



PORT AUGUSTA SPECIAL SCHOOL

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News from the Principal...

It was wonderful to see so many families join the students and staff at the end of term assembly. Students received awards in recognition of their learning in a variety of areas and a number of staff were presented with "Service Awards" in recognition of 10, 20 and 30 years of service within DECD.

Students showed completed work and the school band showed their skills with a range of instruments, playing a number of pieces. Students from Room 8 were recognised for the ongoing work they do in keeping the school grounds neat and tidy.

This week students will bring home their Learning Portfolio, a record of learning for Terms 1 and 2. This is a new way for our school to inform parents/carers of the learning journey their child has been on. Parents/carers are invited to make comment within the portfolio.

We ask that you return the portfolio after the holidays so that the portfolio can be added to during Terms 3 and 4.

At the end of the year the portfolios are yours to keep as a record of learning for the year.

A survey is being sent home with the newsletter to canvas your views of the new reporting system.

Your input to the survey and feedback on your child's portfolio will be much appreciated.

There will be a student free day in Term 3 scheduled for Monday 22nd August. The day will have a focus on:-

- on continuing staff learning in the area of "Positive Behaviour Support" and
- updating "learning & information technology" skills

More information and the date will be confirmed in Term 3.

Teachers have been working together to develop learning using the focus topic "be active" for next term. The Olympics, basketball competition, Premier's Be-Active Challenge and inter school sports day will form part of learning. New story books with a sport theme have also been purchased. If you would like to know more about the topic, please chat with your child's teacher.

Have an enjoyable and safe holiday,

Regards, *Anne*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday July 3rd - Sunday July 10th
NAIDOC WEEK

Friday July 8th
End of Term 2
EARLY DISMISSAL 2pm



Monday July 25th
Start of Term 3

Wednesday August 10th
Governing Council Meeting

Thursday Sept 1st & Friday Sept 2nd
Port Pirie Basketball Carnival

Wednesday September 14th
Governing Council Meeting

Tuesday September 20th
End of Term Assembly

Friday September 30th
End of Term 3



Monday 17th October
Start of Term 4



Room 7 have painted a beautiful mural to be hung out the front of our school gate. Well done Room 7



News from the Classroom!



Room 2

As part of the whole school focus our class used the "Food" theme to create art work and students chose fruit to make fruit sticks and fruit jelly. We constructed a collage of foods that are better to eat for breakfast and used the yes / no communication symbols to answer specific questions.

Music on Thursdays is always enjoyable with the children experiencing different musical instruments to accompany their beautiful singing. We continued our Be Active centre visits for additional physical activities which children enjoy each week.

We undertook various art activities to celebrate NAIDOC week to further develop our understanding of Indigenous Australians in our community. The End of term celebration at Bec's Jump and Party was an exciting event for the children with classes in rooms 3 and 4 joining us. This was an enjoyable way to end another busy term.

Room 3

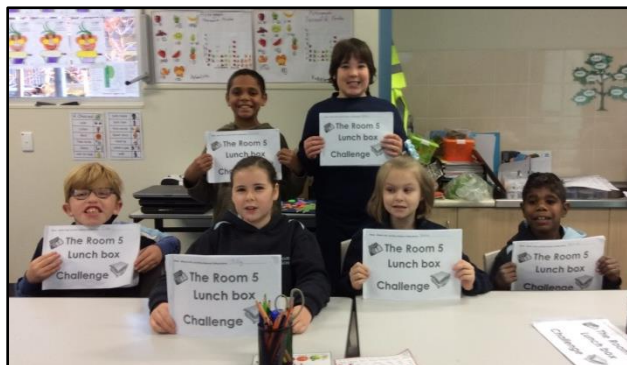
In Room 3 this term our class have had a strong focus on Sounds and Letters to help further develop language skills. For group-time we all have been learning 'Key Word Sign' to our *Good Morning* song. We have also been adding fruit time into our daily routine and the children have been brave enough to try some different types of fruit which has linked well with our school theme 'Healthy Eating'. Overall the class have been trying their best and this is evident during class time. Well done Room 3

Room 4

Room 4 has seen a continuation of the learning that students have been engaged in this year. The assembly saw one of our students receiving an award for personal improvement in Literacy. The students have benefitted greatly from learning through play with activities like puppetry and hopscotch. They have also built up a strong bond with their classmates and they look out for each other. Attendance has been high and this fact demonstrates that the students enjoy coming to school and in taking part in school learning programmes. Happiness in being in school is the ideal environment for learning to take place. I would like to thank my SSOs in helping make this a productive term. I wish everyone an enjoyable 2 week break.

Room 5

This term Room 5 have been learning about Healthy Eating. The students have tasted different varieties of food. They have also made healthy dinner plates and healthy lunch boxes. All the students have been excited to taste new food some they liked some they didn't enjoy. For Literacy learning different food names and the different food groups, Vegetables, Dairy and Meat. Through their booklets of healthy lunch box challenge students have been focusing on using Oral Literacy to put different



food groups, this was done through working in pairs, whole class and through groups. The students enjoyed this every morning and there was a change in lunch box food students brought. They brought food from all the food groups. We all had an enjoyable term 2 and wish all the students have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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Room 7

Jonty shared about how the Army are in town, his class attended the Open Day. They were able to look at all the different vehicles the Army have. The Army will be here for a while doing training, he said there are going to be more Army people coming to Port Augusta soon.



Room 6 & 8

Last Friday the students from Rooms 6 and 8 went on excursion to Melrose. This consolidated their learning about food and where it comes from. The students were able to look at some farm animals, historical farming and we then had lunch at the hotel. Everyone enjoyed the day.





Season Starts
Tuesday 2nd August
Central Oval Complex
6-7pm
8 week program

Inclusive Basketball is an 8 week basketball program for players
from 8 years to 21 years.

The program is for players who have an intellectual or
physical disability; learning difficulties or special needs.

Players cannot be registered with a basketball association.

All players must be accompanied by parent/carer at all times.

Coaches and Umpires are dedicated volunteers with the necessary qualifications.

Further details

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