

# SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: Sep 2014

**School number: 0358**

**School name: Port Kenny Primary School**

## 1. General information

### Part A

School name	: Port Kenny Primary School	Courier	: NW Country
School No.	: 0358		
Principal	: Sue McComb		
Postal Address	: c/o Post Office Port Kenny SA 5671		
Location Address	: Little Street Port Kenny SA 5671		
District	: Eyre		
Distance from GPO	: 676 km	Phone No. :	86255020
CPC attached	: No	Fax No. :	86255036

February FTE Enrolment		2012	2013	2014	2015
Primary					
	Reception	4.0	3.0	1.0	0
	Year 1	4.0	3.0	2.0	1
	Year 2	2.0	3.0	3.0	2
	Year 3	3.0	2.0	2.0	3
	Year 4	5.0	3.0	2.0	2
	Year 5	1.0	4.0	2.0	2.0
	Year 6		1.0		
Secondary	Special, N.A.P. Ungraded etc.				
	Year 8				
	Year 9				
	Year 10				
	Year 11				
	Year 12				
	Year 12 plus				
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>19.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>
School Card percentage		00%	26%	14.5%	20%
NESB Enrolment		00	00	00	00
Aboriginal Enrolment		00	00	00	00

## Part B

- School website address  
: [www.portkennypsa.edu.au](http://www.portkennypsa.edu.au)
- School e-mail address  
: [dl.0358.admin@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0358.admin@schools.sa.edu.au)
- Staffing numbers  
: 1 female Principal 0.8 Female Teacher  
SSO Front  
Office/Admin/EDSAS/Finance/IT  
support/Library – 34 hours p w  
SSO1 classroom – 21 hours per week  
GSE – 8 hours per week
  
- Enrolment trends  
: Declining rapidly without any preschoolers in the district
- Special arrangements  
The school facility is shared by a visiting Medical Practitioner and other Health Workers – have access to a private room for visits. Provide a community library service including photopying, faxes, laminating.  
Year of opening  
: 1980
- Public transport access  
: N/A

## 2. Students (and their welfare)

- General characteristics  
: Students generally come from farming or fishing backgrounds. We have a predominantly mono cultural student population (ie. no ESL students).
- (Pastoral) care programs  
: Yes
- Support offered  
: A one-class structure ranging from R-5. Use of SSO support in class to help cater for wide range of year levels.  
Split classes in some learning areas (R-2 and 3/4).
- Student management  
: A Behaviour Management Policy has been developed between staff, students, and parents. It has been successfully implemented and supported drawing on common understandings and expectations for its success. Continually revised and reviewed.

- Student government  
: Whole School SRC
- Special programmes  
: Healthy lunch cooking one day a week

### 3. Key School Policies

- Site Learning Plan and other key statements or policies

*Vision For Port Kenny Primary School*

**OUR VISION** is for students to work confidently and collaboratively with others, developing independence and resilience to continuously improve and reach their full learning potential.

**OUR VALUES:** Responsibility, respect Caring, Honesty and Trust

#### *Geographical Influences*

Port Kenny is a small and relatively isolated school community. We are situated on the Eyre Highway midway between Elliston and Streaky Bay (approximately 62km in either direction)

Students live both on surrounding farms and within the townships of Port Kenny and Venus Bay.

#### **BELIEFS about LEARNING**

- Children's learning is our focus
  - Safe, respectful and supportive learning environment
  - Quality teaching and learning for all
  - Accountability through critical reflection, evaluation and review of programmes
  - Equity and social inclusion for all
  - Strong partnerships with families and local community
  - Make the best use of emerging technologies
- Recent key outcomes  
At Port Kenny Learning Centre *we believe*
    - Children's learning is our focus
    - Quality and excellence of service and performance
    - Accountability through critical reflection, evaluation and review
    - Equity and accessibility
    - Strong partnerships with families and the local community

## 4. Curriculum

- Subject offerings
  - : Offer all 8 key learning areas. LOTE is Spanish
- Special curriculum features
  - : Having small numbers we operate as a one-class structure, with all students in a single class.
- Teaching methodology
  - : Our focus is on collaborative teaching methodologies using a constructivist approach to teaching and learning.
- Assessment procedures and reporting
  - : Reporting takes place throughout the year in a variety of ways.
    - Term 1 3-way interviews (student/parent/teacher)
    - Term 2 Semester 1 Written Report followed by Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Send curriculum books home throughout the term for students to share with parents.
    - Term 3 Send curriculum books home throughout the term for students to share with parents.
  
    - Term 4 Semester 2 Written Report  
Send curriculum books home throughout the term for students to share with parents.
- Joint programmes
  - : We are a part of the Mid West CAP School Cluster and share library resources including, DVDs within the Hub. We are also involved in a Performing Arts program with Elliston, Streaky Bay, Miltaburra and Karcultaby Area Schools, where visiting artists and performances are delivered to schools.
- **Partnerships**
  - The school belongs to the Eyre Far West Partnership along with Ceduna, Streaky Bay, Karcultaby, Miltaburra Area Schools , Streaky Bay Children's Centre, Koonibba Aboriginal School, Penong Primary School, Ngura Yadurirn and Ceduna Aboriginal Children and Family Centre.

