



DIARY DATES

15 Dec: Final day of school year.
Splash Day
Early dismissal 1.30pm from the pool

17-25 Jan: Open for payment of school fees / school card applications / uniform purchases

29 Jan: Start of school year

5 Feb: Year 12 Outdoor Ed canoe skills day

12 Feb: School photos

14 Feb: Year 8 parent meeting & BBQ

23 Feb: Student free day

9 Mar: Sports day

TERM DATES 2018

- Term 1: 29 Jan - 13 Apr
- Term 2: 30 April - 6 Jul
- Term 3: 23 Jul - 28 Sep
- Term 4: 15 Oct - 14 Dec

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is difficult to believe that we are at the end of term 4.

We have wonderful young people in our school which motivates us to provide them with as wide a range of opportunities as possible including post school options, self-development and importantly to ensure they are optimistic about their futures. This was most evident through several recent events at the school.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank staff, students, parents and community members involved in our recent year 12 graduation and awards event. It is always rewarding to see the quality of the young people moving through our school and the opportunities they have taken which now provides them with a wide range of post school pathways, we wish all of our graduating students well for their upcoming exams, completion of their secondary schooling and their futures beyond school.

A whole school assembly was held during the second week of this term. The assembly was an opportunity to present academic awards from term 3 and to generally acknowledge those students achieving outstanding results in our school. The assembly also provided an opportunity for the school to wish our year 12 students the best of luck in their exams and futures beyond school.

All students and staff at the assembly were treated to several outstanding music performances from students involved in our music programs. Well done to all involved.

Subject counselling for new and continuing students for 2018 has occurred and it was great to see so many parents/caregivers attend the recent counselling interviews.

I had the pleasure of attending the senior student visual arts exhibition on Thursday, November 2 and everyone who attended could not but be impressed with the quality of the art works, the support from the teachers and the event overall. Well done to everyone involved.

Finally, we have several staff leaving us at the end of the year including; Mikayla Hudson, Aisha Nunn, Christine Kemp, Clayton Crabbe, Samantha Kondraciuk, Charlotte Franz, Robyn Hewitson and Sadie Havelberg.

We wish all of these staff members the best for the future and we make a special acknowledgement to both Sadie Havelberg and Robyn Hewitson who are retiring after many years of dedicated service.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank staff and students for their efforts during the year and I wish all members of our school community a restful and safe holiday period and we look forward to working with you in 2018.

Paul Billows
Principal

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10 Outdoor Ed Aquatics

To finalise their Semester 2 practical grades, the year 10 Outdoor Education class went to the Port Augusta Aquatic and Outdoor Adventure Centre to develop their skills in windsurfing and canoeing. They were even lucky enough to get to sail in some nice winds!



8 Humanities and Social Sciences

Earlier in the term, 8A and 8B joined together to visit the *Yidumduma Bill Harney - Bush Professor* exhibition at the Barracks.

Yidumduma Bill Harney: Bush Professor is a travelling exhibition from Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre and celebrates the life work of Yidumduma Bill Harney. Bill Harney is a Wardaman Elder; whose country lies south-east of present-day Katherine in the Northern Territory.

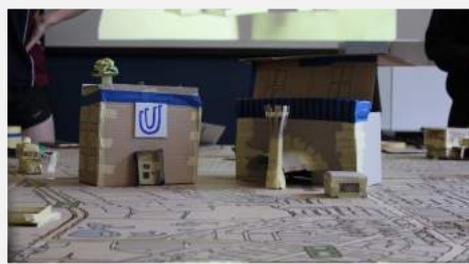
He is an amazing storyteller and artist, sharing the ways of the Wardaman people and the stories connected to the stunning ancient rock art on his land. Harney's work is widely exhibited, including in the National Gallery of Australia, Parliament House in Darwin, Bond University and the University of Sydney where a number of his major paintings are held so it was fantastic to be able to see it here in Port Augusta.



The Creative Workshops Program Excursion, Whyalla, 8 November, 2017

Year 10 and 11 students were invited to make the trip to Whyalla, UniSA to participate in creative workshops in Architecture, Interior Architecture, Product Design, Communication Design, Visual Arts and Urban and Regional Planning, as an introduction to various creative disciplines offered by The School of Art, Architecture and Design (AAD).

The opportunity allowed students to make informed choices in terms of tertiary education, career direction in creative disciplines; introducing them to university culture. Students were involved in bridge building, town planning, drawing and painting workshops and had a fabulous time meeting the friendly UniSA staff and getting involved in exciting projects.



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Senior Art Exhibition

This year was the first Senior Art Exhibition held exclusively to showcase the talents of the SACE Visual Arts Students. The exhibition opened on November 2, at the Curdnatta Platform Gallery with support from family, friends, teachers, and also the community. The exhibition ran until November 11, allowing access to a broader range of art lovers.

It was a successful event with students being able to experience what it is like to have their work exhibited in a public forum amongst other practising artists in the region.

