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NEWSLETTER | TERM 2, WEEK 10

JULY 2ND, 2020



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thank you for your support over what has been a very different term for 2020.

Term 2 has been like no other. The children and our families have adjusted well to the restrictions.

As a staff we have appreciated how supportive and mindful our families have been, with most able to follow the SA Health Guidelines during a challenging time for everyone.

The good news is that the State Government has announced the easing of restrictions and it appears that life may be gradually returning to 'normal.'

Parents are able to be on the school grounds while maintaining the 1.5m social distancing.

Parents are still not to enter classrooms until further notice.

We are able to hold assemblies in Term 3 for staff and students, at this stage we are unable to have parents attend.

This calendar has been very quiet this term with many events cancelled. The plus side of this has been that we have been able to have a focus on teaching and learning and on our 2020 site improvement goals.

The alternative student reports sent home in Week 8 is an example of trying something a bit different by having the students write a large feedback section. I hope you enjoyed seeing this self-reflections from the students and the opportunity for interviews.

KEY DATES

FIRST DAY OF
TERM THREE
20 July

The site has been busy with tradespeople in recent weeks and will only get busier.

The new building is to be delivered on the first Monday of the school holidays with work continuing over the following few weeks.

There will also be new ICT cabling going in throughout the whole school to enhance the internet connection for all students and staff.

We hope that you all have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you after the break.

Brenton Hudson

TERM THREE STAFFING CHANGES FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Next term there are a few changes to our staffing as people have chosen to take leave and make some life decisions.

Thank you to Jacqui Fenlon who has been teaching in Room 4:02, she has done a wonderful job getting to know the students and families.

Next term Molly Kent and Stella Dorward will be taking the Year 1/2 class until the end of the year.

Hugh Benger our Innovation and Inquiry Coordinator has been asked to support the Department for Education with curriculum development for Term 3.

Emma O'Shaughnessy will take on the class 5 days a week as she has already been in the class every Tuesday.

Kate Reynolds will have Emma's Friday role in Room 3:08 for the term.

Our front office SSO Judy Lewis is taking long service leave until the end of the year.

Hazel Minks has been an SSO providing student support in the first semester, she has decided to take leave for Term 3 as she moves house and supports her family.

SSO Liz Ray will be taking 5 weeks away from the school to concentrate on her university teaching practice.

We welcome Sharon Kramer, Linda Forster, Starr Brown, Pauline Playford and Liz Portelli as new SSOs to support our students in Term 3.

LOST PROPERTY

There are still lots of jumpers in lost property.

Please encourage your child to look after and find their jumper and other gear.



FLYING FISH AWARDS

Mikayla S, Lucas H, Stella B, Vivi W, Charlie B, Lucan B, Hallie C, Phoebe M, Tyson W, Alexis W, Ryder H, Brian L, Isla C, Ollie T, Ava D, Taylah B, April D, Ruby M, Fin G, Jemma L



I studied the Pygmy Rattle Snake. A fact that I learnt about it is that it has a hemo toxic venom that delivers a lot of pain.
Buddy



I studied the thorny devil. The thorny devil can absorb water from their spikes so they can keep an eye out for predators.
Oskar



I studied the addax. The addax has splayed hooves which means they have a gap in between their toes so that they can walk in the sand. The sand then doesn't rub on their skin and irritate them. The addax likes to eat melons, small shrubs, leaves. The addax doesn't need to drink water as it gets it from the food it eats.
Reilly



This semester our class researched how animals have adapted to be able to survive in deserts. These are just a few of the facts that we found out about animals that live in these areas. I studied the Armadillo Girdled Lizard. It is called that because it curls up like an armadillo so that predators can't come and destroy it. It has spikes which also protect it.
Urshuler

SAPSASA NETBALL AND FOOTBALL CARNIVAL WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12TH

It has been announced that in Term 3 Week 4 we will have a modified version of our annual Football and Netball carnival. Due to the current restrictions we can only nominate 1 team in each sport.

The netball team will consist of 10 Year 6/7 girls. The boys football team will be a 9 a-side match so we will be picking 12 Year 6/7 boys.

