

Port Noarlunga Primary School and Aquatic Centre

"Working Together - Learning Forever"

We value: Respect, Responsibility,
Independence, Caring and
Honesty



PNPS

NEWSLETTER

WEEK 4 TERM 1

22nd February 2018

Celebrating 102
Years in 2018



DIARY DATES TERM 1 2018

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

Thursday 22nd February

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

Friday 2nd March

Student Free Day

Monday 12th March

- Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday 14th March

Twilight Dance 5:30pm

Wednesday 21st March

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

Friday 30th March

- Good Friday Public Holiday

Monday 2nd April

- Easter Monday

Thursday 13th April

- Last day of Term 1 - dismissal at 2:15pm

PLEASE NOTE

GOVERNING COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND FINANCE MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED FOR WEEK 4 TO THURSDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

AGM 2018



Government
of South Australia
Department for Education
and Child Development

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear all,

The Governing Council AGM will be held this week on Thursday and I urge you all to attend and participate in some way either as a representative or as a member of a sub-committee. Members of the Governing Council are able to develop a deeper understanding of the 'why' when decisions are made and can then share this knowledge with the wider school community. I am able to build a broader understanding of the students, families and community through consultation with Governing Council members.

You would be aware by now that we have signed up for Reading Eggs and Mathletics this year. Both of these will be a part of our learning program at school and can be accessed at both school and home. Students have started by completing a Placement Test on Reading Eggs to determine the best fit for their current learning level. Once they have their starting point they then work through levels at their own pace. Mathletics is a little different as it is based on the Australian Curriculum and learning content is set by the teacher most of the time. I believe that both of these programs will support the classroom learning and increase students' basic literacy and numeracy skills.

I attended the DECD Literacy Summit last week and walked away challenged and inspired. The key note speaker, Maryanne Wolf, spoke about the First 2000 Days of a child's life. These are the times where the brain is at its most malleable and able to change and grow. The importance of reading and talking to our babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers cannot be dismissed or underrated as it provides them with the best start to life possible.

Take care,

Marie

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ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



We are very pleased with our Attendance rates for the start of the school year. Thank you to those of you who have been notifying us in advance when your child is absent. You can call the school on 83822455, email dl.0362.admin@schools.sa.edu.au notify the class teacher via Class Dojo or a note, or use the Skoolbag app. Please choose one method only as it stops any confusion between our teaching staff and the administration personnel. Thanks also to the parents who have followed up when they have received a text message regarding their child's absence. Since implementing the Academy solution for processing our absences we have seen an improvement in the incidences of unexplained absences.

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:

- April Langton, Makenzie Elliot (Miss Field)
- Ian Boyd, Liam Schmid (Mrs Ross)
- Tane McGarvey, Aaliyah Heath (Mr MacWilliams)
- Mitika Skales, Isabella Danes (Mrs Harley)
- Charlee Howard, Noah Patsch (Mrs Ehlers)
- Bailey Manders, Shania Jones, Melody Edwards (Mrs Haddad/Mrs Baumann)
- Chris Baldwin, Abbey Hill (Ms Orrin)
- Bodhi Rushby, Tqaya Sinclair (Mrs True)
- Damara Moschos, Noah Ackerley (Mrs McMillan)
- Tayne Lines, Kaden Bull, Amber Mulligan (Mr Letcher)
- Isabel Pilkington, Hayden Stringer (Miss Thompson)
- Kirrily Edmonds, Aiden Dong (Mrs Gotley/ Mrs Fullerton)
- Jack Chomel, Poppy Hatcher (Mrs Sander)
- Ariel Caruso, Emmitt Taylor (Mr Horsfall)
- Clara Inverarity, Keenan Philp (Mr Heard)
- Harry Bigg, Brynne Froud (Ms Eldridge)
- Tamzyn Jones, Hudson Priori (Mr Wakefield)

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: 8**
- **Sharks: 12**
- **Dolphins: 12**
- **Swordfish: 8**

LOST PROPERTY

Don't forget to regularly check the lost property for your child's belongings. Named and labeled items are returned to their owner. All unclaimed items are donated to charity at the end of each term.

STAFFING NEWS



Our Year 1\2 teacher Ms Kahlie Burt has suffered an accidental injury and will be unable to return to school until Week 11 (9th April) at the earliest. Ms Bianca Newbery will be the classroom teacher during Kahlie's absence. We wish Kahlie a speedy recovery.

UPDATING YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

It is vital that your contact information is accurate and up to date. This is especially important if your child is injured or unwell. If you have changed any of your contact details then please let us know as soon as possible. You can phone the school on 83822455, email at dl.0362.info@schools.sa.edu.au or via the Skoolbag app on your personal device.

HEALTH SUPPORT PLANS

It is the parent's/caregiver's responsibility to ensure new Health Care Plans and Medication Forms are provided for any changes to dosages, times etc. and must be updated every year. It is also a parents' and caregivers' responsibility to ensure that all medication is current and has not passed its expiry date. Please contact Annie in the front office for more information.

