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# South Port News



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## AUGUST

16<sup>th</sup> 'Bigger, Better, Brighter' Book Week Performance

25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Narnu Camp – Years 4/5 & 5/6

26<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> BOOK FAIR in the Library

27<sup>th</sup> 9.10am Assembly

## SEPTEMBER

10<sup>th</sup> School Closure

16<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting

17<sup>th</sup> 9.10am Assembly

24<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Dismissal for the holidays

Our next Newsletter will be published and distributed in Term 3, Week 7

## 2021 Term Dates

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

### The Parent Survey

Nothing is more important to us than your child's education. To help us give your child the very best, we would like your honest feedback on a few key topics. Such as, does your school provide you with useful feedback about your child's school work? Do you find it useful to be given ideas about how to help your child learn at home? Does your child's school respond to your input about your child's learning? How does your school communicate with you?

This short survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete and will provide your school and the Department for Education with valuable information. Your feedback will help us understand the things we're doing well, where we can improve, and what's really important to you as a parent. The Department for Education is coordinating this survey centrally so that added administration workload isn't placed on your child's school. Your answer to the survey questions will not identify your name or your child's name and only collated feedback will be provided back to the school. Parents would have received an invite directly from the department on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021. Please complete the survey via the emailed link by Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

We know your time is valuable and we appreciate it.

Thank you.

Nikki G

## From Deputy Principal



Week 6 (23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Aug) is Book Week and it is approaching fast. This year's theme is **OLD WORLDS, NEW WORLDS, OTHER WORLDS**. There are many reasons why reading to your child or them reading is so important.

It helps them to develop their imagination,

focus and

concentration,

communication, it

helps memory,

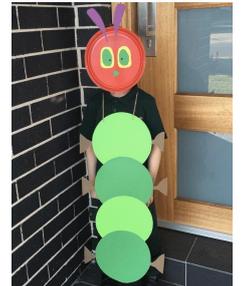
improves

language skills

and most of all it is enjoyable.

Students will be doing learning tasks in their classrooms and with their Buddies.

As we approach the week and throughout the week, classes will also be reading the short listed books and voting for their favourite.



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> will be our school Book Parade, where students can dress up as their favourite book character. You don't need to spend lots of money, just be creative...



The book fair is open from Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> until Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Students will view the books before and write a wish list. We will send more details closer to the time.

## 2022 Kindy Enrolments

Have you enrolled your child for Kindy for 2022? Children who turn 4 years of age before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 are able to attend preschool from the beginning of next year. We are currently enrolling children for 2022. Please contact the Kindy for further details on 8327 2280 if you would like to enrol your child at South Port Preschool.

