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# Newsletter

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## LEADERSHIP

### ANZAC Day Dawn Service

Port Elliot Primary School was represented by two year seven students, Georgia P and Patrick S who are the school SRC presidents. They laid a wreath at the memorial showing their respect. It was also pleasing to see Stacey Fyfe our Year 2 teacher say the Welcome to Country as the first Aboriginal person to do so at the Port Elliot ANZAC dawn service.

### NAPLAN Tests 2015

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, students will undertake the 2015 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 strengths and 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.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au) or you can ask your child's class teachers.

### External Review

Monday and Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of June Port Elliot Primary School will be undertaking an external review process. This will involve an External Review Officer from DECD -Department for Education for Child Development and a Principal from another school. The review will focus on student learning and improvement from Reception to Year 7. During the days the review officers will be talking with staff, students and members of the Governing Council. If you would prefer your son/daughter not be interviewed please email the school to opt out on dl.0356\_info@schools.sa.edu.au

## Upcoming Events

### MAY

7<sup>th</sup> Road Safety  
Presentation

11<sup>th</sup> Calves arrive  
11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

**SWIMMING** Fyfe,  
Lacey, Dorward &  
Blake

12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

**NAPLAN**

14<sup>th</sup> **FUN LUNCH**

Assembly 2.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> **Marine Studies  
Presentation**

18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> **SWIMMING**

Morgan, Simon,  
Allsop Warner

19<sup>th</sup> **Reedy/Reid Camp**

20<sup>th</sup> **SAPSASA Soccer**

21<sup>st</sup> **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

22<sup>nd</sup> **Come Out  
Opening**



*SPECIAL LADY/SPECIAL  
PERSON MORNING*

Dear Families

On Monday the 11th of May, Week 3 Junior Primary classes are inviting Mothers/Special Lady/Special Persons in their lives to come in to their classroom.

The morning will start with the whole school walk, followed by an activity in the classroom. Most classes will finish by 10:00am.

Activities will be different in each class. Most classes will do reading, others will include fruit time and a making activity.

Classes participating are: Tammy Simon's Receptions, Gabby Morgan's Receptions, Vicki Lacey's Year 1, Lynne James/Stella Dorward's Year 1, Stacey Fyfe's Year 2 and Jodie Allsop/Sophie Reid's Year 2/3 class.

We look forward to seeing you on the morning. From the Junior Primary teachers and Yvette Foster Deputy Principal.

**Helping children learn to manage anger**

*Children's angry behaviour is often difficult to deal with because it stirs up feelings of anger and annoyance in others. It can also frustrate parents and carers when anger is used to push them away.*

*Everyone feels angry at times. Parents and carers can help children learn how to cope with anger in positive ways by teaching them to be aware of feelings, to find appropriate, safe ways to express them, and to identify and solve the problems or frustrations that lead to angry feelings.*

**How can Carers and Parents help?**

**Be aware of feelings**

*Children need to learn that having angry feelings is normal and okay, but that reacting aggressively towards others when they're angry is not. Adults can help children become aware of feeling annoyed, frustrated, angry or furious by naming feelings. Learning to say, "I'm feeling angry," or "I'm really frustrated," gives children a way to separate feeling angry from how they react.*

**Time to talk**

*Talking to your child about what has put them in an angry mood will help them see that feelings have causes and that solutions can be found. Once you find out what they were angry about you can help them think up better ways to handle the problem. This kind of conversation doesn't work while they are really angry. Sometimes it must wait until later. Children often find it easier to talk in informal situations where they feel less pressure. Find a relaxed time to talk to children about feelings. Asking, "What makes you angry?" can be a good way of starting a conversation about anger.*

**Find alternatives**

*Getting children to think through a difficult situation helps them develop problem-solving skills. Asking, "Is that what you wanted to happen?" or "What else could you have tried?" encourages children's helpful thinking. Thinking of alternative solutions helps children plan different ways of reacting next time. Be sure to praise their efforts.*



**COUNSELLOR NEWS**

**Flying Fish Awards**

Flying Fish awards for Asher W, Maddison Mc, Silvana W, Jazlyn R, Connor M, Porscha H, Coen B and Jack C. Congratulations to all these students on receiving their Flying Fish Awards

**Peer Mediators**

Thank you to Amber, Syncra, Rebecca, Sharna, Jorja, Maddie, Sarah, Tayha, Delilah, Shanice, Sophie, Abbi, Harriet, Kacey, Isabelle, Mackenzie, Clara, Monique and Molly for volunteering to be Peer Mediators this term. Each one of these students from Mr Blacker and Mrs Milis' class have given up one or in some cases two recess or lunch times to work in the school yard, working with teachers and students to continue to develop a safe, caring environment to play in. Peer Mediation has an important role in our school. It promotes our values of Community, Confidence and Respect. Each of these students should be commended for their contribution.

**Breakfast Club**

A reminder that Breakfast Club is on every Monday and Friday mornings, before school. Breakfast Club is located in the kitchen area in the gym. Students enjoy a range of healthy breakfast choices including hot Milo and fruit. Thank you to our sponsors, ADRA, Kick Start for Kids and the Port Elliot Bakery. Also thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

## RESOURCE CENTRE

### Book Club

**Issue 3** Scholastic Book Club brochures have been distributed to students by classroom teachers. Orders will need to be back at school by **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May**.



