In the First Day Newsletter that went out last week we listed all staff members and their roles for 2107. I would now like to expand a little upon that information.

We are very pleased indeed to welcome back the following teachers:

- Kate Smith and Amelia Neumeister who are tandem teaching a Year 2 class. Both teachers worked at PNPS in 2016 (Amelia as a classroom teacher and Kate in a variety of roles, including PE and Health for our younger students). We are very happy indeed to have been able to offer them both work this year.

- Susie Scott who is continuing in her role as our Performing Arts teacher. Susie will also continue her role as our choir co-ordinator, and we know that the students involved are very pleased that this valuable programme can continue. Susie will also take our four youngest classes for PE and Health.

- Mike Woolford who is continuing to take PE and Health lessons for 13 out of our 17 classes. We are delighted to have Mike here full time this year, particularly as he also co-ordinates our SAPSASA ports programme and is the main organiser of the school’s Beach Carnival.

- Danni Baumann who is returning from Accouchement Leave, and Rita Haddad who has worked so very well with Danni over recent years. Welcome back to this team!

We are equally pleased to welcome the following teachers to PNPS for 2017:

- Kim Field who is taking a Reception/Year One class. Kim is a young teacher who worked so very well with Danni over recent years.

- Julian Hinkley who is taking a Year 6/7 class this year and taking most of our classes for French. Karen comes to us most recently from Reynella Primary School and Returning to PNPS after a little where she was the Assistant Princip

- Karen Thorburn is a very experienced French teacher who is working three days a week this year.

- Janice Aucoin who we did not see a lot of in 2016, but she impressed us greatly and we are fortunate to have secured her for 2017.

- Riandi van Dyk who also worked exceptional during her relief work for us last year.

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We are certain that our school community will make these teachers feel welcome in true Port Noarlunga style, and we are looking forward to a wonderful and productive 2017!

Jo Rowell – Principal
We are thrilled with the response to our Skoolbag App. Thank you to everyone who has installed it and has provided such positive feedback. Many of the community notices we receive are available in the app in the Community Notices section. In 2017 we have already included the information on the upcoming Fleurieu Fringe and Kidsflix at Noarlunga Cinema as well as information we have been sent from local clubs and sporting groups.

Don’t forget you are now able to update your information and contact details via the app by clicking on the eForm and filling in the information. Student absences can also be done on the app. Click the eForm and then the Absentee Form and fill in the relevant information.

We have also created a category for our OSHC Service, Canteen and School Counsellor. Programmes and information will be shared in the app and we will continue to expand the App and its contents in 2017.

To get the app go to the App Store for iPhone or iPad users or Google Play for Android users and search for Port Noarlunga Primary School. Follow the install instructions and open the app to view all of our content.

**REMINDERS**

- School finishes at 2:25pm every Tuesday.
- Friday 10th March and Monday April 3rd are Student Free Days. Staff will be involved in Training and Development. OSHC is available but book now to ensure a place as bookings are limited.
- Twilight Dance will be held on Tuesday 14th December from 5:30pm.

**UPDATING YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

It is vital that your contact information is accurate and up to date. This is especially important if your child is injured or unwell. If you have changed any of your contact details then please let us know as soon as possible. You can phone the school on 83822455, email at dl.0362.info@schools.sa.edu.au or via the Skoolbag app on your personal device.

**TERM DATES 2017**

- Term 1 – Monday 30th January – Friday 13th April
- Term 2 – Monday 1st May – Friday 7th July
- Term 3 – Monday 24th July – Friday 29th September
- Term 4 – Monday 16th October – Friday 15th December

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2017**

- Monday 2nd January – New Year’s Day (additional day as 1st January falls on a Sunday)
- Thursday 26th January – Australia Day
- Monday 13th March – Adelaide Cup
- Friday 14th April – Good Friday
- Saturday 15th April – Easter Saturday
- Sunday 16th April – Easter Sunday
- Monday 17th April – Easter Monday
- Tuesday 25th April – ANZAC Day
- Monday 12th June – Queen’s Birthday
- Monday 2nd October – Labour Day

**CANTEEN NEWS**

A new menu and price list has been included with this newsletter. The price list is also on the school webpage – http://www.portnoarps.sa.edu.au/canteen and on the Skoolbag App.

Watch for notes coming home about special celebration days later in the term. These notes will also be available on the Skoolbag App.

Deonne Milton – Canteen Manager

**RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS**

Issue 1 for Book Club has been distributed to students. Return date for orders is the 9th February. Issue 2 will be in the second half of Term 1. There will be 2 issues a term. Orders can be done online or money can be sent with the order to the school. Any problems please come and see the library staff.

If your child still has books out from last year, please find them at home or reimburse the school for their loss.

We are still looking for volunteers for help with our reader room in the morning 8:50 to 9:30. If you can spare half an hour Mon to Thurs, please drop into the Library and see the staff.

Chris McDonald – Teacher Librarian

**GOVERNING COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 22nd February at 6:30pm in the Resource Centre. The 2016 Annual Report will be presented and the new Governing Council for 2017 formed. Being a member of Governing Council gives parents the opportunity to understand how the school runs and have input into decision making. The AGM is an ideal way to hear what is happening in the school and especially what plans are evolving to further support your child’s learning.

