



DIARY DATES

- 7 Aug: Yr7—8 Family info night
- 8 Aug: Governing council (5.00pm)
- 8-9 Aug: Monarto learning hub camp
- 13 Aug: Yr10 Outdoor ed rock climb
- 21 Aug: Aboriginal parent coffee morning (9.00am)
- 22 Aug: Yr12 Interviews
Centacare women program
- 23 Aug: Yr12 Interviews
- 27-29 Aug: Yr11 Outdoor ed climbing camp
- 3 Sep: Stage 2 Tourism excursion
- 3-4 Sep: Yr10 Outdoor ed overnight walk
- 4 Sep: SACE info evening
- 5 Sep: Student free day
- 6 Sep: School closure day
- 12 Sep: Governing council (5.00pm)
- 16 Sep: Yr11-12 Subject counselling
- 17 Sep: Yr10-11 Subject counselling
- 18 Sep: Yr9-10 Subject counselling
Aboriginal parent coffee (9.00am)
- 19 Sep: Centacare women program
- 20 Sep: Yr12 "Off the Grid"
- 25 Sep: 8/9 Basketball—Whyalla
- 27 Sep: Last day of Term (1.30pm finish)

TERM DATES 2019

- Term 1: 29 Jan - 12 Apr
- Term 2: 29 April - 5 Jul
- Term 3: 22 Jul - 27 Sep
- Term 4: 14 Oct - 13 Dec

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Awards Assembly

On 29 July we held a whole school assembly to acknowledge student achievement from Term 2. It was very pleasing to see many of our students receive awards for high academic achievement and for consistent effort. 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.

I have provided some further information relating to school attendance that all our parents/caregivers should be aware of.

Regular Attendance at School is a Key Indicator to Success - Every Day Counts!

All children aged between 6 and 16 years of age must be enrolled and attend school regularly.

Under the Education Act of South Australia, parents and / or caregivers are held responsible for the regular attendance of all children in their care.

Why Regular Attendance is Important – A Message to Students

The more you attend, the more you will learn and the greater likelihood of you being successful.

Getting the maximum benefit from school will improve your options for your future life.

Attending school regularly will develop skills and attitudes such as self-discipline, punctuality, and improved time-management. You will learn and practice the necessary social skills to live and work successfully with others. People will be more positive about you if you have a good attendance record.

Attending school provides opportunities for socialising with your friends and will help you to maintain relationships over a length of time.

Does my Child have to Attend School Every day?

YES, unless:

You have provided the school with an acceptable reason preventing your child's attendance, such as:

Your child is too sick to attend;

Your child has an infectious disease such as chicken pox, mumps, measles, head lice etc.

Your child is incapacitated by injury preventing movement around the school

Parents/Guardians are required to contact the school so that all student absences are explained. With any focus on improved academic success attendance is critical and has become a clear focus in the school. Research clearly shows that regular school attendance is critical for success at school.

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ABORIGINAL POWER CUP



On Wednesday June 20, 17 eager students from Port Augusta attended the 2019 Aboriginal Power Cup carnival. The carnival which is organised by the South Australian Aboriginal Sports Academy (SAASTA) and Port Adelaide Football Club is the practical component of the students Power Cup subject. Throughout the subject students are required to complete a number of theory tasks related to respect, their culture, identity, cultural war cry (judged best at the awards ceremony) and team guernsey design which they wear at the carnival.

Points obtained from these tasks are combined with the students overall win/loss record from a 18 team (city/country) round robin competition as well as their student career workshop participation over the Thursday and Friday of the carnival. On the Saturday over 400 students completed a cultural dance as the curtain raiser to the Port Power vs Geelong game. Overall the week was a success with students demonstrating a high standard of football and leadership throughout the carnival representing themselves, their school and the town exceptionally. The Power Cup gives students a fantastic opportunity to catch up with friends from previous years and make new ones whilst playing football and exploring the many career opportunities available to them whilst at school and after it.

8/9 Girls Knockout Soccer

On Tuesday 25 June, Port Augusta Secondary School travelled to Clare High School to compete in 8/9 Girls Knockout Soccer against Nuriootpa High School. It was a cold and frosty start as the bus left PASS at 7.45am but as they arrived in Clare the weather was ideal. Destiny and Nicole quickly got the team in order with our referees Jesse and Connor helping to clarify the rules of offside.