A big thank you to Georgie Sharp and the Curdnatta Artists for all their support in making this event possible.

Port Augusta Secondary School will be making this an annual event for future SACE Visual Arts students to showcase their work.



Discover Adelaide

Year 10 students from Port Augusta Secondary School were invited on the Discover Adelaide Regional Secondary School Camp hosted by the University of Adelaide. The program spanned over four days and gave our students a taste of what university life was like and how they could further plan for their futures.

The 2017 program was packed with challenging and inspiring opportunities to learn. On the first day, students were split into random groups and participated in the Amazing Race around the University of Adelaide. They were tasked to create short films about university life

with the help of established journalist Louise Pascale. Students got to explore accommodation options that were available to them, which included the Hub and Lincoln College. They delved into the careers of sound engineers, dentists, architects, anthropologists, psychologists, and many more university pathways.

This was the second time that students from Port Augusta Secondary School have been invited to partake in this program and the feedback has been tremendously positive. A special thank you to the camp organisers Elijah Price and Louise Mitchell, who supported our students every step of the way.



Discover Adelaide **From a students perspective**



During week 6, several of us year 10 students had the opportunity to attend the 'Discover Adelaide' camp. This camp had us stay in Adelaide from Tuesday-Friday. We explored the University of Adelaide and the support/pathways they offered. The point of the camp was to help us students figure out what we have planned for our post-schooling futures. We were joined by three other schools, allowing us to mix and mingle with people who we had never met before. I surprisingly made a couple new friends in which shared the same interests as me. I found this camp extremely helpful as it exposed me to the highly interesting lives of 'uni students'. Do you want to learn more about the different courses offered at the University of Adelaide? Then I recommend that in the future you too should attend this amazing experience.

-Joel Baker



In week 6 a group of year 10s went to Adelaide for 4 days. The camp was hosted and organised by the University of Adelaide. We were shown around the campus and the new Medical and Sciences Campus that has recently opened. We were also shown the available accommodation for when you are studying at University. My highlight of the camp was definitely meeting new friends. I loved understanding a bit more about the courses and scholarships that are available for the students. For future year 10s, I highly recommend attending this camp, even if you might not consider going to university, it is very eye-opening. Students were given the ability to try a number of courses including Dentistry, Architecture, Anthropology, Sound Engineering, Genealogy, Law and Sustainability as can be seen in the photos

-Abbey Renshaw



YES Centre enters Christmas Tree Festival & takes home first prize!

The YES Centre entered a tree in the Port Augusta Christmas Tree Festival held from November 30 to December 3 in the Institute building, Commercial Road.

Students hand made all of the decorations and the finished result was quite spectacular. A variety of different mediums were used, including felt, fabric, ribbon, hessian, sequins, beads, pasta and twine. A tree skirt, a star tree topper and a banner were also made.

Getting the tree down to the Institute proved to be quite an operation, with strong winds and rain hitting just as the tree was being loaded for transport. But, with the cooperation of several staff members the tree and decorations arrived unscathed at the destination.



11 Outdoor Ed Climbing and Canoeing Camp

In week 8 of term 3, the year 11 Outdoor Ed class went on a rock climbing camp to Adelaide. Students had the opportunity to rock climb indoor at Vertical Reality and outdoor at Morialta Falls as well as check out the wild life at the Cleland Wildlife Park. They also had an opportunity to take part in 'Challenge Hill' at the Woodhouse accommodation, managed by Scouts SA. Here, they had an opportunity to put group dynamics in to practice that they have developed over the year. The camp was, overall, a really great experience where all students learnt something new about themselves.

In week 2 term 4, the group went to the Port Augusta Aquatic and Outdoor Adventure Centre to hone in their canoeing skills so they were prepared for their Canoe camp on the Murray River in week 4. The centres' staff were impressed with the motivation and attitude of the group overall. In week 4, the group embarked on their final practical assessment for the year on a 3-day Canoe trip on the Murray River's Ral Ral Creek. Here, the students demonstrated skills in canoeing, leadership, minimal impact and risk management. It was a successful camp enjoyed by all!



Defence careers and study options presented New generation of jobs promoted to students to YES students

Students learned about possible career pathways and study options available in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) during a presentation in the YES Centre on Monday, November 6.

CPL Bradley Murphy from the Australian Army and CPL Zac Ogle from the Royal Australian Air Force told students there are 280 jobs across the ADF in many and varied fields. They also spoke of study opportunities that exist through the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA).

CPL Murphy said university positions with the ADFA were a very attractive option as candidates were paid a salary to attend and also had their fees paid for, but he stressed the fact that they are highly sort after and a very competitive process. He emphasised that candidates applying for defence force jobs should possess leadership skills, maturity, communications skills, be physically and mentally robust, be a team player and demonstrate courage, adaptability and discipline. Students had the opportunity following the presentation to speak one on one with both personnel and have any questions answered.

Port Augusta Secondary School students learned of South Australia's emerging industries and a new generation of jobs when they attended JOBEX in Port Augusta on November 20 at the Central Oval precinct. Career opportunities and study pathways of the future were showcased to students.

