



Port Wakefield Primary School Newsletter

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Dates to Remember:

Tuesday 21 st March 2017	Harmony Day Year 7 Parent Meeting with Kerry Williams – Balaklava High School – 5.00pm Governing Council Meeting – 5.30pm in the staff room
Thursday 30 th March	Football Clinic at school
Friday 31 st March	Street Smart Workshop (RAA) at school
Monday 3 rd April – Friday 7 th April	Interview week
Thursday 6 th April	SRC Disco
Wednesday 12 th April	Easter Lunch orders
Thursday 13 th April 2017	End of Term1 – Dismiss at 2.00pm

MGM Wireless Messaging – School Star App

MGM Wireless SMS messaging now comes with **School Star** - a free School News and Messaging App. It is perfect for informing parents and carers about newsletters, calendar events and every kind of school news.

School Star also has 2-way personal messaging which you can now use instead of SMS! But if parents haven't installed the App, or have no mobile data or WiFi, it will automatically send your message using SMS instead. Individual student absences will still be sent by SMS. Speak with Lynne in the office for more information.

SAPSASA Cricket

Congratulations to Nic who has been selected to play cricket in the SAPSASA Summer Carnival (Balaklava Hub group) at Clare on Wednesday 22nd March. Well done Nic and good luck.

Swimming

We have had a very busy week this week with swimming at Balaklava Swimming Pool. It has been exciting watching the children's confidence in the water continue to develop as the week has progressed. We have also been very lucky with the weather, with only Thursday morning being a little bit cooler than the other days. These swimming sessions are to provide a water safety program for children to become more confident and safe in water developing skills and understandings relating to water safety and to make decisions about their own safety and the safety of others in water environments.

We will put a display of photos taken at swimming in the office area in the near future.

Pupil Free Day

Last Wednesday 8th March all classroom based staff attended our Partnership Pupil Free day at Gawler Racecourse. Our learning on this day was to continue to increase our knowledge of Visible Learning. This session our focus was on feedback; teacher to student, student to teacher and student to student. Feedback is a component of both our Site Action plan and also our Lower Mid North Partnership plan. By using appropriately timed feedback we can support children's learning outcomes. Also student feedback to the teachers provides them with ideas on how to best deliver the learning program to students. We will be having another Visible Learning Partnership Pupil Free day on Friday 8th September, (subject to our Governing Council approval) which will further our knowledge in how to support our students continual growth with their learning.

Growth Mind Sets

Our visible learning feedback also relates to our Growth Mind Sets work that we are doing at school. Each week as part of Staff's professional reading we are all reading a chapter of a book each week called "Growth Mind Sets in the classroom: by M Ricci. We then discuss this chapter at staff meeting and how we have been working in school with our students in this area. Parents have an extremely important role to play in developing growth mind sets with their children by verbally praising their children for hard work, persistence, rising to a challenge and learning from their mistakes a few examples are; "I like the way you tried all kinds of ways on that math problem until you finally got it", "I love the way you kept your concentration and kept working, that's great."

Lunches

If Parents and Caregivers are bringing lunch to school for their child/children can you please come to the office and sign in? We will then let your child know their lunch is in the office for them to collect, thanks. Please also remember that we promote healthy eating at school with all of our students.

Well Being Audit

We have completed our well being audit for this term where each child was asked questions about their treatments by others at school. We explained again what bullying means - (taken from our policy)

- Deliberate and **repeated** unwanted behaviour against a victim or a group of victims.
- Treating others in a way that makes them feel embarrassed, offended, upset or afraid.
- It can be in the form of physical, verbal, sexual, racial or emotional harassment.

Children then responded to whether they had been bullied or not. If they identified that they had been bullied, we then asked more questions; to determine who, when where etc. After this information was collected the person who may have interfered with the rights of others then met with me and we discussed what had happened. They were reminded of our rules and then strategies were devised to support these children. Also staff then monitor the students behaviour who has not respected the rights of others very closely and if no behaviour changes have occurred we then notify the Parents.



Balaklava High School



Year 7 Parent Meeting

Port Wakefield Primary School

Staff Room

Tuesday 21st March 2017

5:00— 5:30pm

Come and meet

Kerry Williams, Deputy Principal Balaklava High

- An opportunity to ask any questions
- Clarify any concerns
- Discuss the transition process
- Learn about the Year 8/9 Curriculum
- Discuss Open Night

School Values Awards

Principal's Award

Week 5



Week 6



Values Cup

Week 5



Class Values Awards

Week 5



Week 6



Uniform Bear

Week 6



Reading Awards

Week 5



Week 6



It's fantastic to see a huge effort by our students who have achieved the first of many reading awards so early in the term. Well done everyone and keep up the good work.



Happy Birthday!

Pancake Day Competition



Winners of the Pancake Day colouring-in competition.

SRC



Yr. 7 Grip Leadership

On Tuesday 21/2/17, some of our year 7's along with Mrs Baker and Jo attended the Grip Leadership Conference in Adelaide. The conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as school leaders. The style, topics, and content of this conference all focus on what the students can do right now.

Mar/April 2017

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
7	13 Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	14	15	16	17	18	19
Term Time Swimming - Week 7							
8	20	21 Harmony Day Yr. 7 Parent Meeting at 5.00pm Governing Council Meeting – 5.30pm in the staff room	22	23	24	25	26
9	27	28	29	30 Football Clinic	31 RAA Street Smart Workshop	1	2
10	3 INTERVIEW WEEK	4	5 SRC Disco	6	7	8	9
11	10	11	12 Easter Lunch Day	13 End of Term 1 – Dismiss 2.00pm	14 Good Friday School	15 Easter Holidays	16 Break →