Thank you to all of the staff, students and families who have been so welcoming over the last couple of weeks. It has certainly made settling in much easier for me. Thank you also to the families who attended our acquaintance night this week. For those of you who couldn’t attend a small information package will be sent home.

The students have made an excellent start to the year and spent the first two weeks working on our values program participating in activities around The Learning Pit, Play is the Way, the “Have you filled a bucket today” book, and of course our Class and School Code of Conduct. The students engaged well with these activities and have set themselves up for a fantastic year of learning.

Already this year students have participated in three excursions. In week one all students participated in an afternoon of activities with the Henley Surf Life Saving Club at Stansbury with students from Stansbury and Port Vincent Primary Schools. Last week students had another opportunity to build relationships with other students and learn about water safety. The R – 4 students visited Bluff Beach on Wednesday, participating in a reef walk, paddling on boards and practising swimming strokes. The 5 – 7 students took part in aquatics lessons on Thursday and Friday at Port Vincent and were able to try their hand at knee boarding, kayaking, sailing and wind surfing. All students thoroughly enjoyed these activities and staff members were impressed by the students’ willingness to try new things and their outstanding behaviour on these days. Thank you to Dee Buttfield, Walter Crawford, Ben Braund, Julie Johnson, Miss Sunners and Mrs Bishop for transporting students to these activities.

ATTACHMENTS

- Receipts for some
I went to Bluff beach. I learnt how to swim. I had fun on the surfboards. I saw a starfish on the reef walk. By Skye

Bluff Beach Aquatics
Yesterday I went to Bluff beach. I liked swimming and going on the surfboards. By Tanja

Bluff Beach
We went to Bluff Beach and learnt new swimming techniques. When we got there everybody got put in there year groups. I got put with the year fours. I met a girl from Stansbury her name was Hanna. Hanna was in my group and there were three girls. First we went surfing. I learnt how to paddle on a surf board laying on my stomach and sitting on the board. In the afternoon we went walking on the reef and I saw a starfish in the water. I learnt how to handle a starfish. While I was walking on the reef I found an abalone shell. By Cody

Bluff Beach
Yesterday we went to Bluff Beach. Everybody in year R to year 4 went. We went with 2 adults. I went with Skye’s mum. When we got to Bluff Beach we got split into four groups, I went with the year three’s. A man called Charlie was our group leader. So Charlie asked for names. Then Charlie talked about surf safety. First we got to use goggles and snorkels. Then we found a kind of mollusc. Charlie held the mollusc. After we had eaten our lunch we got to use the surf boards. First we got to practice surfing, and then we went to the very deep area. By Lois
Bluff beach

On Wednesday I went to the beach and I did surfing with Cody and Lois and Hannah. I went swimming and I found an abalone shell. I had lunch and found fish in the water and I found a stingray and a starfish. My lunch and recess were yummy.
I liked surfing best. I had lots of fun. Then we went home in my teacher’s car.  By Kaitlyn

Bluff beach

On Wednesday we went to Bluff beach I lent to pick up a sea star and a skate I was scared. I touched it I hate the feel when I went snorkelling I saw nothing but sand. I found a rare shell that had a trap door.
By Will
On the 18th and 19th of February 2016 we did Aquatics at Port Vincent. The instructor’s names were Charlie, Robyn, Kym, Andy, Gavin and Coshie. Mrs Rose and Mrs Johnson took us for Thursday and Mrs Johnson took me and my friend to Port Vincent School. I made new friends. Then we walked to Port Vincent beach with the Port Vincent. First we went knee boarding, it was fun. It wasn’t deep for the first day. After knee boarding we did kayaking. It was very tiering but I still had fun. I was having trouble doing kayaking. It was very hard. Then we did sailing. I was sailing with Shem, Jayden and Corey. It was Awesome! I almost capsize. The second day we did Knee boarding again but with two people first I went on my own. After I went with Jayden we almost high fived but I was too scared. The day was like yesterday but we did something different wind surfing. It was so hard doing wind surfing. It was great. It was the best day of my life.

