FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Farewell (and thanks for the memories)

It’s with mixed emotions that I end my time at Port Noarlunga Primary School at the end of this term. I’m excited that I have been given the opportunity to lead Hallett Cove South Primary School as Principal, but sad to leave behind so many wonderful colleagues and families.

I’ve had an association with PNPS for well over twenty years, working here as a classroom teaching for eight years before leaving to work in other schools. I then returned in 2006 as the Assistant Principal, and have remained ever since.

I remember when:

- The staff room was in an old transportable building that really should have been condemned.
- My classroom was separated from the Computer Room by a bookshelf that held teacher resources (on my side of the bookshelf). It wasn’t uncommon for teachers to be at the back of my classroom perusing the resources while I was teaching!
- We had to decide whether to have 9 or 10 classes for the following year. We now have 18!
- We had a mound with a large concrete pipe that ran under it. This was a wonderful play area but, as you can imagine, it wasn’t always the most hygienic or safest place for students to play.

I have seen consecutive generation of families attend our school. I have even taught some of our current parents!

Over the years I’ve seen the school facilities grow and improve in appearance, as well as their suitability to support students’ learning. I’ve seen staff come and go – and shed tears at losing much loved colleagues and friends, while also being delighted at the fresh ideas and enthusiasm that have come with new staff.

What I will take with me from Port Noarlunga Primary School is an appreciation for the school as a community. The teaching and support staff are absolutely amazing, and I will miss them terribly. Our students constantly delight me with their enthusiasm and dedication. I know some struggle but each one has strengths and talents that they bring to the table – we just need to know where and how to find and build on these.

And finally, to you, our parents, grandparents, carers etc. I want to say thank you for your support, enthusiasm, friendship and even your challenges. You all contribute to making this school great. Please always remember that, and continue to work as a team with our staff so that our students, your children, receive the very best education possible.

Farewell,
Jo Rowell
ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

**94%**

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**Absent 6%**

**Present 94%**

Year to Date (2018)
The average daily attendance rate; Year to Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 30/03/2018

Previous Week
Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 30/03/2018

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**
At last week’s school assembly the following students received an award acknowledging their hard work, perseverance and use of positive strategies in developing a Growth Mindset for their learning and community participation:

- Casey Grzegowski, Noah Beard (Miss Field)
- Myles Beck, Zia Freebairn (Ms Newbery)
- Beau McCourt, Grace Goodfellow (Mr MacWilliams)
- Lachlan Platt, Mae Symes (Mrs Harley)
- Cody Hoet, Edie Symes, Nate Trigg (Mrs Fullerton)
- Jaxon Baker, Dahlia Lyle (Mrs Ehlers)
- Diesel Brammer, Ashton McEwen (Mrs Haddad/Mrs Baumann)
- Ivy Malthouse Rjay Ahmat (Ms Orrin)
- Serenity Tilley, Sam Yelland, Jayden Frensch (Mrs True)
- Rani Shah, Oliver Poole (Mrs McMillan)
- Charlize Holland, Lucas McKay (Mr Letcher)
- George Blackford, Zara Pannunzio (Miss Thompson)
- Zoe Flesfadar, Hudson Haynes-Hume (Mrs Gotley)
- Abi Shah, Jamile Cox (Mrs Sander)
- Abigail Poole, Olivia Yamold (Mr Horsfall)
- Reuben Schocroft-Batch, Ariel Caruso (Mr Heard)
- Freya Hoy, Levi Graves (Mr Wakefield)

The **Aussie of the Month Award** was presented to Brynne for her work as a Choir leader, sports monitor and great buddy reading mentor.

**Congratulations to all of these students!**

Each student who receives an award earns a point for their school team. Points awarded this round were:

- **Stingrays**: 9
- **Sharks**: 7
- **Dolphins**: 11
- **Swordfish**: 6

**COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM**
Don’t forget to send in your Coles Sports for Schools Program vouchers. Vouchers can be dropped off in the bins in the front office and will be accepted until Friday 13th April (last day of Term 1). Ask your neighbours, friends and families to collect the vouchers for you and help us reap the rewards of this great initiative.

**PEOPLE’S CHOICE COMMUNITY LOTTERY**
We are so excited that Port Noarlunga Primary School is now registered for the People’s Choice Community Lottery to help with our fundraising efforts. 100% of all ticket sales will help us improve the grounds of the school through development of themed gardens - a Sensory Garden, a Traditional Foods garden and a Fruit and Vegetables garden and also improve our Nature Play area. Tickets are just $2.00 each and purchases can be made online by clicking here: https://www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/port-noarlunga-primary...

Please help us make this a huge success by sharing this information with your family and friends. Tickets will be on sale until August 31 2018 and the prize draw will take place on October 9 2018. Tickets will also be available to purchase from the front office in Term 2.

You may have noticed that some areas of the gardens around the school have been receiving some special treatment. Trees are being cut back and dead plants removed to improve areas ready for planting and improving.

