



# PORT NEILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 WEEK 1 2023

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Mrs Hunt Miss Sly & Miss Laete



Welcome Scout & Hugo

### DIARY DATES

FEB 20 Parent Information @ 2.30

MARCH 10

Sports Day Poonindie

MARCH 13

Public Holiday

Hello everyone,

How awesome was Monday, day 1 of term 1! All the staff and children were excited to be at school; sharing holiday stories, looking forward to their new classrooms and starting learning.

On Monday we welcomed our new Reception students Scout and Hugo. They had an amazing day, fitting into school as if they were here all last year. Caleb and Sarah are current school parents who are great advocates for Port Neill Primary, and we thank them for their continued support. We welcome Scott and Kelsi as new PNPS parents and look forward to them being part of our school community.

We are thrilled to welcome Eliza Laete to our staff. Eliza is teaching the year 3-6 class this year and comes to us from Adelaide. We were fortunate to have Eliza visit the school for three days last year, when she participated in some professional development with staff and teachers from other sites, and had the opportunity to meet students and families. We look forward to working with you Eliza and hope you enjoy your time in our school and wider community.

We are blessed to have Karen Newton as our bus driver again this year. The students adore Karen and I know she gets great pleasure from being with them each day. Please ensure you contact Karen should your child not be on the bus.

Playcentre is continuing on Friday mornings. Having our preschool children on site and learning through play is absolutely fabulous. Many thanks to Mel Masters for programming and organising a wonderful experience for our local parents and little people.

*Our staffing for 2023 is as follows:*

Pastoral Care Worker – Alison Speirs

Playcentre Leader – Mel Masters

SSO staff

Deb Kitson (Monday to Wednesday)

Julie Will (Wednesday to Friday)

Sue Liddicoat (Wednesday)

Teaching staff

Olivia Sly – Reception to year 2 & Autism Inclusion Teacher (.1)

Eliza Laete – year 3-6 (Monday to Thursday)

Lauren Hunt – R-6 Community Connections (Thursday afternoon)

Lisa Masters – year 3-6 (Friday)

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Principal's Report continued....

Governing Council is vital to the school, your child's education and is an opportunity for parents to work collaboratively and positively to improve school outcomes. Being a Governing Council member is rewarding and we encourage parents from all families to join. Nomination forms for Governing Council were sent home with students this week and we look forward to these being returned by Monday week 2. Please contact the school if you would like more information about Governing Council.

The Department's student home internet program can provide internet access to students who do not have reliable home internet, so they can continue to learn and study at home. You can find out more about the program and how you can apply by visiting the Department's website or contacting the school.

We have a few upcoming events and more information will be sent home to families soon but please save the date for:

Parent Information Afternoon – Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>, starting at 2.30.

Combined Sports Day (Ungarra, Port Neill & Poonindie Primary Schools) at Poonindie Primary School – Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>


Governing Council and Working Bee – dates yet to be confirmed

PNPS staff are very much looking forward to a positive and progressive year and look forward to working with school families and the broader community to continue our improvement journey.

Best wishes,  
Lisa Masters  
Principal




**Premier's Reading Challenge**  
is on again this year.  
More information will be sent home next week.



*just a little*  
**REMINDER**

please don't have children at school before 8.30 as they are not able to be supervised





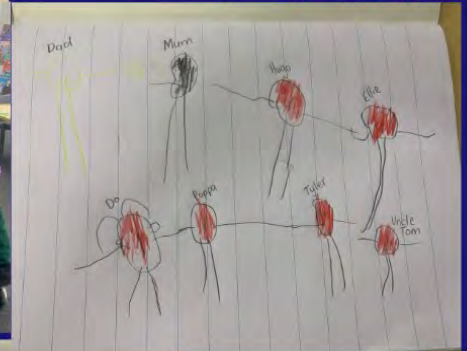
# Classroom News



## JP Class

We have had a fabulous start to the term! We have been busy learning all about how we are all mathematicians!

In HASS we have also been learning all about our families and have been looking at how they might fit on a family tree!





# NATURE PLAY



## ALISON'S PAGE:

Hello Everyone! Welcome back to Term 1 2023 and to our new Reception students, Hugo and Scout and UP teacher, Ms Laete :)

I am the Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) at Port Neill Primary School. I am employed by Schools Ministry Group (SMG) who support young people and their communities to discover Purpose, Value and Hope. I do this through being a positive role model at school and in the Community and help with the wellbeing and social interaction of your child with others.

In my role, I spend time and do activities with the children at Recess or Lunchtimes or assist in the Classroom, hold a Breakfast Club once a week, and have Kimochi time with the children to talk about their feelings and frustrations and help to develop empathy. I also work one-on-one with students to discuss and talk about emotional regulation or resilience, as required.

About Me: I am married with three grown-up children—two of which hated school! I have a local business in town, as well as working part-time at PNPS. I enjoy walking my dog, Muttley, on the beach or playing 8-ball to relax This year I am about to become a grandmother for the first time, which is very exciting!

Breakfast Club: Breakfast Club will commence this Friday 3rd Feb with Pancakes. It will be changed to another day of the week this term, still to be confirmed, which will commence in week 2.

Because we now have 17 children at the school, donations of bread (raisin or normal), juice, fruit, yoghurt, or any other breakfast rations would be appreciated!

Thought for the Day:



Hope you all had a good first week!



# FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL

**HUGO**



**INDIE**



**MASON**



**SCOUT**



**TUCK**



**TEX**



**SONNY**



**ZARA**

