

Port Noarlunga Primary School and Aquatic Centre

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Independence, Caring and

Honesty



PNPS NEWSLETTER

WEEK 2 TERM 4

26th October 2017

Celebrating 101

Years in 2017



DIARY DATES TERM 4 2017

Don't forget to update your Term Planner...

EVERY TUESDAY DISMISSAL AT 2:25pm

Friday 27th October

- Class placement proformas due

Wednesday 1st November

- Choir Performance Hopgood Theatre

Friday 3rd November

- Beach Carnival

Monday 6th November

- **SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

Monday 20th November – Friday 24th November

- Mrs Ross and Mr Letcher/Ms Burt's classes swimming

Monday 27th November – Friday 1st December

- Year 1 – 3 Swimming

Wednesday 6th December

- Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm
- Governing Council Meeting 6:30pm

Tuesday 12th December

- End of Year Presentation Assembly
- Volunteer's Morning Tea

Wednesday 13th December

Year 7 Graduation Celebrations

Friday 15th December

- End of 2017 school year – dismissal at 2:15pm.

Welcome to Term 4.

We are well underway with our class placements for 2018 and I'd like to remind families that the Class placement request forms are only available in the front office until this Friday (27/10).

On Wednesday evening October 25th from 6pm to 7pm I held my 5th and final 'Meet the Principal' session in the library. I would remind parents that the goal of these sessions was for me to gain a deeper understanding of the needs of our school and students and for you to get to know me. Thank you to each of the parents and caregivers who attended these sessions and provided me with some constructive feedback and suggestions for future improvement.

It is important that I have a broad understanding of the views and opinions of our families and we work in partnership to educate our children. I am looking forward to meeting more parents and caregivers at our Beach Carnival next week and building my understanding further.

Mike Woolford (PE/Health Teacher) has put in an application for Fund My Neighbourhood. His proposal is for a refurbishment of the soccer shed that includes plumbing, electricity and the necessities required to ensure that we can get a decent coffee and snack when events are held on the oval and its surrounds. The proposals with the most votes will be successful. Please vote for our proposal and share it broadly with your contacts. The voting instructions are included in this newsletter.

This is the shortest and busiest term of the year and there are a number of extra responsibilities placed on students, staff and families. Remember to take some out now and again to breathe and re-energise.

Take care,

Marie

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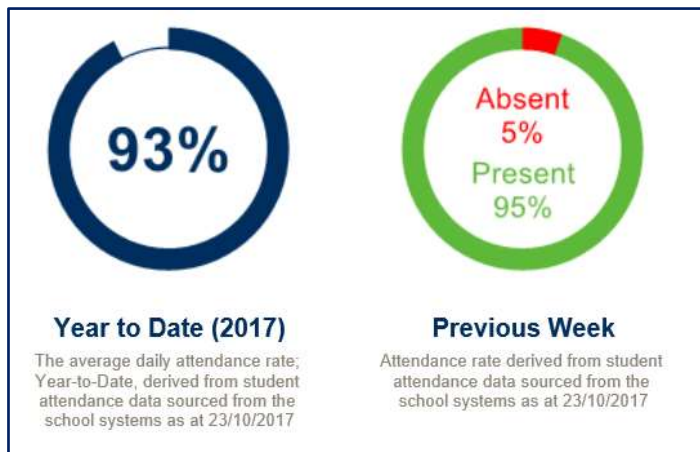
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ATTENDANCE



REMINDERS

Next Friday 3rd November our Beach Carnival will be held at Port Noarlunga beach.

The following Monday 6th November is a School Closure Day. The school will be closed. OSHC is available but places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment.

2018 ENROLMENTS & CLASS PLACEMENTS

As we continue the class placement process for 2018, it is extremely important that we have accurate enrolments. If you are leaving the school or know of people intending to enrol who live within our zone, please contact the front office as a matter of urgency.

If you have collected a Class Placement Proforma from the front office, you will need to return it before Friday October 27th (End of Week 2 Term 4). Requests made after this date may not be taken into consideration. It is not appropriate to request that your child be in or not be in specific teachers' classes. Whilst we value parents' contributions, the final decision regarding the class placements remains with staff. Please outline the factors which will support the best learning environment for your child. All staff will work collaboratively to finalise, as far as possible, the 2018 classes by the end of Term 4. Notification of class placements will take place during the last week of this term.

Marie Wright – Principal

PERFORMING ARTS - CHOIR

The Choir are ready and excited for the Southern Metropolitan Music Festival Performance next week on the 1st of November at the Hopgood Theatre. Congratulations to the students who were selected to perform a solo:

- Aleisha Percey (Wakefield)
- Sierra Thiele (Wakefield)
- Angel Robinson (Wakefield)
- Katie Tasker (Eldridge)
- Lucy Thiele (Horsfall)

And to our two Hosts for the evening;

- Dillan Hadley-Barker (Wakefield)
- Loise Anthony (Wakefield)

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

NUDE FOOD DAY

On Tuesday 31st October our school will be hosting its first ever Nude Food Day. Nude Food is an initiative to reduce the amount of waste that is generated from packaging that ends up in landfill. Not only does nude food help look after the environment with less waste going to landfill, nude food is often healthier than packaged.

Choose foods that come with no packaging, recycled packaging or packaging that can be reused.

