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NEWSLETTER | TERM3, WEEK 6

AUGUST 31TH, 2023

Book Week 2023
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Community.
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Key Dates

AEU Industrial Action
Fri 1 September

Site open - Modified
Education Program

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Fri 8 September

STUDENT FREE DAY
Mon 11 September

Yr 3&4 "The Twits" Excursion
Wed 13 September

School Photos *NEW DATE*
Mon 25 September

2024 Yr 6 Canberra Camp
Family information session
Tue 19 September 5.30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

A fond farewell

Last Friday we had a very touching farewell Assembly for Mr Brenton Hudson. Brenton was Principal for over 10 years and during that time saw growth in our school from 250 to 450 students.

He was the driver behind many school development projects including buildings, play grounds and garden areas. He believed in rigorous yet fun education and under his guidance Pt Elliot Primary achieved outstanding academic results within the Fleurieu partnership.

Each class put together a short message of thanks. They were diverse, entertaining and sincere expressions of thanks and appreciation. We had plays, a car race, the Crows song, a Star Wars light saber battle, poems, cards, illustrations and amazing rhyming messages.

The Governing Council of Port Elliot Primary gifted Brenton a handcrafted chef's knife made by local artisan, Astley's Knives, with the school colours and logo embedded into the handle.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK (CONT.)

The school community also presented Brenton a sun dial, in appreciation of the time he generously gave to students, staff and families. The sun dial will be placed in Hunter's Garden as a lasting symbol of Brenton's time here.

Many thanks to Kate Annells (Governing Council Chair Person 2021-2022) for her generous and thoughtful words of appreciation. Kate was able to highlight Brenton's passion for community and inclusive education which was evident throughout his leadership.

Thank you Mr Hudson, you will be missed. In the words of our Year 1 & 2 students,

"Be sweet parakeet, time to fly pumpkin pie, got to go oreo, stay dandy cotton candy, In a while crocodile, tooda loo kangaroo"...

by Principal Cathy Knight



Port Elliot Primary School Parent Network

What is Parent Network?

Parent Network is a group of dedicated parent volunteers who raise money for our school.

Funds raised are used to provide additional resources for activities/equipment that are fun and educational or improve the school in a way that benefits all year levels equally.

What we do:

In a nutshell... fundraising! Our current fundraising activities include Fun Lunch (once per term) and the selling of Icy Poles (each Friday from the canteen). We have also done raffles, pie/lamington drives, bulb drives, cupcake/milo days and more.

Parent Network funds are used for:

- Library/reader bags for Reception students
- Playground upgrades/paving/soft-fall
- New iPads
- Wi-Fi upgrade
- New SAPSASA tops
- Incurion events e.g. Rock wall climbing, Planetarium and Author visits etc.
- School excursions e.g. Dream Big Festival.
- And so much more!

Being part of Parent Network:

Committee members and volunteers are welcome to attend all meetings and vote on future planning, events, and spending.

How to join:

Come to a meeting (advertised in this newsletter, Facebook page and Seesaw). Volunteer for an activity (advertised by notes sent home, or our Facebook page). Please like and follow the Port Elliot Primary Facebook page to see Parent Network posts or contact the school on 85543399.

ENROL NOW

PRESCHOOL ENROLMENT

DON'T FORGET!

It's now time to enrol your child to start preschool at the beginning of 2024 if they:

- turn 4 after 31 October this year
- turn 4 before 1 May 2024.

For a great start, enrol your child in a public preschool or kindergarten.

www.education.sa.gov.au/preschool-enrolment

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BOOK WEEK BUDDY CLASS ACTIVITY

On Tuesday the 22nd of August we helped our buddies make a quest map. Our buddy class is Sarah Slee's. Our buddies and our class had 'The Golden Snail' by Graeme Base, read to them in our own classrooms. This book was inspiration for the quest map we created for ourselves and our buddies.

Our class (Kate Taylor's) were preparing for about a week making our own map and a procedural text. We wrote text procedures to give our buddies instructions on how they could make more of them at home.

When they came to our class we explained how to start the map and draw anything in their imagination on the map. They drew where their character was going and three obstacles and the goal. Then we helped them rip and scrunch the paper to make it look old and sea swept.

