



PORT AUGUSTA SPECIAL SCHOOL

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News from the Principal...

Welcome to the new school year and a BIG welcome to the new staff and students who are joining our school community this year.

New staff are:

1. Kendall Fitzgerald, teacher - Room 3
2. Ben Kha (Permanent Relief teacher, based at this school)
3. Keith Newberry, SSO - Room 8
4. Kathryn Moyse, SSO - Room 5 (2 days per week)

Kath Smith is also returning from 12 months leave and will be team teaching with Diane Humphrys in Room 2

New students are:

- Jobe and Nicholas who have transferred from other local schools
- Sabrina, David, Anthony, Lyzander, Billy, Clifford and Haidyn who are all Reception students.

We look forward to making positive connections with all the families of our new students.

Each student will be bringing home a plastic sleeve with a host of information and forms for you to complete and return.

These include

- Brief newsletter
- Parent survey - the school would like your opinion about the way in which the school operates. Your responses will be collated to help us improve service to families.
- Consent forms
- School uniform order form (orders by Friday of week 3 please)
- Copy of the school uniform policy (for your information)
- Letter from Dr Susan Close, Minister for Education

It would be appreciated if all forms can be returned ASAP

Students are not able to leave the school grounds without signed consent forms so it is important that all forms are promptly returned.

Staff are committed to two professional development days this term. Monday 29th February involves staff from all schools and early learning centres in Pt Augusta / Quorn.

Friday 8th April is a learning day for this site on "Key Word Sign". This training will provide staff with more strategies to support communication. A workshop will also be offered for families on the following day.

As a staff we are looking forward to a productive year with a strong focus on learning pathways for all students and strong connections with families.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 2,3,4 - swimming for students in rooms 2,4,5 & 6 (as per notes)

Fri Feb 19th - uniform orders due

Wed Feb 24th - Governing Council Meeting, 9am

Mon Feb 29th - Student Free Day
(town-wide) for staff
Professional Development

Mon March 14th - Public Holiday:
Adelaide Cup

Wed March 23rd - Governing Council Meeting and AGM, 9am

Fri March 25th - Easter

Mon March 28th - Easter

Fri April 8th - Student Free Day
"Key Word Sign"

Fri April 15th - End term 1

Parent/Teacher Meetings

This year staff are keen to offer parents/carers an opportunity to meet with class teachers after school hours to discuss, develop and document student NEP's.

Week 4 - Tuesday 23rd Feb, Wednesday 24th Feb and Thursday 25th Feb - 3.30pm to 6pm has been set aside.

Parents will be requested to make appointments to meet with teachers. More information to come but

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*What do you think?
Would this be useful?*

Can families please send:

- Recess - fruit, muesli bar
- A packed lunch
- A drink - juice or water for their child every day.

Our school has an arrangement with Flinders View Primary School and our students can order lunches through their canteen.

A new price list will be sent home as soon as an updated price list has been provide to us.

We are NOT able to provide emergency lunches except in exceptional circumstances.



Your cooperation is appreciated.

Aunty Kathy Radif will be at this school from 8.30 to 11.30 every day.

😊 Welcome to our new staff and students 😊



Kendall - Teacher room 3



Keith - SSO Room 8



Ben - PRT

