

# Port Noarlunga Primary School and Aquatic Centre

"Working Together - Learning Forever"

We value: *Respect, Responsibility,*

*Independence, Caring and*

*Honesty*



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## NEWSLETTER

### WEEK 10 TERM 2

7 July 2016



## DIARY DATES TERM 2 2016

Don't forget to update your Term Planner...  
**EVERY TUESDAY EARLY DISMISSAL AT 2:25pm**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July

- Last day of Term 2 - Early finish 2:15pm

**Term 3**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July

- Term 3 commences 8:50am

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July

- Australian Maths Competition
- Tri-Skills

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July

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- Student Free Day – Book now for OSHC

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

- Tri-Skills

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August

- Tri-Skills

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August

- Tri-Skills

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August

- Tri-Skills

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August

- Year 2 Camp at Douglas Scrub
- Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm
- Governing Council Meeting 6:30pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August

- Year 2 Camp at Douglas Scrub

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August

- Year 2 Camp at Douglas Scrub

**Advance Notice**

Thursday September 15<sup>th</sup>

- Student Free Day

Monday October 24<sup>th</sup>

- School Closure Day for 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations – Book now for OSHC



## FAREWELL TO HEATHER

Heather Walker has led our school for the last ten and a half years with passion, integrity and a belief that every student has the right to the very best education possible. She has also fully supported her staff to be the best that they can be, knowing that it is the teachers who have the most impact on student learning.

In 2006 she came to a school that was sorely in need of strong and directed leadership. The community and the staff of the time welcomed a principal who listened to their concerns and gave consideration to all everyone's input. After extensive consultation with staff, students and parents Heather implemented a plan of improvement for our school.

She campaigned for three years to get us our new administration building. She carefully and creatively managed various grants which resulted in vastly improved facilities (and we finally had a gym!). She looked at our extensive but rather sparse grounds and systematically implemented a range of improvements that not only made them more visually appealing, but also enhanced the ways in which our students could use them.

Our enrolments rose from 277 in 2006 to approximately 430 currently. This increase has been directly due to Heather's efforts in improving the culture, curriculum and overall ethos of Port Noarlunga Primary School.

We wish Heather all the best in her retirement as she enjoys spending more time with her family, travelling and just generally relaxing. Knowing Heather, we're sure that her future will also include her finding productive ways to continue helping others.

We will miss her greatly and we will forever be indebted to her, both as a school community and as individuals.

Her influence and passion will long be remembered and celebrated.

**Enjoy your new lifestyle Heather!**

**Jo Rowell**

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## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

At last week's school assembly the following students received an award acknowledging their hard work, perseverance and use of positive strategies in developing a Growth Mindset for their learning:

- Holly Ismajlisufaj, Marley Watson (Mr Letcher)
- Elise McCourt, Jacob Tasker (Miss Birkin)
- Ruby Wilson, Beau Cairns (Mrs Ross)
- Chelsey Warren, Zara Pannunzio (Mrs Ehlers)
- Kash Foureur, Serenity Tilley (Ms Harley)
- Ethan Cook, Imogen Buxton (Mrs Haddad)
- Jai Rushby, Tessa Inverarity (Miss Neumeister)
- Aiden McLeod, Cj Myatt (Mrs McMillan)
- Ben Purdy, Kaylum Nicholle, Kiara Lyson (Ms Thompson)
- Teagan Nunn, Abhi Shah, Jonathan Prest (Mrs Sander)
- Zoe Fowler, Theo Buxton, Cody Horewood-Gitsham (Mrs Gotley)
- Ky Myatt, Sophia Richardson (Mr Rowell)
- Shannon O'Connor, Aleisha Percey (Mr Heard)
- Jesse Campbell, Sierra Thiele (Mr Wakefield)
- Rani Darmadi, Dario Holdback (Ms Eldridge)
- Harry Bigg, Freya Hoy (Miss Scott: Performing Arts)

## REPORTS

Mid Year Reports will be given to students on Friday July 8<sup>th</sup> at dismissal at 2.15pm. The reports will be posted to any students who are absent or late on Friday. Early in Term 3 parents will have the opportunity to have an interview with their child's teacher to further discuss learning achievements and learning goals. Please take this opportunity to meet the teachers to support your child's progress.

