



Government of South Australia
Department for Education and
Child Development

DIARY DATES

- 28 Aug: Yr 7 visits to PASS (28/8-7/9)
- 30 Aug: Wear it purple day
- 6 Sep: National HPE day
- 8 Sept: School closure day
- 11 Sept: Yr 10 outdoor ed camp
(11/9–12/9)
- 12 Sept: 8/9 boys & girls basketball
- 14 Sept: R U OK day
- 18 Sept: Aboriginal family voice
(5:30-7.00)
- 20 Sep: Yr 11 outdoor ed camp (20-22/9)
music concert, 7.00pm
- 21 Sept: Yr 8/9 boys & girls 9-a-side footy
Governing Council, 5.00pm
music concert, 7.00pm
- 26 Sept: Polly steering meeting (1.00)
STEM learners think tank Adel.
- 29 Sept: Final day of term (1.30 finish)

TERM DATES 2017

- Term 1: 30 Jan - 13 Apr
Term 2: 1 May - 7 Jul
Term 3: 24 Jul - 29 Sep
Term 4: 16 Oct - 15 Dec

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Promoting Success for all Students

NEWSLETTER

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Principal's report

On August 4, we held a whole school assembly to acknowledge student achievements from term 2. It was very pleasing to see many of our students receive awards for high academic achievement. At the assembly we also acknowledged that although we can't give awards to everyone, a majority of our students work well with their teachers and each other and that they are taking advantage of the many opportunities made available to them at the school. When looking closely at the students who did receive awards there was one common characteristic across the group and that is regular attendance at school.

Well done to all our award recipients.

Helen Connolly, the Commissioner for Children and Young People was a special guest at this assembly. Commissioner Connolly helped present the many awards to students for academic achievement and endeavour. She also presented awards to our successful SAATA Students and those recognised by our NAIDOC Week Committee in recent times. She then toured classrooms keen to listen to the views of students in regional areas, asking them about all aspects of living and learning in Port Augusta. Commissioner Connolly asked me to convey her sincere thanks for the welcome that she received from our staff and students. She commented on the obvious culture around learning and cooperation that was noticeable during her visit.

Our term 3 student free day was held on Monday August 21 where staff were involved in reflecting on our schools current Strategic Plan 2015-2017 and giving input into the new Strategic Plan 2018-2020. This important public document includes our school's purpose, values and priorities leading into the next three years. The Student Leadership Team and Governing Council will also have an opportunity for input into this plan between now and the end of 2017.



Simon Owens
Principal

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Knockout Netball

On Tuesday August 1, a team of enthusiastic year 10 girls with the help of determined year 8s made it to the grand final of the pool B Knockout Netball competition in Whyalla. The girls demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and resilience throughout the long day but unfortunately were not able to hold their lead in the final. Well done to all the girls who participated and made the day an enjoyable experience for all. **Dani Librandi**

Unfortunately the Open team was not successful with lots of wins on the day, however they showed fantastic sportsmanship and made their coach extremely proud with the way they conducted themselves on the court. Big thanks to the younger girls who filled up so that we could field a team. All the girls performed really well, going up against some very experienced players, and they kept fighting each game out until the final siren. **Sandy Glamuzina**

The year 8 and 9 girls all played exceptionally well on the day and won two of their first three matches. This placed them in Division B for the finals however it proved to be too strong for our girls and we lost both matches. Thanks to each student for putting in lots of effort, playing new positions and trying, even when we were behind on the score sheet. **Morgan Pfeiffer**

Miss Evans' year 8 and 9 girls netball team worked together exceptionally well as a team. They demonstrated consistently positive sportsmanship and played fairly. All students worked together to include each other and ensure that everyone on the court was involved. Although only one game was won throughout the day, they played hard and had fun. It was a pleasure to coach and umpire them throughout the day. All students put in a fantastic effort. **Cass Evans**



Marine Science

In week 7 students from Years 10 and 11 Marine Science attended the district of Cowell for a 3 day camp.



Coastal Studies

Arno Bay to Point Lowly, SA

Over a period of 3 full days students conducted a range of studies of different coastal marine environments. Whilst at Redbanks, Arno Bay, students learnt about the formation of limestone from dead sea creatures over millions of years, the weathering of this and other rocks to contribute to sand production.

Whilst at Point Gibbon, students studied the formation and importance of sand dunes, along with a study of metamorphic rocks in the tidal rock pools. Students gained an understanding of how sand is created from a combination of different sources.



