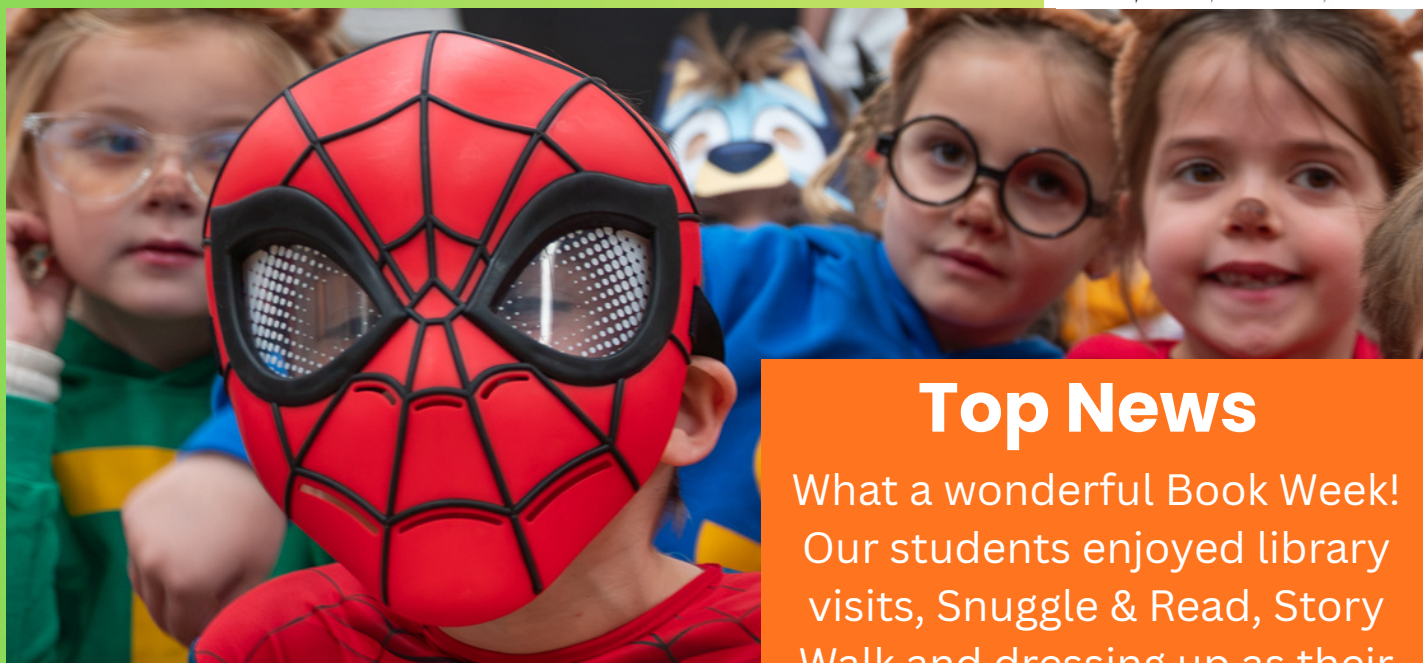


PORT LINCOLN JUNIOR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term Three, Week Seven 2026



Top News

What a wonderful Book Week! Our students enjoyed library visits, Snuggle & Read, Story Walk and dressing up as their favourite character for our Book Week Parade. It was a fantastic week filled with stories, imagination and lots of fun!

*More photos on page 5

STEM Designers at Work

As part of the Design Technology curriculum, year 2 students designed and built a cubby house in the STEM Room. They used the new chomp saw and “Makedo” screw set that our school has recently purchased. The cubby was enjoyed by all classes who visited the STEM room during their weekly lessons.



Students enjoying a mock 'Birthday Party' in the STEM cubby.

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Book Week visits to the Town Library

During Book Week, our classes enjoyed walking to the town library throughout the week for a special visit with the librarians. Students listened to some stories and then enjoyed taking part in a fun craft activity to make a frog.



from the Principal

What a fantastic few weeks of learning, celebration and connection we have enjoyed at Port Lincoln Junior Primary School. This newsletter provides a wonderful snapshot of the many opportunities our students have to be curious, create, persevere, connect and experience success.

Book Week was certainly a highlight, with our school coming alive with colour and imagination. Along with our fantastic parade, students enjoyed visits to the Port Lincoln Library, Snuggle & Read and our Story Walk. Thank you to our staff and families for helping make the week such a wonderful celebration of books, stories and reading.

I am also incredibly proud to congratulate our STEM teacher, Tracy Beljon, who has been named the South Australian winner of the Outstanding Early STEM Champion Award. This recognition grew from the Rubbish Busters and Recycling Heroes student-led learning expedition and has also resulted in our school receiving \$1,500 worth of STEM equipment. Congratulations to Tracy and our students on this outstanding achievement.

Across the school, students continue to enjoy rich learning experiences—from designing and building in STEM and creating with clay, to developing mathematical thinking and demonstrating resilience when learning becomes challenging.

We have also begun the Smiling Mind Primary School Program, supporting students to develop practical strategies for managing emotions, building positive relationships, resilience and healthy wellbeing habits.

Don't forget to keep our Sports Day date free. It is another great opportunity to have families connect with our students learning and enjoy the morning together. Thank you to our families for your continued support. I hope you enjoy the photos and stories in the Newsletter celebrating another busy and rewarding few weeks at PLJPS.



