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

NEWSLETTER

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- 10-12 April: External School Review
Yr 11 Outdoor Ed snorkel camp
- 10-13 April: Yr 11 IPP work experience
- 13 April: last day term 1, early dismissal 2.00pm
- 2 May: Yr 10 Outdoor Ed rock climbing
- 3 May: term 2 welcome BBQ & music
- 4 May: Governing Council, 5pm
Open girls indoor soccer, Adelaide
- 8 May: school assembly (awards), lesson 1
Aboriginal parent coffee 8.50-10.30
Yr 11/12 immunisations
Yr 11 snorkel camp (8/5 - 10/5)
- 9 May: NAPLAN (9/5 - 11/5)
Yr 8/9 Witchelena camp (9/5 - 12/5)
- 10 May: open boys football, Port Augusta
- 12 May: PASS student free day - preparation
for Australian Curriculum moderation
- 15 May: Yr 8 goal review (15/5 - 26/5)
Parent Teacher interviews (2.45 to 7pm)
- 16 May: Yr 12 Outdoor Ed camp (16/5 - 18/5)
- 17 May: IDAHOT Day
Yr 8/9 boys & girls football, Port Augusta
Open girls football, Whyalla
- 25 May: Aboriginal Family Voice 5-7pm
Yr 8-12 local drama excursion
- 26 May: Open boys indoor soccer, Whyalla
- 29 May: Reconciliation week (29/5 - 2/6)
- 30 May: Power Cup, Adelaide (30/5 - 2/6)
Yr 12 visit from Flinders Uni
- 1 June: Governing Council, 5.00pm

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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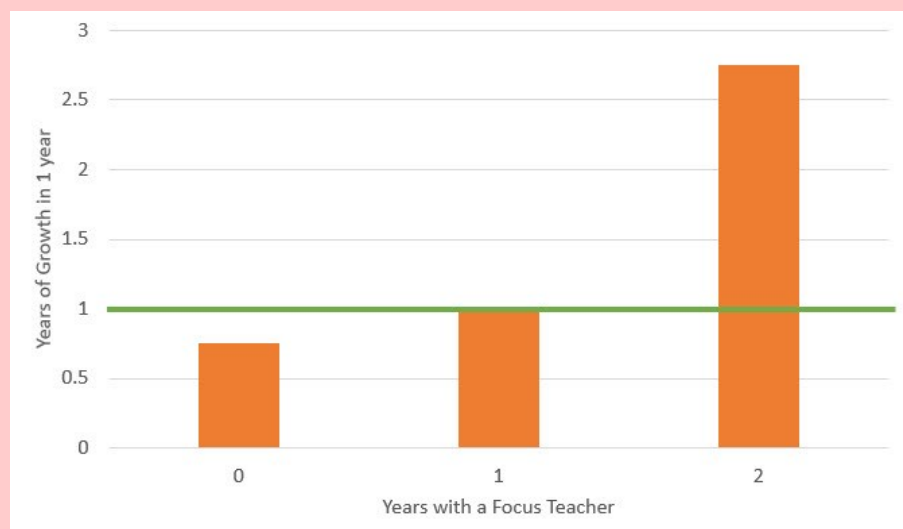
Principal's report

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 in order to "get things done" 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.

Empowering Local Learners Initiative

All the schools and preschools in Port Augusta and Quorn have been working together consistently for several 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 Professor Martin Westwell and his team at 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. Our school and the Partnership of schools across Port Augusta and Quorn has received significant recognition for this work including a nomination for a DECD Partnership innovation award and invitations to present the work at several national conferences. This level of recognition reflects the significance of the project and the collaborative work occurring across our Partnership of schools.

The graph below 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.



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

On March 10, staff and students worked together to produce a fun and action packed school sports day at the Central Oval complex. Samantha Kondraciuk 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. Our Sports day also included the participation of staff, students and parents from year 7s across our feeder primary schools, this added to the great atmosphere of the day.

The success of Sports Day was mirrored at WASSAC on March 20, where our school successfully participated at Roxby Downs. Well done to everyone involved.

Annual General Meeting

The schools AGM was held on March 16. 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 me at the school.

During terms two and three I will be taking long service leave and Simon Owens will be in the role of Principal. I wish all students, parents and staff a great term one break.

