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NEWSLETTER ISSUE 3

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DIARY DATES

MARCH

7th SAPSASA Swimming
12th PUBLIC HOLIDAY
21st Sport-Play-Engage-Inspire
Harmony Day

22nd Aboriginal Health Day
29th District Athletics Day

APRIL

4TH SPORTS DAY
6th Good Friday (Start of Holidays)

Indonesian teachers to visit.

As you may be aware, Port Elliot Primary School students, who all learn Indonesian language, have been very fortunate to learn directly from visiting teachers from Indonesia in recent years. We have Bu Cathy Elliott, with the support of other community members, to thank for this, because Bu Cathy has been successful in winning grants and making connections that have brought teachers to our school. Next week we will have Pak Agus, a teacher from Bali, and the following week we will have Pak Usman, a teacher from Sumbawa, visiting us and working with students. Our students are usually very excited to have visitors from Indonesia, and I hope that if you see Pak Agus or Pak Usman at Port Elliot Primary School or in the community you will help them to feel very welcome.

Fund-raising so important in 2012.

Late in 2011 we were advised that due to a change in our school category, our annual funding would be reduced by a significant amount. We have estimated this reduction to be of the order of \$150 000 per year. Governing Council has agreed to maintain all of our important programs in 2012, but is planning to use accrued funds to support this. Governing Council also agreed to let the community know just how important fund-raising is for the school. And so if there is a fund-raising event that you are able to support, please consider doing so!

Chris Tapscott
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

TRANSITION

The first kindergarten to school transition visit for students enrolling for Term 2 will be on Wednesday 14th March at 9:05 – 10am. Further visits will be on Monday 19th and 26th March and 2nd April. Sandy Graham and her Reception class are hosting the Transition Program. A parent meeting/tour of the school has been scheduled for Monday 19th March at 9.05am in the staff room.

SPORTS DAY

Preparations are under way for this year's Sports Day which will be held on Wednesday 4th April. Parents who are interested in volunteering to assist on Sports Day with things like the running of events, marshalling or giving out ribbons should let me or Trina Doig know.

Sandy Bevan
Acting Deputy Principal

THE PRINCIPAL

Before School Care has begun.

On Monday this week Southern Fleurieu OSHC began providing a Before School Care service at Port Elliot Primary School. Mr Mark Harris opens the service at 7:00am, and provides care until 8:30am, each school day. A notice about this was sent with students to all families last week, along with a casual care booking form. If you missed it, bookings can be made by contacting the service director, Ms Jani Mitchell on 85528301. The cost is \$9 per casual booking.

We welcome this addition to the services provided for our students and families. Thank you Southern Fleurieu OSHC for introducing this service.

Student-Free-Days to extend April holidays for students. No school for students on Monday 23rd April, or Tuesday 24th April, leading in to Anzac Day on 25th April.

The first day of school in second term for students at Port Elliot Primary School will be Thursday 26th April.

Late in 2012 the Minister for Education and Child Development approved an additional two student-free-days per year so that school staff members can train in and learn about the new Australian Curriculum, which is being progressively implemented from this year. This means that there will be a total of four student-free-days this year, with the possibility of another 'Day of Local Significance' usually reserved for Show Day. Port Elliot Primary School Governing Council has approved Monday 23rd April, and Tuesday 24th April as the first two of these days, followed by Friday 8th June. Friday 8th June has been chosen because it leads in to the June long weekend, and families may be able to use this opportunity for a short break in the middle of second term. The dates of the final student-free-day for the year, and the possible Show Day, will be discussed at a later Governing Council meeting.

COUNSELLOR NEWS

Flying Fish Awards

Congratulations to Lucius P, Sunset B, Ebony T, James B, Cody M, Lyric S, Kain M, Jackson B, Jamar S, Erin H, Ethan C, Daniel L, Kelsea L, Joel H, Abbey A, Douglas W, Talisha L, Braeden N, Will M, Emily P, Hayley W, Rhett, P, Oscar C, Jayden B, Alicia L, Amelia W Arnez L-C and Thomas C. Well done those students who received Flying Fish Awards!