Governing Council meetings are held on Wednesdays of Week 4 and 8 of each term at 6:30pm – 8:30pm. If you wish to nominate for a position on Governing Council please let Annie (Front Office Receptionist) know by phoning 83822455 and leave your details or email dl.info.0362@schools.sa.edu.au

**PAYMENT OF MONEY IN 2017**

Information regarding the Materials and Services Charges for 2017 was sent home last week. The Materials and Services Charges for 2017 will be $280.00. This amount is due to be paid by Thursday 17th February (Week 3 Term 1 2015).

The 2017 Excursion Levy of $55 per student is due by Thursday February 23rd. Students will not be able to attend any activities until this amount is paid.

The Excursion Levy covers all excursions, incursions and activities during the school year except photographs, Aquatics Programme, Year 7 windcheaters, Year 7 Graduation, special camps or sleepovers. Separate invoices will be sent home for these activities.

There will be NO arrangements for after event payment.
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.

The Finance Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 – 9:30am. Payments outside of these times can be made at the front office but correct money is appreciated.

Thankyou – the Finance Committee

LOST PROPERTY
Don’t forget to regularly check the lost property for your child’s belongings. Named and labeled items are returned to their owner. All unclaimed items are donated to charity at the end of each term.

Annie Neilson – Front Office SSO

FUNDRAISING NEWS
Welcome to all the new families to PNPS and welcome back to those who have returned! Big shout out to all the teachers and SSO’s who are hopefully recharged for the new school year.

Ever wondered how you could help out and be involved more in your child’s school? There are many ways which parents and caregivers can participate in their child’s school. One of these ways is to help with fundraising. You will meet some wonderful staff and parents, as well as learn a little more about the behind the scenes workings of the school.

At PNPS we enjoy different ways of fundraising like a Fun Run in Term 3, and a raffle at Beach Carnival. We are always looking for extra help, from handing out prizes, counting money, tallying forms, getting quotes and coming up with new ways to fundraise and what to purchase with the funds.

If you would like to find out more information about fundraising or ways in which you can help with school, please come to the AGM on Wednesday 22nd Feb at 6.30pm, or alternatively send an email to cduke@internode.on.net

CINEMA BY THE SEA
Christies Beach Business and Tourism Association, supported by City of Onkaparinga, would like to present to the community, Christies Beach very first "CINEMA BY THE SEA " at Rotary Park.

Date: Saturday 25 February 2017
Time: 6:00 -10:30pm. We will be kicking off by 6.00pm and have dinner. The movie will start at 8.30pm as daylight savings is still in place.
Venue: Rotary Park, corner Esplanade and Beach Rd, Christies Beach
Cost: FREE - gold coin donation appreciated

The movie voted by the community by our poll is Finding Dory. Flava food & coffee, The ESPY Bakehouse, Blue Pepper Wine Bar Restaurant and Kibbi’s will be supplying dinner packs that can be pre ordered leading up to the screening. (Menu TBA) Both serve icecream. Bring your beanbags, chairs and blankets. Caramel and butter popcorn will be available on the night. For more information check out their Facebook event: https://www.facebook.com/events/1176501022467858/

OUTSIDE SCHOOLS HOURS CARE AND VACATION CARE
2016 saw the second phase of the OSHC Garden Project come together. Often the OSHC space gets really noisy and we wanted an area where children could withdraw safely to calm themselves or to go where they could have some peace and quiet. The design and construction was undertaken by one of our OSHC dads, Peter Chomel, and it is now complete with wooden screen, day bed, fencing and the base of our living cubby. The planting will be undertaken shortly and we are hoping to use plants to help calm the senses and also don’t attract bees. Below is a picture of how we hope the living cubby will look after the bamboo grows.

The project was funded by OSHC parent contributions so thank you to everyone who paid their accounts on time during the year. The children are certainly enjoying the new space.

Robyn Harris – OSHC Director
Ten years ago, in 2007, the first of our school’s major improvements commenced with the upgrade to the Early Years Unit and the installation of the first five Interactive whiteboards. In 2010 our gymnasium was built providing us with a much needed space for our Physical Education Program. Five years ago we received the news that our application for Major Works funding was approved and near the end of 2012 we began preparations for the complete demolition of our Administration building which began in December of that year. Over the last four years we have seen lots of change and continued improvements which included the installation of four new relocatable classrooms, significant upgrades to the Hall, OSHC gardens (see page 3 of this edition) and development of the Natural Play areas.

At the end of 2016, new lawn instant lawn was laid alongside the auditorium area and this has now had the bunting removed and has grown well over the holidays. This year a small fence was installed around the sandpit. This has helped to keep the sand in the sand pit and make the concrete area less of a slipping hazard. White pebbles have been added around the mosaics created by our Pastoral Care Worker Vivonne Amoy and they really show off the beautiful artwork and colours. In 2017 the Soccer Committee are planning on replacing and upgrading the sheds used for soccer equipment and the Soccer Canteen facilities.

A lot of work, time and money has gone into improving our school and we are thrilled with how it has all come together.