



DIARY DATES

1 May: Year 10 Outdoor Ed Day Climb

8-10 May: Year 11 Outdoor Ed Bushwalk

14 May: Parent Teacher Interviews

15-17 May: Year 12 Outdoor Ed Canoe Camp

17 May: Governing Council 5pm

25 May: Open Girls Indoor Soccer—Whyalla

29-30 May: Year 10 Outdoor Ed Bush Walk

6-7 Jun: Arts Performance 7pm

11 Jun: Queens Birthday

12 Jun: Student Free Day

20 Jun: Newsletter
Operation Flinders (Girls)

TERM DATES 2018

Term 1: 29 Jan - 13 Apr

Term 2: 30 April - 6 Jul

Term 3: 23 Jul - 28 Sep

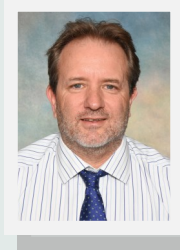
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



It is difficult to believe we are already approaching the end of Term 1! As the Principal of Port Augusta Secondary School I am constantly impressed by the strong support people show for each other both in our school and across our partnership of schools in Port Augusta and Quorn. The quality of team work that occurs is impressive

In a school environment these qualities help schools move from being an organisation to more of a 'learning Community', which ultimately produces better outcomes for our students and our wider community. There are many examples of these qualities in this newsletter.

Annual General Meeting

The schools AGM was held on March 1. Existing and prospective parents/councillors and community members met to discuss the exciting developments at the school including our new STEM Centre, future directions and the importance of parent and community involvement. The school would like to acknowledge the commitment of our Governing Council members and to point out that there are still some remaining vacancies for parents on our Governing Council. For further information about Governing Council please contact Di Pratt at the school.

Sports Day and the Western Area Secondary Schools Athletics Carnival (WASSAC)

On the March 9, staff and students worked together to produce a fun and action packed school sports day. Erin McIntee and her team and all staff are to be congratulated for their efforts in organising the day and students are to be acknowledged for their positive participation and some outstanding individual efforts. Sports Day also included year seven students from our primary schools who did a great job. The participation of staff, students and parents from all the schools added to the great atmosphere of the day. The success of Sports Day was mirrored in WASSAC on March 19 in Whyalla which involved many secondary students across our region. Further information about WASSAC and Sports Day is available in this newsletter.

Well done to everyone involved.

Polly Farmer Compact Signing

The Polly Farmer Foundations Pathways to Success program is closely linked to our school and offers additional academic support for many of our aspirational young Aboriginal students. On March 15, students, families and members of the Polly Farmer Steering Committee held a Compact Signing event at the Golf Club to acknowledge the students involvement in and commitment to the program for 2018. The school wishes all participating students a highly successful year. Well done to Kelly Kimber (program manager) and her team!

Further information relating to some of these events is available in this newsletter.

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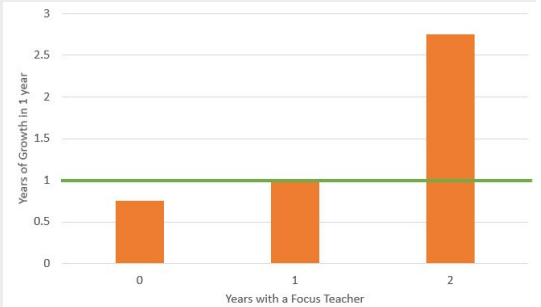
Paul Billows

Principal

Empowering Local Learners Initiative

All the schools and preschools in Port Augusta and Quorn have been working together for over four years to improve the numeracy and problem solving skills of our students from the early years to secondary. This exciting project involves all the schools and preschools in Port Augusta and Quorn working together and in collaboration with Flinders University to develop highly effective numeracy teaching approaches based on current research and designed to support improved learning outcomes for our students. Achievement data in numeracy is clearly showing significant improvements for students. For our school this shift in numeracy teaching has seen five consecutive years of improvement in our numeracy results.

The graph shows that students who have been directly involved in this project for the last two years demonstrated over 2.5 years growth in their numeracy development last year alone! This is an impressive result and as the project develops we intend to ensure that all students in our partnership benefit.



WASSAC, Whyalla, 19 March, 2018

The students attending WASSAC did an amazing job representing our school. We competed in Division B and unfortunately lost by just 3 points. We still achieved some great outcomes having 4 individual age group champions and 2 overall age group wins. Congratulations to the following individual age group winners: **U14B:** Brandon Jackson-Martin, **U15G:** Brittany Sharp, **U15B:** Ethan Reid, **U16B:** Brock Grayson. **Overall age group winners:** Under 14, Under 15.



Year 10 Outdoor Ed, Port Augusta, 6 February, 2018

This semester's year 10 Outdoor Education class hit the water early in the term to learn the ins and outs of kayaking and sailing. They also had the opportunity to demonstrate initiative, independence and continue to develop their group dynamics. While two weeks apart, both days were exceptionally hot so a lot of care was taken to prevent dehydration and sunburn, which also helped the group to understand risk management and its importance. The class had a great two days, impressing the instructors with some high grades on the cards.



