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*How high can our fish fly?*



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DECEMBER 14TH, 2023



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Community.  
Confidence.  
Respect.

## Key Dates

Last Day of School  
Fri 15 December

Early Dismissal 2:15pm

First Day of School 2024  
Monday January 29, 2024

SPORTS DAY  
4 April, 2024

House Captains Announced  
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Congratulations on another successful year of school

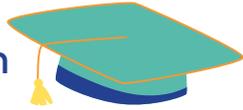
It has been a year with more change than initially thought, however I can proudly say, as a collaborative team, we have stepped up and brought new energy and enthusiasm into a wide range of roles within our school. Our Port Elliot Primary School community has continued to perform in an outstanding manner.

One of the absolute highlights of the year were the recent performances of "Porridge the Musical" (see page 2 for cast photos). Our Year 3/4 and 5/6 students had the opportunity to participate in an extremely professional production led by our amazingly talented Performing Arts Teacher, Ms Natalie Bond. They demonstrated community, confidence and respect in bucket loads. We are so proud of all the cast and crew and thank them for their effort and commitment to produce and perform such a high level production. We have many students who have already signed up for the 2025 school performance.

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# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK (CONT.)

## Year 6 Graduation

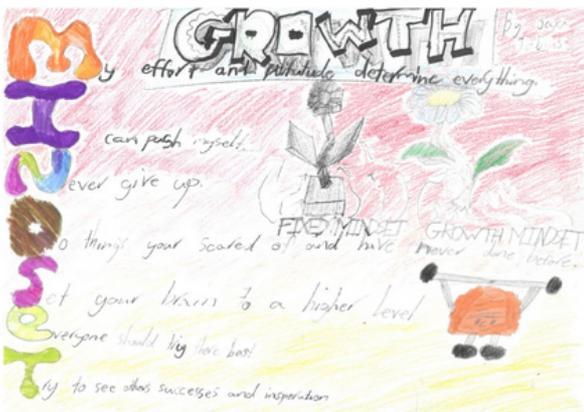


This week, we farewelled our Year 6 students at their Graduation ceremony. It was a truly memorable evening not just for the students and their families, but for the wider school community. Many graduating children have been with us for the full seven years and we have watched them grow and thrive to become wonderful people that we are all very proud of. I have included the poem below that was written by two of our Year 4 students Jaxx and Tobias, which beautifully summarises the message of hope and best wishes we feel for our students as they continue their learning at other sites.

(See page 8 for the award winners!)



## Meet The Cast of The School Musical



- M**y effort and attitude determine everything
- I** can push myself
- N**ever give up
- D**o things you have never done before
- S**et your brain to a higher level
- E**veryone should try their best
- T**ry to see others' successes and inspiration



# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK (CONT.)

## Principal's Pizza Party



Our Principal's Pizza Party this week was the biggest ever. A strong indication of how hard our students have worked to improve and show growth in their learning. Well done to all who attended and to those that didn't quite get the required 5 stickers, please remember that the tally is carried over to next year. Keep working hard, you will be noticed!

## 2024 Class Allocations



On Thursday this week, all students visited their 2024 class and received a written letter confirming their new teacher and classroom. This initiative allows students to go into the holidays knowing who their teacher is, where their classroom is and who the peers in their room are.

An important part of becoming a confident and capable student is knowing how to make new friends and whilst it can be unnerving and tricky, all of our students can be assured they will be well supported by a committed team of educators.

## Farewell and a heart felt thank you

### Ms Kate Taylor

Kate has been a classroom teacher and Numeracy Coordinator of 2 years. Kate has inspired and coached us all to improve the quality of teaching and learning of mathematics across all year levels. She works from strong evidence based, best practice and has achieved school outcomes including reviewing the numeracy agreement, improving maths intervention, support the implementation of Big Ideas In Number and implementation of the Education Department Units of Work. Most importantly she has helped all students get better at maths! She has done so with passion and good humour and we have all benefitted from her expertise. We wish Kate all the best as she undertakes her new teaching role at Prospect Primary and her Masters Degree.

### Ms Amy Palleine

Amy has won a 12 month contract at Milang Campus of Eastern Fleurieu School. Amy commenced at Pt Elliot Primary as a Year 5/6 teacher when Ms Murray started maternity leave. She stepped into her role with great energy and has been able to lead a positive and supportive classroom learning programme.

### Starr Brown, Heather Woodman and Tom Dunsmuir

These teachers have all worked in various roles including short term contracts and TRT across year levels throughout 2023. They have provided continuity and quality learning. Whilst not officially on staff we are very sure they will continue to be a part of our teaching team next year.

### Morgan Anderson

Having worked as an SSO for 2022 and part of 2023, Morgan has been a wonderful asset to our site, bringing youth, enthusiasm and a great work ethic to everyday. Morgan is seeking employment in other fields.

### Speech Pathologist, Johan Langfield and Occupational Therapist, Erin Croft

Both have filled small school directed support roles for three years now. These programs have officially concluded and we thank Joe and Erin for the hundreds of students they have supported. We trust Joe and Erin will continue to be onsite through their roles with NDIS funded students.

### Warrick Smith

And last but not least, a big thank you to Warrick who is retiring after seven years as our school cleaner. Whilst Warrick is officially employed by Alert Cleaning, we still work closely together and have daily conversations. We thank him for his commitment and wish him all the best in his retirement.

## New Roles for 2024

Congratulations to Mr Steven Taylor who has taken on the Numeracy Coordinator leadership role for 2024. We are sure he will do a fabulous job to encourage our enthusiasm for maths. Mr Taylor will continue to teach in a Year 3/4 class (3 days/week) with Ms Margie Hancock (2 days/week).

