



Port Augusta Special School

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DECEMBER

DATES TO REMEMBER

ASSEMBLY

12 DECEMBER

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

12.00 PM

11 DECEMBER

SWIMMING R-7

2 DECEMBER TO

6 DECEMBER

END OF TERM 4

13 DECEMBER

CINEMA VISIT TO SEE

FROZEN 2 AND

DISMISSAL AT 2PM



From the Principal

As the school year draws to a close I would like to share some of the highlights with you -

- TV by Me
- Whole school use of PODD
- Basketball Carnival for Secondary students in Port Pirie
- Open Night and Family Night
- Successful completion of Premier's Reading Challenge and Be-Active Challenge
- Successful fundraising undertaken by the Governing Council including Derby Day
- Community support through the use of spa, public library, swimming pool, Aquatics Centre, local shops & businesses - all which provide a practical platform for student learning
- Ongoing support to student learning from speech pathologists, specialist teachers from Kilparrin and Autism SA and therapists from Novita

Farewells

Sadly, we say farewell to Taylor Miles, Sobhna Lata and Christine Chilvers. We thank them for their hard work, time and effort they have contributed this year and wish them all the best for the future.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff and families for their support this year. We are fortunate to have such a helpful and understanding school community who is always willing to focus on the needs of our students. My time at Port Augusta Special School has been enjoyable and rewarding and I know I will always have fond memories of my time here.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday with family and friends.

Sarah French



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of South Australia
Department for Education

The students in Room 8 had some interesting questions about Christmas, so they researched them. We thought you may be interested too.

Why does Santa wear red?

The legend goes that Santa's suit is red because of a hugely successful advertising campaign for Coca-Cola that featured a big Father Christmas wearing red robes with a white trim, the soft drinks colours. But the red and white actually derive from the colours of Saint Nicholas.

So just how old is Santa Claus right now, in 2019?

Santa Claus is 1,748 years old, but that is a young age for an elf!

So what does make Rudolph's nose glow red?

Scientists thought Rudolph's red nose was due to an excess of blood in the vessels supplying the reindeer's nasal passages, caused by the exertion of pulling a heavy load – Santa's sleigh and his sacks of gifts.

Why does Santa use reindeer?

The wisecrack answer is because Chihuahuas are too small and Elephants are too big.

Why do we have Christmas Trees?

The evergreen fir tree has traditionally been used to celebrate winter festivals (pagan and Christian) for thousands of years. Pagans used branches of it to decorate their homes during the winter.



HIPPY encourages a love of learning and promotes language, listening skills and concentration. HIPPY makes learning fun and stress- free for all involved.

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Families Learning Together

Enrolling Now

Holiday Competition

Design a sign to be displayed in areas children play across Port Augusta.

Promoting putting phones away and spending time with children

Must be on an A4 white page and have:

- Drawing or artwork and a
- Slogan or message for adults

Competition closes Friday 21st February 2020.

Please drop completed posters to Marie at :
Port Augusta Library

Posters will be displayed at the Library for children to vote on best poster in collaboration with the Early Childhood Network.

There will also be three lucky draws, prizes TBA

Winner receives a sports pack worth \$50.

Call Rhiannon at EYPC for more information 86485910