TRANSITION FOR 2018 RECEPTION STUDENTS

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO WILL BE STARTING SCHOOL NEXT YEAR OR KNOW OF OTHERS WHO DO?

We are currently planning the transition process for our new Receptions at the beginning of 2018.

If you have a child who turns 5 years of age BEFORE May 1st 2018 and are planning for them to attend Port Noarlunga Primary School, please contact Jan in the front office to register your details and enrol for the Starting School Programme, if interested. You will also need to complete a school enrolment form before the end of the year.

Potential 2018 Reception students will be able to attend the Starting School Programme.
- This is held each Friday afternoon from 1.45-3.15pm until the end of the year. The programme is not held in the first & last weeks of each term.
- The Starting School Programme is a play based programme run by the current Reception teachers. Children must be coming to PNPS in 2018, be toilet trained, be able to express their needs and be enrolled for the programme.
- It is a parental decision as to when their child starts the Starting School Programme. Some children are ready to attend from its commencement whilst others prefer to wait until later in the year. You will be asked to indicate this upon enrolment to assist with staffing arrangements.
- To support the running of this programme there is a total cost of $50 which is payable on enrolment. This total payment is regardless of the number of sessions attending. Therefore, the more sessions your child attends, the cheaper per session it becomes! Enrolment forms are available at the front office.

Attendance at the Starting School Programme has proven to give new Receptions a wonderful start to their schooling, with transition at the beginning of the following year increasingly smooth as they are very aware of their surroundings and staff. The programme also assists our staff to get to know your children before they are allocated to classes, thereby helping us greatly with this important process.

In Term 4 there will be organised school visits whereby the 2018 new Receptions will have the opportunity to have morning visits into the Reception classes. The Reception teachers will also visit kindergartens during Terms 3 and 4.

Parent meetings:
We have already held one parent meeting this year and others will be held later in the year. You will be notified of the times and dates for these closer to the actual dates.

Jo Rowell - Principal
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
At this 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 and community participation:
- Maddison Dott, Ryley Lynch (Miss Field)
- Pippa Aloisi, Harry Bais (Mrs Ross)
- Alfred Doughty, Noah Anderson (Mr Letcher)
- Diesel Brammer, Lydla Korda (Mrs Ehlers)
- Taylah Baker, Jye Lynch (Mrs Haddad/Mrs Baumann)
- Allira Eriksson-Stewart, Charlotte Richardson (Miss Neumeister/Mrs Smith)
- Lacey Zivkov, Coa Gill (Miss Jast)
- Lewis Millington-Williams, Caitlyn Blacker (Mrs McMillan)
- Johnny Dunn, Zoe Borkowski (Miss Thompson)
- Jayden King, Dexter Williams (Mrs Sander/Mrs Fullerton)
- Calum Cherrington, Andre Caruso (Mrs Gotley/Mrs Smith)
- Sarah Honter, Zoe Chiorsi (Mr Rowell)
- Harry Bigg, Cooper Denton (Mr Horstall)
- Mathilde Verrall, Levi Graves (Miss Aucoin)
- Jenaya Curry, Alex Fawcett (Mr Wakefield)
- Kobe Foureur, Jim Blackford, Ellie Chomel (Ms Eldridge)
- Schenise Bruno, James Donnon (Vivonne)

Congratulations to all of these students!
Each student who receives an award earns a point for their school team. Points awarded this round were:
- Stingrays: 6
- Sharks: 9
- Dolphins: 15
- Swordfish: 5

PARKING
Please remember that a considerable section of the area along the northern side of Anderson Avenue is a drop off/pick up zone between 8am and 9am, and between 2pm and 4pm. The Onkaparinga Council re-signposted this area to help with safe school access for parents and it is very disappointing to see that some parents are still using this as a parking area. Students have noticed this and written to the Onkaparinga Council about their concerns. We fully support them in this and hope that people will start doing the right thing and set a better example for our students.

ATTENDANCE

Week 6 Term 2

94% Present

Year to Date (2017)
The average daily attendance rate; Year to Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 02/06/2017

Previous Week
Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 02/06/2017

BLUE GROPER PUBLIC ART PROJECT
On Thursday of this week several classes attended the launch of the Blue Groper Public Art Project at the Port Noarlunga Surf Lifesaving Club. We coloured in pictures of the new sculpture, and Mrs McMillan’s class also did some research on the sea creatures that appear in the sculpture. A new song was written to celebrate this event and Mrs McMillan’s class were invited to join in on the chorus of this song. We really enjoy being part of local community events!

WELCOME!
We would like to welcome Glen Scott to our staff. Glen is filling in for Tony Barratt (Groundsman) while he is on leave until the end of the term. Toni Styman is also a most welcome temporary addition to our staff. She will be working in the library with Chris McDonald.

VACATION CARE
Included with this week’s newsletter is the July School Holidays Vacation Care programme. Parents are reminded that places are limited and bookings are essential. If you wish to use the service during the upcoming holiday period commencing Monday 10th July – Friday 21st July, please phone Robyn on 0405 334 676 or call into OSHC for more details.

ILLNESS AND DISEASE
At this time of year it is timely to remind parents and caregivers that if your child is unwell then it is best that they are kept home to recover. Please let the school know on 83822455 if your child is unwell or has a communicable disease.

LOST PROPERTY
We have a large quantity of lost property mounting up again. Please remember to clearly name and label your child’s belongings. Parents and students are welcome to regularly check the lost property for missing items.
Congratulations to the Young Leaders for their Casual Clothes Day and Cancer Council Cookie fundraisers supporting Team Fear and Loathing. Donations, jellybean guesses and cookie purchases totalled over $800 which was presented to Simone and Torey the day before they departed for their journey to Cairns. Students had an opportunity to inspect the car and hear from Simone and Torey how the money raised benefits cancer research. The car just made it over the finish line with a flat tyre just 1.5kms out of Cairns and the exhaust strapped to the roof after it fell off. Well done ladies! A fantastic effort by everyone involved.

**READING WITH YOUR CHILD**

Did you know that adding 10 minutes a day to a child’s reading makes a big difference over the year? Research shows us that the benefits of reading 10 minutes more per day include improved performance in:

- General Knowledge
- Vocabulary
- Reading Comprehension
- Verbal Fluency
- Spelling

The more minutes children read per day, the more fluent their reading becomes. From 5 minutes to 15 minutes per day there is a 200% increase in word exposure over one year. Parents are welcome to come to the Resource Centre and borrow books to read with their children.

**WHO’S IN CHARGE PARENTING COURSE**

Junction Australia and Sheila Davidson present ‘Who’s In Charge?’ to be held in Term 3 2017 at the Community Connections 72 Collins Parade Hackham. This 8 week course for those struggling with children or adolescents that use violence and abuse towards them or family members runs on Mondays commencing Monday 31st July – Monday 18th September from 10:00am – 12:00pm with morning tea provided. This is a free course but bookings are essential. Phone 8392 3000 to secure a place. The flyer for this course has been uploaded to the PNPS Skoolbag app.

**BLUE LIGHT MOVIE DISCO**

**DO NOT FORGET**

Red Nose Donut orders are due by 20th June. As the orders are being processed externally late orders cannot be filled.