Dear all,

In Term 4 we will spend time configuring the classes for 2018. We will have 18 classes and this requires an extra level of planning particularly around staffing.

This is a challenging process but has student learning firmly at its centre. I understand that we can’t please all of the people all of the time but we will do our very best to meet the diverse needs of each child.

There will be a class placement proforma available from the front office in Weeks 1 and 2 next term. This proforma provides you with the opportunity to outline the factors which will support the best learning environment for your child. The leadership team will consider all requests and make the final decision based on the needs and requirements of the whole school.

Please remember to advise the front office as soon as possible if your child/children will not be returning to this school in 2018.

Class placements for 2018 will be included with student reports on the last day of Term 4.

As Term 3 comes to an end I would like to thank all of the staff, students and families who have welcomed me and made this term enjoyable and productive. I look forward to Term 4 and wish you all a happy and safe holiday period.

Take care,
Marie
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 and community participation:

- Johnnie Kerobin (Miss Field)
- Senn Shanko, Cobi Harriss (Mrs Ross)
- Summer Withers, India Daniel, James Antoniadis (Mr Letcher)
- Kimora Tucker, Tali James (Mrs Ehlers)
- Elise Schmid, Ruby Wilson (Mrs Harley)
- Amber Mullighan, Nathan Flesfader (Miss Neumeister/Mrs Smith)
- Kash Foureur, Torah Ferguson (Miss Jast)
- Charlie White, Hunter Williams (Mrs McMillan)
- Amellia Duke, Hayden Stringer (Miss Thompson)
- Toby White, Eve Doyle (Mrs Sander)
- James Woodhouse, Ella Mackay (Ms Aucoin/Mrs Smith)
- Sarah Hunter, Eris Howard, Shawn Jones (Mr Rowell)
- Rani Darmadi, Kobe Foureur, Stella Stevens (Ms Eldridge)
- Jan Jelinek, Astra Roberts (Mr Woolford)
- Rhueese Gabell, Andre Caruso, Channle Roberts, Jaxon Hadddrill, Heather Garnham, Kaliarn Forbes-Richards, Keenan Philip (Deb)
- Jonathan P, Sara D, Jed P (Lisa)
- Ellie Chimol, Jade Heinrich (Viv)

Congratulations to all of these students! Each student who receives an award earns a point for their school team. Points awarded this round were:

- Stingrays: 10
- Sharks: 10
- Dolphins: 11
- Swordfish: 9

FRENCH BOOKS
Earlier this term, in the week beginning 28th August, students in all classes from Reception to Year 7 (except for Ms Sander’s and Mr Heard’s classes) were given their French books to take home to share their learning from the first semester. Each book contains an overview with a box at the bottom for parents / caregivers to sign and an opportunity to leave a comment as well. I understand that this is a new practice at Port Noarlunga Primary but it has been successful in my previous schools where I taught French and German. I would like to thank all parents and carers who have taken the time to look through the written work which forms a small part of the students’ overall learning in this area of the Australian Curriculum. Many parents have said they were pleased to be able to see their child’s progress for themselves. Some have mentioned in the news or pointing out French products at the supermarket also helps. French is the second most widely spoken language in the world after English.

UNIFORM POLICY
This term the standard of uniform has dropped dramatically. An increased number of students are pushing the boundaries by wearing black clothing instead of navy, wearing denim or an array of hooded jumpers.

Please could you ensure your child wears clothing that adheres to the uniform policy as outlined below:

- Navy track pants/cargo pants/trousers/shorts
- Navy pinafore/tunic/skirt
- Navy/gold windcheater, jumpers, cardigans – (Porties White Pointers hoodies are acceptable as are navy SAPSASA jumpers.)
- Summer blue/white check dresses
- Navy/gold skivvies / short and long sleeved shirts
- Gold T-shirts and polo shirts
- No thongs or high heeled shoes
- No denim jeans

The school policy does not allow thongs, high heeled shoes, denim clothing, other colours or any logos other than the school emblem/name on any of the clothing. Make-up is not to be worn and jewellery must be kept to a minimum (e.g. 1 ring, 2 small earrings). Other than these (2) ear-rings no other visible body piercing is permitted. No jewellery that causes safety concerns is to be worn. Other accessories (e.g. headbands) must be in school colours.

Thank you for your support in maintaining the school’s standards.

Victoria Corbett – Student Wellbeing Leader

ATTENDANCE

REMINDERS
Friday 29th September is the last day of Term 3. Students will be dismissed at 2:15pm.

Young Leaders are holding a Uniform Free Day on the last day of term with all proceeds supporting Social Justice here at Port Noarlunga Primary School. Students may wear casual clothes for a gold coin donation.

Monday October 16th is a Student Free Day where staff will be involved in Training and Development. Students do not attend school on this day. The first day of Term 2 is Tuesday 17th October.

HOLIDAY SECURITY
Once again we remind families that it is not appropriate for students to be on the school grounds unsupervised. If you live close to the school and see anything suspicious please call Police Security on 8116 9330, Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or Police on 131444.
There are still 67 books missing across the school. If your child has not yet returned his/her book, could you please do so as soon as possible so that the work currently being completed can be included?

Karen Thorburn

PORTIES WHITE POINTERS - SEASON’S END
On Friday 22nd September, over 100 students descended on the school gym for the end of season soccer presentation. The students were in high spirits and were thrilled to receive their certificates and trophies. It was a lovely way to close the season. I would like to thank all of the parents for their continued support throughout the season, the coaches for their time, energy and enthusiasm with training sessions and those early Saturday morning starts! In particular I would like to say a huge thank you to Warren and Julie Edmunds for their efforts in organising the teams, fixtures, barbeque and all of the background planning that goes into making the soccer so successful.

Four of our students were highlighted in the presentation as having played every year since reception: George Jeffries, Jim Blackford, Ryan Edmunds and Joshua James. They have developed their skills throughout the years and have enjoyed the soccer immensely. George would like to say “I would like to thank Warren and Julie for managing Porties White Pointers and making the whole soccer thing work. I would also like to thank Woolly and all my other coaches, without them I wouldn’t have made it this far. After playing for Porties for seven years I will remember them when I go off to high school. Thanks for everything.”

If anyone is interested in managing the soccer next year, please let me know as Warren will be moving on to pastures new and another sport will be lucky enough to get his full attention.

Victoria Corbett

SAPSASA Metro Athletics Championships
On Tuesday 26th September, nine students from PNPS represented Onkaparinga South in the State Athletics Championship. There was a great atmosphere in the stadium and everyone performed extremely well. Representing the school at an event like this is really fun and an enjoyable experience. We are very proud of all the students who made the district team and each of the athletes conducted themselves in an excellent manner.

The results from the day are as follows:

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Alvina Doyle - Stingrays Vice Captain / 200m Finalist

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES
We have received a large number of community events flyers and notices for courses and workshops so we have uploaded them to the Skoolbag app for you to easily access. Of special interest is a Virtual Reality and 3D workshop at Seaford Library on Friday 13th October along with other Inspire 2017 events.


TERM PLANNER
Included with this newsletter is the Term 4 Term Planner. Of special note is the School Closure Day on Monday 6th November following the Beach Carnival on Friday 3rd November.