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FEBRUARY

- 4th **Governing Council Meeting**
- 12th **Assembly (no parents or carers at this time)**

MARCH

- 29th **Learning Discussion Week for teachers, parent/carers and students**

APRIL

- 8th **Sports Day**

Please look out for our yet to be confirmed AGM and Pupil Free date for Term 1.

2021 Term Dates

- Wednesday 27th January – Friday 9th April
- Tuesday 27th April – Friday 2nd July
- Monday 19th July – Friday 24th September
- Monday 11th October – Friday 10th December

From The Principal

Welcome to South Port Primary School for 2021 especially to our new receptions and other new students and their families. We are looking forward to a successful year, working together to support your child's learning. Our staff this year are as follows:

Principal: Nikki Garner

Deputy Principal: Yvonne Haddy

Senior Leader: Student Wellbeing Michelle Dohnt

Yulti Unit	Mirnu Unit	Patha Unit
R Jess Tietgen & Teneille Jolly	1/2 Marg Ray	5/6 Nicole Bracken & Michael Quirke & Karen Arbon
R Jenny Lovering & Teneille Jolly	3/4 Jemma Laxton & Elaine Bladon	5/6 Justin Ratcliff
1/2 Rikki Janssan	3/4 Stacey Zammit & Michael Quirke	Primary Special
Yr 1/2 Naomi Moro	3/4 Bec Burton & Aleesha Parsons	Lindsay Mildrum
JP Special		
Cherie Pickering		Japanese

Specialist Teachers (N.I.T.) Teachers

- PE Steve Paulovich
- Japanese Tania Folland (Mon, Tues, Wed)
- The Arts Hannes Thimm (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

SSO Team (School Support Officers)

Front Office: Ann McClean, Helen Smith, Nikki Dougray

Library: Helen Briggs

Student Support: Cheryl Norman, Rosemary Antonoff, Tamara Burgess, Adele Beens, Karen McKee, Deannah Haddy, Nicola

Cook, Jen Makorba, Kerrie Kelly, Leeanne Kilgallon, Claire Sheen, Lydia Rutkowski, Emma Soutar, Emma Kuhn, Bianca Pierce, Laura Ormesher & Tahlia Fellows.

Aboriginal Education Teacher (AET): Elaine Bladon

Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO): Anji Solomann

Grounds: Michael Hazelwood

PCW: Steve Brooks

The staff at South Port Primary School are looking forward to working with you this year to strengthen ties between school and home to improve the learning outcomes for all our students. Please ensure you communicate with teachers via Class Dojo, diaries, communication books and if you need to make an appointment please call the front office but be aware that staff meetings are on Tuesday nights.

From The Deputy Principal

I am Yvonne Haddy and this semester I will be doing the Deputy Principal position. I have been teaching for 26 years, 13 in the UK and 14 here. I taught main stream in the UK, Reception through to Year 6 and here I've been an Intervention teacher for all year groups, School Counsellor, Reception teacher, Year 2 and Year 5 teacher, I have worked in the JP Special class and in the last four years I have worked in the Primary Special Class. I am already enjoying this time up in the office, getting to know all of the children within the school and I am appreciating being part of all areas of the school.

House Points

This year we are going to be giving out house points throughout the day to encourage and reward good choices. Every assembly we will see who has the most points and will present a small coloured trophy. At the end of the term they will receive the house trophy for making the best choices. We will try to do some house team events throughout the year, obviously including Sports Day, which is at the end of this term. If you are unsure of your child's house please message your child's teacher or the office and they can let you know the house name and colour.

The students have recently been nominating for school leaders and house captains and we will let you know who the successful candidates are in the next newsletter.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to:

- Encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading
- Improve literacy levels.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

Every year, students have almost three full terms to read their 12 books for the year. The Challenge commences on the first day of the school year and reading concludes in week 7 of term 3.

Benefits of the Premier's Reading Challenge

- Raises the profile of reading and literacy in schools
- Gives students a focus for their reading
- Encourages students to enjoy reading and read more books
- Encourages students to participate by being challenged
- Offers incentives for reluctant readers
- Builds self-esteem, pride, school unity and a sense of achievement among students
- Increases the involvement of parents in their child's reading
- Increases the number of library books borrowed
- Contributes to increased literacy levels

Attendance

Welcome back. It was a whirlwind three days for week 1! It was wonderful to see so many children coming to school between 8.30am and 8.50am.

Staff are on duty from 8.30am so please do not drop off children before this time for duty of care reasons. There is a before and after school service run through Seaford Early Learning Centre located on Aldam Road and they drop off and pick up to our site; this may be an option if you need care for your child/ren due to work.

Welcome to our new families. This will be your first time hearing our attendance motto: 'Every Day Counts' and we believe this motto. Of course there will need to be absences for illness, family reasons and appointments that cannot be made after school so please if you know in advance let class teachers and or the front office know. If you do not then a note, Dojo message or call are some quick ways to let the school know why your child/ren were absent and is required by the Education Department.

We also use the MGM messaging system which automatically sends out a message to you once students are noted as an unexplained absence. This is not infallible so we do apologise if you get an odd one that is incorrect, however a quick reply to this comes through to the Front Office staff and can be added as a reason for non-attendance if that is the case.

Please keep us in the loop if you need to change your contact details for any reason as we will use the numbers on file to let you know of emergencies, meetings as well as for attendance concerns.

Looking forward to working with you all this year to support your child/ren to get the best out of their school year.

Please see our attendance data for the first week. It is a great start to the year!



Year to Date (2021)

The average daily attendance rate; Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 29/01/2021

2021 School Timetable

8.30am	Yard supervision begins
8.50	Lessons commence
11:20-11.30	Students eat lunch in classrooms
11:30-12.00	Lunch
12.00 - 12:10	Interception in class
12.10	Lessons commence
1:50 - 2.10	Recess
2:10	Lesson commences
3.00	Dismissal
3.15pm	Yard supervision ends and gates locked

School Uniform Online Ordering

Appropriate school clothing in school colours can be purchased from any stores, however if you would like to purchase items from our uniform supplier, there are three options available to you.

1. Visit the online store

<https://belgraviaportsonline.com.au/collections/seaford-primary-school> any items ordered before Tuesdays will be packaged and delivered to the school by the following Thursday.

2. Complete an order form, complete with product choices, quantity sizes and your credit card details and email to campbelltown@jssports.com.au items ordered before Tuesdays will be packaged and delivered to the school by the following Thursday.

3. If you would prefer to visit the uniform store located at 10 Newton Road, Campbelltown for a professional fitting, appointments can be made online at <https://belgraviaportsonline.com.au/pages/school-uniform-fittings>. We will have stock sizing samples in the office and will continue to keep a limited stock of hats for sale. Thank you for your support.

Car Parking

The School and Kindy car park, for safety reasons, **are not for families to use for parking (unless there is a specific reason that has been discussed with staff eg disability)**. This is a real safety issue for children with families driving in and out as children and even adults are not always visible when cars are backing. It is often extremely busy and therefore **NOT A SAFE PLACE** for children and cars.

Please do not use the car park gates as a short cut either. Please use the footpath and do not cut through the plants.

Sun Smart Policy

In Terms 1, 3 & 4 all children are required to **wear a hat** outside to be sun smart. Please ensure your child has a green school hat each day as our policy is "No hat, No play". If you need to purchase one they are available at the front office at a cost of \$15.00.

