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TERM 1

Week 5

Diary Dates

MARCH

Tues 2nd—

Thurs 4th

Footsteps

Tumby Bay

Friday 12th

Beach sports
day

APRIL

Thurs 1st

Colour Run
Ungarra

Hello everyone,

It is hard to believe we are nudging the halfway point of the term! The first half has been busy with swimming lessons, Hockey SA visit, Parent information session and of course classroom learning and students adapting to being at school for the first time and changes from last year.

School Improvement

We continue to strive towards improving the reading comprehension and decoding skills of all students. Our two literacy classes are working well with our Junior Primary students focussing on developing their phonological awareness skills as well as decoding, blending and fluency skills. The year 3-5 students have been investigating rules and patterns that apply when adding suffixes to words. They have also been investigating the Fantasy genre and through the book Dragonquest, students have explored the language used to describe characters and settings.

Last week Miss Sly joined teachers from Tumby Bay and Ungarra as well as Leonie Shelley, Partnership Curriculum Lead for their first PLC session for the year. At the PLC teachers shared their understanding of phonics, current practice and aligned their data to Learning Progressions. I am very much looking forward to seeing the growth in Miss Sly's teaching in this area and the positive impact it will have on our student's learning.

This week Miss Sly and I are joining staff from Ungarra Primary school to collaboratively moderate student writing. We look forward to working with the Ungarra staff to share our teaching and learning as well as learning from the moderation experience. In addition to this both Miss Sly and I are attending 'Seven Steps to Writing Success' training next week. The reason for the focus on writing is to ensure we are implementing the Reading to Writing cycle to the best of our ability.

SRC & SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our SRC held their first meeting last week. They made the decision that all students would be on the SRC committee this year with students from year 2 upwards sharing Executive roles each term. I would like to congratulate the following students on filling the following Executive positions for this term:

President: Aurora, Secretary: Caitlin, Treasurer: Zarli, Media Officer: Estelle

The SRC will focus on raising awareness and funds for local and global community groups and charities, school improvements and learning improvements. One of their priorities is to complete the lunch shed upgrade.

We changed our assembly structure this year and held our first assembly on Monday. The students, with Miss Sly's support did a great job presenting the learning they have been involved in so far this year to parents and grandparents.



GOVERNING COUNCIL

Our Governing Council held their AGM and first General Meeting on Monday. Congratulations and thank you to the following parents for continuing their executive roles; Judith Rehn - President, Hannah Lienert – Acting President, Lauren Hannemann – Secretary, Heather Lawson – Treasurer. Many thanks to those parents who put in apologies, it is difficult to find meeting times that suit all parents but Governing Council will try their best to accommodate as many parents as possible. Sub-committees were formed from parent nominations so I encourage parents to contact Lauren or Judith to obtain more information about sub-committee members and upcoming events/meetings.

UPCOMING EXTRA CURRICULA EVENTS

Students will be involved in a range of upcoming extra curricula events. Our first is Footsteps Dance with Tumby Bay Area School next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please view the calendar in the newsletter for the list of events and their dates.

SCHOOL WORKING BEE – Thank you to parents, community members, staff and students for contributing to our school working bee today. It is wonderful to have extra help in getting important jobs around the yard done!

Best wishes,

Lisa Masters

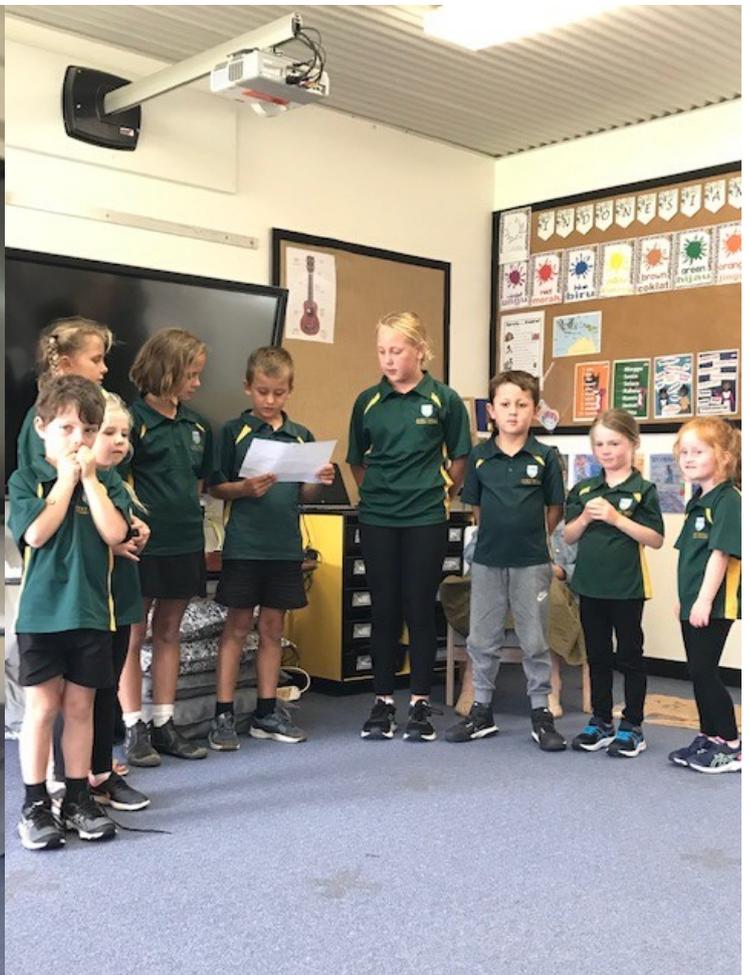


SCHOOL VALUE AWARDS

Weeks 1– 4



ASSEMBLY



Port Neill Primary School's



beach sports day



Friday, March 12th

please keep this date free
more information to follow

We have been busy over the last few weeks!



Mr Solly's Science Facts

DID YOU KNOW.....



- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- The biggest organ in the human body is the skin.
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- Only female mosquitos bite humans.
- The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue.
- A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- A penguin is the only bird that walks upright.

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Tasting Arno

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Join us in glorious seaside Arno Bay for Tasting Arno's long lunch, where we will celebrate our beautiful local produce whilst listening to the melodic tunes of Brook Newton, Gemma Leonard, Spanish Harlem, Rusty Bonnet, Joshy Whillo and Ray, Dubbo & Co.

INFORMATION
Arno Bay - various venues
Saturday, 27 Feb 2021
11:00am - 4:00pm
Adults \$10.00
Children free
Covid restrictions will apply

TICKETS
Limited tickets (pre-booked only)
available via Facebook,
www.eventbrite.com.au
or Arno Bay Post Office

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