



2025

PARENT UPDATE TERM 1



Port Noarlunga
Primary School

From Marie...

Welcome back, or into, the Porties' Family in 2025. Day 1 has been wonderful with more tears from parents than children...hopefully this will lessen on Day 2.

We continue our focus on improving reading and wellbeing this year and have some exciting developments in these areas.

Our staff team is fixed and they are all keen to be back and working with our students and families. A list of our team is on the next page. You will see that there are a couple of name changes with 2 of our teachers getting married over the holidays. Rachel Gregory is now Rachel Proffitt and Indy Kaye-Kimmins is Indy Daws. We congratulate them both at this exciting time.

We have decided to hold Porties' Expo in place of the Term 1 Parent / Teacher interviews. This Expo will be held on Tuesday 11th February between 3:45pm and 4:45pm. More information will follow in the coming week.

The Governing Council AGM will follow the Expo and I look forward to working with the parents / families who join the Governing Council this year. It is a fantastic way for you to get involved in the school.

Hope that your first week has been one full of joy.



**WELCOME TO
PORTIES 2025**

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Name	Role
Tayla Bayly	Reception Teacher
Kim Gwatking	Reception Teacher
Indy Daws	Reception Teacher
Joshua MacWilliams	Reception Teacher (MYI)
Sebastian Braim	Year 1 Teacher
Anne-Marie Ehlers	Year 1/2 Teacher
Alana McMullan	Year 1/2 Teacher
Jack Dollard	Year 1/2 Teacher
Danielle Butcher	Year 1/2 Teacher
Rachel Redden	Year 2 Teacher
Bianca Payne	Year 3/4 Teacher
Chantelle Parkes	Year 3/4 Teacher
Desma McMillan	Year 3/4 Teacher
Shona Thompson	Year 3/4 Teacher
Shannon Clarke	Year 5/6 Teacher
Rachel Proffitt	AIT and Year 5/6 Teacher
Brett Horsfall	Year 5/6 Teacher
Jo Eldridge	Year 5/6 Teacher

Name	Role
Mike Woolford	PE / Health Teacher
Danni Baumann	Visual Arts Teacher
Ashlee Rowley	AUSLAN / Performing Arts Teacher
Susie Chandler	Performing Arts / Choir Teacher
Annabel Coleman	Health / Grad Release Semester 1 Teacher
Vicki McCarthy	Business Manager
Amy Harris	Admin SSO
Jason Stringer	Admin SSO
Jacqui	Wellbeing Support Officer / Class and Admin
Tina	Resource centre SSO
Lisa	Speech Specialist, Student Support SSO
Jayne	Aquatics and OSHC Finance
Julian	Groundskeeper
Anji	ACEO

SSOs - Student Support

Sienna	Loretta	Wanna	Hayley	Deb
Sierra	Katie	Katie	Lara	
Dylan Carter		Deputy Principal		
Emily Tessari		Student Wellbeing Leader		



ClassDojo

Our teachers are busy during the day teaching the children and can't read or respond to Class Dojo messages until later.

Urgent messages need to go through the front office - 8382 2455

We are grateful for the mostly positive, collaborative and respectful communication with our families.

We aim to work alongside you to build the best learning experience for your child/ren.

Thank you for your support.

HOW WE INTERACT

To achieve the best results for our students we need families and staff to work together in a respectful, kind and inclusive way.

Unfortunately, this isn't always the case. The Department for Education has re-shared its resources and information regarding respectful relationships and managing when things aren't respectful.

Abusive, violent, threatening and offensive behaviours will not be tolerated. We have had a number of situations where parents behaved disrespectfully towards staff at school and at OSHC.

I am committed to the wellbeing and health of all members of our school community and I am responsible for that of staff and students. Instances of inappropriate behaviours or communications will be acted upon quickly and decisively.

Please remember that the negative interactions are only a very small part of the communications at Porties.

OUR VALUES

In 2024 we compiled responses from students, families and staff to determine our new values for 2025 and beyond. We are excited to develop a whole school focus on these positive values.

