



NEWSLETTER ISSUE 6

◆ Safety ◆ Happiness

◆ Respect

◆ Confidence

MAY 9TH 2013

◆ Trust

◆ Pride

DIARY DATES

MAY

14th, 15th & 16th

17th

20th

23rd

29th

JUNE

7th

10th

NAPLAN

Knockout Soccer

Governing Council 7.30pm

School Photos

FUN LUNCH

Girls Knockout Netball

STUDENT FREE DAY

Queens Birthday

LEADERSHIP

Welcome to Term 2 another great 10 weeks of learning coming up. We are now going to use Thursdays as our newsletter day every second week, so keep an eye out for some interesting reading on even school weeks.

The coming few weeks are particularly busy ones for Port Elliot Primary School as students in Year 3, 5 and 7 prepare for the NAPLAN test. All classes from Reception to Year 5 head off for swimming lessons. It is therefore very important that students are on time to class and teachers are informed of any absences, please contact the school either via phone 8554 3399 or email dl.0356_info@schools.sa.edu.au if your student is away.

Brenton

New Reception Students

Welcome to our new Receptions: Chelsea, Jai, Liam, Isla, Keat, Davis, Grace, Jemma, April, and Nadia. We hope you really enjoy your first term at school. The first two weeks have been very busy for you all and you have even been swimming.

Welcome new students

Welcome new students to Port Elliot Primary School: Josh, Kooper, Beau, Ryan and Will. We hope you enjoy being part of our school community.

Welcome back to Adam and also to Lucas and Connor who have returned to Port Elliot after a few years away.

Christian Pastoral Support Worker

Welcome to Deb who is our new Christian Pastoral Support Worker. Deb works on Wednesday, Thursdays and Fridays and is based in the Counsellor room. Deb is a family centred person and has 5 children of her own. Deb is very excited about working here and is keen to get to know students and their families. She particularly wants parents to feel welcome to come in for a chat

SPORTS DAY

Port Elliot Primary School had an outstanding sports day held on Thursday 11th April. All the teams competed well with a very close result at the end. I was particularly pleased with the sportsmanship shown by many students of all ages.



Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, uncles and aunties who came along to cheer on the children.

An event of this type is successful thanks to the efforts of many people:

- Trina Doig; Physical Education teacher who worked tirelessly with classes and staff to organise the day.
- Matt Smith and Dave Read from the Port Elliot Surf Boat team for opening the sport day and Matt for being the official starter to the afternoon events.
- The Parent club volunteers who served over 200 meals in the canteen. Thankyou!
- The Victor Harbor high school Physical Education students who came and became referees and helpers at each tabloid event.
- Wayne Beadman; groundsman who marked out the oval and had the grass all ready for the day.
- All staff, who, practiced with their classes, set up before students arrived and packed up after.

I hope all Students and Parents had a great day.

Congratulations to Freeman for their overall win, but also to Commodore and Boomer for their efforts on the day.



NAPLAN Tests 2013

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. On Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May, students will undertake the 2013 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in Literacy and Numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in Numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child's results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au or you can ask your child's class teachers.

ANZAC Day

During the second week of the school holidays Cooper O and Georgia K joined me at dawn on ANZAC day to lay a wreath at the memorial during the ANZAC day



ceremony. The students represented Port Elliot Primary School respectfully and demonstrated an understanding of the significance of the day making their parents, teachers and class mates observing proud.

Thankyou to John and Annie for bringing the students out early in the morning.

Working Bee

A small group of hard working volunteers came to the school on Sunday the 5th of May for a working bee. Most of the work was removing excess and broken furniture and modifying some plants and hedges.

The intrepid parents and staff have made a big difference in just 5 hours and we appreciate their time and efforts.



Staff meeting

Once a week all the teaching staff gather together as a group to share information and conduct training and development. These important meetings take place on Tuesdays at 3:45pm. If you wish to talk with a teacher please be aware that Tuesday night is not a good time. (The teacher is not being disrespectful if they need to leave quickly.) Teachers are happy to talk with parents on other nights, if a longer more confidential discussion is required please make an appointment

Brenton

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
FRIDAY 7TH JUNE
POSHC WILL BE OPEN FROM
7AM-6.30PM
PLEASE BOOK A.S.A.P.
KIM CLAY 0407490149
JANI MITCHELL 85528301

COUNSELLOR NEWS

Flying Fish Awards

Congratulations to Kobi T, Airlie U, Khai H, Ella W, Harry C, Kael B and Amber S. Well done to these students who received Flying Fish Awards for reaching their personal best.

