



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education and  
Child Development

## DIARY DATES

17 Oct: Yr 11 outdoor ed canoe day

23 Oct: Yr 10/11 marine science One & All

24 Oct: Whole school assembly

26 Oct: Last day for year 12 classes

27 Oct: Yr 12 graduation (5:30-8:00pm)

30 Oct: Aboriginal family voice (5:30-7:30)

31 Oct: Yr 11 marine science Point Lowly

1 Nov: Yr 10 marine Science Brachina Gorge

6 Nov: Yr 11 outdoor ed canoe camp (6-8/10)

8 Nov: Yr 10/11 art trip UniSA Whyalla

17 Nov: Yr 8/9 cricket

20 Nov: Yr 10 outdoor ed aquatics

22 Nov: SAASTA shield carnival (22-23/10)  
Yr 10 marine science camp (22-24/10)

23 Nov: Last day for year 11 classes

27 Nov: Yr 10 outdoor ed aquatics

11-12 Dec: Yr 7 full day transition

15 Dec: Final day of term & splash day, early dismissal

## 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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## NEWSLETTER

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**PORT AUGUSTA  
SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
*Promoting Success for all Students*

#### Inside this newsletter:

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#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is difficult to believe that we are approaching the end of term 3 and our year twelves are already busy completing final tasks as they prepare to complete year 12. Many students will be heading into exams early next term – we wish them well!

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, exposure to art and culture and importantly to ensure they are optimistic about their futures.

Architects working on the plans for the STEM / Visual Arts building visited the school on September 14. They presented the next stage in the planning process which includes concept plans and 2D and 3D drawings. These plans are now available on our school website. I encourage parents and students to look at these as they are certainly a new exciting addition to our school facilities.

How time flies! We welcome back Mr Paul Billows as Principal in term 4. Paul has been on leave since the end of term 1. I will resume my ongoing role as Deputy Principal. I wish to sincerely thank Mrs Angela Dyer and Miss Samantha Kondraciuk for their hard work acting in the Deputy Principal and Senior Leader Middle School roles respectively in Paul's absence. Paul has been instrumental in securing funding for the STEM / Visual Arts building. I am sure that he will be excited like the rest of us when he sees the developments to date.

Term 3 student reports for years 8-11 will be mailed home over the holidays. Parents are encouraged to contact teachers if they wish to discuss any issues that relate to their child's report. In reading these reports I notice as usual we have many hardworking and talented students that have exciting futures to look forward to. Term 3 student achievement will be acknowledged at our whole school assembly at 8.50 am on Tuesday, October 24.

Have a safe and relaxing break in preparation for a busy term 4.



*Simon Owens*  
Principal

# Dutchmans Stern

On Wednesday August 30, the year 10 outdoor education class embarked on a day walk at Dutchmans Stern. To prepare for the day, students had to ensure they wore appropriate clothing to protect them from the sun, pack a healthy lunch and plenty of water. We took The Dutchmans Valley Hike, a 10km return trek. Whilst there, we learnt navigation skills such as handrails, map orientation, and catching features as well as how to use a compass.

Once we got to the top, we signed the visitors book to mark our efforts. It was a great day with perfect weather.



Back: Jesse, Lucas, Juan, Lily, Abbey, Andrew & Bailey  
Front: Ms Flockhart, Ms Librandi, Clay, Zane, Mr Kildea & Jordja



Abbey, Clay, Lily & Zane checking out the visitors book.



Clay, Lily & Abbey take a well deserved rest & a bite to eat.

# Rock climbing camp

On Tuesday September 12, Miss Flockhart's semester 2 year 10 outdoor education class went to Warren Gorge for a two day rock climbing camp. We were accompanied by Steve Carter, Miss Librandi and Georgia Grantham.

The class underwent some pre-training on the school's indoor climbing wall to properly prepare them for the outdoor climbing experience. We climbed grades varying from 11 on 'Rabbit Kilpatrick' to 18 on 'Succession', which finished off with a giant swing and learnt how to safely set up and belay.

The trip was a success for all involved and was topped off with a treat at the newly opened Krispy Kreme before returning to school.

## ART



Year 12 student, Tamika Fielding is taking her art work to Adelaide to exhibit it in the annual *Our Mob Exhibition*, Adelaide Festival Centre. Our Mob is a state-wide exhibition that highlights the diversity and vitality of contemporary art by South Australian Aboriginal artists. Her work will be exhibited alongside South Australia's most prestigious Aboriginal artists and we wish her luck with the sale of her painting!



# Talented Bonney sweeps the pool at Royal Adelaide Show

Talented cook Bonney Swan achieved amazing success at the Royal Adelaide Show in September.

Such was her success, Bonney took out the Most Successful Exhibitor in Primary and Secondary Jams and Preserves classes.

Bonney, 17, a year 11 child studies student in the YES centre, received five first places and one second place in her tenth year of exhibiting at the Royal Adelaide Show. She began when she was eight, which is the minimum age to exhibit. Her firsts were attained for the categories berry jam, fresh jam, marmalade, sweet spread and salad dressing or mayonnaise. She received a second for tomato sauce.

