

# Port Pirie West Primary School

NEWSLETTER, 10 SEPTEMBER 2026



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## IMPORTANT DATES

### SAPSASA Cricket Trials

Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> Sept  
4 - 5pm

### Sports Day

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup>  
September

### Assembly

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September  
at 1:40pm

### Early Dismissal

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September  
at 2:10pm

### Advance Notice

#### Colour Run

Week 2, Term 4  
Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Respect  
Responsibility  
Confidence  
Persistence  
Kindness



A quality learning  
environment where  
everyone belongs



Last Tuesday night, 15 of our Year 5/6 students proudly took to the stage at the Northern Festival Centre for the Port Pirie Regional Festival of Music.

After working hard throughout the year, it was wonderful to see our choir students perform with confidence and enjoy their moment on stage. They have grown so much as singers and performers and represented Port Pirie West beautifully.

A special congratulations to Myah and Rebecca, who were selected to perform solos on the night. They both did an amazing job!



We are very proud of all our choir students and what they have achieved this year. A big thank you to our families and Port Pirie West staff for their support and encouragement throughout the year. It was a fantastic night of music and a wonderful celebration of our students!



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Term 3 | Week 4



*and consider: Which strengths do you recognise in yourself and your children? We also spent time reflecting on what is working particularly well across our school. Morning circles were highlighted as a real strength in every classroom. They provide a valuable opportunity for students and staff to connect, share expectations, listen to announcements and establish a positive classroom environment ready for learning. Another highlight was our teamwork across the school. The way our staff support one another, work together and step in when needed is something I am extremely proud of. This strong sense of teamwork contributes enormously to the positive environment we continue to build for our students.*



*Congratulations to Beth, who has received recognition for an incredible 20 years of service to education and to Jackie Miller, who has completed 10 years of service to education at PPWPS. Thank you both for your dedication and contribution to supporting children, families and education over so many years.*



# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 3 | Week 4



Thank you to everyone who has submitted an entry for our Resilience Postcard Competition. We have received some fantastic designs, and these have now been shortlisted to seven entries. A shout out to Piper, Heidi, Rebecca, Maddison, Lisa, Ebonee and Mahalia for being short-listed. Each class will have the opportunity to vote on their favourite this week, with the winning design to be announced in our Week 10 newsletter.

A sincere thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who continue to support our morning crossing duties. At times, coordinating two crossings each day can be challenging, but overall we are very fortunate to have such a committed group of adults and students helping to keep everyone safe as they arrive at school. Your time, reliability and ongoing support are greatly appreciated. We will have a pizza party to acknowledge your support in Week 10.

thank you  
for making a huge  
difference



Sports Day is approaching fast! See you all in your red, blue or yellow on Thursday 17th September. Lisa is selling badges before and after school next week. There are some new badge designs and the amazing iconic ones from previous years. Cost is \$2 per badge.

R U OK? Day – A Reminder to Check In! Today is R U OK? Day, an important reminder to continue checking in with our friends, colleagues, family members and those around us. Sometimes a change in someone's behaviour may be a sign that they could benefit from a conversation. Simply asking "Are you OK?", listening and showing that you care can make a difference. Research shared by R U OK? indicates that 88% of people appreciate being asked if they are OK. There are some excellent resources available on the official R U OK? website to help guide these conversations.

**PORT PIRIE WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Friday October 23rd  
Week 2, Term 4

**Colour and Slime Run**

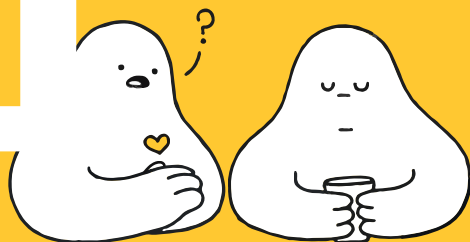
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# Ask RUOK?™ ANY DAY

Have a conversation using these 4 steps

1



How are you travelling?

You don't seem yourself lately – want to talk about it?

**Ask R U OK?**

2



I'm here to listen if you want to talk more.

Have you been feeling this way for a while?

**Listen**

3



What do you think is a first step that might help you?

Have you spoken to your doctor about this?

**Encourage action**

4



Just wanted to check in and see how you're doing?

Have things improved for you since our last chat?

**Check in**

Learn more at [ruok.org.au](http://ruok.org.au)



# Book Fair Update



Thanks to everyone who was able to support the school Book Fair. We sold around \$2300, gained \$50 worth of new books and fundraised \$424 for the school.



# Sports Day Badges For Sale

\$2 each

Under the shelter in front of the Canteen.

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Sept - 8:30am

- 3:10pm

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Sept - 8:30am

- 2:20pm

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sept - 8:30am

- 3:10pm



# Sports Day 2026 Hughes Price Fisher

Week 9 Thursday, 17th September



Please make sure your child's medical information is all up to date and health care plans have been given to your child's teacher. All students are encouraged to wear team colours.



Please note there will be no normal lunch orders through Spriggy on Sports Day. A Sports Day Menu will be sent home to all students. **Cash only** on the day will be accepted.

# sports Day Menu 17 September 2026



Available all day from (9:30am)  
(ONLY CASH ACCEPTED ON THE DAY)

## DRINKS

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Cans of assorted soft drinks | \$3.00 |
| Bottled Water                | \$2.50 |

## SANDWICHES

|                            |        |
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| Variety of sandwiches from | \$3.00 |
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## FRUIT AND SALAD BOWLS

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| Fruit Bowls              | \$4.00 |
| Salad Bowls (just salad) | \$6.00 |
| Salad Bowls (with meat)  | \$7.00 |

## MIXED FOOD

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| Small plate of mixed food from | \$4.00 |
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## CAKE STALL

Homemade cakes, slices, balls (variety of prices)



Hughes Price Fisher





# The Countdown to Graduation is on!

Now that we have entered the second half of the year, our focus has shifted towards the 2026 Graduation ceremonies!

The new Portal ([www.learn.cuaportal.com](http://www.learn.cuaportal.com)) will be a fantastic resource to help you earn the hours you need to graduate.

- 1 Complete the 2026 Reflection for any regular activities you participate in (e.g. Sport, Dance, Swimming, Martial Arts etc.)
- 2 Search for local Learning Destinations that are offering validated activities
- 3 Go back and complete Monthly Challenges that you may have missed

Your CU 2026 final hours close at midnight Sunday 11 October. Please make sure you hand-in your Passports to your CU Coordinator no later than Monday 12 October.

Our graduation date will be Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2026.

We cannot wait to celebrate your achievements!



## PLEASE NOTE

The next Newsletter will be emailed, so please be sure to update your email address with the Front Office!

## Free Clinics for 3-year-olds in School Holidays

The Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS) is offering clinics in the school holiday for 3-year-olds to get a child health and development check.

This free check:

- prepares your child for preschool
- helps you understand how your child is developing and growing
- is a chance to ask questions

**Book your Appointment:**  
**1300 733 606**

To learn more visit: [www.cafhs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cafhs.sa.gov.au)



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Women's and Children's Health Network

This initiative is supported by the Government of South Australia as part of the Flying Start reforms.



## South Port Cricket Club

Junior Grades Available

Cricket Blast (U9's), U12's, and U15's – Kids 5yo and up welcome

**Come and try night – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**4pm – 5pm**

Port Oval Nets

New and Current Players Welcome

Training followed by a soft drink refreshments

**Regular Junior training begins Oct 13 (Term 4, week 1)**

For more Information Ph: 0419 552 374

or

<https://www.facebook.com/spccjuniors> or search South-Port Cricket Club Juniors on Facebook

