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NEWSLETTER | TERM 2, WEEK 3

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Key Dates

Walk to School Day
Fri 19 May

Numeracy Workshop
For parents/carers
Wed 24 May 3-3.30pm

Simultaneous Storytelling
Wed 24 May

R2 Dream Big Excursion
Thur 25 May

National Sorry Day
Fri 26 May

Reconciliation Week
29 May - 2 June

Woodhouse Camp
29 May - 2 June

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

SMS Attendance

We understand that students sometimes miss school for various reasons such as illness, family emergencies, or unavoidable circumstances. However, we would like to remind you of the importance of notifying the school if your child will be absent.

It is a legal requirement for schools to keep track of attendance and to follow up on any absences. When a child is absent without prior notice, it raises concerns about their whereabouts and safety. That's why notifying us of an absence will ensure we know they are safe.

Regular attendance is crucial for your child to be successful at school. Missing days means missing out on important lessons which can impact their learning progress. Teachers plan their lessons assuming all students will be present, missing out on these lessons can lead to gaps in knowledge and make it challenging to catch up.

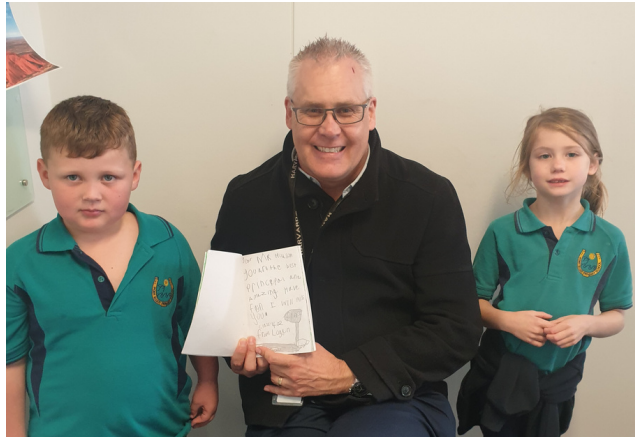
Thank you for your cooperation and support to ensure the safety of our students as well as their academic success.

**Please notify the school if your child will be absent
by sending a text message to **0418 126 935**.**



Principal Brenton Hudson

IMPORTANT UPDATES



Term 2 Leadership Changes

Congratulations to Brenton Hudson on his appointment as Education Director for the next 8 weeks. We wish Brenton all the best in this new role and know that he will be a great asset to the Murray Bridge Portfolio.

Congratulations to Kathy Turley on her appointment as Deputy Principal for the remainder of Term 2. Kathy has previously been a teacher, ICT Coordinator and Literacy Mentor. She is well known to our families and students and we look forward to her joining the leadership team.



School Camp Costs

CAMPS, CAMPS and more CAMPS what a busy term! Plus there is a whole Junior Primary excursion to Adelaide. These experiences offer so many opportunities for the students to build independence and friendships which support their learning into the future. The staff wish for all children to attend the camps and excursions but like so many other things the costs continue to rise. That's why we have added a Pay It Forward option on the Qkr app where anyone who wishes to add in some extra money to support other families in need will be able to contribute. This amount will build up and be used to pay the camp and/or excursion fees to allow all students to attend. This will be allocated as needed by the leadership team. We thank you all for your understanding and for building on our school's value of community.



Mother's Day Drawing Competition Winners

CONGRATULATIONS to our winners:

Levi B, AJ P and Lyla T (absent) Your drawings were so detailed and showed just how much you love your Mums! Thank you to Parent Network who donated the prizes, we are sure the student's Mums loved their pamper bags!



Mountain Bike Event

By Port Elliot parent Anthony Harvey



School Sport SA Mountain Biking was held at the Craighburn Farm Mountain Biking trails on Thursday 11th of May. Reuben, Koa and Angus competed in the Yr 5/6 event. The race was held over 2 hrs where the team members took turns to complete laps of the 2.5 kilometre course. The course included a flowy and fun descent with some optional jumps to tackle, along with a leg burning climb that challenged even the strongest legs. The team completed 9 laps in total, unlucky to have the 10th lap not included by 3 seconds!! All riders completed the race with huge smiles but very sore legs! Credit to the team as they were very self-motivated and highly supportive of one another with plenty of cheering and positivity. The boys finished 42nd out of a total of 71 teams.

