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SPECCY SPACE OPENING

Our new nature play area

Last term we officially opened our Speccy Space play area. Thanks to David Stoeckel, Business Development Manager of the Port Lincoln Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank for attending. On behalf of the school, we would like to thank Bendigo Bank for their financial support and for the student body for all the fantastic design ideas. We also would like to thank West Coast Youth Services, Nick and Karen and the community suppliers for donating the equipment. The speccy space is a great way for kids to keep active and have fun during their breaks. It is having a very positive impact throughout the school and we are grateful for everyone that helped to make this wonderful place possible. We would like to thank the grounds committee, especially Mrs Farlam, for the countless amount of hours they volunteered in order to make this vision a reality. We will continue in the near future to build stages 2 & 3. The idea began with an enthusiastic group Year 5 students three years ago. Lily, Ashton, Alana and Eliza were persistent and super keen to dream, research and talk with their peers about what could be possible in this space. We thank them for their vision and determination. So, beyond the brilliant play opportunities, our message to you all is that persistence, working together and using our voices for positive changes in our community, is powerful and important.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Teleah Wilson

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We have hit the ground running with staff being released for Learning English: Achievement and Proficiency (LEAP) training. The LEAP levels are what we use to assess student achievement in writing, they are very comprehensive and provide teachers with the next steps to support students in their writing development.

In Week 3 and 4 students in Year 3, 5 and 7 will undertake NAPLAN testing in Reading, Language Conventions, Writing and Maths. The results of this testing is very important to the school because it gives us an indication of whether the improvement work we have been undertaking in Maths and Writing is impacting on the students achievement. Individual students don't need to get stressed about the tests, all we ask is that they give the test their best effort. The tests will be conducted on the computer and the level of difficulty of the question changes as the student gets questions correct or incorrect. Students in Year 3 will still use pencil and paper to complete the writing test. We will run catch up sessions for any students who miss their test in Week 4.

Next week we are very excited to have an Aboriginal dance group from Port Augusta, "Dusty Feet Mob" performing and running workshops and at school on Thursday and Friday. Dusty Feet Mob's visit is funded by a Reconciliation Week grant the Aboriginal Education Team received last year. Families are welcome to view the performance next Friday in the gym at 2pm.

Congratulations to our Interschool Gymkhana Team who won the overall Primary Shield on Monday. A special effort from our four riders Jorja Waters, Kimberlee Letton, Rhianna Letton and Hayley Fuss. Hayley also won the ribbon for the champion Primary rider.

The next Governing Council meeting is Monday the 10th of May at Port Lincoln Primary School from 6:15pm. The first agenda item is on ways to support your children in learning Maths. Any interested parents are invited to come to this 30 minute session. Please meet at the Front Office.

SAPSASA NEWS

by Ty George

SAPSASA Athletics - On Thursday the 8th of April, 45 students from Port Lincoln Primary School travelled to Ravensdale to compete in the Lower Eyre Peninsula Athletics Carnival.

It was a warm and windy day, but all of our students participated really well, with some outstanding individual results. One of the highlights was Tyler Males breaking the 12-year-old boys shotput record, which had stood since 2008. Students that won their events on the day have now qualified for the SAPSASA State Track and Field Championships, to be held in Adelaide on Monday the 21st of September at Santos Stadium in Adelaide. Information will be coming out to those students and families in the coming weeks.

A big thank-you must go to all the teachers, SSOs and volunteers that helped run and organise a very successful day - Dylan Liffner for organising the start of the running races, Graham and Karen McConnell, Mike Stockdale and Beth Hammond for judging the finish lines, and Shannon Nagel and Jacinda Leslie for all their work on the day and in the lead-up to the event.



SAPSASA Softball - During Week 10 of Term 1, 10 students from Port Lincoln Primary School went to Adelaide to compete in the State SAPSASA Softball Championships as part of the Lower Eyre Peninsula teams.

After successful years in 2020, both the boys' and girls' teams had to play in Division 1 for 2021, against the best teams from around the State. The Boys team won 2 out of their 8 games, finishing in 7th position out of 9 teams. The Girls team won 3 games, drew 1 game and lost 4 games, resulting in them finishing in 5th position out of 9 teams. It was a fantastic learning opportunity for both the experienced players and those players playing for the first time.

Well done to the 6 girls that competed - Jorja Defelice, Mahlia Vlassco, Tia Scott-Bilney, Chloe Todd, Airlie Hartwich and Matilda Packer - and the 4 boys - Tate Shillabeer, Curtis Billing, Jye Hearfield and Parker Hartwich.

A big thank-you to the coaches of both teams - Kylie Todd and Mr Clint Beard - and to the other people that helped out at trainings and with organising the teams.



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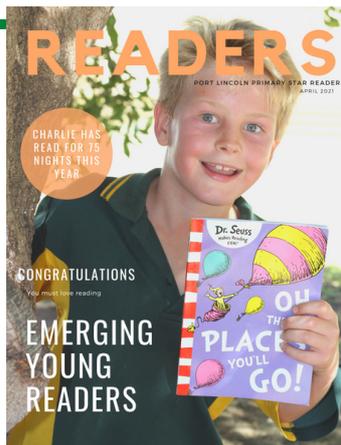
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PREMIER'S READING Challenge

PLPS students are once again participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge. This is your chance to enjoy reading 12 books in a year and to receive an award.



If your child is in year 6 or 7 then it's time to start the process to transition them to secondary school. You have to do this through an online form which has been emailed and sent out recently. **This registration needs to be completed by MAY 21 2021**

To register your child's in a secondary school, simply follow the steps below:

Step 1: If your child is already enrolled in a South Australian public primary school, you should have received an email or letter with a unique URL to the registration of interest form. If you have not seen this please contact the office ASAP.

