REMEMBRANCE DAY

Due to the Beach Carnival our Remembrance Day Ceremony was held on Thursday in the Gymnasium. Mrs McMillan’s Year 2/3 class hosted the ceremony and did a wonderful job. Students spoke about the reason for Remembrance Day and why at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month we take some time to remember those men and women who have died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peace operations. Job Thiele read the poem ‘In Flanders Fields’ by John McCrae. Students from Mrs McMillan’s class shared information they have been researching such as:

- Remembrance Day marks the Armistice which ended the First World War. This is the day and time that the war stopped and peace was declared.
- In World War 1 it was not just men who went to war. Many Australian women volunteered as cooks, drivers, interpreters and other skilled positions. Female nurses served in countries such as Egypt, Greece and France often in dangerous conditions close to the frontline.
- During World War 1 on many ruined fields in France and Belgium where fighting had occurred, red poppies began to grow. Today we wear poppies on Remembrance Day to honour all those who have died in wars.
- Australians have been involved in wars and conflicts and have helped with many peacekeeping operations. More than one and a half million Australians have gone to war and many have died.
- Many people wear a sprig of rosemary on Remembrance Day and ANZAC Day as a sign of remembrance and loyalty. Rosemary grew at Gallipoli and serves as a reminder of the ANZAC troops who lost their lives there.
- The Last Post is played to introduce the minute’s silence. In military life it is played at the end of the day.

Mr Steve McInnes from the Port Noarlunga/Christies Beach RSL presented a poster of Navy Warships to the school. The Last Post was played today at 11:00am at the Beach Carnival followed by one minute’s silence.
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
At last week’s school assembly the following students received an award acknowledging their hard work, perseverance and use of positive strategies in developing a Growth Mindset for their learning:
- Kai Bull, Jayden Frensch (Miss Birkin)
- Tyler Jones, Aeloa Lines (Mrs Ross)
- Ivy Malthouse, Khyson Forbes-Richards (Mr Letcher)
- Tyler Platt, Abbey Hill (Mrs Ehlers)
- Zoe Gautam, Lucy Sayers (Mrs Haddad)
- Murray McDougall, Serenity Tilley (Mrs Harley)
- Alice Shugg, Charlie White (Miss Neumeister)
- Bailey Warren, George Blackford (Mrs McMillan)
- Kirrily Edmonds, Cooper Bowey (Miss Thompson)
- Chloe Bacon, Mason Smith (Mrs Sander)
- Brayden Nicolle, Tamikah Lodge (Mrs Gottley)
- Riley Jones, Matthew Zahra, Sophia Richardson (Mr Rowell)
- Torby Bowey, Verlet Ellis (Mr Horsfall)
- Lola Jordan, Maddison Moloney (Mr Heard)
- Alana Arhipoff, Dylan Knell (Mr Wakefield)
- Elyssa Lamer, Jed Bergman (Ms Eldridge)
- Lani Fox (Kerry Gallagher)

MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGES FOR 2017
The Materials and Services Charges for 2017 will be $280.00. You are invited to attend the Governing Council meeting on Wednesday 7th December at 6:30pm to discuss any concerns you may have. In lieu of attendance at the meeting, parents and caregivers can express their views in writing to the Chairperson of the Governing Council.

CLASS PLACEMENT PROCESS
If your child will not be attending Port Noarlunga Primary School in 2017 could you please let us know as soon as possible by phoning 83822455 or emailing dl.0362.admin@schools.sa.edu.au. This will assist us greatly with the final stages of planning for 2017.

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS
All readers and library books for Reception to Year 3 students are due to be returned by 24th November (Thursday Week 6). Please return anything you have at home with a barcode label. Years 4 – 7 borrowing is due to be returned by November 30. All borrowing will conclude at the end of week 7 for stocktaking.

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY
Parents and caregivers are invited to attend the End of Year Presentation Assembly at 9:00am in the Gymnasium on Tuesday 13th December prior to the Volunteer’s 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.

VOLUNTEER’S MORNING TEA
The annual Volunteer’s Morning Tea will be held on Tuesday 13th December at 10:30am following the End of Year Presentation Assembly. Invitations will be sent home with your child soon. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible to help with catering.

REMINDER
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.

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, yo-yo’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

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.

