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NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

October

- 15 First day Term 4
- 15 – 17 Year 4/5 Arbury Park Camp
- 22 Grand Opening GPS Art Show 3.15pm
- 22-24 Swimming Rms 10, 13 & 14
- 24 BYOD/PPP Information Session for parents 6-7pm in Room 3
Fleurieu STEM Expo 3.30pm
PE Surf Life Saving Club
- 29-30 Swimming Rms 10, 13 & 14
- 30 New Reception students Orientation 1st visit and Parent Information session 9.30am or 6.30pm
- 30 Cybersafety presentation
- 31 Choir Southern Music Festival

November

- 5-7 Swimming Rm 1, 2 & 4
- 12-13 Swimming Rm 1, 2 & 3
- 14 DISCO
- 19 **STUDENT FREE DAY**

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NEWSLETTER

“Quality Education in a Caring Environment”

OUR SCHOOL VALUES ARE:

Organisation • Persistence • Confidence • Getting Along • Resilience

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

ORAL LANGUAGE ACROSS THE FLEURIEU

What is Oral Language?

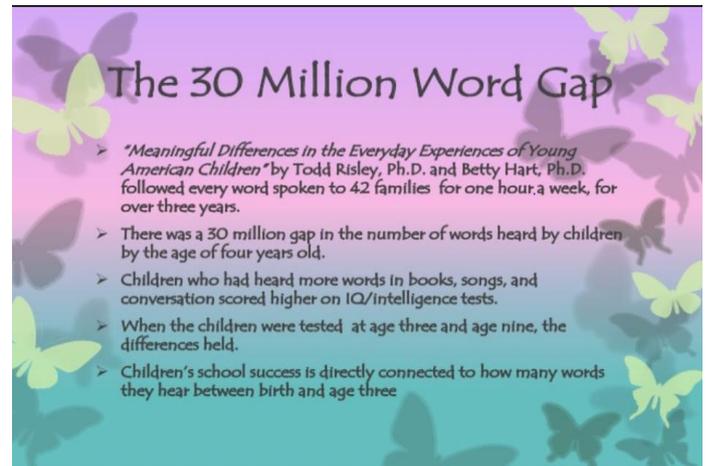
- Information sharing
- Telling others how you feel
- Giving advice
- Persuading others
- Entertaining
- Sharing Ideas
- Remembering and Retelling

Why is Oral Language Development so important?

“We live at the level of our language. Whatever we can articulate we can imagine or understand or explore”. (Ellen Gilchrist, 2000).

Being proficient in oral language provides children with a vital tool for thought. Without fluent and structured oral language, children can find it very difficult to think. Studies have shown that children’s vocabulary can vary greatly. Studies done on children aged 4 showed that their word knowledge varied from 500 words to 1100 words. Studies on students in grade one varied from 5,000 words to 20,000 words (Moats 2001). Children who enter school with limited vocabulary knowledge increasingly are unable to communicate over time with their peers who have a richer vocabulary knowledge. This vocabulary gap can also impact on a student’s reading ability. Vocabulary is related to reading comprehension. Knowing the meaning of words and being able to understand the message being conveyed supports students to comprehend written texts (Osborn & Hiebert, 2004).

Both parents and teachers are vital facilitators of ensuring our students develop a rich oral vocabulary. In our next article we will share how parents can support oral language development at home.



ANTI POVERTY WEEK

Anti-poverty week is from 14th to 20th October 2018. Families are invited to donate non-perishable food items (packets of pasta, cereal, tins, cans) to help fight poverty and hardship. Donations will be collected at school until the end of week 2 and presented at the whole school assembly on Friday 26th October. The assembly will take place on the netball court. See flyer later in the newsletter for more information.

WELLBEING LEADER

While Letitia Hayward is on extended leave, Mrs Jean Waddington will be taking on the role of Wellbeing Leader. If you want to catch up with Jean, please pop in to the Wellbeing Centre, phone on 8555 2261 or email to jean.waddington573@schools.sa.edu.au to make an appointment. Jean’s role is to support families and the wellbeing of all our students.

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AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Terrific Kids awards at assembly. Terrific Kids awards are presented by Mr Peter Staniford at the end of each term to students for demonstrating positive attitude, good character and responsible citizenship.

Jett

Fletcher

Ash

Katrina



ORIENTATION PROGRAM

Term 4 is an exciting time for our new reception students who will start their schooling with us in 2019. These students will have their 1st orientation visit on **Tuesday 30th October** at 9.30am. Parents are invited to attend the Information session on the same day at the same time or attend the evening session at 6.30pm. RSVP essential for the parent information sessions by contacting the front office on 8555 2261.

