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Newsletter

TERM 2 – WEEK 1
12th MAY 2016



Angus H, Les Cameron (Deputy Principal) and Amelia W
at Anzac Day Service.

Upcoming Events

MAY

13TH May (Friday)

STUDENT FREE DAY

SWIMMING

(Don't forget your bathers.)

Week 3 16TH, 17TH & 18TH

Week 4 23RD & 24TH

Classes Lacey, Warner &
Hunt.

18TH SAPSASA CROSS
COUNTRY

19TH BAKERY FUN LUNCH

ASSEMBLY 2.30PM

20TH SAPSASA KNOCK OUT
NETBALL & FOOTBALL

26TH SCHOOL PHOTOS

27TH SAPSASA KNOCK OUT
SOCCER

LEADERSHIP

ANZAC Day Dawn Service

On Monday morning the 25th April at 6am a group of Port Elliot Primary School staff and students gathered at the ANZAC day dawn service. Our school was represented by two year seven students, Angus H and Amelia W who laid a wreath at the memorial. Les Cameron our Deputy Principal opened the service with the Welcome to Country. Thank you to the parents of Angus and Amelia for bringing them out so early. It was pleasing to see many other students and parents from Port Elliot Primary School also at the service.

NAPLAN Tests 2016

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The student's have completed their final test today.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in Literacy and Numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in Numeracy and Literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify strengths and any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.nap.edu.au or you can ask your child's class teachers.

Brenton Hudson.

COUNSELLOR

Flying Fish Awards

Congratulations to the following students Matt L, Will S, Ruth O, Celeste H, Jaid C, Mallee B and Georgia B on receiving these awards. Well done.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs every Monday and Friday. Unfortunately ADRA are not able to support Breakfast Club as they have in previous years. If any parent has spare seasonal fruit, bread, jams and long life milk, we would greatly appreciate any donations at any time.

Southern Fleurieu Agricultural Museum

Last Thursday students Amelia, Jasmyn, Eli, Jaid, Caden and Khai attended the opening of the dairy section of the Southern Fleurieu Agricultural Society. Port Elliot Primary School has a strong community connection with the society. Students have completed projects, visited the museum and recently repainted a jersey cow to go on display for the opening.



Students, Jasmyn, Amelia and Keit painting the cow for the SFAS opening.

Attendance

Each term we review our attendance data. The DECD attendance target is 95%, currently Port Elliot Primary is 89%. There are many legitimate reasons why students are absent, but there are many more that are not.

When it's acceptable for children to be absent

Situations where it is acceptable for a child to miss school include times when the:

- child is too sick to leave the house
- child has an infectious illness such as gastroenteritis, chicken pox or measles
- child needs to attend medical or dental appointments that could not be made out of school hours
- school principal is provided with a genuine reason that prevents the child attending school, so as to be granted an exemption from school
- child has been sent home or suspended from school for disciplinary reasons.

If a student is absent due to reported illness for three or more consecutive days the principal can ask for a medical certificate.

DECD Attendance and Absenteeism

We encourage all students to attend school every day, unless they are unable to with the reasons above. Make it a family goal to be at school every day! You will certainly notice the benefits.

Have a great week!

Cheers Karen

RESOURCE CENTRE



Kym Lardner

I enjoyed going because he was really funny and the first thing that he did was draw Jasmyn with a rubber duck that had a party hat, then he drew a shark that ate a part of Jasmyn, then a dolphin that defeated the shark and gave Jasmyn her stomach back. After he drew Jasmyn he started to draw Zeb in a bath and he told a story about Zeb wrecking the shower screen, pulling it down and then somehow managing to get to a swimming pool. As he was drawing these people he was telling a lot of funny stories to go with the pictures.

I also enjoyed the songs that he sang about Isabelle, Triston, Axel, Lilly and Jaid. When he was singing he made sure that everything rhymed and made sure that it was funny as well.

Next he drew Hassan building a "Rocket Ship" out of cardboard boxes and he said that Hassan had a Barbie doll and soilder doll then he swapped the heads of them. After he swapped the heads around he pretended he was in out of space and Muskan was messing around with the air control. Then, Hassan's space suit had so much air that it grew bigger and bigger.

I thought Kym Lardner's performance was really great because of the funny things that made everyone smile.

By Jessica Hogg

A big thankyou to Parent Network for making Kym Lardner's visit possible through funding.

Sandy Bevan and Dorothy Geaghan

COMMUNITY NEWS

National Volunteer Week

May 9-15 celebrates National Volunteer Week. This year's National Volunteer Week theme "Give Happy, Live Happy" recognises the more than 6 million Australian volunteers who give to others each year. Research shows that these volunteers are happier as a result.

Once again, Alexandrina, Mt Barker and Adelaide Hills Councils are supporting the Volunteer Movie Day at Wallis Cinemas Mt Barker on Friday 13th May 2016. A complimentary ticket will be available to all volunteers that volunteer within these three council regions. You can choose a free movie of your choice (plus popcorn and bottle of water) between 10am - 10pm. Please refer to the Wallis website for movie and showing times.

<http://www.wallis.com.au/cinemas/mt-barker>

Volunteers are able to claim their movie voucher by simply filling in the online survey available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VMD16>. At the end of the survey a movie voucher will become available for you to print. This survey will provide regional information about the scope and nature of volunteering across the Hills and Alexandrina areas. If volunteers are unable to access a computer they will be able to complete the survey on the day at Wallis Cinema, Mount Barker before attending a movie.

If you know of any community volunteer groups in our region that would like to participate please forward the above details and spread the word!

Thank you for your continued contribution to our community.

Regards, Mardi Nottage



**AUSKICK GOOLWA AND PORT ELLIOT
FOOTBALL CLUB
GOOLWA OVAL
10AM-11AM
SUNDAY 15TH MAY 2016
REGISTER AUSKICK.COM.AU**

**STUDENT FREE DAY
TOMORROW
FRIDAY 13TH MAY**

Who'll host a student for our school?

We are looking for families to host international students who will attend **Victor Harbor High School.**

To find our more contact **8551 1900** or visit www.vhhs.sa.edu.au

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21 DAYS

TO A **HAPPIER FAMILY**

Dr **JUSTIN COULSON, PhD**
KIDSPOT'S PARENTING EXPERT

Justin Writes a weekly parenting advice column for Sydney's Daily Telegraph and regularly appears on The Project, The TODAY Show, Studio 10 and Mornings

Justin lives his parenting advice, he and his wife Kylie are the parents of 6 children

**THURSDAY MAY 19
6.30 FOR A 7PM START
CITY OF VICTOR HARBOR
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1 BAY ROAD
VICTOR HARBOR**

Parenthood can be a jungle, but Justin's advice and simple strategies will help find that path back to sanity, stability and smiling kids. LISA WILKINSON

Bookings Essential—Limited Places

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Parenting Connections