Welcome back to 2013

We have had a very good start to the year with classes settling in quickly. At the end of 2012 students had transition experiences if they were in a different class and this has helped. Even our one student who transitioned from another special school has become a part of us. Three of our students from last year have transitioned to other Pirie sites.

Classes: Who are the teachers and what is the class focus for Term 1?

Spencer class: Teacher: Janet Ward with reception and junior primary with a Dinosaur focus.

Heysen class: Teachers: Renee Woodman and Vanessa Wegner with a mixed group of students also with a dinosaur theme.

Eyre class: Teacher: Salome Chifamba with middle primary students studying United Kingdom.

Flinders class: Graeme Frick with mostly Senior students with modified SACE subjects and Australian animals. We will tell you more about these modified SACE subjects soon. The classes have started the term with a week of swimming lessons in the outdoor pool.

The afternoon groups are different to the morning so that students can interact with other students and staff. They are all based on wellbeing and include wonderful sessions with several music and visual arts sessions, ICT, boy's and girl's mentoring, playgrounds, outdoor experiments, active play, after school snacks, Wii dance, Aus Kick or Cricket, board games/puzzles and 'in the garden'.

Now let's talk about our parents and who is on Governing Council 2013?

We are again off to a good start with Alicia Denton continuing as President and Vicky Scott as Vice President. Other members continuing are Krista Dycks, Tanya Jarvis and we welcome Gordon Thain, Cindy Fuller and Joanne Dohnt. Helen Dietman is staff rep. A hearty thank you to all of these people.

After the AGM the council were into business and there is a lot to share with you.

- Governing Council members raised the issue of our students to be able to safely cross David Street. This has been an ongoing safety risk with traffic for many of our classes. Bob Spencer from the Regional Pt Pirie Council has been consulting with the school & Governing Council with a solution and proposal. So keep your eye out for these changes and thank you Governing Council for your advocacy.

Dates To Remember!

Term 1
11/3/13 Adelaide Cup Holiday
15/3/12 Next Governing Council
21/3/13 Harmony Day
22/3/13 Pupil Free Day
29/3/13—1/4/13 Easter
12/4/13 End Term 1

Term 2
29/4/13 Pupil Free Day

Term 3
25/9/13 Smelters Picnic

Check out our website at www.midnorthec.sa.edu.au

Our Purpose Statement

We Aim:
To make a difference for our students by identifying and meeting their individual needs to enable them to learn to the best of their ability in a safe and supportive environment.

Our Trademark Qualities:
- Student Focussed
- Respectful
- Dedicated
- Supportive

Term Dates 2013

Term 1 29/01/123– 12/04/13
Term 2 29/04/13 - 5/07/13
Term 3 22/07/13 - 27/09/13
Term 4 14/10/13 - 13/12/13
◊ Pupil Free Days and School Closures. As last year 2 pupil free days, one school closure and an additional 2 days for implementation of the Australian Curriculum. For the Australian Curriculum we will be in Adelaide with other special schooling sites on Friday 22nd March and with Pirie & Environments Cluster. Please note this is the first day of Term 2.

◊ The parent group visited the New Hall. Yes, hoorah we are in and it is a wonderful space to use with students for music, fitness, dance, conferences, assemblies, concerts and performances. We have furniture ordered and will be getting a new starboard installed.

◊ Again staff have been talking about staff uniforms and have formed a Working Party to look into it. There is one possibility of changing one of the school colours to be more contemporary. This will also be a process through Governing Council.

Other News:
Teachers are planning NEP meetings with you. There is a lot to share with you. These are very important in setting student goals for the year. We need your input for this.

A new Site Improvement Plan pamphlet will be coming out to you shortly with our focus and targets for this year, please read this.

Keeping our facilities pleasant is important and is the very best that we can do to give our students more learning environments and to demonstrate care and respect. As you drive past you will see some changes. Over the holidays there was a re-modelling of the gardens, older plants removed, bark chips in, waiting for a replant.

We also had the old sand taken out of the sand pit and new sand put in, consequently students have thoroughly engaged with it.

The Rotary Garden is proceeding with pavers down and several components being made. The students themselves will be making the mosaic back drop for the water feature. We are all looking forward to this garden evolving this year.

Remember please contact the school any time you have any concerns or questions.

Student Artwork. Splattering using two brushes. Expressing and having so much fun.
Be the best role model you can be. In the end what will matter most is not what you have said or taught but what you have modelled.

Wilson McCaskill
PORT PIRIE REGIONAL TOURISM & ARTS CENTRE

Calendar of Events
February 2013

Regular Events

Flinders Rail Express
Run Days
CANCELLED for February

Flinders Model Rail Open Day
CANCELLED for February

Both runns 3rd March
Port Pirie Regional
Tourism & Arts Centre
Phone 08 8633 8700

Port Pirie Paddocks Market
Sunday 10th February
Flinders View Park
8.30am to 3.30pm
Phone: 0401 665 403

Murdoova Markets
Saturday 9th February
Phone: 0427 265 217

Old Style Dancing
2nd Port Pirie
9th Nappyday
16th & 23rd Port Pirie
Phone: 08 8633 4417

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3 Mary Ede Street Port Pirie SA
Phone: (08) 8633 8700
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1st Southern Flinders Senior School Exhibition
Official opening of exhibition at Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery
On display until 17th February
Phone 08 8633 0681

1st Make a Wish Night at the Trots
Make a Wish Charity Fundraiser
Phoenix Park, Port Pirie
Phone 0408 621 959

1st Roch Revolution with Jon English
Northern Festival Centre, Port Pirie
Phone 08 8633 8500

2nd Peterborough Frodeo
Peterborough Roders Grounds
Phone 0428 100 956

6th Broughton Markets
Community Centre, Port Broughton
Phone 08 8633 2110

8th Finding My Dance with Colin Hay
Northern Festival Centre, Port Pirie
Phone 08 8633 8500

7th YP Vet's Home Visits
Home visits available in Port Pirie and
Port Broughton by appointment
Phone 08 8621 3350

8th John Williamson in Concert
Northern Festival Centre, Port Pirie
Phone 08 8633 8500

9th TED Talks Quiz Night & Auction
Port Sporting & Community Club
Port Pirie
Phone 0419 420 340

14th Resource Industry Supply
Chain Indent Workshop
Sessions at Northern Festival Centre
and Regional Development Australia
Yorke & Mid North, Port Pirie
Visit http://steel.org.au/events/ris-events

23rd A Country Women's Wardrobe
Exhibition—Port Pirie Regional Art
Gallery (on display until 24th March)
Phone 08 8633 0681

23rd High Tea in the Gallery
Port Pirie Regional Art Gallery
Phone 08 8633 0681

23rd Fish Stamps Day
South Port Cricket Club
Ormond & Wandelarral Roads
Port Pirie
Phone 0402 784 888

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