



### PRINCIPALS REPORT



We welcome back all staff, students and families after what has been a unique and challenging start to the 2022 school year. I thank every member of our school community for their flexibility and willingness to work together in these challenging times.

This is a very exciting time for staff and students as we begin the year with many new buildings and yard improvements. School Staff and students have responded well to the new learning areas and are looking forward to working in a quality environment with many further improvements happening during the year.

As is the case with all schools, Port Augusta Secondary School is also experiencing student and staff absence from Covid Positive cases and those deemed Close Contacts under SA Health Regulations.

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Students isolating at home can access "Learning at Home Lessons" by following the link [Our Learning SA](#) and/or access work that may be set on Daymap. Please note however that the school cannot provide online and face to face learning simultaneously.

This year sees the addition of many new teaching and support staff, many of whom have been employed to work with our increased numbers of year 7 students. Some of these staff are pictured below. Our new year 7 and 8 students have also settled into Secondary School extremely well participating in all learning areas.



Students have moved into the new building and other than a few finishing touches around landscaping and the Home Economics Centre, the facility is up and running. One change in 2022 that really excites us all is the use of Braddock Oval and Gymnasium by students at recess and lunch times. This gives some extra options for all students enabling the choice of relaxing shaded areas, outside sports and indoor games.

Many students are utilising this extra space which is great to see. This was all made possible by the construction of the perimeter fence around Braddock Oval to ensure a safe place for students to be during the school day. Please note however that community members are always welcome to use Braddock Oval after hours as in the past by entering through the Gymnasium side gates. Sporting clubs can still hire the oval and/or gym by negotiation if they contact the school.

### DIARY DATES

- 8 Mar—Knockout Cricket
- 8 Mar—Yr 11/12 Surf Camp
- 14 Mar—Public Holiday
- 17 Mar—Yr 10 Aquatics (Canoe Skills)
- 29 Mar—yr8 & 10 immunisations
- 4 Apr—yr7 & 8 Splits changeover
- 14 Apr—End of term 1
- 15 Apr—Good Friday
- 2 May—Start of term 2
- 19 May—Governing Council (5.00pm)

#### **Reminder for 2022**

Students with BYOD must consistently use their own device at school to be eligible for credit to their account.

### TERM DATES 2022

- Term 1: 31 Jan - 14 Apr
- Term 2: 2 May - 8 Jul
- Term 3: 24 Jul - 30 Sep
- Term 4: 17 Oct - 16 Dec

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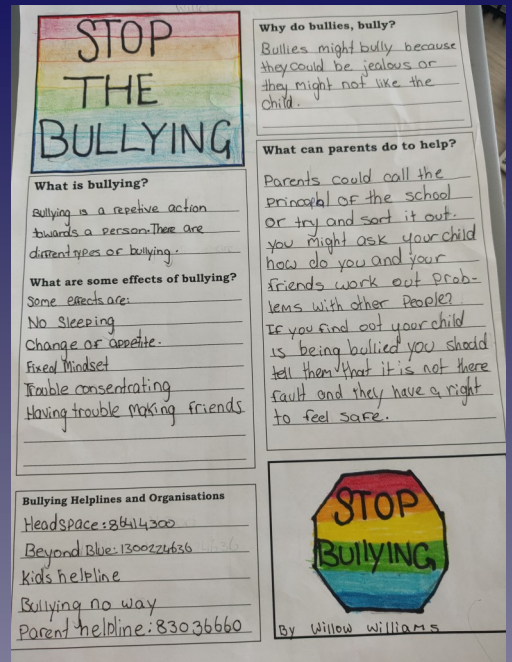
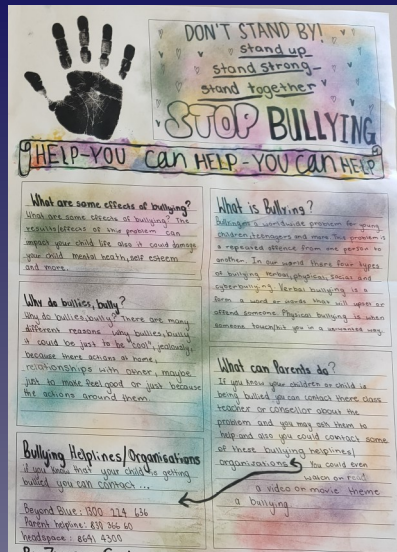


# Wellbeing

In Wellbeing, Miss Burgess and her class (7A) have been learning about and discussing the effects that bullying can have on a person's mental and physical health.

The students have been working on creating anti-bullying posters as well as magazine articles that inform parents and care givers what they can do in the event that their child is being bullied.

In doing this task the students have volunteered to place their posters and magazine articles around the school for all students to read, in the hopes that they are able to help someone in need.



## LM/LCM Yr 7/8 Mambray Creek Excursion

On Tuesday 1 March, year 7/8 students from LM & LCM attended an excursion to Mambray Creek. Students have been learning about landforms and landscapes and went to explore their understanding further.

Students undertook a treasure hunt finding the range of landforms, animals and trails that the national park has to offer. It was important for the students to understand the significance of national parks and why we protect this landscape.

All students had a very enjoyable time furthering their knowledge of landforms and landscapes.





# Clontarf Academy

The Clontarf Foundation welcomes Kyle Stuart to the Port Augusta Clontarf Academy team and he will be working closely with Josh as they tackle looking after the year 7, 8 and 9 academy members.



