



# Port Augusta Special School

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING GOVERNING COUNCIL**  
20 MARCH

**HARMONY DAY**  
TO BE CELEBRATED ON  
22 MARCH

**FOOTSTEPS PERFORMANCE**  
25 & 28 MARCH

**ASSEMBLY DAYS**  
28 FEBRUARY  
4 APRIL

**SPORTS DAY**  
5 APRIL

### Materials & Services Charges

Materials & Services charges are now due. Families needing a "school card application" form can collect one from the front office.

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.

### From the Acting Principal

The National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) is only 1 week away! Our school will stand united with over 5600 schools across the nation to send a powerful message that bullying and violence is NEVER OK. Thank you to Rhian McInerney who has been organising events to recognise this day as an important reminder that bullying is NOT OK.

Thank you to Taylor Miles and Billie Venning for mentoring staff from another school in teaching and management strategies; and the use of PODD as a communication tool so that students may have a voice in everyday life and learn language.

SACE students are well into their work experience now at Bedford in Whyalla and enjoying the work and rekindling friendships made last year.

Our first assembly for the year was made enjoyable by our first TVbyMe show for 2019. Students enjoyed watching themselves and learning what others at school can achieve. Thank you to Keith Newbery for his persistence and creativity in producing the show.

We look forward to activities on Friday 22 March to celebrate Harmony Day where the whole school will come together in activities to celebrate our differences.

*Sue Duffy*

**Deputy Principal**



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# Safe4Kids



Building resilience and empowering children *parent tips*

1. Have a secret family code in case of an emergency. It might be a word, a phrase or something of significance in the family. You can use it when you need to send someone the child does not know to pick them up from school, or for occasions when you need your child to stop what they are doing and listen to you.
2. Keep computers in a public place in your home. Use applications that help you monitor what websites your child is visiting.
3. Help your child make a Safety Team of five people they trust and feel safe with, and who will listen to your child. These people should be known to you. There needs to be dialogue with these people so they are aware of what is required of them as Safety Team member.
4. When going into a crowded or unfamiliar place, have an emergency plan in case your child becomes separated or lost. Talk about who would be the best adult to speak to when needing assistance; a police officer, security guard, a lady with a pram, a shopkeeper.

**Child protection needs to be a priority for everyone!**

## ALL SAINTS PARISH

All Saints Catholic Church (51 Flinders Terrace), invites students who have been baptised Catholic from year 3 and above for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), year 4 and above for Communion and year 7 for Confirmation.

Registration forms for the sacramental program (4-6 weeks) are available from the church or parish office.

Any enquiries please phone the parish on 8642 2847 or  
Fr Paul Crotty on 0427 321 238



# MAKE EVERYDAY COUNT



Attendance is critical for the success of any student therefore; it is paramount that our students continue to attend school, except in the cases of illness or family emergencies.

Remember that every day counts, don't miss out.

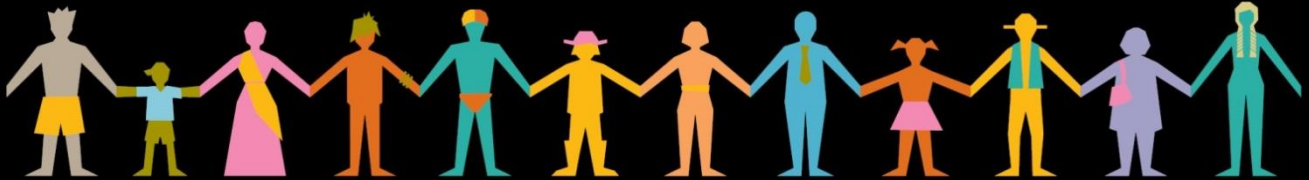
When your child misses...	That equals to...	Which is...	Resulting in from reception to year 12...
1 day a fortnight	20 days a year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years of no schooling.
1 day a week	40 days a year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years of no schooling
2 days a week	80 days a year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of no schooling
3 days a week	120 days a year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years of no schooling

Regular attendance at school contributes to opportunities for success, improved job opportunities, generate financial independence, develop life skills and improve wellbeing overall.



