



Port Augusta Special School

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ISSUE 14

OCTOBER

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

We have had a busy start to Term 4. This term students are participating in transition to their 2020 classes. After 2 weeks students have settled well during the short visits and next week time increases to the block before recess on Monday mornings. As yet, we cannot confirm the final staffing for 2020. We are still waiting on appointments and approvals from Department for Education Human Resources staff to confirm any new teacher appointments to our school. Hopefully this will be completed by the end of the term and you will be notified as soon as possible.

Other activities this term include swimming, aquatics, Children's University Graduation, assemblies and end of term excursions. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions about activities this term.

Family Night

Family Night was extremely well supported by our community. The students enjoyed performing and displayed confidence and enthusiasm during each item. One highlight was the drumming performance lead by Chris our instrumental music teacher who has worked in our site for 2 lessons each week this year. Of course another favourite was TV by Me showcasing the wonderful learning in each class.

Reports and Portfolios

This term you will review your child's portfolio and report. Portfolios give a snapshot of the students achievements including their One Plan goals. Portfolios will be sent home on **Friday 29th November**. In addition to Portfolios, students will receive a written report. Student reports will be sent home on **Wednesday 11th December**.

Sarah French

Attendance

Attendance Awards for Term 3 will be distributed at next assembly on 7 November. Is your child in the running for a Gold or Silver Award? Are you letting the school know when your child is going to be away? Consistent attendance helps your child not only with their learning but also get into a routine, socialise with friends, increase language skills and socially appropriate behaviours.

Sue Duffy



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of South Australia
Department for Education



PAWPS Governing Council presents

Calm & Confident Kids

Facilitated by Child Psychologist
Kirrilie Smout

Helping parents to know how to support children aged 5-12 when they are worried, scared, stressed and sad and how to increase their resiliency skills.

WEDNESDAY 6th Nov 2019

7:00pm to approx 9:00pm

at

PORT AUGUSTA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

Seminar covers:

- What are causes of anxiety and stress in children
- What to say and not say when children are worried, stressed or anxious
- What parenting behaviours help anxious children - and which accidentally make them worse
- How to help children take steps to act more confidently
- How to "de-escalate" situations when children are extremely anxious or experiencing panic
- How to help children talk more confidently to themselves rather than rely on parent reassurance

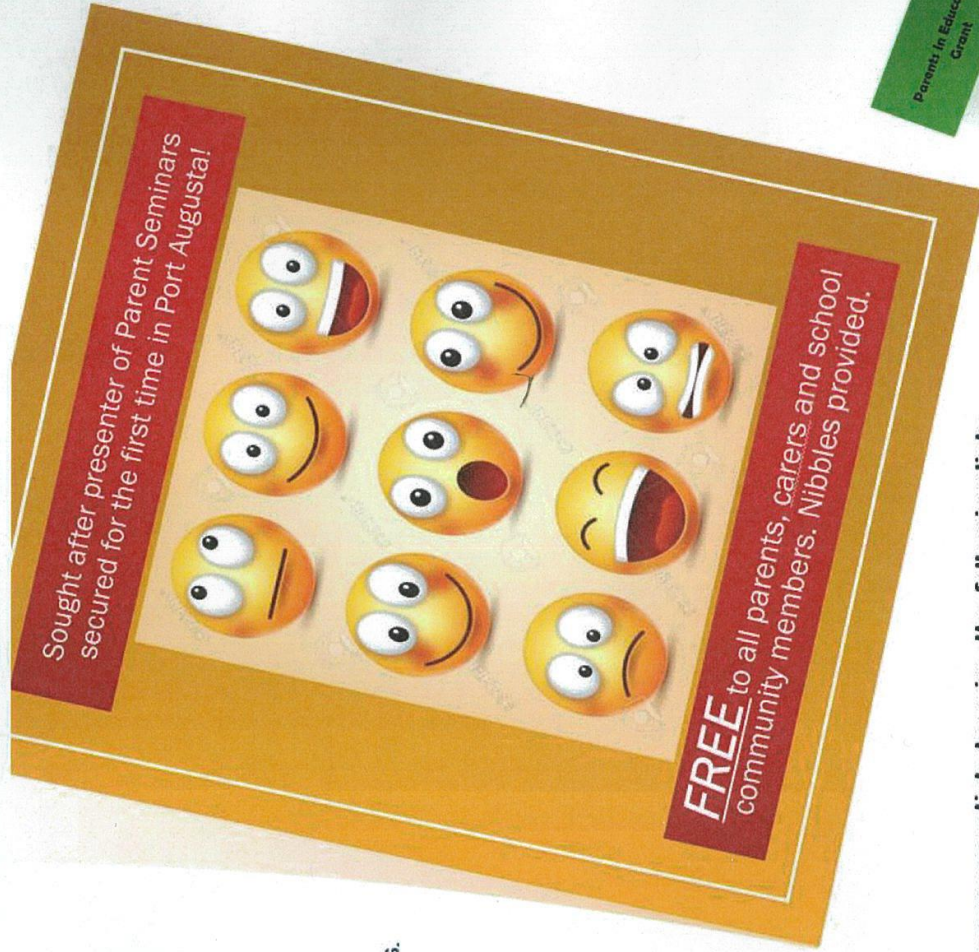


DEVELOPING MINDS
Helping kids & teens feel calm, confident,
cooperative and cope with challenges

Register your interest and secure your tickets using the following link:

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?embed&eid=559717>

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Sought after presenter of Parent Seminars secured for the first time in Port Augusta!

FREE to all parents, carers and school community members. Nibbles provided.

Parents in Education Grant