For her wins Bonney received ribbons and prize money.

The recipes she used were either family recipes from her grandparents, that have been handed down through the generations, or recipes she made up herself.

Two of her own award-winning recipes were lemon and lime marmalade, and lime and lemon butter.

"I'd say it was probably my most successful year so far," Bonney said.

She was also awarded the Northern Areas Show Association of South Australian Aggregate Award for Produce for 2016. An award she also took out in 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Bonney has been entering produce and cookery sections of country shows throughout South Australia since she was eight.

Her love of cooking and exhibiting at shows comes from her grandparents, Bob and Margaret Rankin of Wilmington.

The Rankin's have been exhibiting at country shows and the Royal Adelaide Show for more than 20 years. The couple are now judges at several country shows.

Bonney does all of her cooking with her grandparents at their home.

She said she enjoyed making up recipes and one of the best recipes she had come up with was in home economics last year when she made a delicious meat loaf.

As well as cooking, Bonney also enters her home-grown produce at country shows, including pumpkins, spinach, snow peas, broccoli and carrots. She attributes her daily watering, horse manure for fertiliser, straw for mulch, and ensuring the vegetable garden is kept free from weeds as key to her success.

Bonney said exhibiting at shows is something that is dwindling and she encouraged others to give it a try.

"It's something I'd recommend others do if they get the chance," she said.

This is the last year Bonney was eligible to enter junior categories, but she said she is keen to continue exhibiting in senior categories in the future.

Bonney does not have any aspirations to pursue cooking as a career, preferring to focus on her goal to work in childcare.



Lemon & Lime Marmalade



Blueberry Jam



## Generous product donation to YES hair and beauty salon

The YES centre hair and beauty salon welcomed a generous donation of hair products from KD's Hair Flair owner Hannah Wilson recently.

The donated goods, valued at about \$500, included shampoos, conditioners, treatments and hair styling products.

Ms Wilson said she wanted to support the school's hair and beauty program and she thought it would be nice to support students who are interested in the industry.

YES hairdressing program lecturer Mrs Belinda Myles thanked Ms Wilson for her generous donation.

"The students will gain valuable knowledge from the gifted products and we are very appreciative," Mrs Myles said.

She said hairdressing students will now get to experience another product range other than the one presently stocked in the YES salon, giving them a wider knowledge of products.

"This will help them in selecting the correct products for the correct hair types and styling purposes," Mrs Myles said.

"They will be used on each other and clients.

"The shampoos, conditioners and treatments will be used at the basin as well as for research portfolios."



Matthew Wilson, Emiley Sheumack, Chloe Brusnahan, Hannah Wilson

*The Arabana Language Club* will recommence on October 23rd (week 2, Term 4) and run for weeks 3 and 4 with a wind up on November the 13th. These will all be at the university of Adelaide.

Please contact Chris Warren on 0458164385, or via the school.

## Students learn smart financial concepts

YES centre students learned how to make smarter decisions regarding spending and saving money in a presentation by Start Smart facilitator Ms Leana Mulyono on Thursday, August 24. The Start Smart secondary program is run by the Commonwealth Bank and is designed to give students the knowledge to help them make wise financial choices. It looks at common financial issues faced by students. Topics covered include getting your first job, managing your mobile phone, setting savings goals and budgeting. Students look at their current spending and habits and are encouraged to question their purchases and understand the implications of their decisions.

Concepts covered include financial responsibilities, emotional motives, influences on spending, the differences between needs and wants, your first job, employee rights and responsibilities, award wages, the value of saving, and strategies for spending smart.



YES Centre Year 11 student Ethan and year 10 student Brit with Start Smart facilitator Ms Leana Mulyono

## 8/9 KO basketball

On Tuesday September 12, students from PASS attended the 8/9 knockout basketball competition at Central oval. This day was a showcase of local talent around the region with schools participating from Caritas, Whyalla, Roxby and Peterborough. Games were hotly contested with Samaritan College, Whyalla winning both boys and girls competition. In the boys competition, after a convincing victory and draw they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their pool. In the girls competition after 2 close defeats they finished 4<sup>th</sup> in their pool. Students were commended on their excellent attitudes, court skills and ability to help out other schools who couldn't score and umpire from a number of different schools throughout the day.



