



Port Augusta Special School

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ISSUE 4

MAY

DATES TO REMEMBER

GOVERNING COUNCIL

26 MAY 9:30AM

16 JUNE 9:30AM

UNIFORM ORDER

26 MAY

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

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

From the Principal ...

Term 2 has commenced with a few changes to our staff.

As most of you would be aware, Sue Duffy, Deputy Principal, left at the end of last term to work in a different role. Her replacement is Florence Galarita, who comes to us after six years or so as Director of Child Services, in Hawker and Leigh Creek.

Florence is experienced in working with children with disabilities and will cover our current reception teacher when she has her non-instructional time (NIT), each Monday. Florence has particular skills working with the younger students and her willingness to teach in that area is a bonus for our school as Wendy, the current teacher there, has taken on the extra responsibility of being our Autism Inclusion teacher for one day a week, in 2023.

Apart from Florence, staffing stays very much the same as it was in Term One. Trudy remains with us, but moves into the Room 4 class. Hopefully for the remainder of the year – more details to come on that as they come to hand. Alex also returns for the remainder of this term also.

Our school is in need of an Aboriginal Education Worker to help us with our indigenous program. This is not a skilled position, it can be 'learning on the job' and is suitable for a parent, or guardian who has 'time on their hands'. Currently the position is for 3 hours a day, four days a week, with the possibility of increased hours depending on experience – it is a paid position. Applicants must have an up-to-date police clearance check completed (WCCC, or similar), have done RAN training and hold the current RRHAN-EC mandatory notification training certificate. If this is you and you would like a part-time job, give me a call here at the school.

The Student Free Day planned for 13 June may be subject to change. I have left it in at this stage, but this date was selected as one of the common dates across all of Port Augusta and there have been whispers of change in the air for some reason. Assume it will go ahead and I will notify you if there is a late change to the date.

Don't forget that Mission Australia (MA) visit here regularly to discuss any issues, or points of interest, about the NDIS scheme. You do NOT have to be a member of MA to access their service – just contact the school and book an appointment through Andrea in reception (available dates in this newsletter edition).

As we begin to move into the cooler months please ensure your child has appropriate warm clothing for the winter. We have jumpers etc. available through our uniform shop, at very reasonable prices. Year 12s (and possibly 11s) will be choosing their school tops soon. They have elected to take up the option of having a senior school top that is different to our regular uniform and are currently in the designing stage. The school will supply these without cost to the student and the students are free to wear them any day this year as a legitimate part of their uniform.

With Regards

Tony Holden



Government
of South Australia
Department for Education

A note from the Deputy

Good day to all!

It is my pleasure meeting you and working with you all. As challenging as it is, I can see how beautiful this learning environment is. I will embrace this learning journey with these amazing children and lovely staff.

Feel free to come into my office at any time and I am willing to help with any issue, if I possibly can.

Please always, take care and look after yourself.

Florence

Deputy Principal



STUDENT INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORMS

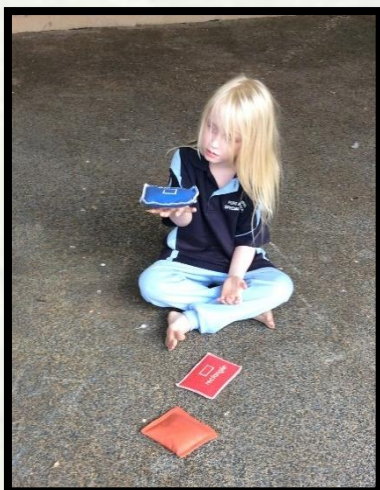
Student information and consent forms for 2023 were sent out at the beginning of the term.

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

Fitness with Chelsea

room 5

Fitness with Chelsea and Karen is fun because they will teach us step by step. First, throw the bean bag. Then, put the bean bag in the bucket and finally, throw the bean bag into the bucket (with Chelsea's help) the bean bag goes in the bucket.



Sometimes we need extra time to learn new things and that's okay. We all learn in different ways and different rates.



In Week 2, our seniors in Room 7 and 8 made Caramilk Slice to gift to their special person on Mother's Day. We hope you all had a lovely day and enjoyed your special treat with a nice hot cuppa!



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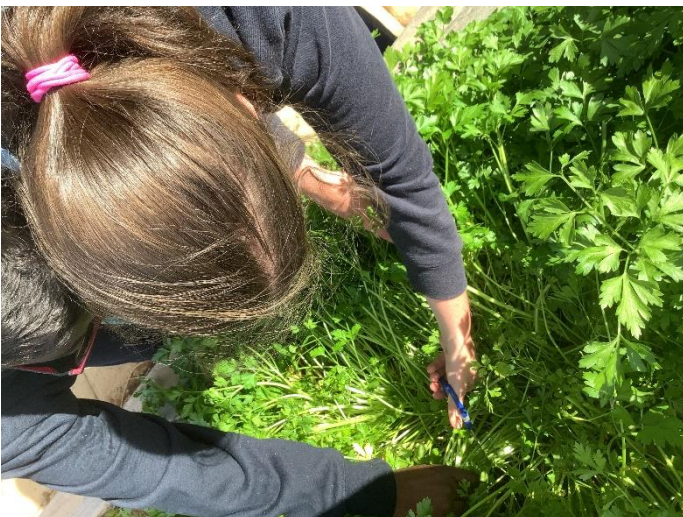
Room 7 Science - Term 2



Above middle and right:

Students have sowed Marigold seeds to study plant growth and life cycle. They are busy watering it to germinate and grow.

Left, right and below: This term, we are growing parsley. Students are busy learning to harvest parsley and bunch it to take it home for use.



Flying The Flag

Thank you Miss Audrey's class (Room 8) for taking on the role of raising and lowering our flags each day.

Flags are symbolic of national pride, of loyalty and representation that helps give us a sense of belonging.

Did You Know?

A flag should always be:

- treated with the respect and dignity it deserves.
- raised no earlier than first light and lowered no later than dusk.
- raised briskly and lowered with dignity.

- flown aloft and free, as close to the top of the flag mast as possible and with the rope tightly secured; and

- illuminated if flown at night.

A flag should never be:

- allowed to fall or lie upon the ground
- used to unveil monuments or plaques, cover tables/seats or used as a curtain
- flown when damaged, faded or in a dilapidated condition
- flown upside down, even as a signal of distress



Here we see Corey, Sophie and Bryan raising the Australian National Flag and the Aboriginal Flag, both of which we will fly on a daily basis, to signify school is open and occupied.



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 NEWSLETTER	19/5
Week 4	22/5	23/5	24/5	25/5 Mission Australia NDIS 10am-12pm	26/5 GOVERNING COUNCIL 9:30AM Uniform Order
Week 5	29/5 Reconciliation Week	30/5	31/5	1/6 9:30 ASSEMBLY	2/6
Week 6	5/6	6/6	7/6	8/6 NEWSLETTER 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 NEWSLETTER 9:30 ASSEMBLY	7/7 REPORTS 2PM FINISH