Uniforms

Well done to all those families who follow our Uniform Code. Having all students in uniform creates a cohesive and respectful culture for our school. Currently we have some of our girls wearing demin shorts with tights and boys wearing board shorts. This attire is not part of our school uniform. We have a great selection of new uniforms available through our front office. ADRA in Hill Street also have many second hand uniforms, especially jumpers available for a very low cost. A copy of our uniform policy is available in the front office.

Assembly

Our whole school assembly is this Friday at 12:00 in the gym. Come and meet our new chaplain Deb Pyror and have a cuppa afterwards.

Peer Mediators

Students from Mr Blacker's class were recently trained in Peer Mediation. Peer Mediators work with teachers and students to continually develop a safe and caring environment to work in. Peer Mediators are trained to help children in play times resolve conflict in a safe and supportive role. They listen to students who have problems and assist others who are having difficulty with friendship issues. Students from Mrs Robert's and Annie class did a great job last term and many students have volunteered again to continue to be Peer Mediators.

Peer Mediator of Term 1

Congratulations to Brayden M! As a Peer Mediator Brayden was always reliable, honest and willing to fill in at a recess or lunch break if another peer mediator was absent. He continued to develop his mediation skills as the term progressed, improving in his communication and displaying improved initiative. Well done Brayden!



through the school rather than online or by phone to Scholastic as we can keep track of orders better if they are all done through the school.

The month of May is **National Family Reading Month** and to celebrate this Scholastic are encouraging families to register their Reading Minutes. Visit www.scholastic.au/competitions for details.

Mayors' Short Story Competition

The Alexandra and Victor Harbor Public Libraries are running the Mayors' Short Story Competition throughout Term 2. Individual winners from each council area in each category (R-Yr3 & Yr4-7) receive a \$50 book voucher. The overall winner receives a \$100 book voucher and the school he/she comes from will be awarded \$1000. Entries are due on **Friday 5th July** and winners will be announced during Book Week in August. Encourage your child/children to enter this competition. See library staff or classroom teachers for the guidelines.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The school has once again registered for the Premier's Reading Challenge. By now your child should have started reading and recording the 12 books they need to read to complete the challenge by **6th September**.

Library Blog

Library staff members have set up a Library Blog to keep parents and students in touch with the various literary events that are happening during the year. The link can be found on the school website (in class news).

Sandy Bevan/Dorothy Geaghan

P.E.-SAPSASA

Golf Clinic

In Week 10, two Golf coaches visited and conducted 50 minute Golf sessions with the Year 4-7 classes. The students were taught about how to grip a club and proper swing techniques for a variety of shots. The students enjoyed this opportunity. We will be covering more Golf Skills in Term 4 as part of our PE program.



Sports Day

Thursday 11th April 2013 We were fortunate enough to have another beautiful day for our Sports Day this year. It was great to see so many smiling faces and so many spectators encouraging and cheering the students on. Congratulations to the House Captains for the dedicated job they have done and for conducting themselves with such sportsmanship and organisation.

I'd like to make a special mention and offer sincere thanks to Simon Harris and his Year 10/11 Sport, Recreation and Fitness class. These invited High School students spent their day running events, supporting competitors and assisting the House Captains and myself with event organisation. (This experience is part of their Year 10/11 course commitments). You all were of great assistance and



Our whole school wellbeing and mental health initiative

KidsMatter now has an e newsletter which has some great ideas for parents and caregivers. Published monthly, it will cover a range of issues commonly faced by parents and carers when it comes to raising children.

The e newsletter will also connect readers to a range of KidsMatter information sheets – as well as other credible external resources – to assist families, relatives and friends support the mental health and wellbeing of children.

This month, we look at how families can build children's friendship skills for life-long social and emotional competency, specifically:

- o [teaching children better friendship skills](#)
- o [helping children bounce back from rejection](#)
- o [social skills development \(aka helping them get along\)](#)
- o [helping children resolve conflict effectively](#)

On this website www.kidsmatter.edu.au you will find a raft of information sheets written by mental health experts for families. Resources are engaging, accessible and evidence-based, so you can trust in their quality.

