‘Living’ our School Values

Most people are aware that our school values are:
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Independence
- Caring
- Honesty

What we wish to promote is making these values part of everyday life at Port Noarlunga Primary School. Every classroom promotes these values in class behaviour and interactions. Sometimes where we fall down, though, is using these values outside of the classroom.

We are looking for our whole school community to support our values by:

- Looking after belongings and returning found items to the owner or the Front Office (if unnamed).
- Respecting our school property by taking care of equipment and facilities.
- Picking up any stray rubbish and popping it into a bin. It may not have been your rubbish but seeing an issue and doing something about it is a very respectful, responsible, independent and caring thing to do.
- Looking after each other’s physical and emotional wellbeing by acting in a caring and responsible way toward others, and most definitely not getting caught up in bullying others.
- Taking responsibility for our actions. We all make mistakes at times and it shows great strength of character if we can admit to a mistake, face up to any consequences, and learn from that experience.

Please talk to your child/children about these issues and provide them with lots of support and role modelling so that our students become the very best that they can be.

Jo Rowell
Principal
**SAPSASA STUDENT NEWS**

On Thursday 1st June we had 6 members from Port Noarlunga Primary School represent Onkaparinga South in Cross Country. It was held at Oakbank Racecourse. For the first time in a long time there was no rain or mud to push through. The sun shone even though it was only 3 degrees when we first arrived. A big congratulations to all these students who competed against 150 competitors in each race:

- **Under 11s** - Mason Corbett 17th place
  Ella Harris 48th place
- **Under 12s** – Chelsea Jentz 21st place
  Summer Corbett 52nd place
  Ziggy Batley 63rd place
- **Under 13s** – Blake Wood 23rd place

Congratulations to Mason Corbett who was selected to try out for the state team on the 17th June. Mason narrowly missed out on being selected for the State Team but is first reserve. Well done to everyone who competed. It was great to have Port Noarlunga Primary School represent Onkaparinga South.

**Chelsea Jentz – student and SAPSASA Competitor**

**NEW REPORT TEMPLATE**

Please make sure that you have read the information that was sent out earlier this week about our new report template. Of particular interest should be the change in the way that we assign ‘Effort’ gradings. It’s important that you have read this before reading your child’s report.

Reports will be distributed on the last day of Term 2 (Friday 7th July). Students absent on the day will receive their reports in Term 3.

**TERM THREE INTERVIEWS**

As is our customary practice, we will be holding parent/teacher/student interviews early in Term Three. At these interviews you have the opportunity to discuss your child’s report, as well as any additional concerns or questions that you may have regarding your child’s education.

This year we are trialling the booking of these interviews online. Please watch out for information about this process next week. As usual, interview times will be available on a ‘first come’ basis.

**LITERACY PLANET LEGENDS: CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Teagan and Tommy Nunn who were nominated as Literacy Planet Legends. Both students put a lot of effort in to particular areas of their lives and it was wonderful that they were recognised for this. Teagan and Tommy both received a Literacy Planet Legends 2017 pack. Well done for showing persistence and determination to do the best that you can do!

**GRANDPARENT CARERS**

Grandparents who are the carers for their grandchildren are invited to afternoon tea at 1.40 on Tuesday 4th July at school. For further information or any queries contact Jan Davoren. Phone 83822455 or email dl.0362.info@schools.sa.edu.au

**VACATION CARE**

Included in the last newsletter was 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 please phone Robyn on 0405 334 676 or call into OSHC for more details. Copies of the latest programme, enrolment forms and other information can be found on the school website at http://www.portnoarps.sa.edu.au/oshc.html

**WINTER ILLNESSES**

Winter is here and so are the viruses! Please keep your children home if they are not well. Germs spread quickly within a school, and being cosy at home is the best place for a sick child. Please remember to inform the office if your child is going to be absent.
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UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

Your child / children may be given a letter listing any unexplained absences we have recorded in our database. In some instances students are receiving multiple letters. Please check with them to see if they have received this letter. You may also like to check their communication bags and school bags. Could you please fill in the form and return it to your child’s class teacher as soon as possible so that we can make the necessary changes to the absences database. A reminder that you can notify the school regarding your child’s absence in many ways:

- email dl0362.info@schools.sa.edu.au
- Phone: 83822455
- Skoolbag – download the app for iPhone and Android (instructions are on our website at www.portnoarps.sa.edu.au/attendance.html)

Once the app is installed and open, go to Absences & Change of Details then go to Absentee Form and complete the form.

