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NEWSLETTER | TERM 1, WEEK 2

FEBRUARY 8TH, 2024

Welcome to our
new Receptions!
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Community.
Confidence.
Respect.

Key Dates

School Surfing

Starts Monday 12 February

Port Power Assembly

Tuesday 13 February 12:10pm

R-2 Assembly

Monday 12 February 9am

Mural Launch + Family BBQ

Friday 15 March 3:30pm

2024 SPORTS DAY

Term 1, Week 10
Friday 5 April

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome to 2024!

There is enormous energy and buzz around the school. So many smiling faces, enthusiastic and happy learners. This year we welcomed 46 new receptions and 9 students across Year 1-6 classes. Our school values are on show with community, confidence and respect shining through. We have a stable staff with all teachers having been a part of our team last year. See page 2 for a list of classes.

Acquaintance Interviews – February 12th to 16th

Staff are keen to meet and get to know your family. Next week we will be holding 10 minute acquaintance interviews. Notes went home last Friday, I strongly encourage you to make the most of this opportunity. Student achievement is greatly enhanced when families and school have clear communication and work together. If you haven't already booked online please call the front office.

Every day Counts

Regular school attendance is a significant contributor to success at school. We want all students to learn and thrive; regular attendance ensures children maintain connection to peers and learning programmes. We understand the difficulty in getting appointments in country areas and encourage half day attendance in these circumstances.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK (CONT.)

Every day Counts...

The Department for Education is supporting all families that are experiencing difficulty with student attendance. Students who are absent one day per week (10 days over a term) are classified as chronic non-attenders and current DfE policy requires involvement of the attendance officer in these circumstances.

One day per week equates to over one less year of primary education and this is an enormous missed opportunity. There can be a range of reasons why regular attendance is a problem for some children. We are here to support all children as everyday counts.

Please speak to Student Wellbeing Leader, Rachael Norde or any of the Leadership team if any issues. Please note: doctor's certificates are required for absence due to ill health for greater than three days.

Student support and Wellbeing:

Ms Gillies will continue her role as Intervention & Support/ Autism Inclusion Teacher, Ms Norde as Student Wellbeing Leader and Stella as Aboriginal Education Teacher.

Specialist lessons will again be provided by our dynamic team:

Pak Tim Indonesian, Ms Bond Performing Arts, Ms Reynolds Health and Trina PE. Ms Willson continues as teacher librarian and RBL (resource based learning) with Ms Bond also doing RBL on Thursdays.

Continuing Roles:

Kathy Turley continues as Deputy Principal and myself as Principal. Ann Prime (Education Director) will oversee the process of an open application for the Port Elliot Primary School Principal position ready for 2025. Once again, we have an amazing team of educators across the school who bring experience and energy to their roles every day.

Classes for 2024:

Year 5/6	Ms Rose 301
	Mr Farlam 302
	Ms Dybala 307
	Ms Cleggett 308
Year 4/5	Ms Reedy 508
Year 3/4	Ms Warner 501
	Mr Taylor/Ms Hancock 502
Year 2/3	Ms Waters 507
Year 1/2	Ms Slee 401
	Ms Lacey 907
	Ms Dale 908
Rec/Yr 1	Jane 402
Rec	Ms Allsop 901
	Ms Mumford/Ms Kelly 902

Curriculum Leadership:

Congratulations to Steven Taylor who has won the position as 2024 Numeracy Coordinator and mentor (Thurs & Fri) and to Ruth Willson who is literacy mentor (Wed & Thurs).

