



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 7

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DIARY DATES

MAY

24th

29th

30th

JUNE

7th

10th

20th

27th

JULY

5th

Walk to School Day

FUN LUNCH

Girls Knockout Netball

Biggest Morning Tea

STUDENT FREE DAY

Queens Birthday

Rooms 9:02 & 5:07 Excursion Adelaide

Cows Create Careers Presentation

END OF TERM 2

High School Transition

Year 7s and families should have received a letter over the last few weeks from Victor Harbor High school explaining the transition process. Hopefully you have already taken up the opportunity to complete a tour of the Middle School. However if not, you have one more chance, tomorrow Friday the 24th of May at 11:30am, Please phone Vicki Foster 8551 1905 at the High school to register your attendance.

Transition for Kindy students

Transition will begin in Week 7 on Wednesday mornings starting from the 12th of June. There will be a parent meeting on the 12th of June in the staff room for all new parents. Transition will then be on the 19th and 26th of June and 3rd of July.

LEADERSHIP

Helping your child with Reading

Reading at home supports children with practice of skills learnt at school. **The take home reader must be easy.**

This means the reader can read it with ease, making very few errors with no help from an adult to work out the words.



Reading has three parts

Decoding- working out the words

Phrasing and fluency- reading like we talk

Comprehension- understanding what is read.

Many students find comprehension very difficult. Each time your child reads to you ask them to tell you what has happened in the book. If they are NOT able to do this the book is too hard.

Also they need to be able to answer questions about what they have read. Eg. What colour was the car? How many people did....? Where was the?... Who...?

The most important part is to make reading an enjoyable experience. Reading a story together on the couch on a rainy day and sharing what has happened or will happen next is a great way to spend time with your child. With older students reading a novel and then watching the movie later also creates conversation opportunities.

Enjoy a book today!



Brenton Hudson, Principal & Stella Dorward, Reading Support teacher

Brenton & Yvette

CHRISTIAN PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Can I talk to You

Whether we are five and just starting school or ninety five we all need someone to talk to from time to time. In times of trouble or hardship we might need a listening ear and people to give us guidance and comfort. You may have heard the saying 'a problem shared is a problem halved' which means that when we talk about a problem to someone we trust we can feel a weight has lifted. If we can find someone to talk to that helps us feel less anxious, frustrated or burdened that can be a relief when we are carrying a heavy load.

In our paths we often find people who have been through the very things we are going through and by talking to them we can learn some coping skills to help us with our feelings and emotions.

You are very welcome to call in and see me on my days here at the school, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. I'm a good listener and make a great cup of coffee! No problem is too great or small.

**Take care,
 Deb Pryor, CPSW Worker.**

RESOURCE CENTRE

Book Club

Issue 3 Scholastic Book Club orders have been sent away and we are waiting for the delivery of the orders. Books will be distributed by classroom teachers as soon as they have been processed by the Book Club organisers.

Sandy Bevan/ Dorothy Geaghan



SAPSASA Events

The annual District **Cross Country** event was held on Wednesday 8th May at Kent Reserve, Victor Harbor.

30 students aged 10-13 competed for our school. Well done to all students and thank you to the parents, and grandparents etc. who came along to cheer, encourage and support our students. Thankyou to the Parents who assisted me with the organisation on the day, thank you, I greatly appreciated your help.

Congratulations to Ella for coming 1st, James and Henry for finishing 2nd, Jaid and Mark T 3rd, Liam 4th, Kasper and Tom 6th, Jamar 7th, Neriah 8th and Finlay 9th in their respective events. These students met the qualifying times for the State Oakbank Cross Country carnival and have been invited to attend. As a school we finished second to Encounter Lutheran in the small schools group. Well done to all. 😊



Knockout Boys' Soccer

On Friday 17th May our boys' knockout soccer team played Encounter Lutheran at the local town oval. The boys played well as a team and had a convincing win, 6-1! We now play Meadows Primary School. Date, time and location are yet to be decided.

Well done to all for their effort and a special mention to those boys who do not play soccer in a regular competition. They showed great skills and listened intently to advice from their experienced team mates.

Thanks to Jason for coaching, Sam for umpiring, Angela for scoring and Brenton for supervising, line umpiring and taking the boys to their game.

Thank you to the Breakers Soccer Club for allowing us to use their facilities. We greatly appreciate your support 😊

Knockout Girl's Netball

On Wednesday 29th May our girls' knockout netball team will play McLaren Flat at McLaren Flat. We wish the girls all the best for this game.

SAPSASA District Team

Congratulations to Georgia Kraft who has made it through to the Southern District SAPSASA Netball Team. She is competing in a carnival at ETSA Park from Monday 20th May until Friday 24th May. All the best Georgia. 😊

Local Sporting Success Stories!

Lyric and her pony Rivington Nell represented Port Elliot Primary School at the Equestrian Australia Interschool State Championships on the 20th April. She competed in the Primary Preliminary Dressage placing third in this event. Lyric and Nell have now been selected into the SA Interschool Squad for 2013 to compete at the Australian Interschool Championships in Perth in October.

Huge congratulations to you, Lyric! You should be very proud of your efforts. Good luck in Perth!



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

Trina Doig 😊

Physical Education Co-Ordinator

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
FRIDAY 7TH JUNE
POSHC WILL BE OPEN FROM
7AM-6.30PM
PLEASE BOOK A.S.A.P.
KIM CLAY 0407490149
JANI MITCHELL 85528301

COUNSELLOR NEWS

Busking Assembly

Our whole school Busking assembly is this Friday at 12:00 in the gym. Lots of children have been practising their skills and have completed. Come and have some fun and support these wonderful acts!