The players have been training earlier this term and will resume practices Week 1 Term 3.

Selected players will bring further information and consents home early Term 3.

YEAR 6-7 KINDY PROGRAM



SOUTHERN FLEURIEU DISTRICT BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER TRIALS INFORMATION

Southern Fleurieu would like to invite year 6 and 7 boys and girls who are interested in playing Soccer against other district teams at the School Sport SA Sapsasa State Carnival to nominate to attend trials with the possibility of being selected in the district team.

The carnival will be played at Barratt Reserve, West Beach during school hours this term from Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th August.

Two trials will be conducted and students are required to attend both.

GIRLS TRIALS:

4pm – 5:15pm

Encounter Lutheran College Oval

Monday, 20th July

Monday, 27th July

BOYS TRIALS:

4pm – 5:00pm

Tuesday, 21st July –

Eastern Fleurieu School (Strathalbyn)

Tuesday, 28th July – Port Elliot Oval

Once a team has been selected, details regarding the carnival and trainings will be provided to the student. Trina has handed out trial nomination forms to interested students. Please see Trina for further information.

TRINA DOIG AND KATE REYNOLDS



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I approach life playfully, making others laugh, and finding humour in difficult and stressful times.

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A number of classes have been looking at the 24 Character Strengths.

This weeks focus has been HUMOUR. Classes have been able to listen to the book 'Excuse Me' by Dave Hughes and Holly Ife, watch Kid Snippets and share jokes with each other to encourage laughter and humour.

WHAT THE SCIENCE SAYS


Research findings on the benefits of the strength of humour found humorous people are socially attractive to others. People with a sense of humour tend to be healthier.

For example, there are many physiological benefits to laughter, including increased oxygenation of the blood. Humour can also decrease social anxiety, thereby creating opportunities for social connection.

Transcendence

Humour

*You are playful and light hearted.
You enjoy laughing and making other people laugh.*



What does a cloud wear under his raincoat?



A: Thunderwear.



Why can't you give Elsa a balloon?



A: She will Let It Go.



STEM AMBASSADOR PROGRAM ACTION DAY

Last Thursday, students from the Port Elliot Primary School STEM Ambassador Program Action Team, participated in a State Celebration Day to acknowledge the work they have done over the last three years in promoting STEM learning at their school.

The students were invited to join the STEM Ambassador Program in recognition for the work they were already doing in Sustainability at Port Elliot Primary School. The focus of the STEM Action Team has been how they can help the environment using STEM thinking.

The STEM Ambassadors have worked with local Port Elliot businesses and the local Alexandrina Council, held meetings and workshops, to develop solutions to reduce single use plastic in the community. Over the last three years, these students have established the first Stem week at their school. During these weeks, they ran activities involving science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics, which involved over 400 students being engaged in STEM. They are currently planning the schools next STEM week in term 3 this year.

The STEM Ambassadors also hosted a STEM evening with SciWorld for all students living in the Fleurieu area. There were a lot of hands on activities including, Mindstorm Lego, robotics, as well as interactive experiments that the STEM Ambassador Action Team organised.

The highlight for the students was when they got to make elephant toothpaste with SciWorld. Each year they have organised and hosted a STEM Expo which has involved four schools in the district, including the Victor Harbor R-7 school, Goolwa Primary School and Eastern Fleurieu Schools, as well as Port Elliot Primary School.

During the year, classes from each of these schools worked on a STEM project idea using design thinking and these projects were showcased at the STEM Expo after school.

Students had to present their projects to a panel of STEM Ambassadors from Victor and Port Elliot Schools, invited guest judges and teachers. Winning projects were then presented with the coveted STEM Ambassador designed 3D printed medal and prize money. The STEM Ambassadors at Port Elliot Primary School have really enjoyed the opportunity to promote and showcase STEM at their school through the STEM Ambassador.

Program and as the program comes to an end, they will surely miss it. One student noted that she will be going to High School next year and is looking forward to learning more about science and maths. She is currently exploring a career in quantum physics. Congratulations to all the STEM Ambassadors – our future looks very positive in your hands!

SANDY WARNER



DANIEL, AVA, HOLLY AND ERIN