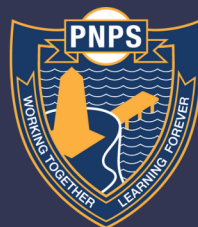


# RESPECT KINDNESS INCLUSION

2025

## PARENT UPDATE END TERM 1



Port Noarlunga  
Primary School

# From Marie...

Another big start to the year with a bunch of lovely Receptions starting on day 1 and a number of other enrolments across the school consistently throughout the term. There is a lovely feel across the school.

We have a number of projects and improvements planned this year including a Kindness project, an Intergenerational Art program, Aboriginal Artist in Schools project, Way2Go project, Year 1,2 Beach school to name a few.

Porties has been in the media this term with a segment on The Project and being splashed across the Department for Education social media sites. It has been great to be showcased especially for the achievements and efforts of our students.

Joshua MacWilliams has successfully presented 3 parent information sessions this term which have been well received. He is hoping to present these again in Term 3 for those of you who missed the first round.

Every student in the school undertook DIBELS screening to determine their Literacy skills. In addition, our Year 2 to Year 6 students completed Progressive Achievement Tests in Maths and Reading. This information was used to create targets for our Improvement Plan which you can read more about later in this update.

Even though this term has been busy, there have been so many positive moments each day. We have focused on as many micro-joys as we can. I hope that you have enjoyed finding the joy as much as we have.

# Staff News

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There is always something happening in a staff team of this size. As you are aware, the Deputy Principal left the school earlier in the term to teach PE at a Secondary School. I am delighted to announce that Shona Thompson will be stepping into the role of Deputy Principal for the rest of this year. Shona knows our students and has previously successfully led some of the key responsibilities of the Deputy position.

Annabel Coleman will move from the Health teaching position to full-time Year 3/4 teacher replacing Shona. This is great because Annabel knows the school and the students already meaning that she can jump straight in with success.

Annabel's Health role for Term 2 is yet to be filled however Kris Sander will take on that position upon her return from leave in Term 3.

Alana McMullan has started her parenting leave and Jack Dollard is now the fulltime teacher in that class. We wish Alana every success and happiness.

Amy Harris has accepted a new position outside of the Education Department and will finish up with Porties on the last day of Term 1. We are working on a replacement to start at the beginning of Term 2. Please join me in thanking Amy for her efforts and care over her time at our school. We wish her every happiness in her next adventure.

Some of our SSOs will be on teaching placements at different times in Term 2. You might see some new faces about covering their absences.

# WAY2GO

Mrs McMillan, Mr Woolford and I are involved in a project through DPTI and Onkaparinga Council called Way2Go.

As a part of this we have a school commitment to:

- Participate in the 2025 Way2Go program to encourage safer, greener and more active travel within your school community.
- Engaging with your School Community and Governing Council on key travel items as required
- Undertake a short program introduction (<2hours) into the program (up to three staff)
- Facilitate the completion of travel surveys, by teachers, staff, parents and students
- Develop a School Travel Action Plan
- Participate in a Way2Go Workshop (mid 2025) typically 9am – 12.30pm with all 2025 Way2Go schools
- Support students to change their travel behaviours, and be safer pedestrians / road users
- Work with the Department, and Local Council, towards improved road safety outcomes
- Promote road safety education outcomes within school curriculum where possible



**WE ALSO REMIND FAMILIES TO SLOW DOWN WHEN DRIVING AROUND THE AREA TO KEEP OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES SAFE.**

**CHILDREN  
CROSSING**

# SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS 2025

This year there are 2 key areas in our Improvement Planning:

1. Effective Learners with a focus on the Science of Reading to create a comprehensive literacy program that supports all learners and enhances engagement and achievement.
  2. Wellbeing to create a supportive environment that empowers students to face challenges with confidence and determination.
- We have focus areas in each plan for staff, students and families. The focus statements for Families are below.

## EFFECTIVE LEARNING

In 2025 the major focus for families will be to actively engage in reading to develop a shared love of reading.

## WELLBEING

In 2025 the major focus for families will be to actively engaging in workshops, information sessions and Open Parachute.



# A note from Vicki



Port Noarlunga Primary School has implemented the new School Easy Pay system in line with our new Education Management System for managing permissions and payments for all of our excursions, incursions and activities.

By using Easy Pay, we can streamline the process of sending permission slips and collecting payments, making it more convenient for both the school and parents. This integrated approach can help ensure that important documents and payments are handled promptly and securely.

We are always seeking to improve our processes at PNPS and continue to strive to reduce the administrative burden and make transactions more convenient for families.

District Athletics was our trial run and was immensely successful achieving 100% permission and payment collection for the event and demonstrated the effectiveness of the Easy Pay system.

We have recently sent all the notifications and permissions for Aquatics in the same way and have been extremely pleased with the process and have received excellent feedback from our school community.

Uniforms, fundraising, school events and Materials and Services charges will continue to be available for payment on the Qkr! app.

If you need more information or assistance regarding this payment option, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

# **REMINDERS:**



- The school yard is unsupervised before 8:30am each day. Please book into OSHC if your child needs to be at school before 8:30am.
- The playground is 'out of bounds' before school each day as there is no supervision available.
- Students can only participate in excursions, incursions and events when you have signed the consent form and paid. You may be asked to attend with your child if they demonstrate unsafe or inappropriate behaviours at school.
- Dress code is navy blue and yellow and we expect that all students adhere to this.
- Please name every item of your child's clothes as we have a ridiculous amount of lost property at our school. If there is a name of the clothes, we can easily make sure it gets back where it belongs.
- Students and staff are required to wear a hat during break times and when playing outside in Term 1 and from September the 1st until the end of the year. This is a Department for Education guideline.
- If your child is absent please notify us by phone, email or through our website. Please include a reason so that we can lessen the number of unknown absences in 2025.
- We all like a chat, however we need to ensure that our students are focused on learning and not on their parent who is just outside the window. Please make sure to wait off the deck and to the side of classrooms to support focus and engagement during school time.

# UPCOMING:



April 28th - First day of Term 2  
May 2nd - R-2 Nature Play Mini Fest at Belair  
May 13th - 5:30pm Governing Council Meeting  
May 19th - CARCLEW Aboriginal Artist in Schools begins  
May 21st - Knockout Boys Footy  
                    - National Simultaneous Storytime  
May 22nd - SSC Volleyball Clinic (Y6)  
May 27th - National Reconciliation Week begins  
June 5th - School Disco  
June 6th - Pupil Free Day  
June 10th - SSC Coaching Clinic (Y5)  
June 17th - 5:30pm Governing Council Meeting  
June 23rd - SAPPS Choir Performance (Y3-6)  
July 4th - Last day of Term 2

July 25th - Pupil Free Day  
September 3rd - Pupil Free Day  
**November 10th - School Closure Day**

