Week 8 Term 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear all,

Term 3 has been a busy term in regards to staffing. We have been lucky enough to convert 3 of our SSOs from contract to permanency. Lisa Jauncey, Jayne Jeffries and Tina Jackson have all earned 15.25 permanent hours per week at PNPS and we congratulate them on this achievement.

We have also employed 3 permanent Junior Primary teachers. Congratulations to Kim Gwatking, Joshua MacWilliams and Courtney Orrin on earning their ‘jobs for life’ at PNPS.

Over the past week we have finalised staffing for Term 4. Kingsley Heard continues as Deputy Principal, Justin Ratcliff continues in the Year 1 class, Rachel Gregory continues in the Year 5/6 class, Bianca Newbery continues in the Reception class and Diana Fullerton continues as the History / Geography teacher in Term 4. I am hopeful that no other staffing changes arise in the next 10 days.

Class Placement forms for 2019 are available from the front office or you can contact Victoria Corbett or Kingsley Heard via Class Dojo detailing your request. We make every effort to meet reasonable requests however, we can’t always please everyone.

We are currently looking at class numbers and models for 2019 and our early calculations are pointing towards 17 classes. However, we need to look at our financial situation to ensure that we can afford this. Please ensure that you notify us if your child/ren will not be returning in 2019 as soon as possible.

Finally, I’d like to say thank you to those of you who have been providing feedback, information and support throughout this term. It is so important that we hear, and listen to, the voices of our school community.

Take care,

Marie
ATTENDANCE

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ADVANCED NOTICE

- Monday 15th October is a Student Free Day. Staff will be involved in Training and Development. Term 4 commences Tuesday 16th October.
- Governing Council have approved Monday 12th November as the 2018 School Closure Day. The school will be closed on this day. OSHC will be available but places are strictly limited so book now to ensure a place.
- A whole school end of year concert will be held on Tuesday 4th December on the school oval. Further information will be available early in Term 4.
- Year 7 Graduation celebrations will be held on Wednesday 12th December.

STUDENTS ON GROUNDS BEFORE SCHOOL

Please be mindful of the fact that students are not to be on the school grounds before 8:30am. This is regardless of whether or not you accompany them. Our grounds are only supervised from 8:30am and if your child needs to be at school before that time, then they need to be enrolled in Before School Care. Likewise the Front Office is open to our school community from 8:30am and not beforehand. Mornings are a very busy time and a lot happens in the Front Office at that time.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

As in previous years Leading Image Photographers will be in the school all day on Wednesday 19th September to take all students’ photos. Please make sure that your children are wearing full school uniform. You will have received an envelope for each of your children. Students will need to bring the envelope to school on the day (not before) to be handed to the photographer. Please ensure that each of your children have their own envelope and that the correct money is inside.

Unfortunately, the school will be unable to change money on the day. You may pay by credit, just put the details on a piece of paper and slip it into the envelope. Families with 3 or more children only pay for the first two children when paying online with any option the 3rd and 4th child is FREE. If you would like to have a family photo taken, please arrange to pick up a family envelope from the front office. Only children who attend school can be included in this photo.

PEOPLE’S CHOICE COMMUNITY LOTTERY

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in the People’s Choice Community Lottery. With ticket sales at school and online we sold $586 worth which will be used to help establish the new garden areas around the school.

LOST PROPERTY

During the last week of this term (Monday 24th September – Friday 29th September) the lost property will be on display in the afternoons outside of the front office (weather permitting). Please ask your children to regularly check lost property in the front office for their belongings and remember that if they are clearly labelled we are able to return them to your children as soon as they are handed in. Please help us to help you. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the term.

FUN RUN

The annual Fun Run is planned for Friday 21st September (Week 9). This Fun Run is a major fundraising initiative held each year. This year’s proceeds will be used to purchase more iPads to support student learning. Students have received a sponsorship form with a selection of over 70 prizes to choose from. If you have misplaced your sponsorship form, please ask for a replacement at the front office. Sponsorship can also be collected online. Details of how to set this up are on the sponsor form. We hope this will help students who wish to ask family and friends from interstate or overseas.

Happy fundraising and we look forward to seeing you at our Fun Run to cheer on the students.

2019 ENROLMENTS AND PLANNING

As we plan ahead for 2019, it is vital that we know of any students who will not be attending our school next year. Please inform the front office as soon as possible if your child will be leaving the school at the end of 2018. You can let us know by emailing dl.0362.admin@schools.sa.edu.au or phoning 83822455.

BENNY AVENUE GATE

As Port Noarlunga Aquatics Centre recommences its programme, cars and trailers will once again be moving in and out of the double gates at the end of Benny Avenue. Parents and students are asked to use the pedestrian gate at the corner of the oval rather than using these double gates to ensure students’ safety. This includes students who are dropped off in cars in Benny Avenue.

BACKPACKS FOR KIDS SA

We were overwhelmed with the response to the Pyjama Day and donation drive to benefit BackPacks For Kids SA. A total of $435 was donated in gold coins on the day and a large number of both new and used clothing, books and toiletries donated to be sent to Back Packs for Kids SA. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful charity. The backpacks help to relieve some of the stress and anxiety children face when they are removed from their family, often in traumatic situations and without the opportunity to take any personal belongings with them. Thanks so much to all involved!
SCHOOL HATS AND DRESS CODE COMPLIANCE

As per our school policy and guidelines from the Cancer Council the wearing of school hats is now compulsory. New hats can be purchased at the Front Office for $11.50. Please also write your child’s name in their hat as these are always over represented in our lost property baskets. Students not wearing hats need to be in delegated shade areas at recess and lunch. A reminder to everyone that our school dress code does not include jeans or items of clothing that contain colours other than navy blue and gold (yellow). An increasing number of our students are coming to school wearing items of clothing that don’t meet our school dress code. Please check that your child is dressed appropriately. Parkas or heavier jackets that are worn over windcheaters on very cold days do not need to be dress code compliant, but windcheaters most certainly do need to be in school colours only.

FREE FRUIT FOR STUDENTS

Each day for the last 4 weeks one of our SSO team has been collecting boxes of fruit from Woolworths on Beach Road at Christies Beach. Each day Woolworths donate free fruit for our students to enjoy throughout the day. It has been great to see students enjoying the fruit and even asking for more. Some students are trying new and even tropical fruits for the first time and sharing with us how much they are enjoying it. Two of our classes have made thank you cards to send to Woolworths showing their appreciation.

STARDUST CASTLE VISIT

Yesterday Lolita and her classmates from Mrs Baumann’s and Mrs Haddad’s Year 2 class went along to Stardust Castle to see the unveiling of the Christmas Pageant float that Lolita designed. Lolita entered a competition to design a float and won with her Tree of Kindness. To see the media coverage of this very special event click the following links. Congratulations Lolita. Your winning entry is truly special.

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