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South Port News

Wednesday 1st September - Term 3, Week 7, 2021

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SEPTEMBER

- 6th-9th Learning Discussions
- 10th **School Closure**
- 16th Governing Council Meeting
- 17th 9.10am Assembly
- 24th 2.00pm Dismissal for the holidays

SCHOOL CLOSURE
Friday 10th September

Our next Newsletter will be published and distributed in
Term 4, Week 4

2021 Term Dates

Monday 19th July – Friday 24th September **2pm Finish**
Monday 11th October – Friday 10th December

From The Principal

It was great to see so many of our older children go on camp last week. Thanks so much to the teachers for organising and the volunteers for going along. Camps are so hard to organise and get people to support this so we really appreciate all those who made this happen.

Book Week was great and there were lots of activities going on in classes. One Year 3/4 class went to the library to meet an author and the students **were excited about meeting a "real life"** author. Thank you for all the efforts with the costumes. Such creativity!

We are in the process of finalising school colours and logos but need to send through the logo options and colours through Department processes before announcing. This will take some time but I will keep you all informed.

The site works for the courtyard area should start in the holidays. It will take up to 8 weeks to complete and during this time the school car park will need a space for construction vehicles etc. This will mean the disabled spaces will not be available during this time. We apologise for this inconvenience and ask that you use another spot during this time and display your disabled parking badge.

Our External School Review is on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th September. This is when we are visited by reviewers and we share our data and next steps for South Port Primary School. I will share the reviewers directions after this process.

Thank you.
Nikki G

From Deputy Principal

I've noticed that a lot of students are waiting outside the gates in the morning before they have even been opened. Please remember that students should not be at school before 8.30am as there is no one on duty. If they walk on their own please get them to leave later and if you have work please try and organise someone to drop them off.

If you need to pick your child up early in an emergency, call the office. If it is a pre organised appointment please let the teacher know that morning. Generally teachers **don't just send students** up to the office because the child says that they have an appointment and it may take some time to track your child down if they are not in the classroom.

2022 Kindy Enrolments

Have you enrolled your child for Kindy for 2022? Children who turn 4 years of age before 1st 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.

Hats

Please ensure your child has their school hat every day. The hat needs to be named clearly please. If you need to buy a new one please purchase them from the front office for \$15.

Class Placement 2022

We will begin the process for developing our classes for the 2022 school year early next term, and it is very important that we begin with accurate student numbers. If your child/children will not be attending our school next year, please let us know as early as possible. If you have any information that you would like taken into consideration with placement of your child next year, please provide it in writing to staff at the front office by Friday 22nd October (Week 2 Term 4). It is important to remember that there are only a limited number of classes available at the various year levels and that we have to work within these to ensure that every child is placed in the best possible class.

In Term 4 students also get the chance to let us know which 3 friends they would like **to be with in their class**. We can't guarantee they will get all 3 friends but try hard to get 1. Often **these friendship selections don't match teachers or parents/** caregivers ideas so if you are unsure about this please have a chat with your child and/ or teacher.

Special Class placements are the result of a brokering exercise that occurs at our Regional Office so this process does not include students from these classes.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property box located in the courtyard near the Community Notice Board. Any items named, will be returned to their owners before the end of term. All other items will either be donated to our Second Hand Uniform Store or charity. Please ensure that you clearly name all items belonging to your child. The amount of unnamed items in the lost property box is overwhelming.

COVID Restrictions

At this time we are still asking for visitors to site to wear a mask, use the QR Code and socially distance. We are continuing to minimise visitors to site. The front office can get very busy so please stay outside until there is a space for you!

Narnu Farm Camp

Bec's, Nicole's, and Justin's class went to Narnu Farm for school camp last week. They had a blast staying for 3 days and two nights where they rode horses, played spotlight, fed animals, held chicks and guinea pigs, ate tons of sugar, and stayed up way too late. By that time they were all exhausted, but had made memories they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.



We also helped Connor O'Donoghue celebrate his 11th birthday. What timing!



Attendance

Hi everyone and welcome to Spring! Time to dust off your hat, find your short sleeved tops and start looking at the sunscreen aisle at the shops.

Nice weather for riding the bike, scooter or skateboard to school too.

We are currently sitting at 90% for our attendance rate (please see below) and with the sunshine we would hope to see that more of our students are able to make it to school more regularly.

Please remember to call, text or send a Class Dojo to let us know when your child needs to stay home due to illness.

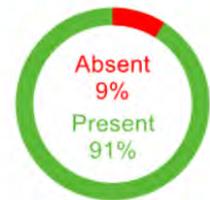
If you are finding there are other things keeping kids home, worries about school and or friendships please contact the class teacher and have a chat. Let us know what is happening so we can support your children to get the most from their time with us.

Thank you,
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 30/08/2021



Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 30/08/2021

Updates to the KS:CPC

Hi all, the Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum (KS: CPC) has had some recent updates to include information about consent and respectful relationships.

This has been updated in an age appropriate way and will be delivered as such. Please see the attached letter for more details about the update with a link to further information if you would like this.

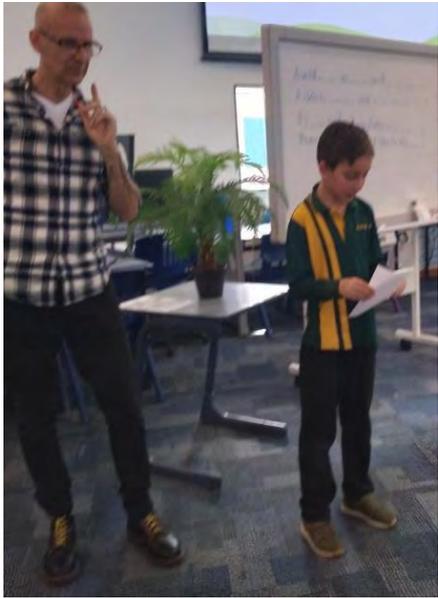
Kind regards, Michelle.

Year 3/4 Visit to Seaford Library to meet with Author - Mike Lucas

During Book Week our 3/4 class was lucky enough to meet Mike Lucas a local author and poet. He taught us how to write some funny poems using similes. He has written the Book Week poem for the last five years.



Mike Lucas 25/8/2021
 We went to the Seaford library
 Today we met an Author named Mike Lucas who's from England, Devon and he let us make our own poems. We also learnt lots about him.
 • He's a local author, an engineer and a poet. He has also got one dog and two cats and his family were part of a circus. He also let us build a house out of foam. And we could sit at a desk.



Seaford library. 25. 8. 21
 Today, we went to see Michael Lucas. He was a local author and he was very funny! He had 2 cats & 1 dog. They looked very fluffy and adorable! He even had his brain in Jole but how was he teaching us poems? He was born in England UK. His family was part of a circus. I actually think that was really cool! Michael Lucas was an engineer. He builds houses and does lots of cool things. He also writes stories!

His website is: <http://www.mikelucas.com.au/> if you would like to learn more about him and the amazing books he has written.

Students also wrote a recount of our excursion during writer's workshop