**ANZAC DAY**
This year ANZAC Day is the Wednesday April 25th (the second week of the school holidays). In continuing our community links with the local RSL one of our families will represent the school at the ceremony and lay a wreath on behalf of the school.

**ADVANCED NOTICE**
Governing Council have approved a Student Free Day on Tuesday June 12th (Week 7 Term 2) when staff will be involved in training and development. OSHC places are limited so book now!

**REMEMBER**
Have you changed any of your contact details? If you have changed your phone number, address, email address or emergency contacts for your child then it is vital that you let us know as soon as possible so that our database can be updated. At times we are unable to contact parents and caregivers due to old information. It is vital that we have current and accurate information to ensure the safety and
wellbeing of your child. Please phone the front office on 83822455 to update your information or email to dl.0362.info@schools.sa.edu.au

CHOIR NEWS
The Port Noarlunga Primary School Choir are off to a great start. The number of participants has reached 49 students. Unfortunately it has been frustrating with the wait for everyone to receive their books but students have been resilient in starting their learning by listening to the songs or even borrowing books which has been wonderful to hear.
This year’s performance at the Hopgood Theatre will be at the end of October.
I would like to congratulate our Choir Leaders for 2018 Tilly and Brynne and the Choir Leader Reserves Kaniesha and Zoe.
Miss Scott- Performing Arts Teacher & Choir Trainer

USE OF SCHOOL GROUNDS
Families staying on the grounds after the bell is a great opportunity for children to play and adults to catch up. We do ask, however, that your children are supervised within your line of sight and continue to obey school rules. This includes only playing in designated play areas (eg NOT in the Memorial Garden or gardens). To allow OSHC to access the playground, oval and other play areas within the school, we ask that families vacate the grounds by 3:30pm.

LOST PROPERTY
As we draw closer to the end of Term 1, it is timely to remind parents and caregivers to PLEASE CLEARLY NAME AND LABEL all of your child’s clothing and belongings. The lost property piles up quickly with much of it not labelled. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of each term.

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS
The end of term is fast approaching. Please return all readers and books with barcodes to the library. Students from Years 3-7 who have returned their books may borrow some LEXILES for the holidays to do lots of reading.
Thankyou Chris McDonald – Teacher Librarian

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Don’t forget to place your order for your 2018 Entertainment Book. The Entertainment™ Book features many of the area’s best restaurants, cafes, accommodation, attractions and activities, with up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers! Purchase the new Adelaide Entertainment™ Book for just $70 including GST and you’ll receive over $15,000 in valuable offers you can use from now until 1st June, 2019.
The books are sold exclusively by community organisations, social clubs, charities, and schools, and by purchasing a book, you’ll be helping towards our fund-raising efforts. If you wish to order the 2018/2019 book then please see Julie Bramley (Finance Officer). Early bird offers are again available to customers who purchase early. To order the digital copy (this is an app for your personal device) please go to http://www.entbook.com/1610m16
Contact Julie Bramley on 83822455 for more information.
A flyer is being distributed with this edition of the newsletter with more information.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Unley High School are holding a Special Interest Program Information Evening on Thursday April 5 at 6:30pm Contact the school on 8394 5400 for more information.

YOUNG LEADER NEWS
The Young Leaders have decided that it would be really great to create some paths through the garden outside the upper primary school garden to encourage the students not to trample the plants! These paths will be edged with painted pebble artwork which we are hoping all students, staff, families and community members will contribute to.
A great school holidays project! The Young Leaders are going to invite the local kindy to get involved too. The pebbles will be cemented in place to prevent them from being moved.
The Young Leaders are going to look at the garden and figure out where it has been worn so they can work out the best positioning for the paths.
Farewell Mrs Rowell

You've really helped us grow!

You were a really good Deputy Principal - Lolita

You are really supportive with all the time you put into your work - Ligeia

You care about everybody in the school - Noah

You will always see us if we have a problem - Jethro

I like your smile - Sara

You make me feel comfortable if I need to talk to someone - Chekey

You helped me when I had a blood lip and gave me an icepack - Oliver

You helped us with a problem so that my friends and I don’t fight anymore - Wade

You are happy and kind - Justin

You are caring and kind - Liam

You will always see us if we have a problem - Jethro

You always help everyone with their problems straight away - Pearl

You care about everybody in the school - Noah

You show respect and run the assembly - Summer

Good luck. We will miss you. - Jack

You don’t ever let people down! - Damara

You helped me when I had a blood lip and gave me an icepack - Oliver

You are friendly and nice - Bryce

You are nice, generous and kind - Shania

You are nice and you think about other people - Sophie

You care about a great leader in our school - Caitlyn

Thanks for being everyone with their problems straight away - Pearl

You always help everyone with their problems straight away - Pearl

You showed respect and run the assembly - Summer

You are a really good Deputy Principal - Lolita

I hope you had a good time at PNPS - Sufjan

I hope you enjoy being at Hallett Cove South - Leanne

Thank you for coming back to PNPS as our Principal - Elsie

You’ve really helped us grow!