JOBEX is South Australia's largest free employment and careers exhibition, with more than 120 of the State's leading businesses showcasing career pathways and job opportunities in emerging industries. Some of the State's leading businesses, spanning the five growing sectors of Energy and Mining, Defence and Shipbuilding, Health and Research, IT and Hi-tech and Tourism, Food and Wine, exhibited at the expo. Businesses included *BHP, Solar Reserve, Sundrop Farms, Tesla, Vittera, ZEN Energy, Cavpower, Discovery Parks, SKYCITY Adelaide Casino, Fyfe, Mighty Kingdom and Nyrstar.*

Representatives from tertiary institutions, including the University of South Australia, the University of Adelaide, Flinders University and TAFE SA, were available to guide students through how to prepare for a job in one of these growth sectors.

In the Recruitment Zone at JOBEX Port Augusta students could attend practical sessions from recruitment specialists who were on hand to give tips on customising a CV and performing well at job interviews. Students also had the opportunity to attend seminars and workshops led by industry leaders.



2017 Middle School Arts Showcase

SOLD OUT SHOWS

This year's **Middle School Arts Showcase** was the most successful that we have had in four years with two nights of shows that were 'sold out'!



The Arts Faculty once again stepped up to produce a wonderful program of items that were linked with the theme of "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas". More than 70 performers representing the students of PASS from Years 8-10 performed for very receptive audiences, capturing the skills and talents of students from Music, Drama and Visual Arts.

The partnership with the school canteen has once again enabled us to produce a very successful interval of drinks and snacks, and we thank them for working with us. Thanks to the Student Services staff who sold our tickets, and to staff who supported the event by giving up time to help on the night.

We are very proud of the students who were part of this cast because their performances displayed the kinds of qualities that we strive to encourage in our students, like commitment, responsibility, diligence, creativity, working with others, reliability and confidence.

This is my final show, not only for Port Augusta Secondary School, but for my Arts career in schools which started in 1979. I wish all the Arts staff the very best in their futures and hope that the Arts continues to thrive at PASS. Best Wishes for the holiday season.

Dr Robyn Hewitson
Arts Coordinator



One and All Sailing Trip

A group of 16 students from years 10 and 11 Marine Science participated in a sailing adventure on the One and All sailing ship with Mr. Everett and Miss Burgess.

Mrs. Whitaker helped to transport everyone to Port Vincent (Yorke Peninsula) on Sunday afternoon (22 October) and met them at Port Adelaide the next day for pickup. Students and teachers worked hard throughout their time on the ship, and were all responsible for working in teams to sail the vessel safely to Port Adelaide after crossing St Vincent Gulf and travelling up and down the coast of Adelaide.

Students climbed the rigging, set and stowed the sails, steered the ship, ran watches and performed all duties necessary to keep the ship functioning. At times the ship was surrounded by dozens of bottlenose dolphins, some of which surfaced almost within arms reach of students and teachers.

All students involved gained a great sense of achievement and found strength that showed everyone how awesome they are. Well done!



Chloe visits sponsor child in Africa

A greater appreciation of how lucky we are to live in Australia was a major realisation for year 10 student Chloe Brusnahan when she recently visited Africa to meet with her family's sponsor child.

Chloe and her mother Emma travelled to Tanzania from September 22 to October 6 and visited the village of Dodoma where they met with World Vision sponsor child Christina Kongwa and her family. It is the second time they have travelled to see Christina, also visiting in 2014. The Brusnahan family has sponsored Christina for four years.

During their visit they met family and visited Christina's school. They were treated to a village welcome and were given gifts from the Kongwa family, which included a decorated pot and a stool. Chloe said she took over some books to donate to the school. She noticed improvements in the school since her first visit. "The school is a lot better, It has more structured classes than when we were there for our first visit" she said.

They also took gifts for Christina, her family and her best friend. "We took toys, books and clothes for Christina, and we gave her friend Rosa some toys too," Chloe said. "Christina was much more talkative, she was more outgoing and seemed happier than our first visit. The first time we visited she was very nervous and didn't talk much". "This time her father had learned some English and Christina's brother translated. Chloe said seeing how Christina had become more outgoing was one of the main highlights of her visit.

Whilst in Africa, Chloe and Emma also visited a World Vision closing ceremony at a village called Farkwa. The ceremony marked the end of sponsorship as the village had met all of the World Vision goals. Chloe and Emma were given gifts of a beaded blanket called a Shuka, a clay pot and a pumpkin canteen from the village. They also spent some time in Dar Es Salaam, the largest city in Tanzania, where they toured sights, took a ferry to Zanzibar Island, shopped at local markets and where Chloe got her hair braided.

One of the most confronting parts of Chloe's visit to Africa was seeing the slums of Dar Es Salaam.

Both visits to Africa have made Chloe less concerned with material things. "You realise how lucky you are, and it makes you think about wasting money on things we don't really need," she said.



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