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# HARMONY DAY



## FRIDAY MARCH 22

Each class will choose a cultural identity to decorate their room in or they may choose to decorate the room in orange.

Students may choose to dress culturally along with the class theme or come dressed in orange.

Classes will choose a cultural food to cook and supply at lunchtime.

Lunchtime will be a sit down lunch in The Activity Room, where students will bring their own lunch and get to try some of the cultural dishes prepared by all classes.



**EVERYONE BELONGS**  
[www.harmony.gov.au](http://www.harmony.gov.au)

# **SPELD SA Free parent workshops**

## **Port Augusta**

SPELD SA invites you to a rural and regional event being held in Port Augusta on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd March 2019.

The following 5 free workshops are suitable for Parents of Children in Preschool, Junior, Primary and Secondary School but numbers are limited, so book early.

(NOTE: The Dyslexia workshop is repeated on the second day)

### **1. Dyslexia: What it is and how to help at home - Presenter: Sandy Russo**

**Friday 22nd March 2019: 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm ACDT**

**Saturday 23rd March 2019: 9:00 am - 11:00 am ACDT**

This session looks at the problems encountered by students with dyslexia (all ages) and the ways in which they can be assisted. Each family attending will receive a copy of the AUSPELD Understanding Learning Difficulties Guide to take home as a reference guide.

Book Dyslexia: What it is - Saturday 23 March 2019 - 9.00am

### **2. Hearing Sounds in Words (Phonemic Awareness) - a key literacy skill - Presenter: Sandy Russo**

**Friday 22nd March 2019: 9:00 am - 11:00 am ACDT**

This hands-on workshop will investigate the relationship between 'hearing sounds in words' and the development of literacy – reading, writing and spelling. Participants will leave equipped with:

- An insight into the numerous phonemic (sound) aspects of literacy
- Strategies to support your child's literacy development
- Games and activities to nurture your child's literacy development

Suitable for parents of Preschool to Year 2.

Book Hearing Sounds in Words - Friday 22 March 2019 - 9.00am

### **3. Technology that helps - Presenter: Sandy Russo**

**Friday 22nd March 2019: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm ACDT**

Come and look at some of the best assistive and remedial software for students (all ages) who have difficulties in literacy and numeracy. We will explore what works and how to use it.

Book Technology that helps - Friday 22 March 2019 - 11:30am

### **4. Using a six box in planning - all genres - all year levels - paper based or PowerPoint -**

**Presenter: Sandy Russo**

**Saturday 23rd March 2019: 11:30 am - 1:30 pm ACDT**

Writing involves many processes and by the time pen touches paper and the challenge of working out how to spell the first word or even which word to use is reached by a struggling writer, the rest of their ideas have disappeared from their memory.

This session focuses on how a six box structure can be used when planning any writing task in a paper based form and in PowerPoint. The six box structure is also easily used in a PowerPoint platform which helps students with working memory issues. You will leave the session with the knowledge of how to use a six box and the different strategies and programs that Sandy finds useful with the students she works with.

Book Using a Six Box - Saturday 23 March 2019 - 11:30am

### **5. Explicit Teaching Techniques for Reading - Presenter: Sandy Russo**

**Saturday 23rd March 2019: 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm ACDT**

Some students in Years 3 to 7 need a refresher course in how to use phonics to read. Take part in a group lesson that will demonstrate a sequence of teaching strategies and techniques designed to develop automatic decoding skills and improve fluency.

Book Explicit Teaching Techniques for Reading - Saturday 23 March 2.30pm







2019 Season begins

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Central Oval Complex  
Juniors 6pm  
Seniors 7pm

Inclusive Basketball is a modified basketball program,  
played Tuesday nights throughout winter.

The focus of this program is to provide an opportunity to  
build self-esteem; develop social skills; assist with emotional development;  
encourage team work; develop leadership skills; promote a healthy and  
active lifestyle; and to join a community-based program.

Further details

Facebook: Inclusive Basketball Port Augusta  
Emily Holden 0427 373 035

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