- The 2nd visit will be on **Wednesday 7th November** 9.30am – 11.30am.
- 3rd visit on **Thursday 15th November** 9.30am – 12.30pm.
- Final visit on **Tuesday 20th November** 12.30pm – 3.15pm.



SCHOOL REMINDERS

All absences must be explained by the parent/caregiver. A note signed in a diary, phone call to the front office or by using the skoolbag app. Absences of 3 days or more must be approved by the principal, via an exemption form, available at the front office.

Class placement forms are still available from the front office. Any requests must be received in writing by Friday 18th October.

An information pack has been given out to students in Years 4, 5 and 6 regarding **BYOD iPad** option for 2019. The pack includes an information booklet, frequently asked questions and an invitation to attend an information session for parents on Wednesday 24th October at 6pm. Please return the tear off slip if you would like to attend. There is also a Parent Participation Program tear off slip that must be returned to the front office.

CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION

On Tuesday 30th October our Year 6/7 students will be attending a cybersafety presentation at Victor Harbor PS. The presentation is facilitated by the Carly Ryan Foundation. In the evening of 30th October, parents are invited to attend a FREE presentation to get more information about online safety and children's wellbeing. To register for your free ticket, please read the information in the flyer in this newsletter.

ROOMS 3 & 10 EXCURSION TO GOOLWA BEACH

"On Tuesday (18/9) Room 10 and Room 3 went on an excursion to Goolwa Beach. When we got there we meet Ben who told us what we would be doing. We got put into groups of five. My group was Lani, Ellyse, Taylor, Tamika and I. We worked on collecting rubbish and my group collected the most litter. We also learnt about weeds called Gazanias, which are from South Africa. Ben also taught us bush tucker. We did a lot of walking. It was fun until we got rained on! When we got back to school we counted the rubbish and put the data into the app called CleanSwell. The app said we saved one sea turtle and bagged 25 jellyfish impersonators, (aka plastic bags). Thanks to Miss D, Mr Weatherill and Mr Blake for organising the excursion."
Ebony, Room 10.



"On the 18/9/18 we went to Goolwa Beach and we had a lot of fun. Our class and Mr Weatherill's class went. We went on a bus to get to Goolwa Beach. When we got there our guide named Ben took us for a walk around the dunes and Ben gave us a bag to clean up the land. Ben showed us some plants and some that we could eat as well. There was a plant called a cushion bush. It was very soft and the Ngarrindjeri people took the leaves off and made beds. We walked back towards the beach and we had lunch. After lunch we went back down on the beach to pick up so more rubbish. It was fun until we got rained on. We ran back to the bus and got seated. When we got back to school we sorted out the rubbish. We saved 1 sea turtle. It was very fun."
Tamika, Room 10



AFTER SCHOOL SURFING

After school surfing starts on Wednesday 24th October. There are limited spaces available so if you interested, please send in your consent form and payment asap.



SKOOLBAG

The Skoolbag app is a great way to keep up to date with things happening around school. It is a **FREE** app you can download from google play or iTunes.

Search for 'SKOOLBAG', install, open, search for 'GOOLWA PRIMARY SCHOOL' follow the prompts, register your email address and then you can customise which notices you wish to receive. Having trouble? Pop into the front office and we can run through the installation with you.



You can also use the app to notify the school of student absences. Use the eFORM folder and click on absentee form. The fortnightly newsletter is published to skoolbag as well as lots of upcoming events.

CHOIR

On Saturday 22nd September, our students performed on stage at the Adelaide Festival Theatre as part of the Public Primary Schools' Festival of Music. The Primary Schools Festival of Music, an official state icon, is a public school-based music education program which is a collaboration between the Department for Education and the SAPPS Music Society, which gives all SA public primary students the opportunity to perform at a prestigious venue. The commissioned work was entitled "Next Stop: North Terrace" which was a series of songs composed by local musician Mark Simeon Ferguson about the North Terrace cultural precinct. The concert ended with a spectacular sea of colour. In between there were a number of Assisting Artists from public primary and secondary schools, other choir items that presented different musical genre, and two pieces that specifically showcased the talents of the orchestra. It was a spectacular event that our students enjoyed being a part of. Congratulations to the students and Ms Vicki Hudson, our choir teacher.



