Welcome to the 2016 school year!

This term we have several new students joining Peterborough Primary. We welcome-
Reception: Georgia, Suevanna, Maddison, Misha, Alyssa-Marie, Gaberiel, Tyler, Mitchell and Brandon
Year Two: Dylan
Year Six: Zac
Year Seven: Ellen

This term we are trialling a new look newsletter for Peterborough Primary School and Yunta campus. It will be a lot smaller and will contain information for families regarding the happenings around the school and community. Most of the photos taken over the week will now be posted on Facebook so families can access them more readily. Your feedback of the new format would be appreciated.

Beginning this year Yunta will be a campus of Peterborough Primary School. The school will operate as a remote classroom of Peterborough Primary with all administration and enquiries to be forwarded to Peterborough. The students attending the Yunta Campus will attend Peterborough Primary School on Fridays where they will engage in lessons with Mr Faehrmann which will include Japanese, Science and Physical Education. Students will also be working with their peer group classes on this day. Yunta campus will also be joining us for Sports Day, swimming, performances etc.

Thursday the 18th February will be a Pupil Free day. All of the schools in the Partnership including the Yunta campus will be closed to allow staff to gather for Professional Learning. The staff will be working with James Anderson looking at positive dispositions and mindsets which will be the focus for all schools in the area in 2016.

The Governing Council AGM will be held on Tuesday 16th February at 7.30pm in the staffroom. The AGM will be followed by our first Governing Council meeting. All parents are welcome to attend as we finalise the 2015 school year. Vacancies on the Governing Council will be available and parents from both Peterborough and Yunta are invited to nominate for the positions through the nomination form which is attached to this newsletter. This is a great opportunity for parents to be actively involved in the school.

The canteen will be up and running in term 1 thanks to Vanessa Hanley and her team. It is hoped that all will be ready to go on Monday the 15th February. Canteen days will be Monday and Wednesday. More information will be passed onto families as the time approaches.

Regards
Ree Tyas
Follow up to the Bushfires

In the last week of school, a Year One student showed strong leadership and empathy for the victims of the fires. Cleo (Year One) went to every class in the school and implored the students to think of others and donate a toy or similar to the Bushfire Appeal.

Some donations did come in in that last week and I want to assure Cleo and the donors that they were sent onto the school at Hamley Bridge, as requested by Cleo.

Cleo’s leadership, initiative and empathy for others are the values we embrace at Peterborough Primary School. Thank you Cleo and donors.

Mrs Strokowsky

What you can do to get your child better at reading – Simples!

*Taken from an article published in the Herald-Sun January 31 2016*

Many of our students who come to school don’t understand enough words to be able to learn to read or follow other subjects. Parents are asked to make reading their priority too as they are a part of the solution. Children being read to learnt vocabulary and word sounds and exposed them to new words and meanings spoken language didn’t (this is known as the language of books). This way your child builds up this store of knowledge so, *when they learn to read it is really unlocking the codes to the words they already know.* But those with poor reading and comprehension were being “locked out” of lessons.

It is really hard to close that gap, because vocab (words) and knowledge is cumulative (builds up over time) so it is difficult in a year at school to try and make up what other children may have learned over five years.

The article goes on …Reading is as vital as immunisation. The best way to immunise your child against reading failure is to read to them daily from a very young age [and to keep on until end of primary school]. The article is referring to good picture books and quality literature written for children, NOT home reading books from school where your child “practices” their weakening decoding and understanding skills.

This is the reason teachers ask you to read daily to your child. If it becomes a routine such as just before/at bed time or before/after tea, you will get to enjoy it as much as your child does. You will find yourself taking time to choose the books that you want to read too.

Our school encourages library borrowing by parents for this purpose and there is no limit to the number of books you can take out. See Mrs Prior about borrowing. The Community Library located at the high school also has a good selection of children’s books.

Let’s together “raise a reader” (©Herald Sun 31/01/16).

Regards
Helyn Strokowsky

Jamestown Peterborough Netball Club
Invites applications for 2016 COACHES

Jamestown Peterborough Netball Club
A – J Grade, Minis and Sub Minis

Written Applications to
JPNC Secretary
4 Kinnane Street, Jamestown, 5491
or by email to jnnetball@gmail.com
Enquiries to Jess Hounsell 0402144588

Applicants must have a current police check and Netball Australia coaching accreditation would be desired.

Closing date Friday 12th February

Jamestown Peterborough Netball Club
Welcomes JUNIOR and SENIOR PLAYERS to the club for the 2016 season
Please register your intention to play by February 19th, 2016.
To JPNC Secretary Jess Houssell.
Email: jnnetball@gmail.com or phone 0402144588 or pick up a registration form at Bindlestick, Jamestown Community School or Peterborough Primary School

JUNIOR AGES:
Players from Year 4> are invited to register.
It is likely that year 4’s may not take to the court each week, this will be dependant upon player numbers.
For queries regarding registration, please contact Nickie Mead on 0409 030 730.
Dear Parent/Caregiver

Welcome to the 2016 school year. I hope this year will be a successful one for you and your family.

This year teachers at your school will be working with your son or daughter to help your child learn and make as much progress as possible. Your school will be keen to work with you to ensure that your son or daughter is successful academically, socially and developmentally.

Every day at school matters for this development so it’s really important that your child is attending school to get the most out of their education.

While we all know it’s important, it isn’t always easy to support children with their schoolwork. On the back of this letter are some ideas and resources I have found helpful to date with my kids, or have been recommended to me by other parents. I hope they are useful for you.

Schools welcome your involvement in your child’s education, and if you have any questions, please ask them. As you know, kids learn best when parents/caregivers and schools work together.

If you are able, I encourage you to get involved in your child’s school - whether it is through the governing council or volunteering at school events. To make it easier for you to volunteer, the government has recently made some changes to the screening clearance process if you volunteer to support your child at school. Please contact your school if you would like further information in relation to these changes, or visit the website at www.decd.sa.gov.au.

I am proud of the high quality education that we provide in our schools. A strength of our public schools is our community involvement, and working together we can continue to make your school even better.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Close
Minister for Education and Child Development

27/01/2016

Simple things you can do to support your child:

- Ask your child what they have been learning in class and link it to activities you do around the home
- Put up times tables posters around the house and talk positively about science and mathematics with your child
- Try to read with your child every day or read the same novel as your child so you can discuss the story together
- Encourage your child to share their drawings and projects with you
- Provide a comfortable space at home for your child to do homework and support them to complete it on time

Some helpful resources:

- The curriculum your child will be following this year: [http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au](http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au)
- A wide range of parenting information, including healthy eating and creative play ideas: [http://reischildren.net.au/school_age/school_age.html](http://reischildren.net.au/school_age/school_age.html)
- Ideas for outdoor play in SA: [https://natureplaysa.org.au/](https://natureplaysa.org.au/)
PETERBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL GOVERNING COUNCIL
NOMINATION FOR ELECTION FORM - 2016

I...........................................................................................(full name)
of.........................................................................................(address)

Nominate

...........................................................................................(full name)
of.........................................................................................(Address)

To be elected as a member of Peterborough Primary School Governing Council.

I...........................................................................................(full name)
of.........................................................................................(Address)

accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership of Peterborough Primary School Governing Council will cease.

Signed....................................................................................Date........................................

Dates To Remember

Thursday 18th February  
Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 1st March       "Wake Up and Read" Performance 9.30
Monday 14th March       Public Holiday
Friday 25th March       Good Friday
Monday 28th March       Easter Monday
Friday 1st April        School Photos