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*How high can our fish fly?*

## PORT ELLIOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER ISSUE 6

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#### DIARY DATES

#### MAY

#### DON'T FORGET SWIMMING

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Footy Carnival
4 <sup>th</sup>	6/7 Bowls
7 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country Carnival Cows Arrive
10 <sup>th</sup>	Knockout Netball & Soccer
11 <sup>th</sup>	6/7 Bowls
15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN TESTS
18 <sup>th</sup>	Knockout Footy 6/7 Bowls

INSIGHTS by Michael Grosse enclosed.

#### THE PRINCIPAL

#### Our thoughts are with the Dew family.

All members of the school community were deeply saddened by the sudden passing of Hunter Dew on Easter Sunday. Hunter would have turned five this term, and would have started school next term. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Renee, David, Madison, Indiana, Wyatt and their extended family.

#### Sports Day thank you.

Thank you to all of the many members of our school community who were able to attend our Sports Day at the end of last term. It was great to see that so many parents had really supported their children to show their team colours: it certainly added to the excitement on the day. Particular thanks to those who donated goods and services, to the volunteers in the Canteen, and to the volunteers who helped out at the start and finish lines, and with tabloid events. It was a wonderful day conducted in great spirit. Congratulations to all House Captains and Vice Captains on your wonderful leadership- you set fine examples. And congratulations again, Commodore!

#### NAPLAN tests for Year 3, 5 and 7 students.

The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2012. All students in Years 3, 5 and 7 are expected to participate in NAPLAN. However, in special circumstances, a parent/caregiver may withdraw his/her child from NAPLAN. This can be for philosophical or personal reasons. If you wish to withdraw your child, you must complete and sign a withdrawal form by Friday THIS WEEK. Please make contact with me if you wish to discuss the withdrawal of your child.

#### Ms Reedy's Year 3-4 class at Monarto Zoo-Snooze.

On Monday and Tuesday this week Ms Reedy's very excited students have been at Monarto Zoo learning about the habits of, as well as how to care for, the range of animals at Monarto

Zoo. In the process they have also had a sleep-over at the Zoo, and survived!

#### Swimming in second term.

Students in three classes have begun their swimming programs at Victor Harbor R-7 School this week: Ms Jodie Allsop and Ms Lynne James' Yr 1-2 class, Ms Sandy Warner's Year 2-3 class, and Ms Milis' Year 3 class. Their program will conclude next week.

In the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May, Ms Sandy Graham's Reception class, Ms Vicki Lacey's R-1 class, Ms Gill Hunter's R-1 class, and Ms Chris Reedy's & Ms Jen Wallace's Year 3-4 class will begin their program.

And then the final group, beginning on Monday May 28<sup>th</sup>, will be Ms Rosemary Austin's Yr 1-2 class, Ms Marg Roberts' Yr 4-5 class and Ms Kay Wood's Yr 5s.

Swimming is an important part of our annual program, and essential for the water-safety of all of our students both now and throughout their lives.

#### Report Formats being reviewed.

Because we are implementing the Australian Curriculum in Mathematics and Science this year, we will also be reviewing, and changing, our report formats in time for our first written reports for the year, which will be sent home at the end of this term. Afterwards we will seek your feedback on the new format.

#### New bike, scooter, skateboard shelter taking shape.

Last year Counsellor Ms Karen Robinson won a grant, part of which was to build a new and secure shelter for bikes, scooters and skateboards. The shelter is now taking shape near our northern double gate, and will be completed in the next few weeks. Once completed it will provide secure storage each day for the bikes, scooters and skateboards that students ride to school.

#### New Students

Welcome to all new students starting this term Ms Graham:-Taris, Tiana, Amber, Blake & Kai. Mrs Warner:-Christopher, Miss Austin:-Amber, Mrs Allsop:-Riley, Mrs Milis:-Luke, Mrs Roberts:-Alisha & Megan.

**Chris Tapscott**  
Principal

#### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

#### SPORTS DAY

Thank you to parents and family members who came along to support students on Sports Day on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April and to those parents who assisted teachers with the Tabloid events and helped by volunteering with other jobs on the day. A special thank you goes to Sue Scott for taking photographs and to Tracy Clauss and her wonderful band of volunteers in

the canteen, who worked extremely hard to see that students and parents were well fed.

\*Congratulations to the winning house "Commodore" and to the 800metre Championship winners Leilani A and Joel H.

### **PRESERVICE TEACHERS**

We have 3 pre service teachers in the school this term doing their block teaching experience. From Flinders University we have Tanya Inns doing a 6 week teaching block in the 1/2 classroom with Jodie Allsop and Lyn James and Catie Griffen doing an 8 week teaching block in the 4/5 classroom with Marg Roberts and Annie Bernauer. Abbie Jones from Tabor Adelaide will be in the R/1 classroom with Vicki Lacey for 3 weeks. We welcome these pre service teachers to the school and hope they enjoy their teaching practicum.