GOVERNING COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held on Thursday 22nd February at 6:30pm in the Resource Centre. The 2017 Annual Report will be presented and the new Governing Council for 2018 formed. Being a member of Governing Council gives parents the opportunity to understand how the school runs and have input into decision making. The AGM is an ideal way to hear what is happening in the school and especially what plans are evolving to further support your child's learning.

Governing Council meetings are held on Wednesdays of Week 4 and 8 of each term at 6:30pm – 8:30pm. If you wish to nominate for a position on Governing Council please let Annie (Front Office Receptionist) know by phoning 83822455 and leave your details or email dl.info.0362@schools.sa.edu.au

PAYMENT OF MONEY IN 2018

Information regarding the Materials and Services Charges for 2018 was sent home at the beginning of the school year. The Materials and Services Charges for 2018 will be \$285.00. This amount was due to be paid by Thursday 15th February (Week 3 Term 1 2018). If you have not paid please contact the school on 83822455 to make arrangements.

The 2018 Excursion Levy of \$58 per student was due by Thursday February 22nd. Students will not be able to attend any activities until this amount is paid.

The Excursion Levy covers all excursions, incursions and activities during the school year except photographs, Aquatics Programme, Year 7 windcheaters, Year 7

Graduation, special camps or sleepovers. Separate invoices will be sent home for these activities. There will be NO arrangements for after event payment.

As always, parents need to pay this amount at the beginning of the school year, apply for School Card or make arrangements with Julie Bramley, our Finance Officer, early in the school year.

The Finance Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 – 9:30am. Payments outside of these times can be made at the front office but correct money is appreciated.

Thankyou – the Finance Committee

YOUNG LEADERS HEARTS FOR KIDS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Young Leaders fundraising efforts for Sweetheart Day. The school was awash with red! Due to everyone's kind donations, we raised \$420 for Heart Kids. For more information on Sweethearts Day visit <https://www.heartkids.org.au/whats-on/sweetheart-day-2018>



<https://sweetheartday2018.everydayhero.com/au/lauren>

BEFORE SCHOOL

The playground is out of bounds before school and we ask that parents don't allow their children to play in that area. This is a very appealing play area for many of our younger students and we would much prefer that they are starting to head to their classrooms to get set up for their school day.

Also, please remember that the school grounds are not to be entered before 8:30am. It is only at this time that there is a staff member on duty. Of late, we have had people arriving as early as 8am. If you need to drop your child at school before 8.30 please book them into Before School Care by phoning 83845612 or 0405 334 676 during the service operating hours.

REMINDERS

- Friday 2nd March is a Student Free Day. Staff will be involved in Training and Development. OSHC is

available but book now to ensure a place as bookings are limited.

- Twilight Dance will be held on Wednesday 14th March from 5:30pm on the school oval.

HEADLICE CHECKS

Headlice are once again becoming prevalent with the warmer weather coming. To stop the spread we urge parents to thoroughly check your children's hair for eggs and lice and if found treat accordingly. School card holders are able to obtain free head lice treatment from the front office. Thank you for your co-operation. If you require more information please contact the school on 83822455.

COMMUNICATION AT PNPS

Port Noarlunga Primary School communicates with our school community in many ways.

- Website
- Newsletter
- Facebook page
- Class DoJo
- Skoolbag
- Noticeboards
- Email notifications
- Letters home via students
- Posted communication

Our newsletters are distributed electronically each fortnight and uploaded to the school website and the Skoolbag app. We also send some notices home with students when a return tear off slip is required.

Confidential information is posted to the address recorded on our database. Please check your email account regularly for school communications to ensure that you are receiving everything.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Coles have once again launched their Sports for Schools Program. Our school is registered so families will be able to collect Coles Sports for Schools vouchers from Coles stores across Australia. Vouchers can be dropped off in the bins in the front office. Ask your neighbours, friends and families to collect the vouchers for you and help us reap the rewards of this initiative.





MAGICAL MEMORIES



An exciting event held at the start of the school year is the Magical Memories Morning. Parents, caregivers and extended family members were invited to school last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to create a scrapbook of photos and memorabilia from their child's first few weeks at school as a Reception student. It was an ideal opportunity for family members to participate in a very special activity while sharing and making memories.

Each child personally invited a family member or members to help them cut, glue, create and make a special keepsake. Craft equipment and supplies were made available to the family as well as a number of photos taken of their child over the 3 previous weeks engaged in school activities.



Parents and caregivers were able to have wonderful conversations about their child's activities at school, a vital part of early literacy skills, while learning more about the daily events and routines for new Reception children.



Mrs Linda Ross, Ms Kim Field and Mr Joshua MacWilliams ensured that many photos were taken in preparation for the morning as well as taking lots during the creation of these wonderful scrapbooks.



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