



# Port Augusta Special School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### ASSEMBLY

7 NOVEMBER  
12 DECEMBER

### GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING 9.15AM

6 NOVEMBER  
4 DECEMBER

### SWIMMING R-7 2 DECEMBER TO 6 DECEMBER

### AQUATICS 13 NOVEMBER & 15 NOVEMBER

### YEAR 12 GRADUATION 20 NOVEMBER

### END OF TERM 4 13 DECEMBER DISMISSAL AT 2PM



## From the Principal

### Basketball Carnival

Students who participated in the recent **basketball carnival** enjoyed themselves and their behaviour was a credit to our school. We had 2 teams and students enjoyed 7 games of basketball over the 2 days. Thursday evening students participated in a dinner and disco then returned to their accommodation at the Mid North Education Centre for outdoor games. Thank you to Simone, Kath, Cheryl, Chelsea and Keith for organising and attending the event.

### 2020 Class Structure

Classes for 2020 are being configured. At this stage we have 5 fulltime classes. We recognise that transitions for our students within our site are significant and successful experiences. Transition sessions are known to impact positively on wellbeing and learning. Staff have decided to provide an extended transition for the students. Weekly transition visits will begin in Week 2 with a short visit to their new class and gradually increase in time over the term.

Monday 21/10 - 8.50-9.30

Monday 28/10 – 8.50-9.40

Monday 4/11 – 8.50-10.30

Monday 11/11 – 8.50-10.30

Monday 18/11 - 8.50-12.40

Monday 25/11 – 8.50-3

Monday 9/12 – 8.50-3

### Special Education Port School Expo

On Thursday 14 November 2019 Port Augusta Secondary School and Port Augusta Special School will be running a Special Education Expo at Port Augusta Secondary School from 4:30pm to 6:00pm.

At 5:00pm agencies such as NDIS, CBS, Bedford, Orana etc will be conducting a brief overview of the services they provide. Following these presentations, the providers will be available to talk with families about their students' needs and services available.

*Sarah French*



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of South Australia  
Department for Education

# ***PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY***

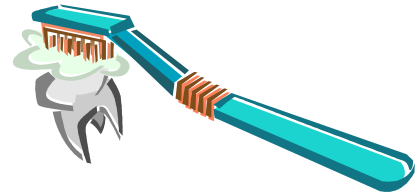
Red Cross wants everyone in our school community to be prepared for any emergency, large or small. It has been an early start to the summer disaster season, but there are simple ways your family can be prepared.

## Three simple tools to help your family get prepared:

1. Create an emergency plan
2. Download the 'Get Prepared' app
3. Prepare your emergency survival kit



You can't always prevent an emergency, but by being prepared families can reduce their stress and cope better afterward.



SA Dental Service

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Phone: 8668 7840

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# Anthony & Uzeema enjoying the Spa



# BUILDING ATTENDANCE HABITS

How to help your child build a habit of going to preschool or school every day.



regular evening and bedtime routine and enough sleep



limit the use of electronic devices in the evenings



help your child be organised in the morning to get them to school on time



arrange alternative transport in case something unexpected happens



take family vacations during school holidays



make appointments outside of school hours or in school holidays



talk positively about school



show interest in what your child is learning, their progress and their friends



regularly communicate with your child's teacher