Karl Robst

Room 5 have been lucky enough to have Miss Ellira take art in their class this term, with a focus on clay! They have enjoyed their workshops exploring different techniques such as rolling, smoothing and scoring. The students were using authentic sculpting tools including pins, rollers, ribs and sponges, and have had a blast experimenting as they created their ceramics. Miss Ellirah will be busy firing their pieces in a kiln over the next few weeks, preparing for an exhibition at the end of the term.



Our students have now begun the Smiling Mind Primary School Program as part of our focus on Building Mental Fitness Together.

Through engaging classroom lessons and activities, students are learning practical skills to help them manage emotions, build positive relationships, make thoughtful decisions, develop resilience and build healthy wellbeing habits. These are lifelong skills that support children both in their learning and in everyday life.

Families can also support this learning at home using the free Smiling Mind app, which includes guided activities for children and families to enjoy together.

We're excited to continue building a shared language around mental fitness across our school, helping our students feel calm, connected, confident and ready to learn.

**Tess Craig
Wellbeing Leader**



**Scan to download
the FREE app now**



In class we are teaching students Mental Fitness techniques, at home you can access the Free Smiling Mind App to support -

- Calming young minds
- Working through big emotions
- Preparing for sleep

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psychologists, with kids' needs
in mind**

We are a Smiling Mind School

Last year the students at the Junior Primary School participated in a learning expedition called rubbish busters and recycling heros. This was a student lead Investigation, with the outcome of improving our schools recycling program and reducing the amount of rubbish going into landfill. The expedition was lead by Tracy Beljon and was implemented during weekly STEM lessons. Principals across Australia were invited to nominate their school, along with their STEM teacher to compete in the “Little Scientists Early STEM education awards” with the winners being named during Science week.

I am excited to announce that the efforts of our students, and school community paid off and Tracy has been named the South Australian Winner of the Outstanding Early STEM champion award. As a result of this, our school has received \$1,500 worth of STEM equipment. Our school has also been celebrated on the national website to recognise our outstanding commitment to Early STEM Education.



This year the Science Week theme was “Seeds of Science : Nuturing Knowledge for All.”

Harper Czypionka and Layla Frost guessed the exact number of bean seeds in the jar. All classes grew their own beans. Sydney Owen shares the progress from room 21.



Year 2 students have been attending transition visits at the Port Lincoln Primary School (PLPS). They have been working in small groups with two Year 2 students and three Year 5 students, visiting different areas of the school and getting to know the environment.

Everyone has a wonderful time exploring, asking questions and building confidence ready for next year.



SCHOOL DATES

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER
SACA CRICKET CLINICS

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER
R U OK DAY?

WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPT
ASSEMBLY 12:15 P.S. HALL

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
LAST DAY OF TERM 3
DISMISSAL AT 2:25PM

Final Notice : School Fees

This is a final reminder that student fees are now overdue. If you have an outstanding balance, please arrange payment as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding your account or need to discuss payment arrangements, please contact the school office.



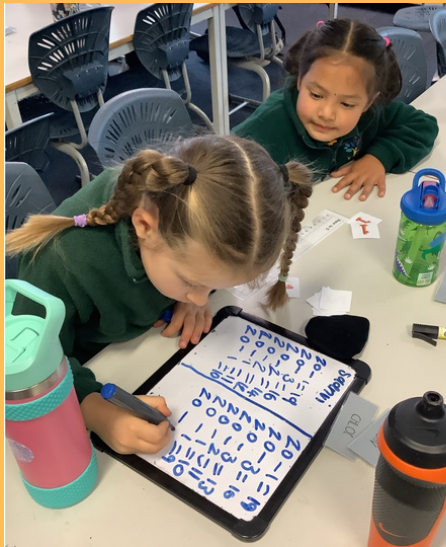
Book Week "Symphony of Stories" Photo Wall



What a wonderful Book Week we had celebrating this years theme, "Symphony of Stories"! On Thursday our school came alive with amazing costumes, creativity and a love of reading at our Book Week Parade.

Maths with Room 25

In Maths, room 25 students showed resilience in learning a new game and continuing even when it got confusing or challenging. They playing “Race to zero” with partners, practicing using subtraction and counting back by 1, 2 or 3.





Our Year 2 students from Room 7 enjoyed a wonderful visit to the high school during the term, where they sampled delicious food prepared by the Year 12 Home Economics students. The students had lots of fun tasting each dish and giving it a score. Everyone left feeling very full and very happy!



**SAVE THE DATE
PLJPS SPORTS DAY
FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER**



Foster Care

INFORMATION MORNING TEA

Providing a Foundation of care 

Join us for a FREE Morning Tea and Information Session

Come along to learn more about foster care and discover how you can make a positive difference in the life of a local child or young person.



Monday, 7 September



10am - 12pm



Centacare Office

21 Oxford Terrace
Port Lincoln

DURING THIS SESSION, YOU WILL:



Hear from local foster carers about their experiences supporting young people in our community.



Learn about the fostering journey and the support available.



Have the opportunity to ask questions in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

No question is too small.



RSVP

For catering purposes, please register your attendance by **Thursday, 3 September** by calling Centacare on **8683 0733**.



We look forward to meeting you and sharing how you can help create brighter futures for local children and young people.



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