Nuriootpa started the match well and before we knew it they were having a shot at goal. Unfortunately it deflected off our goalie, Ashlee, and went into the side of the net for a goal.

We fought back and had 2 scoring opportunities soon after. Our defenders Naomi, Shaniqwa, Zali and Nicole applied pressure allowing Ashlee to easily save the next shot at goal. Our midfielders Destiny, Alex, Keisha and Jessie worked hard to get possession and move the ball forward. Towards the end of the first half we finally got a break with Maddie chasing the ball down and passing it to Skyanne who easily scored. The girls all worked together to level the scores at 1-1.

The second half was even with both teams taking possession and attacking which made it very exciting to watch from the sidelines. With no further goals and a result needed, we went into a penalty shootout. Destiny, Skyanne and Nicole all converted their shots with Alex 's being saved. Ashlee stepped up as goalie and saved 3 shots at goal meaning we won 1-1 (3-1)! The girls move onto the next round which will take place early term 3. Well done ladies for playing a clean and hard fought game and for the boys for helping out. Good luck for the next round!



Boys Fly High with National Team

Congratulations to our two PASS students who were chosen to represent the AFL Rio Tinto Flying Boomerangs team in July this year. Held in Melbourne, the Rio Tinto Flying Boomerangs is a football development and leadership program that identifies the best rising Indigenous talent in the nation.

The respective squad of 25 young men were chosen from the U15 AFL Kickstart camp that was held in June earlier this year where two of our students were chosen by NGA Managers and AFL Club recruiters based on; school attendance, leadership skills and their footballing ability. Coached by Corey McKenzie, the young men attended a week long camp in Melbourne which included a number of cultural, education and football training sessions, as well as going head-to-head in two exhibition matches against the World Team made up of the best up and coming AFL multicultural players from across the country.

The two students now face the wait to see if they've made the All-Star team which will consist of; twenty-two players that will be 50/50 Rio Tinto Flying Boomerangs and the World Team. The All-Star team will play against the NAB league team in November.

From all of us here at Port Augusta Secondary School, well done on your achievements so far this year boys, keep up the good work and best of luck with selection.



Future Pathways Expo

In week 9 term 2, year 11 students from across the school took part in the first Future Pathways Expo for Port Augusta Secondary School. Businesses from around the town hosted tables focused on employment, further education, mental health support and disability support. The event ran in a speed-dating style, where students rotated through the tables spending five minutes talking to each organisation. Feedback from the students highlighted the success of the event, with all students recommending future expos in the coming years. The Port Augusta Secondary School is extremely grateful to all of the organisations that attended.





Year 8 endeavor awards



Year 8 Academic Achievement awards



Year 9 endeavor awards



Year 9 Academic Achievement awards



Year 10 endeavor awards



Year 10 Academic Achievement awards

Year 10 Tourism

At the end of last term, year 10 students along with Stage 1 Tourism students, attended a viewing of the film, "2040" at Cinema Augusta. The film takes a positive approach to the challenges facing future generations in regards to climate change and associated issues. Directed and produced by Damon Gameau, who brought us, "That Sugar Film", it predicts a positive future for his daughter in 2040 if we take action now. The film shows how the technology we currently have, when applied effectively and globally, can in fact address many of the problems communities will face into the future. The focus is very much about ensuring sustainability of our basic resources for the future. The film supports the year 10 Geography curriculum in which students consider the human-induced environmental changes that challenge sustainability and the environmental worldviews of people and their implications for environmental management along with the sustainability focus within Tourism.



Year 11 endeavor awards



Year 11 Academic Achievement awards



Year 12 endeavor awards



Year 12 Academic Achievement awards

Naidoc Events

On Wednesday 24 July the “Welcome back BBQ” was bombarded with colours of Red, Black and Yellow to showcase NAIDOC week. NAIDOC stands for National Aboriginals and Islanders Day Observance Committee and throughout the whole of Australia in the first week of July, NAIDOC celebrations are held. Port Augusta held their NAIDOC special occasions within the community with events such as The Colour Run, Youth Ball and Cultural Day to name a few.

