



Port Wakefield Primary School Newsletter

Learning Respect Honesty Teamwork

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Dates to Remember:

Wed – 8 th February 2017	Parent Club AGM – 2.00pm. All welcome.
Mon - 20 th February 2017	Kimochis Parent session 3.30 – 4.30pm. Classrooms opened, Annual General Meeting and Family Barbecue. More details later regarding this.
Tues - 21 st February 2017	Year 7's at Grip Leadership in Adelaide.
Thurs - 2 nd March 2017	SAPOL visit – Cyber Safety Presentations
Mon - 6 th and Tues - 7 th March 2017	Proposed Junior Primary "ZooSnooze" (TBC)
Wed - 8 th March 2017	Proposed Pupil Free Day (TBC)
Mon - 13 th March 2017	Adelaide Cup - Public Holiday
Tues - 14 th March – Fri - 17 th March 2017	Term Time Swimming - Week 7

Welcome Back

We have had a fantastic and busy start to our school year with all staff, children and families arriving at school with big smiles on their faces!

Welcome to our new students and their families. This year we have 5 Reception children starting school, we also have 3 new students in Junior Primary; 1 student in Middle Primary and 2 students in Upper Primary.

We are looking forward to a busy and productive term with our learning and many events happening. Please check the dates to remember for upcoming events.

As a staff we are focusing on improving students learning outcomes through our teaching.

Regular attendance and also arriving at school before 8.45am also supports students with their learning outcomes and relationships with others. We will be continuing to focus on children setting realistic learning goals in English and Maths and being able to say what they are learning and why; how they are learning and describe their next learning steps and asking for feedback from the teachers.

All schools in our Lower Mid North Partnership will also be focusing on Visible Learning with staff and students providing effective feedback to each other. At this stage we have a proposed Pupil Free Day where all the Partnership Staff will be attending a professional learning day on Wednesday 8th March (subject to approval being given by Governing Council at our AGM on Monday 20th Feb).

We will also be focusing on improving "Growth Mind Sets" in our students and with your support at home by encouraging all children to continue to develop and maintain an "I can do this" attitude, accept challenges and embrace mistakes as we can all learn from our mistakes.

More information regarding our Visible Learning and Growth Mind Sets will be posted in newsletters and we will have a Parent Information session on these as well at a later date.

Library News

We are going to start a Parent Library borrowing system, so if you are interested in borrowing extra books for your child/children please see Deb in the Library on Tuesdays or Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm so that she can organize a card for you.



Assemblies

We will continue to have weekly assemblies on a Friday at 8.50 in the Eagles Sports and Community Centre clubrooms (next to the school) where students will give presentations of their learning. Please come along and enjoy these assemblies.

Vandalism

All holidays there was no damage to our school however, unfortunately over the last few nights we had some damage to our large pots at the front of the school that the children are decorating with recycled materials.

Some of the plastic lids that were used to write our school values on were removed. If you see anyone not using our school properly can you please call SAPOL on 131444 or Port Wakefield SAPOL on 8867 1030.

Kimochis Session & Governing Council AGM

On Monday 20th of February is our Governing Council Annual General Meeting and before this the school will be holding the Kimochis session that was supposed to occur late last year – but cancelled due to severe weather. After the Kimochis session the classrooms will also be open for visiting. At 5.30pm our Governing Council AGM will be held in the UP classroom. A sausage sizzle will be held after the AGM for all families, so please write this date in your diary now.

Parent Information Pack

Early next week, a Parent Information pack will be sent home with important information that needs to be returned. Please ensure you return all the information that is required to the front office by Monday 13th February 2017.

School Fees.

Invoices for the School Materials and Services (M&S) Charge 2017 will be included in the Parent Information pack. Parents are asked to pay the school's M&S charges as soon as possible or request school card if you believe you may be eligible. Parents may arrange regular part payments of the M&S charge by speaking with Lynne.

The school fee covers both the initial issue of stationery and replacement items during the year. Again this year, families will be able to use direct credit facilities if they do internet banking. Details of the school's banking account have been added to the M&S invoice.

School Card Scheme.

The scheme administered by DECD is a means tested scheme to provide assistance for families towards the cost of books and other school charges.

Eligibility for the School Card is dependent upon family gross income for the 2015-2016 year.

Please feel free to speak to Lynne on any matters concerning School Card. School Card needs to be applied for each year.

Parent Club News

Welcome back for the new school year. We are holding our Annual General Meeting next Wednesday 8th February 2016 at 2.00pm in the UP Art/Home Ec. Room.

All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

We would really appreciate if we could get some more volunteers who could spare a few hours each week on a Wednesday so that we can provide the children with the opportunity to have lunch orders once a week.

If you are able to spare a few hours can you please let Lynne know in the office and she can forward this information onto the Parent Club members.

Lunch Special next week only – Wednesday 8 Feb - Vegetarian Fried Rice - \$2.50

From Merry, Pastoral Care Worker.....

It is with great pleasure I return for 2017 to Port Wakefield Primary School. I have so much enjoyed my past 4 years here, and hope to continue for some time to come. It is great to see so many new children starting at our school, and I hope they all grow, learn and enjoy their time here, it is a fantastic school for both children, staff and families, and I look forward to working with you all.

Already many great activities are under way.

This first term is quite exciting, with a visit to the school by Michael Edgecomb, who will be talking to students and parents about the Kimochis program which is already being used in Junior and Middle Primary classes.

Further information about time and date is included in this newsletter.



My hours this term have been determined (about 10 hours per week), and I will be at school on Mondays and Fridays in term one, with changes at times depending on what is required at school.

Please feel free to call the school to make an appointment if you need to have a chat or discuss any matters of concern whether personal, family or school. I am here with a listening ear and some knowledge of other services available if the matter requires in depth professional counselling. It is a confidential service if no further intervention is required.

Thanks to the "Chooks and Chicks" craft ladies who provide all new students with a handmade pencil bag when they arrive at school.

I am looking forward to this year and acknowledge the great honour it is to be the Pastoral Care Worker again for 2017.

Merry Bennett.



Term Time Swimming

We will be swimming in Week 7 from Tuesday 14th of March until Friday 17th of March at the Balaklava Swimming Pool. The cost of transport and swimming pool entry will be met from within the school budget. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

School Values Awards

Principal's Award Week 1



Each class received a Principal's Award for everyone having a great start to the year.

Uniform Bear Week 1



Values Cup Week 1



Congratulations to the UP class for winning the Uniform Bear this week and to the JP class for winning the Values Cup

to the



Happy Birthday!

following
students who
celebrated
recently -



Port Wakefield Uniting Church Annual Colouring-In Competition Winners



Hummocks Watchman Eagles Football Club

is seeking

**Players for all our junior
grades for season 2017.
All new players and families
Welcome**

Please contact President Joel Wilson
0458 103 833 for further details



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February 2017

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	30	Jan 31	1	2	3	4	5
2	6	7	8 Parent Club AGM 2.00pm	9	10	11	12
3	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
4	20 Kimochis Program Session at ESCC 3.30- 4.30pm Open classroom visit 4.30 - 5.15pm AGM Governing Council 5.30pm with Sausage sizzle after AGM	21 Year 7's at Grip Leadership in Adelaide	22	23	24	25	26
5	27	28	Mar 1	2 SAPOL Visit Cyber Safety	3	4	5

