



*How high can our fish fly?*  
**PORT ELLIOT PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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◆ Safety ◆ Happiness ◆ Respect ◆ Confidence ◆ Trust ◆ Pride

**DIARY DATES**

**JULY**

27<sup>th</sup>

**NATIONAL TREE DAY  
GARDEN WORKING BEE (students)**

29<sup>th</sup>

**GARDEN WORKING BEE**

**AUGUST**

3<sup>rd</sup>

**Girls SAPSASA Footy**

8<sup>th</sup>

**SAPSASA Basketball**

9<sup>th</sup>

**SAPSASA Boys Basketball**

**THE PRINCIPAL**

**Welcome to our new Reception students.**

This term we welcome new Reception students Indigo, Thomas, Mikayla, Angus, Bailey and Macauley to Ms Graham's class and to Port Elliot Primary School. We hope that you have a happy and successful time learning at Port Elliot Primary School.

**Enrolments at 309.**

This term our total enrolments are 309 students. Up to 14 Reception students will enrol in Term 4, taking total enrolments to 323 by the end of the year.

**Congratulations Leilani.**

Year 7 student Leilani has returned to school after attending the SASKI school-age skiing competitions at Mt Buller recently, and winning a silver medal in her Year 7 age-group. Well done Leilani!

**Term 3- a very busy term.**

This term, in addition to the regular learning program, Year 6-7 students will be involved in further SAPSASA team sports, many classes will focus on the Olympic Games over several weeks, as well as Mrs Doig and House Captains organising some inter-house events to coincide with the Olympics. 35 students and 20 adults will participate in the two-week Murputja Cultural Exchange Program visit to Murputja Anangu School on the APY Lands; and Year 4-5 and Year 5-6 classes will go on camp to Nunyara at Belair. On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August we will have a YOYO expert visit with a well-being message. And Book Week is coming up!

**Working Bee for National Tree Day.**

With today's Newsletter we have also sent home a flyer about our National Tree Day Working Bee at the school this Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> July from 10:00am, to complete planned plantings in various areas, as well as to carry out some much-needed garden maintenance. On Friday classes will be involved in Schools National Tree Day activities.

The school is funded for only 11 hours per week of grounds-person time, and this does not go far towards garden maintenance after the oval is mowed and other maintenance jobs carried out. So if you have a couple of hours that you can spare, it will be appreciated!

**Our bike shed began operating today.**

Now that we have solved the problem of small children being able to crawl under the walls and gate of the new bike shed, students are now able to have their bikes, skateboards and scooters locked in the shed as they arrive in the mornings. The shed will be locked at about 9:05am each morning, and unlocked at about 3:20pm each afternoon. This means that students do not have to worry about other children interfering with their bikes, scooters or skateboards through the day.

**Opinion survey letters have been sent home.**

Last week a random selection of families received letters inviting parents to participate in the annual parent opinion surveys. These can be completed on-line, or paper copies are available from the office for those invited parents who do not have internet access at home.

Many students in Years 4 to 7, as well as all staff members, participate in opinion surveys as well.

For the surveys to provide a valid range of parent, student and staff opinion, it is important for as many invited people as possible to complete the survey, and so I encourage you to do so. Responses to the survey close on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

**Problems shared with the school are problems addressed.**

The school has a range of anti-bullying, behaviour management, and complaint resolution policies and practices that work very well when issues are raised with us. They work best when the issues are raised early and appropriately, when policies are followed, and when we all work towards resolving them. Our three highest values are Safety, Happiness and Respect, because we know that if students are safe and happy in a respectful environment at school they will have the best chance of success with their learning. And that's what we all want.

**Next pupil-free-day.**

The next pupil-free-day for staff training will be on Monday August 27<sup>th</sup>. (At this time many Year 6-7 students will be away on the Murputja trip, and so will not be affected.)

**Chris Tapscott  
Principal**

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Staff Training

This Thursday, Stella Dorward, our Reading Recovery teacher, has organised for our Junior Primary teachers to go to Clapham Primary School, Reading Recovery Centre to participate in training on using a range of tests to assist teachers to identify literacy needs in the early years students.

During the recent school holidays Sandy Warner, Vicki Lacey and I attended a two day Computers in Education Conference at Unley High School. We went to a range of sessions including being responsible digital citizens, successful blogging, cyber-safety, twitter and education, personalising learning and I pads in education. We will be sharing these resources with staff through staff meetings.

### Preservice Teachers

We have two student teachers from Flinders University working in the school for the next four weeks. Tamika Williams is working with Vicki Lacey's R/1 class and Denise Adler is working in Jen and my year 6/7 class. We hope they enjoy their stay at Port Elliot Primary.

### Thank you Parent Network

Last term Parent Network allocated \$3000 towards the purchase of iPads for the school. We are in the process of ordering these and then they will be distributed around the school for teachers and students to start using them in their classrooms. Thank you Parent Network for you kind donation towards student engagement.

### Tweeting from Murputja

During the Year 6/7 Murputja Cultural Exchange we will be sending out live tweets of our adventures on the road (subject to internet coverage). If you are on twitter and would like to follow these updates you can follow me on @kathturley. We will be tweeting as #murputja2012.

**Kathy Turley**  
Acting Deputy Principal

## COUNSELLOR NEWS

Welcome back to term 3. We hope everyone had a good break and are looking forward to a positive and productive term.