Our Wonderful Team of SSOs

Welcome back Jo Colbeck, Kelly Ellbourn, Sharon Kramer, Jodie Edwards, Darryn Burdett, Jade McHughes (ACEO), Kristal Matthews (ACEO), Anne Todd, Bev Gillies, Joc Stephens, Connie Castilla, Leeann Mulrone, Tom Darling, Wayne Beadman, Nicole Carlson, Jade Brocksopp, Chris Lewis, Pauline Playford and Aaliyah Bloomfield.

by Principal Cathy Knight



IMPORTANT SCHOOL INFORMATION

Governing Council AGM 7pm Monday 19 February

The children of Port Elliot are our number one focus as teachers and SSOs but we always need input from families. To have a greater say in the school direction and understand how decisions are made, we invite you to join the Governing Council. This group of parents and staff meet twice a term, usually on a Monday night for about 90 minutes. Each year we need new parents to join the group and we welcome new ideas. If you're interested, please come to the library at 7pm Monday 19 February. We would love to have you join us.

Student Conference Thursday 29th February

Learner agency; what is it and what is it not? In order to have a better understanding of students' views about what makes a successful education and how to be a "good" learner, we have set aside time to actively listen to our students. We have many wonderful and articulate thinkers who are active participants in learning. Taking the time to listen and ensure students have a voice is a 2024 priority.

Students arriving late/leaving early



Please ensure you go to the front office and sign in/out using the online academy system. This is our official record and an important safety procedure. Office staff will phone through to classrooms.



2024 Receptions

2024 Student Free Days (teacher training days)

Governing Council has approved the following Student Free Days and School Closure Dy for 2024.

- Term 1 Friday 8th March
- Term 2 Tuesday 11th June
- Term 3 Monday 9th September
- Friday 6th September – School Closure (Show Day)
- Term 4 Friday 18th November

Text Messages for student absence



Please remember to text (0418 126 935) by 10am any student absence. Families will receive a school text message by 10.30 if there is no notification of absence. This is an important safety procedure and we request that families reply to this text. We will follow up with phone calls to confirm absence if required. For any families planning to take holidays during term time an exemption form is required. Please see the front office staff.

Supporting Our Students

BY WELLBEING LEADER – RACHAEL NORDE

Port Elliot Primary School is very fortunate to be supported by a number of organisations and our wonderful community. Our breakfast club has been very popular over a number of years. We have been going through 9 loaves of bread each Monday and Friday and making 3 large jugs of Milo. A big **thank you to Kickstart for Kids** who support our breakfast program by supplying bread, milk, butter and jam. Kickstart for Kids also provide cheese sandwiches that we provide students who don't have lunch or have forgotten to pack it. All students and families are welcome at Breakfast Club.

Thank you to ADRA who support our students by supplying products not available through Kickstart, including Milo, jam and bread to support the growing number of students accessing the service. **ADRA also contribute to uniform costs**, excursion costs and camp costs. They provide the fruit and snacks available at the front office for students who don't have these in their lunch box.

If you require **financial support to pay for excursions**, camps or uniforms please contact the school or let your child's teacher know. We ask that families contribute what they can and we will cover the rest. We do not want any child missing out of these fun areas of our school year. They very kindly **supply menstruation products** to our school at no cost. These are available for students and their families to try and eliminate period poverty. If required, please come to the office or Por:La Pulgi to collect. This service is available to everyone in the community so please take what is required.

How you can support these programs at school:

- Complete the induction training and organise the specific documentation to volunteer- approximately 8am-9am on a Monday or Friday every fortnight
- Add jam, margarine, Milo or snacks (muesli bars, small bags of shapes/rice cakes, cheese dippers) to your shopping cart and drop it to the front office
- Join Parent Network and get involved with fundraising and selling ice blocks on Fridays
- Donate any spare hats and uniforms to the office as 'spares' for those who have forgotten.

We have a **'pay it forward' option** on QKR where families are able to contribute to other families' costs. Families are able to select any amount and this will be allocated by the school on a needs basis. We will have this option for Fun Lunches when they are available on QKR. We look forward to continuing to support our school community through these programs.

Welcome To Our New Students



Christopher
Harvey
Hannah
Ava-May
Ella
Chloe
Oakley
Thomas

Absent from
photo:
Harley
Quinn
Aubre

Free Internet



Dear Parents,

The student home internet program can provide internet access to students who do not have reliable home internet so they can continue to learn and study at home. **Reliable internet access** supports online study at home, for the purpose of extended learning. It also allows teachers to design more learning experiences that use digital technology.

