



# PORT AUGUSTA SPECIAL SCHOOL

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## Newsletter - March 2016 - Issue 3

### News from the Principal...

In week 4 parent interviews were held across the school. This was an opportunity for parents/carers to meet classroom teachers and discuss the review of individual student Negotiated Education Plans. The response to the invitations to meet was high as 32 parents came along over the 3 day period to have those meetings. Certainly the teaching staff found this was a positive way to have discussions and set directions for learning. The teachers will now finalise the NEP's and get them back to parents for sign off. We hope that parents also found this to be an effective way to review NEPs.

Morning Tea was attended by a handful of parents. Information was presented about the PASS POINT programme. Parents who sign up to this programme can earn points and then trade them for services across Pt Augusta. You can earn points by attending assemblies, coming to school for meetings such as Governing Council and keeping medical appointments for your child or volunteering at the canteen to name a few. If you are interested in joining this scheme or would like more information you can collect an enrolment form from the school or contact the "Communities 4 Children" office at 36 Stirling Rd, Pt Augusta.

Swimming concluded at the end of week 4 and those students that attended all the sessions certainly improved their swimming and water safety skills. The daily sessions allowed for lots of skill practice. Senior students are attending two days of aquatics next week. This programme offers a variety of experiences and opportunities to develop water safety and leisure skills for the future.

Invoices for school fees have been sent out to all families. You can collect school card applications from the front office. It would be appreciated if school fee accounts are settled quickly. There are a number of options available for payments and if you would like more information please call the school and speak with Merilyn Becker, school finance officer.

Regards,

*Anne*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Monday March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Public Holiday:** Adelaide Cup

**Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>**

Governing Council Meeting and AGM, 9am **(NOTE DATE CHANGE)**

**Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Public Holiday:** Easter Friday

**Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Public Holiday:** Easter Monday

**Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>**

School Assembly: 9.30am

**Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Student Free Day:** "Key Word Sign"

**Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>**

End of Term 1



**Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Start of Term 2

**Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup>**

School Photos

**Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Governing Council Meeting

These are our goodies from the Woolworths - Earn & Learn promotion.





# Adelaide Clipsal 500



6 students and 2 staff had a unique opportunity to attend the Adelaide Clipsal 500 on the Thursday 3rd of March. The Advertiser donated the tickets, the use of their corporate box and provided lunch. A very generous gesture! It was a very long day but hugely enjoyed by all.



## WELCOME to Governing Council

On behalf of the Governing Council I would like to invite you to be involved with your child's school community.

The Governing Council is a friendly group of parents, staff, and community members who have a genuine interest in the School's Curriculum and Policy, the School Community and most importantly to give support to the Principal, staff and students.

We meet twice per term on a Wednesday morning from 9-10am.

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 9am**. If you are interested please come along, and if you cannot make it, register your interest in becoming a member.

If you would like to speak to someone prior to the Annual General Meeting, please feel free to speak to Emily Holden (Tilly's mum), Lorelie Pycroft (Jack's mum) or Mandy Dwyer (Bradley's mum). Likewise you can speak to our Principal Anne Homes, or Karen McKinley (SSO).

Governing Council offers you the chance to be involved with your child's learning journey. Your interest can make a difference.