### Flying Fish Awards

Flying Fish Awards will be given out at the next assembly

### SRC news

SRC have planned many activities this term. Information will come home before each event. SRC have planned an Electronics Day, Bike Week, Pyjama Day and a special Super Heroes Day. Ms Reedy's class will be having a fundraiser for their class.

### NED IS COMING!!!!

The Ned show is a hugely popular show that is coming to us from America. Yes you guessed it Yo Yo's are back! The show comes with a very strong message, **Never** give up, **Encourage** others and **Do** your best. (NED). The NED Show will be here at PEPS on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 2:15 in the gym. Everyone is welcome. There is a parent information sheet enclosed in this week's newsletter about pricing etc. I am sure we all remember these shows when we were at school! Children just love them!

*We may have no control over what happens, but we always have control over how we react to what happens.*

*Wilson McCaskill.*

### **HAVE A GREAT WEEK!**

**Karen**  
**School**  
**Counsellor**



## PE AND SAPSASA NEWS

### House Captains

The House Captains have been busy preparing for running numerous exciting activities for the students of the school. During Weeks 3 and 4, whilst the Olympics are on, we are asking that students wear their Team Colours on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to help create a sporting atmosphere. We will be running Mini Olympics style activities at lunch times on these days and during PE lessons. We also plan to hold an Opening Ceremony on Monday morning where students will march in their team colours, behind their Team banner, singing their Team Chant.

### Knockout Girls' Soccer

The girls, coached by Kevin and Sam Barth, played at Tatchilla School on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 9:30am. The girls fought so hard in defence but were unable to convert any goals in offence. We were eventually defeated by a very experienced side but the girls continued to stay positive and give 100% throughout the whole game. The girls did us proud!

Thanks to Kevin and Sam for all their assistance and to Sharyn and Louise who were the drivers on the day. Drivers are such an important part of our SAPSASA program. Without them we could not attend, so please consider driving when you can or some events may not go ahead.



## 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) at Morphett Vale Stadium. Students are busy practicing during their lunch times for this carnival.

## Knockout Girls' Football

The girls, coached by Matt and assisted by Jordan, have been busy practicing for our next game. This will be played at McLaren Vale School on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 9:30am. We wish the girls all the best for this 3<sup>rd</sup> round match!

## SAPSASA Southern Golf Group

Qualifying round at McCracken Golf Club  
August 5, 2012 from 11:30am.

**Cost \$10.**

1 hr coaching from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

Coaching by Anne-Marie Knight current PGA professional.

**Sausage sizzle** from 12:30 to 1pm

9 hole SAPSASA competition from 1pm.

All inclusive of the \$10.

Bookings Contact 8551 0299

## 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

## JUNIOR GOLF PROGRAM 2012

MCCRACKEN GOLF CLUB

**TIME:** 10.30AM – 11.30AM

**DATES:** SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JULY – SWING

SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY - BUNKERS

SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - PUTTING

SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> AUGUST - CHIPPING

SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER- PITCHING

SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER – COURSE  
MANAGEMENT



**COST \$80.00**

THERE WILL BE A MODIFIED JUNIOR 9 HOLE COMPETITION TO COMMENCE AT 12.00PM AFTER MOST SESSIONS IN WHICH THE JUNIOR COORDINATOR WILL BE PRESENT. PARENTAL ASSISTANCE IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED.

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY PGA PROFESSIONAL ANNE-MARIE KNIGHT. NUMBERS LIMITED. BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. PLEASE CONTACT ANNE-MARIE KNIGHT ON 0403757438 OR EMAIL ME ON [riverlandgolf@aol.com](mailto:riverlandgolf@aol.com) OR EMAIL THE PRO SHOP ON [mccracken@oncoursegolf.com.au](mailto:mccracken@oncoursegolf.com.au).



## **PANTHERS THIRD TERM AUSKICK PROGRAM**

**Where:** SOUTH ADELAIDE FOOTBALL CLUB,  
Hickinbotham Oval, Lovelock Drive, Noarlunga Downs

**When:** FRIDAYS – 10, 17th 24th & 31st AUGUST. 7<sup>th</sup> & 14th SEPTEMBER 4.45pm – 5.45pm

**Cost:** Auskick registration is \$55, which includes 6 weeks of fun plus benefits pack and lots of giveaways.

You can Register online now at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) or complete a registration form at your first session.

For any enquiries please contact Warren Ploenges at the SAFC on 8186 8200.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



## Computer Courses

**\*Word 2010**-get to know your way around it, learn some hints and tips

(Starts Wednesday 25th July 9:30-12:30 for 4 weeks)

**\*Social Networking**-learn to tweet, and blog! Find out about the pitfalls and the pluses (Starts Wednesday 22nd August 9:30-12:30 for 4 weeks)

## ALSO

**Improve your reading, writing and number skills** in a group that is friendly and *fun!*

Classes to be held at Whalers Housing  
7 Loveday Street, Goolwa  
For more information or to book ring  
**8555 2800**



## Pistons Basketball Club

**Players Needed for Summer**

**Season 2012/2013 Girls & Boys**

Under 10's born 2004 & 2005

Under 12's born 2002 & 2003

Under 14's born 2001 & 2000

Under 16's born 1999 & 1998

Please register interest by 10<sup>th</sup> August 2012. Teams will be nominated according to registered players by that date, once a team is full, no more players will be accepted.

Register by emailing child's name, date of birth, your name & contact number to

[pistonsbc@gmail.com](mailto:pistonsbc@gmail.com) or phone Susan on 8554 2614

