



PORT AUGUSTA SPECIAL SCHOOL

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Welcome to Term 4, a term that is always busy as the school year draws to a close.

This term there will be swimming and a student life skills lunch in which each class will prepare a dish to share. More information about swimming and the lunch will be provided closer to the dates. The end of term assembly will celebrate and acknowledge our students' accomplishments throughout the year.

Portfolios and End of Year Report

Teachers will be preparing learning portfolios to send home at the end of the term to demonstrate to families the learning that has been achieved by individual students. Each student will also receive an end of year report.

SACE

Our Senior SACE students are also completing their work ready for moderation after which results will be submitted to the SACE Board. Some of our senior students will complete SACE Modified this year.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Our SRC has been busy producing a video about their accomplishments this year that Sarah will share with leaders from other schools in our partnership. They are also excited about the publication of the first edition of the school newspaper which will feature interesting opinions from students on school and home life, **READ ALL ABOUT IT SOON!** And of course planning how they can contribute to end of the school year events!

Sarah

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Cam

Principal

Deputy Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

27 October Student Free Day

*8 November Governing Council Meeting
9.15am*

16 November Life Skills Lunch

16 November Graduation

7 December Assembly 9.30am



Materials & Services Charges

Materials & Services charges are now due.

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.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY

COMMUNICATION
CORNER



Shared Story Reading at Home

Kelly Falcione, DECD Speech Pathologist, Port Augusta Special School

Shared story reading is a fantastic opportunity to develop oral language skills including both receptive language (listening skills) and expressive language (talking skills). During shared reading time focus on having a conversation with your child rather than just reading the words to them.

- Try to make comments throughout the book to help stimulate conversation. You can describe the pictures or talk about what might happen next. (e.g. "I can see a big fluffy dog! It looks like our pet dog")
- Introduce and explain new words that you come across while reading the book. This will support development of vocabulary.
- It is okay to repeat books multiple times as this will support understanding and skill development.

Support children to tell their own stories

Students can make their own stories by recounting events or experiences from home (e.g. their birthday party, their visit to the park). Take photos or draw pictures of what happened to turn their story into a book. The pictures will also support them to remember the details. Give them examples of what they could say (e.g. where they were, who else was there and what happened next). Let your child practise telling the story at home. Once they feel confident encourage them to tell the story to a family member, peer or a teacher while using the pictures to support.



Using AAC during shared story time

- If your child has complex communication needs ensure that their Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) device (e.g. PODD or Proloquo2Go) is used during shared story reading.
- Before reading a new book check that the vocabulary related to the story is available on your child's device, or add new vocabulary so they are able to talk about the story.
- As you read the book and make comments verbally, ensure you also model by pointing to relevant pictures using the AAC device.



NDIS – National Disability Insurance Scheme

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is coming to the Far North.

NDIS is a new way of delivering services and support for people with permanent and significant disability in Australia. With NDIS, people with disability can choose supports and services to meet their individual needs, rather than have to fit into a one-size-fits-all system.

Port Augusta Community Expo is happening on:

Date: Wednesday 11th October 2017

Time: 11am to 2pm

Venue: Central Oval Complex

(10 Augusta Tce, Port Augusta)



You can register online to attend the free community expo at www.mysupportmychoice.sa.gov.au or telephone 1800 952 962 (9am to 5pm).

If you need help or support with doing this please contact the Port Augusta Carers SA on 8641 1844.

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MEAN to ME?



JULIA ROBERTS

OWEN WILSON

JACOB TREMBLAY

THURSDAY 23 NOVEMBER

6 for 6.30pm at CINEMA AUGUSTA

Tickets \$25

Includes nibbles & drinks

Tickets for Sale

Port Augusta Special School

Comfort Inn Augusta Westside

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ARE YOU READY TO MEET AUGGIE PULLMAN?