## CENTENARY OF THE OPENING OF THE TRANS-AUSTRALIAN RAILWAY

**Port Augusta Railway Station**

**Sunday, October 22nd 9 am — 4 pm**

PICHI RICHI SPECIAL TRAIN FROM QUORN

PICHI RICHI SHUTTLE TRAINS TO STIRLING NORTH

GENESEE & WYOMING STANDARD GAUGE TRAINS

MONUMENT UNVEILING 12.45PM—DPTI

PORT AUGUSTA VEHICLE RESTORERS CLUB

PORT AUGUSTA MUSIC CLUB & DESERT VOICES

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT—CENTENARY COINS

AUSTRALIA POST—SPECIAL STAMPS AND POSTMARK

LIVING AND WORKING ON THE TAR EXHIBITION

BUDD CAR CB 2 ON DISPLAY

NEW BOOK—SIERRA PUBLICATIONS NICK ANCHEN

FOOD—MAMMA LOU'S AND THE ROTARY CLUB

**SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE PROGRAM—LIMITED EDITION ONLY AVAILABLE ON THE DAY**

**WIN A TRIP FOR 2 FROM SYDNEY TO PERTH ON THE INDIAN PACIFIC VALUED AT \$9,000**

**COURTESY OF GREAT SOUTHERN RAIL—FREE ENTRY ON THE DAY AND DRAWN AT 2.30PM**

# 9-a-side footy girls

On Thursday week 9, a team of 12 year 8 and 9 girls competed in the 9-a-side football carnival against three Caritas College teams. They had a strong start in the first game, with the experience and leadership of Charissa Murray and Jae-Anne Milera-Champion shining through. The scoreboard was looking healthy, with goals scored by Mahrita Hampton, Briah Higgins, Chariqua Buzzacott and Phyllis Finn. As the day went on, the heat made it difficult to keep up the intensity, but the girls powered on, and having a full team helped with subs and meant all the girls got a run in each position. Nicolette Muscat-Gaston showed much improvement in the backlines along with Paris Thompson, Kaylanah Reid helped with the ruck, with Alicia Martin and Imejen Soar working hard to get the ball out of the midfield. The girls finished in second place and played in the final game of the day. Despite having almost as many scoring shots as the opposition, accuracy was an issue and the girls went down 2.5.17 to 4.4.28. It was a great day and the girls worked really well together and showed fantastic sportsmanship. They were a pleasure to coach, and there are definitely some girls who will go far if they stick with the game.



**Back:** Nicolette Muscat-Gaston, Charissa Murray, Kaylanah Reid, Jae-Anne Milera-Champion, Chariqua Buzzacott, Adele Campbell, Alicia Martin

**Front:** Briah Higgins, Phyllis Finn, Imejen Soar, Mahrita Hampton, Paris Thompson

# 9-a-side footy boys

On 21 September, 8 Year 8 and 9 students formed our boys 9-a-Side football team. Despite being one player short for the carnival, PASS boys were able to string together a series of blow out wins. They beat 3 different Caritas teams by massive margins. In game 1 the boys beat the first Caritas Team 13.7.85 to 2.1.13. Goal kickers for the game were Brock Grayson (4), Izack Haines (3), Jamahl Ware (3), Ethan Gade (2) and Connor Beattie-Dadleh (1). They continued in the same form against their second Caritas opponents coming away 16.7.103 to 1.1.7. Goal kickers for the second game were Declan Dadleh (4), Ethan Reid (4), Jamahl Ware (4), Izack Haines (3) and Clay Place (1). The PASS boys dispatched of their third Caritas opponent by a smaller margin, winning the game 11.5.71 to 3.3.21. Goal kickers for this game were Brock Grayson (4), Declan Dadleh (2), Izack Haines (2), Ethan Reid (2) and Clay Place (1). This resulted in our boys placing in the grand final against Caritas 2. In a testing final, the boys took a strong lead at half time leading 3.2.20 to 1.1.7, however our boys started to run out of legs and couldn't run with their Caritas opponents. At the death of the game PASS lead the game by 1 point, however a Caritas kick and mark in the attacking zone resulted on a kick at goal after the siren. Caritas promptly converted the goal and won the grand final with a stunning comeback, 3.5.23 to 4.4.28. Well done to all the boys who were part of the team who all conducted themselves with pride and distinction despite the heart breaking grand final result.



**Back:** Declan Dadleh, Connor Beattie-Dadleh, Izack Haines, Jamahl Ware

**Front:** Clay Place, Ethan Gade, Ethan Reid, Brock Grayson

# Operation Flinders

On August 31, Port Augusta Secondary School Students completed the practical aspect of their Operation Flinders journey by participating in an abseiling activity at Warrens Gorge.

In June, students completed a challenging 100km walk in the Northern Flinders Rangers. The follow up activity provided a time for students to reflect on what they learnt during the challenge and to challenge themselves one last time as a group.

Abseiling was one of the more individual activities students participated in whilst on the 100km Journey, challenging their self-belief, determination and mindset to achieve.

At the completion of the abseil challenge, students returned to school where family members came along for the final presentation and the opportunity to speak with Darren McLean, the team leader, for the first time since returning from the Flinders. A big congratulations must go out to all the boys for completing the exercise and thank you to our assistant team leader: Kelly Kimber and school support staff: Adam Eustace and Mikayla Hudson for the time and effort the put into making the Operation Flinders journey a success for the team.

## Generations of change

On September 14 , a small cohort of year 8 students from Mr Lambert's English classes attended the Generations of Change conference at the Institute in Port Augusta. Students were taught about forms of racism including racism they may not have realised is present in society. They were also engaged in some energising activities and role play to practice ways of approaching and dealing with racism. To finish the conference students began creating ideas on how they can generate change and action in their own schools, creating a more inclusive environment. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and will look to becoming leaders in ensuring generational change around racism.

