

Port Lincoln Primary School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2

Friday May 8, 2020

From the Principal

Welcome to Term 2. How lucky are we to be living in Australia and in particular South Australia in our ability to restrain the effects of COVID-19. It is great to have the vast majority of our students back at school.

The Education Department is maintaining extra cleaning during the school day and after school, this includes handrails, benches and a clean of the playground once a day before the first break. Because the playground is not cleaned before school, the students can't use it before school. The playground is also not available for community use. We are continuing to use

is also not available for community use. We are continuing to wash our hands each time we enter class and are cleaning learning materials that are shared such as computers and laptops. Social distancing is also encouraged wherever possible.

Can I please ask that you don't send your children to school if they are sick? Now is not the time to send them to school to see if they start to feel better during the day.

Like you we are hoping that today (Friday) or during the weekend the Government will announce a further easing of restrictions. Once I know what they are and I have the Education Departments interpretation of them I will let you know.

During the holidays the work on Building 7 was completed and work began on the stairs to the Front Office and access ramps to the Front Office and the staffroom, which forms part of Stage 3 of the Admin upgrade. It will take a few more weeks for the stairs and ramp to be finish and then the builders will complete the new sickroom and disabled toilet in the Front Office area.

In these unusual times please keep in contact with your child's teacher and let us know if there is anything that we can do to support them personally or in their learning. We are very aware that many families are under pressure and as a school we don't want to do anything to add to this.

Message to parents and carers from

Regards Teleah Wilson

SCHOLASTIC ** Book Club

BOOK CLUB IS COMING!

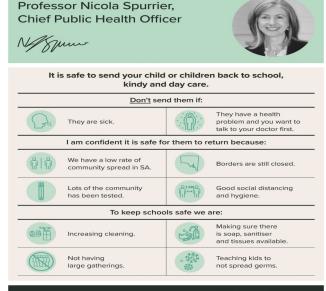
We're really excited to have **BOOK CLUB** running this Term, but it will look a little different! It will be a **virtual catalogue** rather than the printed catalogues you're used to receiving.

To order from this issue go to: Scholastic.com.au/Book-Club/virtual-catalogue-1/

Place your order on LOOP as normal and orders need to be in by: May 18th

We will receive your order here to our school like normal.





Around the School



SAPSASA/School Sport Update from Mr Ty George:

then use Makers Empire to create, prototype, test and refine their original 3D designs.

I'd like to give families a quick update on SAPSASA and School Sports events for 2020. The directive from School Sport SA, which organises and governs all School Sports events is that all events are currently ON HOLD (not going ahead), with the possibility of rescheduling if needed, but we will need to wait for Government advice relating to the easing of restrictions and then follow appropriate guidelines afterwards. I understand this is quite vague but that is the best information I can give at the moment. In terms of events that PLPS students normally participate in, a quick update is:

The **Lower Eyre Peninsula SAPSASA Athletics Carnival** was cancelled at the end of last term (after unfortunately being cancelled twice last year) and will not be rescheduled.

The **Lower Eyre Peninsula Cross Country Carnival** was meant to be held on Friday the 1st of May but has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

The **Tcharkuldu Rock Cross Country Event** which was to be on Tuesday the 19th of May has been cancelled.

The **SAPSASA Cross Country Championships** planned to be held at Oakbank on Thursday June 4th is cancelled but will proceed in a digital format, where students can register, record a time and compare their results against others.

SAPSASA events such as **Football, Netball, Hockey and Soccer** are also ON HOLD, but given the difficulty in organising the selection of teams, families organising accommodation for the Carnival, etc. it is unlikely they will proceed as planned. The Football and Netball carnivals were originally planned for Week 8, Term 2 and the Soccer and Hockey carnivals for Week 6, Term 3, both in Adelaide.

SAPSASA Basketball Carnival in Whyalla. ON HOLD at this point. Our Boys and Girls Division 1 teams qualified for the Whyalla Basketball Carnival after the Tumby Bay Carnival. This was planned to be in early Term 3.

What can students do to remain active over the coming weeks?

- As briefly mentioned above, any student interested in long distance running can register to compete in the virtual
 Cross Country Championships. A lot of students from Running Club will be giving this a go. It will be during Week 6, so there is a few weeks to train.
- **Jump Rope for Heart Skip-a-thon**. The school has not participated in this for a long time but we will be registering this year. More details to come in the coming weeks.
- **Premier's Be Active Challenge**. Will be starting Mon Week 4. For 4 weeks, students will need to try & participate in 60 minutes of physical activity each day and record it. If successful, they will receive a medallion for their efforts.