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NEWSLETTER | TERM 2, WEEK 3

MAY 16TH, 2024

Monarto Safari Park
Indaba Bush Camp
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Key Dates

Volunteer Morning Tea
Mon 20 May 9am

World of Math Roadshow
20-21 May

Numeracy Week
22-23 May

Reconciliation Week
27-31 May

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Camp adventures

We have recently had almost 100 students attend camps at either Monarto Zoo or El Shaddai campground, Wellington. Many thanks to the teachers who generously volunteered their time, and to our SSOs and parent/carer helpers. Many hours of work go into the preparation, and we sincerely thank our staff for their willingness to take on this challenge. For many students, this is their first experience of staying away from family, and there is understandably some anxiousness in the lead-up.

Camps are a highlight of students' primary school years and an opportunity to create lifelong memories. All of our students have returned with great stories of their adventures, fun and learning. Thanks to our hard-working staff, volunteers, and all our students who demonstrated their confidence to give new experiences a go.

FROM THE PRINCIPALS' DESK (CONT.)

Farewell to Ms Nicole Cleggett

Nicole had worked at Pt Elliot Primary for nearly 12 months in the middle primary and more recently in the upper primary years. Students made special mention of her fairness and willingness to listen and help out. We understand Nicole's decision to move closer to family was a difficult decision to make. We wish her all the best in her new ventures. We welcome Mr Andrew Woodhouse who has been appointed as year 5/6 teacher in room 308.

Medications

A reminder to all families that student medications (including asthma preventers and Panadol) are strictly through the front office first aid staff. If your child has medication needs during school hours please speak to classroom teachers, front office staff or leadership to arrange for appropriate supports.

-By Principal Cathy Knight



Families online survey of OSHC service

We invite all OSHC families to provide brief feedback on the operations of the OSHC service.

Click on this [family survey link](#) or scan the QR code below to complete the survey. It should take no more than a few minutes.



The feedback will be collated and a summary provided to the school principal and governing council. Your input will provide an opportunity for the OSHC provider to implement necessary improvements in the service.

Surveys to be completed by Friday 24 May 2024.

Welcome Mr Woodhouse

Hi, I'm Andrew Woodhouse and I am excited to be teaching the 308 Year 5/6 class for the rest of the year. I have enjoyed teaching Year 4-7 students for many years in various schools, both in SA and in the UK. My wife and I moved to this beautiful town in January. I enjoy running, cooking and sports. If you see me in the yard come say hi!

Parents and carers are invited to a welcome coffee at 9am Tuesday 28 May.



The new Year 6 jumpers and t-shirts have arrived, don't they look great!

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE



Special thanks to Bonnie & Niko who delivered the acknowledgement of country, and Jonathon, Addison, Ms Norde and Stella who attended the ANZAC day dawn service and laid a wreath on behalf of the Port Elliot Primary School community.

Ratalang Excursion

On Tuesday, Week 2, all the Year 5/6 classes walked to Ratalang (Basham's Beach) to learn about Ngarrindjeri and Ramindjeri Culture and Dreaming Stories.

We met Cedric Varcoe and he shared all about his Culture with us. We were told a Traditional Dreaming Story while we walked along the scenic coastline. We had a smoking ceremony and cleared our miwi (spirit).

Cedric showed us plants that we could use to brush our teeth and some that clear away bad spirits. We all learnt about how important Ratalang is to the Ramindjeri People and we now know to respect it and care for the land.

- By Lily, Bonnie & Harper 301



Flying Fish Awards

Community

Oshy H, Isaac B,
Asha W, Harvey W,
Pearl H, Daley D

Confidence

Ross C-S, Sammy C, James F,
Zayne T, Kaesen L, Oliver Z,
Laurelai C, Lulu S-Y, Valerie S,
Zarley H, Micah F, Luna G

Respect

Alex B, Mia M,
Jaxson K, Hadley L,
Aston B, Chloe C,
Elle L

A poem written by Mr Taylor, 2024

In a classroom, with students bright,
In Class 502, what a sight!
Year 3 & 4, oh what fun,
In the world of Seuss, they've just begun!

I will read here, I will read there,
In a hat, I will read with flair.
Upside down, I'll turn the page,
In the bath, where bubbles rage!