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

Paul Billows
Principal



Winter Uniform Sale - 1 May to 12 May (weeks 1 & 2 term 2)



Rugby jumper



Zip jacket



Zip jumper



PASS hoodie

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|--------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Sale Price | \$55 | \$30 | \$30 | \$40 |
| After Sale: | \$66 | \$60 | \$44 | \$44 |
| | | (only 9 size 10s left) | (limited numbers) | |

THANK YOU



The school community would like to thank one of our parents, Nora Bennett, for all her delicious baked goods she kindly prepared and donated for the WASSAC camp.



SPORTS DAY 2017

On Friday 10 March 2016 Port Augusta Secondary School held its annual Sports Day at Central and Braddock Ovals. Despite the hot conditions, athletes were very competitive on the day and showed a great deal of support for their teams. Year 7 students from our local primary schools participated again with a lot of enthusiasm in the under 13 age group. Only 69 points separated first and last positions. Mambray began the day 30 points in front after the 1500m events which were held on Thursday. They didn't hold the lead for long, with Spencer quickly moving into first place. At one stage, Wilpena also got close to first position, sitting a close second to Spencer. Mambray then moved back to second place. Just before the relay events, there was only one point between Spencer and Mambray in first and second place. The Mambray supporters certainly cheered the loudest when the final scores were announced. Mambray finished up on 802 points, Spencer 791 and Wilpena on 733.

Based on Sports Day results, a team of around 50 students was selected to represent PASS at the Western Areas Secondary School Athletics Carnival (WASSAC) held at Roxby Downs on Monday 20 March 2017. Other teams to participate at WASSAC include: Far North, Far West, Navigator, Port Lincoln and Whyalla.

Sports Day results

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------|------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|------------|
| Athletics Shield | Mambray | 1st place | 802 points | House Shield | Mambray | 1st place | 817 points |
| | Spencer | 2nd place | 791 points | | Spencer | 2nd place | 803 points |
| | Wilpena | 3rd place | 733 points | | Wilpena | 3rd place | 748 points |

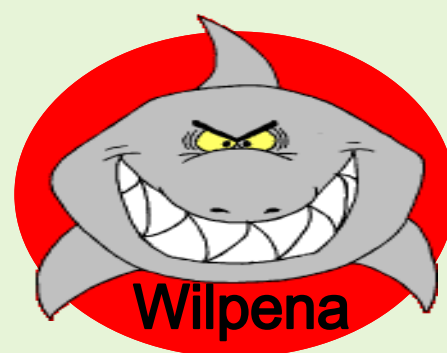
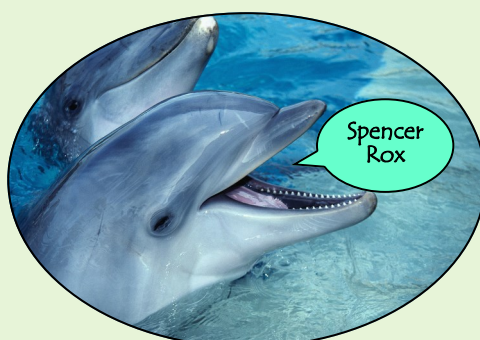
Age group champions (points indicated in brackets)

| Age | Female Champion | Female Runner Up | Male Champion | Male Runner Up |
|------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| U13 | Shalana Cox, Spe (16) | Keisha Cullen, Mam (13) | Conner Bowshire, Wil (18) | Brandon Jackson-Martin, Spe (15) |
| U14 | Lucinda Janiak, Mam (27) | Kaylanah Reid, Mam (21) | Ethan Reid, Wil (25) | Zackery Todd, Spe (19) |
| U15 | Amy Francis, Mam (23) | Darci Williams, Mam (18) | Brock Grayson, Spe (20) | Draw: Blake Cooper, Mam (18) Declan Dadleh, Spe (18) |
| U16 | Vaniah Nelson, Wil (28) | Tylah Winton, Mam (22) | Jordan Haldane, Spe (25) | Juan Braden-McAllister, Wil (23) |
| Open | Emma Hancock, Mam (30) | Tyrell Yarran, Spe (22) | Slade Petry, Mam (30) | Zane Sard, Spe (27) |

Overall champions of the day: Emma Hancock and Slade Petry

Broken records

| Age | Event | New Record | Old Record |
|------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| U14 | Boys Triple Jump | Ethan Mundy, Mambray - 9.98m | Jesse Pratt, Spencer (2006) - 9.40m |
| U15 | Boys Discus | Blake Cooper, Mambray - 32.63m | Stewart Pearce (1998) - 32.38m |
| U16 | Girls High Jump | Vaniah Nelson, Wilpena - 1.39m | Jasmine Dawson (1998) - 1.35m |
| U16 | Boys Shot Put | Kallan Warren, Wilpena - 13.65m | Ben Thorpe, Mambray (2010) - 12.41m |
| Open | Girls Shot Put | Shelbie Allen-Hammer, Wilpena - 9.60m | Georgia Grantham, Mambray (2015) - 9.18m |



NAPLAN

NAPLAN will be conducted across Australia and at PASS in week 2 of next term for all of our year 9 students.