With the help of Kriston Thompson, Greg Shirley and Harrison Haynes from the Clontarf team, as well as the Aboriginal Education Centre’s own Transition Officer Duane Von Senden we fired up the Barbie with an Aboriginal influenced cuisine. On the menu were Owena Brady and Duane Von Senden’s homemade kangaroo rissoles, kangaroo sausages and kangaroo yiros meat.

On the table tops were homemade freshly baked red, black and yellow damper baked from Aunty Kathy Radiff and mini Aboriginal flag chocolate biscuits made by Leilani Mallie. Standing proudly in the court yard were the three flags of Australia side by side, the Australian flag, the Aboriginal flag and the Torres Strait Islander flag.

As the siren blared for the start of lunch PASS students flooded the schools main court yard to the smell of the BBQ and were able to help themselves to the goodies on hand whilst listening to some funky Aboriginal tunes on the speakers.

The Aboriginal Education Team would like to thank those who volunteered and helped with the successful BBQ and for helping celebrate and acknowledge NAIDOC.



Clontarf Award Winners

Clontarf Foundation

Well it's good to be back on school grounds after the mid-year holiday break and continue to make school attractive to our academy members. We finished off term 2 with a Good Bunch Lunch for our best attenders, a big afternoon in Whyalla for some of our year 10's engaging with their academy members as well as those visiting from Broken Hill, a final morning training, health checks with Pika Wiya, our usual basketball (3on3), a presentation to the year 6/7 students at PAWPS, pancakes for the whole school and butter chicken for our academy members who were present on the last day of the term. We finished with 75 academy members and increased our overall lesson attendance by 6% from term 1.

During week 1, we helped the Aboriginal Education team run a couple of events for NAIDOC Week and these included a BBQ lunch and some 3on3 basketball with the whole school. It was great to see all students interacting and celebrating the theme of VOICE, TREATY, TRUTH. Our usual lunchtime & afterschool activities and morning trainings recommenced and the week was topped off by CEG talking to our seniors about upcoming employment opportunities.

Week 2 involved a whole school assembly where we had the opportunity to present the Silver City Shield that some of our year 8/9 members were apart of in Broken Hill in term 2. We also acknowledged our top 10 attenders for last term and had 20 members who attended 90% or more of their lessons. Well done to Callan, Declan, Dylan, Jakeem, Jonathon, Lachlan, Micheal, Mitchell, Orlando and William. The final announcement at assembly was our inaugural footy guernsey designed by Tariek Newchurch whilst Zion McCleery had the opportunity to model it in front of the whole school.

Ocean View College (OVC) academy members Adain and Joquahn came to Port Augusta with Che Murray and Wayne Buckskin and set up camp in our academy room. It was great to interact with the OVC crew over the couple of days they were here and look forward to many more interactions in the future. Ian Taylor also visited with SA's new Development Officer (Rob Clements) and we went through the importance of a handshake as well as the do's and don'ts. Our morning training on Tuesday achieved super training status when we had our OVC brothers join us along with Clontarf staff from Whyalla and Adelaide. Jeremy Neesham and Peter Rolfe got to experience their first morning training and went back to Whyalla ready to tackle theirs on the Thursday. We finished the week with a morning tea for all staff and we're pleased to have had Declan Edwards, Izack Haines, Jackson Nelson and Quentin Grantham help us put the nibbles together. A shout out must also go to Andrew McIvor for reading out our Mission Statement in a room full of PASS staff.

Week 3 activities;

Tuesday – Morning Training

Tuesday – Lunchtime – Soccer

Wednesday – Afterschool – Goal Kicking Comp

Thursday – Morning Training

Thursday – Lunchtime – Basketball (3on3)

Thursday – Afterschool – CEO, ZM and RM visiting

Friday – Senior's Hot Breakfast

Friday – Sports Day at Augusta Park PS

Friday – Good Bunch Lunch



Week 4 activities will include;

Monday – Lunchtime – Health checks with Pika Wiya

Monday – Afterschool – Public Speaking

Tuesday – Morning Training

Tuesday – Lunchtime – Sport Quiz

Tuesday til Friday – Basketball Carnival Camp in Pt Lincoln for Year 9's & 10's

Wednesday – Afterschool – Speech Making 101

Thursday – Lunchtime – Basketball (3on3)

SKI TRIP 2019

The ski trip began well with 24 students and 4 staff arriving at the Adelaide Airport at 7am. The only thing we lost were the scissors from the first aid kit at airport security, whoops. Due to blizzardy weather, we didn't make it to our accommodation on the first night as there were buses stuck up the mountain and the road officially closed. Our tour operator, Charlie, from School Snow Tours, was amazing and organised us some emergency accommodation and meals in the town at the bottom of the mountain.

