**Principal's Report**

The school has had an excellent start to Term 2 as was evident at our recent whole school assembly. The assembly featured student achievement awards from Term 1. The message from the assembly was very clear. There are opportunities in our school for everyone to be successful with hard work and effort rewarded. Well done to all the students who received Academic Awards and well done to all our students who are making the most of the wide variety of opportunities available to them in our school.

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parents and Caregivers working together with teachers, are a key ingredient to student success at school and it was great to see so many parents and caregivers taking advantage of this opportunity at the parent teacher interviews held recently. Please remember that families can contact the school at any time to organise meetings with their child’s teachers.

**Action Packed Term 2**

It is shaping up to be another exciting term with lots of opportunities for our students including:

- Power Cup at Alberton and Adelaide Oval
- NAPLAN (Literacy and Numeracy testing for year 9)
- Operation Flinders
- Reconciliation week activities
- Football program camp
- University visits
- Excursions and sporting events
- Drama performances
- Year 12 Formal
And much more!

To support parents/caregivers we have provided a Term 2 calendar with your student’s reports at the end of Term 1.

Finally we seek parent/caregiver support with an important matter.

With winter fast approaching some students will need to organise their winter uniform. Please contact Student Services at the school. Yard restrictions will apply for students who are not clearly in uniform.

Please contact the school if you require further information.

Paul Billows
PRINCIPAL
Port Augusta Secondary School
**Music Showcase**

On Thursday the 14th of April the Port Augusta Secondary School Music Program hosted a Live Music Showcase. It was held at the PASS theatre and had a sold out crowd. Students from year 8 all the way to year 12 played in a variety of bands to deliver a fantastic performance and showcase of talent. A special thank you to everyone involved in making the event possible and to everyone who came out to support the students. Look out for our next show in Week 7, Term 2 (June 16) featuring a combination of Music, Dance and Drama.

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**Sports Academy Camp**

Once again we loaded the bus with 38 students and made our way down to Adelaide for the annual Sports Academy camp, full of excitement and zest. The camp consisted of 36ers and Titanium Arena tour, North Adelaide training on Prospect Oval followed by a session about development pathways in North Adelaide, internal game, netball clinic at ETSA Park with community coaches on centre court and concluding with a tour of Adelaide Oval. The purpose was to learn about sporting pathways as a player to the elite level, sports administration in regards to how an event like an AFL, NBL and ANL games are produced and the employment opportunities that exist in sport.

The camp kicked off with a bang for Caleb McKenna who was treated to a one on one coaching session with 36ers coach Joey Wright. Caleb said, "the drills that he showed me have changed my style of shooting that I practice every day." Former Port Augusta Secondary School student Wade Thompson gave up some of his time to talk to the students after their training session on Prospect Oval about his journey from Port Augusta to AFL and SANFL football. Sadly the game against Para Hills High was cancelled on short notice which resulted in an internal game played in its place. During the Adelaide Oval tour, students were given a good injection of Goosebumps when our tour guide Terry added a special treat to the tour by taking the students for a simulated walk with echoing/deafening crowd noise that cricketers would experience at the top level when entering the Oval.

The students were fantastic on the camp and enjoyment was had throughout the three days. An honourable mention must be given to Thomas Scharenberg who managed ‘Play of the Day’ during our cinema experience. Tip of the Hat Shags.
Marine Science Excursion

During the last week of Term 1, students from the year 10 Marine Science class conducted a kayaking excursion in the Upper Spencer Gulf, with their teacher Mr. Everett, and staff from the Port Augusta Aquatic Centre.

On Day 1 students learnt a range of water safety and kayaking skills and explored the area around the Port Augusta foreshore and wharf. Some students braved getting wet and demonstrated their abilities in exiting overturned kayaks. Well done! On Day 2 students embarked further afield investigating the waterways, creeks and features of the Port Augusta Estuary. Students gained a strong understanding of this unique mangrove ecosystem, it’s flora, organisms and marine life. All students gained essential life experience and confidence in this activity and demonstrated that they were all awesome!

Port Augusta Secondary School strongly supports the Marine Science program that provides a rigorous study of marine systems, with significant practical experience through field work such as this excursion.

Biggest Morning Tea Fundraiser

YES Centre Community Studies student, Kayne Lloyd, is hosting an Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser. It will be held in the YES Centre meeting room during lunch break on Thursday 26th May.

Gold coin donation.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea is a Cancer Council fundraising initiative.
TERM 1 2016 — Academic Achievement Award

YEAR 8
L-R: Izak Cooper, Ethan Gade, Brock Grayson, Emma Harrison, Darci Williams, Kristen Elliot, Rajbir Mattu.

YEAR 9
Back L-R: Georgia Turner, Lauren Hartmann, Rachel Munn, Clay Willcock Front L-R: Courtney Cox, Amelia McKenzie, Abbey Renshaw, Molly Bolitho-Fitzgerald.

YEAR 10
Back L-R: Dylan Kaulins, Shaquille Milera, Bryce Cox, Emma Hancock, Madison Noll. Front L-R: Kristen Hissey, Ellie Spinks, Joel Riding, Jasmyn Munns, Bree Leahy.

YEAR 11

YEAR 12
L-R: Finlay Mundy, Susan Hodges, Ebony Janiak, Dylan Hunt, Katherine Turner.