Congratulations to Ms Ruth Willson who will take on the Literacy Mentor role in 2024, supporting the improvement of reading and writing across all year levels. Ruth will continue her role as Teacher Librarian two days per week.

We welcome back Ms Nicole Cleggett, Mr Craig Farlam and Ms Caitlin Rose, all Year 5/6 teachers, and Ms Brydie Waters as Year 2/3 teacher. Congratulations to Ms Jane Brewer who has now become permanent. A great result for an outstanding teacher.



**I wish you all a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you in 2024.**

by Principal Cathy Knight

## We are looking for new members on our Governing Council 2024

If you want to help maximise our school's potential, please consider joining our leadership team. Governing Council currently has a fun and friendly group working on various resources:

- Community engagement Policy
- Finances
- OSHC oversight
- and other school matters and policies

It's a great way to gain insight into the operation and administration of the school and to hear about all the amazing innovations and contributions that make our school so unique!

Expressions of interest can be emailed directly to [dl.0356.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0356.info@schools.sa.edu.au) or attend the AGM in the library on Monday 19th February 2024. All welcome.

## A CHRISTMAS STORY



SMG, together with Life Matters, presented a Christmas show that shared the Christmas story as well as the real meaning of Christmas. They asked the students to be generous and kind over the holiday period and to always think of ways they can continue to do this.

Students participated in challenges and had many laughs throughout the show. Thank you to our Pastoral Care Worker, Sylvia, for organising the show.



## BUSKING ASSEMBLY

The 2023 Busking Assembly saw 40 acts over two hours. There were some nervous students however all took to the stage and did a fantastic job! There were jokes, skits, dances, singing and musical instruments. Port Elliot Primary showcased the amazing talent we have.

Well done to those who won their age group. Thank you to the audience for displaying the school values of community, confidence and respect throughout the show. Congratulations to the Student Wellbeing Ambassadors for organising and running a great school event. Well done to everyone who was brave and had a go.

## SILLY SOCK DAY



Students came to school in silly, crazy, colourful, patterned socks to raise money for sports equipment for classes in 2024. Well done to the Parent Network for organising this fundraiser and to staff and students who joined in the fun.

# END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

## CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

By-Mrs Allsop



On Thursday 7th December, 18 Children's university graduates and families were invited to an afternoon tea. It was funded by a generous donation to the Children's University programme. Mrs Allsop had organised a biscuit gift to all students. Many attended and it was a great afternoon. Stay tuned for the relaunch early next year. For more information, please see Mrs Allsop in room 9.08. The program is open to all students at Port Elliot Primary from Reception to Year 6.



## Elliot Gardens visit

Recently some of our student leaders, Kooter, Nate and Kala, had the opportunity to visit Elliot Gardens and judge the Line Dancing and Snow Man competitions. A tough task with some strong competition. The students deliberated and presented the awards to all the winners.



## ARILY'S CHEERLEADING

Arily's Junior level one team placed 5th in their division and her Youth level 2 team placed 4th. They did so well and we are all very proud of them.

# 2024 HOUSE CAPTAINS ANNOUNCED

The successful House Captains for 2024 are:



Kara, Isabelle, Nate and Kobe



Lily P, Ariana, Ruben C and Brian



Max, Lilly L, Addison and Jordon



Aleida, Isla, Ollie T and Niko

## 2024 House Captains

The 30 candidates who ran for Year 6 House Captain in 2024 delivered their speeches to all classes on Monday Week 7. Voting occurred in Week 7 PE lessons.

Congratulations to all involved. We hope you found it a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

The new House Captains will have the responsibilities handed over to them at the end of year awards assembly. They will also have training during the remainder of the term by the existing House Captains.

Sports Day preparations are well underway, with the date being tentatively set for Friday Week 10, Term 1, 5th April 2024.

## 2024 Swimming

Swimming starts February 2024. Letters will be sent out in January.

## School Surfing

Thank you Ms Sarah Slee and Ms Caitlin Rose who have supported School surfing this term. Unfortunately the number of sessions was reduced due to bad weather and other factors. Still we had 1 brilliant afternoon.

# PE AND SCHOOL SPORT SA (SAPSASA) NEWS

## Year 5/6 Woolworths Cricket Blast, Thursday 23rd November (Term 4 Week 6)

23 Year 5/6 students (1 girls, 1 boys and 1 mixed team) participated in the Woolworths Cricket Blast at Port Elliot Oval. The day was run as a round robin, super 8's format carnival. The students tried their best all day, had fun and developed their cricket skills and knowledge of the game. Our girls team finished 2nd in their division. Our boys team and our mixed teams finished 3rd in their divisions. Thank you to our three returning Port Elliot Primary students, Corey, Fin and Brydie for coaching the teams and to Craig and Bev for assisting on the day. It was great to have spectators cheering us on, too.



## 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.

## School Sport SA Year 5/6 Boys and Girls Tennis State Trials

Congratulations again to Ollie T, Angus and Jasmine who represented our Fleurieu District in the School Sport SA State Tennis Carnival in Week 6. By all accounts they had a really enjoyable and rewarding experience.



By- Trina Doig and Kate Reynolds



*Congrats!*



## 2023 AWARD WINNERS





19th December 2023

## CHRISTMAS *Carols*

Town Square PORT ELLIOT

Food, coffee  
& pre carols  
entertainment  
from 6.00pm

Carols  
commence  
6.30 pm



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

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
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)</b>	<b>\$84.00</b>
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$63.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)</b>	<b>\$63.00</b>
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
<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)</b>	<b>\$113.00</b>	
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$27.00
	<b>SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)</b>	<b>\$27.00</b>
<b>Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)</b>		<b>\$287.00</b>

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



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## HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

### Port Elliot

Wednesday 10 & Thursday 11 January 2023

03:30pm - 06:00pm Port Elliot Oval

Ages 5 -10

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