SRC

Congratulations to

SRC President

Ella S

SRC Vice President

Shanais L-C

SRC Secretary and Treasurer

Taryn and Georgia

SRC Publicity Officer

Jordan

These Year 7 students make up the executive of SRC for 2012

OPAL Surveys

Could all parents and caregivers please return these surveys to the front office by tomorrow, Wednesday. Thank you.

Assembly

School Assembly will be for middle and upper primary students only. Friday 9th March at 12:00.

Board Shorts Day

Thank you to members of the SRC who helped in facing painting and the jelly beans in the jar fundraiser. In total, \$111.20 cents was raised for the Port Elliot Life Saving Club.

"Cotton wool has many valuable functions.

To wrap up children is not one of them."

Wilson McCaskill

Have a great week! Cheers Karen

School Counsellor

RESOURCE CENTRE

BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 Book Club orders will be given out to students this week. Please contact library staff if your child does not receive his/her order.



Sandy Bevan/Dorothy Geaghan

SAPSASA

House Captains

25 Year 7 students had been busily campaigning for votes for this year's House Captains positions. The students wrote a speech, designed posters and spent the first few weeks of school working and playing with students across the school, to demonstrate their leadership skills and responsibility they would display if

successfully chosen as a House Captain. All staff and students got to vote in week 4 for their female and male captain for their House Team – Boomer, Commodore or Freeman. There is a male Captain and Vice Captain and a female Captain and Vice Captain elected for each team. The successful candidates were:

Boomer: Captains – Austin and Tallulah

Vice Captains - Max and Lara P

Commodore: Captains – Zane and Maddie

Vice Captains - Cameron and Taryn

Freeman: Captains – Angus and Shanais

Vice Captains - Douglas and Chloe

Congratulations and well done to all the candidates who conducted themselves exceptionally well throughout this process. Hopefully all have learnt a lot from this experience.

We wish the elected House Captains and Vice Captains all the best in this rewarding, time consuming role.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sam Barth who has successfully completed a "Laws of the Game" course which sees him become a qualified soccer referee at the age of 12! This apparently is an exceptionally young age to achieve such a high qualification. Well done, Sam.

Sam's father (Kevin) will be coaching our SAPSASA boys and girls soccer teams again this year and is running soccer skills trainings on Tuesday lunch times for anyone interested. Thanks Kevin.

Jump Rope For Heart

All prizes for students have been distributed. Please see Trina at school if you have any concerns.

We will be participating in Jump Rope For Heart again in Term 4 this year. More information will be sent out late Term 3 and in early Term 4.

SAPSASA Events

Our school participates in a wide range of SAPSASA events throughout the year. As part of my P.E. role I train and select students to represent the school at these events. SAPSASA is aimed mainly at Year 6 and 7 students but there will be opportunities for Year 4 and 5 students to participate in some sports.

I also put up PE and SAPSASA photo displays on the gym windows so feel free to come and have a look after events at some of the photos taken.

Currently we have Rock Wall and Netball Clinic displays on the windows.

SAPSASA Swimming

The SAPSASA Swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday March the 7th at Strathalbyn. The team has been participating in trainings with Kerry Dodd in her pool at her home. The squad even had a practice session at Strathalbyn pool to get used to the conditions. We wish our team well! 😊

SAPSASA District Athletics Day

Thursday 29th March (Term 1, week 9) at Victor Harbor Primary School.

Students have begun training in PE lessons and lunch times for the events which include: high jump, long jump, 100m sprint, 200m, 800m, discus and shot put. One boy and one girl only can compete from our school per age group and per event. Students from 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999 are eligible to try out. Trials for final selections are occurring, with practices to follow every Tuesday and Thursday lunch time until the day of competition. Letters will be sent home to the successful athlete advising event, costs and further details.

Encounter Bay Boys Football Carnival

Thursday 3rd May (Term 2, week2) at Encounter Bay Oval

Students will begin training for this with coach Richard Martin later in Term 1. This is primarily for year 6/7 boys but interested year 5 boys will be considered if the team needs extra players for numbers. So, I thoroughly encourage all year 5 boys who are interested to join in the practices.

