



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 2

FEBRUARY 19th 2013

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DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

19th Netball Clinic yr 2-3's 9.00am-10.30am

22nd 6-7's Aquatics Horseshoe Bay

20th-22nd SAPSASA Swimming Strathalbyn

25TH A.G.M. Governing Council

25th-1st/3 INTERVIEWS

MARCH

1ST "Noises" Come Out Performance

6th FUN LUNCH

8TH PUPIL FREE DAY

11TH PUBLIC HOLIDAY

1. Phonemic awareness (identifying sounds).
2. Phonics (children identify that letters have sounds about 5 to 7 year olds).
3. Fluency (reading without sounding out).
4. Comprehension (Understanding what it read, even as an adult we sometimes need to go back and reread a text that is technical or new to us. eg. Legal documents.)
5. Vocabulary (learning new words, this happens throughout our lives.)

Good Readers are Active Readers:

1. They actively search for connections between what they know and what they are reading.
2. Ask questions about the texts and the author.
3. Draw an understanding from what they are reading.
4. Distinguish important parts of the text.
5. Check they understand the text.
6. Visualise the text.

Obviously an important point for all of us as parents is the more minutes students are read to and spend reading the more confident they become and see reading as great way to gain knowledge and understanding.

If you wish to do some more research or other reading ideas check Sheena's website: <http://sheenacameron.co.nz>

Brenton Hudson
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Transition from Kindy

Today new parents met Brenton Hudson the Principal and class teacher Vicki Lacey

Next Tuesday the 26th of February, parents will meet Karen Robinson the School Counsellor, Reading Recovery teacher Stella Dorward and Yvette Foster the Deputy Principal. Parents will also go on a tour of the school with Yvette.

This will be the first morning of transition for students going into Vicki Lacey's Reception class next term. There will be 6 transition sessions for students this term on Tuesday mornings. Vicki Lacey is also taking her class on regular visits to the Kindy with her class to ensure the students make new friends and settle quickly into school.

Yvette Foster

Deputy Principal

THE PRINCIPAL

Annual General Meeting 7:30pm Monday 25th February in the Resource Centre.

All members of the school community are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the school next Monday evening. The majority of Governing Council members must be parents or primary care-givers of current students of the school. We encourage all interested parents or care-givers to consider nominating for election to Governing Council.

It will also be an opportunity to meet Brenton Hudson the new Principal as the 2012 Annual Report will be presented.

Our Governing Council has a very important role in the life of the school. It approves the annual school budget which drives all of our priorities it makes major decisions about, and negotiates for, the continuous development of our facilities and grounds, and takes strong action as necessary ensure the learning for our students is a priority. Council meets monthly, usually on a Monday evening.

See you on 25th February at 7:30pm.

Brenton Hudson

Pupil Free Day

Yesterday was our first school student free day for 2013. Students free days are an excellent opportunity for the whole staff to be together to attend conferences and share ideas and best practice with other educators. Staff from our site and Goolwa Primary School combined to see well renowned speaker Sheena Cameron from New Zealand. Sheena Cameron is an experienced school teacher who has taught in New Zealand, England and the United States. She currently works in New Zealand and Australian schools facilitating workshops and providing in-school support in the areas of literacy, classroom environment and student publishing. Our day was spent looking at the teaching of reading and in particular reading comprehension. Over the coming weeks you may see teachers implementing some of the ideas Sheena shared with us.

Some interesting facts from the workshop were:

Reading is not innate like walking or talking and needs to be learnt through modelling and practice.

There are 5 main stages of reading:

**REMINDER NEXT STUDENT
 FREE DAY
 FRIDAY 8TH MARCH**

COUNSELLOR NEWS

Flying Fish Awards

Congratulations to Elijah H, Ashlee H, Will S, Brandon B, Tahlia G, Jack C, Harriett O, Hope T, Makye S, Hudson P, Jay B, Emily P, Alishia W, Flynn T, Lucy P, Mark T, Connor W, Dimity P, Stuart S, Lachlan W, James B, Holly T, Tianni C, Lachlan S, Indiana D, Jaya N and Kain M. These students received Flying Fish Awards for reaching their personal best.

Social Skill Focus Weeks 4-5

Have reasons for the things you say and do!

If you don't know why you're doing something then don't do it because it's most likely wrong.

Students will be focussing on their responsibility to put their thinking in charge, not their feelings.

SRC

Congratulations to

Year7- Pippa Georgia and Cooper

Year 5-6 Alisha Emily Flynn

Year 5- Dylan Miranda

Year 4- 5 Chloe, Jaid

Year 3 - 4 Winter Jamar

Year3 - Cadell, Abbi

Newly elected SRC Rep for 2013

Swearing when you shouldn't, shows feelings have taken charge and doing what thinking wouldn't.

Wilson McCaskill

Have a great week!

Cheers Karen

School Counsellor

Senior S.R.C.



Back Row Georgia K & Pippa M

Front Row- Flynn T & Cooper O

RESOURCE CENTRE

MISSING RESOURCES

There are still many school readers and library books that have not been returned from last year. Could parents please do a thorough search at home for any items that belong to the school? The missing items represent a considerable amount of money in replacement value and also mean that students currently have fewer resources available to use and that many Reading Boxes are incomplete.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 Scholastic Book Club orders have been sent away. Books ordered will be distributed to students when they are received and processed by Book Club organisers Sharon Stephens, Beck Sweetman and Caroline Hendriks.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The school has once again registered for the Premier's Reading Challenge. Students who choose to participate need to read 12 books by September. Encourage your child/children to start reading. Classroom teachers have a copy of the Reading Record sheets for distribution to students.