In the car, on the way to school,
With Dr Seuss, reading is cool.
I'll read standing, I'll read laying,
In Seussian worlds, I'll be swaying.

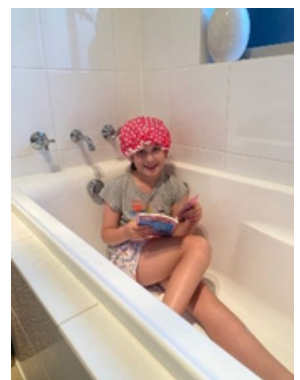
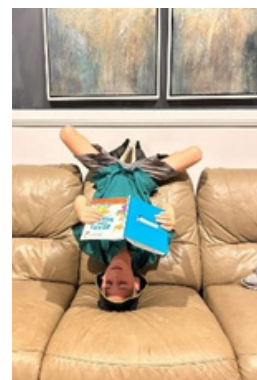
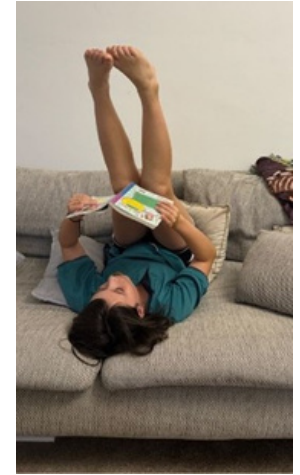
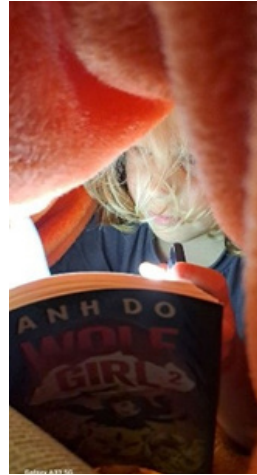
With my teddy friend, snug and tight,
We'll read together, day and night.
Laying down, on the classroom floor,
We'll read and read, and read some more!

Under blankets, with torch's beam,
In Seuss's world, we'll dream and dream.
True stories and stories of fun,
In room 502, readings never done.

To someone small, I'll gladly share
The joy of books, with love and care
And in a book of choice, I'll find delight,
In the whimsical world of Seuss, just right.

So here and there, with green eggs and ham,
I'll read with joy, oh yes I am!
In the style of Seuss, I'll happily roam,
In the world of books, I'll find my home!

So here and there, in Class 502,
Year 3 & 4 students, oh what they'll do!
Girls and boys, come read with Mr T,
In the land of Seuss, we'll happily be!



MONARTO SAFARI PARK – INDABA BUSH CAMP

We had a night walk and we had a campfire. We went on a safari tour and saw giraffe, black and white rhinos and cheetah. I had a good time on Camp. - **Willow**

We finally went to Monarto on the bus. It took one hour to get there and everyone was excited. We had lunch when we got off the bus. The first animal we saw was the emu. Then we went to see lions, hyenas, bison, rhinos, cheetah and meerkats. We slept in the shearing shed. - **Seth**

I liked the possums at camp and was amazed when one ran across my back. I was surprised when I saw a few bats. - **Annabelle**

The possums were cute but annoying at night time when I was trying to sleep. Those possums were so cheeky! In my opinion I loved the chimps and the lions. The chimps were really cool to watch like when they were swinging on the trees and branches. I also loved the bison! But all the animals were good in one way or another! - **Archie**

Monarto was an outstanding adventure with lots of fun activities. The most exciting animal in my opinion was the African wild dog, it looks like a cute puppy but it has some amazing properties. But I thought all the animals were outstanding, Monarto was an amazing time. - **Axel**

We went to the outpost and had a snack. A fantastic emu trotted past. When we got to Indaba we unpacked our bags and swags. As the sun went down, we had a barbecue and salad. After tea we made cubbies. My team was called team 'nocturnal'. - **Charlotte**

At the most beautiful time of the day golden hour, we played an awesome activity called hunting like Painted Dogs. My eyes filled with amazement as the moonlight covered the soothing night sky with thousands of dazzling stars in my vision. Walking back was wholesome, that night felt great! It almost felt like camping, well it was, but without a whole entire class. - **Charli**

My favourite part of camp was playing the African painted dog games. We went into four groups and had to get pipes and put a ball through. It was great fun. My team won two times!! And in the kids vs adults we won against the adults. Go kids!! - **Eliza L**

