



South Port News



Wednesday 23rd February – Term 1 , Week 4, 2022

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DIARY DATES

MARCH

- 2nd National *Be Kind Day*
- 3rd 3.30pm Governing Council Meeting
- 4th *Clean Up Australia Day*
- 10th 9.10am Assembly (only for the school)
- 11th **PUPIL FREE DAY**
- 14th **Adelaide Cup Day**
- 17th AGM
- 18th *Bullying, No Way Day*
- 21st Harmony Day

APRIL

- 1st 9.10am Assembly (only for the school)
- 4th- 7th Dentist on site
- 4th- 7th Learning Discussions
- 8th Sports Day
- 11th- 14th Early Years Swimming
- 14th Last day of term 1, 2pm dismissal
- 15th Good Friday

2022 Term Dates

- 31st January – 14th April
- 2nd May – 8th July
- 25th July – 30th September
- 17th October – 16th December

From Principal

The year didn't start as planned but I think we have all got back into our routines now.

Our staff this year are:

Principal: Nikki Garner

Deputy Principal: Yvonne Haddy

Senior Leader: Student Wellbeing Michelle Dohnt

Yulti Unit	Mirnu Unit	Patha Unit
R Jess Tietgen & Teneille Jolly R Jenny Lovering & Teneille Jolly 1/2 Kristy Fode & Kimberley Wright Yr 1 Naomi Moro JP Special Cherie Pickering	1/2 Lyn Fernandez 3 Penny Taylor & Kayla Kearney 3/4 Michael Quirke 4 Kerry Whittington	6 Nicole Bracken 5/6 Caitlin Morton 5 Bec Burton & Amanda Davidson Primary Special Gemma Vowles

Specialist Teachers (N.I.T.) Teachers

PE Steve Paulovich

Japanese Tania Folland (Mon, Tues, Wed)

The Arts Hannes Thimm

SSO Team (School Support Officers)

Front Office: Ann McClean, Helen Smith, Helen Briggs

Library: Helen Briggs

Student Support: Cheryl Norman, Rosemary Antonoff, Tamara Burgess, Adele Beens, Karen McKee, Jen Makorba, Kerrie Kelly, Leeanne Kilgallon, Lydia Rutkowski, Nikki Dougray, Katie Hill

Aboriginal Education Teacher (AET): Michelle Dohnt

Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO): Position vacant at this time.

Grounds: Michael Hazelwood

PCW: Steve Brooks

It's been so lovely to see so many students come into school wearing the new school uniform but if you are still in the old colours don't panic! This year is a transition year so if it's not time to purchase new uniform yet then you have plenty of time. Please remember the ordering has to be done online. We are hoping to get school hats and bags in the front office as we know these items are often needed immediately! We have plenty of old Seaford K-7 polo tops for free if you need a top straight away; just come into the front office and we'll try to find an appropriate size. Please don't allow your child to come into school wearing a hoodie sweatshirt; these are not part of our uniform policy.

We are very lucky with our school grounds and I've been thinking about the veggie patch area near the chooks. I know we need to do a tidy up, but I am wondering if I have any keen gardeners in our community?? Despite our lack of attention things do seem to grow and it would be a shame to get rid of it. I am thinking about the possibility of a community garden. I need to look into the finer points and parents/ carers will need a working with children check to come and garden in the school day, but if I have any interested people who would be willing to put aside some time then please email me: nikki.garner701@schools.sa.edu.au

From here we can form a community group and decide what needs to be done. I am hoping we can grow some fruit and vegetables we can use!

The start of the year can be challenging for some students so please don't hesitate to call or Dojo you child's teacher if you need support. The teacher is the first line of contact but if you feel your needs are not met then please call the school on 83861197 to make an appointment with leadership.

Nikki G

From Deputy Principal

It has been lovely to see so many children back and looking great in their new uniforms. All the classes have been working on The Zones of Regulation and students are able to come into class and check in visually to show their teacher how they are travelling.

What ZONE Are You In?

Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
			
Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

Over the next few weeks they will be learning how to get themselves back into the Green Zone which is the optimum Zone for Learning.

Crossing

In week 5 we will be undertaking training with our Year 5/6 students to become Crossing Monitors. SAPOL are coming in to do a 2 hour session with them, teaching them what they need to do. Once they have completed their training they will receive a certificate that allows them to be a crossing monitor for 12 months. This is a really exciting opportunity for these students and hopefully we will see our new monitors out supporting our community by the end of the term.

2022 School Timetable

8.30am	Yard supervision begins
8.50	<i>Lessons commence</i>
11:20-11:30	<i>Students eat lunch in classrooms</i>
11:30-12:00	<i>Lunch</i>
12.00 - 12:10	<i>Interoception in class</i>
12.10	<i>Lessons commence</i>
1:50 - 2.10	<i>Recess</i>
2:10	<i>Lesson commences</i>
3.00	<i>Dismissal</i>
3.15pm	Yard supervision ends and gates locked

From Michelle



Hi all, I have been sending home Learning for Life Scholarship forms to you with the aim of reaching as many families who are eligible to apply be able to apply.

These scholarships are to assist families who have a Health Care and or Pension Concession card to have some financial assistance as well as link in with other services and resources and programs that the Smith Family runs.

A little about them; The Smith Family is an independent children's charity helping disadvantaged Australian children to get the most out of their education. The scholarship, once applied for and approved, which is based on their criteria and

space will follow them throughout their schooling even through to tertiary education. It does need to be applied for and approved before students reach the end of year 8 and preferably before this. Also the student needs to be attending one of their partner schools, luckily we are one of these schools and so is Seaford Secondary College.