During their stay at Cowell, students went on an oyster boat and learnt about oyster farming in Franklin Harbour and the importance of water properties. Some brave students got to eat fresh oysters straight from the water. This was

followed up by a tour of oyster processing facilities at the Cowell Area School Aquaculture facility. Students' study of Point Lowly was an exciting experience where they rescued and interacted with giant cuttlefish, and learnt about the adverse impact of heavy industry on marine ecosystems. The camp finished with a tour of HMAS Whyalla where everyone learnt about the systems and tools that mariners use to



Port Augusta Secondary School Stars

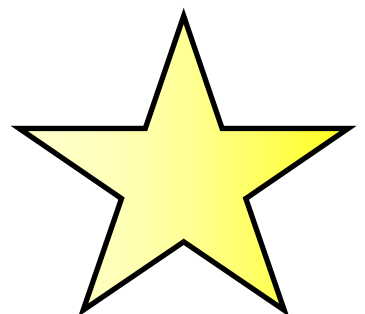
Students and teachers at Port Augusta Secondary School have been selflessly contributing towards the One Million Stars to End Violence Project. The project began in February 2016 and set out for individuals, groups, and communities from all over the world to weave ribbon stars that are to be part of an installation to be displayed at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

The process was simple: Use four strips of ribbon and follow either written instructions or a video tutorial. For a task that was supposed to end violence, there were several partially completed stars being thrown across the room in frustration. However participants developed resilience, and soon enough completing the stars became second nature. By taking the time in home group, signing up for the task during activities week, or even just doing it at their own leisure, the team at Port Augusta Secondary School managed to create over 300 colourful stars!

For more information and updates in regards to the One Million Stars Project, please check out their website at www.onemillionstars.net. Violence is still a major issue worldwide and it is important to understand that this project is intended to start the conversation. Thank you to everyone who took the time to learn the challenging, yet somewhat satisfying task of weaving the stars.



Lauren Hartmann, Courtney Cox, Rachel Crane



Health services students help at Wami Kata



Macacia, Danielle, Marilyn, Emiley and Brodie.

Students undertaking Certificate II in Health Support Services served meals to residents and performed kitchen duties during a visit to Wami Kata Old Folks Home on August 7.

Course lecturer Ms Emily Doran said it was a valuable experience for all students and they enjoyed the visit. She said each student had a turn of stacking the dishwasher and unstacking, cleaning and restocking shelves in the store room.

“Marilyn, the lady who runs the kitchen, ran through all the procedures she has to do in a day, all the temperature checks etc,” Ms Doran said, “She was excellent.” “I think the students enjoyed themselves, albeit being a bit tired after!”

Year 11 student Macacia Marich said learning about all of the different dietary considerations that had to be considered for all the residents was interesting. “Some residents can’t chew well, so they had to mash up their food and some were diabetic,” she said. “Some had to have medication with food.” “They have to make sure everything is cleaned in a specific way to meet health and safety requirements.” She said the best part about the visit was meeting and speaking with residents. The worst part was washing dishes. “Wami Kata is set up to make residents feel at home,” she said.



Emiley pouring out the hot drinks.



YES Centre hair and beauty salon open for business



The YES Centre Hair and Beauty Salon was open for business on Tuesday, August 15.

Students undertaking Certificate II Salon Assist and Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics had the opportunity to be part of a functioning salon by providing an array of treatments to PASS staff and students in a salon day.

Students have learnt about treatments and services, and have been perfecting them, in the past two and a half terms. Course lecturers Mrs Kristy Kuhn and Mrs Belinda Myles supervised students.

“Once the students are competent performing treatments such as wash and blow dry, hair straightening, paraffin manicures and facials, we open our salon to simulate an actual salon environment, allowing students the experience of working with paying customers,” Mrs Kuhn said.

“This experience allows the students to not only work on new clients but also allows them to gain experience in customer service and cash handling, which are vital skills in any successful salon.”

“We thank the continual support from the staff as this could not happen without you.”

Year 10 student Chloe Brusnahan, who is studying both Certificate II Salon Assist and Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics, said the salon day allowed her to mark off some required skills in her courses.

She said the most valuable part of the day for her was the customer service experience. “Getting experience dealing with customers, not just fellow students, was valuable,” and “My hands hurt afterwards from all of the blow drying,” she said



Tara Morelli getting a paraffin wax manicure from Olivia



Chloe Brusnahan, Olivia Lawler & Tayla Carter

BOYS KO SOCCER

Tuesday of week 4 our year 8 and 9 boys knockout soccer team travelled to Whyalla to participate in the annual knockout carnival. The carnival was held at the Croatia Soccer Club giving the boys a great experience playing on the full size pitch that they provide. Expectations were high as our team consisted of some of Port Augusta's best young soccer talent.

