



PORT AUGUSTA SPECIAL SCHOOL

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News from the Principal...

Last week was a special one for us as we celebrated SSO Week. Our SSOs provide wonderful support including admin, finance and classroom support. Students and teachers showed their appreciation through a range of activities including thankyou cards, an afternoon tea and some small gifts. **Thank you SSOs for your amazing care and support for our staff and students.**

Students start our **Premiers Be Active Challenge** next week which will run for 4 weeks of daily activities. The annual basketball trip for senior students is next Thursday and Friday in Port Pirie. All the best for our 2 teams. We wish our primary students all the best also for the **Combined sports day on Friday 23rd Sept.**

We hope to see lots of families at our **Family Information Night on Thursday 15th September.** All classrooms will be open and staff will be here to share student learning. There will be displays of student work, demonstrations of our Interactive Whiteboards, Proloquo2Go Communication app on the iPads, Literacy software - Clicker 7, Science activities in Room 1 with Michael and a student music performance. More information will be sent out closer to the event. **The following day will be a School Closure - Friday 16th September.**

On our recent Student Free Day, staff learnt more about using the software program "Activeinspire" on our interactive whiteboards as well as learning with our Regional Behaviour Support Coach Pete Shalley more ways to help students manage their anger in a safe way.

Staff have been working with Aunty Kathy and our Aboriginal Community Education Manager Gwen Martin to learn more about supporting Aboriginal Students in our school. We will be focussing on building even stronger connections between home and school so we can work together in partnership to maximise attendance and learning.

Regards,
Phil

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Wednesday September 14th
Governing Council Meeting

Thursday September 15th
Family Information Night

Friday September 16th
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Tuesday September 20th
End of Term Assembly

Friday September 23rd
Combined Sports day

Friday September 30th
End of Term 3



Monday October 17th
Start of Term 4

Tuesday December 6th
End of year Assembly

Materials & Services Charges

Materials & Services charges are now overdue. Families needing a "school card application" form can collect one from the front office.

It would be appreciated if payments can be made ASAP. Do you know that you can direct deposit into the school account? If interested in this easy option please contact the school.

SSO Week 2016



Keep your kids smiling

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