

PARENT

Information



WELCOME TO THE PORTIES' COMMUNITY

VISION STATEMENT

To enable all students to achieve their full potential by allowing them the time, space and learning opportunities that stretch and support them in all learning endeavours. We aim to provide opportunities for growth and development in social and emotional capabilities that build resilient and capable learners who can interact and support one another in a variety of opportunities.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We are looking forward to all of the adventures that this year brings. I am particularly pleased to have some new staff on board this year including **Chris Bath** (Year 3 / 4 teacher) and **Ben Harvey** (ACEO). Please introduce yourself to them and make them welcome. We are also excited to have Katie Abbott joining us in her new role as a teacher. Katie was an SSO with us over the past 2 years.

Our School Improvement Plan priorities for 2026 are English with a focus on Reading and increasing the Love of Reading in our school community. One way that you can assist us in meeting our outcomes is by making sure that your child reads regularly. This can be tricky with all of the competing demands that families have however, listening to reading on the way to out of school activities can be a way to get some reading done. Other practical ways to support learning are by having your child assist with some of the regular household tasks especially cooking and grocery shopping. Both of these are

rich in Literacy and Numeracy while also providing some essential life skills.

We are hoping to build parent engagement in 2026 with the Culture and Community room as a central component. We will keep you informed regarding this initiative.

One of the ways that you can get more involved in the school is through becoming a member of Governing Council or one of the subcommittees. We are always in need of members to join our fundraising subcommittee and support whole school events. **The AGM is being held in the library on Tuesday 10th from 6:00pm.** Please let Hayley or Jason in the front office know if you are attending.

Look forward to talking soon, Marie

THE SCHOOL DAY



Staff are not on duty until 8:30am and we ask that no students enter the school grounds until after that time. **We ask that children do not play on the playground before school**, even with their parents, as there is no dedicated supervision for them at this time. This is for their safety and protection.

Students who ride their bikes or scooters to school can safely store them in our bike shed which is located next to the groundskeeper's shed. This is opened before school and before the end of the day. We ask that bikes and scooters are walked not ridden through the school yard.

The school day ends at 3:10pm and we recommend enrolling in OSHC if you are unable to collect your child at this time.

School Bell Times		
8:30am	Yard Supervision begins Before School Care finishes	2 x teachers on duty (1 School Crossing)
8:50am	Students go into class	Before School duty ends
10:40am	Recess time	6 teachers on duty
11:10am	End Recess	
12:50pm	In class eating time	Teachers supervise
1:00pm	Lunch play time	7 teachers on duty (1 gym activity)
1:30pm	End Lunch	
3:10pm	Dismissal	2 teachers on duty (1 School Crossing)

GENERAL INFORMATION

School Fees and Payments

Excursion / Incursion / Activity payments must be received by the deadline. Please contact Vicki before the deadline to arrange payment options. Students will not be able to participate if payment has not been received / organised. The Materials and Services charges (school fees) will be invoiced to you and remains the lowest prescribed amount in the Department for Education. The \$200 rebate from the State Government is in place.

School Card applications are encouraged to be lodged online at the beginning of the school year.

The QKR! app is the preferred payment option for fees, uniform, excursions and canteen orders.

OSHC:

Out of Hours School Care (OSHC) is available before and after school, and in school holidays. Children need to be enrolled in OSHC using a separate form to the school enrolment. Phone OSHC directly on 0405 334 676 for more information.

Canteen:

Lunch orders can be placed via the QKR! app before 9:30am each day. Lunch order bags are also accepted.

The canteen is open at Recess and Lunch for over-the-counter purchases. In 2026, the canteen will be closed at recess time on Mondays.

Special food offers are made throughout the year via the QKR! app.

The canteen can be phoned direct on 8384 5046 if required.

Finance Office:

The school Finance Office is open from 7:30am to 9:30am Monday to Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays.

Payments can be made at any time using the QKR! app.

Mobile Phones:

Students are not allowed to have mobile phones or devices on school grounds. This includes Smart watches.

They are to hand them in to their teacher at the start of the day. These are to be locked away in class until the end of the day.

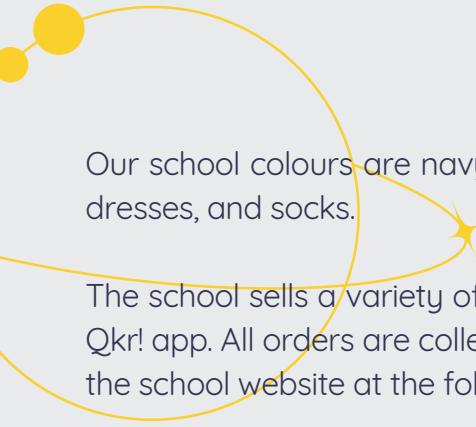
Student Absences:

If your child is going to be absent from class please send a message to their teacher on Class Dojo or via email.

