Port Lincoln Primary School
Newsletter
Term 1 Week 4  February 25th  2016

Dates to Remember

Week 4
Thursday February 25th
SAPSAS Softball Try Outs
2:30-4:15 pm  PLPS oval.

Friday February 26th
Trials SAPSASA LEP Swimming

Week 5
Monday 29/2—Wed 2/3
Errappa Camp—Rowe class

Monday February 29th
Choir Retreat at Yacht Club

Tuesday March 1st
Coffee and chat morning
8.45 am in Community Room PLPS

Tuesday March 1st
District Basketball Carnival at Tumby Bay

Wed 2/3—Fri 4/3
Errappa Camp—Farlam class

Thursday March 3rd
SAPSASA Softball Try Outs
2:30-4:15 pm  PLPS oval

Friday March 4th
SAPSASA Tennis Trials

Week 6
Monday 7/3—Wed 9/3
Errappa Camp—Jolly class

Wed 9/3—Fri 11/3
Errappa Camp—McFarlane / Reincke class

Wednesday March 9th
SAPSASA Cricket trials
Ravendale Oval

Thursday March 10th
SAPSASA Softball Try Outs
2:30-4:15 pm  PLPS oval

PUPIL FREE DAY
MARCH 24TH
Staff Training Day

Port Lincoln Junior Primary & Port Lincoln Primary
Combined Governing Council invites you to attend their
Annual General Meeting
On Monday 21st March at 6pm
At the PLPS Literacy Centre
All Welcome
Come and hear about the achievements of your child’s school in 2015 and listen to the Primary School choir.

All parents are welcome to join Governing Council
Governing Council meetings provide an opportunity in a relaxed atmosphere to meet other parents, talk about what is happening in your child’s school and to be involved in planning for future projects. Meetings are twice a term.

Why not nominate for a role? No experience is necessary. You will receive support & guidance from existing members. Vacant positions include:

Chairperson – chair meetings, act as a spokesperson, attend some school functions on behalf of Governing Council and compose correspondence.

Vice Chairperson – back up chairperson and spokesperson

Treasurer – work with finance officers to relay finance reports and budgets

Secretary – takes minutes and helps to compose correspondence.

Parent member- assist in researching and fundraising as needed.

Parents are also invited to join our OSHC committee.

Joining Governing Council is a great way to be involved in your child’s education.

Chat to Reece Evans (current Chairperson) for more info
0487802501 neas.02@hotmail.com

SWIMMING FOR YEARS
3,4,5 NOT UNTIL TERM 2
Asthma Kids
Last year Asthma Australia launched the interactive website “Asthma Kids” for primary aged children.

Thousands of kids have taken Chester’s Asthma Trail to learn more about asthma, what asthma feels like and how they can help a friend with asthma.

Flinders Hockey Club 2016 Registration Day

At Ravendale
Saturday 5th March 2016
11am to 1pm
Sausage Sizzle

Flinders Hockey Club Merchandise will be available to purchase or order
Face Painting
Bring your sticks and your friends to have a hit
Family friendly match on the Turf from 12pm

Please note, the Hockey SA Individual player registration fee must be paid online, with a credit card or debit card, at the time of registration.

Foster care open day
Wednesday 2 March
10:00 am - 11.30 am
And 7:00 pm - 8.30 pm
Centacare Country SA
32 Mortlock Terrace, Port Lincoln
Drop in and meet the fostering staff. Learn about what’s involved in fostering, the process of becoming a foster carer and learn how you would be supported as a foster carer.

Centacare Country SA
8683 0733
A joint initiative with Families SA and Keep your kids smiling
SA Dental Service

Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule?

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.
Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.

Please call now for an appointment. Pt Lincoln Dental Clinic
Phone: 8682 1248
FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Volunteers

Thank you to the more than 20 community members who were able to attend one of the two recently run volunteer induction workshops. The workshops are designed to equip volunteers to contribute to the school and meet the mandatory requirements and clearances.

Volunteers are an essential part of our school and contribute widely to the learning outcomes of the students. We are always looking for more volunteers, so please consider completing the volunteer register even if you can only help once or twice a term.

