



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

It has been a very busy time since our last newsletter with a wide range of activity including;

- Staff professional development days for staff to continue their professional learning in whole school literacy improvement, supporting students with disabilities, developing our students as expert learners and generally meeting the needs of all students
- school performances
- various sporting excursions
- year 12 formal assembly planning
- various curriculum camps and excursions
- year 8 & 9 resilience and identity seminars
- year 12 parent meetings.
- development of the new STEM and visual arts facilities

Port Augusta Secondary School is also proud to be working in partnership with all of the government schools and pre-schools in Port Augusta. Our Partnership work has had a focus on improving numeracy teaching and student outcomes across Port Augusta through the Empowering Local Schools project. This unique work is making a measurable difference in our students understanding of mathematical concepts and their ability to apply the concepts to solve problems and we are committed to providing this opportunity to all the students in Port Augusta.

Our school is proud of its ability to offer a wide range of learning activities for our students and a diverse curriculum and range of learning pathways consistent with our school motto of **'Success for All'** as we head towards 2019 we are finalising our plans for the introduction of our new STEM pathways programs which will further support our ability to provide meaningful pathways and post school options for all students. For further information on the development of STEM at PASS please visit:

<https://stematpass.weebly.com/>

Paul Billows
Principal

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DIARY DATES

16 Oct: Yr. 10 aquatics

18 Oct: Yr. 11 canoe skills

22 Oct: Whole school assembly
Parent Teacher interviews

25 Oct: Last day yr. 12 classes

26 Oct: Yr. 12 graduation

29 Oct: Yr. 11/12 subject counselling

30 Oct: Yr. 10/11 subject counselling

31 Oct: Yr. 9/10 subject counselling

5-7 Nov: Yr. 11 canoe camp

9 Nov: Student free day

20 Nov: Yr. 10 aquatics

22-23 Nov: SAASTA shield

23 Nov: 8/9 boy/girl super 8s cricket
Last day Yr. 11 classes

5-6 Dec: Middle school art show (6.30pm)

7 Dec: Last day yr. 10 classes

10-11 Dec: Yr. 7 full day transition

14 Dec: Last day of school (1:30 finish)
Splash Day

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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Marine Science Camp
Kangaroo Island – Term 3, 2018



9-A-SIDE FOOTY, September 13, 2018

On Thursday September 13, PASS sent 3 teams of students to compete in the 9-a-side carnival against Samaritan College and Caritas College. PASS had a year 8 boys team, a year 9 boys team and a combined 8/9 girls team. The combined girls team managed to go through the day undefeated. They swept aside each team easily and are really setting themselves up to be the best team in the competition while having fun. All of the members of the team stood up and lead the team throughout the carnival but special mention goes to Skyanne whose attack at the ball was fearsome. Jae-Anne and Adele, who showed a high level of skill to continually push the team forward to get in to attacking positions. So ferocious was our team's attack on the ball, that opposition coaches approached the girls coach and asked that they go easier on the opposition team. Dominant performances throughout the competition put the girls in to the grand final against Caritas and after taking an early lead in the game, the girls didn't look back and buried the opposition to seal the title.

The year 8 boys displayed that there is a lot potential in this cohort. Despite losing a couple of games against older opposition they held their own. Matthew and Heath were hard at it all day providing run out of the backline while Callan often provided first use of the ball by dominating the ruck consistently. Brandon provided plenty of movement in the forward line and this gave opportunities to team mates to score goals. At the conclusion of the carnival. The year 8 boys made the grand final against Caritas' year 8 team. The boys were dominant from the outset and showed themselves to be a class above their opposition giving PASS a second grand final win and a strong chance at winning the competition as a whole.

After winning the first game by under a goal from some strong competition from the PASS year 8 side, the year 9 boys team dominated the remaining games of the carnival. This included a game where they outscored their opponent by 12 goals in an 8 minute half. The boys attitude towards the tournament was very positive and they were able to perform freely and display a range of their skills. Declan showed off his pace and evasive skills through the midfield and Izack was hard to stop, taking numerous contested marks. Bradley and Jack were selfless and effectively played their role all day and Jamahl kicked an excellent running goal (whilst filling in for the other team). After a long day, the boys were unfortunately overrun by Caritas in the grand final by 7 goals, ending an otherwise very successful day.

PASS took away the overall winner of the day and did this while maintaining strong sportsmanship throughout the carnival. Full credit goes to all of our footballers and the coaches who helped guide them to victory and a special thanks to Casey for umpiring on the day.



