News from the Principal...

As I visit the classes it is good to see that students have settled into the new school year after the summer holidays, have adjusted to new routines and classroom staff and have been building relationships with those around them.

Teachers have been collecting information about what our students know and using this information to develop learning programmes. This information will also help to formulate the students NEPs. Next week (week 4 of term) teachers are making themselves available from 3.30 to 6pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to meet with parents/carers to draft NEPs. A letter has been sent home and I hope you can fill it in and make a time to meet with your child’s teacher.

A number of parent surveys have been returned already - thank you - and it would be appreciated if those parents/carers who have not yet done so return the survey as soon as possible.

Pt Augusta Special School has made an agreement with “Communities for Children” to promote the Pass Point programme. This means that families can earn points for participating in activities in the school. These points can be redeemed in a number of ways. If you would like to know more about this programme you might like to come along to parent morning tea on Friday 4th March. Nikoli Ackland from “Communities for Children” is coming along to talk about the programme.

Students from rooms 2, 4, 5 and 6 have been swimming every day. The photos show how much the students enjoy these lessons and how their confidence and skills are growing.

Anne

For your information:-

- Phone calls will only be relayed to the classrooms before 8.50am and after 3pm. Admin staff will take a message and ensure that it is given to the appropriate staff member who will respond when not teaching.
- Parents are asked to enter the school via the courtyard gates when bringing children to school or picking them up. The Courtyard gate is locked at 9am after which entry is via the office. The Courtyard gate is unlocked at 2.50pm in readiness for “end of day”.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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Dear Governing Council Members,

Governing Council meeting will be held on:

**Wednesday 24th February 2016**

at 9am

in Room 1

PLEASE COME ALONG!

Anne Homes

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Have you received a letter from Medicare about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule? The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Dental care is FREE for ALL babies, pre-schoolers and most children under 18 at the School Dental Service.

Please call now for an appointment.
Pt Augusta Dental Clinic
Phone: 8668 7888
We are delighted to be providing quality Out of School Hours Care to your school community.

We are located on site at Stirling North School and offer Before school, After School and Vacation Care. We are an approved Child Care service, meaning families are entitled to fee reduction based on your CCB % and CCR. Come in and speak with one of our staff about the program on offer and to receive a personalised quote.

**Potential Fees for families with Child Care Benefit & Child Care Rebate**

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Fees as of 2/2/16. *Fees listed are based on a family subsidised with 100% Child Care Benefit and who have nominated their Child Care Rebate to be paid direct to the service as a fee reduction. These are estimates only and staff will assist with working out what your fees will be depending on your individual case.

Session Fees before CCB & CCR are BSC $12.00, ASC $17.50, VAC/ PFD $51.00, ($61.00 on excursion days). The service has a late pick up policy.

**Vacation Care program out Friday Week 5 each term!**

Come along to our Vacation Care Program launch on Friday Week 5 of each Term during ASC! This is your chance to get the first glimpse of all the exciting excursions that are booked for the next holiday period. It’s a great opportunity to meet some staff & ask any questions you may have about the program.

**How to contact us**

Operation Hours
7:30 - 8:30am
3:15 - 6:00pm

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