Port Pirie West Primary School

NEWSLETTER, 29 OCTOBER 2026

Government of South Australia
Department for Education

IMPORTANT DATES

Assembly
Friday, 30th October at 2:40pm (Mrs Flowers/Miss Marshall)

SAPSASA TAG RUGBY
Friday, 6th November

Wear Purple Day - Say No to Domestic & Family Violence
Friday, 6th November

Student Free Day
Week 5
Friday, 13th November

Respect
Responsibility
Confidence
Persistence
Kindness



A quality learning environment where everyone belongs

World Teachers' Day


Mrs Perry


Kendra


Mr Phillips


Miss Tattoli


Mrs Jaz


Miss Robinson


Ms Napper


Mrs Kirchner


Miss Marshall


Mrs Flowers


Mrs Brooks


Mrs Kambanos


Miss Cugley


Mrs Twigden

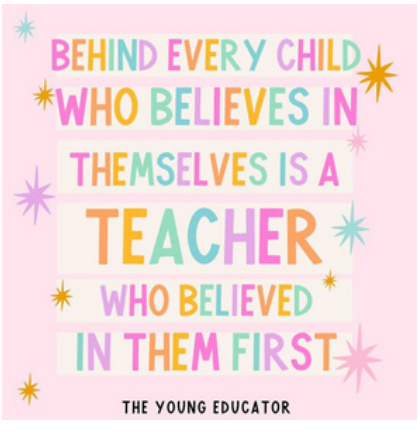

Miss Fern


Ms Cooling


Mrs Pech


Mr Pendry

(Ms Pike)

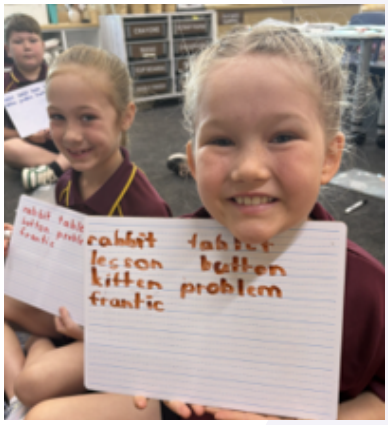


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Rm 21 – Mrs Kirchner

Room 21 has been busy with lots of exciting learning and growth across a range of areas this term.

In Literacy, students have been exploring closed syllables and learning how this understanding helps us to read and write two-syllable words. This learning has built on students' knowledge of short and long vowels in words. Students have also shown impressive growth in their handwriting over the course of the year. Many are now able to write neatly on the lines and form their letters correctly.





In Maths students have been actively engaging in the EMP program and learning about probability, including using different clinker colours to support their understanding. They have also been extending their knowledge of sharing, both with and without remainders.



In Technology, students have been learning about recycling and the importance of separating rubbish from items that can be recycled. This has supported valuable conversations about caring for our environment and making responsible choices.

In other areas, students enjoyed participating in the school's Colour & Slime Run and have also been involved in a range of intervention activities to support their learning. We have also been very lucky to welcome Natalia McBride into our classroom as a volunteer. Our students have loved building relationships with Natalia and getting to know her, and we are grateful for the support she has provided in Room 21. We are very proud of the effort, enthusiasm and growth shown by all students in Room 21.





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 4 | Week 3



As we almost finish another busy week at Pirie West, I'd like to take the time to "shine a light on" our wonderful, truly amazing teachers for WORLD TEACHERS' DAY. On Friday, we will have an assembly to acknowledge our teachers for their dedication and their commitment to always supporting each other and our students to be the best they can be. I feel extremely fortunate to work alongside our wonderful teachers.

Our Colour & Slime Run was once again a great success. Thank you to everyone in the community who supported it so generously and a massive thank you to Sonny and his family for their amazing fundraising efforts.





Mrs Jacinta Doyle, from Room 22, has commenced her maternity leave and the class will now be taught by Ms Paula Napper. The school community wish Mrs Doyle and her family all the best and welcome Ms Napper. Ms Napper is very excited to support our mid-term reception students for the rest of 2026.



