



# Port Augusta Special School

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ISSUE 3

APRIL

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**LAST DAY OF TERM 1**  
14 APRIL 2PM DISMISSAL

**FIRST DAY OF TERM 2**  
1 MAY

**GOVERNING COUNCIL**  
26 MAY 9:30AM  
16 JUNE 9:30AM

**ASSEMBLY**  
1 JUNE  
6 JULY

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY**  
12 JUNE

**STUDENT FREE DAY**  
13 JUNE

**MISSION AUSTRALIA  
NDIS VISIT 10AM-12PM**  
11 MAY  
25 MAY  
8 JUNE  
22 JUNE

**REMINDING  
FAMILIES THAT  
STUDENTS  
FINISH EARLY  
EVERY MONDAY  
AT 2.00PM**

### *From the Principal ...*

Well Term 1 is almost over and apart from a few staffing issues, we had a remarkably uneventful beginning to the school year.

This year's Leaders Day, saw over 1000 Principals, Directors, LET teams and corporate staff, gather at the Adelaide Convention Centre to hear from our CEO and state politicians about the future of education in SA. I am pleased to convey to you, from all present, that the commitment is still there to make our State a 'World-Class Education Centre' by 2028. The face of education as we know it, is about to change. The current generation is the first to be born in an era where mobile phones, internet and digital technology is not new. We will embrace change here at PASpS, but we will do it in a way that advantages our students, at a pace that suits our students, and with an end-game that meets the Department's expectations and delivers outcomes that advantage our students. Watch this space as things begin to change. The first thing was the implementation of brand-new smart TVs to every classroom and learning area. More to come soon.

Congratulations to Florence Galarita winning the DP role at PASpS for the remainder of 2023. Florence comes to us after being site leader at both Hawker and Leigh Creek Childhood Services Centres for a number of years. Her leadership and management skills are well-known around the Far North Partnership and across the mid and far northern areas of our State. We will welcome Florence at the start of Term 2.

I would like to offer my thanks and congratulations to John, who has stepped into the role of DP for the latter half of this term and done a mighty job. John has undertaken the role in a calm and professional manner and gone about the job of Deputy in a way that has put everyone at ease, ensuring they felt comfortable with his decision making and communication. John and I worked well together, and supported each other during the transition phase of changing leadership. This short stint as deputy, will not be the last we see of John in a leadership capacity. I wish him well.

Thank you also to Sue Duffy for the work she did as DP during her time here. Sue put in countless hours and many long days for the benefit of our students and always had their best-interests at heart. Sue will be missed and on behalf of the PASpS community, we wish her well and all the best for the future.

The deputy job for the next 3-year tenure, beginning January 2024, will be advertised in Term 2. The process will be carried out by a duly elected panel, experienced in selecting the best candidate through merit selection.

*With Regards*

*Tony Holden*



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## *A note from the Deputy*

As we come to the end of Term 1, I would like to take this opportunity to convey my genuine gratitude to every one of you for your hard work, dedication, and support throughout the term.

Our school community is a strong, positive, and supportive one. It is because of your contributions that we can create such a positive learning environment for our learners. Your commitment and devotion to education and the well-being of our students are truly inspiring.

I would like to thank our parents and caregivers for your continuing support and engagement. Your involvement in the school is instrumental in establishing a positive learning environment for our students to grow and thrive. Please keep up the good work and make sure to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your child's learning and well-being.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our teaching, SSOs, and support staff, who have gone above and beyond during Term 1 to ensure that our students have the best possible schooling despite various challenges. Your creativity, flexibility, spirit, hard work, and resilience have been amazing, and it is because of your efforts that our students are able to continue their learning in a safe, positive, supportive, and nurturing environment.

To our support staff, your contributions to the smooth running of the school have been invaluable. Your hard work behind the scenes often goes unnoticed, but it is essential to ensuring that our school operates smoothly.

I hope you all have a relaxing break and look forward to continuing working together in Term 2.

Kind regards,

*John*

*Deputy Principal*



## 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.

# ROOM 7 BRIDGE WALK



On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, Room 7 went for a walk across the new bridge. We saw an old ship, the old bridge, new plants and we looked into the water. Was a great day for a walk!



# Milkshake

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# Arid Lands



Room 8 visited Arid Lands on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> of March. Students used fantastic manners to make their order and used money to independently purchase their milkshake!



# SRC

Student Representative Council



Our SRC representatives for 2023.

Tilly, Katie, Lyzander, Sarah (teacher), Deanna (SSO), Bryan, Jackson and Bobby.

## Term 2 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	1/5	2/5	3/5	4/5	5/5
Week 2	8/5	9/5	10/5	11/5 Mission Australia NDIS 10am-12pm	12/5
Week 3	15/5	16/5	17/5	18/5 <b>NEWSLETTER</b>	19/5
Week 4	22/5	23/5	24/5	25/5 Mission Australia NDIS 10am-12pm	26/5 GOVERNING COUNCIL 9:30AM
Week 5	29/5	30/5	31/5	1/6 9:30 ASSEMBLY	2/6
Week 6	5/6	6/6	7/6	8/6 <b>NEWSLETTER</b> Mission Australia NDIS 10am-12pm	9/6
Week 7	12/6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	13/6 STUDENT FREE DAY	14/6	15/6	16/6 GOVERNING COUNCIL 9:30AM
Week 8	19/6	20/6	21/6	22/6 Mission Australia NDIS 10am-12pm	23/6
Week 9	26/6	27/6	28/6	29/6	30/6
Week 10	3/7	4/7	5/7	6/7 <b>NEWSLETTER</b> 9:30 ASSEMBLY	7/7 SEMESTER 1 REPORTS

# 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](https://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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**Need help applying for school card?  
Please ring or visit Andrea in the front office**