By Alex

On the 18th & 19th of February we went to aquatics at Port Vincent. The instructor’s names were Charlie, Robyn, Kym, Andy, Gavin and Coshie. The first day Mrs Rose & Julie took us. The second day my dad and Mrs Bishop took us. Everything was fun except wind surfing. I hated it because I was sailing out to sea and it was really hard. I had to get rescued. The activities we had to do were knee boarding, kayaking, sailing and wind surfing. My favourite activity was knee boarding because my friend Luke and I high fived while knee boarding. Kayaking was really tiring, sailing was really fun. Jayden steered, Corey was the centre board which keeps us balanced, Alex was on the speed, and I was on the jig which is turning the yacht. We started off with an instructor but when we got better he got off and we tried by ourselves. Alex almost capsized us in sailing, which means he almost tipped us over. It was really fun.

By Shem
Aquatics
On the 18th-19th of February we went to aquatics at Port Vincent beach. Our instructors were Charlie, Kym, Robyn, Andy, Gavin and Coshie. We travelled by car and the activities that we participated in were sailing, kayaking, wind surfing and knee boarding.
In sailing first we just talked about all of the parts we were going to use, and then we split up into groups. In my group were Jessica, Paige and I. Our instructor for the group was Andy. To start off we had Andy in our group but towards the end we swapped him for Luke. Sailing was very fun.
In kayaking we rafted up quite a lot. Rafting up was a challenge because we all had to face the same way and have all of our kayaks touching. We also kayaked along the beach very far, and whilst rafting up we all got a chance to walk/run across all the decks of everybody’s kayaks. I didn’t really enjoy kayaking because it was tiring.
In windsurfing first we were taught what to do, and then we got in the water and gave it a go! To windsurf you need to stand up and get your balance on the board, then pull up the mast and steer it as you please by pulling and pushing it away and close to you. It was hard to steer at first, but towards the end I got the hang of it.
For knee boarding we got towed on the back of a boat and went far out pretty fast. First we went by ourselves, and then during the next lesson we could do it with a partner. When I went by myself I fell off, but had loads of fun. When I went the second time I went with Paige and that time was even better. Knee boarding was definitely my favourite activity, but the whole two days were really fun in general.
By Zoe

Aquatics
On Thursday and Friday we went to aquatics. The activities we did were knee boarding, sailing kayaking and wind surfing. My favourite part about aquatics was knee boarding because you get to go in deep water. Also Zoe and I knee boarded together.
The hard part was doing windsurfing. Zoe and I had to get onto a boat because I couldn’t touch the sand in deep water. The other hard part was getting the wet suits on. Our instructor’s names were Charlie, Robyn, Kym, Andy, Gavin and Coshie. The aquatics was at Port Vincent beach. That’s one of my favourite places on Yorke Peninsula.
We travelled there in cars and back. We were in a group with Port Vincent students.
By Paige
We went to aquatics on Thursday and Friday last week. We went to Port Vincent in our teachers’ cars.
When we got there we had to listen to Charlie give us some safety instructions, then we got in our wet suits and life jackets. The wet suits were hard to get on but the life jackets were easy to get on.
The instructors names were Andy, Charlie, Coshie, Kym, Gavin and Robyn. Coshie and Kym took us over to the knee boarding place where Robyn, Mrs Rose and Miss Pointon were. My favourite lessons were knee boarding, kayaking and wind surfing.
By Corey

AQUATICS
I went to Port Vincent on Thursday and Friday on the 18th and 19th of February. The instructor’s names were Charlie, Robyn, Kym, Andy, Gavin, Coshie, and, unofficially Ben. The first activity was knee boarding with one person and we did it with Port Vincent students. We got one shot at it. The next activity was kayaking but before that we got fifteen minutes for a break so we ate our food and after our food we had five minutes to play rock, paper, scissors. Then we got called by Andy and Gavin to go and stand by the kayaks.
Next Gavin taught us to paddle so we got in the kayaks and we went for a paddle. Then Andy told us to raft up so we paddled to the pontoon and I was the first to the pontoon. It token five minutes so we went back to the beach and then we had another break.
The next activity was sailing. Coshie told us how to work them. At first Coshie went with us and then we went by ourselves.
On Friday we got to go knee boarding again and we got to do two people at a time. Me and Alex went together then me and Jessica got to go on them. Then we got to go on the kayaks and we had to raft up. We got to run along the kayaks and do a bomb off the end of them. Everyone got to have a shot at it and in between that we had a break.
The next activity was wind surfing and the instructors were Andy and Coshie. We all got
a board and put them in the water and everyone got on the boards but most of us fell off of them. We got back on though and gave it another go. Jordan and I were pretty good at it, so was Luke and Scott. When I had a go I started to head out to sea with Jordan so I called out for help and Coshie came and helped us. We all came in to the beach and got ready to go home.
By Jayden