The boys played three games for the day against Whyalla High, Samaritan College and John Pirie. Each game provided a new challenge and despite playing some great soccer the boys were very unlucky not to win a match. Creating chances to score was not a problem however finishing was our Achilles heel.

Some notable performances from the day include Blake Cooper's valiant effort in between the sticks. Basse Thompson's supreme skill through the midfield. Josh St Clair showed glimpses of why he is one of Port Augusta's best up and coming strikers and Jason Harrap's hard running defensive game while also putting a left footed strike into the top corner that Romelu Lakaku would be proud of.

Despite not winning a game everyone had a great day and the boys should be proud of how they represented the school.

Mr Lucas Hill



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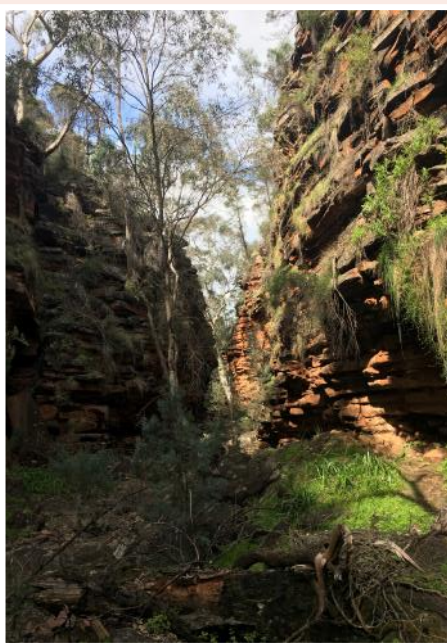
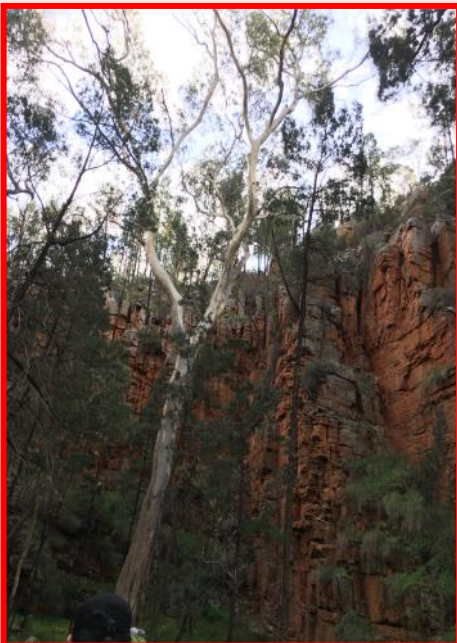
Back in term 2, our year 9 students sat the 2017 National Assessment Plan: Literacy and Numeracy tests. The school has now received the individual student results, and will be sending them out in the mail over the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's results, please contact the Year 8/9 Assistant Principal, Sam Kondraciuk.

YR 12 BUSHWALK

The year 12 outdoor education class recently embarked and returned from a self-reliant bushwalking camp to Mount Remarkable National Park. We started at the Mambray Creek campground, walked along the Battery, then through Alligator Gorge (Image 1 & 2), and ended the camp with a lovely walk along the Hidden Gorge Hiking Trail (Image 3). Walking this trail gave the opportunity to see some absolutely breathtaking views, as seen in the images below. This expedition helped all of the students develop lifelong skills such as outdoor, survival, social, and leadership. The class planned the entire trip, from booking the campsites, planning the route, completing a first aid course, creating a route card, and making a risk management plan for most emergencies that could have occurred. Overall the camp was extremely enjoyable for the whole group and a wonderful chance to escape the stresses of year 12 for a few days.

Students who attended include Tyson Richards, Joe Martin, Zane Sard, Stefan Horner, Troy Elliott, Oscar Maule, Kevin O'Connor, Marc Glamuzina, and Tom Royals .

Tyson Richards and Zane Sard



Learning Mainstream Class Assignment

The students broadened their knowledge regarding the medieval Europe times throughout term 2. Their last assignment was to build either a castle or armour. The majority chose to build a castle with some great building taking place.

- Mrs Edwards



Copper Coast BMX Club is hosting Round 5 of the State Series on Sunday 3rd September. Practice from 9am, racing starts at 11am. On Saturday 2nd September is a State Series warm up meet with Old School Racing with racing starting at 12:30pm. Come along and check out the changes to the track.

For more information or to nominate for either day.

Contact Andy [0419800399](tel:0419800399) or Lee [0439505284](tel:0439505284) or email coppercoastbmx@gmail.com

Please note: this event was postponed from 12th & 13th August due to rain.