## STUDENTS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Families are reminded that students should not be on school grounds unsupervised. This includes after school when students need to promptly leave the school grounds unless they are with a parent or caregiver. If you are staying with your child for a play after school hours, then students need to follow and adhere to school rules. If you notice anything suspicious during the school holidays please report to police on 131444. Please help us keep our school a safe and enjoyable place to be.

## ADVANCE NOTICE - SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Governing Council have approved Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October as the 2016 School Closure Day following the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Fete. Governing Council has also approved Student Free Days on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September where staff will be involved in Training and Development in the areas of:

- Supporting students with mental health issues
- Numeracy
- Handwriting
- ICT (tbc)

OSHC will be available each of these days but places are limited so book now to ensure a place. Phone Robyn Harris on 83845612 or 0405 334 676 during OSHC operating hours or the school on 83822455 during school hours for further information.

## KEEP READING OVER THE HOLIDAYS!

Whilst we want students to have a break and enjoy different experiences over their holidays it is really important that they continue to READ, preferably daily. With a strong focus on reading throughout the school, using the Literacy Pro system to monitor improving comprehension, we want learning to continue and not have students "slip backwards" at the beginning of next term. Years 3-7 students can borrow from the school library, with the Onkaparinga Libraries also available to everyone for borrowing.

## RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

End of term is upon us. Please make sure all books that have barcodes are returned to the library. This includes readers. If Year 3 to 7 students return their library books, they may borrow for the holidays.

If you have half an hour to spare in the morning, we are short of Reading Room helpers during the first few weeks of Term 3. Please call in and see Tina in the Reading Room if you can help.

During Week 5 of Term 3, we will have our Book Week assembly on the Tuesday. We will have dressing up with prizes for costumes. The Book Week theme this year is "Australia, Story Country". There are lots of cheap costumes in the shops at the moment. It is great to see all the students dressed up. We won't have a book fair this year because we will be having our school fete during Term 4.

**Thank you - Chris McDonald – Teacher Librarian**

## 100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

A raffle will be organised during Term 3 with prizes drawn at the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Fete on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Whilst some prizes have already been donated, each student will be asked to donate something to contribute towards a themed prize for their class. For example, a class may be given the theme "Kitchen". All members of that class would be asked to donate something within that theme. This could be a recipe book, tea towel, utensil, breadboard, dish washing liquid etc. Another class may have the theme "Garden". Items could then include gardening tools, seeds, labels for planting, a ceramic pot, potting mix etc. Ideally we will then have at least 16 large packs of prizes, giving plenty of opportunities to win a prize! Your child's class will know their theme early in Term 3. Please send along a new item as quickly as possible so that the packs can be made to display before the fete.

Tickets will be \$1 each in books of ten. Each family will be sent one book to sell with more available to those who are able to sell more.

**Heather Walker**

## STAFFING CHANGES FOR TERMS 3 & 4

As notified in the letter sent home on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, Heather Walker will be on leave until the end of Term 3 and then retiring. Mrs Jo Rowell will be the Principal during this time and Mrs Victoria Corbett will be the Deputy Principal. Mr Steve Hetherington will continue in his role as School Counsellor.

