ready in mid-October.

First Aid Training for Students

Bendigo Bank sponsored 1st Aid Training for students at School over the last two weeks which was presented by St John.

Quotes from Mrs Simmon's Reception students:-

- I learnt to "call 000 for help". Will
- My favourite part of first aid was "you get to lay down and pretend you got knocked out. My friend ringed the ambulance". Morgan
- I liked "laying down and calling 000 to help them". Jedd
- I learnt "that to not leave scissors on the bench because someone might knock them over or get hurt". Silvana
- I learnt "to not put the chair in the kitchen because someone might slip over and hurt themselves" Oskar
- I learnt "don't talk to a stranger " Keit
- I enjoyed "laying down on the ground. I pretended that I fell over something. Maddie called the ambulance with her hand to be the telephone". Porscha



RESOURCE CENTRE



Book Club

Issue 5 Scholastic Book Club orders have been sent to Scholastic. Book ordered will be distributed to students when they arrive and have been processed by Book club organisers.



Premier's Reading Challenge

Students now have only **3 weeks** left to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. Completed record sheets have to be given to classroom teachers by the **Friday 4th Sept.**



Readers' Rap

The Southern Fleurieu Readers' Rap is to be held at Yankalilla Area School on **Wednesday 2nd September.** Thank you to parents who have volunteered to transport on the day.



Mayors' Short story Competition

Congratulations to all our students who entered the Mayors' Short Story Competition. Congratulations also to students Sharna, Indie and Isabelle who have received invitations to attend the presentation night on Thursday 27th August.



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 can ask teachers or library staff to let them know their user name and password and then once 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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STUDENT FREE DAY

4TH SEPTEMBER

PORT ELLIOT MUSEUM

Last Thursday the Port Elliot Museum volunteers were awarded \$1,000 for a dairy display. A film crew and judges from interstate assessed the display and the museum for the Australian wide award being for community links and involvement in the Dairy Industry. Port Elliot Primary School students who received awards as part of the Cows Create Careers Programme and those who attend the Museum on Thursdays with Annie B. had the opportunity to be filmed holding the Legendairy Banner and receiving a beanie each for being involved. We wish the museum good luck with winning the national award.



Students from Mrs K Turley's Yr 6/7 class Violet, Cambell, Georgia, Josh, Liam, Connor, Darcy, Brayden and Cooper.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Forum

2nd September 2015

Wed. 11am - 12.30pm
MIFSA Panangga, 64 Elgin Ave, Christies Beach

Living with Anxiety
What it is and how to manage

Robyn Miller - MIFSA Education Coordinator
Suzi Stevens - MIFSA Community Educator



Anxiety is one of the most common forms of mental illness; however, it can cause severe symptoms and distress, which impact significantly on a person's quality of life. 'Anxiety Disorders' are a cluster of illnesses which may be presented in various forms.

Robyn Miller, Education Coordinator at MIFSA, will take a close look at this diagnosis and will be discussing ways that may be helpful for consumers to live with this illness. Suzi Stevens, MIFSA Community Educator, will talk about her lived experience with anxiety and will share strategies and techniques she found helpful for recovery.

Forums are free & open to the public - Everyone welcome!

Bookings and enquiries regarding forums: Ph: 8382 5588 or Panangga@mifsa.org

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Commonwealth Dept of Health and Ageing
Support for Day to Day Living in the Community - a Structured Activity Program

sharing the journey

FOCUS ON OUR LOCAL YOUTH

WHAT ARE THE NEEDS OF OUR LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE?
HOW AS A COMMUNITY CAN WE SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE?

You are invited to come along and hear from our guest speakers

WHEN: Wed August 19th 7:00PM

WHERE: Gospel Centre, George Main Road VH

You owe it to yourself, your family and your community to attend and participate

Presented by the *South Coast Community Forum*



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SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

7TH SEPTEMBER

Keep your kids smiling

Dental care is FREE for most school children and ALL preschool children at the School Dental Service.

All children aged 0-17 are welcome.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au or call us now on 8222 8222.