VACSWIM
On Saturday 3rd December 2016, VACSWIM are offering 40 FREE come and try VACSWIM places at Port Noarlunga Beach from 10.00-11.30am. Channel 9 News will be reporting on the event and Port Noarlunga Surf Life Saving Club will be actively on patrol.

This event is an opportunity for those pupils who have not yet experienced the VACSWIM beach program and who would like to take part. It is also an opportunity to book into the VACSWIM beach program being held in January 2017.

To book into the December 2016 FREE come and try event, click this link below:
http://e.mybookingmanager.com/E1023193829144249

Any further questions or queries please contact me directly.

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Surf Life Saving SA
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w: surflifesavingsa.com.au

E-SAFETY SESSION FOR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND CARERS
A presentation for parents, carers and grandparents providing an overview of how young people use technology, the risks they may be exposed to and strategies for safe use of the internet.

Where: 72 Collins Parade Hackham
When: Thursday 24th November
Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm or 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Cost: Free - Bookings are essential by calling 8186 6944. Limited créche spaces are available.
Our Memorial Garden

Just over a year ago we included this article in our newsletter to provide a bit of background and history regarding our Memorial Garden. We are currently reinforcing to our students that this area is not a ‘play area’ nor a ‘climbing arena’. Students are often seen at the end of the school day climbing on the wire pergola damaging it and not using the area with the respect that it deserves.

We encourage our students to enjoy the garden area with their friends, but to do so in a less boisterous way than in our natural play areas, using the seats and grassed area to read and chat and enjoy the sunshine.

If you are in the school grounds with your children then please supervise them and ensure that they treat the equipment and facilities with respect and consideration. This garden was originally designed and planted in 2003 as a memorial to a much loved teacher, Anne Preston, who passed away during the Christmas holidays in January of 2003. Anne was a popular teacher with the whole school community and the creation of the Memorial Garden was a big help in enabling staff, students and parents to come to an acceptance of her passing. Her initials form part of the southern arch that leads into the garden.

There is also a plaque in the garden as a memorial to a student who died as a result of a car accident. Stefan Del Barrio was a lively Year Seven student at our school and his passing devastated his family, classmates and the school staff. His mother still comes to visit his memorial and we know it brings her some measure of comfort to know that his contribution to our school community has not been forgotten.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Every year we celebrate the wonderful job that our teachers do in educating and caring for our students. This year we celebrated by holding a special morning tea, and presented our teachers with a small gift. Our students also contributed their thoughts about their teachers. These were then included as a gift tag for teachers to remind them of the wonderful (and sometimes humorous) ways in which their students see them.

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES

With lots of excursions, incursions and activities happening in the last 5 weeks of this term, it is timely to remind parents to regularly check with your child regarding notes, permission slips and reminders. It is vital that we have these notes, especially permission slips returned to school as soon as possible. This helps us with planning and allows us time to seek enough parent help to meet the supervision ratios required.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHOIR

We wish to congratulate all of students involved in this year’s Southern Festival of Music held on Thursday 4th November at Hopgood Theatre. An outstanding performance by everyone involved.
PORT NOARLUNGA VACATION CARE  
10 James Avenue, Port Noarlunga  
Program from Monday 19 December, 2016 until Friday, 27 January, 2017  
Open daily from 7.00 am until 6.00 pm  
Telephone No: 0405-334-676 or 8384-5612  
Cost per day is $48 which includes excursions and some lunches where nominated  
Fees can be significantly reduced with Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate  
Please call 13 61 50 if you do not currently receive CCB and/or CCR or log onto www.humanservice.gov.au/customer/information for assistance  
A $50 bond applies to all new families  

UNFORTUNATELY, as staff are booked to work in advance, you will be charged UNLESS FIVE WORKING DAY’S NOTICE is given to cancel a booking. If a child is ill, a doctor’s certificate must be provided to negate the fee being charged.

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<td>Aussie, Aussie, Aussie...Oi, Oi, Oi! Explore some Australian traditions including a game of backyard cricket and a sausage sizzle provided by us</td>
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On excursion days, don’t be late or the bus won’t wait. Be here by 9.00 am  

Back to school on Monday, 30 January, 2017

Please familiarise yourselves with the booking conditions.