Absences can also be sent through our website <https://www.portnoarps.sa.edu.au/attendance/> If your child will be absent for multiple days please phone the school on 8382 2455 or send the teacher a message on Class Dojo.

Those of you who are going on an extended break of more than 14 calendar days will need to complete an exemption form through the front office.





SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school colours are navy blue and gold with the exception of the blue and white summer check dresses, and socks.

The school sells a variety of uniform items that can be purchased at the front office or by using the Qkr! app. All orders are collected from the front office. Items and pricing can be viewed on Qkr! or on the school website at the following link <https://www.portnoarps.sa.edu.au/uniform/>

Students must have a broad brimmed hat with the school logo printed on it. This hat is to be worn outdoors in Term 1 and from September the 1st to the end of Term 4. This is to protect students from exposure to UV and harmful rays of the sun. Hats are to be kept in good condition. Hats that are purposely damaged will need to be replaced and a message will be sent home asking for a replacement to be purchased.

All other uniform items do not require a logo but must be navy blue and/or gold.

Uniform items are to be appropriate, in good condition and safe for all activities conducted at school.

Legging style pants and shorts need to be mid-thigh length (minimum) ensuring that they are visible below student tops, polos and jumpers.

Make up, thongs, high heeled shoes and 'fake' nails are not a part of the school uniform and are best kept for weekends and out of school times. Sleepers and studs are the safest earring option. Sneakers or sandals are the preferred footwear at school.

Representative tops and jumpers are only allowed if they are purchased when students are representing our school in SAPSASA sports or as members of the Porties White Pointer Soccer teams. Other non-uniform tops and jumpers are not to be worn to school.

Students will be given a reminder by the class teacher if they are wearing non-uniform items in the first instance. If they continue to wear non-uniform items, the class teacher will send a message or email home asking for parents / carers to ensure that the appropriate uniform is worn to school. If this still continues students will be expected to do a 'top swap' leaving their non-uniform jumper or top at the front office while being provided with a spare / second hand uniform one for the day. Students will then swap back at home time. Any other instances following this will result in further follow up from leadership staff.

We hold a limited supply of second hand clothing and we sell unclaimed lost property twice a year. There is always a substantial amount of lost property and we urge families to ensure that all items are properly labelled. Lost property is located in the Early Years Unit.

CLASS / LEARNING INFORMATION

Food and Drink:

For optimum learning and development children need access to enough food to sustain them throughout the day. Students need to bring lunch, recess and a healthy snack every day.

Some of our classes allow 'grazing' of healthy foods throughout the day while others have a designated healthy snack time. This is usually around 10am each day.

There is a 10 minute time for eating food before lunch and the new Reception students get a little longer to eat lunch and recess at the start of the school year.

We all know that drinking water is one of the best things we can do for our bodies and brains. Our children are super active and need the appropriate hydration and we expect that every student brings a named water bottle that can be refilled throughout the day as needed.

Lots of children prepare their own lunchboxes in the morning. Please make sure to check what they have before they leave home to ensure that they have packed enough. Or that they've actually packed it. Unfortunately, we regularly have children coming to school with little to no food and this is a child protection concern that, if ongoing or regular, we need to follow up.

Please reach out if you are having issues that impact on your ability to provide food for at school and we can assist you in gaining support through community agencies.

IT:

Students in Years 1 to 6 have access to an individual Chromebook for use at school. They are expected to care for this device appropriately. Parents are invoiced to cover the cost of repairs if their child damages a device.

Reception students have access to iPads at times determined by their teachers.

Every class has an interactive screen used for learning. We have replacements ordered for 1 of the learning spaces.

Students are expected to use cybersafe strategies when online. We have a filtering system that sends all instances of inappropriate activity on the Chromebooks to the leadership team. Students may lose access to their devices if they are unable to use them safely.

Outdoor Education:

We are committed to providing an outdoor education program in lieu of school camps.

Shona Thompson, Deputy Principal, is the key contact for this program in 2026.

We plan on working with our Aquatics team to provide a more diverse and local program in 2026.

Nature Play SA continue to be our key partner in the Junior Primary.



COMMUNICATION



* Class Dojo *



Class Dojo is an app that we currently use to communicate between the student's teacher and yourself. Our school also sends instant announcements via Class Dojo during the day. Our staff are encouraged to have 'off-line' hours and will not respond to messages throughout the night and on weekends. They are also encouraged not to send messages to parents throughout the night. Please talk to your child's teacher if you need support in using Class Dojo



* Newsletter / Blog *

We have a school blog that is managed by the students, Brett Horsfall and Jason Striinger. The blog can be accessed at <https://www.portnoarps.sa.edu.au/porties-post/> The principal sends out Parent Update documents each term.



