



### PRINCIPALS REPORT

It is difficult to believe that we have reached mid term 3 in what has been a very challenging year for all staff, students and families. We have been very impressed with all of our students and in particular the year 12 students have shown great resilience in ensuring they make the most of this important year. They are already busy completing final tasks as they prepare to complete year 12 with many students heading into exams and finishing major assignments early next term. We wish them well!

The Year 12 Formal was a highlight of the term and a fantastic event, congratulations to all the staff and students involved.

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 despite the Covid-19 restrictions including:

- school music performances
- various sporting events
- year 12 formal
- school photographs
- lunch time activities
- year 12 Aboriginal student celebration
- 2020 subject counselling planning
- year 12 teacher - family interviews
- various curriculum camps and excursions
- Clontarf activities and camps

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

Our school is proud of its ability to offer a wide range of learning opportunities and pathways for our students consistent with our school motto of **'Success for All'**. As we head towards 2021 we are beginning to plan ahead to better meet the needs of all of our students and to consider future opportunities linked to new programs and initiatives including the Year 7 into Secondary School initiative which involves a 5 million dollar facility development.

The future looks exciting at Port Augusta Secondary and together we can further develop our great school.



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## DIARY DATES

- 20-21 Aug—yr12 interviews
- 25-27 Aug—12 Outdoor Ed self-reliant camp
- 28 Aug—Wear it purple day!
- 31 Aug—SACE info evening
- 4 Sep—school closure day
- 7 Sep—student free day
- 9 Sep—Family Voice (5.30pm)
- 10 Sep—R U OK Day  
Governing Council (5.00pm)
- 14 Sep—11-12 subject counselling  
no yr11 classes
- 15 Sep—10-11 subject counselling  
no yr10 classes
- 16 Sep—9-10 subject counselling
- 25 Sep—end of term 3  
early dismissal, 1.30pm

## TERM DATES 2020

- Term 1: 28 Jan - 9 Apr
- Term 2: 27 April - 3 Jul
- Term 3: 20 Jul - 25 Sep
- Term 4: 12 Oct - 11 Dec

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## Music performance

On Thursday June 18, students from Specialist Music, Year 9 Music, Year 10 Music and Senior Music classes presented their work for the semester in the school theatre. The students were excited to share the songs they have been preparing and the performances have been placed in their classes on Microsoft Teams for sharing with their families. Thank you to Liam Cox for providing us with lights, photos and managing the video cameras! Thanks also to Nathan Lambert and the Drama classes for sharing the performance space with us and being a great audience. We look forward to sharing our live performances with families and friends in semester 2.



## Year 12 outdoor education Chowilla canoe camp

On Tuesday August 4, the year 12 outdoor education class arrived at school during the early hours of the morning to begin their three day canoeing expedition at Chowilla, Renmark.

Students had a lunch break in Renmark before arriving at 'Canoe The Riverland' where they were fitted with life jackets and began the process of packing and waterproofing their canoes for the journey ahead. Day one included a rollercoaster of emotions and experiences ranging from students portaging heavy canoes across the river bank, a capsized and emergency rescue, plenty of laughs, a beautiful sunset and full moon which was enjoyed by students around the campfire as we debriefed on the achievements and improvements of the day.

Throughout the camp students used a range of different navigational skills where they were required to use a compass and route card in order to identify their location. The students did an amazing job working together as a team demonstrating strong leadership skills. Day two of the canoe expedition saw students set a new personal record of paddling a massive 22kms.

Overall, the students were able to apply their canoeing skills and challenge themselves showing persistence, resilience and leadership. Special mentions to Matthew Palmer and Nikita Wilson for surviving their first ever outdoor education camp.

Students are now making the final preparations for their self-reliant camp in week 6 where they will be responsible for all aspects of the entire expedition including navigation, route planning, and meal preparation while under indirect supervision!



## Mrs Frahm's year 8 and 9 art

Students have completed a suite of practical pieces in Semester 1 Visual Art. Each art work completed had a focus on at least 1 element of art. The elements of art being: line, shape, value, colour, form, space and texture. Students were introduced to the art specific vocabulary for the key element of art. The art works made have been complimented with a written reflection of the key element of art dominant in their work, combined with a reflection on the aspects that worked well and those that were challenging.



## Ms Galdamez's year 9 art

This semester for Ms G's year 9 Art class, students have been working with pencil and charcoal to create an Animal drawing using a grid technique. Students were able to develop and enhance their hand-eye coordination by using a grid method to draw their animal. Charcoal was used to create shadows and depth by toning the finished drawing. A successful unit for all students.

Quiz games are often used during lessons to help students learn and enhance their Visual Art elements.



## Year 12 Aboriginal celebration

On Tuesday August 4, the Aboriginal Education team held their annual Aboriginal year 12 celebration. The year 12 Aboriginal celebration acknowledges the achievements of our Aboriginal students and congratulates them on reaching year 12. To reach year 12 is a huge positive achievement for Aboriginal people within the Port Augusta community.

Students heard from guest speakers Harrison Haines and Taliah Karena, who gave very personal and in depth speeches on their achievements throughout their schooling and gave insight on how they both got to where they are now in their job roles.

The speeches gave the students motivation and showcased that circumstances change, but no matter what changes occur, people can overcome challenges and keep moving forward.

There were awards and certificates given to the students. This year's Dan Lee Memorial award went to Zach McEwan, who has worked hard this year and for all of his schooling. Zach is a role model for his peers and is always the first to lend a hand or help. A very worthy recipient to have won the Dan Lee Memorial award.

