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NEWSLETTER | TERM 1, WEEK 2

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Receptions settling into school life. More photos on page 3 >>

Community.
Confidence.
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Key Dates

Governing Council AGM

Monday 28th Feb 7pm
Meet in the school library

ALL WELCOME ON SITE
Monday 14th Feb

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome to the 2022 school year!

It's been a bit of a different start to the year with the hybrid model, but if 2021 taught us anything, it's that as a school community we are able to take on challenges with good humour and resilience.

It has been wonderful to see the Receptions and Year 1s on site and meeting their teachers and friends. They have had the bonus of having the yard to themselves and exploring the playground and sandpit.

This year we are starting for the first time as a Reception to Year 6 school of almost 400 students across 16 classes. The 4 days prior to students starting has given teachers plenty of time to work together and plan for some excellent lessons throughout the year.

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Principal's message cont...

I've been so pleased with the way the teachers have been able to interact with the students at home via Seesaw. There have been some excellent videos from teachers to students and many sent back. The students have had some excellent work produced and shared these with us. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on site from Monday 14th February 2022.

BRENTON HUDSON

COVID SAFETY ADVICE

Please follow the SA Health advice for adults of wearing a mask, especially when near other people or indoors. Drop students at the gate whenever possible and say your goodbyes without coming into classrooms. Students from Year 3 to 6 are encouraged to wear a mask when inside, we have child size masks if required. Thank you for your continued cooperation.



MEET OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome 5 new staff members to Port Elliot Primary School this year. Over the coming weeks, we'll be introducing everyone here in the newsletter. This week, Kate and Sophie (pictured below) are sharing a bit about themselves. Say hi when you see them around!

In the next newsletter, we'll meet Ken Brodie Year 5/6 class teacher, Robyn Videon Arts teacher for Term 1 and Morgan Anderson as part of the SSO team.



Kate Taylor Numeracy Coordinator and Year 5/6 teacher

I'm really excited to join the Port Elliot team as a year 5/6 teacher and Numeracy Coordinator. I'm originally from the UK but I've been here in SA since 2009 and have spent most of that time living in the Barossa Valley with my three daughters. In addition to teaching Upper Primary classes for the last 11 years, I've spent some time working with the Department for Education writing their mathematics units of work. You have a beautiful community here in Port Elliot and I'm keen to get to know you all.



Sophie Medlin: Year 2/3 class teacher

I'm so excited to be joining Port Elliot Primary this year. I have recently moved to the area from Adelaide with my husband and two children (aged 3 & 5) and I am so grateful to be able to live and work in such a beautiful area. This is my 8th year of teaching and I'm excited to be working with Starr Brown in a Year 2/3 class 2 days a week this year. I'm so looking forward to getting to know the students and their families and being a part of this wonderful school community.

WELCOME RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 CLASSES



GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Monday 28th February 7pm



Want to help nurture the positive culture Port Elliot Primary is known for?

The School Governing Council will be presenting the Annual Report for 2021 and declaring vacancies for the 2022 year.

Due to students graduating, we have many vacancies to fill. We would love to see some new faces representing the parent voice at our 2022 meetings.

There are two meetings per term that go for around 2 hours. It's an opportunity to mix with a great group of people, be informed on decisions and expenditures and become a representative for parent questions and feedback.

To date, the group has successfully:

- lobbied the Education Department for more classrooms
- activated a student mobile phone policy
- addressed the car parking limitations of our site
- guided the food choices for healthy lunches
- continue to attend to the overall wellbeing of our wonderful staff and students.

The meeting will be held in the school library and attendance can also be arranged via video. Please submit your nomination before 25th February by contacting the school.

WHAT IS SCHOOL CARD?



School Card provides financial help to cover the cost of school fees.

WHO CAN APPLY?

To qualify for School Card, your family's income must be below a specific limit. This limit depends on how many children are in your care.

You must **also** meet at least one of the following:

- have a child or children aged four years or over who attend a school full time
- be an independent full-time student studying year 10, 11 or 12
- be an adult re-entry student undertaking subjects to complete SACE (years 11 and 12).

You can find more information and apply for School Card here:

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM APPROVED?

After you apply, you will receive a letter in the mail advising if your application has been approved. Please note, School Card is not a student identification card.

WHO CAN HELP ME APPLY?

If you would like more information or need help applying for School Card, please visit your child's school office and show this flyer.

Hi! I would like help to apply for School Card.



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