# Port Augusta Special School

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ISSUE 1 JANUARY

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**SWIMMING**
WEEKS 2, 3 AND 4

**SCHOOL FEES DUE**
10 FEBRUARY

**ASSEMBLY**
4 MARCH
8 APRIL

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
8 MARCH

**GOOD FRIDAY**
2 APRIL

**EASTER MONDAY**
5 APRIL

**LAST DAY OF TERM 1**
9 APRIL

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**
26 APRIL

**TERM 2 START**
27 APRIL

**YEAR 8 & 10 IMMUNISATIONS**
26 MAY

**From the Principal**

Welcome back to the start of another school year and let's all hope this one is a bit kinder to us than 2020 was ☺

Term 1 should see the process completed for appointing a School Principal for the next five years. Our Governing Council will work closely with the District Office in ensuring that is a smooth process and that the right candidate is appointed to take the school forward through the next stage of its educational journey.
I am ensuring processes are in place for us to embark on an ambitious plan of improvement through 2021, and it is my intention to ensure that the school is at point where a newly appointed principal can seamlessly transition into the position and keep that as a focus area to build upon.
More on the Improvement Plan as the term progresses.

As you would by now realise, we have expanded our class structure to six classes, each with an instructional team of one teacher and one SSO in each class. In effect we have increased our staff by a teacher and an SSO, based on the number of student enrolments we had at the end of last year. In order for this to be of real benefit we need to ensure that all students that are enrolled attend regularly, particularly as term one includes attendance audits and census surveys. Please ensure your child is attending school and that (wherever possible) they arrive before the day commences at 8.50am.
We have had a really good start to 2021 and the vibe around the school is very positive. Students are enjoying their swimming activities and have settled in well with their teachers.

*Tony Holden*

**PRINCIPAL**

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## From the Deputy Principal

The year has begun as a very busy and physical one. In Week 1 we saw the high school students attend 2 days of aquatics. The weather was ideal for this and the students enjoyed the experience immensely. In Week 2 we had swimming begin for the primary students for a 3 week block.
Even though the days are disrupted, the students learn many new skills and safety knowledge. It is also good for their physical development and gross motor skills. Also the students participated in the Footsteps dance program, where they enjoyed the music and coordinated with some dance moves.
Teachers have been busy getting to know their students and programming for them. One Plan goals are being developed and One Plan meetings are scheduled for Week 6 and Week 7.
Next week there will be a family information night, where families are invited to meet their child's teacher, visit their classrooms and join us for a sausage sizzle. For catering purposes please return the slip with how many family members will be attending by Monday 15 February.

*Sue*

Deputy Principal

**FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT**

**Wednesday 17 February**

**5:30 – 7:30**

Come and meet the teachers in your child's class.

Join us for a Sausage Sizzle at 6:30pm

Please return the slip below to indicate how many people

Will be joining us for the sausage sizzle.

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**Child's Name:…….**

**No. of People for tea:…….**

## Room 2

Welcome to Room 2!! We have had an exciting start for the year! We have been focusing on getting to know each other as the members are from different classes from last year, and we welcomed Sophie Key to the school.

We have also been working on the class routines and values, which help us greatly to create our positive learning environment for all. We can't wait to see what we can do together as the year progresses!

Smile

Listening ears!

Focus eyes!

You can do it!

Sharing

**Are you ok?**
**Shōganai, Never mind**
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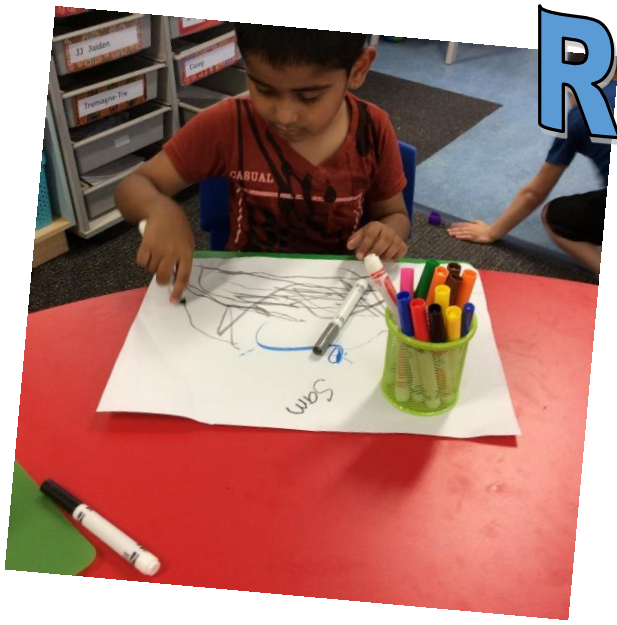
# Room 5



What a wonderful start to the year, 5 energetic and curious boys all starting their school journey together. We have all found things that we like to do and found that we can do so many things in school. We love outside best though in school we spend lots of time inside. We have explored many inside activities and already learned about how to sit and concentrate to finish our chosen activities. We are all looking forward to learning more about each other, ourselves and realising our amazing abilities.

# Year 8 & 10 Immunisations

26 May 2021

Please return consent forms to the front office as soon as possible

# APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD

All types of School Card applications **are now online.**

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

**STEP 1** Visit **sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard**

**STEP 2** Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.

**STEP 3** Complete all mandatory fields.
*Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.*

**STEP 4** Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.

**STEP 5** Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.
*Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.*

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.

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# School Fees

School fees are due 10 February 2021.

For help with school card applications or payment plans,

Please see Kristy in the front office.

Families eligible for school card can now apply online at SA.GOV.AU and click on the School Card Scheme link.