



DIARY DATES

- 11 Jun: Queens birthday
- 12 Jun: Student free day
- 13 Jun: Marine Science camp
- 20 Jun: Operation Flinders (Girls)
Cert III Fitness excursion
- 21 Jun: Governing Council 5:00
- 22 Jun: End of semester 1
- 27 Jun: 8/9 Boys/Girls Soccer
Whyalla
- 29 Jun: Year 12 Formal
- 2 Jul: SAASTA Cert III - Adelaide
- 6 Jul: Final day of term 2

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 has been a very busy time since our last newsletter with a wide range of activity during term 2 including:

- Combined Arts Night Performances
- Reconciliation Week Activities
- NAPLAN
- Whole School Awards Assembly
- Parent Teacher Interviews
- Power Cup AFL Event
- Dame Roma Mitchell Awards
- Variety of Camps and Excursions
- Many sporting events

It is also worth mentioning the whole town Student Free Day (SFD) will be held on the 12th of June. Please note that this follows the June public holiday on the 11th. The purpose of this day is to accommodate training for all teachers, leaders and ancillary staff across the Port Augusta/Quorn Partnership. This will be an invaluable opportunity for teachers from all our schools to meet and discuss moderation of student work and reflect on learning design. Consistency across schools for standards of teacher judgement and assessment of student achievement is integral to what we do as educators. This training on the 12th will be extremely important professional development for all educators and will provide beneficial learning outcomes for all of our students and teachers.

Port Augusta Secondary School continues to work towards improving outcomes for students in a wide variety of areas including the emerging area of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). Now that the foundations are laid the community will notice the construction of our new STEM Centre and Visual Arts facility. This new 3.5M building together with the development of twentieth century curriculum will give all of our students the opportunity to develop skills needed for jobs in the future. The centre will open for the beginning of the 2019 school year.



Finally on behalf of the school I congratulate Amelia McKenzie and Andrew Hill who received the Dame Roma Mitchell Award on Friday June 1st at the Adelaide Town Hall. These two outstanding students were two of only ten Aboriginal students from across the state to receive this prestigious award which acknowledged academic achievement, leadership and community service, something we should all feel proud about.

Paul Billows
Principal

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Year 11 Outdoor Ed

The year 11 semester 1 Outdoor Education class has had a busy start to the year. We ventured to Port Vincent for SACE Snorkelling where we experienced all types of weather from sunny and dry to extreme winds that bent the tent poles. Under guidance from the experienced instructors, the students were able to develop snorkelling skills as well as safety skills such as rescues. We even saw seals! On the final day, the group drove to Berry Bay to give surfing and body boarding a go!



The 3-day bushwalk at Mambray Creek also saw a variety of weather. We arrived in a dry and comfortable climate and finished in sporadic rain showers, cold temperatures, and high winds. All these variables and challenges helped to develop our leadership, group dynamics, navigation, minimal impact and other camp skills.



8/9 Boys Knockout Footy, Port Augusta, 4 June, 2018

On Monday June 4, students travelled to Chinnery Oval to play Whyalla High School for 8/9 boys knockout football. The scores were close throughout the day with a number of lead changes and strong efforts. Jackson Nelson took a number of contested marks in the backlines to prevent a number of scoring opportunities. Brandon Jackson-Martin showed great leadership by taking their best player and keeping him quite in the last quarter. Trailing by three goals in the last quarter, Callan McKenzie and Jamahl Ware got plenty of the ball to keep us in the game. With time running down, Izack Haines was awarded a free kick on the boundary line. He was able to go back and kick a banana through the goals as the siren sounded to win the game by a point. A well-deserved win, the boys who played should be proud of their effort and commitment on the day. Thank you to Duane Von Senden, Shalana Cox and Shaniqwa Stuart who helped with umpiring and other jobs on the day.

Open Girls Indoor Soccer, Whyalla, 29 May, 2018

On Tuesday 29 May our open girls indoor soccer team played a friendly game against Samaritan College. Despite only having a solid 5, the girls showed endurance and persistence scoring 8-1 in the first half. Sharna Taylor took on the captaincy and demonstrated leadership and excellent communication and direction throughout the game. Soraya Lambadgee and Tamika Reid both dominated in goals. With such a large margin at half time we let our defenders have a run in attack to win the game 11-2. Outstanding sportsmanship was shown by all our girls in a performance to be proud of.