3 Way Conversations

In the next few weeks, teachers will begin the first cycle of three way conversations. These meetings involve student, family members and teachers. The meetings provide the basis for planning the learning and developmental goals for your child. Please respond to the booking requests from your child’s teacher when the invitations come home.

Welcome Assembly for the Year 3 students

Last Friday we formally welcomed the Year 3 students to the school. All of the students formed a guard of honour leading into the gym and clapped and high 5ed the Year 3 students as they passed by. The Year 7s hosted the assembly with the highlight being the Year 3 students singing “Gold”.

Governing Council News

At the Governing Council meeting on Monday night the council approved the following Pupil Free Days:

- **Thursday 24th March** Positive Behaviour Learning with Autism SA
- **Thursday May 19th** Writing with Sheena Cameron
- **Friday May 20th** Developing a Growth Mindset Classroom with James Anderson (parent session planned Thursday night)
- **School Closure Day Wednesday Aug 10th** (Eyre Peninsula Field Days)

All of these dates are combined with the Junior Primary School. Please put these dates into your diary for your future reference.
Year 6 Aquatics

Last week our year 6’s attended a full day of aquatics in Coffin Bay. Some of the skills that we learnt were paddle boarding, kayaking, snorkelling, small boat handling and windsurfing.

Here are some pictures of students from Miss Mader’s class.

We love aquatics!!
Hello From Holly ……

Welcome to term 1 2016, it has been a pleasure to come back after the school holidays and see that our staff at Port Lincoln Primary school are refreshed, and revitalized for the journey ahead this year. I would like to say a special welcome to new staff, students and families, and hope that you feel at home within our school community as we enjoy getting to know you more.

So far this term I have encountered staff that have already put in so much care, determination and planning into their school year as well as ensuring their students’ learning is maximised, by getting to know them and their individual needs. I can already see that many have gone above and beyond to do this, and I want to personally ensure you (our Parents and carers), that Port Lincoln Primary school is committed to supporting not only the academic side of learning, but most importantly the social and emotional learning of your children.

One fantastic metaphor we have adopted this term is the following:

**Above the line vs. below the line thinking.**

We are encouraging our students to be ‘above the line thinkers’ who look at every situation whether negative or positive, as an opportunity to grow, and overcome problems. This task is not only increasing the self-awareness of our students, but has also had a great effect on our staff as the facilitators and role models of this concept/life skill, in our school.

As we face our days and weeks we encounter many different situations, some we have control over and some we don’t. But it’s as we learn to change the way we think, and acknowledge and accept that there are people who genuinely care for us and desire to help, that we can improve our emotional wellbeing.

**On a side note,** I would like to let the community know that I will be going on maternity leave in week 5, and hope to return in the near future. My role will not be left unfilled however, and you will be informed of who the next pastoral care worker is over the coming weeks.

Many Blessings   Holly J

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**The Marshmallow Challenge!**

In groups of 4-5, students were provided with 90cm of string, 90cm of masking tape, 20 sticks of spaghetti, and one marshmallow. The instructions were to build the tallest free-standing structure within a time frame of 18 minutes. This activity really brought to life the importance of working together, and helped students better get to know their peers. Our debrief consisted of a whole class discussion about the strengths of teamwork, its importance in the class, and ways we can improve!

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**Miss Woldt’s Year 4/5 Class**
**SAPSASA 2016**

SAPSASA sporting events occur throughout the year. Team sports are offered to grade 6 and 7 students while individual sports like Swimming, Cross Country and Athletics are offered to students aged 10 and over. SAPSASA events are a great way for students to challenge themselves, work on their teamwork and provide an opportunity to represent both their school and region.

Notes will be displayed in classrooms and on the Gym door about upcoming trials and events being held in school or at a set destination, with dates and times. Year 7 students will be on camp in weeks 5 and 6 so they may miss some trials and events. Students that are away will have an opportunity to make up for their absence and attend later trials and/or events.

Events coming up include:

**SWIMMING**- A squad of swimmers has been selected from the LEP District Swimming Carnival held in Term 4, 2015. Final Trials are Friday 26th February Week 4. The final team will travel to Adelaide for the Country Championships on Friday, 18th March.