## 5. Sporting Activities

- : School Sports Day – We join in with Streaky Bay Area School for their sports day. Based on performances on the day, students may be picked to participate in inter-school sports days.

## 6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

- General
  - : R.I. Sessions are run once per term through the Uniting Parish of Streaky Bay. Our school students hold an open assembly at the end of each term, inviting parents and other family members to attend. An end of year 'Christmas Tree' function is held at the school with children performing for the community, which also acts as our Speech Night. Each year we participate in Marine Debris Survey, Clean Up Australia Day, National School's Tree Day. Special
  - : Each year we have a school camp and JP Sleepover / whole school camp. Destinations vary from year to year (in 2012 we went to Port Augusta, 2013 the older group went to Port Lincoln, 2014 going to Whyalla).

## 7. Staff (and their welfare)

- Staff profile
  - : Full time Principal (0.5 teaching load, 0.5 Admin)
  - 0.8 teacher
  - 3 part time SSOs
  - 1 GSE
- Leadership structure
  - : Principal has both a teaching and administrative role. There are no other leadership positions within the school.
- Staff support systems
  - : With the staff as it is we support each other as a team of professional people sharing roles and responsibilities as we see fit.
- Performance Management
  - :The Principal is the line manager of all staff in the school. We hold performance management meetings once a term.
- Access to special staff
  - : Support services are available in the district on referral.

## 8. Incentives, support and award conditions for Staff

- Complexity placement points : 0.0
- Isolation placement points :5.5
- Teaching staff qualify for country incentives
- Shorter terms
  - : The school year ends 1 day earlier due to distance factor.
- Travelling time
  - : We have a one day allocated travel component, which is why the school year finishes one day earlier at the end of the year.
- Housing assistance
  - :There is a house in Port Kenny managed by Real Estate Services for use by the Principal, or other members of staff. There is no other departmental operated housing available for rent. There may be, however, some housing available for rent within the township and neighbouring township of Venus Bay.
- Cooling for school buildings
  - : We have split system air-conditioners throughout the school.
- Cash in lieu of removal allowance
  - : As part of the country incentive package teachers at Port Kenny are eligible for this allowance.
- Medical and dental treatment expenses
  - : Staff are eligible for reimbursement for certain travel and accommodation expenses incurred when obtaining appropriated medical or dental expenses.
- Locality allowances
  - : Teachers at Port Kenny Primary School are eligible for locality allowance

## 9. School Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
  - : Port Kenny consists of a solid brick building that has a mezzanine floor incorporated within it. When built it was to house many more students than it is called upon to do now. We therefore have the luxury of plenty of space. The building is well maintained and surrounded by a large area of playground and gardens. The garden areas comprise mainly Australian natives and a vegetable garden. We do however have a small lawned area surrounding the main building which children use in playtime etc. We have restricted access to water supply, so that lawned areas are at a minimum ie. no grassed oval area. A large Covered Outdoor Learning Area is located adjacent to the school oval and was built as part of the Building the Education Revolution. This is a fantastic facility for use during both summer and winter.

- Specialist facilities
  - : We are a Community Library (Lock controlling libraries) and have access to the One card Library system. Community members are able to use photocopying facilities, send/receive faxes, and laminate. As previously mentioned there is a Medical Room incorporated within the school building
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- Student facilities
  - : Students have access to a refrigerator in the art room where they can store their lunch in hot weather. They purchase lots of items for use from their SRC budget. The sports shed is open for student use during breaks. SRC provide pizzas for lunch orders on Tuesdays. Healthy Lunches are made by the students on Wednesdays.
  
- Staff facilities
  - : Staff has access to a staff room located on the mezzanine. There are lap top computers in classrooms that teachers can take home, as well as a school car.
  
- Access for students and staff with disabilities
  - : A disabled toilet is the only area in the building or surrounds catering for people with disabilities. Access to the ground floor is available to wheelchairs etc. but access to mezzanine not possible.
  
- Access to bus transport
  - : Two buses operate from the school;
    - The first is a private contract bus, which picks up children to attend Port Kenny Primary School. This runs on a circuit that takes in surrounding areas.
    - The second is a departmental bus that runs to Streaky Bay Area School from Port Kenny along the highway. This service provides transport for secondary students.
  
- Other
  - : A building which had been used by the Playcentre is now being occupied by SA Ambulance until their new facility is built.