To see how absences affect your child’s learning check out the flyers below:


To read our Attendance Policy click here:


Victoria Corbett – School Counsellor

BOOK WEEK

During Term 3, Week 5 (Monday 21st to Friday 25th August) we will be celebrating Book Week. There will be competitions and prizes awarded for costumes at the Book Week assembly on Tuesday 22nd August. We encourage all students and teachers to dress up for our Book Week assembly. Many shops are presently selling costumes and it would be a good idea to plan ahead. The theme for this year is “Escape to Everywhere”. Most costumes can be tied to a book, story or character. Miss Scott will be working on a dance with students during their lessons and during library lessons students will be shown/read some of the books that have been shortlisted by the Children’s Book Council. This year we will be having a Book Fair in the library from Monday to Thursday. Please come along and check out the Book Fair.

Chris McDonald and Tina Jackson – Resource Centre

SKOOLBAG APP

We have received lots of community notices and information flyers this term including courses and training opportunities. We have uploaded quite a few to the Skoolbag app so that you can easily access them.

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

Each year there is the opportunity for people working in education to be recognised for their excellent contribution to the education of our students. It is an honour to be nominated and we are delighted that three staff members from our school have been nominated this year. Congratulations to Jo Rowell, Mike Woolford and Brett Horsfall for their nominations. All of our staff work very hard indeed for the benefit of our students and it’s always very gratifying when this is acknowledged by others.

BUSH WORKSHOP IN PORT NOARLUNGA

Community members and landholders wanting to learn about managing bushland for biodiversity are invited to attend a Bush For Life
workshop in Port Noarlunga on Monday 10 July 2017. The introductory workshop is designed to introduce participants to the principles of bush regeneration, why it’s so important and the practical steps we can take to help. The content includes issues such as the importance of native vegetation and basic ecology, degrading influences on native vegetation and working safely in the bush. An informative 1-2 hour field trip follows the classroom session. The workshop will be held from 9.30am to 4.30pm. For more information, phone Trees For Life on (08) 8406 0500 or log onto http://www.treesforlife.org.au

MINDFULNESS AWARENESS PROGRAM
Anglicare SA SPRING Program have partnered with Anglicare SA Hippy Program and Hackham West Children’s Centre to bring you a FREE 8 week Mindfulness Awareness Parenting Program. Please let us know asap if you are interested and able to commit to the full 8 week program as places go quickly. Mindful awareness is about paying attention to what is going on in the present moment. Learning and using mindful awareness helps us to focus on ourselves and others with kindness and acceptance. University research has also shown that mindfulness practice helps with chronic pain, stress, depression, anxiety and improves immune system function and increases general well-being.

In the MAP™ workshops you will learn;
• To notice what your child needs
• To repair your relationships when things don’t go as smoothly as you would like
• Ways to help you stay calm with your kids
• Ways to look after yourself even when you are busy looking after your family
• To enjoy being a “Good Enough” Parent
• To have fun and enjoy being a parent
• Lifelong relationship skills

The workshops are specifically designed to be nurturing, respectful, fun and supportive.

WHEN: Monday 7 August to Monday 25 September
TIME: 9.30 to 11.30am
WHERE: Hackham West Children’s Centre - Situated in Hackham West Primary R-7, 50 Glynville Drive, Hackham West and is FREE for parents with a child under 16 years. A Creche is available on request. Places are limited so book now to secure your place. RSVP: Please contact Tara or Karen at Hackham West Children’s Centre on 8382 6161 or email karen.walker808@schools.sa.edu.au

DRAGON HOMES BY MR LETCHER’S CLASS
Mr Letcher’s Reception class have been learning about people being who they are. Part of this was being happy if you were different to others. The students read a book called, "Herb, the Vegetarian Dragon" which was about a dragon who did not want to eat meat and preferred gardening in his vegetable patch. The students created their own dragons which were unique in some way. They then made homes for them using boxes and other making equipment.
On Thursday June 8, six of our classes from Year 1 – Year 4 attended the World Ocean Day celebrations at Port Noarlunga foreshore. World Ocean Day is annually observed on June 8th to raise awareness of the challenges humanity faces to protect the world’s oceans.

Each of the classes participated in the colouring in activity, research about the reef, created a giant sand sculpture of a fish, parachute play and enjoyed bacon, tomato, bean and vegetable soup. The students were commended by the Port Noarlunga Business and Tourism Association for their behaviour and involvement on the day.

Prior to the day, Mrs McMillan’s Year 3 class learnt and practised the song ‘Movin’ The Blue Line’ written about protecting the reef. The class then performed the song with local musician Chris Finnen.

A big part of the celebrations was the unveiling of the new artwork ‘The Goggles’ which was created to inspire, engage and educate the community for marine conservation using the iconic Western Blue Groper as a representative species of reef life (there have been recent sightings on the reef after an absence of about 50 years). The unveiling was executed to perfection by our students with a booming countdown from 10 to 0.

Since the event Mrs McMillan’s class have been creating beautiful artwork with the topic of The Reef.