Year 10 Outdoor Ed Rock Climbing Camp, September 11 to 12, 2018

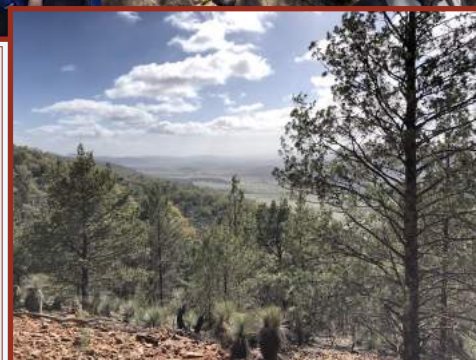
For the year 10 Outdoor Education camp, the class went for an overnight rock climbing camp at Warren Gorge. Miss Flockhart's year 10 class left on September 11 and came back the next day on September 12. On the first day of camp we had some troubles with the brake lights on the trailer before we even left and had to move all the bags from the trailer to the back of the bus, but with great teamwork we worked efficiently to get all the packs on the bus. Once we had arrived at the camp we went and had a fun day of rock climbing with varying degrees of success, but with everyone having lots of fun. We had set up the tents later on and we were scurrying along due to the rain setting in, but it was gone just as quick as it had come. The last day would have to have been the best due to the abseiling and big swing. Not surprisingly there weren't any serious injuries as we had very safe ropes holding us as many of us had found out.



School Combined Choirs

September 17, 2018

On Monday September 17, the Port Augusta Secondary School Concert Band and the Whyalla Concert Band combined to become the orchestra for the town-wide Combined Schools Choir event. This event involves all of the local primary schools coming together to sing as one choir at the Lea Memorial Theatre. Our band was able to successfully accompany the choir to present a fantastic demonstration of musical talent.



Macacia walks the halls of Federal Parliament

The opportunities available for working within government were just some of many insights YES student Macacia gained whilst attending Work Exposure in Government (WEX) 2018 in Canberra earlier this month. She was one of 70 students chosen from all over Australia to attend this experience of a lifetime. WEX is an opportunity for high-performing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 11 and 12 to learn about careers in the Australian Government. The five-day interactive program was held from Sunday, September 9 to Friday, September 14, 2018.

“The experience was really good! I didn’t want to leave! I met people from all over Australia and I learned about everyone’s different cultures. One guy sang to us in his own language and he painted us like they do in the Northern Territory.”

The aspect Macacia enjoyed most was the visit to Parliament House. “It opened up my mind for other possibilities for work. I realised there are so many opportunities out there for me, and not just in my home town.” A surprise element of the visit to Parliament House was Mr Rowan Ramsey, coming to meet her and taking her on a tour of some of the private areas of parliament, including the party room and his office.

“He read my application (to attend WEX) and came to find me, When we went to his office he sat me down and he asked me what he could do to make things better for the region, asked me where I worked now and I told him in child care and a bank. He told me that Parliament House had its own child care centre, and post office and that it’s like a town.”

“It was such a good opportunity, you learn so much and not just about working and governments, but also about yourself and your culture.” Through WEX, participants learn about jobs and career opportunities in the Australian Government; applying for government jobs; how laws are made and enforced; and support available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees. All accommodation, transport costs and meals are provided. Activities included meeting senior government Ministers and parliamentarians; visits to the Australian Defence Force Academy and the Australian Federal Police headquarters; visits to national institutions such as the Australian War Memorial and the Museum of Australian Democracy; a tour of Parliament House; and a careers expo, where students learned about jobs in a range of government agencies.

Child care students gain employment

Four students studying child care in the YES Centre have been rewarded for their hard work by gaining jobs in the child care industry.

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care coordinator Mrs Emily Doran said the four students have received employment as a result of their diligence in study and their professional attitudes on work placement.

Macacia has gained employment at Port Augusta Child Care Centre; Emily and Natasha have both gained employment at Bond Street Early Learning; and Zara at Port Augusta Children's Centre.

“Students have been working very hard on their studies and it has paid off,” Mrs Doran said.

“It is wonderful to see students get rewarded for their all their hard work and effort they put in.”



Students complete job ready retail training

Eight students from the YES Centre gained valuable training in the retail services industry, as well as earning 10 SACE credits, when they completed the 'Getting Casual Job Ready' course earlier this month. The course, held at TAFESA Port Augusta, ran from Monday, September 10 to Wednesday, September 12.