Another requirement is that the students attend school regularly as this is a scholarship to help assist students to access their schooling so this is an important aspect and if attendance is poor this could mean a scholarship is removed, to make space for those who are showing good attendance and also qualify.

If you would like to have a chat about the application and how to apply please feel free to give me a call. Once you have applied the best person to speak with about the progress of your application and suitability to the scholarship is our Family Partnership Coordinator, Sonia Bailey and her details are on the application.

If you would like an application and have yet to receive one please let the school know and one will be sent home to you.

The Smith Family also offer our students other programs like the Student2Student reading program, which links students in with a mentor who they read to in an engaging way (using the online environment, a computer and the internet need to be easily accessible). This helps our readers to get extra practice and skills with their reading and is a great program. Information about how to apply for the Student2Student reading program will be sent home in the next week, alternatively contact our Deputy Yvonne who has the application form.

Thank you, Michelle.

Attendance Matters! Every Day Counts!

If you know you are unable to get your child/children to school due to illness, family reasons or appointments please let your class teacher know, beforehand would be great, but if this is not possible via Dojo then reply to the messaging system or call the office and let us know. All absences must be recorded and this is why teachers will follow up.

The first bell goes at 8.30am so please do not bring children to school before this time as care of students is the families responsibility at this time. Whether this is something you are organising with before school care with a provider or another family member. Please do not send children unattended to school before this time as it is potentially unsafe. Staff may be on site but they do not have duty of care at this point and are often setting up learning for the day.

The school bell then goes at 8.50am and this is when class teachers will welcome students in for the start of the day. Teachers have organised a 'line up' or 'gathering' places for their classes; this is to help students to get in to class together. Lastly our school day finishes at 3pm and there is a yard duty teacher in the yard until 3.15pm. If you know this finishing time is before your work day then there is a local service on Aldam Road (83862007) who has an after school service that picks students up from our school. They also provide before school and vacation care and many of our students/families use this service.

Thank you for your time and keep those smiling kids coming, it has been great to see our South Port students and families in the mornings and we appreciate the time you take to get them here.

Car Parking

The School and Kindy car park, for safety reasons, **are not for families to use for parking (unless there is a specific reason that has been discussed with staff eg disability)**. This is a real safety issue for children with families driving in and out as children and even adults are not always visible when cars are reversing. It is often extremely busy and therefore **NOT A SAFE PLACE** for children and cars.

House Points

We give out house points throughout the day to encourage and reward good choices. Every assembly we will see who has the most points and will present a small coloured trophy. At the end of the year they will receive the house trophy for making the best choices. The end of last year we actually had a tie with Tigress and Nashwauk both winning the same number of times throughout the year.



We will try to do some house team events throughout the year, obviously including Sports Day, which is at the end of this term. If you are unsure of your child's house please message your child's teacher or the office and they can let you know the house name and colour. The students have recently been nominating for house captains and we will let you know who the successful candidates are in the next newsletter.

PE News

Hi everyone,

For all of you who I haven't introduced myself to yet, my name is Mr. P. and I am the PE teacher here at South Port Primary. I hope everyone has had a great start to the 2022 school year. This year I would like to make a point of regularly highlighting any sporting activities that our students are doing outside of school. Whether they are just starting out and doing grassroots programs (such as AusKick or Cricket Blast) or they play at club level we would love to know about it. It would also be great to see some lesser known sports get some exposure (for example I know there are students here who play golf, which is not often recognised).

If you are able to send through any pictures with a brief description of what they have been doing, we can add them to the newsletter or to the school story on Class Dojo. This will also be a great promotion for various Sporting Clubs and organisations as we always have parents and students on the lookout for more opportunities.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Mr. P.

Bec' Class

The Year 5 students in Bec Burton's class have started a Gratitude Journal this week. The purpose of this is to remind us that even when the world is a little crazy, we can still be thankful and happy for the things we do have.



"I am thankful that I can come back to school, because I can meet my amazing class mates and teacher"

"I am thankful for my amazing parents and all they have done for me"

"I am thankful for my education, because when i grow up I want to be a writer and an illustrator. My school and education will help me achieve that"

"I am grateful that I am back at school. I am lucky to have a teacher I had 2 years ago. I am grateful to have a nice teacher."

"I am grateful to have a family."

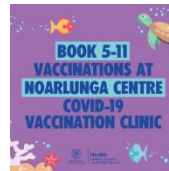
Ms Wright and Ms Fode's Class

As part of our Fairy Tale theme, this week, the students in Ms Wright and Ms Fode's class have been focusing on the tale of The 3 Billy Goats Gruff.

As a class we made narrative writing anchor charts. Students made their own setting with the characters and retold the story in their own words. We are learning how to structure a piece of narrative writing and are excited to start book making with Mrs Zammit next week



Community News



If you haven't already, now is the time to visit the Noarlunga Centre COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic to get your 5-11 year old vaccinated against COVID-19.

You can book your appointment online [here \(bit.ly/3rsoJQ6\)](https://bit.ly/3rsoJQ6) or if it's easier, you can walk

in at a time that suits you during opening hours!

Children receive two doses of the Paediatric Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, 8 weeks apart.

This vaccine is a third of a dose compared to the vaccine for people aged 12 and over. Noarlunga Centre COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic also provides vaccinations for all eligible people aged 12 years and over.

Thank you to you and your family for rolling up your sleeves to help protect the community.