Choose healthier foods that don't have any packaging E.g. fruits and vegetables.

Encourage your child to bring their snacks and lunch in reusable containers.

Talk to your child or let them pack their lunch boxes so that they are only taking food that they like and will have time to finish.

Mrs McMillan's students will be doing a survey to calculate the success of the day.



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
- Cans/bottles- pasta sauce, baked beans, (tinned) fruit
- Gifts- books, dolls, toys, colour pencils, games
- Christmas- puddings, tinsel, bon-bons, lollies, cards



Please deliver your donations to the Front Office or some teachers are collecting in their classes so that children can see the growth. It's a great way for children to learn about giving with generous hearts.

Last year, students, families and staff were big-hearted and we were able to give out 14 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

CHANGES TO SCHOOL CARD ELIGIBILITY 2018

The state government is raising the school card income threshold from next year to help families with the cost of

living. This means that families with 1 child and a gross income of \$57,870 in the 2016-17 financial year will be able to apply for a school card. Application forms for 2018 will be sent home with your child with the 2018 Materials and Services Invoice early in Term 1 of 2018.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Amelia Neumeister who has won a World Teachers Day Adelaide Oval Roofclimb on Friday October 27th. Good Luck Amelia!

SOUTHERN STRING WORKSHOP

On Thursday morning of Week 9 last term, string players from surrounding primary schools met at Christies Beach High School for the annual String Workshop. This year was special as the guitar players from Hackham East Primary School were also included. The students rehearsed all morning in the school's performance space, finishing with a performance for the parents who provided transport to and from the workshop. We were fortunate to have the assistance of Mr South, who is a classroom music teacher at the school and a very accomplished Double Bass player. His playing added a depth to the bass line and supported our two young cellists. This type of event offers a great opportunity for students to experience playing in a large ensemble. Well done to those students who attended.

Judy Fletcher – Instrumental Music



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.

STARTING SCHOOL PROGRAMME

The Term 4 Starting School Programme commences on Friday 27th October for enrolled preschoolers attending Port Noarlunga Primary School in 2018. The last day of Starting School Programme is Friday 8th December. The Transition to School visits commence next week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. More information in the brochure provided earlier. Spare brochures are in the front office.

LEARNING LINK

Want to extend your knowledge of the English vocabulary with your kids and help feed a hungry child? The United Nations World Food Programme receives 10 grains of rice for every correct answer at their Free Rice site <http://freerice.com> with the goal to end world hunger. Every day too many men and women across

the globe struggle to feed their children a nutritious meal. In a world where we produce enough food to feed everyone, 795 million people – one in nine – still go to bed on an empty stomach each night. Even more – one in three – suffer from some form of malnutrition. By spending a few minutes with your child you can make a difference with their learning and help feed a child. More information on the Free Rice program can also be found at <https://www.facebook.com/freerice>

ADVANCE NOTICE

French Day will be held on Tuesday December 5th as a whole school event. Students will be encouraged to dress up in the French colours of blue, red and white. Activities will be held during the day.

MEDICATION REMINDER

An email was sent to all families regarding expiry dates for student medication. If you have not done so already please ensure that you follow this up if your child has medication stored at school.

FUND MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Port Noarlunga Primary School Soccer Club (Porties White Pointers) currently has an active project application with Fund My Neighbourhood. To see the project proposal and to register your vote visit <https://fundmyneighbourhood.yoursay.sa.gov.au/rounds/fund-my-neighbourhood-2017/ideas/school-soccer-canteen>

You will need to register and include a mobile phone number to receive a code for verification.

You will need to make sure your location is Port Noarlunga to see our project. It is as easy as creating an account, choosing three to five projects in our area and ensuring that the School Soccer Canteen Project in the Category of Open space, sport and recreation is in your shortlist. Simple! Let's make this happen. Please share and get as many votes for this much needed upgrade as possible. Please support this fantastic cause.



PORT NOARLUNGA PRIMARY SCHOOL FACEBOOK PAGE

Our new Facebook page is live. Check it out here: <https://www.facebook.com/portnoarlungaprimarieschool/> We will be sharing news and information, updates, notices, alerts and special events. Please like and follow our page to be kept up to date.

This addition to our communication means that you now have access to information via our school website, Skoolbag, email and Facebook. It is vital to your child's well-being that you stay informed regarding school events and that you have access to current and up to date information.



THE 3 R'S OF RECYCLING



Mrs McMillan's class hosted our Assembly on Wednesday 25th October to celebrate their learning around the Three R's of Sustainability - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Students presented several small scenarios with help from their Recycling Superheroes and explained each of the different coloured bins used for recycling. They presented the school community with facts about rubbish patterns across the world and here at school. The rubbish from each classroom was collected the day before and a "River of Rubbish" was created in the middle of the gym to show how much is currently not reduced, reused or recycled and goes into landfill. After the assembly the class sorted the general waste into categories and placed them into the appropriate bins. Mrs McMillan's class presented Mrs Ehlers class with a certificate for having the least general waste during the audit period. Mrs McMillan's Year 3 students sang two songs at Assembly about the Three R's of Sustainability and working together to reduce waste. An audit will be done on the Nude Food Day on Tuesday 31st October to see if any changes are being made through this learning.

