



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 9

12th JUNE 2012

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DIARY DATES

JUNE

13TH Transition
15th Blue Light Disco
18th Christian Options
22nd PARENT NETWORK MEETING 9AM
29TH END OF SCHOOL TERM 2.30PM

INSIGHTS by Michael Grosse enclosed.

THE PRINCIPAL

Feedback invited on literacy and numeracy development.

Next Monday evening the school's Governing Council will consider a request from the Minister and Department for Education and Child Development for feedback on the following question:

'How can we best support your child and family with literacy and numeracy development?'

With this Newsletter you will find a feedback proforma with four questions on this topic. If you would like to contribute your views, please complete the proforma and return it to school by this Friday, 15th June, or you can email your responses by this Friday to info@ptelliotps.sa.edu.au. If you respond via email, please type 'literacy numeracy feedback' in the subject box if you have one.

The questions are:

1. What is working well at this school/preschool to support your child's literacy and numeracy development?
2. What could we do differently or more of at this school/preschool to support your child's literacy and numeracy development?
3. What more could this school/preschool do to better inform, support and involve parents with this work?
4. Any other comments/feedback?

This is an opportunity for your views to be considered by Governing Council, and forwarded to DECD and the Minister.

Reports being finalised.

Teachers have been busy in recent weeks working on mid-year written reports. These will be sent home on the final Thursday of term, 28th June.

Lucy the Labrador doing a wonderful job at Port Elliot Primary School.

Many parents and visitors to Port Elliot Primary School will have seen Lucy the Labrador on site. Unlike all other dogs, Lucy has the principal's permission to be on the school

grounds. This is pursuant to Section 45a of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995, which says:

'A person who owns or is responsible for the control of a dog is guilty of an offence if the dog (not being an accredited disability dog, guide dog or hearing dog) is in, or in the grounds of, a school, kindergarten, child care centre or pre-school centre without the permission of the person in charge of that place.'

Lucy is trained as a carer dog, and many of our students, especially those who make use of 'The Shack' have been comforted by Lucy when they have been sad or upset. Soon Lucy will be joined by Opie, another Labrador, who is also being trained.

All other dogs should not be brought onto school grounds without permission.

As you can see from the wording of Section 45a of the Dog and Cat Management Act, no other dogs should be brought onto the school site without the permission of the principal. If you walk your dog to school to drop off or pick up your children, please remain outside the school boundary with them. It is also a good idea to keep them away from the gateways where other children and their family members are entering or leaving the school.

Sometimes classes have special pet days, and sometimes children like to show new puppies to their classmates. For breeds that are not considered to be dangerous breeds, these occasions can be covered with one-off permission from the principal being granted for dogs to come to school.

Teachers Learning about iPads and their use for student learning.

On Friday of last week, during our pupil-free-day, Ms Selena Woodward from Flinders University presented further training for staff members on the use of iPads in teaching and learning. Increasingly families are obtaining iPads, and they and other tablets seem likely to revolutionise learning. Ms Kathy Turley, our Coordinator in ICT-rich pedagogy, organised the program for the day.

In the afternoon staff members spent time preparing units of work for use with our Smartboards.

Final day of school this term.

The final day of school this term is Friday 29th June. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on this day. You may wish to note this on your calendar.

**Chris Tapscott
Principal**

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

PRESERVICE TEACHER

Preservice teacher Catie Griffen finishes her 8 week practicum in Ms Roberts & Bernauer's 4/5 classroom this Friday. We thank Catie for the enthusiasm and effort she has put into working with the students in the class and we wish her well in her teaching career.

TRANSITION

The second kindergarten to school transition visit will be tomorrow, Wednesday 13th June, at 9:05am to 10:50am in Sandy Graham's Reception classroom. Further visits will be on Monday 18th and 25th June.

CHRISTIAN OPTIONS

On Monday 18th June members from the combined churches of Port Elliot and Goolwa will be in the school to deliver a Christian message to those students who have permission to attend the Christian Options sessions.

Sandy Bevan
Acting Deputy Principal



COUNSELLOR NEWS

FLYING FISH AWARDS

Congratulations to Ebony T, Jack B, Chelsy P, Makai W, Sophie L, Jackson B, Caden B, Jasmyn E, Corey M, Paige G, Ethan C, Jack C, Winter M, Dane U, Erin H, Year 3,4 class Ms Wallace and Ms Reedy's, Ebony G, Jeremy G, Cambell B, Blake G, Zack B, Zahrna M, Karma D, Riley O, Matty A, Colby W, Stuart S, Max S, Austin D, Matawai S, Jaya S, Celeste H, Brianna L, Sasha E, McKenzie M, Clara Y, Jamar S, Mallee B, Rebecca H, Kyle M, Harriet O, Dylan K, Jessica N and Jye B. Congratulations to all students who received Flying Fish Awards. You should be very proud of yourselves!

SRC news

WHEELS WEEK!

SRC will be holding 'WHEELS WEEK' in the last week of this term. A note will be in coming home closer to the date.

ELECTRONICS DAY

Last Thursday SRC hosted our first IT and Electronics day. It was a great success with students enjoying time out of the cold and playing with their favourite games. Thank you to Jenny and Leeann for giving up their recess and lunch breaks to help supervise students



Many of our students, especially boys! Enjoying "IT and electronics day"



BUSKING ASSEMBLY has been planned for Week 8 Friday 15th of June. Students can start to practise now with auditions happening tomorrow, Wednesday 9:00 am in the Counsellors Office.

PARENT INSIGHT

Five ideas to get young people to listen. Great ideas and worth the read.

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

Wilson McCaskill.