It is important that we support NAPLAN. The real value and importance of NAPLAN is its use as another diagnostic tool to help teachers improve your child's learning.

The information the school receives, details the strengths and weaknesses of a range of skills in the areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy of your child. This information allows teachers to ensure your child's strengths are sustained and extended. It also helps staff to develop programs to help specific areas for growth your child may have. The skills assessed in NAPLAN are those being taught as part of the school's curriculum. Some of the past NAPLAN questions may have also been used in lessons so that your child should be comfortable doing the NAPLAN.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's participation, please ring Sam Kondraciuk (Middle School Assistant Principal) at the school to discuss the options available.



Are you a young person in a tough spot?

Pickle is the way to find help quickly!

1. Download the app—visit Pickle.org.au
2. Select your age range
3. Use your current location OR enter an address
4. Pickle will show you the closest service that can help you immediately
5. Choose a service
6. Drop in for a visit or give them a call!

Do you have somewhere safe to sleep tonight?

If not, call the 24/7 Hotline: 1800 807 364

Open Boys Knockout Cricket

PASS vs Gladstone High School

On Thursday 23 March, students travelled to Gladstone, to play Gladstone High School in the first round of the 2017 knockout cricket competition. In what was a glorious day for cricket, it was PASS lead by skipper Will Bolitho who won the toss and elected to bat first. The boys led by Bolitho and Cox got off to a cracking start, belting the Gladstone team to all areas of the ground. Wickets fell steadily throughout the day however the batting efforts of Bolitho (100 n.o.), Cox, Williams and some big hitting from Connor McMillan at the end ensured that PASS posted a massive chase of 202 from their 35 overs.

Gladstone High School were never really in the chase with wickets falling at a constant pace. Notable efforts were Bolitho with 3, McMillan with 2, Johnson-Thomas 2 and Gerike, Blair and Warren with 1 respectively.

Congratulations to the team on such an impressive win.

Sam Carter

Secondary School Sport South Australia (SSSSA) Swimming – Adelaide 8/3/17

On Wednesday March 8, students from Port Augusta Secondary School (PASS) and Caritas College participated in the SSSSA Swimming Carnival at Marion Aquatic Centre.

Students who participated were Callum Hancock, Emma Hancock, Willian Newbery, Georgia Turner and Lily Ticehurst.

Students from these schools joined students from Port Lincoln and Whyalla to be part of the Far North/Eyre Peninsula Squad.

Students participated in a variety of races: butterfly, freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and relays.

Overall the Far North/Eyre Peninsula Squad placed 7th.

Congratulations to all students who participated.



William Newbery, Emma Hancock, Callum Hancock, Lily Ticehurst, Georgia Turner

WASSAC 2017 – Roxby Downs

On Sunday March 19, Miss K, Miss Flockhart and Jock took 50 PASS students to Roxby Downs to represent our school in the 2017 Western Areas Secondary School Athletics Carnival (WASSAC). After a quick stop in Pimba, we had dinner at Olympic Dam Football Club and then set up in a school gym for what ended up being a restless nights sleep thanks to some late night visitors and some very excitable students!

With events starting at 8.00am to try to beat the heat, we had a very early start. We had success early on, with Amelia McKenzie and Brandon Newchurch winning ribbons in the first event of the day, the 200m. The success continued with most students winning place ribbons and some even beating their personal bests.

At the end of the events, we headed into the rec centre for presentations. For Port Augusta, Emma Hancock won the Open Girls Champion medal, and Zane Sard was the Open Boys Runner Up. Overall we came in at fourth place. The students then had a chance to cool down in the pool, before we drove back home.

Special mentions must go to Karen Sharp (our parent helper), Nora Bennett for sending us off with 150 muffins and to the open age group competitors for all their help on the day.