We had just had our marshmallows. We all went to bed. The tree scraped against the walls. Possums were chasing each other and one let out a ginormous scream aaaaaahhhhh!!!!!! Everyone started talking and it was only 5am. - **Eliza T**



MONARTO SAFARI PARK – INDABA BUSH CAMP

Bang! Not the possums again, no sleep for me, I guess. Bang! Bang! Bang! What now? African Drums! Time to get up, the sunrise was so pretty, my toes were so, so cold. Time for breakfast! I had toast and then we did the ladder of life. It was such fun. Thursday night we did a night walk and made cubbies and played a Painted Dog hunting game. It was really fun, I loved camp! - **Ellie**



Monarto zoo... possums screaming...it was exciting...people being cold ... the beautiful wildlife...the sunrise that we saw...seeing lions... fun activities... chimpanzees being funny...fun...being in the bush...hammocks were crazy fun...ice cream at the end... drums to wake you...being with friends. - **Grace**

Sitting on the Bus looking out of the window I saw the weirdest but coolest animal. It looked like a buffalo crossed with a cow. They were bison and they are massive creatures. - **Jasmine**



'BBSSSHHHH!' The bus scrapes across the gravel as we enter the zoo. Everyone is screaming with excitement as we are getting out of the bus and eating our fruit. While we eat some guests join us! About three tall emus are strolling around the park where we are eating! A few hours later we arrive at Indaba with possums crawling among us. We set up our swags and started the activities. We built cubbies, went for a walk at night and did so many more amazing things! - **Layla**



The Monarto zoo camp was outstanding it was so fun. When we got to Indaba we had to work as a team to get our bead so lots of people helped each other. After that we arranged our swags. We rolled them out and then got our sleeping stuff ready... the shearing shed was creepy! - **Macey**

When we were on camp we did a lot of things like the zoo loop and the ladder of life. We went for a night walk and much more! Indaba is a secret area but it's really nice there. When we were doing the zoo loop we saw lots of animals, the meerkats were so cute! And that's it...hope you liked reading it and bye! - **Maddison**



"Wow" I thought. I wished that I could see it every night. I was going on a night walk with my class because we were on a camp at Monarto zoo and our night guide, Onno, told everyone to turn off our torches and sit down. All of a sudden, stars were all around us. It was out of this world. Literally. I had never seen anything like it. The sky was a blend of greys, blacks and dark blues with white dots everywhere. It was the most amazing thing that had happened to me. We did lots of other things at camp but that was my favourite. - **Mariah**

MONARTO SAFARI PARK – INDABA BUSH CAMP

The Monarto Safari Park camp was absolutely beautiful, especially the night walk and gazing at the stars, that was the best part. The stars were surprisingly calming, and we got to see the Milky way! Also waking up at six to watch the sunrise was worth it. It might have been freezing but the view was magnificent and made up for that. It was a misty sunset and it was orange, pink and a tiny bit purple. - **Sophie**

As I was looking at the chimpanzee sign a huge chimpanzee, that had a short beard, was howling while running and beating his chest. Then it stopped at a post. There were two other chimps on the other side. He stood there for a bit and then he started to sway side to side like he was dancing. Then I had an idea for my drawing. - **Stella B**

On the bus we made a new name for Monarto Zoo, which was Tomato Soup. When we were close we saw some statues of a giraffe and a zebra. “Yay,” we arrived. We went to the play ground and we saw the meerkats. We saw the bison and the przewalskii’s horse, then the cheetah. We went to the Indaba bush camp and set up our swag. We went to the chimps and they looked so much like us, they were so funny. After that we had to pick up bison poo and one came over. We sung the tomato soup song and then we travelled home. - **Stella H**

When I got to camp, I was so excited. The first challenge was the African painted dog game. So, you grabbed a pipe and then a ball. The last person puts the ball on the pipe and the ball rolls to the next person’s pipe and the team aims to get to the finish line. My team won twice. After that it was kids vs adults and the kids won! - **Vivi**

I saw some cheetahs. We did activities and I got to sit on the giant rhino. I liked the meerkat activities because we got to choose a meerkat and write about the meerkat and what the meerkat was doing. We slept in a shearing shed and I slept on a blow- up mattress with a sleeping bag. In the morning the possums were chasing each other on the roof. - **Mikayla**