Students studied selected retail units that included planning a career in the retail industry, engaging the customer, and organising and maintaining a store environment.

The course also provided students with training to enhance their communications and teamwork skills and prepare them to work in retail and sales.

It also provided them with a feel for the industry, helping them to understand how to apply safe work practices and to organise and maintain work areas.

YES students with TAFESA Retail lecturer Julie-Ann Thompson (left) and YES lecturer Mrs Kristy Kuhn.



Coles sports for schools program

The Port Augusta Secondary School community collected 14025 vouchers in the Coles Sports for Schools program this year.

This enabled the school to order ten basketballs, five footballs, four soccer balls, three 'Ezy Fling sets', a balance board and a set of exercise dice.

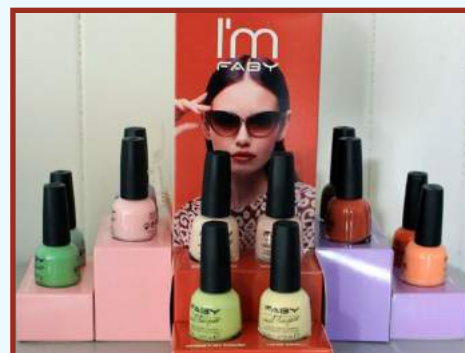
The order arrived in week 8 and the sports equipment will be used in fitness and sports programs, and for use at lunch and recess times.

New products from proceeds of YES salon day

The YES Centre Hair and Beauty Salon now has an array of new nail polishes, as well as manicure products and tools, bought with the proceeds of the salon day held in July.

Students undertaking Certificate II in Salon Assist and Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics provided an array of treatments PASS staff and students for a fee at the salon day and the money raised went towards the purchase of the new products.

Lecturer Mrs Kristy Kuhn said the continued support of staff ensured the success of the salon days. "We thank staff for their continual support, as this could not happen without you."



Beauty treatments offered at YES salon day

The YES Centre Hair and Beauty Salon was open for business on Tuesday, September 18. The Salon Day allowed students undertaking Certificate II Salon Assist and Certificate II in Retail Cosmetics, the opportunity to be part of a functioning salon by providing an array of treatments to PASS staff and students.

Services provided by the students in this salon day included paraffin manicures and facials. Students have learnt about treatments and services, and have been perfecting them, in the past one three terms. Course lecturer Mrs Kristy Kuhn supervised students.

"We open our salon to simulate an actual salon environment, allowing students the experience of working with paying customers and developing communication skills, 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." Mrs Kuhn said. "We thank staff for their continual support, as this could not happen without you."



Year 11 Outdoor Ed Rock Climbing Camp, September 25 to 27, 2018

Within week 10 the year 11 outdoor education class left for their rock climbing expedition. The three day trip was filled with laughter, climbing and great food. Day 1 consisted of indoor rock climbing at vertical reality in Adelaide where everyone improved their skills to lead into day 2. Day 2 consisted of a fun outdoor climbing day at Morialta falls. To wind down for day 3, the group went to challenge hill at Woodhouse and worked on their group dynamics.

This camp left the group with high moral and good memories.



Year 8/9 basketball, September 26, 2018

On Wednesday September 26 PASS attended a basketball carnival at the Central Oval Complex. The girls played against three different Caritas teams winning them all: 44-26, 36-22 and 33-19. They also played Whyalla and went goal for goal in the first half. Unfortunately, they could not hold on and went down 14-29. Kaylanah, Adele, Zali, Teraleyah, Brooke, Shaniqua and Jade played as a team, shared the scoring around and were a pleasure to coach. Overall they finished 2nd. The boys were strong against the other teams and displayed some very good basketball. With dominant performances over 2 of the caritas sides and Peterborough the boys looked determined to take out the carnival. A hard fought game against a third caritas team had the boys win by only a few points, only taking the lead in the last minute and a half. The last and most important game was against a competitive Whyalla team that saw the opposition team come out on top by 6 points and take the carnival. Well done to the boys for their hard efforts.

Year 12 off the grid excursion, September 21, 2018

On Friday September 21 we took our year 12 students 'doff the grid' in order to refocus and prepare for the stressful end of year exams and deadlines. We had beautiful weather as we headed to Mambray Creek for the day.

Once we arrived we went for a group hike before returning to base for lunch. After lunch we enjoyed some team building games before we discussed some stress and time management techniques. We finished the day signing our specially designed t-shirts (big thanks to Mr Clark) as a keepsake before heading for home.