SAPSASA District Cross Country

Monday 7th 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. More information will be sent home at a later date.

INTERSTATE TEAMS NOMINATION PROCESS **NEW PROCESS FOR 2012**

If your child wishes to trial for a State team, an online nomination must be completed and submitted by

Monday 2nd April, 2012. If you are interested please see me at school and I can assist you with this process.

Interstate Athletics

Dates: 23rd -27th November

Venue: Adelaide, SA

If you wish to trial for the Track & Field team an online nomination must be completed and submitted by **Monday 2nd April, 2012.** The nomination form can be accessed at www.decd.sa.gov.au/sport then click on SAPSASA, then Interstate Nominations. If you have any problems, please contact the SAPSASA office on 8416 5900.

Southern SAPSASA

Girls Softball Trials

Where: Eastern Fleurieu School 7-12 Campus
Callington Road, Strathalbyn

When: Monday 27th February, 5th & 12th March

Time: 4:15 – 5:30pm

Who: Girls Year 5-7 experience not necessary

All girls interested in playing softball need to attend trials for selection in the Southern SAPSASA Softball Team.

This team will compete at the State Softball Carnival in Adelaide from 19th March – 23rd March 2012.

All girls who are selected for this team need to travel to Adelaide everyday during the week and this is the parents' responsibility.

Trina Doig ☺

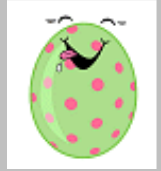
Physical Education Co-Ordinator

PARENT NETWORK

Ice Creams every Wednesday and Friday`

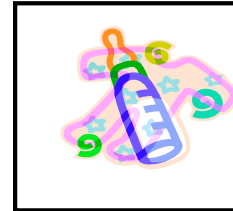
Juice Stick	\$1.00
Billabongs	\$1.80
Frozen Yoghurt	\$1.50
Milo Scoop	\$2.50

URGENTLY NEEDED MANY, MANY, MANY, MORE DONATIONS TO MAKE OUR EASTER RAFFLE A SUCCESS.



REMEMBER THE MONEY RAISED FROM OUR RAFFLES GOES BACK INTO THE SCHOOL FOR THE BENEFIT OF YOUR CHILDREN. SO PLEASE HELP BY DONATING A SMALL ITEM FOR THE EASTER BASKETS. THANKYOU

SCHOOL NEWS



NEEDED URGENTLY DONATIONS OF BABY CLOTHES SIZES 000-YR 2

This is for Bu Trees & Bu Cathy to take over to LOMBOK/ BALI this year.

**For families who are struggling financially.
If you can donate any baby clothes please leave at FRONT OFFICE or see BU CATHY.**

POSHC NEWS

POSHC would like to offer Before School Care at Port Elliot Primary in the near future.

Please register your expression of interest with Kim Clay at POSHC Mondays-Friday 2.30pm-6.30pm

Many Thanks

Kim Clay

POSHC Co-ordinator

PASTORAL CARE WORKER

It's great to be back at the school again this year! Lovely to see all the familiar faces and how wonderful to meet new ones! As the PEPS Christian Pastoral Support Worker (alias Chaplain) I am here once again to offer care and support to you and your family. Please drop in and say G'day and have a cuppa, I'm in the councillor's office each Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. (I have been known to make a good brew!) Parenting can be like climbing a mountain! It has its ups and downs! Try to make the most of the mountain top days, enjoy every moment. Smile! Laugh! Sing! On the down days, look up, focus on where you would like to be and aim for that! Every day is brand new. We can all start afresh once again.

I have a collection of lovely children's books for parents to loan on a variety of issues children's often face eg: fears, anxiety, grief and loss etc. These books are faith based. Parents/caregivers that are interested please feel free to contact me.

Also a big thankyou to Mitre 10 for brightening our garden beds with a donation of \$30 worth of plants.

