



# Port Lincoln Primary School Newsletter

Term 1 Week 2

February 7th, 2020

## Dates to Remember

### Week 3

**Monday February 10th**  
Aquatics Year 6 Dufek

**Tuesday February 11th**  
Aquatics Year 7 Cunn/Tok

**Wednesday February 12th**  
Aquatics Year 7 George

**Thursday February 13th**  
Aquatics Year 6 Hanan

**Friday February 14th**  
Aquatics Year 6 Lindner

### Week 4

**Monday February 17th**  
Aquatics Year 6 Williams

**Tuesday February 18th**  
Aquatics Year 7 van Riet

### Week 5

**Monday February 24th**  
**PUPIL FREE DAY**

**Thursday February 27th**  
Numeracy & Number Sense  
parent workshop

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MONDAY  
February 24TH**  
**PUPIL  
FREE DAY**

# Welcome to 2020

Welcome to 2020. I hope that you had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday with your family and friends. It has been great to see all of the students again and to welcome our new students and particularly our Year 3s.

I would like to thank all of the families who attended our Welcome BBQ on Thursday night despite the heat. This was a great opportunity for the teachers to meet the parents and to start to form a positive working relationship. A strong relationship between home and school is one of the keys to a successful learning experience. We have three way conversations planned for Week 7 which will provide another opportunity for us to connect with you.

We have also welcomed a number of new staff to our school this term Mr Rory Hunt Deputy Principal, Mrs Sophia Crewdson English Co-ordinator, Mrs Natalie Van Riet (Year 7), Mr Lewis George (Year 7), Ms Ashleigh Lindner (Year 6), Mr Luke Fiebig (Year 5), Mrs Jackie Fiebig Cultural Studies, Ms Reah Fuller (Student Support) and Salenna Mueller (Student Support). We also welcome back from Parenting Leave Mrs Casey Campbell and Mrs Kristy Dennis.

The Leadership Team consists of Principal- Teleah Wilson, Deputy Principal- Rory Hunt and Student Wellbeing Leader- Hannah Pedler/Karen McFarlane (Hannah will go on Maternity Leave in Week 6), Special Education Co-ordinator- Jessica Lester, English Co-ordinator – Sophia Crewdson, Curriculum and Pedagogy Co-ordinator- Amy Kayser and Aboriginal Education Teacher- Cheryl Harris. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance and then a member of the Leadership Team if the class teacher has not been able to resolve your issue.

**New Timetable** – my apologies for not formally communicating this to you earlier. In consultation with the Governing Council we have altered our timetable for this year. The lesson times are as follows:

|               |                                                                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:50          | School starts                                                                 |
| 9:00 – 9:35   | Check In: all classes                                                         |
| 9:35 – 11:00  | <b>Year 3, 4 and 5 students uninterrupted learning time English and Maths</b> |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Lunch Play                                                                    |
| 11:30 – 11:40 | Lunch Eating time                                                             |
| 11:40 – 1:05  | <b>Year 6 and 7 uninterrupted learning time English and Maths</b>             |
| 1:05 – 1:35   | Recess Play                                                                   |
| 1:35 – 3:00   | Recess eating and general learning time                                       |
| 3:00 – 3:20   | Check Out                                                                     |

We have made these changes for a number of reasons. The students were mainly eating their lunch at the earlier time and looking to buy more substantial food from the canteen at the early break. We have decided to play first and eat after play to support those students who weren't eating their lunch and recess because they were desperate to go out and play (mainly boys). Eating at the end of play time will also provide a nice transition back into learning. Whilst we have a nominated 10 minutes students will be allowed to continue eating while their lessons start. Teachers are encouraging students to place the food they don't eat back into their lunch boxes, so that parents have a clear picture of how much food their child is eating.

Each year level group has an uninterrupted learning time to allow the teachers to have their whole class present for focused English and Maths learning. **We ask that families please arrange appointments, music lessons etc. outside of these times.** As a school we have rearranged the Intervention Program Timetable and Specialist Subject Timetables to ensure that each class has uninterrupted teaching and learning time.

**8:30 will be the cut off for online lunch orders on the QKR app.**

### **Building Works**

The work in Building 7 (by the gym) has almost been complete, the final touches will be done over the next couple of weeks or in the April school holidays. Despite them not being quite finished they look amazing and the staff are really happy with the end result. A huge thanks to Stotty's Building for making sure we could move in last week.

The Admin Building is underway and the Front Office area will be finished in the next few weeks and the whole project hopefully finished by the end of the April School holidays. The Front Office has shifted back to where it was three years ago, directly opposite the Canteen and Open Space.

**Pupil Free Day:** the Governing Council has approved a Pupil Free Day on Monday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February (Week 5). On this day we will be engaging with Dr Margarita Breed on ways to improve our Maths teaching. There will also be a parent information session that week, stay tuned for further information.