Year 12 Outdoor Education Chowilla Game Reserve, 2018

The year 12 Outdoor Education class recently completed a 3-day canoe expedition at Chowilla Game Reserve. Over the journey, students showed outstanding skill, teamwork and environmental ethic. They challenged themselves well with white water creeks, extended paddles and no phone reception. The students are now ready to take on their biggest challenge in planning and running their own self-reliant expedition in August.



Dame Roma Mitchell Scholarships

Congratulations to Andrew Hill and Amelia McKenzie who were awarded the Dame Roma Mitchell Scholarship on Friday 1/06/18 in Adelaide at the Adelaide Town Hall.

The scholarships support Year 11/12 Aboriginal students with their studies.

Rick Persse (Chief Executive) and Brian Butler (Dame Roma Mitchell Scholarship Ambassador) presented the scholarships to the students.

Congratulations to Andrew and Amelia.



Students complete first aid for childcare

The necessary first aid requirements for working in childcare were completed by nine students from the YES Centre in week 11 of term 1. The year 11 and 12 students completed the two-day course at Port Augusta TAFE as part of their Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care. Over the two days the students completed HLTAID001 – Provide CPR, HLTAID002 – Provide Basic Emergency Life Support, HLTAID003 – Provide First Aid and HLTAID004 – Provide Emergency Response in an Education and Care Setting. Students who completed the training were Shylah Dacey, Natasha Harrison, Zali Holtham, Amelia Jamieson, Kasey Kelly, Macacia Marich, Bonney Swan, Zara Szanto and Emily Zver-Spooner.



Cert III Fitness excursion

Ten students studying Certificate III in Fitness in the YES Centre, along with their lecturers, undertook an excursion to Whyalla to visit Snap Fitness and the YMCA to complete sessions towards achieving their certificate. During the excursion, students marked off required tasks in their log books, looked at a variety of fitness classes and session types, interviewed instructors and gathered information about a career in fitness.

They also found out about Work Health & Safety requirements in the fitness industry and completed a formal induction.



Cert III in Fitness student, Christina and lecturer Kellie during a fitness class as part of the excursion to Whyalla.

Reconciliation Week

Port Augusta Secondary School celebrated Reconciliation Week with a flag unfurling ceremony in the school's main courtyard with help from students Shawuana Kennedy and Leah Taylor. Mr Von Senden spoke about Reconciliation Week and this year's theme 'Don't Keep History a Mystery' while Ms Isterling informed everyone about the activities planned by the team which included Yulungah traditional Indigenous games, an Art exhibition created by our year 9 and 10 Visual Art classes, a daily quiz, Black Screen movies at the Institute Theatre, a shared BBQ lunch that was put on by the Aboriginal Education Team and all genres of Aboriginal music being played through lunch and recess to see out the weeks celebrations. The school's Reconciliation Committee would like to acknowledge and thank all staff and students who helped out and got involved.



Year 10 Outdoor Education, Alligator Gorge, 29 May, 2018

On the year 10 outdoor education camp, Miss Flockhart's class left on Tuesday 29th May and came back to Port Augusta on Wednesday 30th May for an overnight bushwalk camp in Alligator Gorge. We also had our pre-service teacher, Miss Hannigan come too. On the first day of the camp, the 13 students found out pretty quickly that the rucksacks were very heavy. The outdoor guru, Steve, taught two students at a time how to locate where the group was on the map and which way to go. Once the group learnt these navigational skills, they took turns with orienteering the map and being the navigator. Some other roles the group did were leaders, front markers, and back markers. The group morale throughout the first and second days were very good and towards the end of the walk on the first day, they played the Alphabet Game to try and keep the hard work out of their minds. At night before bed, the class played a game of mafia which was really fun. We learnt a lot about group work and ourselves and had a good time overall.

- Riley Lawler



WORKABOUT CENTRE STUDENTS MOVING FORWARD



WORKABOUT CALENDAR FOR REMAINDER OF TERM 2

14 JUNE – LEARNERS PERMIT EXAM

15 JUNE - WHS WHITE (CONSTRUCTION) CARD

18 – 22 JUNE – WORK EXPERIENCE WEEK

