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# South Port News

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## NOVEMBER

- 9<sup>th</sup> 9-11.00am Reception Transition
- 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> 9.15am Assembly
- 16<sup>th</sup> 9-11.00am Reception Transition  
Japanese Garden/Luncheon Excursion
- 17<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Aquatics
- 23<sup>rd</sup> 9-11.00am Reception Transition  
Year 3/4/5 Beach Swimming
- 25<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting

## DECEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Transition to Seaford Secondary College for Year 6s
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Transition to 2022 classes  
Transition to Seaford Secondary College for Year 6s  
Reports/Class Placements sent home
- 6<sup>th</sup> **Principal's Breakfast for Year 6s and their families**
- 7<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Dress Up Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Year 6 Excursion  
Transition to 2022 classes
- 10<sup>th</sup> School **Leaver's Assembly**  
2.00pm Dismissal

School resumes for Term 1 2022 on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Our next Newsletter will be published and distributed in  
Term 4, Week 7

## 2021 Term Dates

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

## 2022 Term Dates

31<sup>st</sup> January – 14<sup>th</sup> April  
2<sup>nd</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> July  
25<sup>th</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> September  
17<sup>th</sup> October – 16<sup>th</sup> December

## From The Principal

*What is reconciliation?*

At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians. Over the last half-century many significant steps towards reconciliation have been taken.

Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that reminds us that while generations of Australians have fought hard for meaningful change, future gains are likely to take just as much, if not more, effort.

In a just, equitable and reconciled Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children will have the same life chances and choices as non-Indigenous children, and the length and **quality of a person's life will not be determined by their racial background.**

Our vision of reconciliation is based and measured on five dimensions: historical acceptance; race relations; equality and equity; institutional integrity and unity.

At South Port Primary School we are in the process of constructing our Reconciliation Action Plan and the start of that is a shared vision. Staff at SPPS have come up with:

Australia is our land- we stand united in our values for a reconciled future. At SPPS we believe in working together to embrace diversity and promote an inclusive Australia. Through equal voice and authentic listening we can create a learning environment that closes the gap and celebrates culture.

If you have any comments regarding our draft vision please **don't** hesitate to contact the front office.

Thank you.

Nikki G

## From Deputy Principal

As we progress through the last term of the year your child may begin to feel a little anxious about the change of class. This is completely normal and you can help them through this by:

- Reassuring your child that worries are normal
- Encouraging them to talk to you about what concerns them
- Listen to what they want to tell you **but don't make a big fuss** or you will reinforce their fears
- Keep routines normal
- Use a calendar so that your child knows when extra events are coming up

If they are going to high school:

- Share your own positive experiences of secondary school and even some fears you had that you overcame, where appropriate
- Again use a calendar so they know what is coming up when
- **It's important to try and keep your own anxiety levels under control.** The more you can stay calm and present this as a good experience the better it is for your child

Thanks,  
Yvonne Haddy.

## Music Lessons – Term 4

There are still vacancies available for any students who would like to learn guitar, piano/keyboard or ukulele in Term 4. Individual lessons are conducted weekly on Mondays during school hours. If you have any questions or would like to enrol your child please contact:

Peter Beeby  
0431 151 104  
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## Assembly Awards – Well Done

Cherie Pickering	<p><b>Lachlan</b> For demonstrating <b>Confidence</b> &amp; being confident with his Transition visits</p> <p><b>Chaise</b> For demonstrating <b>Confidence</b> &amp; being confident with his Transition visits</p>
Jenny, Jess & Mrs Jolly	<p><b>Madi</b> YCDI Award for <b>Confidence</b> for an amazing effort with her reading and sight words</p> <p><b>Holly</b> For demonstrating <b>Responsibility</b> for always working hard and trying your best at school</p> <p><b>Harry</b> YCDI Award for <b>Persistence</b> for working hard toward achieving his individual goal!</p> <p><b>Siannah</b> For demonstrating <b>Success</b> by being responsible and friendly and making a wonderful start at South Port</p> <p><b>Jorden</b> YCDI Award for <b>Confidence</b> for being brave and confident to have a go to write independently</p>
Miss Ray	<p><b>Clayton</b> For demonstrating <b>Success</b> with a wonderful improvement in your reading and comprehension skills</p> <p><b>Laikan</b> For demonstrating <b>Respect</b> towards others and showing a sharing, thoughtful attitude during team activities</p> <p><b>Poppy</b> YCDI Award for <b>Organisation</b> for always being organised and successful in your learning</p>
Mrs Moro	<p><b>Aiden</b> For demonstrating <b>Success</b> for trying 100% with all work tasks and achieving great results!</p> <p><b>Sophia</b> YCDI Award for <b>Organisation</b> for always being ready to start work and ready for her learning</p> <p><b>Mila</b> YCDI Award for <b>Resilience</b> for gaining confidence and independence and persisting when things get difficult</p> <p><b>Piper</b> YCDI Award for <b>Getting Along</b> for making 'A' choices at school and being a great role model to others</p>
Ms Wight & Ms Fernandez	<p><b>Leo</b> YCDI Award for <b>Getting Along</b> for playing co-operatively and resolving conflict peacefully</p> <p><b>Leo</b> For demonstrating <b>Responsibility</b> for staying on task and not getting distracted</p>
Mrs Bladon & Miss Parsons	<p><b>Wendy</b> YCDI Award for <b>Confidence</b> in the classroom</p> <p><b>Mitchell</b> YCDI Award for <b>Persistence</b> for always being focused in his writing task and not giving up</p>
Mrs Zammit & Mr Quirke	<p><b>Beau</b> YCDI Award for <b>Persistence</b> for pushing himself with his reading and moving up 4 reading levels</p> <p><b>Claire</b> YCDI Award for <b>Confidence</b> for her hard work on her Claymation!</p>
Mrs Burton & Miss Parsons	<p><b>Natasha</b> For demonstrating <b>Success</b> always trying her best in</p>

	<p>class work</p> <p><b>Lilla</b> For demonstrating <b>Respect</b> for all members in class and staff</p>
Mrs Mildrum	<p><b>Chelsea</b> YCDI Award for <b>Getting Along</b> for considering others, inviting people to play and compromising with friends</p>
Mr Ratcliff	<p><b>Lily</b> YCDI Award for <b>Confidence</b> with her spelling work</p> <p><b>Chase</b> YCDI Award for <b>Resilience</b> with his maths work</p>
Mrs Bracken	<p><b>Avah</b> For demonstrating <b>Success</b> for settling well into a new class and routine</p> <p><b>Lachlan</b> For demonstrating <b>Success</b> for making better choices in class and as a result work is improving</p>

CONGRATULATIONS to Cerys for being selected and taking part in the Onkaparinga South Girls – Year 7 Football (Soccer) SAPSASA State Carnival. WELL DONE!!

## Attendance

We are almost half-way through this short term and I am pleased to see so many of our students attending regularly this term, must be all of the good weather and great learning planned! Our attendance rate for this term so far from Week 3 data:



**Year to Date (2021)**

The average daily attendance rate; Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 21/10/2021



**Previous Week**

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 21/10/2021

Still hoping we can get a few weeks closer to our target of 97% by the next newsletter, so even though it feels like a wind-down to the end of the year there is still a lot of important learning happening as well as celebration. As always, Every Day Counts!

Thanks,  
Michelle.

## New School Logo

We are very excited to announce that our new school logo has been approved by the Department. We will start to use this on our documentation from 2022.

The logo was very well received by the Department as it represents our locality (The Trigs Point) and is a simple concept.