**SOFTBALL**- Trials have begun. The girl’s team is almost finalised. This year we are looking at putting together a boy’s softball team. So if you play baseball, can hit a ball in cricket or just want to try out, come and have a go. If you missed the first trial but are keen to try out, they are held at 2:30-4:15pm Thursday afternoons on Port Lincoln Primary School oval. The LEP teams travel to Adelaide in Term 1, Week 10 (4th-8th April).

**BASKETBALL**- School based team. Trials have begun. District Carnival at Tumby Bay Tuesday 1st March, Week 5. The top two boy and girl teams will go on to compete at a regional day in Whyalla late Term 2 or early Term 3, with the winning teams qualifying for the State Championships in Adelaide on Thursday 22nd September (Week 9, Term 3).

**ATHLETICS**- District Day will be held towards the end of Term 1 in Port Lincoln, Thursday 31st March, Week 9. Trials have begun at PLPS and will run for the next few weeks as we finalise our team. SAPSASA Country Athletics Day is held in Term 3, Week 10 (Monday 26th September) for students that excel at Ravendale.

**TENNIS**- Trials begin in Port Lincoln Friday 4th March, Week 5. A second trial will be held in week 7. The State Championships are in Adelaide in Term 4, Week 6 (21st - 25th November).
FOOTBALL- Trials begin on Monday, Week 10, Term 1 for Port Lincoln students. State Championships are held in Adelaide in Term 3, Week 4 (15th-19th August).

CRICKET- Trials begin in Port Lincoln Term 1. Port Lincoln School trials will be conducted from 3:00pm – 4:30pm on Wednesday 9th of March (Week 6) at RAVENDALE OVAL. State Carnival Week 4 Term 4 (2<sup>ND</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Nov).

NETBALL- Trials begin Week 5, Term 2 at Port Lincoln Netball Courts. State Championships are held in Adelaide in Term 3, Week 4 (15th-19th August)

CROSS COUNTRY- District Day held in Term 2, in Port Lincoln at Pioneer Park. 10 years and up can try out. Adelaide Cross Country event is in Term 2, Week 6 (Thursday 9th June). This year we are also thinking of taking a team to Tcharkulda Rock on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, week 7, Term 2.

GYMKHANA- Interschool Gymkhana (Grades 5-12) Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Week 3, Term 2 at Ravendale Racecourse.

TOUCH FOOTBALL- We are looking at hosting a district carnival amongst the year 7 students from the different Port Lincoln Schools mid Term 2.

HOCKEY- Trials begin early Term 2. The state Carnival is in Adelaide in Term 2, 20<sup>th</sup> June- 24<sup>th</sup> June, Week 8.

SOCCER- Trials begin early Term 2. The state Carnival is in Adelaide in Term 2, 20<sup>th</sup> June- 24<sup>th</sup> June, Week 8. We also take a girls soccer team away.

GOLF- Golf is offered as a SAPSASA event, if you have a child that plays please don’t hesitate to contact the school for further information.

Please don’t hesitate to send further enquiries to the HPE staff.

Kind regards,
Deb Fraser and Tyron George
HPE teachers
REMINDER
On a day forecast as catastrophic fire risk the staff of this school will be unavailable to your children and the school. They will be actioning their Family Bushfire Survival Plans. All school bus services will be automatically cancelled. Travel on roads during these conditions places you and your family at high risk.

FAMILY PROCEDURES – EVERY DAY
Check CFS web site for the following day:

BUSHFIRE FORECAST

Non-Catastrophic Day

School is available

School bus runs operate

Catastrophic Forecast

School Staff unavailable

School bus services cancelled

Family Bushfire Survival Plan Actioned

BOSTON FAMILY FUN DAY
AND JUNIOR REGO DAY

SUNDAY 6TH MARCH
11 -3 PM

COME AND ENJOY ALL THE FUN
BUBBLE SOCCER AND MUCH MORE ACTIVITIES

ANY NEW, EXISTING PLAYERS AND FAMILIES
WELCOME

FOR MORE INFOMATION VISIT OUR FACE BOOK PAGE
OR RING CRAIG -0428 837112

Coffee and Chat Mornings

Families are invited to coffee and chat mornings
8.45 – 9.30am
Community/Aboriginal Ed Room PLPS
Term 1 - Tuesdays
March 1st
March 15th
March 29th
April 12th