Eligibility

Open to all SA government school students who don't have adequate home internet access. Students must only use the internet access for learning and study at home. To find out more about the program and how you can apply, visit Free Home Internet Access For Students (education.sa.gov.au). We also have **application forms at the front office** for you to complete if required.



Room 301 – Acknowledgement of Country

During Week 1, 301 have worked hard and collaborated to design their own class Acknowledgement of Country. We are very proud of how it turned out.

In 301, we acknowledge the Ngarrindjeri People as the traditional owners of the ruwi where we come together to learn. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We promise to walk on this land gently and respect the ruwi, animals and waterways.

ARTS- Ms Bond



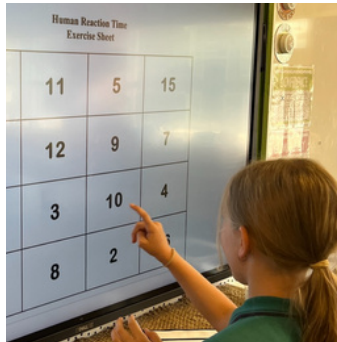
Maeve Wallace successfully auditioned for the Moana Jr ensemble on October 2nd 2023.

Rehearsals started on January 4th with her schedule being 10am to 4pm at the ACPA studios in Thebarton. Rehearsals then ramped up the week leading to the performances with full production runs being held at the Futures Church in Paradise from 9am – 5pm.

Maeve had two performance days, Friday and Saturday, with two shows each day. After the last show, they had a cast party, with lots of laughter and tears. I was grateful to see Maeve perform during the holidays! She did a wonderful job and was a standout performer within the ensemble. Great work Maeve!

"Moana Jr was a professional production and I learned a lot. It was really hard work but lots of fun. It has made me want to do more productions and get a lead role." - Maeve





301 Maths

– By Steven Taylor, Numeracy Coordinator

Puzzles help with Mathematical learning

Miss Rose's class have been establishing a growth mindset to solving puzzles and learning to become effective learners in maths

Solving maths puzzles at school and at home has many benefits.

- Maths puzzles encourage students to solve maths problems for fun without the pressure.
- They ignite students' interest and curiosity in maths and make solving problems exciting.
- Although puzzles have specific rules and limits, they allow students the freedom to select how to solve them.
- They help students develop strategic thinking and problem-solving skills.
- They help improve logical thinking and mental fluency.
- They boost spatial and reasoning skills.
- Puzzles are a good way to help students realise that there is more than one way to solve a problem. Flexibility and improvisation are required to solve puzzles.
- Puzzles can boost creativity and help generate unique ideas.
- When puzzles are used as group activities, they encourage teamwork and teach students to appreciate everyone's effort and ideas.
- Puzzles can help students see mathematical concepts from a different point of view and realise how these concepts can be applied differently.
- They help practise finding connections and improve memory.
- Maths puzzles provide an opportunity to talk about maths, have meaningful conversations, and revise previous skills.
- Puzzles teach perseverance and help students learn to cope with failure.
- Puzzles can help improve students' language and question understanding skills. They also offer opportunities for using mathematical language to explain their way of thinking.
- Last but not least puzzles can boost students' confidence in maths and in themselves generally.

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Place the numbers from 1 to 12
into these circles, so that the sum
along all six lines is the same

Mathigon

Kiss & Go Revamped Zone



During the school holidays, Alexandrina Council repainted the Kiss & Go student drop off zone (four car spaces on Cameron Street near the front gate). It is important to note that this is a **2-minute parking zone**. If your child isn't ready, please drive a lap of the block and enter the zone again.



School Uniform

Our year has started positively with almost all students consistently wearing school uniform. This is a school policy and expected of all students, everyday.