### **AEDI SURVEY**

Parents of **Reception** students who have been at school longer than a term and are in their first year of school will receive written information about an Australian Early Development Index (AEDI) survey. The Federal Government is funding the survey to gather information about the development of young children across Australia. The information will be used to better understand how children are developing and to help formulate policies and programs for young children. A similar survey was conducted in 2009. The survey will be completed by the teachers of the Reception students. Parents will need to contact the school if they **do not wish their child to be part of this survey.**

**Sandy Bevan**  
Acting Deputy Principal



## **COUNSELLOR NEWS**

### **Welcome back to term 2.**

*It was wonderful to see lots of happy and I hope enthusiastic students ready to learn after their school holidays. For one of our Port Elliot families the holidays were incredibly sad and traumatic. Our heart, sympathy and love go to out to the Dew family. Our thoughts are with them in this very difficult time.*

### **Flying Fish Awards**

Flying Fish awards will continue again this term and will be presented at assemblies.

Our next assembly is this Friday at 12:00 for middle and upper students in the gym.

### **SRC NEWS**

#### **Walk Safely to School Day**

SRC are planning "Walk Safely to School Day" activities on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. We would also like to use this day as a fundraiser to go towards purchasing a spider gym climbing frame in memory of little Hunter Dew. SRCs are currently organising the day and will have more information soon.



### **Blue light Disco**

Blue Light disco will be held at Port Elliot Primary School gym on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June

*Kindness is like a boomerang.*

*Use it often,*

*It nearly always returns.*

*Wilson McCaskill.*

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



## **RESOURCE CENTRE**

### **BOOK CLUB**

Issue 3 Scholastic Book Club brochures have been distributed by classroom teachers. Orders need to be returned to the school by the morning of **Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please remember that if you are intending to pay by visa card we have the facility to do this at school. It is much easier for us to keep track of orders that are done through the school. Make sure your child's name and classroom are clearly marked on the order form.

### **PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

This is the term to make sure students reach their goal of reading 13 books to complete the Premier's Reading Challenge. If your child has not yet started encourage them to do so. The Reading Challenge finishes on September 7<sup>th</sup>. If your child does not have a Reading Challenge record sheet see his/her class teacher or library staff.



**Sandy Bevan/Dorothy Geaghan**

## **PE AND SAPSASA NEWS**

### **SAPSASA District Athletics Day**

The final placings for District Sports Day showed that we finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the large school section behind Investigator combined campuses and Eastern Fleurieu combined schools. A fantastic achievement for our school who only just sneaks into the large school category by 6 students!!!

Stuart, Ty, Matthew and Chelsea all earned a spot in the Southern District Team to compete at the State Athletics Day held at SANTOS stadium. Congratulations and all the best for the day.

### **Knockout Sports**

Knockout Sports is primarily for year 6/7 students but interested year 5's will be considered if the team needs extra players for numbers. The competition is played where the team that wins advances to the next round, and the losing team is 'knocked out' of the competition.

Students have begun training for Knockout boys' football with coach, Richard Martin, Knockout girls' and boys' soccer with coach, Kevin Barth, Knockout netball's coach will be Jacky Ayres and girls' football with Matt Smith.

I would like to thank these wonderful people for coaching our students. This makes the event a lot more enjoyable and rewarding for all.

Once teams are chosen and dates confirmed, notes will be sent home with students with all information re location, costs, times, etc.

### **Encounter Bay Boys Football Carnival**

#### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Term 2, week2) at Encounter Bay Oval**

Students have begun training for this with coach, Richard Martin. The team has been selected and permission notes, etc were sent home early Term 2. Feel free to come along and cheer us on during the day.

### **SAPSASA District Cross Country**

#### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May (Term 2, week3) at Kent Reserve, Victor Harbor**

Students have begun training in PE lessons and lunch times for the event and are highly encouraged to train out of school time. Permission notes, etc were sent home early Term 2. Feel free to come along and cheer us on during the day.

### **Knockout Girl's Netball and Boy's Soccer**

Students have begun training for our first Knockout games to be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at Port Elliot Oval and Netball

Courts versus Victor Harbor Primary at 1pm. We wish the teams all the best for a fun filled, successful game!

### **SAPSASA DISTRICT FOOTBALL TRIALS**

Interested Year 6/7 boys were given information last term re the try outs for the SAPSASA district football team. The try outs started Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>, Monday April 30<sup>th</sup> and continue on Monday May 7<sup>th</sup>. If your son did not bring a notice home and still wishes to trial please see me at school a.s.a.p.

### **SAPSASA DISTRICT NETBALL TRIALS**

Interested Year 6/7 girls were given information last term re the try outs for the SAPSASA district netball team. The try outs started Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>. If your daughter did not bring a notice home and still wishes to trial please see me at school a.s.a.p.

### **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.

Trina Doig ☺ Physical Education Co-Ordinator

## SCHOOL NEWS

**REMINDER – FEES NEED TO BE PAID. IF PAYING BY INSTALLMENT OR FOR SCHOOL CARD APPLICATION FORM (School Card must be filled out every year). SEE VICKI.**

**WE HAVE A SET OF CAR KEYS IN THE FRONT OFFICE IF YOU HAVE LOST ANY. PLEASE SEE JUDY OR VICKI ☺**

## PASTORAL CARE WORKER

There are times when words just are not enough to express how we feel.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Dew family who are very much loved and a part of our vibrant school community. In the words of an ancient melody:-

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures: He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake, Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me: Your rod and Your staff they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, You anoint my head with oil, my cup runs over, Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

May you find comfort this Psalm.