On the 2/5/2024 our class set off to Monarto safari park, I'll tell you my favourite thing that happened on camp: the Zooloop. The zooloop is a fancy word for tour and THIS WAS AMAZING!! Just seeing the animals was incredible. I'm not saying that I didn't like the rest of the camp. I loved everything except picking up bison and przewalskii horse poop!!! - **Patryk**

Charlotte and I were on the very back seats of the bus and Falx was in front of us. When we were halfway there the back people and me and Charlotte were singing wheels on the bus. We were singing really loud! - **Rafi**



School Sport SA State Representation

Congratulations to Isabelle who has been selected to represent South Australia at the School Sport Australia 12 years and under National swimming championship on the Gold Coast in July.

Isabelle won all of her events and set new District records at the swimming carnival at Strathalbyn representing Port Elliot Primary. She won numerous medals representing the Fleurieu District at the State swimming carnival, resulting in her selection for State team. We wish you an enjoyable and rewarding experience, Isabelle. We are all very excited for you.



Southern Fleurieu District Boys Football

Congratulations to Koa and Ollie who were selected to play in the School Sport SA Southern Fleurieu District Boys Football team. They will play in a 3 day carnival at Barratt Reserve in Week 5. We hope you have a fantastic experience.

School Sport SA Cross Country

38 students born in 2014, 2013 and 2012 practiced to participate in our school Cross Country team.

The carnival was held on Thursday 9th May (Term 2 Week 2) at Encounter Lutheran School. We had 32 students compete on the day. Everyone showed great sportsmanship, encouraging our awesome Port Elliot Primary team, as well as supporting and encouraging all other competitors from the 8 other schools competing.

Our team definitely displayed the school values of Community, Confidence and Respect. We all tried our hardest and we ended up winning the whole day!

Thank you to Sharon, Fiona and Simon who helped us all day. Your support was exceptional and greatly appreciated. Thank you also to the spectators who came and cheered us on.

A special mention to our 10 students who have been invited to compete for our District in the upcoming carnival in June at Oakbank – Isabelle, Liliana and Ollie (achieving first in their age groups), Annabelle, Jimmy, Tobias and Flynn (achieving second in their age groups), Saxon and Mo (achieving third in their age groups), and Holly (achieving fifth in her age group).

We wish them a very rewarding day representing their District. Congratulations to everyone involved. We are exceptionally proud of you all.





School Sport SA Athletics

22 students born in 2014, 2013 and 2012 were successful in their trials to gain a place in our Port Elliot Primary Athletics team who will compete at the annual carnival on **Week 4, Friday 24th May**. The 7 events each gender and age group will compete in is high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, 100m, 200m and 800m. We wish all competitors a fabulous day.

Local Sporting Success Stories

If you have any local success stories involving our students, let us know and they'll get a mention in the newsletter.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

On Thursday 9th May, an energetic group of staff and students took part in National Walk Safely to School Day.



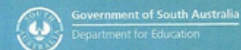
Interschool Gymkhana

Holly and Charli represented Port Elliot Primary School in their first Interschool Gymkhana at Trinity College in Gawler. The girls did a great job competing against 30 schools from all over the state from Reception to High School.

Bobby and Charli won 3 out of 4 classes for Handler Yr. 4-6, Rider Yr4-6, and Best Tail Yr4-6 in the Walk Trot Ring and a good workout for Learners Mount. Holly and Harley had a fantastic day in the Encourage Ring in some big classes to come home with 3rd Led Pony, 3rd Best Presented, 3rd Pony Hack, and 2nd place Rider Yr4-6 to finish. The girls handled themselves impressively in much bigger classes than they are used to, well done to both girls who very much deserve their ribbons with these wonderful result, we are proud of how they represented Port Elliot Primary in this event!



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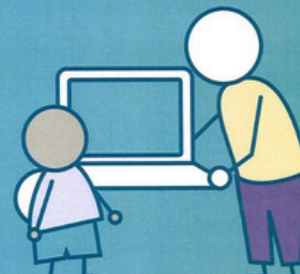
- wireless internet access from the Department for Education through the Student Home Internet Program
- NBN internet access until December 2025 from the Australian Government through the School Student Broadband Initiative

You might be eligible if you

- have a school aged child
- don't have reliable home internet access or have no active NBN connection



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