2017 SAASTA Coordinator of the year

Sam started out teaching in the SAASTA program at Port Augusta Secondary School a few years ago as a new teacher taking on more responsibilities. A sign of his potential leadership was a sports carnival that he organised in 2016 for SAASTA schools including Whyalla, Port Pirie, Quorn, Coober Pedy and even Mark Oliphant students. The event ran very smoothly due mainly to Sam's excellent organisational skills and ability to keep everyone informed.

2017 is the first year that Sam was officially made the SAASTA Coordinator and he has excelled in that role. He communicates regularly with Head Office staff keeping us informed of information relevant to the SAASTA students in Port Augusta.

Port Augusta had an extremely successful Aboriginal Power Cup winning 3 awards including the Curriculum Award which the school was very proud of. This indicates that all the curriculum tasks were completed not only on time but to an extremely high standard.

Sam's strength is his passion for the program and the students. He speaks very proudly about SAASTA at school assemblies and delivers the SAASTA message that it's a privilege to be in SAASTA not a right.

Sam expects a lot from his students. Recently I received an email from Sam at 9.30 at night expressing his frustration that a few of his Year 12 students were so close to completion if only they would come to school. The school conducted a Year Graduation assembly before Exams so some of the students believed they didn't have to attend from then on. He clearly wants the best for his students but at times they don't meet his high level of expectation, which is where the frustration sets in.

I'm personally very pleased and proud that Sam Carter is the SAASTA 2017 Coordinator of the Year, Congratulations Mr Carter.



Paul Billows

Workabout Centre

The Workabout Centre engages the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 10-12 in educational and employment pathways, whilst at the same time building relationships between education, industry, organisations, and Aboriginal communities to create a culture of sustainable employment and retention in the work force. The Workabout Centre and Northpoint Toyota are providing Work Experience for the Workabout registered ATSI students.

Throughout the year training that students may participate includes:

- White Card
- Drivers Ed - L's permit
- Barista
- Hair & Beauty
- Senior First Aid
- Intro to Auto, Construction & Horticulture
- Certificate I, II & III qualifications
- Work Experience



Alaynah with her White Card



Quentin, Edward and Andrew



James while doing work experience at Northpoint TOYOTA

New VET courses offered in YES

Two new Vocational Education Training (VET) certificate courses have been introduced in the YES Centre this year. Students can now study Certificate III in Fitness and Certificate II in Kitchen Operations.

Certificate III in Fitness provides a pathway to work as a fitness instructor to deliver exercise sessions for groups, aqua or gym programs in fitness, leisure, aquatic and community centres.

Certificate II in Kitchen Operations provides a pathway to work in kitchens in organisations such as restaurants, hotels, catering operations, clubs, pubs, cafes and coffee shops. It also provides an entry to work within institutions such as aged care facilities, hospitals, prisons and schools.



Pictured below is some of the food students have made in Certificate II in Kitchen Operations.



Creativity flowing in HEALS program

Creativity has been flowing for students in the HEALS program in the YES Centre this term. Students have been working on several different projects, including making magazine flower topiary trees and dream catchers. A lot of patience and some new skills were learned to create these projects.



Above: A selection of magazine flower topiary trees made by YES students.

Right: Chloe with a dream catcher she made in the HEALS program.



YES students tour power stations demolition site



Two groups of YES Centre students undertook tours of the Augusta Power Stations site in early March, touring the demolition site and ash storage revegetation zone.

Flinders Power representatives began the tour with a briefing, which gave students an insight into the history and operations of the power station before it ceased generating on May 9, 2016.

The rehabilitation project is almost 80% complete, with completion expected in the second half of 2018. Flinders Power aims to leave the site in a condition suitable for future industrial use, with the possible sale of the land to a suitable buyer.

Demolition work is nearing completion and by conclusion approximately 50,000 tonnes of scrap metal will have been salvaged from the Augusta Power Stations site. Five trucks and semi-trailers have been continually moving scrap metal daily from the site and transporting it to the wharf at Port Pirie to be loaded on to ships.



Much of the scrap metal has been sold to Vietnam and a shipment of steel was due to leave Port Pirie on March 14.

Students were surprised by the amount of steel still at the site, the enormity of the structures and the size of the machinery being used for demolition and salvage.

Year 9 student Andrew Scott said the tour was “very interesting”, “I was very surprised by the amount of scrap metal that was there and by how long it took them to build and how little time it took to destroy it,” Andrew said.

“The best part was being able to get out of the bus and be able to get so close to the demolition work.”

A long-term solution for the rehabilitation of the ash storage area involves covering it with topsoil and seeding native plants and grasses. So far, 220 hectares of the 273-hectare ash storage area has been covered with soil and 180 of these have been seeded, with germination in some areas.

In coming months there are several more demolition activities planned, including the charge felling of the Northern Central Coal Bunker in April. The bunker will be processed for scrap metal. The Playford B Baghouse and Boilers will also be removed in April, using giant excavators, and in May the Playford B Turbine

Hall will be mechanically demolished. A huge, purpose-built mechanical arm has been built to assist with demolition.