Have a great week!

Cheers Karen
School Counsellor



RESOURCE CENTRE

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Students should be well on the way to completing the Premier's Reading Challenge which finishes on September 7th. If your child does not have a Reading Challenge record sheet to record the 13 books read see his/her class teacher or library staff.

Sandy Bevan/Dorothy Geaghan



PE AND SAPSASA NEWS

KNOCKOUT GIRLS' FOOTBALL

The girls, coached by Matt Smith, played their first game at Christies Beach School on Friday June 1st. The girls were full of enthusiasm and determination and played fantastic football. The defence was so tight that we kept the opposition scoreless for 3 quarters! Our use of the handball and passing to free players resulted in us scoring every quarter.

The girls won 7 goals 3 points (45 points) to 1 goal 1 point (7 points)! A fantastic team achievement!

Thank you to the parents who drove, and to Matt for coaching so effectively, to Randall for goal umpiring and to Rory for umpiring the whole game. The amount of adult support and assistance we receive at all SAPSASA events is greatly appreciated!

The girls are now busy practicing with Matt for our next game, which is yet to be organized, as we are waiting for our opposition to play their first round match.

KNOCKOUT GIRLS SOCCER

The girls, coached by Kevin and Sam Barth, played their first game at Willunga on Thursday June 7th. Within minutes we were down 2-0 but then the girls showed their determination and team work and finished the half up 3-2. Second half saw us score another goal to lead 4-2. Willunga tried hard to score but our defence was too tight. They did squeeze a goal in on the final siren, however. Final score: 4-3 to Port Elliot. Another great game girls and very well played!

Thank you to the parents who drove. We could not possibly attend these events at such a low cost if it wasn't for this assistance. Thanks again to Kevin for umpiring the whole game and to Sam for coaching the girls from the sideline.

The girls are now busy practicing with Kevin and Sam for our next game, which is yet to be organized, as we are waiting for our opposition to play their next round match. KnockOut Girls Soccer Team with Coach (Kevin) & Umpire young Sam

SAPSASA DISTRICT HOCKEY

Congratulations to Georgia W, Leilani, Mimi, Chloe and Talullah who have all been chosen to represent our District in SAPSASA Hockey at Grange Reserve during Monday 18th - Friday 22nd June. We wish the girls all the best for the week and hope they have an enjoyable experience.

SAPSASA BASKETBALL

We have entered a Girls' Year 5/6, a Girls' Year 6/7, a Boys' Year 5/6 and a Boys' Year 6/7 team to participate in the annual SAPSASA Basketball tournament. This will be held on Wednesday 8th August (Girls) and Thursday 9th August (Boys). Location is yet to be announced. Students have been asked in class time to nominate for the trials to be selected in these teams. I will be trialing students in class time and during set lunch times early Term 3. Once final teams are selected I will send the necessary paper work home.

Southern Golf Group SAPSASA

Qualifying round to be held at McCracken Golf Club August 5, 2012- 11:30am to 12.30pm 1 hr coaching Cost \$10 including Sausage Sizzle 12.30pm-1pm. 9 hole SAPSASA competition from 1pm.

Bookings- McCracken Pro Shop on 8551 0299

Coaching-: Anne-Marie Knight

PGA professional, ex European Tour Player and winner of the 1999 Ladies German Open.

Local Sporting Success Stories!

Congratulations to Lara K for her selection in the region's Academy Netball team. We wish you all the best for the upcoming carnivals.

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

PARENT NETWORK

Parent Network Meeting Friday 22nd June at 9am Staff Room.

It would be fantastic to see the next generation step up and see how the Parent Network works. This would guarantee the continuation of the Parent Network for the coming year to the benefit of your children.

Please come and support this valuable part of the school.

The Parent Network Committee.

SCHOOL NEWS

Deidre Solly is handing in her horn!

(The children have been coming to group time with the sound of Deidre's horn for some years).

Please come and wish Deidre well in her retirement.

All colleagues, past parents and children are invited to an 'Open House'

WHERE-: Port Elliot Kindergarten

WHEN-: Friday 22nd June, 3pm-5pm

Please RSVP for catering: Phone 8554 2962

Email:info@ptelliotkgn.sa.edu.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

ADRA OP SHOP

LOT 51 HILL STREET

PORT ELLIOT

OPEN ALL SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

8:30AM-4:30PM

Garage Sale style setup with heaps of Treasures

Please support this shop as they support us.

Wet Paint Youth Theatre & Show Us Ya Shorts

Extravaganza will again be happening for its 7th highly successful year!

So, for all you creative young people, aged between 12 and 25 living in Alexandrina and City of Victor Harbor Council areas start making those short films. All films should be in MP4 File Format, with contact details of film maker and submitted to Lucretia Sperring or Emily Zesers – Youth Development Officers on 8555 7000 or email lucretia.sperring@alexandrina.sa.gov.au or emily.zesers@alexandrina.sa.gov.au to find out more! By Friday 15th June 2012.

School Holiday Coaching Clinics

Football/Netball/Basketball/Soccer/Combo

For students aged 5-14 years

Prince Alfred College Tue-Fri 3-6 July 2012

Guest coaches (Patrick Dangerfield and Nathan Van Berlo) on Thurs 5th

Cost of the 3 day clinics either 9am-12noon \$145

Or 9am – 3pm \$195

Family Discounts Available

For details and to enrol www.acnsport.com.au phone 1300 134 154



GIRLS
SAPSASA FOOTBALL TEAM
COACH-MATT

GIRLS
SAPSASA SOCCER TEAM
COACH-KEVIN
UMPIRE-SAM B

