

# Port Noarlunga Primary School and Aquatic Centre

"Working Together - Learning Forever"

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



# PNPS

## NEWSLETTER

### WEEK 8 TERM 1

22nd March 2018

**Celebrating 102**

**Years in 2018**



## DIARY DATES TERM 1 2018

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

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Choir Sleepover**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**  
• **Good Friday Public Holiday**

**Monday 2nd April**  
• **Easter Monday**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
• **SAPSASA Cross Country**

**Thursday 13th April**  
• **Last day of Term 1 - dismissal at 2:15pm**

**Term 2 commences Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear all,

Thank you to all of our families and friends that attended Twilight Dance last week. As a 'non-dancer' I had a wonderful time and enjoyed spending such a relaxed time with everyone. Thanks to Susie and her team for their organisation.

We have had some staffing challenges this term with 2 teachers, Linda Ross and Kahlie Burt, requiring extended periods of sick leave. As with all injury and illness, there is a degree of uncertainty surrounding recovery time which has meant that we have made another staffing change from Monday this week (19/3/2018). We wish them both a speedy and full recovery. Thank you to the families who have been affected by these changes and for the resilience shown by such a young group of students.

There will be another staffing change or two from the start of Term 2 and I will keep you updated as we finalise details. One significant change is that Jo Rowell, Deputy Principal, will be finishing up here at the end of this term to take up a Principal position at Hallett Cove South Primary School from the start of Term 2. Jo has been at this site for many years and has worked to grow this school in size and in skills. She is a passionate leader and I wish her every success in her new role.

We hope to fill the Deputy Principal position with one of our existing staff members but must undertake an application and panel process first to determine the best person for the job. I will keep you posted.

I have been chatting to more and more families lately and am grateful for their honest and constructive comments. It is completely understandable to be concerned when there are issues with your children and I urge families to first speak to the teacher and then, if still concerned, make a time to talk to me. I do ask that when addressing my staff that respectful language and behaviour is used. There have been a couple of incidences at school and via Class Dojo where teachers have been berated in an unreasonable manner. This is not the usual behaviour that we see at Port Noarlunga Primary School and it can be quite challenging for teachers to manage. Thank you for your support in this area.

Take care,  
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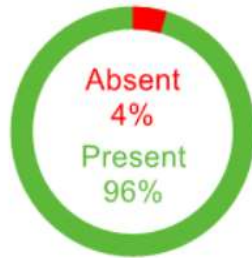


## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



### Year to Date (2018)

The average daily attendance rate; Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 19/03/2018



### Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 19/03/2018



## ADVANCE NOTICE

Our Finance Officer Julie Bramley will be on leave from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April until Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Online payments can still be made in the usual way. Any cash or credit card transactions will not be processed until Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## TEACHERS' ABSENCES

Apart from the times when teachers are absent from school for sickness or special leave, there are also days when teachers are released from their classrooms to attend conferences and participate in ongoing training and development, especially on the implementation of the new Australian Curriculum. A Temporary Relief Teacher (TRT) is employed to cover all absences. As much as possible we aim to use TRTs who are familiar with the class although this is not always the case. Students are expected to show the same respect to these visiting teachers as is expected to the regular staff at the school.

## PUNCTUALITY

School commences at 8.50am each morning. Students need to be **IN** class by this time, getting organised for their learning. Any student arriving after this bell needs to report to the front office for a late pass. Punctuality is important to support students' organisation, learning of routines and plans to ensure they are as successful as possible at school.

## GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March, eight Young Leaders headed into the city to attend the Grip Leadership conference. The conference was a fantastic opportunity for the students to learn new leadership skills in an engaging and motivating way. The day was a great balance between practical leadership strategies and fun activities which all students thoroughly enjoyed. The feedback from the students was very enthusiastic:

*"I learned that I can be a great leader in my school"* Madisen Dunn. *"Leadership is constant transformation"* Marius Baldacchino. *"As Leaders we can work together to solve problems"* Lucy Thiele. *"There were interesting aspects but also some really funny bits"* Gui Oliveira.

We are looking forward to these Young Leaders becoming the driving force for change this year and disseminating their new found knowledge to all the other Young Leaders in the school.

**Victoria Corbett – Student Wellbeing Leader**

Week 8 Term 1

## COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Don't forget to send in your Coles Sports for Schools Program vouchers. 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.

## DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Twenty eight students represented Port Noarlunga Primary School at the district athletics carnival held at Tatchilla Lutheran School.

Our team performed extremely well and there were 5 students who won their events and will represent our district Onkaparinga South at the Metropolitan Day on September 25<sup>th</sup> in term 3.

These students were: Zoe B 100m, Chase 800m, Kiara high jump, Brydan high jump, Jake 100m, 200m. Good luck to those students.

In our relays we had 2 of the 4 teams get a placing. Open Girls team of Jasmine, Tanayah, Lola and Tamzyn won bronze and the Open Boys won the gold in a photo finish. This team consisted of Zen, Jace, Isaac and Jake.

It was an awesome day watching our team perform so well. Thanks to all the parent support as drivers and cheer squad.

## BEACH VOLLEYBALL

A beautiful day met us for the Term 1 Beach Volleyball tournament at Glenelg Beach.

There were 11 teams representing Port Noarlunga Primary School with a total of 57 students. We also had two umpires, Schenise and Marius, who did a really good job.

Our teams consisted of beginners and experienced competitors and they all showed quality team spirit. Each team was really supportive of their team mates.

We had 7 teams make the quarter-finals, 4 make the semis and two the grand final. Both of these teams won silver medals and just missed out on the top prize. The players in these teams were: Division 1 boys: Jace, Jack, Clayton, Levi, Hudson and Brandon. The Division 2 boys were Jan, James, Isaac, Harry and Gui.

Well done to all teams. We have two more volleyball tournaments this year, the inter-house championships and the term 4 Beach Volleyball tournament. For these our year 4/5's will also be involved.



## HARMONY DAY

It was wonderful to see so many of our students wearing something orange on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March for Harmony Day. Some of our students and staff were dressed in traditional costumes and really looked the part.



## DISTRICT ATHLETICS & BEACH VOLLEYBALL PHOTOS





# TWILIGHT DANCE