Flying Fish Awards

Congratulations. Nadia W, Elijah H, April A, Keat H, Emilee A, Khai H, Amelia L, Abbi H, Tom B, Shanae G, Tyler G-C, Ellie B, Matilda B, Maggie B, Celeste H, Colby W, Jonathon H, Corey-Jay E, Tara J-O, Emily P, Olivia M, Ella B, Hassan S, James K, Sam P, Jackson W, Chelsea P, Myah H, Riley O, Erin B, Esther L, Kane C Kaelen L, Declan B, Zachary D, and Violent H. Well done to these students who received Flying Fish Awards for reaching their personal best.



Walk Safely to School Day Friday 24th May

This Friday is Walk Safely to School. A healthy breakfast will be available before school outside the Counsellor's room. The cost will be \$1:00. Money raised will be donated towards our sponsored child Salima.

There is also a raffle for 20 cents a go. Prizes are a chance to win one of four Walk to School Day T-shirts.

Wear your sporting team uniform or colours or trackies for the day.



Kidsmatter training

On Monday 20th May some staff attended training in the next component of Kids matter, Social and emotional learning for students.

- The focus was on the relevance of social and emotional learning at school.
- The skills students need to develop social and emotional competence and how these can be taught.
- The factors that can support social and emotional learning programming in our school.

Please refer to the website and the wonderful resource available to parents and caregivers.

New KidsMatter newsletter for families are available on the web site

www.kidsmatter.edu.au

"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! Cheers Karen

PARENT NETWORK

30th May – Join in with the staff in the Library for the Biggest Morning Tea, donations gratefully accepted to raise money for Cancer Research.

DON'T FORGET FUN LUNCH NEXT WEDNESDAY THE 29TH MAY BRING YOUR MONEY.

ICECREAMS are on sale at the moment on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Juice Stick	\$1.00
Billabongs	\$1.80
Milo Scoop	\$2.50
Frozen Yoghurts	.80c

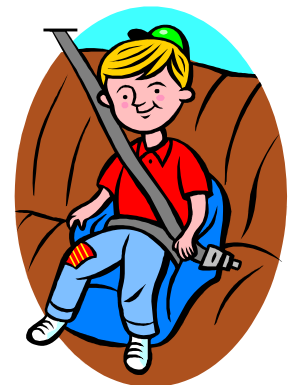
Cheers Parent Network

GOVERNING COUNCIL

Seat Belts on Buses

The Governing Council have passed a motion that all future bookings for excursions requiring bus transport must use buses fitted with seat belts. All staff have been informed and although this may mean a small increase in costs of bus hire the safety of the students is paramount.

If you have any other issues you would like brought to governing council please put them in writing and email the school or pass a letter to the front office.



**Thankyou
Governing Council**

ATTENTION

PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL. PLEASE OBEY ROAD RULES IN GENERAL. ALSO A REMINDER PLEASE DO NOT TO PARK IN THE DROP OFF ZONE ONLY AREA SOUTH OF FRONT GATE.

MORE SCHOOL NEWS

SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH EXTREME ALLERGIES (INCLUDING NUT ALLERGIES)

Port Elliot Primary school has an increasing number of students with very severe allergies, mainly peanut but some have allergies to other nuts, bees and egg.

The school is not a peanut free zone but would like to ask if you could assist our school by not sending peanut paste sandwiches and other nut products unless absolutely necessary. If your child does have peanuts or peanut paste they will be asked to move away from certain children and asked to wash their hands after eating their lunch. Students should also be reminded to not share food.

Food allergy occurs in around 1 in 20 children and in about 1 in 100 adults. The majority of food allergies in children is not severe, and will disappear with time. The most common triggers are hen's egg, cow's milk, peanuts and tree nuts. Less common triggers include seafood, sesame, soy, fish and wheat.

Peanuts, tree nuts, seeds and seafood are the major triggers for life long allergies. Some food allergies can be severe, causing life threatening reactions known as anaphylaxis.

Help us raise awareness of severe food allergy in Australia.

Further information at
<http://www.allergyfacts.org.au>
http://www.allergy.org.au/aer/infolletins/food_allergy.htm



We will be celebrating Come Out on Friday 24th May. This year we have chosen to participate in two of the festival projects: -

'Future Gardens' - students will be creating their future gardens around the school and amongst the garden beds.
'Dreaming Gallery' - each student will write/draw/create what their ultimate dream is. These will be displayed on the Counsellor's windows.

If you would like to be a part of our Come Out celebrations please see your child's class teacher. The day will be full of fun and laughter as we celebrate and work together.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Sunday 2nd June

Under the Sea

FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Come dressed in a costume that fits the theme and WIN a brand new bike.

All entries need to present at the main stage at 2:30pm for judging and the subsequent presentation.

Prize courtesy of Victor Harbor Cycle & Skate

www.whaletimeplaytimefestival.com.au



SOUTHERN FLEURIEU HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Located within the

Port Elliot Showgrounds

When:- Sunday 9th June

Time:- 10.00am-3.00pm

Admission:- Adult \$5.00

Child u 15 \$2.00

Family (2 Adults and 2 children) \$10.00

Attractions:-

- Displays of farming and domestic life prior to 1960.
- Side saddle riding and costume display.
- Horse buggy and camel rides.
- Vintage vehicles and stationary engines.
- Kids "hands on" with farm animals at no cost.
- Trading Table.

Light lunch, morning and afternoon tea, Sausage sizzle and soft drinks available.

**Come along and join us at the
FUNDRAISING OPEN DAY**

