FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear all,

Welcome to Term 2.

This term we welcome our ‘new’ Deputy Principal, Kingsley Heard to the leadership team. Kingsley adds another valuable dimension to the team and we will be working together to progress the learning for all.

NAPLAN testing occurs across Australia next week and can be a stressful time for some students, families and teachers. The stress is caused by the attention that the media and others outside of education put on the results. This need not be the case. NAPLAN is just one of the many assessment tools that are used to measure student achievement across the year. My goal is for every student in Year 3, 5 and 7 to do their best, colour in a dot for every question and walk away with the understanding that their world will not collapse if they make a mistake.

I don’t encourage teachers to prepare for NAPLAN ahead of time or ‘teach to the test’. It is my belief that the learning in every classroom, every day is all the preparation that should be required. Teachers need to teach so that all students learn and continue to improve their skills across all areas of learning. My job is to ensure that they (teachers) have the skills, knowledge and tools to achieve this.

I have appreciated meeting with some parents and families already this term as I learn so much from the insights they have and the experiences they have had at this school over time. I am on yard duty before school on Mondays and Thursdays if you need to check in while I meander around the school yard.

Take care,

Marie
ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Year to Date (2018)
The average daily attendance rate; Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 04/05/2018
Previous Week
Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 04/05/2018

94% Absent 5%
Present 95%

OSHC FAIRY GARDEN MURAL
Have you seen the new ‘OSHC Fairy Garden’ mural on southern end (Anderson Avenue) of the school hall? Our Pastoral Care Worker Vivonne Amoy created this spectacular work and it was then put up for all to enjoy by Peter Chomel and his children on Anzac Day. We are so very grateful to the Chomel family for their help. It was a huge job! Aren’t we lucky to have someone as talented as Vivonne creating amazing art for our school?

ADVANCED NOTICE
Governing Council have approved a Student Free Day on Tuesday June 12th (Week 6 Term 2) when staff will be involved in training and development.

OSHC places are extremely limited so book now to avoid disappointment!

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY 2018
It was a beautiful day at Noarlunga Downs for the Onkaparinga South District Cross Country day. Our school sent 46 runners from u10 to u13. Our results were outstanding. Our u10 boys and girls teams both came second, the u11 girls third and the boys second. In the u12 age both teams again came second. The u13 boys finished third and we only had one runner in the u13 girls so there was no team. Summer did however win the u13 girls event, which was fantastic. Other individual places included: Jace 3rd u13 boys, Ky M 3rd u12 boys, Ella H 3rd u12 girls, Ben P 3rd u11 boys and Chase 2nd u10 boys. However it’s not just the medallists who achieved. It was really impressive to see all our young runners dig deep and perform to their best. They now know that improving where they came is next years aim. Special mention to our marshalls Ky Steinert, Kyle Graves and Sharon Yates.

Mike Woolford – Physical Education teacher

PEOPLE’S CHOICE COMMUNITY LOTTERY
Don’t forget that you can now buy tickets from the front office 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 are available to purchase from the front office or online by clicking here [https://www.peopleschoicecu.com.au/port-noarlunga-primary-2/]

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.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

It’s that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking! Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn’t realistic for many of us, it’s quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family’s daily routine. You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday 18 May 2018! Port Noarlunga Primary School Young Leaders will be organising a walkathon at lunch time for those who would like to join in. This is not a fundraiser.

For more information on National Walk to school day, visit [www.walk.com.au](http://www.walk.com.au)

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.

To order the digital copy (this is an app for your personal device) please go to [http://www.entbook.com/1610m16](http://www.entbook.com/1610m16) Contact Julie Bramley on 83822455 for more information.

REMINDER

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](mailto:dl.0362.info@schools.sa.edu.au)

2018 PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

Nominate, celebrate and recognise an outstanding educator in the 2018 Public Education Awards.

Get involved and say thank you to a principal, teacher or support staff member making a significant difference to the lives of their students and their communities.

The Public Education Awards recognise excellence in South Australian public education, and nominations are open 1 to 31 May.


NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

May 21st – 27th is National Volunteer Week and the theme is *Give a little, Change a lot*. National Volunteer Week is an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation’s volunteers. The official hashtag for National Volunteer Week is #NVW2018.

At Port Noarlunga Primary School, our volunteers are thanked at the end of each school year in the final week of Term 4 at a Morning Tea. *We wish to acknowledge our volunteers who are a vital part of our school community and provide skills and services that benefit both staff and students.*

Even a few hours of volunteer work can make a huge difference in a person’s overall happiness. Volunteering Australia has compiled the following facts about volunteering and happiness:

- Volunteers are happier, healthier and sleep better than those who don’t volunteer – doctors should recommend it.
- 96% of volunteers say that it “makes people happier” and that volunteering is related to feelings of wellbeing.
- Just a few hours of volunteer work makes a difference in happiness and mood.
- Sustained volunteering is associated with better mental health.
- A strong correlation exists between the well-being, happiness, health, and longevity of people who are emotionally kind and compassionate in their charitable helping activities.
- The experience of helping others provides meaning, a sense of self-worth, a social role and health enhancement.
- Volunteering is highly associated with greater health and happiness.
Week 2 Term 2

Vacation Care

Excursions

Lots of Fun

Activities