## 11. School Operations

- Decision making structures
  - : A very clear Decision Making Policy is in place at Port Kenny, all of the groups are involved. Staff, students and parents have ownership of this policy and it enables clear communication channels to function
  
- Regular publications
  - : The school publishes a newsletter every 3 weeks with a short publication in between newsletters. This is made available to parents at no cost but the general community pay a fee of \$10 a year to receive copies. This updates both school news and community notices.
  - We have a parent handbook that outlines the school policies and procedures that apply to our school that is given to new parents.
  - A noticeboard displays relevant parent information near the front desk area of the school.
  - We have a communication book for staff that outlines daily happenings in the school.



- Other communication
  - : We stress the importance of open communication between all parties involved with the education of children who attend our school. Students have either a diary or a communication book that carries two-way communications between school and home. We have an open door policy with the parent body, but do stress that parents need to arrange a suitable time to discuss issues as teachers have many demands on their time, and need to give parents their full concentration.
- School financial position
  - : We have a sound financial base and have no major commitments to meet in the foreseeable future.
- Special funding
  - : We have incorporated within our budget a Small Schools Grant and CAP Funding

## 12. Local Community

- General characteristics
  - : Port Kenny is situated on scenic Venus Bay, half way between Elliston and Streaky Bay on the state's Eyre Peninsula. The community primarily relies on fishing and farming for its livelihood. It is approximately 700 kilometres from Adelaide, 240kms from Port Lincoln, and is 63kms from the nearest service centres at either Streaky Bay or Elliston. Port Kenny and Venus Bay are popular holiday destinations for families in the summer months. Excellent opportunities for fishing and water sports exist either in the bay, or from any of the pristine beaches along the spectacular coastline. The Port Kenny Primary School caters to many of the community's activities and, like many schools, is integral to the community's identity. There is a very strong association between the School and the surrounding community.
- Parent and community involvement
  - : We have an active Governing Council who are committed to the education of their children. Every family is encouraged to take part in Governing Council to ensure all views are represented.
- Feeder schools
  - : Our students predominantly feed into Streaky Bay Area School for their secondary education, utilising the DECD bus that runs along the highway between Port Kenny and Streaky Bay.

- Other local care and educational facilities
  - : TAFE has outlets for providing courses locally from their bases at Wudinna, Ceduna and Whyalla; these are generally well supported by the local community. Mid-West Health Facility includes our community with services offered through various specialists registered within the Health Board i.e. Women's Health Nurse, Child & Youth Family Services, Dietitians.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  - : Port Kenny is a small township with a Caravan Park (Post Office agency) and a Hotel (offering backpackers accommodation at the rear of the Hotel). Venus Bay situated 14kms away has a General Store (incorporating a licensed bottle shop) and a Caravan Park also with a shop. Streaky Bay 62 km along the highway acts as our service centre with facilities such as a chemist, 2 supermarkets (IGA) hardware store, clothing stores, Medical Centre and Hospital, take away food outlets, several motor mechanics and repair services (RAA), Post Office and Newsagency. We also have Wudinna as another service centre offering similar facilities as Streaky Bay. The road is now fully bitumenised and people wishing to travel to Adelaide may do so with an airline service offering flights from Ceduna and Port Lincoln.
- Other local facilities
  - : Our town operates a First Response Medical Team for SA Ambulance, who are active in the community and are very willing to talk to students about first aid topics etc. Domiciliary Care workers operate a service to the community. Port Kenny Progress Association and an active Hotel Social Club are other organisations within the community.
  - The Venus Bay Conservation Park is very close to the school and children have been involved in various projects to do with bilby releases, bettong tagging, Stick Nest Rat identification, plant propagation, feral cat and fox eradication work and general plant and animal identification.
  - The amazing coastline offers the full range of aquatic activities for leisure hours; fishing, surfing, sailing, diving, plus beautiful coastal areas for bushwalking and camping.
- Availability of staff housing
  - : refer to relevant section in Part 8; **Incentives, Support, and Award conditions for Staff**
- Accessibility
  - : Port Kenny is situated on the Flinders Highway. The Flinders Highway runs from Port Lincoln to Ceduna, and is sealed the whole way. There is also a sealed road that runs out the back of Port Kenny to Wudinna, which is on Highway One. No public transport is accessed at Port Kenny.
- Local Government body
  - : The school is in the zone of the Elliston District Council (phone 86879177), but also works with the Streaky Bay District Council on some projects (phone 86261001)

Peter Treloar is our State Member of Parliament and Rowan Ramsey is our Federal Member of Parliament.

### **13. Further Comments**

- : Port Kenny offers a rewarding experience to any teacher. It is unique in its location and structure. It allows those people who have an interest and an understanding of rural communities an avenue in which they can develop their skills in multi-age level teaching, leadership roles, teaching methodologies, etc. within the safety net of small numbers and a supportive community. Port Kenny Primary School is very much the hub of the community and is valued for the role it plays in delivering quality education to the children of the district.  
It offers all the challenges of a small school as well as all the rewards that small schools provide.