## GROWTH MINDSET WITH MIG COLLIAR

*Winners are not afraid of losing. But losers are. Failure is part of the process of success. People who avoid failure also avoid success.* - Robert T. Kiyosaki

Dear Families,

I have been working with several classes at Port Noarlunga Primary School this term, around the concept of Growth Mindset and building resilience in learning. I am extremely passionate about my role supporting staff as they work with students in achieving their best possible learning outcomes. The teachers are providing them with strategies and skills that will enable them to become responsible independent powerful learners. Much of the work we do is looking at how failure can be a positive experience when we look at it that way. Many successful people in our world have failed over and over again, but it is what they have learned from that failure that enabled them to move forward and succeed. For many people the thought of failing prevents them from even trying, which is concerning. One of the acronyms we use for FAIL is FIRST ATTEMPT IN LEARNING and when students hear those words, they are encouraged to have a go and therefore become more resilient.

The staff and students met recently to review the work that has been done and I would like to acknowledge all students and staff who have been working with me for their commitment to the program and the review. Some of the comments from students reflect the positive impact that our work together is having and I would like to share some of them with you.

- Mrs C let people stretch their brains
- I think it was really challenging that you sent us home with homework for the growth mindset and fixed mindset.
- The growth mindset is now spreading throughout our class.
- Some boys in our class that have been struggling are using strategies and self believe.
- We have seen one student try their best and not give up. That is growth mindset.
- People changed their behaviour.

Here are some photos of students from Ms Thompson and Mr Rowell's class as they participate in an intellectual stretch activity in Week 8.

### Mig Colliar



## LOST PROPERTY

We have a large quantity of lost property mounting up again. Please remember to clearly name and label your child's belongings. Parents and students are welcome to regularly check the lost property for missing items. Items that are not collected at the end of each term are donated to charity.



## SIBLINGS IN FOCUS

Siblings in Focus is a structured program for 8-12 year old siblings of children with special needs, disabilities and/or chronic illness. It will be held on Wednesday 13th and Friday 15th July 2016 from 10:00am – 3:30pm at Family Connections Hackham, 72 Collins Parade Hackham. Registration is essential by phoning Tanya on 8186 6944 or email [tgalbraithe@junctionaustralia.org.au](mailto:tgalbraithe@junctionaustralia.org.au). This is a free program with catering provided and is based on the Sibworks program developed by Siblings Australia.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES ROUND TABLE

The Children and Families Roundtable in partnership with the Southern Youth Roundtable and the Office of the Commissioner for eSafety is pleased to host 2 workshops on Internet Safety Awareness.

These free workshops are open to community workers, case managers, counsellors and community members.

Each workshop will focus on:

Cultural context of online use by young people; how, when and why they are engaged with social media and technology

- Key cyber safety issues including cyber bullying, unwanted contact, sexting
- Strategies to safeguard and minimise risk with online interactions for the caregiver
- Ways to guide young people to safe online practices
- The role of Children's eSafety Commissioner including how cyberbullying complaints can be lodged.

Date: Wednesday 27 July 2016

Time: 10am – 12 noon or 5.30 – 7.30pm

Venue: Civic Area, City of Onkaparinga offices

Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre

Presenter: Cyber Smart Outreach presenter from the Office of Children's eSafety Commissioner.

Numbers are limited.

To book your place, please call Briony Gorton on 8383 0697 or email [brigor@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au](mailto:brigor@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au) with your name, organisation, contact and specify which workshop you wish to attend.

## BLUE LIGHT BOUNDS AND SOUNDS

The next Bounds and Sounds event is Friday July 8th from 7:00 – 9:00pm at Inflatable World Morphett Vale. This event is a supervised lock-in event for young people aged 12-16 years. This is a high energy, action packed 2 x hours of bouncing, leaping, pushing, hanging and dancing to the sounds of DJ Ryan from SOL events. Tickets are \$5 on sale now from Inflatable World or Colonnades Information Desk. All participants must wear socks.

# SMALL WORLDS



These small worlds have been created by Mrs Ehlers Year 1 students and are inspired by the unique features of Port Noarlunga. During this term the students have been working hard in small groups to plan, design and make these small worlds so they can play with them and share with their peers in the Natural Play Area. The final products look amazing and they are all a lot of fun to play with. Well done Year 1's!



By Natasha Murray - Student Teacher