I have made up "Sad isn't Bad" take home packs to assist children in understanding grief, and I also have a few excellent books to read through with your child for loan, they are available in the councillors/chaplains room.

**Blessings to you and your family,  
Josie Wilson CPSW (chaplain)**



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Auskick**, an introductory Footy Program for Boys and Girls aged 5-10, is commencing at a Centre near you!

To find your nearest Centre put your postcode into the Centre Locator on the website.

For all information and to register with your nearest Centre go to: [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au)

For all queries ring your local Centre Coordinator or Warren Ploenges at the South Adelaide Football Club on 0408 834 884.



### Port Elliot Netball Club



### San Remo NetSetGO!

Will be held each Wednesday 3.45 - 4.30 pm  
at Port Elliot Netball Club, Oval Complex, Port Elliot.  
Cost: New Participants \$45 - Returning Participants \$25

Registration & first night 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2012  
wear sneakers & sports gear & bring a drink



For more information please call Anthea on  
8554 2243 / 0412 749 206  
or email to [mummasibls@gmail.com](mailto:mummasibls@gmail.com)

Netball SA will charge the San Remo NetSetGO! Centre \$45 per participant for all new members. All participants will receive a participant pack which includes a sports bag, Gilbert netball, smash lunchbox, snack pod, drink bottle and activity book with a Netball SA NetSetGo membership.



*Individual Participant Pack*

**What is the San Remo NetSetGO! program?**  
The San Remo NetSetGO! Program has been developed to provide children between the ages of 5 - 10 years with the best possible learning and playing experience that enables them to develop a positive introduction to netball, ensuring enjoyment and continued participation within the sport.

San Remo NetSetGO! incorporates skill activities, minor games, and modifies matches in a fun and safe environment. The weekly program will be coordinated by accredited coaches to ensure a quality experience for all participants.

Dear Volunteer

To celebrate National Volunteer Week May 14 - 20 May, Council invites volunteers across the Adelaide Hills, Mount Barker and Alexandrina Council regions to a free movie, - any session, any time, any movie on Thursday 17 May 2012!

To redeem your voucher please complete the 2012 volunteer survey.

Simply click on this link

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/movieday2012> to start.

**Don't forget to PRINT the final page as this is your voucher to take on the day!**

Vouchers Available 16<sup>th</sup> April. 2012



14-20 May 2012

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## Hip Hop and Breakdance Workshops...Free for boys and Girls

Presented by Country Arts SA' D'n'A Dance initiative supported by the city of Victor Harbor and the Alexandrina Council

**And this time we have something for the girls** – two of the Australia's best Hip Hop dance teachers Penelope Shum and Emma Dawson will be teaching in Victor – Sign up quickly for these classes as places are limited and will fill quickly. The more that come along the more likely these classes will be able to continue into the future.

Where: **Victor Harbor General Purpose Hall (next to the Rec centre) for Boys and Girls**

When: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Breakdance 11.00pm – 12.00pm beginners – with BBoy Dreaded

Breakdance 12.30pm – 2.00pm intermediate-advanced

**New on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May ....Hip Hop 2.00 – 3.30pm beginners ages 8 – 14 – with Penelope Shum (for Girls)**

Following in June ☺

Where: **Victor Harbor General Purpose Hall (next to the Rec centre) for Boys and Girls**

When: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Breakdance 11.00pm – 12.00pm beginners – with BBoy Dreaded (for boys and girls)

Breakdance 12.30pm – 2.00pm intermediate-advanced (the beginners are welcome to stay and watch this class). **For the advanced boys and girls**

**Hip Hop 2.00 – 3.30pm beginners ages 8 – 14 – with Penelope Shum (for Girls)**

**To Register please contact - Lucretia Sperring (Tues-Thurs 9-5)**

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*FREE e-waste drop off for regional householders*

May 1 to May 31 2012

During the month of May, unwanted computer and electrical equipment can be dropped off for recycling at the locations

listed below, free of charge. Your e-waste can then be recycled into many components, instead of going into landfill.

**GOOLWA** Goolwa Waste and Recycling Depot, Goolwa to Victor Harbor Road

Open Mon to Fri 8.30am to 4.30pm, Sat and Sun 10.00am to 4.00pm

Ph 8555 7620

\*Staff reserve the right to deem any item unacceptable.

**Got more questions? [See our Q&A page.](#)**

**For more information call 1300 137 118 or [email Zero Waste SA](#)**

**On what you can and cannot drop off**



**SPORTS DAY**



*the fresh food people*



**WOOLWORTHS DOCKETS – NEW INITIATIVE – STICKER CARDS**

When you shop you collect stickers and we send them off in exchange for goods from Modern Teaching Aids for our children to use.

Please find a card so you can start to collect stickers. May 9-July 11