Their next performance is at the Southern Schools' Music Festival at the Hopgood Theatre, Noarlunga on

Wednesday 31st October

Their final performance for the year will be at the Goolwa Pageant Carol Concert on **Sunday December 16th**, when they will join with the choir from Investigator College to lead the community in singing.

SAVE THE DATE
STUDENT FREE DAY
MONDAY 19th NOVEMBER



INVITATION

Monday 22nd of October 3:15pm

Goolwa PS Library

Grand Opening Art Exhibition

Afternoon tea provided



WATER SAFETY / SWIMMING TIMETABLE

WEEK	DATES	SWIM TIME	CLASS
2 & 3	22, 23, 24, 29, 30 October	10.30am	Rm 14 Mr Brak
2 & 3	22, 23, 24, 29, 30 October	11.30am	Rm 13 Mrs Chandler, Miss McGlen
2 & 3	22, 23, 24, 29, 30 October	1.30pm	Rm 10 Mrs Ramkisson
4 & 5	5, 6, 7, 12, 13 November	10.30am	Rm 4 Mrs Kellett
4 & 5	5, 6, 7, 12, 13 November	11.30am	Rm 2 Ms O'Connell, Ms Dowling
4 & 5	5, 6, 7, 12, 13 November	1.30pm	Rm 1 Mrs Kelly
6 & 7	20, 21, 26, 27, 28 November	10.30am	Rm 16 Mrs Beadman
6 & 7	20, 21, 26, 27, 28 November	11.30am	Rm 15 Mrs Anderson
6 & 7	20, 21, 26, 27, 28 November	1.30pm	Rm 3 Mr Weatherill

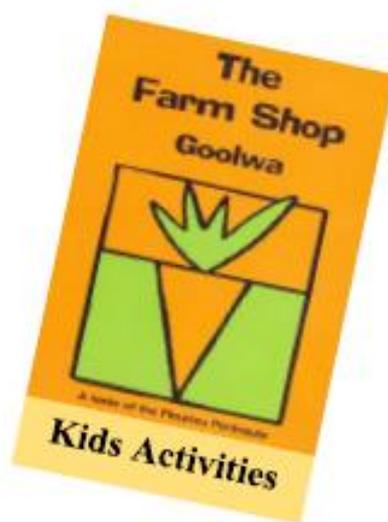
Students in Rooms 6, 7 and 9 will attend aquatics later in the term.

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**INSPIRING
SOUTH
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making science visible

Fleurieu STEM Expo

Family Friendly
Event



Wednesday 24th October at 3.30pm

At Port Elliot Surf Life Saving Club
Horseshoe Bay, Port Elliot





ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

14 - 20 October 2018

Poverty and severe hardship affect more than a million Australians.
Around the world, more than a billion people are desperately poor.

Every day in the Alexandrina Council area organisations and community groups provide food and support to everyday people who need help in our community.

In Anti-Poverty Week, **YOU** can help fight poverty and hardship!

Together with the Alexandrina Council we at Goolwa Primary School are seeking donations of non-perishable goods. Goods donated will be distributed to local community organisations that assist disadvantaged people within our community.

Lend a hand,  be the reason someone eats today!

Come and see how many food items we collect!

2:30pm Friday 26th October

You can play your part by donating today!



COMMUNITY NEWS



BOO-LIGHT HALLOWEEN DISCO VICTOR HARBOR
Friday 26th October 2018
Victor Harbor Town Hall
Coral St Victor Harbor
This is a **LOCK IN** event so parents **MUST** drop off and pick up at the door. Prompt pick up please.
7 – 11 year olds 6:30 PM – 8PM
12–17 year olds 8:30PM – 10:30PM
Entry fee at door \$5.00
Canteen with snacks and drinks available

BEST COSTUME PRIZES ON THE NIGHT



the Carly Ryan foundation.

Parent Online Safety Presentation

Presented by Sonya Ryan, CEO

Victor Harbor R-7 School

Tuesday 30th
October 2018
6.30pm (for 7.00pm start)