* Website *

The school website is the best place to find information about the school. There is a term planner that is regularly updated as well as our News Blog. You can also find information about uniform, policy, curriculum, fundraising and more.

Please make sure to bookmark and visit this site regularly <https://www.portnoarps.sa.edu.au/>



* Complaints *

No-one is perfect and on occasion there can be differences of opinion or something that goes wrong. We ask that concerns are initially raised with the classroom teacher as they spend the most time with your child.

If, after that, you require further support please send an email to dl.0362.admin@schools.sa.edu.au outlining the issue. Alternatively you can phone the school on 8382 2455.

If we still haven't resolved the issue please contact the [Department for Education Complaints website](#).

Our school is a safe environment for all. Inappropriate, aggressive or abusive behaviour or communication will not be tolerated.



Staff Team 2026

Name	Role	Name	Role
Marie Wright	Principal	Vicki McCarthy	Business Manager
Shona Thompson	Deputy Principal	Jason Stringer	Admin SSO
Emily Tessari	Student Wellbeing Leader	Hayley Blokland	Admin SSO
Tayla Bayly	Reception Teacher	Jacqui Vanderkley	Wellbeing Support Officer / Class and Admin
Kim Gwatking	Reception Teacher	Tina Jackson	Resource centre SSO
Indy Daws	Reception Teacher	Lisa Jauncey	Speech Specialist, Student Support SSO
Katie Abbott	Reception Teacher	Jayne Jeffries	Aquatics and OSHC Finance
Anne-Marie Ehlers	Year 1/2 Teacher	TBA	Groundskeeper
Sebastian Braim	Year 1 Teacher	Ben Harvey	ACEO
Jack Dollard	Year 1/2 Teacher	Loretta McDonald	SSO - Student Support
Danielle Butcher	Year 1/2 Teacher	Sienna Shaw	SSO - Student Support
Bianca Payne	Year 3/4 Teacher	Wanna Bamroongkool	SSO - Student Support
Chantelle Parkes	Year 3/4 Teacher	Sierra Thiele	SSO - Student Support
Desma McMillan	Year 3/4 Teacher	Katie Ehlers	SSO - Student Support
Chris Bath	Year 3/4 Teacher	Jaya Darmadi	SSO - Student Support
Shannon Clarke	Year 5/6 Teacher	Tyler Bennett	IT support
Rachel Gregory	AIT and Year 5/6 Teacher	Liz Scharf	OSHC Director
Brett Horsfall	Year 5/6 Teacher	Deonne Milton	Canteen Manager
Kris Sander	Year 5/6 Teacher	Jane Keen	Canteen Assistant
Jo Eldridge	Year 5/6 Teacher		
Mike Woolford	PE / Health Teacher		
Danni Baumann	Visual Arts Teacher		
Ashlee Rowley	AUSLAN / Performing Arts Teacher		
Susie Chandler	Performing Arts / Choir Teacher		
Cheree Taylor	Health Teacher		

PORTIES' PARENT EXPO 26

*An opportunity for families to learn
about our school programs and
teaching staff.*

We are offering families
the opportunity to
promote their business
at our 2026 Expo.
\$10 per booth.
Contact the school if
interested.
Spaces are limited.

WHEN AND WHERE?

-  10th February, 2026
(Tuesday Week 3)
-  From 4:00pm to 6:00pm
-  PNPS Gym and
surrounding area

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Teachers will have a booth with
key school information.

They will be available to answer
questions and connect with families.

Teachers will run three 5-minute
presentations throughout the Expo.



**Followed by the Governing Council
AGM at 6:00pm in the library.**



TERM 1 2026

AGM: Tuesday 10th February @ 6pm following the Parent Expo



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january 26th Australia Day!	27 first day of school	28	29	30
1 2 February	3 4	5	6	
3 4 Year 3/4 Aquatics Day	9 10 PARENT EXPO!	11	scan and check online for updated event info	13
5	16	17	18	19 20 2026 School Fees Due
6 March	23	24	25	26 27
7 Adelaide Cup Holiday	2 3 assembly 2:30 in the Gym	4	5	6 7 STUDENT FREE DAY
8	9 10	11	12	13
9	16 17 governing council 5:30 Library	18	19	20
10	23 24 assembly 2:30 in the Gym	25 26	27 28 GOOD FRIDAY	
11 12 EASTER MONDAY	30 31 Year 5/6 Aquatics Day	1 April	2	3 Early Dismissal 2:15pm
12	7	8	9	10