Welcome to Term 3.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students, families and staff members for the wonderful welcome I have received since starting at Port Noarlunga Primary School.

This is a rather drastic change in environment for me as my previous role was Principal of Indulkana Anangu School on the APY Lands. My time in Indulkana was highly rewarding and challenging and I look forward to the new challenges I will face here.

My initial focus will be to form relationships and develop a deep understanding of this school before we begin formulating our Site Improvement Plan for 2018. There will be opportunities for families to provide input during the planning process over the next 2 terms.

School is a safe place for our students and staff and I am strongly opposed to violence in any form. I am aware that issues arise at times however it is important that we all model respectful language and interactions at all times when on the school grounds. Parents and caregivers who are unable to maintain a calm manner may be asked to leave the school grounds.

Please feel free to contact me via the school email address with concerns, suggestions and success stories as these help inform my work.

With thanks,
Marie
STUDENT FREE DAY & SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Governing Council has approved the following dates:

- Monday 16th October as a Student Free Day where staff will be involved in Training and Development offsite (This is the first day of Term 4).
- Monday 6th November as the 2017 School Closure Day following Beach Carnival on Friday 3rd November

OSHC will be available but places are limited so book now to ensure a place.

ATTENDANCE

![Attendance Chart]

Wow! Our attendance data for Week One of this term was amazing! Let’s see if we can keep this up throughout the term. The cold weather means that illness will make this tricky (and we certainly don’t want sick children to be forced to come to school) but it’s always good to aim high.

Jo Rowell – Deputy Principal

RESOURCE CENTRE NEWS

Book Week is in Week 5 this term. The theme this year is “Escape to Everywhere”. We will celebrate with a book fair, from Monday 21st August to Thursday 24th. We will have a Book Week Assembly on Tuesday 22nd August, starting at 9:15am. Everyone is invited to dress up. There will be prizes for costumes. Over the next few weeks students will be introduced to the short listed books and teachers will decide which competition their class will enter. Parents, Grandparents and Carers are invited to our Assembly. A big thank you to the Family of Taya Sinclair for the donation of 2 boxes of new books to our library.

Thank you - Chris McDonald – Teacher Librarian

HATS

The wearing of school hats is compulsory from the beginning of Term Three. This is in accordance with guidelines from the Cancer Council. Please ensure that your child/children has a school hat that is clearly named and in good condition. Students without school hats will need to remain in designated undercover areas during play time.

ADVANCE NOTICE - SCHOOL PHOTOS TERM 3

On Wednesday 20th September Leading Image Photographers will be here at school. Students will be given an individual order form with their names on them during Term 3. This is the only copy of the order envelope they will be given, Students must bring the completed order envelope with the correct money or credit card details filled in on the day. No money will be handled by our school and no change will be given. Family photo order envelopes will be available from the front office closer to the day.

MOVIN’ THE BLUE LINE

On Tuesday 25th July, 10 students from Mrs McMillan’s class were invited to participate in the recording of ‘Movin’ The Blue Line’ with songwriter Chris Finnen. The invitation followed the unveiling of “The Goggles” at Port Noarlunga Foreshore last term where the whole class sang the song. Students travelled to the Red Brick Music Recording Studio and were recorded singing the chorus of the song. Students were selected based on their participation in the Junior Choir. The song will be added to Chris’ new album and released for the Port Noarlunga Seep South Blues Festival.

COUNSELLORS NEW TITLE

The new title of Student Wellbeing Leader will replace my old title of Counsellor. This change has been implemented across all DECD primary and secondary schools.

The change in title has been the result of feedback stating that the title does not reflect the role and work of people in my leadership position, almost promoting the misleading perceptions that staff have counselling qualifications and the expectations that staff provide a professional counselling and therapeutic service to students and families.

The new title better reflects the role that I do, which is to support the wellbeing and positive engagement of children and young people. Same person, same job, just a different title!

Victoria Corbett – Student Wellbeing Leader
PEER MEDIATORS

Last term nearly 90 students undertook training to become part of our new Peer Mediation initiative. Peer mediation is where students apply problem solving strategies to assist others to settle their disputes at recess and lunchtime.

The purpose of peer mediation is to address minor incidents proactively in an attempt to prevent them from escalating into further incidents and to help come to a win-win resolution.

Three pairs of Peer Mediators are on duty at each recess and lunchtime to help support the other students in the school. They help resolve conflicts by listening to each person without taking sides and help everyone look for a solution.

Initial feedback has been very positive and it is great to see so many students being proactive in helping to maintain a positive, supportive school community.

Victoria Corbett – Student Wellbeing Leader

Check out some of the photos of our Peer Mediators assisting other students in the yard wearing their Hi-Vis jackets.

ARE YOU ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE?

Victoria Corbett and Mike Woolford are forming an Environmental Awareness Committee. We will focus on a task each term and the focus for this term will be learning about recycling and how to best use our new colour coded bin enclosures purchased by our wonderful fundraising team. If you would like to help out in any way, then please contact Victoria or Mike via the front office on 83822455 or email dl.0362.admin@schools.sa.edu.au

CHANGES TO SCHOOL PARKING ZONES

Please note that there have been changes to some of the parking conditions around the school. Of particular note are the changes along Duke Street and Ralphs Avenue. The signs pictured here have replaced the old signage. This has been done by the Onkaparinga Council, in consultation with the school, with the safety of our students in mind. Of interest, is the fact that the old signage meant that it was illegal to park in front of the units on Duke Street at any time. Most people disregarded the signs, and only considered the yellow lines when parking. The new signage clarifies the parking conditions and actually increases the time when it is legal to park in this area.

Parents and caregivers are reminded that the staff car park is for staff parking only. Please observe the signage around the school in relation to parking. Please set a good example for your children, follow the rules and consider other people.

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CONNECTION

At the commencement of Term 2 this year ‘Connexon’, an inter-generational links program, was born. The program was so named because our current generation of children are called ‘Generation X’ and we hoped that they would connect (visit, speak with and begin friendships with) nursing home residents.

During the July holidays, 31 Children (ten per session) from Port Noarlunga Vacation Care visited the residents from the Perry Park Nursing Home over four days. Believing that ‘no man (or woman or child) is an island’, PNPS Vacation Care, our Governing Council, the staff and volunteers from Perry Park and the ACH (Aged Care and Housing) Group wanted to put the enthusiasm of our children and the patience, wisdom and experience of the residents together for a social skills program to see if some magic would happen.

Guided by the residents, the children tried their hands at woodwork, collages, gardening, cooking, bead craft, crosswords, carpet bowls, and learnt about Malaysian culture. Some of the children, who were expert Wii players, even challenged the residents to a game of ten pin bowling and discovered that age was no barrier to expertise.

The magic certainly did happen with some of the children requesting to visit the nursing home residents on numerous occasions. The children learnt about empathy and practised the school values of caring and respect and through this involvement; they enriched the lives of the residents at Perry Park. ’The people we met’ was echoed by the children when we asked what they liked best about ‘Connexon’ (although morning tea was also a highlight!)

Well done children – your behaviour was exemplary and your thoughtfulness and compassion will long be remembered by the residents from Perry Park.

Robyn and the Vacation Care Team

Photos from the visits are on the back page of this newsletter.