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## PORT ELLIOT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2

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#### DIARY DATES

##### FEBRUARY

24<sup>th</sup> Yr 6-7 Aquatics

29<sup>TH</sup> Boardies Day

##### MARCH

2<sup>nd</sup> Clean Up Australia Day

Yr 6-7 Aquatics

7<sup>th</sup> SAPSASA Swimming

12<sup>th</sup> PUBLIC HOLIDAY

21<sup>st</sup> Sport-Play-Engage-Inspire

Harmony Day

Because of this change for Ms Milis, we also welcome back Ms Jennifer Wallace, who will be teaching the Year 3-4 class on Mondays, and Ms Turley's Year 6-7 class on Thursdays.

#### Parent-Teacher Interviews almost complete.

Over the past two weeks parents and teachers have been meeting to get to know each other, to find out about the class year ahead, and to share any important information about our students. I trust that these times have been of value to all.

**Chris Tapscott**  
Principal

### THE PRINCIPAL

#### Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the school was held last evening, with the 2011 Annual Report and financial statement being presented. Hard copies of the 2011 Annual Report are available on loan from the school office. You will also soon be able to read the Annual Report on our school website.

The 2012 Governing Council was also formed at the meeting, with five parent positions being declared vacant, and elections held. Parent positions are for a two-year term, with approximately half declared vacant each year. This year we have maintained stability on our Council, with four members re-elected to the five declared vacancies. We also welcome Ms Lucretia Sperring to Council for the first time.

The 2012 Governing Council membership, which must have a majority of current parents or caregivers of students of the school, is:

Ms Tracy Clauss	Chairperson
Mr Matt Smith	Deputy Chairperson
Ms Helen Bagnell	Secretary
Mr Tim Goldsmith	Treasurer

Other parent members of Council: Ms Megan Evans; Ms Jacqueline Brayford; Ms Sharon Stephens, Mr Randall Warner and Ms Lucretia Sperring.

Other members of Governing Council are:

Mr Chris Tapscott	Principal
Ms Sandra Bevan	A/DP and Staff nominee
Ms Rosemary Austin	Staff proxy member
Mr Alan Oliver	Alexandrina Council rep.

#### Staff News.

For personal reasons Year 3 teacher Ms Gail McMillan will be taking leave until the end of second term, with the possibility of extending Long Service Leave until the end of the year. As a result of this, Ms Natarsha Milis will teach the Year 3 class full-time for the next two terms.

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The Kindergarten to school Transition Program dates for this term have been set. These dates will be sent to parents who have children eligible to start school in Term 2. There will be an introductory meeting at the Pt Elliot Kindergarten on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm. The Transition classroom teacher and the school's Reading Support Teacher will speak to parents about the classroom and school procedures. We ask parents who know of anyone that has a child not currently attending the Pt Elliot Kindergarten, but intending to enrol him/her at Pt Elliot Primary in Term 2, to inform that person to contact the school so that their child can be included in the Transition Program.

#### DRESS CODE

At Port Elliot Primary School we take pride in our appearance and acknowledge the importance of publicly displaying our school colours and logo. Children are expected to wear clothing suitable to the activities they are involved in. The school colours are navy blue, teal and gold and we strongly encourage students to wear items that are in these solid colours. Short, patterned or checked shorts, non school logo, slogan or strapped shirts, tank tops, thongs, platformed or high heeled shoes, crocs, dress jewellery, make up and baseball caps are not part of our dress code.

We ask parents to support the wearing of clothing to meet the intentions of our dress code and thereby contribute to the pride and uniformity of the children's appearance.

Listed below are the acceptable clothing items.

#### GIRLS

- School dress.
- Navy blue shorts, bike shorts, culottes, cargo pants, jazz pants, regular denim jeans.
- Teal shirt with collar with school emblem.
- Navy blue jumper, windcheater, bomber jacket.
- Track suit.
- Sandals, black shoes, sneakers.

## BOYS

- Navy blue shorts, cargo pants, track pants, regular denim jeans.
- Teal shirt with collar with school emblem.
- Navy blue jumper, windcheater, bomber jacket.
- Track suit.
- Sandals, black shoes, sneakers.
- Thank you for helping with our dress code.



Sandy Bevan  
Acting Deputy Principal

## **COUNSELLOR NEWS**

### Flying Fish Awards

Congratulations to Harriet and Leah, Ms Austin, Imogen, Jaid and Chloe, Mrs Warner's, Narayana, Mrs Roberts/Bernauer, Darcy, Ms Reedy/Milis, Aaron, Mrs Wood and Alexander, Mrs Allsop/James. Well done those students who received Flying Fish Awards!

### SRC

Congratulations to Jackson and Jasmine, Mrs. Warner's Year 3s  
Elli and Arnez, Mrs. Milis Year 3s  
Cooper and Luiza, Ms Wallace/Ms Reedy's Year 3, 4s  
Mitchell, Georgia and Kelsey Mrs Roberts/Ms Bernauer's Year 4, 5s  
Tara, Matt and Hayley, Mrs. Wood/Ms Bonds Year 5, 6s  
Tom, Will, Ella and Georgia, Mrs. Turley/Ms Wallace Year 6, 7s  
Matt, Shai, Taryn and Jordan, Mr. Blacker's Year 6, 7s  
These children have been elected on SRC this year. Congratulations and well done!