Sandy Bevan/ Dorothy Geaghan

P.E.-SAPSASA

House Captains

Every year, the Year 7 students are given the opportunity to apply for the position of House Captain. The duties involved in this role include:

- Preparing, supporting and organising their House Team before, during and after Sports Day
- Assisting the PE teacher with Sports Equipment for use in class times, recess and lunch times
- Running activities for the students during break times.

Several Year 7 students are in the process of campaigning; which includes preparing a speech, devising posters and helping students in the yard. Speeches will be read to House Teams on Monday Week 5 then every student will get a vote during their PE lesson in Week 5. Once the successful candidates are decided then the House Captains will begin Sports day preparations.

Good luck to all the nominees.

SAPSASA State Teams Selections

Interested students wanting to trial for **State teams** need to refer to: www.decd.sa.gov/sport/pages/sapsasa for further information. If you wish to trial for a team, an online nomination must be completed and submitted by the due date for each sport. Information for each sport is available by clicking on List of Sports, then the sport you are interested in nominating for. (A separate nomination form is required for each sport). It is up to the student and their parent/caregiver to enrol, pay for and attend these try outs. See me at school if you need more information re this process.

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 in this section of the newsletter.

I also will be putting 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.

Trina Doig ☺

Physical Education Co-Ordinator

PARENT NETWORK

Ice Creams on sale Wednesday and Friday

Juice Stick	\$1.00
Billabongs	\$1.80
Milo Scoop	\$2.50



NEXT FUN LUNCH MARCH 6TH

See notice going home today

Thankyou to all parents who attended our Parent Network Meeting it was nice to see so many new faces.

Cheers Parent Network

POSHC will be open on Friday 8th March from 7am - 6.30pm please book A.S.A.P.

Phone Kim Clay 0407490149

SCHOOL NEWS

MATERIALS AND SERVICE CHARGES

Every student will have received an invoice for the fees for 2013. 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**, it is not automatic if you had one before. Circumstances change and we can't guess!

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

ICT News and Updates

WEB SITE

New look!! Web Site for the school, have you seen it?

A must see, full of information.

Visit it at www.ptelliotsps.sa.edu.au

Class blogs are a great way for parents and friends to see what has been happening in your child's classroom. Many of the classes at Port Elliot already have a class blog set up and a number of other classes have plans to create one during the year. You can access these blogs through the "What's happening in our class?" tab on the new website. Don't forget to leave a comment so that the kids know that you have had a look – it will make their day!

Cybersafety

Using computers, mobile devices and the internet is educational, fun and engaging for kids however, there is risk and responsibilities associated with this. At Port Elliot Primary we want children to learn strategies to manage these risks so that their experiences are safe and positive. Class teachers teach students about being safe, responsible internet users as part of the curriculum. Older students are asked to sign an ICT agreement that details the way they will use ICT at school, their responsibilities and the consequences of not following this agreements. We also ask parents to sign consent forms for students images, work and comments to be published on line (including on class blogs and the school website). If you would like to see any of these documents they are available on the school website under policies or ask your child's class teacher.

The following websites have helpful information for parents about keeping kids safe on the internet:

Australian Government-Site related to being smart online

www.cybersmart.gov.au

Alannah and Madeline Foundation-

Keeping kids safe from violence

www.amf.org.au

Think You Know-

Run by Australian Federal Police and Microsoft Australia

www.thinkuknow.org.au

Bullying. No Way! -:

information and resources for bullying

www.bullyingnoway.com.au

HEALTH NOTE

Headlice and Threadworm are frequently in schools.

If you see your child/ren scratching please treat accordingly.

See your pharmacist for treatment or any questions.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Port Elliot Netball Club welcomes new & returning players, coaches, umpires & supporters to the 2013 season.

Registration & 1st Junior training commences -:

Wednesday 13th Feb 2013.

4.30pm-5.30pm 7-13 year olds

5.30pm-6.30pm 14-17 year olds

Senior players are welcome to come along Wednesday nights from 6.30pm

Further enquiries please phone Jacky Ayres on 0409679518 or ayres4@bigpond.com (also if can't make registration night)



If you are looking for a different after-school activity for your child, or to give your child advancement in computer related subjects, consider PECK (Port Elliot Computer Kids). PECK provides educational and fun activities for girls and boys aged 4-15 for only \$15 a term. We have modern computer systems, Internet access, and we provide a safe and supportive environment for all children participating. Sessions from 3:30pm or as close as possible, until 5pm on Tuesdays for the older students and Thursdays for the younger students, this is further arranged considering the ability of the child.

We now have vacancies on both days.

For further information please phone Tony on 8554 2958 or 0413933018.



SOCCER CLUB

The Southern Breakers Soccer Club are hosting their annual 'Come and Try' day on

Wed 27th of February 4.30 on under 6 to under 11, 5.30 on under 12 to under 18

boys & girls new & current players all welcome.

The come and try day will be held at the home of the Southern Breakers on the corner of Port

Elliot and Tottenham Court Roads (entry from Tottenham court).



The popularity of the 'world game' is growing on the coast and the development of our local league has been highly successful.

We look forward to seeing you there!

www.southernbreakers.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: 04021097

2013 'GOODS TO GO CAFÉ' PRICE LIST BELOW

NOTE DRINKS HAVE GONE UP

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE TO RIGHT MONEY WHEN ORDERING CHILDREN'S LUNCHES.