### E-Books

We have recently signed up with Wheelers, a company that manages e books for library borrowing. A Port Elliot Primary School platform has been created which can be accessed at <http://peps.wheelers.co>

We have also registered students so that when we have finished purchasing a sample of e-books students can download the free app to their devices (phone or I pad) and borrow books from our Pt Elliot e library. We will use the rest of this year as a trial for e book borrowing and we will be looking for feedback from students and parents. The books already loaded on our e book platform are ones that came free as part of the package. We are currently in the process of buying and adding to this selection.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

Last day of school Term 1 a **YELLOW MINI I PAD** was misplaced. If anyone has seen this item can they please bring it into the Front Office.

### SA Excellence in Public Education Awards

#### *Share Celebrate Reward*

Nominations are now open for the 2015 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards.

The Awards recognise and reward the outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders and support staff from across the state.

Don't miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional within DECD to recognise and reward their dedicated and inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

For more information and to nominate an employee at your school or preschool go to: [www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards).

Like us on facebook and follow the progress of the Awards:

[www.facebook.com/SATeachingAwards](http://www.facebook.com/SATeachingAwards).

Nominations close 5pm, 3 July 2015

For further information contact the Awards team on 08 8226 3079 or email

[DECD.Recognition@sa.gov.au](mailto:DECD.Recognition@sa.gov.au)

## SAPSASA AND PE NEWS

### SAPSASA KNOCKOUT FOOTBALL, NETBALL AND SOCCER

All 3 teams drew Encounter Lutheran in our first round matches.

Football and Netball were played on Friday May 1st at 1:30pm at our school. Both teams played really well and have progressed to the next round. The netball won 14 goals to 10. The girls tried so hard, listened well to their coach and continue to improve with every game. The football won 10.6 (66 points) to 0.0 (0 points). The boys played an outstanding game as a team. Their running game, quick handballs and defensive intensity was a joy to watch. Thank you to Annie and Matt for their positive and encouraging coaching and for setting up before the game. Thank you to Brett for helping set up the oval, goal umpiring and scoring, to Peta, Kristin, Nikki and Cheryl for scoring and timekeeping, to Mandy for collecting uniforms and to Karen for umpiring. Without this adult support we could not participate in these events. It was also wonderful to see so many spectators and supporters. The next round game is yet to be decided. I will inform students as soon as I know.

The date for our first round soccer match is Wednesday 20th May 1pm at Breakers Oval.

Practices are occurring at the following times:



### Netball:

- Thursday lunch on school netball court with Trina Doig

### Football:

- Friday lunch on school oval with Matt Smith (coach) and Trina Doig

### Soccer:

- Monday lunch with Trina Doig on school oval
- Monday 4:30pm-5:30pm at Breakers Oval with Josh Peters (coach) and Trina Doig

For all games we will need a football umpire, goal umpire, time keeper and scorer. For netball we need an umpire, scorer and timekeeper. For Soccer we will need an umpire and linesperson. If we can not fill these positions our team will need to forfeit. So please let me know a.s.a.p. if you can assist. Thank you.

### SAPSASA Cross Country

32 students aged from 10-13 years attended this year's Cross Country event at Kent Reserve on Wednesday 6th May. An account of the day and photos will be in the next newsletter.

### SAPSASA Hockey Try Out.

Carnival is Week 9 Monday 22 June to Friday 26 June at Westbeach.

Coaches are Leo Staark - Boys, Kerry Dodd - Girls.

Sunday 10 May 10am at Victor Harbor Hockey Club.

Sunday 17 May 12:30pm at Aldinga Hockey Club.

Sunday 24 May 10am at Victor Harbor Hockey Club

Team will be selected and further training dates confirmed.

### Local Sporting Success Stories!

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.

Please refer to the school website for further PE News, SAPSASA dates and for a link to the SAPSASA website.

Trina Doig and Kerry Dodd ☺ ☺

### PARENT NETWORK

**DON'T FORGET FUN LUNCH**

**NEXT THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY.**



**Please bring your money.**

**SCHOOL PHOTOS  
THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY**



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ***"Parents with Courage"***

Parents, are you ever concerned about how your children are developing? Or about your parenting skills? Would you like to be encouraged in your role as parent?

***"Parents with Courage"*** is a program designed to provide parents with support and strategies needed to deal with the challenges of raising upper primary and high school aged children.

Starting on Tuesday 19th May at 7.30pm, the program runs for 7 weeks in the Hall at Investigator College, Bacchus Road, Victor Harbor.

The sessions are highly practical with insights and strategies for intact, blended and single parent families. "Parents with Courage" provides a flexible approach to parenting that enables parents to find the best fit for their family environment and the particular needs of their child.

***"Parents with Courage"*** is a Careforce Lifekeys program ([www.careforcelifelifekeys.org](http://www.careforcelifelifekeys.org))

Sessions include:

- ❖ The Dynamics of Family
- ❖ The Family Circle
- ❖ Knowing your child
- ❖ Family Communication
- ❖ Establishing Boundaries
- ❖ Sexuality and the Search for Intimacy
- ❖ Your Family: Courtroom or Living Room?

For a brochure, to register, or further information

Ph 8552 5029 Mon – Fri, 10am–3pm.

(Victor Harbor Church of Christ Office, 11 Seaview Road, Victor Harbor)

## SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are

welcome to attend the School Dental Service. **Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.**

SA Dental Service participates in the *Child Dental Benefits*

*Schedule*. A small fee may apply for children who are not

eligible for the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the *Child Dental Benefits Schedule*,

please phone 8222 8222 or visit

[www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)