Zane Sard, Open Boys Runner Up & Emma Hancock, Open Girls Champion



Promoting Success for all Students

Grants enable YES centre renovations

The hair and beauty salon, clinic/meeting room and kitchen area in the YES Centre received an extensive facelift in January, funded by two separate grants. The renovations were carried out in the school holidays and included removal of asbestos, installation of new flooring, painting, electrical upgrade, and the plumbing of basins, cleaning area, hot water service and washing machine.

The kitchen area was completely gutted and a new kitchen was installed, including hot water, hand washing basin, washing machine for hospitality equipment and new flooring. The windows in the space were tinted to align with the rest of the building.

In 2016 YES was granted a Community partnership grant of \$20,000 to re-establish the Certificate 2 course in Salon Assist (hairdressing pathway). A further \$50,000 was gained through the Specialist Schools Program grants to develop the VET/Business and enterprise model. YES Centre Assistant Principal Ms Karen Wallace said all staff, students, visiting services and agencies will benefit from the renovations.

“Applications were written – there were many schools who also wanted to access the money for their programs - and fortunately we were able to submit a competitive application and be successful,” Ms Wallace said.

“The current areas had not been upgraded for a very long time. They were falling apart and visually unprofessional.

“Mice were getting into cupboards, there was no hot water and clinics such as Headspace and school immunisations need access to hand washing facilities. VET programs require a simulated learning environment. We have been unable to deliver our hairdressing for a number of years and our beauty program was at risk of not being approved unless facilities were upgraded. It has allowed us to improve delivery of Cert 2 Retail Cosmetics (beauty) and deliver Cert 2 Salon Assistance (hairdressing) for the first time in 2 years.” Ms Wallace said.

“The kitchen upgrade will allow safe preparation and storage of food items, access to hand washing for the school clinics, and generally a more professional space for meetings, clinics etc.”

Ms Wallace said the next step was to buy furniture to support the multiple programs that use the space and various student needs.

“The next stage will be to renovate the admin/office area and student amenities. We also need to improve acoustics in the space,” she said.

“Other programs like Business and Animal Studies require some specialist areas to accommodate their needs. Hopefully all this can be achieved over the next 18 months.”



The final result in the VET room and the kitchen/clinic room of the YES Centre following renovations in January.

SSSSA Athletics Championships

On Wednesday April 18, Port Augusta Secondary School students joined forces with 10 Roxby Downs Area School students to compete in the 2017 Division 1 F grade SSSSA Athletics Championships. Participation numbers were down which made it difficult to be competitive in the school aggregate compared to last year. A 5.45am departure from the school allowed the students to get some good rest before competition. We had some very good individual performance winning 15 events, with standout performances from Zane Sard and Amelia McKenzie dominating the running events. Congratulations are extended to the following students on their winning performances:

Renessa Nelson U/14 girls javelin (15.67m)
 Brittany Sharp U/14 girls 200m (29.68s)
 Brittany Sharp U/14 girls 100m (14.20s)
 Izack Haines U/14 boys discus (22.23m)
 Blake Cooper U/15 boys discus (32.88m)
 Amelia Makenzie U/16 girls 800m (2m 54.17s)
 Amelia McKenzie U/16 girls 400m (1m 13.17s)
 Vaniah Nelson U/16 girls 100m (14.84s)
 Takiyha Yarran U/16 girls javelin (25.00m)
 U/16 girls 4x100m relay (60.21s)
 Emma Hancock Open girls triple jump (8.66m)
 Amelia Mckenzie Open girls 1500m (6m 01.51s)
 Zane Sard Open boys 1500m (4.57.22)
 Zane Sard Open boys 800m (2.10.63s)
 Zane Sard Open boys 400m (55.25s)



Further congratulations are given to Zane Sard, Blake Cooper and Takiyha Yarran for breaking some of our local records (see table below). The students represented the school with pride displaying great sportsmanship whilst being competitive in competition. The final result saw Port Augusta secondary school finish 7th in the boys competition and 5th in the girls competition, with an overall ranking of 7th for the day. A big thank you to Dani Librandi, Nick Wedding, Mikayla Hudson and Peter the bus driver for a great day.

