



Port Augusta Special School

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ISSUE 2

MARCH

DATES TO REMEMBER

GOVERNING COUNCIL
22 MARCH 9:30AM

STUDENT FREE DAYS
10 MARCH
6 APRIL

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
13 MARCH
7 APRIL
10 APRIL

YEAR 7, 8 AND 10 IMMUNISATIONS
29 MARCH

ASSEMBLY
13 APRIL

LAST DAY OF TERM 1
14 APRIL 2PM DISMISSAL

REMINDING FAMILIES THAT STUDENTS FINISH EARLY EVERY MONDAY AT 2.00PM

From the Principal ...

Welcome to the second edition of our newsletter. Our new website is beginning to take shape and over the next few weeks or so, we will be uploading revised documents and up-to-date copies of the Context Statement, Site Improvement Plan, Annual Report and various policy documents, including the new Government-directed Mobile Phone Policy for schools in SA. Our new web address is:

<https://ptaugspss.sa.edu.au/>

For those who haven't heard, as from the beginning of Term 3, all schools across SA will be implementing a 'No Mobile Phone at Schools' Policy. We will be developing ours over the coming weeks and will keep you advised of where we are up to in the developmental stage. Decisions will need to be made around where students can hand up their phones for safe keeping during the day. My advice is, unless there is a very sound reason for mobile phones to be brought to school, that students leave them home. We will be requiring that all phones brought to school are submitted to a central place for safe-keeping – students will not be permitted to keep mobile phones or use them during school operating hours. (Not that mobile phones are an issue at our site, but we must still comply with Department requirements). More to come on this one.

Our Governing Council held its AGM recently and we head into 2023 with much the same Committee, with the welcome edition of Tania Evans. It is good to have a stable group made up of parents predominantly with young children, as this means we could have good representation for some time to come. We always welcome new members and we can add to the group at any time. Roles remain the same, or similar with the addition of John Rivandi replacing Jill Byrne as the Staff rep. It is with extreme pleasure we welcome back Mick Bunder as the Chairperson for another year and I, as principal, look forward to working with Mick in 2023.

With Regards

Tony Holden

A Note from Sue

Under the Disability Standards for Education, all children and students with disability are entitled to a personalised learning approach the One Plan. This approach involves consultation, identification of needs, the provision of reasonable adjustments and regular monitoring and review, and should be negotiated, documented and agreed. Last week, teachers began this process and continue this week. Please make time to meet with your child's teacher to have your say about the things that you feel are important for your child.

Need assistance with NDIS? On odd weeks there will be a Local Area Coordinator based at our school. You are able to book in and access via the following.

Rebecca Neilson

Community Engagement LAC

Whyalla, Port Augusta, Flinders Ranges LGA (Quorn, Hawker & Cradock)

National Disability Insurance Scheme LAC Partner

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Regards, Sue



STUDENT INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORMS

Student information and consent forms for 2023 were sent out at the beginning of the term.

Please ensure they are completed and returned to the front office as soon as possible.



Premier's **be active.**

Challenge



By registering early for the Premier's be active Challenge for 2023, Port Augusta Special School have won new sports equipment for our students.

This equipment will be very valuable to our sports program and our students.

Student home internet program

The student home internet program can provide internet access to students who do not have reliable home internet, so they can continue to learn and study at home.

Find out more about the program and how parents and carers can apply by visiting the [department's website](#).

Room 7 Aquatics - Term 1



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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.



sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard



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**Need help applying for school card?
Please ring or visit Andrea in the front office**



PARENT FORUM

March 24th 2023 Adelaide

You are invited to a Parent Forum for parents and carers of children and young people with disability.

The forum will include:

- An update on the Autism Inclusion Teacher Initiative
- An introduction to the AIM Team and their work
- Parent Engagement – Supporting school connections

The forum will provide a safe and supportive environment to share your experience, obtain information and helpful strategies as well as providing the opportunity to have your questions answered.

The information you provide will also assist us in the planning of future forums.

This workshop is for a limited number of parents and carers and will be held maintaining current COVID 19 guidelines.

WHEN: Friday 24th March 2023

9.30 am – 10.00 am Register/tea/coffee

10.00am - 2.15pm Parent Forum

WHERE: Special Education Resource Unit (SERU)