The final felling event will be the 200m Northern stack, expected in mid-2018. An exact date has not been finalised as approvals are still pending.





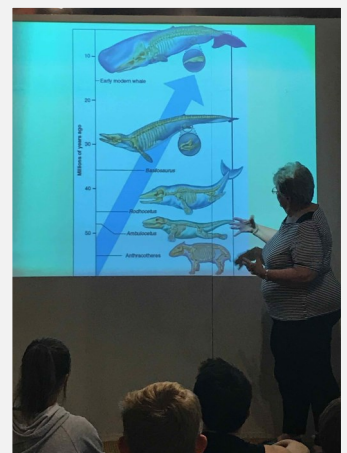
Marine Science, Adelaide, 14 March, 2018

During Week 7, Marine Science students participated in a 3 day camp with Mr Everett and Ms Crane in Adelaide and the Fleurieu Peninsula focusing on oceanography and biodiversity.

The camp started with a full afternoon visit to Port Adelaide and the Maritime Museum, with a harbour tour on the ex-police launch the 'Archie'. They discussed the history of the port, along with environmental issues and the impact of heavy industries on the local marine fauna and flora. At the museum students engaged in an iPad investigation and received educational sessions on cetaceans (whales & dolphins).

On day 2 students visited a number of beaches on the Fleurieu Peninsula, including Yankalilla, Waitpinga, Middleton and Goolwa. They observed longshore drift and rip currents, and how the energy of the beach affects the sand composition. They discussed safety strategies in assessing dangerous conditions and what to do in situations of danger. Students also conducted a biodiversity examination of the rock pools at Yankalilla, and compared this with the other beaches.

On Day 3, students participated in a 3 hour kayaking adventure in the Port River estuary, examining the mangroves and gained an understanding of how a polluted waterway can be rehabilitated. For future students that have an interest in the ocean and Earth science, marine science offers you an opportunity to explore and understand the marine environment directly.



Sports Day 2018

On Friday 9 March 2018, Port Augusta Secondary School held its annual Sports Day at Braddock Oval. Students participated throughout the day with determination and sportsmanship despite the warmer conditions. Year 7 students from the local primary schools joined us once again, competing with enthusiasm in the under 13 age group. Spencer started the day in the lead after the 1500m and Javelin events held on Thursday and they maintained that lead the whole day. Wilpena were in close contention earlier in the day but were no match for the athleticism and participation numbers of Spencer, the overall winners on the day.

Sports Day results

Athletics Shield

Spencer 1st Place 849 points

Wilpena 2nd Place 748 points

Mambray 3rd Place 650 points

House Shield

Spencer 1st Place 896 points

Wilpena 2nd Place 776 points

Mambray 3rd Place 681 points

A number of records were broken on the day, some that had been standing nearly 20 years.

U14 Boys High Jump

Old Record - Scott Treleaven (1999) - 1.60

New Record - Brandon Jackson-Martin - Spencer - 1.62

Open Boys Shot Put

Old Record - Tom McMahon, Spencer, 2008 - 12.50

New Record - Kallan Warren - Wilpena - 13.29

U14 Boys Discus

Old Record - Tyron Warren, Wilpena, 2008 - 28.30

New Record - Brandon Jackson-Martin - Spencer - 28.57

U16 Girls High Jump *Old Record - Vaniah Nelson - Wilpena, 2017 - 1.39*

New Record - Liana Dwyer - Wilpena - 1.40

U15 Girls High Jump

Old Record - Wanita Calyun - 2001 - 1.42

New Record - Kaylanah Reid - Mambray - 1.43



Sports Day 2018 Age Group Champions

AGE	Female Champion	Female Runner Up	Male Champion	Male Runner Up
U13	Mhatika Wilton	Maci Wilsden, Wil (16)	Khantrelle Fielding, Wil (19)	Jakeem Cox, Wil (17)
U14	Skyanne Gill, Wil (27)	Kelsey Spencer, Spe (18)	Heath Green, Spe (27)	Callan McKenzie, Spe (25)
U15	Lucy Janiak, Mam (20)	Brittany Sharp, Wil (18)	Zackery Todd, Spe (29)	Brandon Newchurch, Wil (21)
U16	Liana Dwyer, Wil (23)	Shaunna Hobbs, Wil Kyla Pfitzner, Mam	Brock Grayson, Spe (28)	Declan Dadleh, Spe (22)
Open	Emma Hancock , Mam, Amelia McKenzie, Spe, Tamika Reid, Wil (28)	Courtney Cox, Mam (17)	Juan Braden-McAllister, Wil (24)	Kallan Warren, Wil (22)

Overall Champions of the day: Emma Hancock, Amelia McKenzie and Tamika Reid and Zackery Todd.

Based on Sports Day results, a team of approximately 50 students was selected to represent PASS at the Western Area Secondary School Athletics Carnival (WASSAC) held at Edward John Eyre High School, in Whyalla on Monday, March 19. The athletes competed against students from Port Lincoln, Navigator, Far North, Far West and Whyalla.



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