Blessings,

Josie Wilson

COMMUNITY NEWS

Pistons Basketball Club

New players needed – Boys and Girls

Winter season 2012 (April – October)

Under 10's born 2003 & 2004

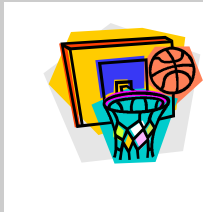
Under 12's born 2002 & 2001

Under 14's born 2000 & 1999

Under 16's born 1998 & 1997

Adults players also needed.

Please register your interest by 9th of March (teams are to be decided on this day) by emailing pistonsbc@gmail.com or phone Susan on 85542614



BECOME A VOLUNTEER PARENT SUPPORT WORKER

Are you good at listening?

Do you understand the stresses of parenting?

Would you like to spend two to three hours each week 'walking alongside' a local family?

Fleurieu Families Home Visiting is a vibrant, well-resourced program that provides support for families on the Southern and Eastern Fleurieu Peninsula

WE ARE RECRUITING NOW FOR 2012

ORIENTATION TRAINING

- (1) Initial and ongoing training provided in all aspects of parent support work.
- (2) Monthly get-togethers to share volunteering experiences.
- (3) Information for families, free training opportunities
- (4) Quarterly newsletters to keep informed of what's happening in the program and for families in the region.
- (5) Out-of-pocket expenses such as travel are reimbursed.

For more information on how to apply contact **Wendy Kruger** ph: **8551 0543** or email: wkruger@victor.sa.gov.au

Fleurieu Families Home Visiting is funded by the City of Victor Harbor, Alexandrina Council, Yankalilla District Council, and by the Australian Government Department for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (Family Support Program).



Goolwa Hockey Club

Beginners, experienced players & coaches welcome.

Training starts March 14

Juniors 4:30pm & seniors 5:30pm

For further details please phone:

Bu Cathy 8554 3190 or Kerry 8554 2989



Free Break Dancing returns to the Fleurieu

Learn to dance like a professional breakdancer with BBoy Dreaded aka Greg Poticary.

Workshops for both new and experienced BBoys at the Victor Harbor GP Hall .

Breakdance workshops with BBoy Dreaded are presented by Country Arts SA's D'n'A Dance initiative and proudly supported by the City of Victor Harbor and the Alexandrina Council.

Free Workshop Details:

Where: Victor Harbor Recreation Centre - GP Hall

When: Sat 10th March-Two workshops per day:

Beginners workshop 11am-12pm ages 8 and above

Advanced 1pm – 3pm

ENDS-For the Parents!-What is B-Boying?

A danced movement from the 70s, Bboying is a form of dance performed to the breakdown of a song. The break down is the part of the song where all the instruments are removed and the focus is placed on the drum beat. It is a key part of the ever evolving hip-hop culture and can be broken down to four main areas:

BBoy terms:

Top Rocking – the start of the dance and how dancers moves from the sidelines to the centre

Footwork – dancers use hands and feet simultaneously on the ground

Drops – the transition from top rock to footwork

Tricks, Power and Freezes – difficult moves including one handed hand stands etc.

GOOLWA FOOTBALL 2012

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

Formal Registration Day Sunday 18th March

11.00am-3.00pm

**WHERE:- Goolwa Football Oval
Corner Dawson/Goyder Streets.**

**WHEN:- Junior Colts Tuesdays 4.45pm-6.00pm
Starting 6th March**

**Moddies:- Tuesday & Thursdays
4.00pm-5.00pm
Starting Tuesday 20th March**

**Contact:- Shaun Hancocks for further
information 0428551342**

SOUTHERN FLEURIEU HISTORICAL MUSEUM

OPEN DAY

WHERE:- PORT ELLIOT SHOW GROUNDS

WHEN:- 11TH MARCH.

TIME:- 10.00am-3.00pm

All welcome to come and look at a good variety of farm and house hold equipment in the Coote Pavilion. Members are happy to walk around with you and explain to you about how the equipment works and what it is used for.

Hot and Cold drinks, Sausage sizzle and a Trading Table will be available on the day.

Come along a support the people who are trying to preserve some of our local history and equipment.

A Gold Coin Donation