



PORT AUGUSTA SPECIAL SCHOOL

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News from the Principal...

Student Representative Council (SRC)

We are very excited to announce that our SRC held their first meeting on Monday 27 March. The group discussed the purpose of the SRC and watched a short clip on participating in the group. The SRC have decided to be involved in producing a short film about Ability.

We would like to introduce our SRC members.



Jeremy, Katie, Mathew, Lucy, Dylan and AJ.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be held on Friday 7 April on the Flinders View Oval, beginning at 9.30am. Students will be divided into teams and allocated a colour. The day will begin with a rotation of events including egg and spoon race, parachute, throwing events, kicking goals and hurdles. After a short recess break students will participate in a tug of war, 3 legged race, sack race and relays.

A sausage sizzle (\$3) will be available on the day. Room 5 will also be selling cupcakes to raise funds for Autism SA. A cupcake order form was sent home earlier this week.

All families/caregivers are welcome to attend and enjoy the day.

Professional Learning and Development Groups

Included in this newsletter is information about our four Professional Learning and Development groups. The four focus areas are:

- Whole School Programs
- Post School Options
- Connecting with the Broader Community and Education Community
- Wellbeing, Social Skills and Behaviour

During our student free day, staff worked on identifying project within the four areas. Each group has provided a short summary on the projects they will be developing over the next 2 terms.

Sarah

Principal

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Cam

Deputy Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 7 April Sports Day
Flinders View Oval 9.30am start

Thursday 13 April Assembly
9.30am

Thursday 13 April
End of Term 1 – 2pm Dismissal

Monday 1 May start of Term 2

38th Annual

Laura Folk Fair

1 & 2 April 2017

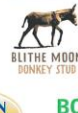
Great family entertainment all weekend
Amazing Drumming Monkeys / Hip Hop Bounce
Mr Oopy the Bubble Man / Wobbles The Clown

SATURDAY NIGHT
The BordererS from 5:30pm / Fireworks 8:30pm

Special Guest **SA Police Band** on Sunday

Over 100 stalls / Ice Cream Eating Competition
 Showmens Guild of SA Rides / Sideshow Ally
 Petting Zoo / Face Painting / Great Food

FREE ENTRY!



Everybody needs a Buddy

We are looking at developing “Buddy Programs at PASpS.

This could look like:

- Buddy Programs across year levels.
- Building relationships between our students and those from other schools.



Let's Be Positive

Our emphasis is to encourage Positive Behaviour at PASpS.

- We would like to promote Positive Behaviour through the school newsletter, making story books in the classroom and power point presentations.
- There will be a Principal's award presented at the end of term assembly for a student displaying Positive Behaviour.

Whole School Program

This year we have a Whole School Program based on two major topics namely; Life Skills, Music and Dance. We saw the need for these areas as they will assist our students to acquire some basic life skills and movements for enabling them to live independently in their community.

We would appreciate and look forward to your contributions towards this program thus completing the survey sheet which would follow shortly.

Whole School Program Team

Chandra, Karen and Jill

POST SCHOOL OPTIONS

Our professional learning/development community is focusing on Post School Options for our senior students. We are aiming to provide a successful transition between school and life after school.

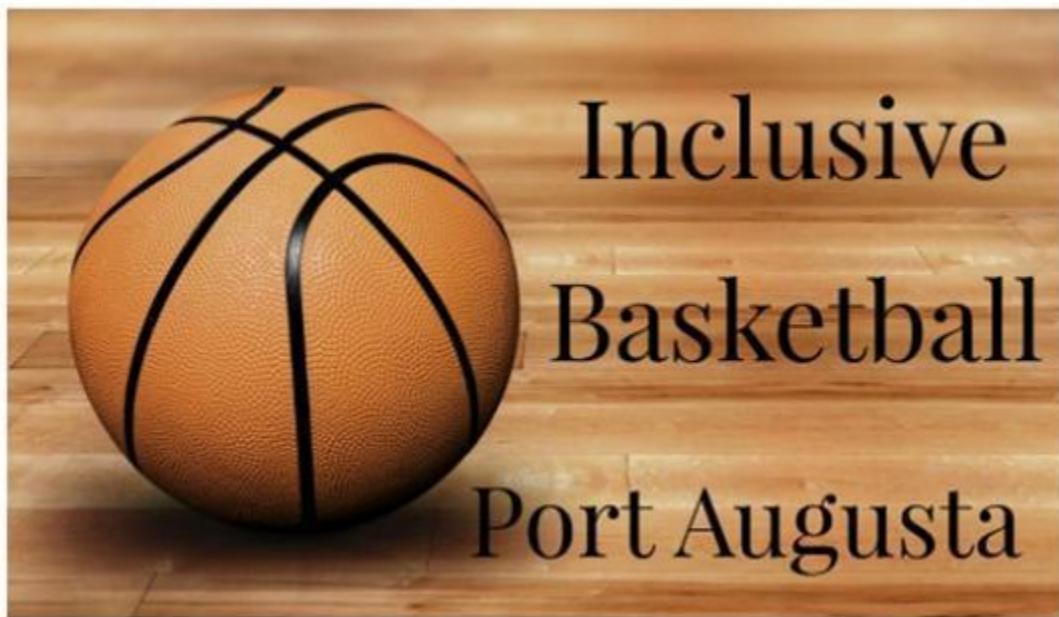
We are working towards:

- 1) Developing a tracking document to map pathways for individual students.
- 2) Increasing our knowledge of and connection with local supporting agencies. This will allow us to effectively use their services to best achieve outcomes for our students.

We are really enthusiastic about our learning project and look forward to sharing our progress with you.

Connecting to the Broader Education and Local Community

- 1) The intended outcome of the first project is to increase community engagement and to nurture a sense of belonging. Mrs L, Richa and Julia are working to highlight key events throughout the year for students to participate in. We want students to connect with the broader community by participating in local events. Examples include NAIDOC Week and the Christmas pageant. We are aiming to increase community involvement within our school.
- 2) The intended outcome of the second project is to build connections between students at Port Augusta Special School and a mainstream primary school to promote inclusion and understanding amongst diverse groups. We aim to support social development through a buddy program and building a broader outlook on education. This will be trialled in Term 2.



Season Starts
Tuesday 9th May
Central Oval Complex
6-7pm

Inclusive Basketball is a basketball program for both junior and senior players.

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
Join our facebook group
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Emily Holden (Parent) 0427 373 035