Break Time Activities Term 1 and 2, 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	Breakfast Club	Club Bookworm	Wheelie Wednesdays Club Bookworm	Club Bookworm	Breakfast Club Club Bookworm
Break 1	Wii Games JP (Building 3)	Wii Games MP (Building 3)	Wii Games UP (Building 3)		Dance Party (Hunter's Garden)
Break 2	Por:Lar Pulgi	Por:Lar Pulgi	Por:Lar Pulgi Writing Room	Por:Lar Pulgi Children's University (Library) Garden Club Mrs Lacey and Mrs Knight	Por:Lar Pulgi Dance Party (Sandpit) with Mrs Lacey

In PE this year, we will be focusing on learning and further developing our Fundamental Movement Skills and the skills required for successful teamwork and participation in many sporting activities and events. Fitness and active lifestyles are also a focus. Students from Year 3-6 will be undertaking the athletic field events of shot put and discus during PE lessons, as a possible Sports Day tabloid and if they choose to participate in the School Sport SA Athletics trials. If you have concerns or choose not to have your child undertake these activities please email Trina Doig at trina.doig836@schools.sa.edu.au or arrange a time to meet with her at school. Students are required in all PE lessons to wear appropriate footwear and clothing conducive to successful participation, so please be sure to encourage your child to wear these needs every day we have PE. They also require a hat in Terms 1 and 4. Thank you.

School Sport SA Swimming

Students born in 2014, 2013 and 2012 were offered the opportunity to nominate for a spot in our school Swimming team. The carnival is planned to be held on Thursday 29th February at Strathalbyn Swimming Centre. Please make sure all forms are completed and brought back to school as soon as possible. If you need further information about this carnival, please contact Trina at school.

School Sport SA Athletics

The carnival will be in Term 2 again this year, Week 4, Friday 24th May. Interested students born in 2014, 2013 and 2012 are being given the opportunity to trial in PE lessons and at break times in 7 events – high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, 100m, 200m and 800m. Trialling is optional and is the student's choice. Early term 2, once the team has been decided, consents and further information will be sent home.

Local Sporting Success Stories & Opportunities

If you have any local success stories involving our students, please let us know so they can get a mention in this section of the newsletter.

Please refer regularly to the PE section of the school website for information about numerous local sporting clinics, clubs and opportunities for the students to be involved in after school hours and within the holidays.



***PORT POWER AT
PORT ELLIOT
TALKING ABOUT HEALTH,
NUTRITION, TRAINING, SLEEP AND
THE AFL***

12:15-12:55 in the gym with a signing session to finish.

Parents welcome to attend.

Tuesday 13th February 2024

School Sport SA Events

Our school participates in a wide range of sporting events throughout the year. The teacher in charge will train and trial students during PE lessons and at Break times, to represent the school at these events.

The events we anticipate competing in this year and their tentative dates are:

- Swimming (students born 2014, 2013, 2012). Thursday 29th February at Strathalbyn pool
- Football (Year 5/6 boys). Wednesday 10th April at Encounter Bay Oval.
- Cross Country (students born 2014, 2013, 2012) Thursday 9th May at Encounter Lutheran School
- Athletics (students born 2014, 2013, 2012). Friday 24th May at Victor Harbor Primary
- Netball (Year 5/6 girls). Friday 31st May at Victor Harbor Netball Club.
- Football (Year 5/6 girls). Thursday 19th September at Encounter Bay Oval.
- Basketball (Year 5/6 girls and boys), normally in Term 3. TBA. Morphett Vale Stadium
- Cricket (Year 5/6) TBA at Port Elliot Oval

When dates are confirmed and event info is available, we will put notices in the Newsletter, inform students in PE lessons and send notes home with the students who are interested.

Local Sporting Success - Congratulations Isabelle

The 2024 SA Country Swimming Champs were held in the holidays in Nuriootpa. The 4-day event saw country swimmers from all over SA and regional Victoria compete. Congratulations to Isabelle who, representing the Great Southern Swimming Club, won Gold in the 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly events in the 11yr old girls category. She also achieved Silver in 100m Breaststroke and 200m Freestyle in the 11-12 year old category and Bronze for 100m Freestyle and 200m Individual Medley. Isabelle was also awarded the Braendler Trophy for best female 11 & under for 2024 SA Country Championships. Amazing achievement and results for all the hard work you put in, Isabelle, well done!