We may have no control over what happens, but we always have control over how we react to what happens.
Wilson McCaskill

Have a great week. Cheers Karen

RESOURCE CENTRE

Congratulations

Congratulations to Eli, a Year 4 student, for being a winner in *The Encounter* colouring competition that was run by the Victor Harbor Council and the Friends of the Encounter Celebration 2013. For winning Eli received a \$30 cash prize for himself and a \$50 book voucher from Pages & Moore for the school. I met with Eli during the school holidays and he selected \$50 worth of books which are now being catalogued for the school library collection. We thank Eli and the competition organisers and sponsors for the donation of these books.

Scholastic Book Club Orders

Book orders for **Issue 3** of Scholastic Book Club need to be back at school by **Tuesday 14th May**. Make sure your child's name and class are clearly marked on the order form. If you choose to pay with a credit card please do this

displayed such positive, enthusiastic attitudes, which many adults and children noticed and admired.

Thank you also to Cameron and Maddie (last year's Commodore Captains) for presenting the shield to Freeman's House Captains.

Congratulations

Ella and Joel for winning the Open 800m event.

Any feedback and suggestions for improvements for future Sports Days would be appreciated so please write down anything you think will help and give to and/or discuss with me at school.



SAPSASA Events

The **Year 6/7 Boys' Football Carnival** and the **Year 5/6/7 Girl's Netball Carnival** were held at Encounter Bay Oval and Netball Courts on Friday 3rd May. The students tried their hardest and conducted themselves in a manner of which we are very proud. Great sportsmanship and skills were on display.

The Netballers had 2 wins from 5 games and improved with every game. When you consider that 5 of the 10 girls were Year 5's this is a very promising sign for our Netball Team in years to come.



Our Footballers finished 1st!! The boys played so well all day as a team and were too strong a unit for any other school, winning undefeated for the day. Well done boys!! **PREMIERS** 😊



Thank you to the parents who assisted with transport and supervision for these events, and to Richard Martin,

Jacky Ayres, Jess Ayres and Annie Kraft for coaching and umpiring again this year. Thank you also to Angela Oborn for washing the guernseys and to all the parents and grandparents who were cheering us on.

New Football Guernseys

This football carnival was the first opportunity that we had to wear our new Football Guernseys which were designed, organised and sponsored by Jayden and family. The boys looked terrific in the guernseys and many people commented favourably about them. Once again we would like to thank Jayden and his family for this contribution to our school. And what a great way to initiate the Guernseys, with a Premiership!!



Local Sporting Success Stories!

Congratulations to Mitchell, Stuart, Dylan, James and Ty for winning the local basketball Under 12 boys Div 1 Premiership. An extra mention to Stuart for winning the MVP award in the Grand Final & Jackson for earning Runner Up in the local basketball Under 12 boys Div 2 competition.

Well done boys. 😊

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

Trina Doig 😊

Physical Education Co-Ordinator

PARENT NETWORK

ICECREAMS are on sale at the moment on Wednesdays and Fridays. **Thank you** to the parents who volunteered to help sell ice creams, but we need more helpers, so if you are able to help please fill out the yellow note that came home last week or let Judy in the front office know These days may have to be discontinued due to lack of volunteers. This would be such a shame as this is a fundraiser to buy valuable educational and fun items for your child/ren to learn and have fun at school.

Juice Stick	\$1.00
Billabongs	\$1.80
Milo Scoop	\$2.50
Frozen Yoghurts	.80c

SCHOOL PHOTOS May 23rd. Full school uniform must be worn. There will be no jumpers worn in photos so please make sure that school uniform is worn underneath. Photo order envelopes are to be returned to school **on the day** with correct money or credit card details inside.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR PHOTOS. TSHIRTS ARE TO BE WORN. NO HOODIES OR JUMPERS ALLOWED WHEN PHOTOS ARE TAKEN.

SCHOOL SURFING COMP

On Friday of Week 10, some students that had been part of school surfing competed against the Victor Harbor and Goolwa schools.

First up was the girls white-water competition at 10:10am. The competitors for Port Elliot were Brooklyn K and Ruby O. Brooklyn came 5th and Ruby came 6th. The next event was the boys white-water competition. Finlay S and Matt R were the Port Elliot representatives. Finlay came 4th and Matt came 1st. The third competition for the day was the All Stars event. Dimity P and Braeden N were selected to compete in this. Dimity came 1st beating all the boys.

The final event of the day was the Tag Team. Our team was Georgia K, Jack B, Tyson O, Bailey O and Dimity P. Tyson was the Double Whammy Surfer which meant he could double the points of one of his rides without competition.



This was great for people in our team who didn't get to compete like Jack R and Kiama M. Georgia K and Jack Read also stepped up as judges in some of the

events throughout the day.