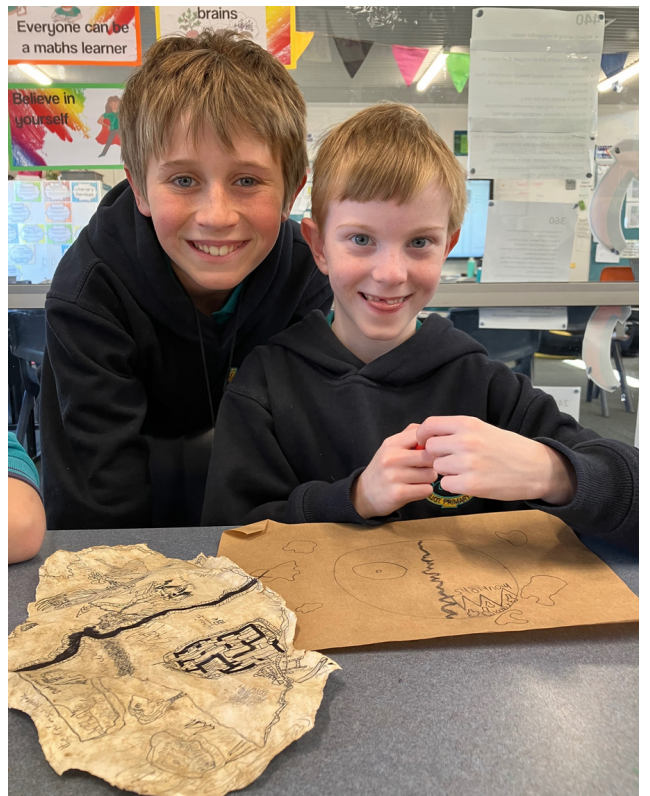
After that we told them to write a bit of a story on the back. Their maps were on brown paper so they didn't have to use a tea bag or rub dirt on them.

'My buddy was Levi. His quest map was about a captain called Captain Doughnut. He wanted to sail around the Island of Doom to go around the volcano to save his doughnut friend'.

We had a very good time teaching the buddies and think it was an amazing lesson and we should do it more often. I think both of us learnt heaps. The buddies learnt how to make a quest map and we learnt role modelling and leadership skills.

'Helping our buddies made me feel proud and happy about myself'

Combined text created by students from 101



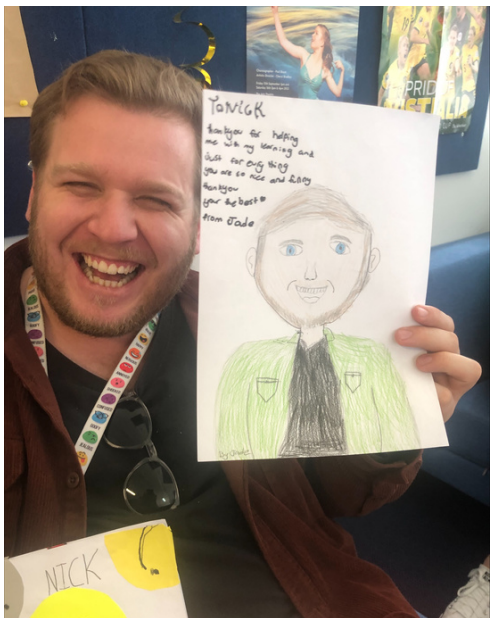
Book Week Theme:
Learn. Grow. Inspire.



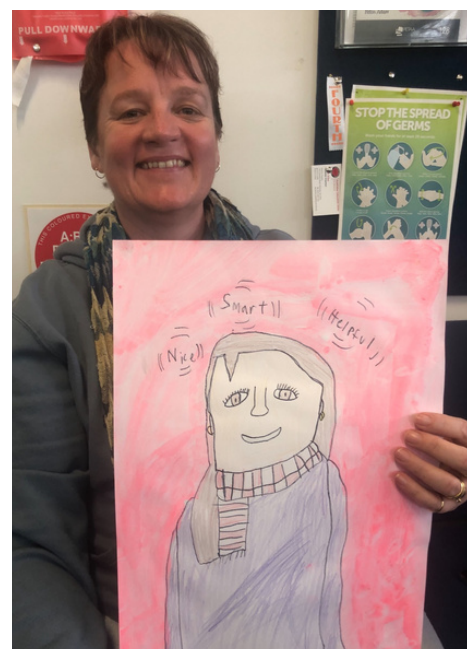
On Friday, 25th August we had an amazing Book Week dress up day and colourful parade. Our fabulously creative students and staff came as their favourite book characters. Great fun was had by all!



SCHOOL SERVICE OFFICERS (SSO) WEEK



Each year we celebrate and show our appreciation for the work our wonderful SSO team does for all students, staff and families. They are an exceptionally important part of our school community and add to the learning experience for all children. Our team of SSOs frequently go above and beyond their job descriptions. Last week students drew portraits and wrote adjectives to describe individual's unique qualities. It was a wonderful show of thanks to our SSOs.



PRIMARY SCHOOL STRING ORCHESTRA

Written By Student - James D

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of Week 5, I joined the Primary School String Orchestra and went on a tour playing songs at Mount Compass Area School, Goolwa Primary, Port Elliot Primary, Victor Harbor Primary, and Macclesfield Primary.

We played the following songs:

- Sakura
- Dancing by the Fire
- Laschia Chio Pianga
- Let it Go
- Crocodile Hornpipe
- Buccaneer Stomp
- Happy
- In the Hall of the Mountain King.

Highlights from the concert at Port Elliot include:

- Some Port Elliot Primary String players joining the Orchestra. Playing cello: Kai TM, Jonathon F, Jax D, Matilda H. Playing violin: Levi W, Bonnie F, Willow M, Addison C, Mackenzie B, Isabella H, Addison W, Isabella H, Amarley C, Alexis W and Sophia A.
- Teachers volunteering for a sword fight using violin bows during Buccaneer Stomp.
- Port Elliot Students Acting out the story of In the Hall of the Mountain King.
- A student from the audience (with no prior conducting experience) was invited to conduct the Orchestra for the song Dancing by the Fire. The audience were amazed at how well the Orchestra members were able to follow the guest student conductor's baton!
- The students were particularly excited (and noisy!) when it was announced the Orchestra would perform Let it Go from the movie Frozen.
- The audience were able to ask questions during a question time with the Orchestra members, which included questions about which instrument is the hardest to learn, and how long the Orchestra members had been learning their instruments and practicing the songs for the concert.