ANZAC DAY 2023

During Term 1 school holidays, SRC Reps Arlo and Ruby, along with Nunga Reps, Brodie and Annabel attended the Dawn Service on The Strand, Port Elliot to lay a wreath at the memorial. They all did an excellent job showing respect on behalf of Port Elliot Primary.



Numeracy Workshop
For parents/carers of early years students and any other interested people
Math is everywhere!!

WEDNESDAY
24TH MAY
3-3.30

Held in building 9
RSVP to the office

Come along to learn how to support your young person with early numeracy concepts

RECONCILIATION WEEK EVENT

Wear it Yellow Day – 31 May

On Wednesday 31 May, Week 5, students and staff are invited to wear yellow in support of Children's Ground, a First Nations-run organisation supporting children and families in remote communities.

Children's Ground works with children in remote communities to develop personal learning, health and cultural development plans. Donations enable these First Nations communities to become places of safety, hope and opportunity.

Click the link for more information:

<https://childrensground.org.au/advocacy-and-action/wear-it-yellow-for-childrens-ground/>



Student Leadership Kindy Activities Week 2,3,6 and 7

Week 2 Friday, thirteen Year 5/6 student leaders ran activities for our local kindy students. The 5/6 students met with Trina, planned their activities involving the students with Fundamental Movement skills activities, and to aid with their transition from kindy to primary school. The 5/6 leaders did a fantastic job and will continue to run these activities with the kindy students on Friday Weeks 3, 6 and 7. More 5/6 leaders have planned different activities to run with the kindy students in Term 3.



FLYING HIGH AWARDS

Indonesian

Indigo M, Logan B, Amaia W, Stella H

Physical Education

Liam F, Lachlan L, Eddie C, Willow M

Performing Arts

Mila S, Harry Z, Izaak L, Forrest D



FLYING FISH AWARDS

Community

Harvey W, Douglas E-V, Charlotte R, Zelie A, Kelli M

Confidence

Leila A, Raphi G, Zara T, Eli B, Noah C, Oliver, Willa R, Zarley H, Darcy W, London G, Micah B

Respect

Arki B, Lucy W, Daley D, Blake M, Kai M, Ren L, Paityn W-C, Marni M, Mila K, Olivia P

Student Reflections

On Camp I went to Monarto Safari Park. It was a great experience for the class and me. We went on Thursday the 4th of May. I loved camp, it was so fun. My favourite was the campfire we had. We were sleeping in a shearing shed and possums were in the shearing shed. We did cubby house building, it was so fun. And a game called 'painted dog hunting race'. We went for a night walk and we had a campfire with marshmallows. It was so amazing. The animals were so fantastic to see. I had the best time. Camp was the best. I loved it and it was so awesome.

Ellie

On the 4th of May, our Class went to Monarto Safari Park, and slept in an old shearing shed at Indaba Bush Camp. In the shearing shed there are possums. The activities we did were Ladder of Life, Painted Dog Hunting Race and Bison Poo clean up. Some of the animals we saw were Bison, Eland, Giraffe, Antelope, Ostrich and Zebra. For Breakfast we could have Corn Flakes, Wheat Bix or Toast. For snacks we had cookies and pancakes.

Leo

On the 4th of May me and my class went to Monarto zoo and saw the animals. We slept in an old shearing shed with possums crawling on the roof. We had a camp fire with marshmallows before bed. We went on a tour on a bus. And picked up bison and horse poo. We went on a big playground too.

Chaser



YR 3/4 MYLOR ADVENTURE CAMP 2023



In week 2, the year 3/4 students from Mr Taylors' and Mrs Warners' classes went on a three-day camp to the Mylor Adventure Centre. All the students, parents and teachers had a wonderful time. A special thank you to Kirsty, Steven C, Naomi and Andrew for volunteering to help on camp. The students were faced with many challenges, which saw them overcome fears and problem solving together, displaying great team work and leadership skills throughout the camp.

Here are some of their reflections:

I loved bridge building because I got to help everyone. I loved rock climbing because it was challenging and fun. I loved jail break because every time the torches shone on you, you had to pause.

– Frankie

I enjoyed talking with my friends, was so fun. The flying fox was awesome and ga ga ball was cool.