Hello Port Lincoln Primary School families,

I am looking forward to working with you all over the next 5 years as Deputy Principal of this wonderful school. I was actually fortunate enough to do my teaching practicum 14 years ago at PLPS and a lot has changed since then. During my teaching career I have spent the bulk of it at Poonindie Community Learning Centre in which I took on many leadership roles including Acting Principal for Terms 2-4 last year. I have 3 young boys of my own – Flynn 6, Tommy 4 and Paddy 1 who make me smile and laugh every day. My wife Jemma is the “local” and brought me over to Port Lincoln at the beginning of 2007. She is working at St. Joseph’s School as a year 1 teacher. I play football for Waybacks and love spending time at the beautiful EP beaches with family and friends. I have a strong passion for improving student wellbeing and learning and I look forward to meeting you all. Keep on smiling!

Kind Regards,  
Rory Hunt, Deputy Principal



### **Material & Services Charges 2020**

Please ensure material and services fees are paid prior to April 10th. If you are having any difficulties in paying fees, please contact Brigitte Siebert, Finance Officer on 8682 1544 to discuss the options available to you.

Statements are being prepared and will be sent home shortly.

Centacare Catholic Country SA, 32 Mortlock Terrace Port Lincoln. [www.cccsa.org.au](http://www.cccsa.org.au)

### **FREE 2-DAY FOSTER CARE TRAINING**

This training is a compulsory part of the assessment process for new foster carers, and also provides comprehensive information for anyone who is considering whether foster care is something they would like to undertake.

Places are limited. Please confirm your attendance by phoning 683 0733.

Thursdays, March 5 & March 12, 9.15am - 5pm  
Centacare, 32 Mortlock Tce, Pt Lincoln



Dear parent/caregiver,

Public health officials have updated advice over the weekend regarding Novel Coronavirus.

We would like to underline the importance of following this advice and alert you to the new national information hotline 1800 020 080.

The updated advice from SA Health is effective from **Saturday 1 February 2020:**

Children or staff who travelled to mainland China must isolate themselves in their home for 14 days after leaving mainland China if they left mainland China on or after 1 February 2020.

Children or staff who have been in close contact with a confirmed case must isolate themselves in their homes for 14 days after last contact.

Children or staff who have returned from Hubei Province, China must isolate themselves in their home for 14 days after leaving Hubei Province.

Staff and students in these circumstances must not attend schools, preschools or early childhood centres and should not engage with other students.

Symptoms may include fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue and sore throat. People with these symptoms who have travelled to China or have had close contact with a confirmed case should see a doctor or attend a hospital and call ahead so they can prepare.

We will keep you updated if new information becomes available.

### SUN SAFETY

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancers, accounting for around 80% of all new cancers diagnosed each year in Australia. Skin damage, including skin cancer, is the result of the cumulative exposure to the sun. Much of the damage occurs during childhood and adolescence. A reminder that children are required to wear hats during terms 1 & 4 for all outside activity. Long sleeved shirts with collars also reduce the incidence of sun burn. Shades are provided for major outside school events.

**SMS** – The school uses a community SMS system to provide direct text communication with families to notify you immediately of attendance concerns, remind you of important events and to communicate school closures and bus cancellations during times of catastrophic bushfire conditions.

*It is important that you update your mobile phone numbers with the school and promptly notify (by phone or note) of absences.*

## ROAD TRAFFIC PATROLS

The safety of children in school and travelling to and from school is of paramount importance. We ask that children and families use the designated crossings.

Year 6 and 7 students are trained by the road traffic police to patrol the flashing light crossing. They do this on a voluntary basis and sometimes in unpleasant weather. They have the support by law to do their job well. They also have the power to report to the school any infringements by users of the crossing or motorists who break the law. The school will then notify the police to take action when needed.

Here are a few dos and don'ts that we ask parents and visitors to the school to heed.

### Please Do:

Use the crossings at all times. You provide a model for children. If they see you using the crossing then they will follow. This may mean walking a little further but may save a life.

Slow down when travelling along roads near the schools.

Take care when reversing from angle parks.

Report to the school any unsafe behaviours of children coming to or from school, motorists who are reckless and traffic monitors who are not doing their job responsibly.

Praise children for safe behaviours and thank traffic monitors who give their time voluntarily to patrol the crossing.

Ensure that your children are on time to start school. Supervision of road traffic crossing ceases at 9:00 am.

Avoid late starts to the school day. These disadvantage your child and create disruption for other students and their teachers.

### Please Don't:

Cross the street other than at the crossings.

Speed along roads adjacent to schools.

Disobey road traffic monitors who are trying to do their job responsibly.

Double park while dropping or collecting children.

Block visibility to the crossings by parking close by.

