



South Port News

Friday August 19th - Term 3 - Week 4, 2022

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DIARY DATES

August

BOOK WEEK

- 19th Aboriginal STEM Congress
BOOK FAIR
Book Week Parade
- 22nd BOOK FAIR
- 23rd BOOK FAIR
- 30th Bully Zero Presentations (am)
Father's Day Stall (pm)

September

- 2nd 9.10 am Assembly
School Disco
- 6th SAPSASA Athletics
- 12-15th Learning Discussion Week
- 16th School Closure
- 23rd Team Challenge Day
- 30th 2pm Dismissal

2022 Term Dates

25th July – 30th September
17th October – 16th December

From Principal

SSO Week 22nd-26th August

Next week we celebrate our SSOs and would like to acknowledge School Services Officers (SSOs), Early Childhood Workers (ECWs) and Aboriginal Education Workers (AEWs). We know that our school could not function without you and everything you do helps support young people to achieve their potential.

School Events

Please check your term planner, Dojo and the dates above for the various school events that are **planned**. **There's a lot going on** and we do our best to send out reminder Dojos as events approach. We have been using email more frequently so if your email address needs updating please let us know. There are still a few members of our community not on Dojo as well. If you need support with this please just call the front office on 83861197.

From Deputy Principal

Assembly

It was great to see parents back at our assembly last week. Our next assembly is in week 6 September 6th and Possums, Wombats and Diamond Class will be presenting. Remember do not come if you are unwell and only a maximum of 2 per family so that we can stay COVID safe.

Crossing

As you will have seen, our Crossing monitors are up and running and doing a fantastic job working to keep your children safe. There are a few problems with people dropping children off on the solid yellow line next to the crossing. This causes congestion and makes it more difficult for drivers to see properly; please can you drop your children off further down the street. In addition, children are getting out of the car on the roadside when they are being dropped off. PLEASE get them out on the path side so that they are safe and it does not cause problems for other drivers.

Attendance

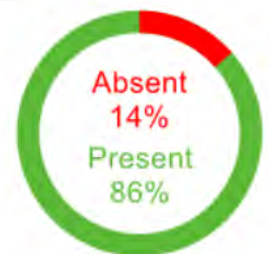
Hi everyone, the cold weather has continued and we have seen some illness here at school.

Here is our current whole school rate:



Year to Date (2022)

The average daily attendance rate; Year-to-Date, derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 15/08/2022



Previous Week

Attendance rate derived from student attendance data sourced from the school systems as at 15/08/2022

I thought I would also break this down for you a bit. The year level attending the most (*drum roll please*) is our Year 5 students, with 87.1%, closely followed by our Year 1 cohort.

The year level with the lowest attendance at the moment is our Year 4 students, with an 84.4% attendance rate.

As a whole school, reasons for missing school is at a majority for illness and our girls are more likely to be at school right now than our boys.

This is only from our most recent data and this changes regularly but it is interesting to see what is happening within that 86%.

Let's see what our results tell us next time! Thanks, Michelle.

Bully Prevention - Wellbeing

Bully Zero an eSafety recognised external provider who presents to schools across Australia is coming to South Port to present sessions to our students about understanding bullying and staying safe online. The presentation will be in Week 6, on Tuesday the 30th of August. All students will be involved in this incursion throughout the day at no cost to families, due to a successful grant proposal.



Here is their website for further information:
<https://www.bullyzero.org.au/>

Music Lessons

If you would like your child to learn guitar, piano/keyboard or ukulele then please contact Peter Beeby directly. 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
pbbeeby@gmail.com

Update on Preschool Enrolment Mid-Year Intake



Reception Enrolments for 2023

If you have a child who is due to start reception in 2023 please come in and collect an enrolment pack. Those that return their enrolment packs by the end of Term 3 will receive a complimentary school sharing bag when they start school in 2023. You will also have an entry in a 'Reception' raffle to win a free school polo and hat. If you have already returned your enrolment pack then you will get your sharing bag and also be entered in the raffle.

Performing Arts

A big thank you to Peter Rawlings and the Lions Club of Seaford & Districts for donating two guitars, an amplifier and microphone to our School/Graduation Band! This will allow more students to participate in our music program and expand the variety of activities we can offer to our school



community. The graduation band has rehearsals every Tuesday at lunchtime and has recently started composing their first song.

Mr Thimm.

Aboriginal Culture at South Port PS

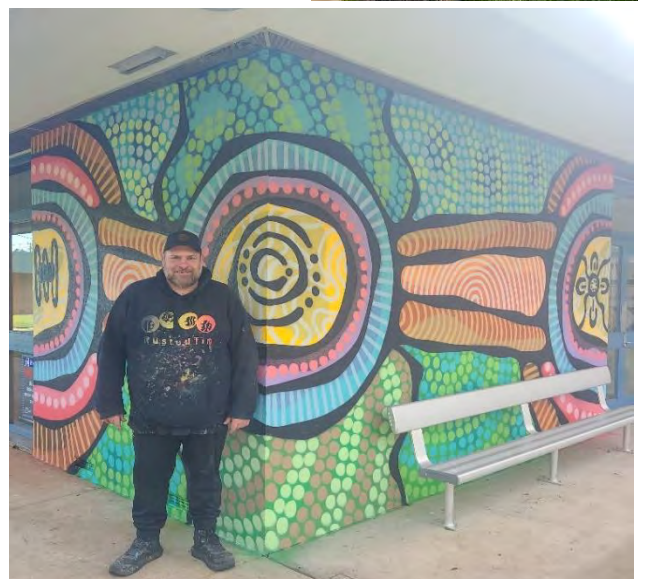
We are excited to share with you our community the mural that was recently painted by Aboriginal Contemporary Artist, Mr Scott Rathman.

