THANK YOU TO ALL AND FAREWELL TO SOME!

Once again we look back on the year and reflect what an extremely busy and productive year we have had at Port Noarlunga Primary School. Throughout the year highlights have been reported in classrooms, newsletters and on our website including special whole school events such as Beach Carnival, Open Night and the Twilight Dance Evening. The positive atmosphere at our school and wonderful community spirit would not be possible without the partnership between school and home, with staff and families working together to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for students.

The building work has finally commenced and when we return in the New Year the school will no doubt look quite different with several of the buildings demolished and new building work started. The front office will be situated in the hall by the car-park.

As we bring the 2012 school year to a close we farewell 43 Year 7 students and wish them future success and happiness as they move to high school.

Several staff are also leaving the school and we thank them sincerely for their contribution to the school, their hard work and commitment.

- Jo Eldridge, Rita Haddad, Josh Withers, Kimberley Wright, Kimberley Tauchnitz, John McFadyen, Edward Wilkins and Melissa Scott have been with us for varying lengths of time this year. Their work as contract teachers in varying roles is greatly appreciated.

- A special farewell and thank you to Deb Verkerk, our Canteen Manager who is retiring at the end of this week. Deb's commitment, creativity and tireless hard work have ensured that our canteen has not only been successfully maintained but in fact thrived within the Healthy Eating Guidelines. We wish Deb all the best in her retirement and sincerely thank her for her efforts over many years.

I would also like to thank all staff for their tireless efforts throughout 2012, creating opportunities for all students both within the classrooms and beyond in activities such as camps and excursions. Congratulations to Steve Hetherington who will continue as School Counsellor for 2013. Many thanks to Desma McMillan who has been in the Senior Leader’s position for the majority of the year. Desma has done an exceptional job of undertaking this new role and will return to the classroom in 2013. It is anticipated that Jo Rowell will return to school fulltime in the new year.

We are pleased also to announce that the popular 4 Year Old Programme will be recommencing in Week 2 of Term 1, 2013. Please collect an enrolment form from the front office if you have a 4 year old planning to start school here.

The class placement processes for 2013 continues. Students return to school on TUESDAY JANUARY 29th. Students are asked to assemble in the gym at 8.50am. They will be placed in classes and then dismissed from the gym at the end of the day with information regarding their 2013 class for parents.

On behalf of everyone at Port Noarlunga Primary School we wish you a Merry Christmas, a happy New Year and a safe and fun-filled holiday season.

Heather Walker - Principal
**DIARY DATES - TERM 4 2012**

- Friday 14th Dec – Canteen closed for stocktake and end of year clean up.
- Friday 14th Dec – End of School Year. Early dismissal at 2:15pm. Book now for OSHC and Vacation Care

**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

- Thomas Kruger, Callum Williamson, Jordi Eldridge, Nathan Arhipoff (Lyn Koehne & Linda Ross)
- William Tiemey, Riley Jones (Josh Withers)
- Kailey Webb, Emmit Taylor, Beatrice Baker, Alexandra Williams (Kimberley Wright)
- Mathilde Verrall, Cameron Hamlyn (Ilona Harley)
- Tika Penney, Ayden Beasley (Ted Wilkins)
- Levi Graves, Alissah Mitchell (Trevor Letcher)
- Ellie-Rose Larking, Jim Blackford (Melissa Scott)
- Grace Bennet, Cale Dellow (Jennie Gottleby)
- Liam Powell, Abbey Fullerton (Jo Eldridge)
- Iona Bates, Tamika Cannon (Des Rowell)
- Aimee Davis, Samyde Forbes-Richards (Brett Horsfall)
- Erin Haddad, Adam Bar (Rita Haddad)
- (Jeff Wakefield)
- Eva Phillips, Cody Barbeler, Bailey Snelling, Xander Johnson, Simone Hendrick (Shona Thompson)

**This week's winners of the RRICH Awards are:**

- Jaya Damardi
- Jack Dobbins

**Congratulations to all of these students!**

**STUDENT REPORTS**

Student reports will be sent home on Friday December 14th which is the last day of the term. Please take note of the number of days your child has been **absent or late this year** in regard to the following information. Whilst we understand that there are genuine circumstances which require students to be absent from school at times, it is also important to keep the following points in mind:

- **10 days off in a YEAR** is deemed to impact on a student’s learning.
- This includes missing basic concepts and the foundations needed for ongoing success, especially in Literacy and Numeracy.
- Poor attendance interrupts social contact and friendships.
- Students miss practising organisational routines and expectations to set the scene for successful learning.

This information in your child’s report is an ideal time to reflect on how their attendance and punctuality may be impacting on their learning success and planning ways to improve this in 2013. Steve Hetherington, our School Counsellor is available to support families in the new year as necessary.

**CANTEEN NEWS**

We are pleased to announce that our new Canteen Manager is Mrs Deonne Milton. She will commence her duties at the beginning of 2013. Please note that under the new conditions of employment the Canteen will not be open before school and that all lunch orders will need to be placed through classrooms. Please ensure that you are organised on Day One Tuesday 29th January 2013 with correct money in lunch bags.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Thank you to the parents and caregivers who have supported the school and its many fundraising events this year. We have held two highly successful events – The Ladies Night and the Fun Run and we have sold Entertainment Books, Wristbands, Artwork Calendars, Lamingtons and Engraved Pavers. No matter how big or small your contribution, as a school community we have raised nearly $7,500! - An incredible achievement.

The money raised will be used to produce a piece of Artwork which will become the focal point of the new entrance to the school. Next year Vivonne Amoy, the school’s CPSW and an incredible artist, will be working with all of the children within the school to create the piece of artwork. It will be a constant reminder of our school community and the new chapter of the school's history. Watch this space for more details.

Fundraising will start again in Term 1 and any parents who would like to become involved in fundraising would be very welcome. Please leave your details at the front office or email them to dl.0362_info@schools.sa.edu.au

Hopefully next year will be even more successful. 

**Victoria Corbett**

**PAYMENT OF MONEY IN 2013**

Governing Council have pledged their support to enforce stricter final payment dates for money owing from the beginning of 2013. All notes that are sent home for camps and additional items will have a final payment date clearly visible.

**NO PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**

In addition the Excursion Levy of $50 per student is due by the end of Week 4, Friday February 22nd.

**Students will not be able to attend any activities until this amount is paid.**

Information regarding the Materials and Services Charges for 2013 will be sent home with reports this week. As always, parents need to pay this amount at the beginning of the school year, apply for School Card or make arrangements with Julie Bramley, our Finance Officer, early in the school year.

**LOST PROPERTY**

Don’t forget to check the lost property for your child’s belongings before the end of the school year as unclaimed items will be donated to charity.