SRC are planning a number of activities this term.  
*Next Wednesday 29th is Boardies Day (changed due to Aquatics) Information coming out later in the week!*

### OPAL Surveys

Recently all our Year 4,5, and 6 students took home a survey that promotes our involvement in a local, state and federal government initiative to promote healthy eating and physical activity amongst students ( OPAL) Obesity Prevention and Lifestyle Programme). Could all parents and caregivers please return these surveys to the front office.

### Assembly

There will be no school assembly this week due to Year 6, 7 Aquatics.

*"We do the right thing because the right thing is the best thing to do."*

**Wilson McCaskill**

Cheers Karen

School Counsellor

## **RESOURCE CENTRE**

### PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Our school has registered for the 2012 Premier's Reading Challenge again this year. We had a record number of participants last year and hope to build on this in 2012. This year the Premier is adding an extra challenge – to read not only the 12 books for the Challenge, but also read an extra book in 2012, in the hope that students collectively reach the target of 1.5 million books. This is the 12 + 1 campaign as part of the National Year of Reading for 2012. For students who have completed the challenge for 9 years the Premier will present the Reader for Life – bronze award.

Classroom teachers have been given the 2012 Reading Record form to photocopy for students. Students need to read and record the 12 + 1 books by September 9<sup>th</sup> 2012.

### BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 Book Club orders have been sent away. When the ordered books arrive they will be given out to classroom teachers to distribute.



Sandy Bevan/Dorothy Geaghan

## **SAPSASA**

A mobile climbing wall from Rock About Company was here on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February for all students to attempt to climb. It was a great Team Building exercise that also promoted Goal Setting, Persistence, Confidence, Resilience, Getting Along, etc!

Thank you to all of the people who came along and encouraged the students and assisted with putting harnesses on them, etc. without this valuable help this wonderful opportunity for the students would not have run so smoothly.

The students really enjoyed the opportunity, so thank you so much again for your support!



Georgia enjoying her go at rock climbing.



### **Netball Clinic**

Jacky Ayres and other members of the Port Elliot Netball Club ran a Netball Clinic for girls in Years 2-5, at our school on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February from 9am.

The girls really enjoyed the opportunity and we would like to thank Jacky and her helpers for taking the time to support our girls and the Port Elliot Netball Club.

If you would like some information re joining the Port Elliot Netball Club feel free to contact Ali Donaldson on 0412863505 or Jacky Ayres on 0409679518. Information was also given to the girls at the clinic.

## House Captains

25 Year 7 students have been busily campaigning for votes for this year's House Captains positions. The students wrote a speech, designed posters and have spent the first few weeks of school working and playing with students across the school, to demonstrate their leadership skills and responsibility they will display if successfully chosen as a House Captain. All staff and students will get to vote this week for their female and male captain for their House Team Boomer, Commodore or Freeman. There will be a male Captain and Vice Captain and a female Captain and Vice Captain elected for each team. The successful candidates should be announced by Friday this week or early next week.

Good luck to all the candidates.

## Sid James Visit

Sid James is a local identity who organises triathlons in our area. He came to our first assembly (Friday Week 2) and spoke to all the students re his life as a triathlete, the challenges he has faced and also to promote his upcoming Triathlon on Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>. All ages are welcome to enter. If you would like more information you can contact Sid on [admin@fit.org.au](mailto:admin@fit.org.au) or [www.fit.org.au](http://www.fit.org.au).

We would like to thank Sid for coming and wish him, and all competitors, a wonderful triathlon.

## Jump Rope For Heart

All prizes for students who raised funds should be arriving soon. As soon as we receive them, we will distribute them to the students.

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 Swimming

**There are still places open for students wishing to compete** in the SAPSASA Swimming carnival, which is on Wednesday March the 7<sup>th</sup> at Strathalbyn. The team has been participating in trainings with Kerry Dodd in her pool at her home. **Trainings are on Sundays at 11am.**

Age requirements state children born in 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 are eligible to participate.

If you are interested in trying out for the team (even if you are unable to make this training date) please ring Kerry on 0418897265 to confirm interest.

This is a swimming competition so all competitors:

- Are required to wear competition uniforms (i.e. speedos, girls' one piece or bikini and no rash vests).
- Must be able to competently swim 50m of a pool without stopping or touching
- Are required to wear caps and goggles (Kerry can assist with the organisation of this)

Once Kerry knows how many people are interested then she will advise us of training costs.

Any questions please ring Kerry or see Trina at school.

## 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. The events we anticipate competing in this year are:

- **Swimming**
- **Athletics**
- **Cross Country**
- **Netball (Girls only)**
- **Soccer**
- **Football**
- **Basketball**
- **Cricket**

When information on the events is available I will put notices in the Newsletter and send notes home with the students who are interested.