Kyle Stuart



During week two, we held Information Sessions for the new year 7 and 8 students. We ended up with 14 from each year group. Before the info session finished, we put a challenge to the boys with a prize up for grabs. The quickest 2 students to return their completed registration form would receive a pair of Puma shoes. Well done to year 7 students Justin Strangways and Clynton Waye-Hill and year 8 students Tyree Cox and Daniel Ryan for coming first and second. These fellas managed to beat a handful of their peers who also returned their registration forms the day after their

info session. In a Port Augusta Clontarf Academy record, Tyree Cox's dad managed to stop by on the same day and fill in his registration form.

Clontarf cooked up pancakes for the whole school to enjoy on Friday, week 2. Year 11 academy members: Isaiah Lovegrove and Johnathon Willis gave us a hand by helping cook, serve to their peers & staff as well as eat the leftovers. These students came into school extra early to do so and can be seen serving some year 7/8 students and a staff member from PASS.





# Other News / Art Mural

**PORT AUGUSTA  
SECONDARY  
SCHOOL**

**STRONGER SMARTER  
STUDY CENTRE**

Do you need extra help with  
your homework or a quiet  
place to study?

Come join us Monday-Thursday  
after school for 1 hr  
(You choose your day/s)

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE HALEY IN  
ABORIGINAL EDUCATION RM 1:21

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## MEDIA RELEASE

**Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP**  
Member for Stuart

Tuesday, 1 March 2022

### Youth Parliament Program now open

Young South Australians have the unique opportunity to create change by having their voices heard at the highest level of State Government with applications now open for the 2022 Youth Parliament Program.

The YMCA SA Youth Parliament is a personal development program for 15 to 25-year-olds, providing an opportunity for young people to gain a strong understanding of parliamentary process and encouraging participants to be leaders.

Participants are recruited from across South Australia and will represent a wide range of backgrounds. They will be allocated into one of ten committees. Each Committee meets regularly throughout the program to develop a Youth Bill aiming to address an issue important to South Australians. Together they will also learn essentials about Parliament and democracy and set personal and team goals to work towards.

The Bills that are passed by the Youth Parliament are presented to the Minister for Youth for the Government's consideration.

To participate in the program young people are invited to apply as an individual or to enter a team.

"I strongly encourage all interested people and schools to put forward applications," said Member for Stuart, Hon Dan van Holst Pellekaan MP.

"We've had a number of young people from our electorate participate in the past who have benefited greatly from the experience, and it would be wonderful to see as many young people as possible access this opportunity in 2022."

Regional scholarships are available to individuals to support the costs of travel and participants can receive assistance to seek external sponsorship for the participant fees.

For more information and to apply visit [www.sa.ymca.org.au](http://www.sa.ymca.org.au)

### KEY DATES

Applications close: Monday, 13 March 2022

Training weekend: Saturday 23 April – Sunday 24 April 2022

Parliament week: Sunday 17 July – Friday 22 July 2022

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Visit my website [www.danvhp.com.au](http://www.danvhp.com.au)

Port Augusta Secondary School received funding through Uniting County SA to produce an art piece which focuses on cultural safety and transition. Staff and students from the various schools in Port Augusta and Stirling North worked together with Candace and Caitlin from Ashawariya Designs and Ms Jenkins from the Aboriginal Education team to create the art piece. The artwork is displayed on the Science building which can be seen from Stirling Road.





## FINANCE MATTERS

### SCHOOL CARD

Many families have already applied for school card and a significant amount of approvals have already been processed. If you think you could be eligible or still need to complete an application but aren't sure of the process see the staff at Student Services who can assist you.

### PAYMENTS BY INSTALMENT

The Direct Debit payment option has been a popular option for families this year, where you dictate the payment terms, which is then automatically deducted from your account or credit card. This option is good if you wish to pay in smaller more regular payments than the standard Instalment Option of 4 x \$83.50 (monthly). You can also include payments for uniforms and laptop hire etc, when completing the form.

#### Standard instalment dates are:

Instalment 1	22/01/22	\$83.50
Instalment 2	18/02/22	\$83.50
<b>Instalment 3</b>	<b>18/03/22</b>	<b>\$83.50 (next due)</b>
Instalment 4	08/04/22	\$83.50

If you have not yet applied for school card or arranged payment by direct debit, instalments 1 & 2 are now overdue and families are encouraged to set up a payment plan as soon as possible.

### ATSI STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Local ATSI student scholarships from DIERI, KOKATHA, AMYAC & WONGATHA groups are arriving every day. Sometimes there is a day or two between processing of the payments. If you have any queries you can check with Student Services staff the status of your school account.

### BYOD CREDITS TO ACCOUNTS

This is the third year in the scheme that supports you to provide your own laptop device for your child. A \$100 rebate will be issued as a credit to family accounts in 2022 for each student who has BYOD (Bring Your Own Device).

Year 12 students will receive the full \$100 credit by the end of term 1.

Year 7 – 11 students will receive 2 x \$50 credits at the end of terms 1 & 3.

For eligibility students must be using their own device at school and not borrowing a school owned device daily.

Credits can't be refunded as cash, but can be used to help pay for any school charges, uniforms, stationery, camps and excursions.

## School Immunisation Program

All year 8 and 10 students have been issued with an immunisation consent form to take home to be signed or discuss if students will have their immunisations as part of the school program or with your own regular doctor. Whether your child is having their immunisations at school or not, please return the signed form indicating if you give your consent or not.

Information regarding the different immunisations for year levels can be found at:

<https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/conditions/immunisation/immunisation+programs/school+immunisation+program/school+immunisation+program>