In Term 2 Scott came to school and worked with students on symbolism, culture and the importance of symbols in Aboriginal art and in their own lives.

Students were asked to write and draw about the school and what they connected with and felt about our school environment. Then they turned this into their own symbols.

Scott, using what students had developed as well as his own interpretation of the story the students had created, designed the mural for our Admin building.

This term Scott came back and finished this mural, the initial story within the mural represents 'nurturing growth, friendship, teaching and learning and also supportive



people to talk to'. Scott is finalising the meaning and we would like to create a plaque to include this on the wall

when possible. Then all will know the meanings and story within the artwork. Here are some photos of the works from beginning to completion:

We are thankful for the support of Reconciliation SA whose grant helped to make this mural a possible.

Assembly Awards – Well Done!

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| Cherie Pickering | Alexandra For displaying Empathy by welcoming others and being friendly in the classroom |
| Jenny, Jess & Mrs Jolly | Summer For displaying Resilience beginning to show confidence to come inside independently in the mornings Noah For displaying Resilience coming into class positively and confidently in the mornings Tilly For displaying Resilience by showing a wonderfully positive and persistent attitude to her handwriting Patrick For displaying Resilience working really hard to improve his drawing and writing skills Owen For displaying Respect by working well with class mates and being a problem solver |
| Mrs Moro | Miylah For displaying Empathy for her consideration and care for all students at school Tex For displaying Resilience when he is working hard to finish his learning activities on time |
| Ms Wright & Mrs Fode | Laikan For displaying Empathy by considering other people's point of view and being a really good friend to others! Jylan For displaying Resilience for persistence in improving his handwriting, even when it is challenging. Fantastic resilience Jylan! |
| Mrs Fernandez | Aria For displaying Resilience towards her learning. Aria sees mistakes as part of learning and is always ready to keep trying until she succeeds Alexis For displaying Empathy towards others. Alexis is caring and always tries to cheer up her class members when she can see they are in the Blue Zone |
| Mrs Taylor & Mrs Kearney | Kaiden For displaying Resilience for excellent persistence to complete his learning tasks to the best of his ability and always listening to and applying feedback with a smile on his face Tahlia For displaying Empathy and understanding towards all class members and always willing to offer a helping hand, often without being asked |
| Mr Quirke | Dilan For displaying Resilience during maths, learning about patterns. She bounced back and found a solution Kobe For displaying Resilience in Maths. He was able to find the solution in our pattern investigation |
| Mrs Whittington | Bodhi For displaying Resilience through applying himself to his learning this term and persisting through challenges Zauriella For displaying Empathy with kindness towards others and helping people when they need it |
| Mrs Vowles | Jasper For displaying Resilience by managing his feelings successfully while in the different 'Zones of Regulation' and sharing new strategies with the class Lachlan For displaying Respect by always speaking respectfully to others and always helping with jobs in the |

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| | classroom when asked |
| Mrs Morton | Tayla For displaying Empathy and kindness towards her teachers and always being considerate of their feelings Ethan For displaying Respect within the classroom and following instructions |
| Mrs Burton & Mrs Davidson | Jaxon For displaying Resilience Great persistence and a 'can do' attitude when learning to draw 3D shapes and shade a shadow for depth of illusion Oscar For displaying Resilience when working on mathematical tasks and extending his skills when working in a higher year level |
| Mrs Brown | Colton For displaying Resilience with his work and contributing to class discussions Kai For displaying Resilience and putting a greater effort into his work and presentation |
| Mr Paulovich PE | Caiilin's class For displaying Resilience when faced with challenges during Orienteering lessons Kristy/Rikki's class For displaying Respect for themselves and each other by working well in groups |
| Mr Thimm The Arts | Chelsea For displaying Resilience for always giving activities 'a go' even when they appear tricky at first Diamond class For displaying Empathy for looking after each other and offering support when a classmate is in need |

CONGRATULATIONS to Waqas for being awarded a 'Certificate of Achievement' in the Makers Empire competition for outstanding creativity and excellent design skills. An amazing achievement!

Parent Survey

You are invited to complete the 2022 annual parent survey, which is now open.

In the week beginning Monday 1 August you would have received an email or SMS from the Parent Survey Team with a unique link to participate in the survey.

If you did not receive an email or SMS with your unique survey link, contact education.ParentSurvey@sa.gov.au and include our school's name in your email.

The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will help us understand:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what's important to you.

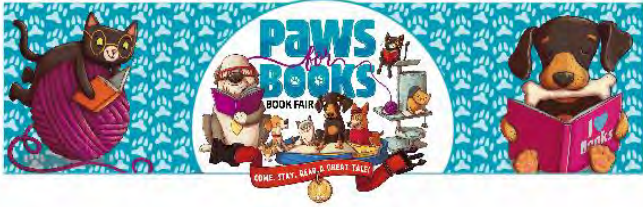
It has been coordinated centrally so that added administration workload isn't placed on the school.

Your answers will not identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to our school.

Information collected will inform school improvement planning and activities at the school.

The survey closes 5pm Sunday 28 August.

Scholastic Book Fair



Our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on *Thursday 18th to Tuesday 23rd August* in the Library and we would love to see you there! Opening times are:

Fri 8.30-9am

Mon 8.30-9am and 3- 3.30pm

Tues 8.30-9am and 3- 3.30pm

You and your child will have the opportunity to explore a huge range of affordable books, featuring characters and subjects kids love and want to read about. From newly released books and bestsellers to award-winning titles and perennial favourites.

This is also a great way for you to learn about, and discuss your child's interests and every book sold benefits our school, adding resources to our library and classrooms.

Scholastic Book Fairs help us show students the wonder of reading. After all, when kids choose their own books, they will be more excited to read, and they will naturally read more!

SCHOLASTIC  **Book Fairs**