The next day we finally made it up the mountain after leaving Harrietville at 7.15am in the morning! We beat all of the cues as a result but were still a little late for our ski lesson. The group made the most of the instruction and took their advice on board in front of our lodge that afternoon where we had the perfect practice strip. It was a beautiful blue bird day, (Snow lingo for sunny) with white snow everywhere after the previous day's blizzard.

Day two on the mountain was a big day! The groups had their first full lesson and took a lot from it! They mastered the snow plough/pizza and toe and heel edges. Turning was the next goal for both groups of skiers and boarders. After lunch we split into two groups. Some stayed at the lodge to practice on our 'private' run and the rest went up to a hill they hadn't been to yet, *The Big D*. As they developed their confidence they climbed higher and higher to ski and board for longer periods. Two students were given permission from their instructor to go up the beginners chair lift too and had an absolute ball. Lots of the group were hoping to get to this stage the next day so they could explore more of what Hotham had to offer!

When asked how they felt about the trip so far, one response was, "well fed". Robbie, our chef, served two course meals at each meal! Day three was set to be another big day. More snow was forecast and the shops had been calling some of the students' names. We also had night skiing to come! At this stage there were lot of sore bodies so Ms Noack led a stretching session in front of the huge fireplace on one of the lodge's tree lounge areas.

We had some very tired students on day 4. Most were happy to relax before the lesson, rather than practice. This might have had something to do with the weather as well. The visibility varied and it was very windy. I've got a very funny video of the group approaching the bus stop out of the fog. If anyone watches *Game of Thrones*, they looked like *Whitewalkers* eerily approaching the bus stop!

After the lesson and lunch, majority of the group took on the wind and ice-snow and hit the shops while a very bold smaller group of skiers and boarders braved the even windier and wetter weather up the summit ski lift. We all returned as drowned rats ready for a hot chocolate after a few runs. Dinner was early this night as night skiing started at 6.30pm. We were some of the first people there thanks to our location but it very quickly got extremely busy at the lift line. Some were happy to practice at the base, some did a few runs then were happy with that and then another few stayed until stumps at 9.00pm!

Day 4 was an amazing blue bird day with light winds. Lots of the group were again keen to hit the slopes before their lesson, leaving the lodge at 9am to get a quick hour in. Others relaxed, resting their muscles.

The lessons were going really well with everyone working on their turning and stopping. We did have a trip to the medical centre and one lesson finished slightly early. The student involved is ok, just very sore. The group were very supportive, helpful and caring.

After lunch, the shops were hit again then the whole group came to the Big D learning ski hill to try the ski lift, some for the first time, and make the most of the beautiful afternoon sun. Those who didn't ski or board took some photos and encouraged those giving it a go. Everyone was doing so well! There were mixed emotions about Friday being the last day, especially as some people are just getting really good. It was so great to see the group banding together to help with dishes after each meal, share a laugh and story about their day and just be happy to give everything a go. We received so many compliments about the students and how lovely and amazing they were everywhere we went.

We could not have asked for a better final day. It was another blue bird with the sun shining and everyone keen to make the most of our last day. We were also celebrating 3 birthdays! Mr Gibbs, Miss Flockhart and Arsheen. Some of the group chose to spend their final day enjoying a toboggan, while others took on the Big D, linking their turns nicely. We also had a small group head up to the very top of the mountain with Miss Flockhart to dabble in some blue runs. They all did so well.

We were collected from the front of our accommodation at 4.45pm on Friday afternoon, driving through the night from Hotham to Adelaide, arriving at 5.30am. People had some very interesting sleeping positions on this trip and while sad about it ending, I think everyone was looking forward to getting into their own beds on Saturday night.

Thank you to everyone for being a part of the trip and to Ms Noack, Mr Gibbs and Miss Burgess for giving a week of their school holidays to help make it as good as it was. I can't express how great everyone was!



Promoting Success for all Students