Principal's Report

2.5 Million Dollar STEM Facility for PASS!

Through the recent state budget our school has received 2.5 million dollars for the development of new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) facilities. The new facilities will provide a wide range of opportunities for our students to learn skills for the future and to position our students to take full advantage of the many technology based industries that will develop over the coming years. Students will be working in state of the art facilities using the latest industry compliant technologies that relate to areas including: robotics, computer program coding, 3-D printing, laser technologies and augmented reality. Students will also be developing a range of dispositions including: collaborative problem solving creative thinking and critical analysis.

This is a very exciting time for our school with the STEM opportunities adding further to our school directions relating to contemporary and modern approaches to teaching, learning and pathways for all students.

We will continue to inform our community about this exciting new development.

Awards Assembly

On August 1, we held a whole school assembly to acknowledge student achievement from Term 2. It was very pleasing to see many of our students receive awards for high academic achievement. At the assembly we also acknowledged that although we can’t give awards to everyone a majority of our students work well with their teachers and each other and that they are taking advantage of the many opportunities made available to them at the school.

When looking closely at the students who did receive awards there was one common characteristic across the group and that is regular attendance at school.

Well done to all our award recipients.

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National Asthma Week 1-7 September

The theme for National Asthma Week 2016 is ‘Become a Better Breather’. National Asthma Week coincides with the beginning of spring and as pollens are a known trigger for asthma, this is an excellent time to ensure your child’s asthma is well controlled. Sections of the Asthma Australia website that can help with asthma management include:

- Take the Asthma Control Test to see if you could make improvements to help your child become a better breather.
- Manage allergies often linked with asthma, including allergic rhinitis (hayfever).
- 90% of people with asthma use their medications incorrectly. Check your child’s technique to see if they are getting full benefit from their medication.

Regular review of your child’s asthma with your GP and pharmacist will help them to become a better breather.

Need help with your child’s asthma? Contact our Asthma Assist line on 1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462) and talk to one of our friendly Asthma Health Professionals.

9 – A – Side Football Whyalla

9-a-side football is played on a field about 2/3 the size of a full field which is split into three zones - forward, centre and back. Only the three designated players in the forward line can score goals from inside a 30m zone. It is also different to AFL in that players can only bounce the ball once. A kick only needs to go 10m to count as a mark, and if the ball goes out, it is kicked in by the nearest opposition (instead of a boundary throw in). Tackling is still allowed.

Thirteen players made up the boys team which made for a lot of rotations. Although they played with great spirit and had some top passages of play, they unfortunately came away without a win for the day - although it could be said that football was the winner!

The 9 player girls’ team fared slightly better, finishing third out of the four teams and beating Caritas convincingly in the last game of the day. Although it took a while for the girls to get into the swing of things, they eventually came together as a team and put in a solid effort to produce some quality game play with quite a few hard hitting tackles.

All in all, despite the wet, windy and rainy conditions, the students played fairly and with great sportsmanship, and should congratulate themselves for being outstanding representatives for PASS. They certainly looked the goods too, in our brand new footy guernseys!

Will Bolitho, Caleb McKenna and Caleb Williams also came along to assist with umpiring. They did a fantastic job of keeping the play safe and fair. It was a great opportunity for them to get a ‘taste’ of umpiring and their help was greatly appreciated.

SACE Parents Information Evening for Year 10 & 11 Parents

Wednesday September 14 from 6-7pm in Downstairs Classrooms

Promoting Success for all Students
The 2016 Year 12 Formal was a night to remember, full of laughter and the sharing of memories. It was overwhelming to see how much effort all the students had put into their outfits for the night, everyone’s hair and make-up was astonishing. It was held at The Central Oval Function Room with entertainment provided by the music teacher, Mr Spalding, and the Year 12 band. Throughout the night photos were taken by photographer Erika Owens, who was able to capture the memories for the Years 12’s. This night could not have happened without serious fundraising by the Year 12’s. This helped decrease the price of the ticket to the formal by $10, by raising more than $530 through an old fashioned bake sale and lolly jar. The Governing Council also helped contribute to the beautiful location by providing financial support. A big thank you to all staff involved in organising the event, especially Miss Burgess, Mrs Glamuzina and Miss Librandi, for making the night such a success.

Order Your Yearbook

It is time to place your order for the 2016 Port Augusta Secondary School Yearbook. The yearbook will be available closer to the end of the year, Student Services will contact you when the yearbook is ready to be collected.

