As a staff, we feel so fortunate to have been part of such a momentous occasion celebrating Port Noarlunga Primary School’s 100th Birthday. Saturday’s successful fete was down to the collaboration of everyone who rolled up their sleeves and put in their time and effort to make Port Noarlunga Primary School’s Centenary a milestone that will be remembered for years to come. Events like that do not just happen. It takes months of behind the scenes planning from a group of dedicated volunteers who are willing to go the extra mile and give up hours upon hours of their own time to give back to the community. This commitment and dedication is what makes PNPS such a wonderful school. To everyone who contributed, you should feel very proud of what we achieved together. The atmosphere was incredible and the obvious enjoyment by the local community made all of those nights of broken sleep and the 3:30am start for some on fete day, worthwhile! And to the rest of the planning committee, we are so fortunate as a school, to have people who will step up to the plate and go the extra mile. Your commitment in seeing this through was much appreciated. I hope you all enjoyed seeing the fruits of your labour come to fruition.

We have received some great feedback including the following:

- It was such an amazing day!! We thoroughly enjoyed it! It was very well planned and the event was perfect. Congratulations to all the staff and volunteers!! Proud to be part of such a fantastic school!
- Fantastic fete, great organising and terrific community spirit.
- Loved every minute of it! Congratulations to all involved.
- I thought it was really well organised and a great way to celebrate 100 years.
- Great day. Was nice to see a turn out from old and new students.
- We thought the Fete was exceptionally well organised and was a great day. No doubt that there was a lot of time and effort into the lead up to the event, but it was a credit to all involved. As a school family we appreciated all of the information in the lead up to the day, and as a school neighbour (we live just a couple of houses away), we also appreciated the notice in regards to events and timing.
- Our family thoroughly enjoyed the fete! Thank you for a wonderful day.
- We thoroughly enjoyed the day and definitely think it’s worth doing again.
- Thank you to all for all of your efforts. You did an amazing job.

To everyone involved in the Fete, whether as part of the planning process, set up, pack up, advertising, letterbox drops, cooking sausages and everything else, we are eternally grateful for everything you did to make this the enormous success that it was. We could not have done it without our wonderful school community.

Victoria Corbett – Deputy Principal
100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WEEK
What an incredible week of celebrations for the 100th Birthday! On Monday 17th October an “Old Fashioned” assembly was held in the gym. We had planned on being outside but the weather was very unpredictable. The school siren was turned off and students were ‘rounded up’ using an old brass bell. This was a source of amusement for staff and students alike. Students from Mrs McMillan’s class marched to music into assembly, to show everyone how they used to do it in days gone by.

Everyone sang “God Save the Queen” instead of the National Anthem. Leadership and some staff were dressed in period costume for this assembly.

Mrs Gotley recited the “Oath of Allegiance”. Leadership staff ran the assembly using documents supplied by State Records from 1916. Students were asked not to throw banana skins and date stones on the ground as they were being slipped upon. Students were also ‘disciplined’ for not following the school rules. Indie was placed on a stool with the “Dunce” cap for making her stitches in sewing class smaller than the recommended 1/8 inch. Mason was given the cane across his backside for not knowing all his timetables.

Mrs Ehlers led the “Daily Fitness” routine for everyone.

Students had the opportunity in class to participate in activities from ‘days gone by’ through activities prepared by classroom teachers. Some teachers even set their classrooms up how it was done 100 years ago. Mr Heard even used a blackboard. A bit different from your “Class Dojo” Mr Heard.

The Official Assembly held on Friday 21st October had invited guests and dignitaries, with students and staff encouraged to wear period costumes.

It was wonderful to see so many students dressed up and enjoying the day. Skipping between classes may not have been tolerated in 1916.

Students were presented with awards for the winning entries in the Time Capsule competition. Mrs Walker returned to school for the day to make the presentations with Mrs Rowell.

Mrs McMillan’s class presented a 100 year timeline of our school with photos and information.

The Choir performed “Song for the Mira”.

Dylan (youngest male student) and Mrs Cynthia Hames (ex student) cut the birthday cake.

Students were then able to enjoy the birthday cake on the oval at the Whole School Picnic. It was fabulous to see so many parents and family members at the assembly and the picnic. Thank you to everyone who supported our special birthday celebrations. You helped to make it extra special and very memorable.
2017 ENROLMENTS & CLASS PLACEMENTS
As we continue the class placement process for 2017, it is extremely important that we have accurate enrolments. If you are leaving the school or know of people intending to enrol, please contact the front office as a matter of urgency. Our school zone is currently in place. If you have collected a Class Placement Proforma from the front office, you will need to return it before Friday October 28th (End of Week 2 Term 4). Requests made after this date may not be taken into consideration. It is not appropriate to request that your child be in or not be in specific teachers’ classes. Whilst we value parents’ contributions, the final decision regarding the class placements remains with staff. Please outline the factors which will support the best learning environment for your child. All staff will work collaboratively to finalise, as far as possible, the 2017 classes by the end of Term 4. Students will be notified on Day 1 of 2017 after Census is completed.