Photo displays will be put up on the gym windows so feel free to come and have a look after events at some of the photos taken. There also will be opportunities for students to try out for the Southern Fleurieu District Association teams in various sports. Again, when this information becomes available to us we will inform all eligible via the newsletter, within PE lessons and notices home.

The District convenor will also be posting information on the Southern Fleurieu SAPSASA District Facebook page. Our Southern Fleurieu Zone Convenor is Jonathon Koutsikas.

School Sport SA State Teams Selections Interested students wanting to trial for state teams need to refer to the website www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/sport to access all trial information and nomination forms. If you wish to trial for a team, an online nomination must be completed and submitted by the due date for each sport. Information for each sport is available by clicking on List of Sports, then the sport you are interested in nominating for. (A separate nomination form is required for each sport). It is up to the student and their parent/caregiver to enrol, pay for and attend these tryouts. See Trina at school if you need more information about this process.

2024 House Captains

Congratulations to all the students who ran for 2024 House Captain. The students who were voted in by their peers to represent them this year at Sports Day and throughout the year are:

Boomer: Kara, Isabelle, Nate and Kobe
Commodore: Lily , Ariana, Ruben and Brian
Freeman: Lilly, Addison, Max and Jordon
Knights: Aleida, Isla, Ollie T and Niko

These students have started preparing for Sports Day, have organised the new team chants (please refer to this newsletter for copies of the chants to practise at home), are working on the warm up and are coordinating break time activities. A busy and productive start.



Port Elliot Primary School - 0356		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2024		
Notice of Charges for Reception - Year 6		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$38.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$6.00
	Photocopied Material	\$40.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)	\$84.00
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$63.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)	\$63.00
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$63.00
	Access to Machinery	\$0.00
	Access to Equipment	\$0.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$50.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)	\$113.00
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$27.00
	SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)	\$27.00
Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)		\$287.00

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00

SPORTS DAY DATE

Our school Sports Day has been set as **Friday Week 10, Term 1, 5th April 2024**. In PE students have begun practising Team activities and talking about Sports Day chants and the warm up activity. Every student should soon know which House Team and colour they are in. If you need to purchase a top for the day so that your child can be dressed in their Team colours, please inquire at the front office.

In PE classes the students will compete for their first points towards Sports Day, with the High Jump event. These points will be revealed and displayed at the beginning of Sports Day. Also, in PE lessons and Break times students will have the opportunity to trial for the 100m event and Tug of War team (Yr 3-6), and 50m Relay team (per class).

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications are now online.

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

- STEP 1** Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard
- STEP 2** Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.
- STEP 3** Complete all mandatory fields.
Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.
- STEP 4** Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.
- STEP 5** Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.
Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.



sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

SPORTS TEAM CHANTS



Boomer Boomer we're the best
We are going to beat the rest
We're rough, we're tough
We're hard to beat
Come on Boomer let's defeat
All the other teams will try to catch up
But watch our score go Up, Up, Up
Coming at you like never before
Boomer is here and back for more
B. O. O. M. E. R
GO BOOMER



Knights are here
We've got the heat
The other teams can taste defeat
Our scores are high
They'll touch the sky
And in the end
We'll wave goodbye
At the end of the day
When we are done
Knights will finish
Number 1!
K.N.I.G.H.T.S
GOOO KNIGHTS



Let's go Freeman
Let's have fun
And we will finish
Number one
We are fast
We are strong
This is our
Winning song
At the end of the day
We'll let out a cheer
To show the world
That we are here
F.R.E.E.M.A.N



Turn on the radio
What do you hear?
Commodore, Commodore
Saying our cheer
All the other teams
Will try to catch up
But watch our score
Go Up Up Up
Commodore is the name we cheer
You will hear us loud and clear
C.O.M.M.O.D.O.R.E.
GOOOO COMMODORE!