Promoting Success for all Students
Christy Enjoying Clerical Traineeship

By Chloe McPherson

After completing Year 12 last year, former YES Centre student Christy Hanisch has gained a clerical traineeship at Dr Jones and Partners Medical Imaging at Port Augusta Hospital.

Christy, (18) started working in November last year and is training as a receptionist, undertaking tasks such as booking appointments, answering phones, registering patients on the system and assisting technicians with slides.

As part of the traineeship, she is required to complete study and fill out booklets relating to business and clerical studies.

She is rostered to work a full day each Friday and is also regularly called in on other days when she is needed.

Last year Christy completed her SACE, studying Business Studies, Certificate III in Aged Care and Research Project through the YES Centre. She was awarded a YES SACE Achievement Award and also received an award for her Aged Care studies.

She said she believed doing Business Studies last year helped her to gain the traineeship.

Christy is continuing with her Certificate III in Aged Care this year.

She said Dr Jones and Partners is a good work environment and said her manager, Mrs Jayne Owens, and other staff members had provided her with lots of support.

Christy said some valuable experience she has already gained in the position is learning how to book ultrasounds and CT scans, how to communicate with lots of different people, correct phone etiquette and how to deal with patients when they are not feeling their best.

“It’s good to see how the health/hospital system works. I didn’t really know before,” Christy said. “I really enjoy it.” Meeting different people and having the chance to talk to them is one of the things Christy enjoys most about the traineeship. Christy’s long-term career goal is to study nursing and become a midwife and she believes her present position will definitely help towards that ambition.

SSSSSA Athletics Individual Winners

Back L-R: Will Bolitho, Connor Woolford, Zane Sard, Blake Cooper, Jordan Haldane, Ethan Reid, Lauren Hartmann

Front L-R: Vaniah Nelson, Amelia McKenzie, Shaunna Hobbs, Emma Hancock, Katherine Turner, Jasmyn Munns.
Students learn about health pathways

By Jessica Kotz

Port Augusta Secondary School students with an interest in pursuing health careers attended the “Solid Start: Pathways to a Brighter Future” conference last term.

The conference was hosted by the Rural Health Association for UniSA at Whyalla campus on Tuesday, April 12.

PASS students who are studying Certificate II in Health Support Services, delivered by Mrs Emily Doran in the YES Centre, and Aboriginal Education students attended the conference.

The one-day conference was aimed at students from remote and rural SA to promote a pathway into health careers.

Students in years 10-12 travelled from all over the State to attend the event. Mrs Doran said information on a wide selection of health-related professions was provided. She said some of the professions included nursing, optometry, occupational therapy, nutrition, health sciences, food sciences, psychology, physiotherapy and speech pathology. Mrs Doran said there were interesting activities for the students to do at each health booth. She said there were also health checks where students could have their ears checked, blood glucose tested, and have weight and height checks. Students could see the inside of their ears on a screen while their ear checks were being conducted.

Former PASS student Brianna Kinnear was a guest speaker at the conference, talking about her journey into studying pharmacy at university.

PASS Aboriginal Education teacher Mr Adam Eustace said the conference provided students with a valuable insight.

"Students were able to gain an insight into the demands and pathways of becoming a health professional," he said. “The interactive activities allowed students to engage with tasks that would be undertaken by these professionals or gain the knowledge of these professions. “With a wide range of career pathways in health, hopefully students will begin using these pathways to explore opportunities for post-school education.”
Beauty in the YES Centre

Above: Introduction to Hair and Beauty student, Chloe Jenkins (right) giving Isabelle Harrison a manicure in the YES Centre last week.

Left: Certificate II in Retail Skin Care and Makeup student, Monique Viant (right), giving fellow student Serina Edmonds a facial in the YES Centre last week.

Special Mother’s Day treats cooked by YES Hospitality students

Hospitality students in the YES Centre cooked up cakes and slices to put together in small packages to sell for Mother’s Day. The packs were sold in the school canteen for students to buy and give to their mothers, grandmothers and aunties for Mother’s Day.

2016 Materials & Services Charges are now overdue.

Pay by 2/6/2016 to avoid referral for Debt Recovery.

You can set up a payment plan and avoid Debt Recovery by filling in a request for Direct Debit form, (available from Student Services) where money can be automatically deducted from your nominated bank account, and you set the payment amount. Or if you earned less than $37015 last financial year or you have had a change in circumstance, such as job loss, you may be eligible for School Card assistance (see Student Services).
‘Our History’ reminds us all, that historical acceptance is essential to our reconciliation journey. Historical acceptance will exist when all Australians understand and accept the fact that past laws, practices and policies deeply affected the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, often having devastating immediate impacts and causing much of the disadvantage that exists today. It is also a commitment to ensuring these wrongs are never repeated in the future.

‘Our Story’ reflects the fact that the journey towards reconciliation forms a significant part of Australia’s story, as do the stories of both trauma and triumph told by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. It also encourages each and every one of us to make reconciliation part of our own story.

‘Our Future’ reinforces that reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, in the knowledge that we believe in fairness for everyone, that our diversity makes us richer, and that together, we are stronger.

As Australians, we are all here, woven into this country. As part of our reconciliation journey, there are truths to tell, stories to celebrate, and relationships to grow. Reconciliation is at the heart of our nations’ future. Join us on our nation’s reconciliation journey.

Take action to ensure reconciliation takes its rightful place in our nation’s future, and your own future, by participating in National Reconciliation Week 2016. For more information visit http://www.reconciliation.org.au/nrw/