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

READING
Our Reception students begin their reading journey in their classroom and then progress to borrowing readers from our Reading Room. When students are able to, they then progress to a stage where we begin to foster their independence. They come to the library and choose their readers from a great selection of small novels and chapter books, both fiction and non-fiction. Students then move to our Literacy-Pro programme which is individually tailored to each child and involves a lot of learning about borrowing from the library, searching for books and making decisions about what they want to read and how to find it. Students are on a learning journey. It is important to allow children go through this learning phase. Whilst many parents want to choose children’s books for them and locate the books for them in the library, it means that your child will take longer to go through this phase because they often stand back while you run around and complete the task for them. This does not help them, it hinders their independent learning. We have Year 1 and 2 students who come to the library frequently to borrow their readers and are competent at using their lists or iPads and using Book Mark to locate their items in the library. Students will seek help from other students or the library staff if they need it. Please allow your child to undertake this part of their learning to read journey independently. Children are also taught the skills during their library time and need time to consolidate.

Thankyou - Chris McDonald – Teacher Librarian

BEACH CARNIVAL
Forms requesting parent assistance at this year’s Beach Carnival have been sent home with your child. Beach Carnival will be held on Friday 11th November at Port Noarlunga Beach. If you are able to help at all then please return the form to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Mike Woolford – Physical Education teacher

CHOIR PERFORMANCE
The 2016 Choir Performance will be held on Thursday 3rd November at 7:30pm at the Hopgood Theatre Noarlunga Centre. Tickets are $25 plus booking fees and can be purchased through the theatre from Monday 17th October or online at hopgoodtheatre@countryarts.org.au Phone bookings can be made on 70094400 and over the counter bookings (+$3.50 per order). On the Day of the Performance we have our full Rehearsal in the Theatre from 8:50am-1:00pm.

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY
The End of Year presentation assembly will be held on Tuesday 13th December at 9:00am in the Gymnasium prior to the Volunteers’ Morning Tea. Students will be presented with certificates and medals for the Premier’s Reading Challenge and other competitions that students have participated in during the year. Please update your Term 4 Planner as the date on the planner is incorrect.

REMEMBER
A reminder to all parents and caregivers to please notify the school as soon as possible if you change any of your contact details. If you have recently changed your address or phone number then please phone the front office on 83822455. Please also inform the Outside School Hours Care Service if you access that programme.

STARTING SCHOOL PROGRAMME
The Term 4 Starting School Programme commences on Friday 28th October for enrolled preschoolers attending Port Noarlunga Primary School in 2017. The last day of Starting School Programme is Friday 9th December. The Transition to School visits commence next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. More information in the brochure provided earlier. Spare brochures are in the front office.

SCHOOL YARD SUPERVISION
At Port Noarlunga Primary School the school day commences at 8:50am with school yard supervision beginning at 8:30am. The bike shed is also opened at 8:30am. Students should arrive at school between these times. No students should be on the school grounds before 8:30am unless they are accessing the Outside School Hours Care Service.

VIV’S VIBE
Christmas Hampers - Well it’s that time of year again…silly season…Christmas! Every year, in my role as Pastoral Care Worker, it is my privilege to put together 12 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS with the help from staff, students and parents for families doing it tough in our school community. If your family would like to help this year, please bring your generous donations and either leave them with your child’s class teacher or bring them to the front office before the end of Week 6, Friday 25th November. Items that are great for hampers include:

• Non-perishables - NO FRESH PRODUCE!
• Staples such as pasta, rice, cereals, flour, sugar, tea, coffee, milo, cordial, long life milk etc
• Cans or jars - baked beans, stewed fruit, jams/vegemite, pasta sauces, vegetables, soups etc
• Toiletries - soaps, deodorants, toilet paper, toothpaste, hand cream, laundry products etc
• Small gifts (for under 12yrs and gender neutral) - water pistols, yoyo’s, books, pencils, balls, Uno cards, dolls, socks, hair bands, cars etc
• Treats - lollies, soft drink, chips, plum puddings, biscuits, chocolate etc

Pretty much anything is helpful, so think creatively.

Thank you - Vivonne – Pastoral Care Worker

Last year’s donations lined our main hallway and were gratefully received by the recipients.
100th Birthday Assembly & Picnic

Week 2 Term 4

27/10/16