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# South Port News



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Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Term 1, Week 8, 2021

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## MARCH

29<sup>th</sup> Learning Discussion Week for teachers, parent/carers and students  
9.15am Principal Tour and Parent Information session

## APRIL

2<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday  
5<sup>th</sup> Easter Monday  
8<sup>th</sup> Sports Day

## 2021 Term Dates

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

## From The Principal

Parents/ Carers are cordially invited to attend:

**South Port Primary School Principal Tour**  
on  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March**  
at 9.15am

**R.S.V.P by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March to the school office**  
Phone: 83861197

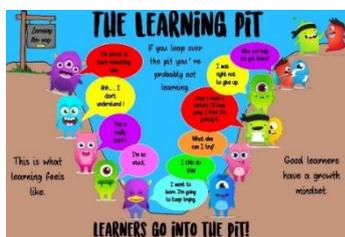
Please can we restrict numbers to 2 adults per child.  
To begin with there will be a Principal presentation followed by a tour of the outside of the school.

## Site Works

We are looking forward to getting the architect designs back for our new courtyard area. As soon as we have the drawings I will share them with the community. This project is something we have been fundraising for and I thank all the community for their contributions.

## From The Deputy Principal

You may hear your children talking about the Learning Pit. The principle in its simplest form, is that the Learning Pit represents a challenge. Taking on a challenge is like getting into a pit. We may feel uncertain and it takes effort to climb out. When we do climb out, it means we've learnt something new. If students can climb out of a Learning Pit *easily*, they haven't been challenged. Go to the little video clips on Dojo in the Perseverance section to learn more.



## Learning Discussions

Please look out for the letter regarding learning discussions in Week 10. You can book your appointments online and the choice is to come to site for your appointment or speak over the phone.

If the time and dates don't work for you please contact your child's teacher to make a different time, as these conversations are vital so everyone knows what the goals are for semester 1.

## Whole School Attendance

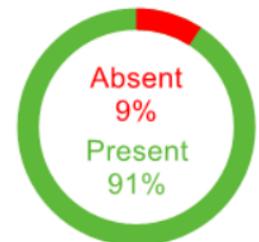
Hi everyone, here is your fortnightly whole school attendance rate data for South Port. We have been consistent over the last month, sitting at the 91%.

Cooler weather is on the way, so time to find the jumpers and jackets. If you are buying a new jumper ready for the cooler weather we ask that it please not be a hooded one, thank you.



### Year to Date (2021)

The average daily attendance rate; Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 09/03/2021



### Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 09/03/2021

## Harmony Day Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> of March

Harmony Day is a way to recognise the beauty of our shared country with all of the contributions to our Nation of people who have come here from near and far.

This year we are very lucky to have a Red Cross Volunteer in to speak with our Year 5-7 students about what it means to be an Asylum Seeker or Refugee finding safety in Australia.

This is a unique learning opportunity and connects well with the theme embedded in the day, Everyone Belongs. At home it is a great time to chat about your own family's origin stories, where your people hailed from and what culture/s, traditions and beliefs make up your own family.

Thank you, Michelle.

## Sports Day 2021

<b>9:15 am</b>	<b>Assemble on the Oval in Teams</b>
9:20 am	Introduction
9:25am	Health Hustle in House Teams
9:35 am	Students get into class groups
9:40 am	Classes assemble at their first Tabloid Station
9:45 am	Tabloid Events (6 stations including break)
<b>11:15am</b>	<b>Return to class to eat lunch</b>
<b>11:30am</b>	<b>Lunch play time (Normal Yard duty) – Sausage Sizzle</b>
12:00 pm	Meet teachers at normal spots then move out to the oval with class teacher to prepare for next tabloid
12.10 pm	Tabloids Events (4 stations including break)
1:10pm	Pack up and bring in tabloid equipment
1:20 pm	Assemble at cricket pitch in house teams
1:25 pm	<b>Relay runners to starting points</b>
1:30pm	<b>Relay begins</b>
1:35pm	<b>Chants</b>
1:40pm	<b>Winners announced</b>
<b>1:50pm</b>	<b>Close Sports Day and recess begins as usual – House Captains hand out Zooper Doopers to classrooms</b>
2:10pm	All students back to class as normal. Year 5/6s and any available staff to assist with remaining pack up
3.00pm	Students to be dismissed as normal

Hi everyone,

Reminding you all that Sports Day is coming up on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of April (Week 11). In the next few weeks more information about that day will come home including Covid-19 practices, the ordering of sausages and Zooper Doopers. Please see the timetable for a general overview of the running of the day. This year Sprints will be held in class tabloid events instead of in front of the whole school. There will be a relay towards the end of the day which the whole school will be watching.

Keep an eye out for more information in the newsletter, handouts and Class Dojo as the event gets closer! We look forward to a fantastic day!

**Steve Paulovich – PE teacher**

## Reading Matters

### Reading helps in language development

From the time your child is born, reading out loud is a positive influence. As your child grows, daily reading will help the brain make connections between the written and spoken word, widening vocabulary in the process.

Adding to that benefit, vocabulary knowledge equates to masterful spelling. In fact, reading, spelling and vocabulary are critically important to a child's lifelong achievement.

Reading provides one of the most enriching and complex brain activities available in life.

## Bullying No Way Day March 25<sup>th</sup>

We are commemorating Bullying No Way Day on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. In previous years we have asked for children to come in 'pink' shirts but this year we are not because students are wearing orange the week before and sports day colours the week after. So normal school uniform can be worn this day instead of pink.

SRC have met about the day and came up with some great ideas about how we can encourage a Bully Free Zone here at South Port.

At home you can help by encouraging children to let you know how they are going at school, who they play with and what types of play they are doing.

Historically if kids are not involved in a game they are walking and talking and sometimes this can lead to looking for a drama to be involved in.

So encouraging game based play, play in the computer room, taking out equipment or joining in groups like the school choir is a great way to help reduce the walking and talking groups.

Also just reminding your children to come and speak to the adults at school as soon as there is a problem can help to nip things in the bud, so to speak and help us to know there is a problem.

Here is a useful poster we will be using in classes to help students work out how big a problem may be, staff will use this on Bullying No Way Day to get our students talking about what bullying means.