The cost is $22.00 and the deadline to order is 30 September 2016.
Order Forms are available from Student Services
TERM 2 2016 - Academic Achievement Awards

YEAR 8
Back L-R: Darci Williams, Ebony Ramke, Brianna Crane, Kristin Elliot and Harsimran Grewal
Front L-R: Lachlan Shepard, Matt Fawcett, Brock Grayson, Joshua St Clair and Ethan Gade

YEAR 9
Back L-R: Courtney Cox, Lauren Hartmann, Rachel Munn, Clay Willcock and Blaise Ballard
Front L-R: Amy Langdon, Lily Ticehurst, Rachel Crane and Molly Bolitho-Fitzgerald

YEAR 10
Back L-R: Ellie Spinks, Olivia Lawler, Abby Martin, Kiya Wilton and Madison Noll
Front L-R: Dylan Kaulins, Joel Riding, Jasmyn Munns, Emma Hancock and Bree Leahy

YEAR 11
L-R: Tayla Bray, Josh Ramke, Myria Cano Hall, Joe Martin and Kayesan Pyke

YEAR 12
Back L-R Dylan Hunt, Chase Ballard, Connor Shalley,
Front L-R Ebony Janiak, Lauren Williams, Finlay Mundy and Susan Hodges

Promoting Success for all Students
Hospitality students in the YES Centre are kept busy during the school year catering for events in Port Augusta and learning valuable skills they can put to use in future careers in the industry.

Mrs Belinda Myles, who delivers the Hospitality program in the YES Centre, said as well as allowing students to gain a valuable insight into the hospitality industry, the catering has also meant the school has been able to buy some new kitchen appliances including a thermomix, a new fridge, food processors, pasta machines, cookware and utensils.

She said Certificate I in Hospitality and Certificate II in Kitchen Operations, students achieve SACE credit for their studies.

“They gain SACE credits for these VET (Vocational Education Training) courses and they get to work out if they want to work in the industry,” Mrs Myles said.

The catering jobs are mostly Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) functions, with a small number of private catering engagements.

Mrs Myles said a lot of preparation goes into getting ready for catering. A menu needs to be decided, food quantities need to be calculated and then shopping for the ingredients.

As food needs to be transported to different sites, that is also a consideration when deciding upon menus.

Mrs Myles said the catering was a very beneficial experience for students.

“One of the benefits is the students get to cook for a reason and a purpose,” she said.

“It’s more life-like. They get to see what it’s like in the industry.”

“A lot of students work in the fast food industry already and so have some knowledge of kitchen operations and safety procedures.

“You can see the students get more confident with each catering job. It’s tiring and a lot of them are surprised at how tiring it is.”

Mrs Myles said students had received positive feedback for their catering and after each job they hold a debriefing session and discuss what worked well and what didn’t work so well in that job. She said on the “wish list” for the hospitality program are some tiered, stainless steel preparation benches.

“They would make it feel more like a workplace – make it more realistic,” Mrs Myles said.
RUOK? Day is on September 8, inspires many Australians to have meaningful conversations with one another, by simply asking “are you ok?”. For people struggling, a simple conversation could change a life. This year the school celebrated RUOK? Day by introducing the ‘conversation corner’ and establishment of the RUOK? Bench seat to promote meaningful conversations throughout the year.

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY 2016 IS AUGUST 26!

Wear it Purple Day lets young people know that they have the right to be proud of who they are regardless of their sex, sexuality or gender identity. Wear it Purple Day is simple ... it is about respect.

Wear It Purple aims to create a world safe for all young people, regardless of their gender or sexual identity, in which they are free to learn, grow and belong.

Keep your kids Smiling

At the School Dental Service, dental care is FREE for all babies, children not yet at school and most children to age 17.

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider.

Call us now for an appointment!

Your local clinic is: Port Augusta Dental Clinic
Phone: 8668 7888

Knockout Netball—Whyalla

On Tuesday 2 August, five teams of girls travelled to Whyalla for the annual knockout Netball Carnival. PASS fielded three Year 8/9 teams, a Year 10 team and an Open team. All girls showed great sportsmanship and had a great day out with some minor success, with one of our Year 8/9 teams claiming a win in the Division B final. Big thanks must go to Miss K for her organisation of the day, and also to all students and staff that helped with umpiring and scoring.