After the guest speakers, students parents and staff enjoyed a meal prepared from the canteen. There were many dishes on offer for everyone to enjoy. Last but not least, we all celebrated with the cutting of the year 12 celebration cake.

The Aboriginal Education team would like to give thanks to all those that were in attendance. We would also like to thank all those that helped prepare for the day and that helped on the day. We would like to wish all year 12 students good luck for the remainder of the year and look forward to keeping in touch with them in the near future.



## Izack the pasta master

As part of Certificate II in Kitchen Operations in the YES Centre, Izack Haines made fresh pasta from scratch for the first time ever with lecturer Belinda Myles. Mrs. Myles said, "Izack did a great job of making lasagne sheets, fettucine and spaghetti.

It took a long time and he had a few mistakes which Izack learnt from but was worth the end result. I think Izack will be keen to make more of his own in the future." Who doesn't love fresh pasta?



## YES students design and build enclosures for stick insects

This term in YES, the Community Studies B – Animal Studies class used the engineering design process to make an enclosure for a small invertebrate of their choice.

Teacher, Mr Kristian Burghof said students held a Zoom video conference with industry expert Kristen at 'Bugs n Slugs' to assist them in designing unique enclosures.

Students used technical drawing skills to design the enclosure, and used the laser cutter and 3D printers in the STEM centre to make their product.

They introduced their invertebrate (stick insects) to their enclosure and are now keeping observational notes and photographic evidence of the invertebrate over a given time period.

"A fabulous effort to the students, and we are keen to see the next batch of enclosures to be built," Mr Burghof said.



## YES Arts & Crafts

The students and staff in YES are a talented and crafty group. Pictured are some of the projects they have been working on this week.



## MALKA ARTS

The 2020 Malka Arts awards were held on August 10 2020. The Malka Aboriginal Art Exhibition is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists who live in the Spencer Gulf, Flinders Ranges and Outback, Mid North, Far North, Eyre Peninsula and Far West SA supported by the Yarta Purtli Port Augusta Cultural Centre.

There were 7 categories in which artists could submit their art work to be voted on online from the general public to win the art prizes.

This year with the help from our art teachers some of our students submitted their work into the exhibition with two of the students placing a win in one of the winning category.

Port Augusta Secondary School would like to congratulate Kaylanah Reid for her stunning entry titled 'My Country' which won Youth Artist Award and would like to also congratulate Chae Milera for his art work titled 'Person of Colour' who also was a recipient that had won the Youth Artist Award.

The exhibition can be found online at [yartapurtli.com.au](http://yartapurtli.com.au) so if you get a chance please have a look at some of the regions talented up and coming Aboriginal artists from Port Augusta Secondary School. A great job to all the other students who also submitted work, they were all outstanding.



## *Year 12 Senior Formal*



## CLONTARF

After a great end to term 2, term 3 has started with a bang having seen nearly all of our 92 Academy members through weeks 1 and 2 at school. The boys have been boosted by the announcement that camps are back! Camps this term include: year 8-9 Port Lincoln Football Carnival in week 5, year 11-12 Employment Forum in Adelaide and a year 10 camp to the Port Lincoln area. As always these camps will be attended by boys who have good lesson attendance, are active throughout Academy activities and have been showing the behaviours expected of an Academy member.



**Term 2 Prize winners:**  
awarded to **Brian McNamee**  
(Attendance Raffle),  
**William Scharenberg**  
(Health Checks Raffle);  
**Terelle McKenzie**  
(Morning Trainers Raffle).

Week 1 saw the Academy become quite the hive of activity, with activities after school and during break time being well attended. Monday saw some butter chicken cooked up by Josh for after school, where some boys came in and shared some of their school holiday activities.



Tuesday was a cricket activity ran by Brodie at lunch and then at recess a Kahoot quiz, which saw almost 30 boys in the room getting involved.

Wednesday was training day, special mention should be made to the boys who were up early and ready for training in the first week back to school.

There was an Academy push-up challenge on at lunch, 350 push-ups pumped out as an Academy with year 12 James Davies' push-ups seeing us get over the line. After school some of our year 11 boys were joined in a zoom call by Matt Kidner, HR Oz Minerals, to discuss employment prospects within Oz Minerals and share some information about the mines locally.



Thursday was a basketball activity at lunch and the week was finished off on Friday by a 'Good Bunch Lunch' attended by almost 20 boys in the room.

Week 2 saw more boys around the Academy and activities again (reading challenge, sleeping bag challenge and a couple of footy activities).

Eddie Hocking joined us for a few days to progress our work ready checklist and played a video explaining the importance of those docs.

This week also saw 4 of our Year 8s, Tyrone Calyun-Taylor, Kyzaiah Dodd, Luke Whitaker & Eli Reinertsen attend Augusta Park Primary School for a clinic with a year 6/7 class. The lads took the lead on 4 different activities and did a great job.



Friday was another big day for the Academy, we had 4 senior members Blake, Izack, Ethan and Quentin attend SAPSASA footy to assist Flinders View Primary.

The boys had the opportunity to goal umpire, run a warmup activity and interact with the younger boys throughout the day.



At the same time in the Academy room during lunch we had Matt Leonard, local councillor & Beyond Bank Relationship Manager attend our 'Good Bunch Lunch'.

Luke Whitaker was present to ask Matt some questions about his career and Matt gave the Academy members some good pieces of advice. The 'Good Bunch Lunch' was also prepared the day before by the boys in the YES Centre Kitchen Operations class.