It was fun to meet string players from other schools, and I'm sad the tour is finished.



School Sport SA Basketball Carnival

Fourteen Year 5/6 students played in our girls and boys basketball teams in a carnival at Morphett Vale stadium on Thursday 10th August (Term 3 Week 3). They tried their hardest, worked well as a team and listened intently to their coaches, learning a lot from the experience. The girls team finished third in their pool and the boys team finished fourth in their pool. Thank you to coaches Abbi, Sophie, Jemma and Ruby (all past PEPS students and PEPS basketballers). You did a fantastic job and were very organised, encouraging and taught the players many valuable basketball skills. Thanks also to Caitlin for assisting in the practices and organisation leading up to the day and for your support on the day. Thank you to our scorers and timekeepers – Lee, Sheena, Brett, Roxy, Tamika, Neryl and Mel. We greatly appreciated your assistance. It was lovely to see so many spectators cheering us on too. An enjoyable day for all involved.



School Sport SA Southern Fleurieu District Athletics Carnival Representation

Congratulations to Ollie, Annabel, Mo, Brian and Ruby P who are representing our District in Week 9 at the State Track and Field Championship. We hope you have a wonderful experience.



School Sport SA Southern Fleurieu District Soccer Representation

Congratulations to Lilly L, Phoenix and Jax who were chosen to represent our District at 3 day soccer carnivals in Adelaide during Week 4. The girls team finished 3rd overall and the boys team finished 8th. The students appreciated this opportunity and found it a fun and enjoyable experience. They particularly liked how their teams improved with every game. Well done to you all.

School Sport SA State Representation

Congratulations to Isabelle who was selected to represent South Australia at the School Sport Australia 12 years and under national swimming championship, competing in the 11 year old girls category. The championship was held in Sydney, New South Wales this week. Isabelle competed well, swimming many Personal Best times, and had a very enjoyable and rewarding experience.



Sporting Schools Grants



Trina applied for and received a Sporting Schools Grant for Gymnastics coaching and training occurring during Tuesday PE lessons, Weeks 6,7,8 & 9 this term. Trina will receive training from the coach to teach these skills to her PE classes. She'll share this training with Kate so she can teach these skills to her PE classes.

SACA R-2 Cricket Clinic

Year R-2 students were involved in a cricket clinic run by SACA on Tuesday 29th August. The students enjoyed the activities and the opportunity to work with peers from other classes. For further information about playing local cricket please speak to Trina or Kate at school.

Well Done Arily!

Arily competed in a recent cheer competition with her club Mighty Allstars Cheerleading, held in Adelaide at Priceline Stadium, placing 1st in her Youth level 2 team and 1st in her Junior level 1 team, making them State champions in those levels!

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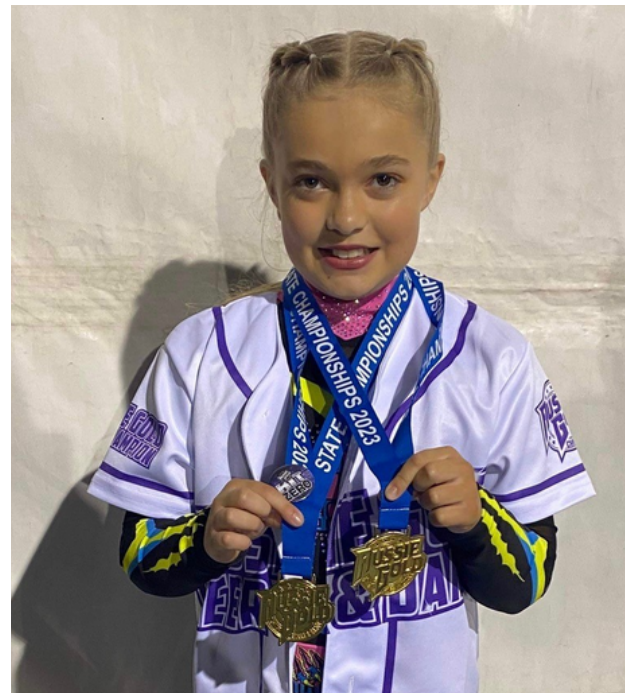
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CRICKET BLAST

Cricket Blast is an energetic and fun program for kids up to the age of 10 to develop new skills, expand existing skills and play cricket in a team environment.

Port Elliot Cricket Club
Starting- 20 October
4:30pm-5:30pm
Port Elliot Oval
VISIT PLAY.CRICKET.COM.AU

PORT ELLIOT
CRICKET CLUB

ADELAIDE
Strikers



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!

Got a local success story involving our students? Please let us know so they can get a mention in this newsletter.