Resilience Rockstars - Congratulations to the first recipients of our Resilient Rockstar postcards. Resilience is an important disposition both for learning and well-being. Maybe ask your child/children how they were resilient today or what they think resilience is.

Class Placement - Please remember to return your class placement slips if you have any special request for 2027. The slips were attached to the Week 1 Newsletter. Please see the Front Office if you need another one.



Road Crossing Safely – Please take the extra time to use our school crossings that are monitored in the morning and afternoon. The volunteers give up their time to ensure coming to school is safe for our children and families. Let's all make the most of their volunteered time.

Preparations are well under way for our End Of Year Concert. Dances have been choreographed, planning for costumes is underway and students have started eagerly practising for what I'm sure will be another amazing night at Pirie West. 😊

Next newsletter, Mrs Perry will be back "at the helm". Thank you to everyone who has supported me in the Acting Principal role in her absence.

Kendra Smith

Colour & Slime Run




























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Materials and services charge

Information sheet for primary school families

The State Government has committed to removinguniversal materials and services charges from 2027 as part of its cost-of-living measures for South Australian families. Schools will not lose under this policy. This initiative will be funded by the State Government and your school will be provided with the funding that it would have received through the universal materials and services charge. Your school will also continue to receive funding to meet the needs of students and to staff classrooms.

Legislative changes are still required before the new arrangements can take effect. This information is provided to support families to plan for 2027.

Families will not be required to pay the universal materials and services charge.

The initiative will avoid the need for primary school families to apply for school card and this will reduce administrative burden for families and the school.

Families will continue to pay for items such as uniforms, digital devices and optional excursions, as has always been the case.

Please note that the discontinuation of the universal materials and services charge applies with effect from the 2027 school year. Any outstanding charges should continue to be paid, and your school can work with you if there are any issues.

This initiative does not apply to international or non-resident students and separate advice will be provided in due course.

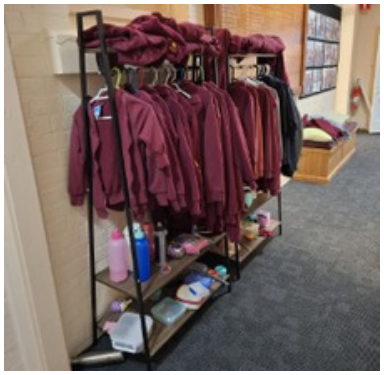
The focus of this policy is for schools. The current fee arrangements for preschools will continue.

Should you have any queries regarding the information provided, please contact the department on 1800 088 158 (free call).

Lost Property Notice

Our lost property area is overflowing!

If your child is missing any clothing, lunch boxes, drink bottles, or other belongings, please check the lost property rack located near the Front Office.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Molly and Ce'arah who represented Port Pirie District at SAPSASA AFL Girls in Adelaide.

WALK FOR RESPECT

STOP THE VIOLENCE. END THE SILENCE.

SAY NO TO DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE.

PURPLE DAY

FRIDAY
6 NOVEMBER

Show your support by displaying PURPLE at your home, workplace or business.

WALK FOR RESPECT

SATURDAY
7 NOVEMBER

Leaves Flinders View Park Shelter at 10:30am heading to Memorial Park.

Port Pirie Rotary Club

Stronger Safer Together

Wear purple, walk with us, and help us end the silence.

LIGHT PARTY

SUAustralia
Discovering Life

Saturday 31st
October
4-6pm

In the carpark of
Port Pirie Baptist Church
44 Hannan Street, Risdon Park
(inside if it rains)

FREE
Kids Activities
Craft
Face Painting
Sausage Sizzle

Hosted by SU Australia
micraysmith@gmail.com

Introduction to Teaching Little Athletics Skills

ITLAS

The Building Blocks of All Sports:

Date - Sunday 15 November
Time - 11am - 5pm
Location - John Pirie Secondary School

Cost - FREE

Little Athletics SA

Government of South Australia
Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing

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