Goolwa and Victor both had large teams so although we only had 12 people in our Surf Team we came 3rd and represented proudly and strongly for Port Elliot. These Fish flew high!

By Dimity P and Matt R

STORY THIEVES

Last Term our two upper primary classes were treated to a unique theatrical experience at the Dunstan Playhouse in Adelaide.

'Story Thieves' certainly pushed the boundaries!

Students wore personal headphones and travelled in groups of four through an experiential fairy tale installation. Using role play, sound design, visual art and projection. It was an immersive, two-way journey of discovery.



'I thought it was really scary but I was so excited to be a twin. It really is a once in a life time opportunity and there's nothing like it. It was amazing. Sharna



'I really enjoyed this experience because I thought it had a lot of depth to it. The sets in this performance made me really focus on the core story.' Corey-Jay



'It was inspiring, brilliant and I think every age could go to be a part of the amazing experience that is Story Thieves.' Tara

Class Blogs

Over the past term a number of teachers have been taking part in after school training on how to set up and manage a class blog. Blogs are a space online where you can write your thoughts, share ideas and pictures. Blogs are a fantastic way for parents to keep in touch with what is happening in the classroom. All of the blogs will be shared on the school website under the tab 'Class News'.

You can follow any of the blogs and receive an email when the class updates their site by looking for and clicking on the FOLLOW button (simply enter your email address). If you have a look at a blog please take the time to comment because the kids love it when they read comments from home.

Mrs Milis Reception Class –

www.milispeps.wordpress.com

Mrs Lacey's Reception Class –

www.lacey907.edublogs.org

Mrs Warner's Year 3 Class –

www.pepswarnerclass.wordpress.com

Mrs Roberts and Annie's Year 4/5 Class –

www.pepsrobertsclass.wordpress.com

Mrs Turley's Year 7 Class –

www.pepsturley.wordpress.com

Bu Cathy's Indonesian Class –

www.bucathy.wordpress.com

The Library News – www.librarywordpres.com

RON BLACKERS CLASS SWIMMING



COMMUNITY NEWS

“Parents with Courage” is a program designed to provide parents with the tools and strategies needed to deal with the challenges of raising older primary and high school aged children. This 7 week course will be hosted in the hall of Investigator College (Victor Campus) in Term 2, commencing on Thursday 16th May and concluding on Thursday 27th June. Each 2 hour evening session (7.30-9.30pm) includes DVD training and small group discussion led by trained facilitators and is brought to you by Victor Harbor Church of Christ.

Enquiries and registration forms are available by phoning Brett or Sue 8552 5029 or email church@victorharborcoc.com

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2013 for their 3, 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA

We have recently launched our website Family Law Network Australia. This is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters.

We invite you to visit our website at www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au

FosterCare
Join the Family

Foster Carers can be single, couples, people at home, working full-time, part-time or studying. Free training and ongoing professional support (including 24-hour assistance) is provided. Find out more at one of our upcoming information sessions:

Tuesday 11th June 2013

Foster Care Information Drop in 4.00- 6.00pm

Formal Presentation on Foster Care 6.00-8.00pm

Flinders University Rural Clinical School

Bay Road, Victor Harbor SA 5211

(Car Park end of the South Coast District Hospital)

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For more information or bookings call Linda on 8131 3456 or visit

www.anglicare-sa.org.au/foster-care

ANGLICARE

ATTENTION

**PLEASE DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS
WHEN DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP
CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL.**

Pentenary Celebrations

PORT ELLIOT BOWLING CLUB - QUIZ NIGHT

WHEN-: FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2013

START-: 7.00PM-7.30PM

COST-: \$5.00 PER TABLE

GET A TABLE OF 8 TOGETHER BYO SUPPER

NOMINATIONS TO DEREK SHOVELLER

derekshoveller@gmail.com

0424360557

Or DON GLIFFORD

dndgiff@bigpond.net.au

0437826250

JOIN US AT AUSKICK ! 8th May

4.30pm-5.30pm Victor Harbor

Football Club Register on line.

Come and learn to play Aussie Rules, make friends, learn new skills and have lots of FUN !

Auskick registration is \$55 which includes the Coaching Program, plus benefits pack with football and giveaways.

To find out details of Centres operating near you go to www.aflauskick.com.au and place your Postcode in the Centre Locator (top right) . You can register and pay online or fill out a registration form when attending.

Enquiries please contact the Centre Coordinator or Warren Ploenges at the South Adelaide Football Club on 8186 8200

