

2 / 3 / 4 C L A S S



In the 2/3/4 class we have been learning about marine habitats, food webs and bio-diversity. We have learnt that the Blue Groper can change from being a green female, into a blue male!

We have also been learning about trees. Kerryyn came to visit and helped us identify many of the different species of trees at our school. These included red gums, sheoaks, tuarts, mallees and sugar gums.



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Message from the Principal:

BULLYING NO WAY!

Australia's safe and supportive school communities getting to the heart of the matter

On Friday the 16th of March our school, along with 2300 other schools, will participate in the **National Day of Action against Bullying**. We believe all students have the right to be safe at school. This is our chance to stand together. Together we can reduce the incidence of bullying, whether inside the school gate or online, and eliminate it wherever we can. During this day all classes will spend time unpacking 'bullying'. Students will also be asked to write a 'pledge' to support our school to be 'bully' free. These will be displayed on orange boards in the F/1 eating area. The Prime Minister has written to all schools encouraging not only schools to be involved but he urges you and our community to get involved in the National Day of Action against Bullying 2018. For further information about the National Day is available at bullyingnoway.gov.au, you are also welcome to come and join your child's class session. F/1 - 1:30pm, 2/3/4 - 11:10am & 5/6/7 - 11:15am.

HARMONY DAY

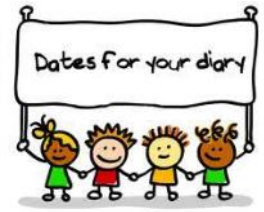


On Wednesday the 21st of March '**Harmony Day**' will be held. Harmony Day is a day to celebrate our cultural diversity. It is about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. At 12:15 all classes will take part in a session to unpack 'Harmony Day' and then displaying their learning on a class jigsaw piece. At 1:45 students will gather into their house teams and participate in 'Play is the Way' activities which support students working together as a team. Students are encouraged to wear 'orange' on this day and all parents are welcome.

During Week 8 (19th to 22nd of March) teachers (Preschool to year 7) will be conducting **parent - teacher - student conferences**. Students are invited to join these conversations which I highly encourage. These discussions are a way to convey information about your child's development in various curriculum areas, set goals for the year and answer any concerns or issues. I will be attending some of the discussions over the week. If you have not booked in a time please contact the office ASAP.

Sports Day is fast approaching (**29th of March week 9**), classes are busy practicing for the events. This year the preschool will attend for part of the day and complete in some events. Governing Council will cater for lunch, a food order has been sent home please return ASAP. They will require parent helpers throughout the day to sever and prepare food, if you are available please contact the school or a Governing Council member.

Sandra Spencer



Week 7:

Friday 16th March

Bullying No Way

Week 8:

Parent Interviews

Wednesday 21st March

Harmony Day

Thursday 22nd March

Camp Quality

Puppet Show 2.00pm

Week 9:

Thursday 29th March

SPORTS DAY

Friday 30th March

Good Friday

Week 10:

Monday 2nd

April

Easter Monday

Thursday 5th April

2/3/4 Assembly

2.30pm in the Gym



Component 3: Working with parents and carers
Parenting support and information

Learning - About thinking and learning

Key points for supporting children's thinking

Parents and carers can support children's learning in many ways. Taking an active interest in the process of learning (and not just the product or outcome) helps children see that learning is fun. Getting to know your children's strengths and weaknesses allows you to match tasks to their level of ability and development. This also increases the likelihood that they will succeed, helping them build a belief in their own abilities and encourage them to attempt further tasks.

Encourage children and build confidence

Praise and acknowledge children's attempts and not just their successes. Showing children you value their efforts helps to give them the confidence to keep trying.

Remove distractions

Children need focused time to learn and think. Help children develop attention and concentrations by making sure that quiet time is set aside for homework and other learning tasks without TV or other distractions. Encouraging and rewarding children for concentrating and persisting with learning tasks will support good study habits and effective learning.

Provide 'scaffolding' for children's learning

Extend children's learning by asking questions, giving children hints and prompts and guide them step-by-step to build their skills so they can reach the point of completing the whole task on their own.

For more information go to: www.kidsmatter.edu.au



1800 55 1800



PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR SPORTS DAY THURSDAY 29TH MARCH

Opening Ceremony will start at 9.00am
 The canteen will be open all day.
 Please return students' lunch orders by Friday 16th March.

**RED - FIRE FISH BLUE - BLUE RAY
 YELLOW - TIGER SHARKS**

ASSEMBLY THURSDAY APRIL 5TH

The 2/3/4 Class are hosting the assembly in the gym at 2.30pm.
 Everyone welcome.

MATERIAL & SERVICE FEES

Material and service charges and performance fees invoices have been sent home. Please contact the school if you wish to complete a pay by instalment form or apply for school card.
 Payments can be paid directly into our bank account: BSB 065508 Account No: 00911297
 Please use your customer code as a reference.
 We also accept credit card payments and can process over the phone.
 Any queries please give Brigette or Dan a ring.

SAPSASA CRICKET

Congratulations to Archer Pertzelt who has been selected to represent LEP in the SAPSASA Cricket Carnival in November. Well done Archer!

HARMONY DAY 21 MARCH



www.harmony.gov.au

Harmony Day is next Wednesday 21st March. Children are welcome to wear orange to school. Parents and families are welcome to join in the activities that will begin at 12.15pm.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS For every \$10 spent = 1 Voucher



Please send vouchers to school or place in the box at Coles Port Lincoln. The vouchers will help our school purchase new sports equipment. Vouchers are available till the 3/4/18.

Parent and Student Information

Check out our facebook page for upcoming events, news and photos



2018 TERM DATES

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
29 Jan - 13 April	30 Apr - 6 July	23 July - 28 Sept	15 Oct - 13 Dec



Preschool News

The Preschool students had a transition day at school on Wednesday 14th of March. They joined in with the F/1 class and had a great learning experience.



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Free Positive Parenting Program



Do you sometimes find you have questions about your child's behaviour and development and not quite sure where to turn?

- Positive Parenting (Triple P) teaches simple and practical strategies to confidently tackle parenting challenges

Please join us for a FREE session where we will discuss and learn strategies relating to the **Power of Positive Parenting** including:

- Ensuring a safe engaging environment
- Creating a positive learning environment
- Using assertive discipline
- Having reasonable expectations
- Looking after yourself as a parent.

Light refreshments and crèche will be provided

When: Thursday 22nd March 6:30pm

Where: Port Lincoln Primary School Literacy Centre

To book: Contact Justine Canty; Phone 86821544
or email: Justine.Canty519@schools.sa.edu.au

Everyone is welcome to join us for these engaging and informative

Happier families. Better relationships. Successful kids.

These seminars are delivered by DECD's Positive Parenting Team



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development



Foster Care Information Sessions

Thursday, 22 March
12.30-1.30pm & 6-7pm

- Learn about what's involved and the process of becoming a foster carer
- Participate in an information session or drop in during the day and meet the foster care staff
- Learn how you would be supported as a foster carer

For further information contact Kylie, Anne or Jodie on 8683 0733 or visit

www.centacarecdpp.org.au



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Port Lincoln



MARBLE RANGE COMMUNITY &
SPORTS CENTRE

Annual General Meeting

Wangary Hall
7:30pm Thursday 12th April
Everyone welcome!

Nominations for President, Secretary and
Committee Members are sought.

Invitation
EXPERIENCE AUSTRALIA'S PREMIUM
EATING & DRINKING FESTIVAL

TASTING AUSTRALIA

Coffin Bay
YACHT CLUB PARTY
Saturday 14 April 2018

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