Dear all,

Welcome to Term 4. We have a busy term ahead of us with Beach Carnival, Graduation, class placement, reporting and a number of other key events and items. This year we are holding a Christmas Concert in lieu of an Open Night and the Family Fun Night that had occurred in previous years. The Concert will be low key and provide an opportunity for us all to come together as a school community at the end of the year.

Over the holidays we were able to secure the staff we need for Term 4. Shannon Clarke will teach Health on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from next week for the remainder of term. Nicole Bracken will teach Trevor Letcher’s Year 3 / 4 class each Friday this term and Tanjie Brown will provide scheduled release each Thursday. I am aware that the staffing changes have caused some disruption however when staff become ill or move to another country we must consider what is best for each class to ensure that learning continues at a high standard. We have started the staffing process for 2019 and I am hopeful that we will have the best possible team in place for our students and their learning.

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Take care,
Marie
ATTENDANCE

Year to Date (2018)

The average daily attendance rate, Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 19/10/2018

Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 19/10/2018

ADVANCED NOTICE

- Governing Council have approved Monday 12th November as the 2018 School Closure Day. The school will be closed on this day. OSHC will be available but places are strictly limited so book now to ensure a place.
- A whole school end of year concert will be held on Tuesday 4th December on the school oval. Further information will be available early in Term 4.
- Year 7 Graduation celebrations will be held on Wednesday 12th December.

2019 ENROLMENTS AND PLANNING

As we plan ahead for 2019, it is vital that we know of any students who will not be attending our school next year. Please inform the front office as soon as possible if your child will be leaving the school at the end of 2018. You can let us know by emailing dl.0362.admin@schools.sa.edu.au or phoning 83822455.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

Wow! What an amazing achievement! Thank you to everyone who supported our 2018 Colour Fun Run. We have raised a massive $10,599.55! The money raised will go towards purchasing iPads which can be used by all students across the school.

Student prizes have been ordered and will hopefully arrive early in the term.

MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGES FOR 2019

You are invited to attend the Governing Council meeting on Wednesday 5th December at 6:30pm to discuss Materials and Services Charges for 2019. In lieu of attendance at the meeting, parents and caregivers can express their views in writing to the Chairperson of the Governing Council. The Finance Committee will meet on Wednesday 7th November to set the Materials and Services Charges for 2019 and then seek approval from the Department for Education in readiness for the Week 8 discussion.

VIV’S VIBE

Hi mums, dads, grandparents, friends and carers. It’s that time of the year again...Christmas! We do love it, but it is a pressure time for everyone. There are always families who are doing it super tough in our PNPS community and again, we would love to help them with a Christmas hamper this year.

We are collecting donations of non-perishable food and small gift items from now until Friday 24 November (Week 6). Some donation ideas for your shopping list could include:
- Staples - flour, sugar, rice, pasta, cereals
- Toiletries - soaps, toothpaste, deodorants, shampoo
- Laundry powder, cleaning aids, chux cloths
- Treats - chips, biscuits, custard powder, jelly
- Canned and bottled goods such as pasta sauce, baked beans, (tinned) fruit etc
- Gifts - books, dolls, toys, colour pencils, games
- Christmas themed - puddings, tinsel, bon-bons, lollies, cards

Please deliver your donations to the Front Office. It’s a great way for children to learn about giving with generous hearts.

We will also be accepting donations at the Christmas Concert on Tuesday December 4th.

Last year, students, families and staff were big-hearted and we were able to give out fabulous hampers to PNPS families. We are aiming to do that again, so... a huge ‘THANK YOU’ in advance for your generosity.

Vivonne Amoy - Pastoral Care Worker

STARTING SCHOOL PROGRAMME

The Term 4 Starting School Programme commences on Friday 26th October for enrolled preschoolers attending Port Noarlunga Primary School in 2019. The last day of Starting School Programme is Friday 30th November as Beach Carnival will be held on Friday 7th December.

PERFORMING ARTS - CHOIR

The Choir are ready and excited for the Southern Metropolitan Music Festival Performance next week on the 31st October at the Hopgood Theatre. The hard work and dedication these student have demonstrated has been amazing and we look forward to the Port Noarlunga Primary School talent shining bright during the performance from all the choir members.

Tickets are now available to purchase through the Hopgood Theatre.

Susie Scott – Performing Arts Teacher

25/10/2018
IMPORTANT REMINDER
A reminder to all parents and caregivers to please notify the school as soon as possible if you change any of your contact details. If you have recently changed your address or phone number then please phone the front office on 83822455. Please also inform the Outside School Hours Care Service if you access that programme. Please remember that we send absence alerts and some minor first aid information via text messages.

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY
The End of Year presentation assembly will be held on Tuesday 11th December at 9:00am in the Gymnasium prior to the Volunteers’ Morning Tea. Students will be presented with certificates and medals for the Premier’s Reading Challenge and other competitions that students have participated in during the year. Please join us and help celebrate!

GROW UP SMILING
During Week 4 & 5, the Dentist will be at school providing free dental checks for students. An envelope containing necessary forms and information will be sent home this week. If you wish for your child to take advantage of this fantastic scheme, please ensure the forms are returned by Friday 26th October.

CANTEEN COOKIES
Halloween cookies will be available over the counter from the Canteen on Wednesday October 31st for $1.00 each. Available until sold out on the day.

STUDENT SAFETY
During Terms 1 & 4 the main gate on Drake Crt (off Dodd Avenue) is opened for the Aquatic Centre staff to move their equipment to and from the beach. This gate is not to be used by pedestrians. A pedestrian gate is located on the corner of Dodd Ave and Drake Crt for our school community to enter the school grounds. To ensure the safety of everyone please avoid using the main gate.

STUDENT LEARNING
Mr Horsfall’s Year 5/6 class have been learning about Caine’s Arcade – a boy’s cardboard arcade that inspired the world. Zoe Fowler told us how Caine decided to make his own arcade game and put it in his dad’s shop for people to use. Mr Horsfall’s class then created a plan using design skills as individuals or part of a team to then create their own Arcade Game. Zoe told us how they used Literacy, Maths, Design and Technology to make the game and determine what was needed. Once complete students from across the school were invited to come and play the games in the gym. Great creativity!