72A Marlborough Street, Henley Beach SA 5022 Ph: 82352871

Please enter via Northey Street

Contact: Education.ParentForum@sa.gov.au if you have any questions

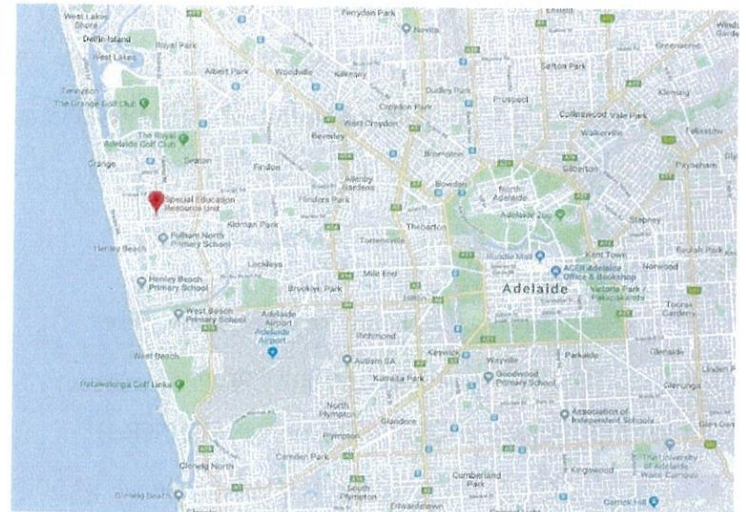
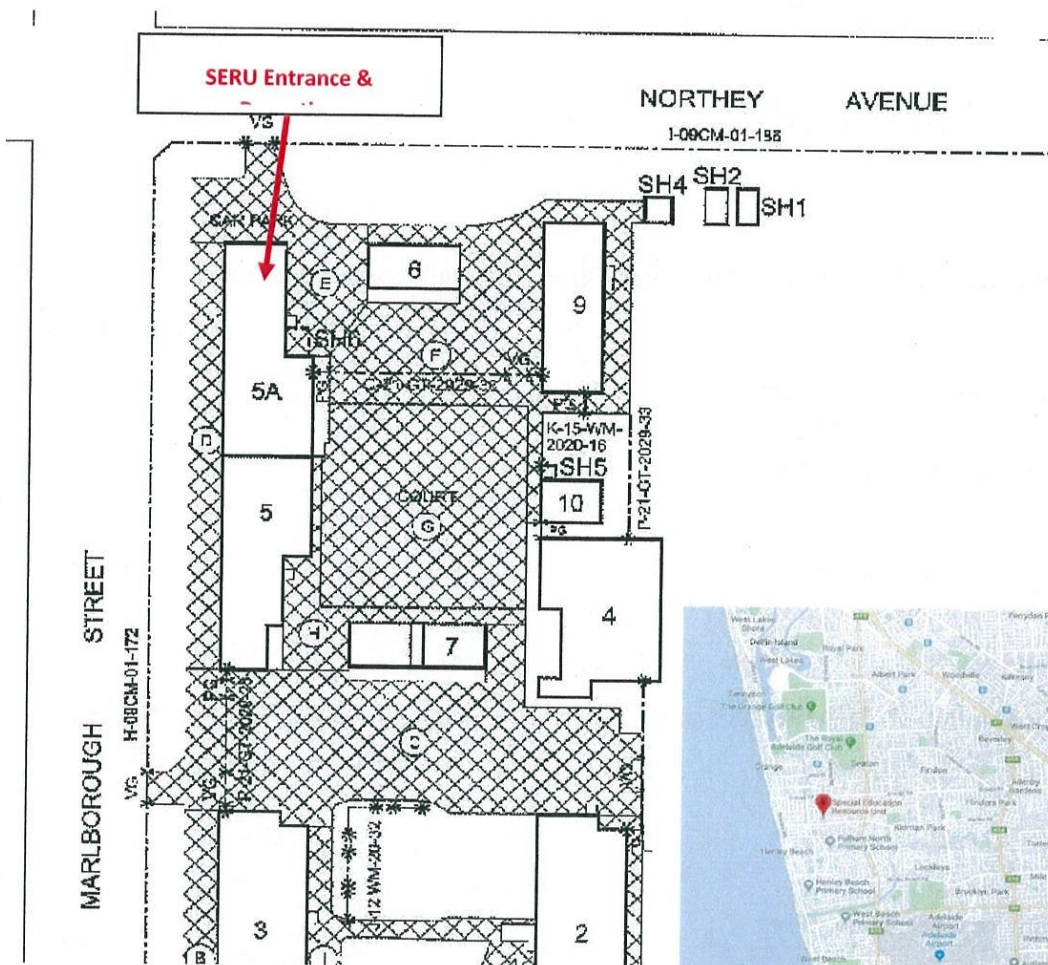
Lunch/refreshments provided

Register via: [Eventbrite](#)

For other information and resources available please visit SERU website: web.seru.sa.edu.au



Location and access to the Special Education Resource Unit (SERU)



Please DO NOT enter via Fulham Gardens Primary School

Location and access to the Special Education Resource Unit (SERU)

Parking and Registration

Parking is available in Northey Avenue, Marlborough Street and surrounding streets.

The entry to the conference is via the Special Education Resource Unit entrance and reception office from Northey Avenue. You will be greeted at SERU where you can sign in before being shown through to the conference room in the grounds of Fulham Gardens Primary School.

Buses

The H33 bus travels to and from the city via Marlborough Street. Stop 27 is the closest bus stop to SERU.



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Dear parent/carer

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PUBLIC EDUCATION: HAVE YOUR SAY

The world is changing and the future we're educating young people for will be different from today.

Our public education needs to adapt to this change to give our children and young people the best opportunity to thrive.

We need to be clear about what we're trying to provide for our students so we can measure whether we're achieving it.

As parents or carers of current preschool or school students, we want to hear what you have to say about how public education can support young people for the future, including what you think are the most important aspects and outcomes of public education.

Please complete our [parent and carer survey \(education.sa.gov.au/carersurvey\)](http://education.sa.gov.au/carersurvey). It takes less than 5 minutes, and your feedback will be invaluable.

Education impacts everyone – it's important we hear from as many people as possible.

We are also consulting with our staff, community members, stakeholders, local South Australian industry and employers and, most importantly, our students.

All students can complete a [student survey \(education.sa.gov.au/studentsurvey\)](http://education.sa.gov.au/studentsurvey). Please encourage your child to go online and have their say too.

All surveys and consultation will close on 17 March 2023.

For more information on the public education consultation, please visit the [Department for Education's website](#).

Thank you for getting involved. I look forward to hearing what you have to say.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Martin Westwell'.

Professor Martin Westwell
CHIEF EXECUTIVE