Dear all,

We have had a wonderful start to Term 3. There is a positive feel about the school and a buzz about the upcoming Porties Got Talent event.

We have a small team of girls in Year 2 who approached the leadership team in Term 2 with a desire to ‘change the world’. Victoria has worked with them and they are planning a Buddy Bench for the yard. We received wonderful news last week from Tim Forde, one of our parents, that his company would provide the materials and build the Buddy Bench for us. This is amazing and we are extremely grateful. Thank you Tim.

The first home match for our school soccer teams were held on Saturday and it was a fantastic morning. There was a lovely feel to the morning and the students all participated in a fair and fun manner. Thank you to the families that support, coach and attend soccer each week.

Last term we had a couple of classes participate in a Sight Word mini research project and the results achieved have led to a commitment to provide support to our Early Years classes. This support will ensure that students who have limited sight word knowledge increase their skills and knowledge. The students involved showed a marked improvement in their sight word knowledge, reading levels and interestingly, their willingness to write.

I’ve been here for a full year now and have fallen in love with our school. I am very excited about where we are heading and enjoying working with our team of staff, students and families. Onwards and upwards.

Take care,

Marie
ATTENDANCE

Year to Date (2018)

The average daily attendance rate:
Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 27/07/2018

Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 27/07/2018

93% Absent
11% Present
89%

ADVANCE NOTICE - SCHOOL PHOTOS TERM 3

On Wednesday 19th September Leading Image Photographers will be here at school. Students will be given an individual order form with their names on them during Term 3. This is the only copy of the order envelope they will be given. Students must bring the completed order envelope with the correct money or credit card details filled in on the day. No money will be handled by our school and no change will be given. Family photo order envelopes will be available from the front office closer to the day.

STUDENT FREE DAY & SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Governing Council has approved the following dates:
- Friday 24th August as a Student Free Day where staff will be involved in Training and Development.
- Monday 12th November as the 2018 School Closure Day. OSHC will be available but places are limited so book now to ensure a place.

ADVANCE NOTICE – PROPOSED EVENTS

Whilst these dates are still to be confirmed we wish to advise you of the tentative dates for Term 4 events.
- A whole school Concert in lieu of Open Night is planned for Tuesday 4th December (Week 8).
- Beach Carnival is planned for Friday 7th December (Week 8).
- Year 7 Celebrations to be held on Wednesday 12th December (Week 9).

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Book Week will be held during Week 5 this year commencing Monday 20th August. Our theme for 2018 is “Find Your Treasure”. The library will have a Book Fair from Monday 20th August to Thursday 23rd August. We will open the Book Fair from 8:00 am to 4:00pm as there will be no open night this year. There will be a Book Week Assembly on Tuesday 21st August, starting about 9:15am. There will be prizes for costumes for each class and some class prizes for the classes where everyone is dressed up and behaving well. We usually have lots of fun and the assembly goes for most of the morning. Parents are welcome to visit the Book Fair once the assembly has finished. Thank you to parents/carers for supporting our fairs and book clubs as we are able to obtain quite a lot of books for the children from the sales.

Chris McDonald & Tina Jackson

NEW SOCCER SHED

Thanks to the overwhelming response to the Fund My Neighbourhood Program, our new Soccer Canteen is completed and operational. Thank you to everyone who voted for our project and helped to promote it. It looks fantastic!

2018 FUN RUN

School Run4Fun Colour Explosion - We’re turning our annual Fun Run event from bland to GRAND this year by adding an explosion of colour. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects, in particular this year’s Fun Run sponsorship will be going towards purchasing iPads to support our continuing development of teaching using technology.

The School Run4Fun Colour Explosion will be held on Friday 21st September 2018 starting at 2:00pm.
A letter outlining all the information will be sent home with the sponsorship forms.
HATS
In accordance with guidelines from the Cancer Council, the wearing of school hats is compulsory from September 1st (beginning of Week 7 Term 3). Please ensure that your child has a school hat that is clearly named and in good condition. Students without school hats will need to remain in designated undercover areas during play time. Please also remember that the school colours are navy and gold and that coloured tops that are visible under school tops are not acceptable. The Uniform Policy is available from our school website http://www.portnoarps.sa.edu.au/uniform.html

STAFF UPDATE
Welcome to the following new staff:
• Prue McFarlane who is undertaking various release and teaching roles across the school.
• Katrina Hurley and Emily Tessari join our SSO team for Curriculum Support.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE AND VACATION CARE
Port Noarlunga Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) and Vacation Care has been operating since 2001. Both programs share the same area, the same philosophy and work together to provide a safe and happy environment for your children.
It is essential that children are booked into care so that they are expected, their safe arrival can be monitored and also so that the staff to child ratio is correct under the DECD Standards and Licensing Regulations. Bookings are taken at the commencement of each term and by phoning the service on 0405 334 676 or the front office on 8382 2455. For new enrolments please complete the enrolment and medical forms and make a copy of any Court Orders regarding who can have access to the child/ren prior to attending OSHC or Vacation Care. Most forms are available on the school website. Enrolment forms are updated annually, but if you have a change of address or phone number, please always advise the OSHC/Vacation Care Director as well as the School. If you need to cancel a booked session for OSHC or Vacation Care, please notify the service or the school as soon as possible to avoid being charged. Text messages can be left at the mobile phone number.
Robyn Harris – OSHC Director

2019 ENROLMENTS
The number of students attending our school each year impacts greatly on how we organise our staffing and classes for that year.
If you know that your children will not be returning to this school in 2019 or you know of new enrolments please let the front office know in writing as soon as possible at dl.0362.admin@schools.sa.edu.au
Forms for you to provide us with information about your child’s class placement for 2019 will be available later this year. Meanwhile, it is vital that we have the above information as soon as possible.

SCHOOL DISCO
The disco held on Thursday 5th July was a huge success! Students dressed to impress and danced the night away. What a great way to finish off the term!
There have been some wonderful learning opportunities recently including buddy class activities. It’s great see such enthusiasm for learning from both our students and our staff.