Broken Records

| Event | New Record | Old Record |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| U15 Boys Discus | Blake Cooper - 32.88m | Blake Cooper, 2017 - 32.63m |
| U16 Girls Javelin | Takiyha Yarran - 25.00m | Amanda Davies, 1998 - 24.28m |
| Open Boys 400m | Zane Sard - 55.25 | Josh Calyun, 2002 - 56.32 |
| Open Boys 800m | Zane Sard - 2:10.63 | Juan Long, 2001 - 2:14.51 |

Clayton Crabbe

Animals Anonymous visit in week 9 - YES Centre

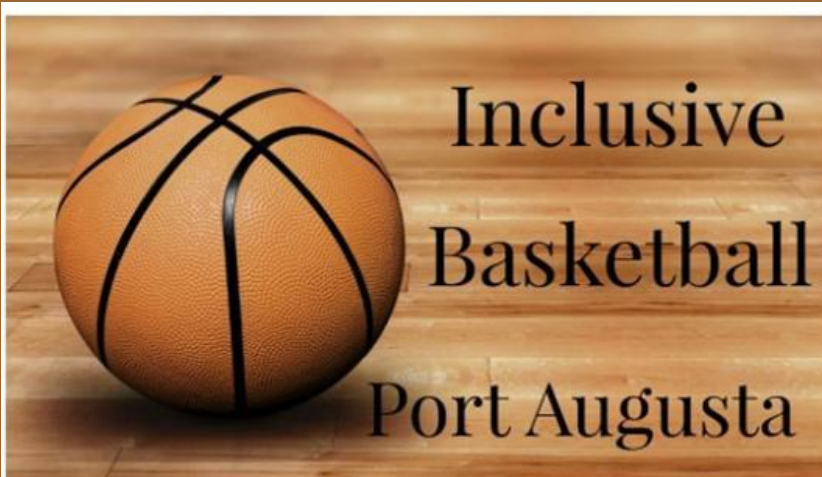


Pictured, left to right: Abbey, Bodhi, Sophie, Macacia, Mr Owens

SACE Art Show

On Thursday March 30, Visual Art students in stage 1 & 2 left for Adelaide at 5.30am to visit the 2017 SACE Art Show exhibition. The showcase included a state-wide selection of stage 2 Visual Art student's practicals and folios and demonstrated the high standard of work expected. The students were extremely engaged and the experience opened their eyes to the competition across the state at stage 2. Students also visited the Art Gallery of South Australia to see the works of French sculpture artist Auguste Rodin in the exhibition *Versus Rodin*.

Tiffany Isterling



Season Starts - **Tuesday 9 May 2017**

Central Oval Complex - 6 to 7pm

Inclusive Basketball is a basketball program for both junior and senior players. The program is for players who have an intellectual or physical disability; learning difficulties or special needs. Players cannot be registered with a basketball association. All players must be accompanied by parent/carer at all times. Coaches and Umpires are dedicated volunteers with the necessary qualifications.

Further details: Join our facebook group
Chelsea Solomon (Coach) 0427 611 643



Through the Workabout Centre with the support of Whitelion an opportunity arose for our SAASTA students to develop their war cry as part of their assessment to be performed in Adelaide at the Power Cup. A professional hip hop dancer/teacher Sanjay supported students with their moves.



The Workabout Centre organised for 20 students to obtain their Whitecard ticket. An opportunity arose through TAFE for students to get their ticket.

5 STEPS TO WORK READINESS

- ⇒ The WORKABOUT Centre in partnership with Tauondi College are offering Aboriginal students in years 10 to 12 the opportunity to develop their employability skills and knowledge.
- ⇒ The program will prepare students for a first experience in the workplace and/or training environment while helping them to navigate training and employment opportunities.
- ⇒ Students will develop an individually designed training plan with a personalised pathway to education and employment.
- ⇒ **Accreditation:**
Students will be enrolled in accredited work-readiness training modules by Tauondi College and have the opportunity to gain stage 1 SACE credits.

⇒ **Workabout Centre:**

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| <u>Program</u> | 5 step program | <u>Time</u> | 9.00am to 3.00pm |
| <u>Duration</u> | 9 weeks (starting week 2, term 3) | <u>Day</u> | every Tuesday |

Natalie Giles, **Workabout Coordinator**

Clinton Pryor - Walk for Justice



Clinton with some of the Ab Ed team



Clinton Pryor with his Walk for Justice support team, Noonie Raymond and Garry Ashwin. Clinton walked from Perth to be here.



Nat Giles with guests Clinton Pryor and Barngala Elder Stephen Atkinson



Clinton Pryor talking with students



Students signing the Justice-Mobile



Clinton with the Culture and Identity class