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South Port News

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APRIL

- 2nd Good Friday**
- 5th Easter Monday**
- 8th Sports Day**
- 9th 2.00pm Dismissal for the holidays**
- 27th 8.30am Gates open - Term 2 commences**

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

Thank you to everyone for their support this term. It's been great to welcome in the new reception students and see them begin their school journey. Other new students have started through the school and we have seen them integrate into their new community.

I am looking forward to Sports Day on Thursday 8th April and also to seeing parents and caregivers on site cheering on their children. It's always a fun day!

From Term 2 we have a new mobile phone policy in place that is part of department requirements. This policy provides direction to students, staff and families about managing mobile phones and other digital devices that students choose to bring to school. Digital devices include, but are not limited to, smartwatches, tablets or laptops that are not part of a separate Bring Your Own Device arrangement. This policy applies while students are at school, or attending an authorised school activity such as an excursion, during school hours.

The department's position is that primary aged students cannot use their mobile phones and personal devices at school during school hours. The department and the school recognise that there are legitimate reasons for students to bring a mobile phone or personal device to school. This may include:

- to ensure their safety while travelling
- so that parents can contact them outside of school hours
- Health reasons e.g. diabetes

During the school day students are not permitted to access or use their mobile phones or other personal devices. Students must switch off or mute their devices before storing them at the beginning of the school day. They will not be able to access their device until the end of the school day.

At South Port PS students will give their devices to their class teacher who will hand them to the front office so they can be

safely stored. At the end of the day students will need to come to the office to collect their device.

Please can parents and caregivers talk to their students about these expectations.

Thank you for your support with this.

Nikki G

From The Deputy Principal

School Leaders, House Captains and SRC had the privilege of meeting with the Honourable Chris Picton on Thursday last week. They talked with him about how hard they found it to stand up in front of everyone, when they put themselves up for nomination. He spoke to them about how proud they should be of themselves and what an important job they had.



Learning Discussions

Learning Discussions have been taking place this week with teachers, parent/ caregivers and students. If you were not able to come during these times, and would still like a discussion with your child's teacher, please contact them directly to make an alternative time.

Whole School Attendance

Hi everyone, as the term winds down I want to thank you all for your communication and support around student attendance. We have stayed a reasonably steady 91% attendance rate throughout this first term and I hope we can continue in the 90's for the term following. Have a happy and safe break! Michelle



Year to Date (2021)
The average daily attendance rate, Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 17/03/2021



Previous Week
Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 17/03/2021

Riding in the School Grounds

Students should **NOT** be riding their scooters or bikes anywhere on footpaths in the school grounds. They are allowed to ride on the netball courts in the morning **as long as they are wearing a helmet. No helmet. No scooter or bike.** Please remind your child/ren about this as it is a safety issue.

Australian Early Development Census

Playing our part to build a national picture of child health

In early 2021, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the fifth Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC gives us a national picture of the development, health and wellbeing of children in their first year of full-time school. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and develop better policies to target support for children and families.

Children don't miss any class time, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information for the census. The AEDC gives us data at a school and community level - it isn't an assessment of individual children.

Some teachers have also noticed that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole and that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing class programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit the AEDC website: www.aedc.gov.au.

If you have any questions, you can contact Nikki Garner.

Mosaic Garden Pathway

A very big thank to Michael (our Groundsperson) for the brilliant job he has done to create a beautiful mosaic pathway through the small garden at the front of the staff car park. You will see that it is roped off at the moment as we are waiting for the cement to dry but it will be ready next week for you to have a look at. We hope that it will keep all of our students safe by not walking through/cutting across the staff car park. Please still remember to be vigilant as you are crossing the car park entrance.

Assembly Awards – Well Done

Cherie Pickering	Zanzaryie YCDI Award for Getting Along for getting along with everyone at school
Jenny, Jess & Mrs Jolly	Evie YCDI Award for Confidence for being confident to share a story she wrote with the whole class Lachlan YCDI Award for Confidence for always being confident to have a go at new learning Minoru For demonstrating Respect by being a friendly, kind class member and an enthusiastic learner Makayla For demonstrating Responsibility being an organised and responsible student
Miss Ray	Aubree YCDI Award for Persistence for keeping on trying even when the task is tricky Beth For demonstrating Responsibility by always taking a responsible attitude towards your learning
Mrs Moro	Georgia For demonstrating Success with both her learning and attitude at school! Mitchell YCDI Award for Organisation for always being prepared for learning and giving 100% effort
Mrs Janssan	Leo YCDI Award for Getting Along for always taking care of our classroom Jake YCDI Award for Organisation for always being organised for sharing
Miss Parsons & Mrs Bladon	Everleigh YCDI Award for Persistence for working hard to complete all work tasks Hannah YCDI Award for Organisation for always being organised and ready to learn
Mrs Zammit & Mr Quirke	Jordan YCDI Award for Getting Along for making a great effort to complete all work Ava YCDI Award for Persistence for her cursive writing and finishing an amazing narrative
Mrs Burton & Miss Parsons	Maylee For demonstrating Success for being the best learner she can be Kobyn For demonstrating Responsibility for being a conscientious student
Mrs Bracken	Ava For demonstrating Respect for always showing respect to her peers and adults Kobe For demonstrating Success in Maths and learning about factors Dan YCDI Award for Confidence for persisting with his Daily 5 writing
Mr Ratcliff	Riley For demonstrating Confidence with Mathematics Iden For demonstrating Confidence with Mathematics
Miss Mildrum	Luke For demonstrating Success in seeing all challenges as opportunities for growth in his learning.
Tania Sensei Japanese	Year 3-7 Mildrum's class For demonstrating the school values in Japanese by making 'A' choices and having a go at all Japanese tasks
Mr Paulovich Health & PE	Mrs Janssen's class For demonstrating the school values in H & PE by trying their best and learning about sports day. Mrs Zammit/Mr Q's class For demonstrating the school values in H & PE by being respectful, organised, showing teamwork and effort.