The Gym, Victor Harbor R-7 School,
The Parkway, Victor Harbor

The presentation explores

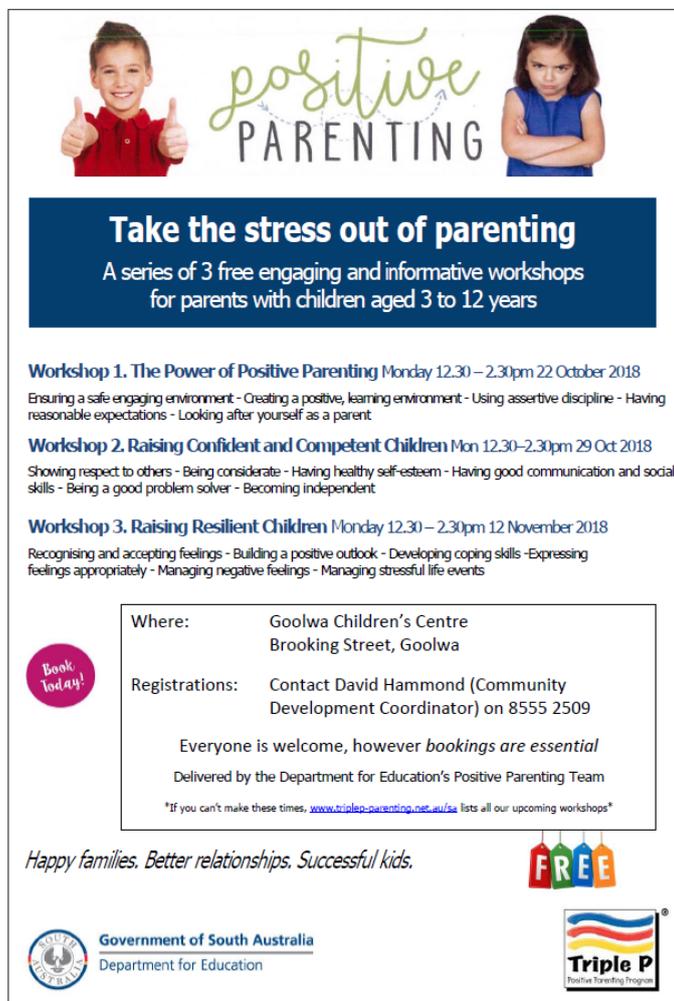
- Online Safety
- Opportunities vs risks
- Privacy settings
- Awareness
- Managing self
- Emotional intelligence
- Resilience
- Critical thinking
- Understanding the law
- Image based abuse
- Respectful relationships
- Communication
- Practical guidance
- Connection to support services

Book your seat online:
<https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?id=426487&>

carlyryanfoundation.com

Creating a positive experience online for all Australian families.

Free SESSION



positive PARENTING

Take the stress out of parenting
A series of 3 free engaging and informative workshops for parents with children aged 3 to 12 years

Workshop 1. The Power of Positive Parenting Monday 12.30 – 2.30pm 22 October 2018
Ensuring a safe engaging environment - Creating a positive, learning environment - Using assertive discipline - Having reasonable expectations - Looking after yourself as a parent

Workshop 2. Raising Confident and Competent Children Mon 12.30–2.30pm 29 Oct 2018
Showing respect to others - Being considerate - Having healthy self-esteem - Having good communication and social skills - Being a good problem solver - Becoming independent

Workshop 3. Raising Resilient Children Monday 12.30 – 2.30pm 12 November 2018
Recognising and accepting feelings - Building a positive outlook - Developing coping skills - Expressing feelings appropriately - Managing negative feelings - Managing stressful life events

Where: Goolwa Children's Centre
Brooking Street, Goolwa

Registrations: Contact David Hammond (Community Development Coordinator) on 8555 2509

Everyone is welcome, however *bookings are essential*
Delivered by the Department for Education's Positive Parenting Team

If you can't make these times, www.triplep-parenting.org.au/qa lists all our upcoming workshops

Happy families. Better relationships. Successful kids.

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Positive Parenting Program

Are you a Grandparent/carer, caring for your Grandchildren or a Grandparent who is alienated from your Grandchildren?

Fleurieu Families and Grandparents For Grandchildren are providing an opportunity for Grandparents to get together to have a coffee and a chat about issues regarding their grandchildren.

3RD FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
1.30PM FOR THOSE WITH GRANDCHILDREN
2.15PM SHARED AFTERNOON TEA FOR BOTH GROUPS
3.00PM ALIENATED GRANDPARENTS
AT THE GOOLWA HUB, CNR LOVEDAY ST & GOOLWA TCE
PHONE: LEANN 8551 0542
OR COLLEEN 82121937

Fleurieu Families

Grandparents for Grandchildren SA Inc

Fleurieu Families is a partnership between the Alexandrina Council, City of Victor Harbor, District Council of Yorkalilla, the Australian Government Department for Social Services and the South Australian Government Department of Human Services