## Assembly Awards – Well Done

<b>Cherie Pickering</b>	<b>Tommy</b> YCDI Award for <b>Confidence</b> for his growing skills as a reader
<b>Jenny, Jess &amp; Mrs Jolly</b>	<b>Mia</b> YCDI Award for <b>Persistence</b> for always trying her best and having a go at new and more challenging learning <b>Jayden</b> For demonstrating <b>Success</b> for working hard and making great improvements with bookmaking <b>Alexandra</b> YCDI Award for <b>Confidence</b> for being brave to come inside and join the class for stories, activities and fun! <b>Indy</b> For demonstrating <b>Respect</b> by showing kindness to her classmates each and every day
<b>Miss Ray</b>	<b>Aria</b> For demonstrating <b>Success</b> with great improvement in your letter formation and handwriting <b>Hamish</b> YCDI Award for <b>Persistence</b> for having a go and continuing to try your best through the whole day
<b>Mrs Moro</b>	<b>Austin</b> For demonstrating <b>Success</b> for working so hard to improve his reading and writing <b>Brax</b> YCDI Award for <b>Persistence</b> for persisting to improve in all areas of his learning
<b>Mrs Janssan</b>	<b>Oscar</b> YCDI Award for <b>Confidence</b> by always challenging himself in maths <b>Alisha</b> For demonstrating <b>Respect</b> by working hard to improve her learning even in lockdown
<b>Mrs Laxton &amp; Mrs Bladon</b>	<b>Ethan</b> YCDI Award for <b>Organisation</b> for being a kind and caring member of our class <b>Kassidie</b> YCDI Award for <b>Persistence</b> for always being on task and completing her work on time
<b>Mrs Zammit &amp; Mr Quirke</b>	<b>Jaxon</b> YCDI Award for <b>Organisation</b> for his neat and organised home learning tasks <b>Zeeke</b> YCDI Award for <b>Resilience</b> for resilience in his reading skills to push himself up 4 levels
<b>Mrs Burton &amp; Miss Parsons</b>	<b>Elliot</b> For demonstrating <b>Success</b> by working hard on all Home Learning and uploading it to Dojo! <b>Rhys</b> For demonstrating <b>Success</b> for working hard on all Home Learning & uploading it to Dojo!
<b>Mrs Mildrum</b>	<b>Krystal</b> YCDI Award for <b>Getting Along</b> for considering others, using kind words and being a supportive friend!
<b>Mr Ratcliff</b>	<b>Daniel</b> YCDI Award for <b>Getting Along</b> for always being friendly <b>Elissa</b> YCDI Award for <b>Resilience</b> for always bouncing back
<b>Mrs Bracken</b>	<b>Cooper</b> For demonstrating <b>Respect</b> for always showing respect to his peers, friends and teachers <b>Dyllan</b> YCDI Award for <b>Persistence</b> for persisting with comic strip writing and continuously trying to improve in this area and showing comedic flair
<b>Tania Sensei Japanese</b>	<b>1/2 Moro's class</b> For demonstrating the school values in <b>Japanese</b> by showing an excellent attitude towards their learning and having a go at all Japanese tasks
<b>Mr Paulovich Health &amp; PE</b>	<b>William</b> For demonstrating the school values in <b>H &amp; PE</b> by getting off to a good start in PE this term <b>Tommy</b> For demonstrating the school values in <b>H &amp; PE</b> by working hard to improve his ball skills

**Mr Thimm  
The Arts**

**Artists of the Week  
Tiana**

For demonstrating the school values in **The Arts** for helping others with their learning

**Chaise**

For demonstrating the school values in **The Arts** for being a persistent learner and brave singer

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students for their success in:

**Multilit:MiniLit Level 2:** Laikan, Clayton, Jacob, Xavier & Emily

## Reading Aloud

A balanced program of reading aloud to students every day for 15 minutes has many benefits. It shows students that we value reading. It also exposes them to a variety of authors, texts types and new vocabulary and provides a shared platform to discuss concepts and ideas. Teachers plan for this but parents and carers need to do this at home too.

Why does reading aloud matter?

Reading aloud 15 minutes a day with your child:

- Improves Language development
- Instills a love of reading
- Improves general knowledge
- Build literacy skills
- Improves bonding
- Is good for brain development (especially birth to 3 years)

Students need this time up until they leave Primary School so don't stop because they can now read. Don't feel obliged to stick to school books; read something you know you will enjoy together. The discussion is vital to build reading comprehension.

## COVID Restrictions

Just a reminder that parents/carers **are not** to enter the classrooms and school buildings, except for the front office if urgent. Here social distancing must be adhered to so if possible, please call on 83861197 instead.

Masks need to be worn by adults when they enter the site and please remember to use the QR Code.

Students must continue to stay at home if unwell, wash hands before coming on site and sneeze into their elbow. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

## Reporting student absence via MGM messaging system

Thank you to those parents who are using the MGM messaging system to report their child's absence from school. Could you please ensure that you include student name, teacher name, date and reason for absence otherwise it will be recorded as an 'Unexplained' absence.

**Student Name/Teacher Name/Reason for Absence/Date**

We have had quite a large number of messages coming through without some or **ALL** of these details.

Also please check the date if you get a message as the system will generate a message until all absences are explained.

Thanks for your cooperation.