PORTIES' VALUES

IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

KINDNESS

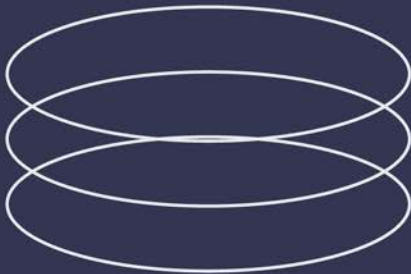
Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is being thoughtful about people's needs. Kindness is treating yourself and others gently.

INCLUSION

Inclusion is making everyone feel that they are valued, respected, and included regardless of their background or identity. Being inclusive means promoting and sustaining a sense of belonging.

RESPECT

Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves and others. When we are respectful we treat others as we want to be treated



Our Outdoor Environments



Over the holiday break our playground was stripped, repainted and repaired. The Playquip inspector said that the playground is structurally sound which is a relief.

There were some improvements made to ensure safety including the new spider web that has proven to be extremely popular.

We are hoping that the soft fall under the playground will be resurfaced in the April holidays adding further support and repairing a couple of areas.

The Nature Play space was completed at the end of 2024 which was ahead of schedule. This area was funded by our OSHC and our students are loving the opportunity to use the space in creative ways.

Julian, our Groundskeeper, has been working with a team who are going to repair and improve the grassed oval area along Dodd St. There is an area that is damaged and we are hoping that it will be back on track before the soccer season.

In order to keep our spaces in a good condition and help them last longer, we ask that children do not ride their bikes or scooters on school grounds. This will also ensure safety of others in the yard.

REMINDERS:



- The school yard is unsupervised before 8:30am each day. Please book into OSHC if your child needs to be at school before 8:30am.
- The playground is 'out of bounds' before school each day as there is no supervision available.
- The council rangers will regularly patrol the roads in the immediate area before and after school. They hand out hefty fines to people who park in non-parking spaces.
- Students can only participate in excursions, incursions and events when you have signed the consent form and paid. You may be asked to attend with your child if they demonstrate unsafe or inappropriate behaviours at school.
- Dress code is navy blue and yellow and we expect that all students adhere to this.
- Please name every item of your child's clothes as we have a ridiculous amount of lost property at our school. If there is a name of the clothes, we can easily make sure it gets back where it belongs.
- Students and staff are required to wear a hat during break times and when playing outside in Term 1 and from September the 1st until the end of the year. This is a Department for Education guideline.
- If your child is absent please notify us by phone, email or through our website. Please include a reason so that we can lessen the number of unknown absences in 2025.
- We all like a chat, however we need to ensure that our students are focused on learning and not on their parent who is in the yard after the first bell. Porties' has many more lovely catch up spots for you to utilise - better coffer than here :)

TO DO:

- Join Class Dojo
- Apply for school card if eligible
- Join QKR!
- Consider joining the Governing Council or a sub-committee
- Check our website and get your permissions and checks done to volunteer in 2025
- Set a reading at home schedule
- Put the dates below in your calendar

February 11th - 3:45pm to 4:45pm - Porties' Expo

February 11th - 5:00pm to 6:00pm - Governing Council AGM

February 13th - Year 3/4 Swimming

February 17th to 28th - Dental for Schools

February 17th - Year 5/6 Outdoor Education

February 18th - Year 3/4 Outdoor Education

March 7th - Pupil Free Day

March 14th - R-2 Nature Play Mini-Fest

April 1st - District Athletics Day

April 2nd- Year 5/6 Swimming and Aquatics

April 11th - Last day of Term 1

June 16th - Pupil Free Day

July 25th - Pupil Free Day

September 3rd - Pupil Free Day

November 10th - School Closure Day

Mrs Daws Reception



Miss Bayly Reception

Miss B Year 1/2




PORTIES' PARENT EXPO

An opportunity for families to learn about our school programs and teaching staff.

WHEN AND WHERE?

 11th February, 2025 (Tuesday Week 3)

 From 3:45pm to 5pm

 PNPS Gym

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Teachers will have a booth with key school information.

They will be available to answer questions and connect with families.

Teachers will run three 5-minute presentations throughout the Expo.

Followed by the Governing Council AGM at 5pm in the library.