Step 2: Check your school zone and the capacity management plan of your preferred schools.

Step 3: Complete all the mandatory fields on each page and click on the 'next' button.

Step 4: Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.

To find out more about registering your child's interest in starting secondary school in 2022, visit: <https://bit.ly/3vnc7u0t>

MEET OUR LEADERS

Hannah Pedler Well being leader



Get to know Hannah Pedler the Wellbeing Leader here at PLPS.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in a little town called Maitland on the Yorke Peninsula. I moved to Port Lincoln in year 6 where I attended PLPS for my primary years!

What would we see you doing in your spare time outside of school?

I love to spend time with my family and friends! If it is was a beautiful day, you would see me at the playground or beach with my husband Jack and two beautiful girls, Willa and Dulcie. When I get some time to myself I don't mind having a little shop or enjoying a nice hot coffee!

Three things we might not know about you?

- I am scared of birds and mice!
- I LOVE cooking
- I love flowers and indoor plants (just see my growing office collection!)

Your favourite things about our school?

We all work as a team! The whole positive community feel we have and that we continue to work on! The staff, as they make the school feel so welcoming. I work with a beautiful bunch of adults who are extremely passionate about their job. The students as they never fail at making me smile and continue to amaze me. The families, as they support us along the journey of their child's wellbeing and education.

What is your role at the school?

My role is help and support the students, teachers, families and our wider school community. Wellbeing is at the heart of what we do! I will help you to manage things that are happening in your life and to develop the skills and confidence to move forward. I work with teachers on creating a positive classroom culture where all students are valued and included. You will see me calling into classrooms, connecting with students and touching base with individuals. I lead the Student Action Team which supports the students within our school. We work as a collaborative team on individual student supports, small group intervention and whole school positive events.

When students come to see me they are provided opportunities to discuss any challenges they may be experiencing in a confidential and welcoming environment where they can access additional support to assist with problem solving, emotional regulation and interpersonal skills.

Other supports:

- Help to manage relationships with family, teachers and peers.
- Support to manage issues of concern.
- Support families to access external services eg counselling
- Co-ordinate the mentor and volunteer program
- Crisis responses.
- Support to encourage attendance, behaviour and learning at school.

Please if you see me say hello or stop for a chat!

If you or your child wishes to get in contact with me, please chat with your child's classroom teacher or see the ladies in the front office and they will be able to connect us. My door is always open

School events

Week 3

- Mon to Fri

Swimming Year 4 Linc/Farlam

- Mon May 10

Governing Council 6:15pm Amy Kayser talking about ways to help your child with Maths

- Friday May 14

Dusty Feet Mob dance families welcome to watch 2pm in Gym

Week 4

- Mon to Fri Swimming

Mr Kotz

- Wed May 19

Tcharkuldu Rock X Country

- Friday May 21

Assembly (change of date) Year 4 9am
Week 5

- Mon to Fri Year 4 C Swimming

Reminders

- Year 6/7 families you must complete & submit the online High School form registration by May 21

Community

- West Coast Youth Skate & Scoot Fest May 9 Pt Lincoln Skate Park 10-4pm
- Lions Club Market Day North Shields Sunday May 30 9-2pm
- Cyber safety workshop for parents/care Kirton Point children's centre Tues May 18 6-8pm

NAPLAN testing 2021

Information for parents and carers

NAPLAN testing

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 may participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents/carers and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests.

This year, the NAPLAN Online test window is 11 to 21 May. Most schools in South Australia will undertake testing online, however all Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper. There are contingency measures to revert to paper testing if required.

Supporting your child

On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for and students are not expected to do so. You can reassure your child that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program and remind them on the day to simply do their best.

It is not recommended that students use services by coaching providers or excessively prepare for NAPLAN testing.

Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and provide appropriate support and guidance.

NAPLAN reporting

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale, and a NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year.

Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers, while teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.

Participation in NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 may participate in NAPLAN testing. If a child is absent on a testing day, the school may arrange for them to complete the missed test/s another time during the school's test schedule.

If a student has a disability, they may qualify for adjustments to their tests. Students with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate, or students who have recently arrived in Australia with a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

There are provisions for parents/carers to withdraw their child from NAPLAN testing. Schools are familiar with this process and a decision should be made with your child's school. Speak to your principal in the first instance.

More information

For queries about NAPLAN, speak to your child's school. You can also find information about NAPLAN testing at www.nap.edu.au.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The combined PLPS and PLJPS Canteen is desperately seeking **ten volunteers** to ensure our canteen becomes profitable again and remains open.

Interested volunteer parents, caregivers and grandparents would help out with basic food preparation while they enjoy great company, laughs and a free lunch!

- Hours -
any time or day that you can spare between 9:00-1:30pm would be gratefully appreciated!

We can assist you to complete the online volunteer RAN training and National Police Check application.

More info:

Please drop in or contact Bec or Sarah at the Canteen

ph: 8682 4097

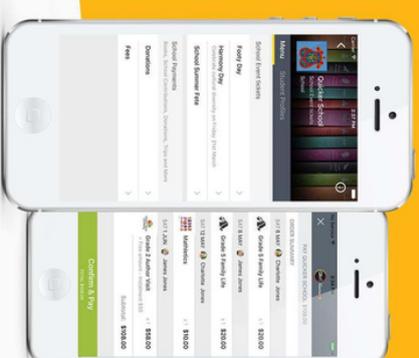


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