



# PORT AUGUSTA SPECIAL SCHOOL

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## Newsletter - August 2016 - Issue 8

### News from the Principal...

Dear Families,

I would like to share with you the positive way in which families have responded to the Student Learning Portfolios that were sent home at the end of Term 2. The feedback that was provided by families via the survey was very positive. Families liked that they could see learning and work samples for their child and could also see the links to curriculum and NEP goals. Thank you to the families that responded to the survey.

I will be taking long service leave for the remainder of this term, returning to school in term 4. Phil Oliver will take over the leadership of the school in my absence. We welcome Ms Richa Mathur who has been appointed to the school to take over the teaching commitments that Phil and I currently have as well as providing additional support to Phil when needed.

Autism SA will be visiting the school in Week 4 but the focus of the visit is yet to be completed.

Governing Council has approved a Student Free Day for Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Staff will undertake professional learning on that day with a focus on two topics -

- 1) Supporting Students with Challenging Behaviour and
- 2) Improving Learning through Technology.

The themed topic for learning for Term 3 across the school is "Be Active". Staff have worked together to develop curriculum outcomes using events such as the Rio Olympics, Basketball Carnival, Sports Day in Pt Pirie and the Premiers Be-Active Challenge to create relevance, interest and purpose for learning.

Have you registered with the NDIA? To access taxi transport DECD requires an NDIA registration number and access to taxi transport for school needs to be included in the students' NDIA Plan. From 2017 onwards ALL students will need an NDIA number to access transport.

Regards, *Anne*

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Governing Council Meeting

**Monday August 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
STUDENT FREE DAY - Staff Training

**Thursday Sept 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Port Pirie Basketball Carnival

**Wednesday September 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Governing Council Meeting

**Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
End of Term Assembly

**Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
End of Term 3



**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
Start of Term 4



Port Augusta Special School have a Facebook page specifically for school uniforms. It is run by Emily Holden, Governing Council Chairperson. The page is called: **Port Augusta Special School Uniform Swap**.

This page is a place for you to offer or donate second-hand uniforms to other families in our school community.

The purchase of **new** school uniforms remains through the school front office.

The group is open for the Port Augusta Special School parents and staff only.

## **ADVERTISEMENT**

Benjamin Green is a private Music Teacher for bass and electric guitar.

If you are looking for lessons for your child outside of school hours you may wish to make contact with Ben to discuss qualifications and costs. Call: 0447 098 722



## **Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

We have commenced the annual nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability ('the Collection'). This collection of information is done each year.

This will involve the collection of: the number of students receiving adjustments to enable them to participate in education on the same basis as other students; the level of adjustment provided to students; and where known, the student's type of disability.

Under the Collection model the definition of disability is broad and includes learning difficulties, health and mental health conditions.

If your child is identified for inclusion in the Collection, the required information about your child will be included in this year's data collection.

If you have any questions about the data collection, please contact Phil Oliver on 86410882. Further information about the Collection can be found at:

<http://www.education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

## **MOVIE CASTING!** **CALL FOR INDIGENOUS TALENT**

If you are an Indigenous Australian and would like to be in a Feature Film with an incredible storyline about Australian Culture we would love you to attend one of the following Casting Calls (just turn up as yourself).

### **Call 1: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1000 - 1200**

Adelaide Studios, 226 Fullarton Rd, Glenside (drive/walk inside the Glenside Hospital driveway and follow the signs - it's a big building with a clock tower). Just check in at reception.

Contact: Rebecca - 0413 377 878

OR CALL ANGIE 0413 580 982 and I can organise a time to come to you!

This **is a paid job** for all successful applicants and there is no experience necessary.

We are looking for people of all ages, looks, sizes and skills.

Film will be shooting from 29<sup>th</sup> August - 12<sup>th</sup> October

(Daily bookings available over this period. All expenses paid)