

# Port Lincoln Primary School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 2

Friday May 8, 2020

## Dates to Remember

Week 2

Sunday May 10

To all Mums & Motherly Figures



Week 7

Public Holiday

Mon June 8

School Holidays

Friday July 3

to Monday July 20

## 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 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.

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/](https://www.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.



Even though this is a virtual catalogue, we will still receive 20% of your order value back in Scholastic Rewards to use to purchase additional books and resources for our school!

SCHOLASTIC

## Message to parents and carers from Professor Nicola Spurrier, Chief Public Health Officer



**It is safe to send your child or children back to school, kindly and day care.**

### Don't send them if:



They are sick.



They have a health problem and you want to talk to your doctor first.

I am confident it is safe for them to return because:



We have a low rate of community spread in SA.



Borders are still closed.



Lots of the community has been tested.



Good social distancing and hygiene.

### To keep schools safe we are:



Increasing cleaning.



Making sure there is soap, sanitiser and tissues available.



Not having large gatherings.



Teaching kids to not spread germs.

[sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019](https://sahealth.sa.gov.au/COVID2019)



Government of South Australia  
SA Health

# Around the School



*Mr Kotz's Year 4 class made a start on their acknowledgement of country for Mrs Fiebig's cultural studies lesson. Many fabulous, thoughtful & respectful comments.*

**Nature Play Fun**

*We are so excited to see our new 3D Printers up and running. We will be teaching students how to solve real-world problems, while promoting a growth mindset. With Makers Empire, students learn how to use project-based learning and design thinking to identify real-world needs, problems and opportunities. They learn to empathise to be able to see what people want/need. They then use Makers Empire to create, prototype, test and refine their original 3D designs.*



**Anzac Day  
Lest We Forget**

## SAPSASA/School Sport Update from Mr Ty George:

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 1<sup>st</sup> of May but has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled.

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

The **SAPSASA Cross Country Championships** planned to be held at Oakbank on Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup> 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.