There also will be opportunities for students to try out for the Southern District Association teams in various sports. When this information becomes available to me I will inform all eligible via the newsletter and notices home.

## 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.

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

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

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!**  
**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER RAFFLE**  
**PLEASE LEAVE AT FRONT OFFICE.**



Don't forget **FUN LUNCH** forms due back this  
THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup>.

Thanks Parent Network committee

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MATERIALS AND SERVICE CHARGES

Every student will have received an invoice for the fees for 2012. If you are eligible for school card and haven't received a form, please come in and get one from the front office. These forms **must be filled in each year**. All fees need to be paid by the end of Term 1. If you need more time, come in and fill out an instalment form to let us know of your intention to pay.

Many thanks to all parents who have already paid and bought in forms, if you need any assistance please contact or come in and see me.

Vicki Moliere

oucher for all School Students who open a **new** School Bank SA during February and March. The \$10 is credited into your account and you will also receive a

Digger the Wombat Money Box, Little Savers Calculator, Little Savers Library Bag and a School bank Wallet.  
Only for **new** accounts opened by students under 13 years of age.

**School Bank Day is now Tuesday**

**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**

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**The Southern Breakers Soccer Club** runs junior soccer from under 6 to under 16 and will be hosting 'Come and Try' Sessions

**Where:** Port Elliot Oval corner of Port Elliot and Tottenham Court Rd, Port Elliot

**Continues:** Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb.

**Time:** 4:30-5:30 under 6-11  
5:30-6:30 under 12-16



Opportunities also exist for male and female senior players.

See you at the 'Come and Try', afternoon!

We are also developing a local soccer league and this year, are expanding to: -under 8 and under 9s.

Thanks. Owen Boyd Secretary SBSC

**Wet Paint Productions: Youth Theatre Group**

Weekly Drama Workshop program starting

**WHEN:** Monday 13th February

**TIME:** 4.30pm to 6.30pm

**WHERE:** Goolwa

For 12 to 25 year olds living in Alexandrina or Victor Harbor Council areas

Minimal cost to participants contact Youth Development Officer Emily to register at Alexandrina Council on 8555 7000 or 0439 358 382 on a Monday or Tuesday.



**Pistons Basketball Club**  
**Under 10's Boy players needed**

Play Friday afternoon  
Born in 2003 & 2004  
phone Kerry Lang on 8554 3398

**VICTOR HARBOR HOCKEY CLUB**

**2012 REGISTRATION NIGHT**

Wednesday 14th March 2012

Victor Harbor Hockey Clubrooms

Juniors (16) 4 - 5:30pm

Seniors 6 - 8pm

**NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!**

**Senior training -**

Starts Wednesday 7th March 6 - 8pm

**Junior training -**

Starts Wednesday 14th March 4 - 5:30pm

**For more information phone Alicia:- 0400 273 950.**

**Goolwa Hockey Club** is having an Open/Registration Day at Goolwa Football Oval on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 11am - 2pm.

If interested in playing hockey, come along and have fun!

Beginners & experienced hockey players welcome.

Sausage sizzle lunch available on the day.

**Trainings:-** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 4:30 - 5:30.

Phone Cathy Elliott for further information on 8554 3190.

**Port Elliot Dog Park meeting**

**What** A meeting to discuss the benefits of the Port Elliot Dog Park

To form "The Friends of the Port Elliot Dog Park" group

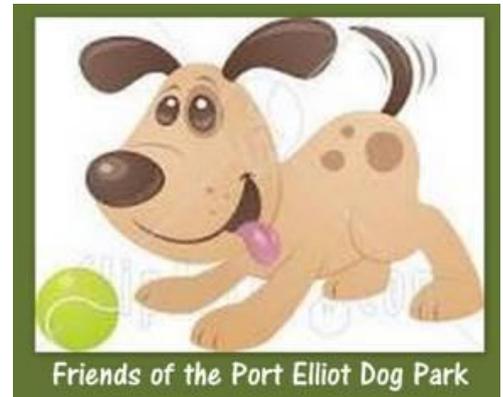
**When:-** 7 to 8pm, Tuesday 28th February 2012

**Where:-** Meeting Room, Port Elliot Institute Hall, The Strand

**Why:-** To harness and gather information to support a funding bid to Alexandrina Council for Stage 1 of the dog park - the fencing

**Who:-**

- Local residents (not just Port Elliot)
- Dog owners/ lovers
- People who have and have not experienced using a dog park
- Council members/ staff



**WANTED**

**YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE PORT ELLIOT DOG PARK!!**

For more information contact Ruth 0422 533 208

[roo.miller@bigpond.com](mailto:roo.miller@bigpond.com)

**GUITAR LESSONS WITH ANNE TODD**

Cords, note reading, theory, songs, accompaniment styles and fingerstyle all taught.

Half hour private lessons are held once per week.

For further details please phone Anne.

**Home:** 85526518 **Mobile:** 0402109767