

# Port Noarlunga Primary School and Aquatic Centre

"Working Together - Learning Forever"

We value: Respect, Responsibility,

Independence, Caring and

Honesty



# PNPS NEWSLETTER

WEEK 6 TERM 4

23<sup>rd</sup> November 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**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

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

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

- Year 1 – 3 Swimming

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

- Library Trash and Treasure
- Finance Committee Meeting 5:30pm
- Governing Council Meeting 6:30pm

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

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

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

- Whole school picnic lunch
- Reports and class placement letters sent home
- Year 7 Graduation Celebrations

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

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

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear all,

At Governing Council meeting last week my proposal to alter the length of our school days was approved. From Day 1, Term 1, 2018 we will no longer have an early finish on Tuesdays. Every day will begin at 8:50am and end at 3:10pm. Recess and lunch breaks will both be 30 minute breaks.

This will mean that students will receive 5 full days of learning, parent / caregiver work schedules will not need altering on Tuesdays and we will be meeting the industrial requirements for our workforce. There will be a slight financial benefit as we will no longer be required to find 'busy work' for relief teachers employed on our short day.

I understand that there may be some initial concerns regarding this decision and I invite those affected to contact me to discuss this.

An interesting research finding came across my desk this week. "Students' mindsets matter much more than their socioeconomic background". We work on developing a growth mindset in every student every day and I have been excited to hear Reception and Year 1 students talk about persisting, trying hard, being challenged and getting out of 'the pit'.

This is one area where families can make a huge difference by modelling and sharing how they are still learning and that making mistakes is part of the learning process.

Take care,  
Marie

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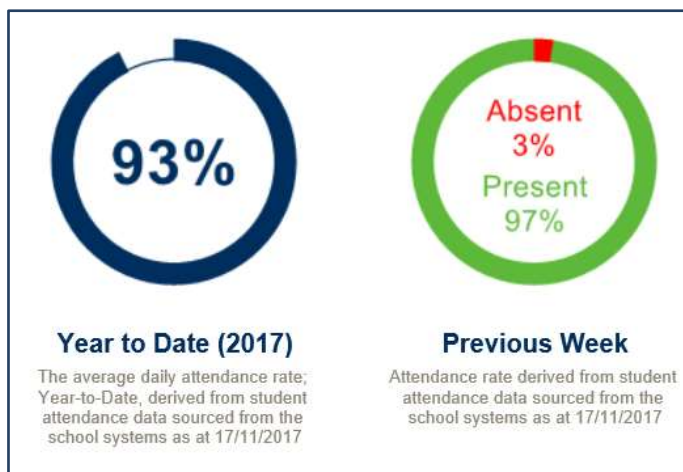
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## ATTENDANCE



Our attendance last week was fantastic! Maybe we're finally leaving all of those winter bugs and illnesses behind us. Fingers crossed for some great attendance leading into the end of the school year. Don't forget to notify the school if your child is absent. You can phone on 83822455 or email [dl.0362.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0362.info@schools.sa.edu.au) or use the Skoolbag app.

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

At this 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:

- (Miss Field)
- Mae Symes, Bianca Mills, Jordyn Burrows-Simpson, Tobias Scharke, Darcie Johnson Alysha Humphreys, Jaxon Baker, Cherrish (Mrs Ross)
- (Mr Letcher)
- Pearl Shutze, Jake Hansen, Taya Sinclair, Marty Yates (Mrs Ehlers)
- Ara Pannunzio, Riley Danielwood (Mrs Haddad/Mrs Baumann)
- (Mrs Harley)
- Tylah Langton, Milani Rigg (Miss Neumeister/Mrs Smith)
- (Miss Jast)
- (Mrs McMillan)
- Emma McDougall, Isaiah Rawiri (Miss Thompson)
- Kirrily Edmonds, Eleanor McEwen (Mrs Sander)
- James Woodhouse, Karami Forbes-Richards (Mrs Gotley/Mrs Smith)
- (Mr Rowell)
- (Mr Horsfall)
- Sophia Richardson, Ellie Chomel (Mr Heard)
- Sabrina Winen, Tanayah McLay (Ms Eldridge)
- Hayley Zahra, Lucy Schilder, Dillan Hadley-Barker (Mr Wakefield)
- Alex Fawcett, Josh James, Schenise Bruno, Charlie Spencer, Andre Caruso, Lealani Fox, Jasmine Croydon, James Donnon, Elyssa Larner (Vivonne Amoy – PCW)

### **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: 9**
- **Sharks: 11**

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

## 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.

## IMPORTANT NEWS



Our school is currently working to implement SMS messaging for student absences and school emergencies and it is vital that we have up to date and current information recorded in our database to ensure that you receive any messages. Please let us know if you have changed any of your contact details and in particular your mobile number asap.

## CLASS PLACEMENT PROCESS

If your child will not be attending Port Noarlunga Primary School in 2018 could you please let us know as soon as possible by phoning 83822455 or emailing [dl.0362.admin@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0362.admin@schools.sa.edu.au) This will assist us greatly with the final stages of planning for 2018.

## MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGES FOR 2018

The Materials and Services Charges for 2018 will be \$285.00. You are invited to attend the Governing Council meeting on Wednesday 6th December at 6:30pm to discuss any concerns you may have. In lieu of attendance at the meeting, parents and caregivers can express their views in writing to the Chairperson of the Governing Council.

## RESOURCE CENTRE

End of year sorting and cleaning will commence soon. Student borrowing will cease on Friday December 1st. Please return all readers by Monday 4th December and all library books during week 8 (Dec 4th to 6th would be helpful). Please find and return anything with a barcode. (Readers cost us \$10 each to buy so please return promptly).

A Library Trash and Treasure Sale will be held in the Library on Wednesday 6th December where previously loved items will be for sale for 20c, 50c and \$1.

**Chris McDonald – Teacher Librarian**

## CANTEEN NEWS

Due to end of term nearing quickly, some items will be out of stock and not replaced until 2018. If this happens your child will be consulted and a substitute will be offered. Please note that the Slushies will not be available for the rest of the term. We apologise for any inconvenience.

**Deonne Milton – Canteen Manager**



## LOST PROPERTY

Don't forget to check the lost property for your child's belongings before the end of the school year as unclaimed items will be donated to charity during the upcoming school holidays.

## TASTY TUESDAY BAKE SALE

Mrs Sander would like to thank all the parents and caregivers who donated all the goods for the Tasty Tuesday Bake Sale. The total funds raised to support the two worthy charities was \$275. This amount will be split between Doctors Without Borders and Caritas Charity which both support children.



## END OF YEAR PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend the End of Year Presentation Assembly at 9:00am in the Gymnasium on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December prior to the Volunteer's 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.

## VOLUNTEER'S MORNING TEA

The annual Volunteer's Morning Tea will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am following the End of Year Presentation Assembly. Invitations will be sent home with your child soon. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible to help with catering.

## REMINDERS

- Whole School Picnic on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Bring and share a picnic lunch with your child.
- Reports and class placement letters will be sent home with your child on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.
- School finishes at 2:15pm Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.
- School resumes on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 8:50am.

## TERM DATES 2018

- Term 1 – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April
- Term 2 – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July
- Term 3 – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September
- Term 4 – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

## 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.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Cooper Bowey! In January 2017 Cooper enrolled in the CUA program by meeting with Angela the coordinator at the Woodcroft Library.

Cooper completed a range of learning activities (outside of school). Some of the activities included bush camping, fishing, football training, nippers, hip hop dancing, enjoying bowling, visits to the aviation, railway and Adelaide Museums, learning about the local district through exploring and a range of writing activities.

Each activity attracts hours and the children receive a stamp in their official passport.

30 hours plus earns a Bronze award for graduation, 65 plus hours is a Silver award and 100 plus hours is a Gold award.

Cooper had over 75 hours and received a Silver award however in the last number of weeks he has earned more hours and next year will graduate with a Gold award or perhaps even a Graduate award.

This program allows children to explore new ideas, try different things and to help find their passion for later learning and employment.

## CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA INFORMATION

Some of the benefits and reasons to become involved in Children's University Australia (CUA)

For children to develop resilience, optimism and confidence, the opportunity for self-directed learning beyond the classroom is key. CUA fosters wellbeing by promoting 'free range learning', encouraging children to try out new activities, discover new passions, visit new places and above all, have fun! Whether you're a student, teacher or volunteer, there are plenty of ways for you to get involved with Children's University Adelaide. Children's University Adelaide has exciting learning activities outside your day-to-day school work - so before school, at lunch time, after school or in the school holidays. The best part is that you get to choose what activities you do, where, when and how you would like to do them. And the things you learn about will be connected to something that you could study at a university, the schools for grown-ups.

Children's University Adelaide creates a context for children to construct identity through people, places and activities. By taking their passports to [Learning Destinations](#), children are provided with a strategy to become successful learners; confident, creative, active and informed citizens. CU Adelaide allows students to make new friends that have similar interests, develop leadership skills, explore and develop new talents and celebrate and be rewarded for their achievements.

<https://www.adelaide.edu.au/childrensuniversity/benefits>

# STUDENT PARTICIPATION

On Thursday 16th November, 110 students participated in the Beach Volleyball Competition at Glenelg. 20 teams represented our school with 11 teams making the quarter finals and 5 making the semi finals. 2 teams won silver medals and 1 a gold medal. We are so proud of each and everyone of our students for their wonderful contribution to the competition, their team spirit and incredible achievements. Congratulations to all involved and well done to Mr Woolford for coordinating this huge event with the highest number of students attending from our school on record.



On Monday 13th November, Mrs Sander's class, several students from Mrs McMillan's class and four Year 7 students performed songs in English and in French for the 30th anniversary of the opening of the K-Mart Wishing Tree.

Special guests from the Salvation Army and Noarlunga Council were present as well as many parents. The singing was beautifully performed and students were great ambassadors for Port Noarlunga Primary School.