– Patrick C.

The flying fox was super long, I felt very nervous, I went down and down and down to the very bottom and I felt proud of myself. The bridge building was challenging and I decided to try my best and if it failed we just started again however if you fell in you got wet. I loved the dorms.

– Bentley

The zipline was fun 'cos I jumped off! Gar Gar ball was fun.

– Mo

The zipline, I thought that it was really amazing that I went first. In the prison break, Liliana and I only lost two lives each and my team won. Lastly, in the dorms, I was on the top of the bunk and on the bottom was Liliana. Also, I loved the dorms.

– Penny





School Sport SA Boys Football

15 Year 5/6 students represented our school at the boys football carnival on Wednesday 12th April (Term 1 Week 11) at Encounter Bay Football Oval.

The boys tried really hard all day, showing great resilience against some very experienced teams. We played in the large schools division, achieving 2 draws and 2 losses.

The boys enjoyed the opportunity to participate. Thank you to Corey who coached the team. You did a great job and we were pleased to have you back as a past Port Elliot Primary Year 6 award recipient.

Thank you to Sharon for all your support and assistance on the day. It was lovely to see families there supporting the team, too.



School Sport SA Southern Fleurieu District Football Representation

Congratulations to Hudson, Phoenix, Ruby H and Annabelle D who were chosen to represent our District in a 3 day football carnival at West Beach during Week 4. We wish you all an enjoyable experience.

School Sport SA Athletics Carnival

Throughout Term 1, interested students born in 2011, 2012 and 2013 were given the opportunity to trial in PE lessons and at break times in the 7 events – high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, 100m, 200m and 800m.

We have 25 athletes who will be representing our school on Friday 26th May at Victor Harbor Primary School.

We wish these students an enjoyable and rewarding experience.



Local Sporting opportunities

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.

Local Sporting Success Stories!

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

Southern Fleurieu District Hockey trials information

Southern Fleurieu would like to invite year 5 and 6 boys and girls to nominate to attend trials at Victor Harbor Hockey Club, on 29th May and 5th June, with the possibility of being selected in the District, playing hockey against other district teams at the School Sport SA State Carnival.

The carnival will be played at West Beach playing fields, during school hours from Monday 26th June until Wednesday 28th June. The approximate cost of the carnival will be \$90.00. Transport to the carnival each day must be organised by parents.

Students were informed in PE lessons of the opportunity to trial for this Southern Fleurieu District Hockey Carnival. A trial note would have been sent home with students who were interested. The online nomination will need to be completed as soon as possible.

All Southern Fleurieu District School Sport SA SAPSASA trial information and calendars will be uploaded to the Southern Fleurieu SAPSASA Facebook page.

School Sport SA Cross Country

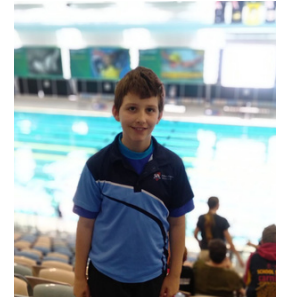
On Thursday 11th May we had 28 students aged 10-12 compete for our school in our Cross Country team at the carnival held at Encounter Lutheran College.

They all tried their hardest and showed great persistence, endurance and determination. We finished 5th out of 7 schools and have 7 students invited to represent our District at the State Cross Country event at Oakbank on Thursday 8th June.

Audrey and Ollie who came 1st in their events, earning them a gold medal. Liliانا who came 2nd, receiving a silver medal. Tobias who finished 4th, Oscar 5th and Brian and Isabelle 6th in their events. We wish them a very rewarding experience.

It was lovely to see many spectators there cheering us on as well. Congratulations to everyone involved.

School Sport SA State Swimming



Isabelle, Ruben, Jonathon and Lily represented our District at the State Swimming carnival in Adelaide in Week 1.

By all accounts they had a very rewarding experience. A highlight was meeting Australian swimmer Kyle Chalmers and swimming in the same pool as he trains in!

Congratulations again to you all on your selection. Special mention to Isabelle who won Gold for her 50m freestyle 11yr old girls, Silver for the 4x50m freestyle relay 11yr old girls and Bronze for 12 and under 100m freestyle.