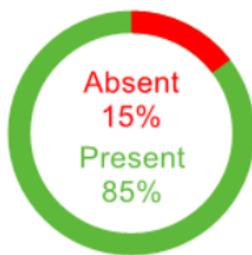
## Whole Site Student Attendance

Our whole school attendance rate for this year to date is sitting at 90% this week with the week prior dipping down to 85% for that week.



### Year to Date (2021)

The average daily attendance rate; Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 20/07/2021



### Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 20/07/2021

Sometimes, as parents, we find it hard to get our children to school for many reasons. Please call to have a chat with your class teacher and/or myself if you are finding there are barriers to your child attending and you would like some support.

It may be a new routine is needed or a different start to the morning, or it could be some help with friendships please call and let us know.

Thank you and have a great day,

Michelle.

## Mental Health Supports Available in the Southern Area

Hi all, for our community to be safe and healthy we have experienced some necessary lockdowns. However with this can come stress, anxiety and just general disruptions to our routines, supports and our mental health can suffer in these times.

Knowing this I wanted to provide our community with some of the local services available to help in tough times. Please see the lists below, some of these may be useful to you and your family now or in the future.

Take care,

Michelle.

Services:

### Children's Counselling / Psychology

- Kirrilee Smout - Developing minds, Aberfoyle Park & Wayville - 08 8357 1711 – Information on website

Annette Flanagan – based in Aldinga Centacare (08) 8557 9050 /8215 6310

Umbrella Psychology - 08 8354 2229 – Mile End

- Annette Flanagan – Centacare Aldinga - Aldinga, Cnr Quinliven and How Road, (08) 8557 9050 /8215 6310

### Kids Helpline

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Any time. Any reason

You can talk with our team on **1800 55 1800**, **via email** or **WebChat**. We listen and care. Talking helps. Counselling for kids aged 5-12, teen and young adults aged 13-25 and for parents and carers as well.

### Young Minds SA

<http://youngmindssa.com.au/> - outreach counselling – cost involved.

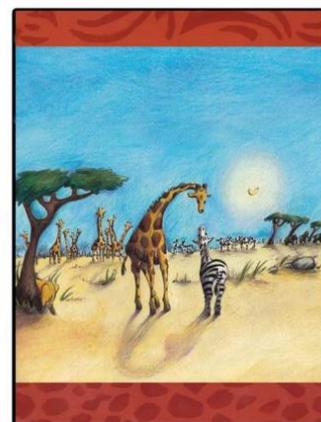
Libby [libby@youngmindssa.com.au](mailto:libby@youngmindssa.com.au)

Lisa [lisa@youngmindssa.com.au](mailto:lisa@youngmindssa.com.au)

## Performing Arts Update

**Year 3/4 Production:** This term our Year 3/4 classes have started rehearsing a production called Tuishi Pamoja, Swahili for 'we want to live together'. A story that has a great message about diversity and friendship and will create a wonderfully uplifting and colourful spectacle. Performances commencing in Term 4.

## Tuishi Pamoja



All remaining classes are currently engaged in exploring and rehearsing songs and activities from our new music program **Charanga**. This program is using an integrated approach to music where games, the dimensions of music, singing and playing instruments are all linked.



**Choir** is back on Tuesday lunchtime! Our schedule has been very patchy due to restriction but for now everything is back to normal.

**Music club** has also started again with all students are invited to bring a guitar or ukulele from home to school. Instruments need to be dropped off at Performing Arts before school so I can prepare instruments for the lunchtime get together.

The **school band** is currently practicing at the end of lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are still looking for a vocalist. If anyone is keen to join let me now!

## Music Lessons – Term 3

I have been teaching Piano/Keyboard, Guitar, Bass Guitar and Ukulele in South Australian schools for many years.

During Term 3 I will be conducting lessons every Monday during school hours. The cost of a weekly individual lesson is \$28 for 30 minutes or \$22 for 20 minutes. Payment is made in advance for the coming term.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to enrol your child for lessons.

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