

Port Pirie West Primary School

NEWSLETTER, 24 SEPTEMBER 2026



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

IMPORTANT DATES

Assembly

Friday, 25th September
at 1:40pm - Mrs Doyle's
Class

Early Dismissal

Friday, 25th September
at 2:10pm

Term 4

School returns Monday
12th October, Classes
open 8:45am

Advance Notice

Colour Run

Week 2, Term 4
Friday, 23rd October

Respect
Responsibility
Confidence
Persistence
Kindness



A quality learning
environment where
everyone belongs

Sports Day 2026

What an incredible day we got for our Sports Day this year! The weather was absolutely amazing, providing the perfect conditions for a fantastic day of competition, participation and school spirit.

It was wonderful to see such a huge turnout of parents and families supporting our students. Your encouragement and enthusiasm helped create a great atmosphere throughout the day and made the event even more special for our students.

Congratulations to Price who were the big winners on the day, taking out both the Sportsmanship Shield and the Overall Sports Day Shield. Their teamwork, encouragement and positive attitude were fantastic to see.



A special thank you goes to Beau and Haiden, who delivered the speech at the conclusion of the day to acknowledge and thank everyone who contributed to making Sports Day such a huge success. Their words were a wonderful reflection of the appreciation we have for our staff, volunteers, families and students.

A huge thankyou to our parent volunteers who handed out place cards, helped pack up, assisted in the canteen and assisted in presenting shields. You are all very much appreciated!

Sports Day 2026 was an amazing celebration of our school community, and we are already looking forward to what next years event holds.

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Sports Day 2026

CONGRATULATIONS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Term 3 | Week 10



As Term 3 finishes, I would like to thank our students, staff, families and wider community for another busy and successful term.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in Sports Day, led by Miss T. Our students demonstrated enthusiasm and sportsmanship, and we are grateful to our staff, families and volunteers who helped make the day such a success, including our Canteen Group led by Sarah.

Thank you also to those who worked on the football gates for the last 2 Saturdays, raising approximately \$1,000 for our canteen! What an effort from Tom, Oliver, Kerri, Matt, Emma, Meegan, Karen, Renee, Jaz, Peter, Fern and Trish (and I loved the hustle and bustle of the day!)



This week we celebrated our wonderful Crossing Monitors with a pizza party to thank them for their commitment throughout the term.

Congratulations also to Ebonee and Piper, our postcard winners, who enjoyed a special lunch down at the beach.



Thanks to Samantha, we received boxes of Disney books donated during Book Week. Students will have the opportunity today and Friday to select books to take home and keep, supporting reading at home and building their own book collections.

As we head into Term 4, I will be taking four weeks of Long Service Leave. During this time, Kendra will lead the school, Miss T will step into the Deputy Principal role, and Mrs Jaz will take on the Wellbeing role. I know our school will be in very capable hands.

An early shout-out to our amazing teachers ahead of World Teachers' Day on 30 October. Thank you for the care, commitment and energy you bring to our students every day.

Families, please remember to complete the resilience survey sent via mobile message on Monday. We are collecting feedback from students, staff and our community to help inform our planning and priorities for 2027.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has already started collecting donations for our Colour and Slime Run – we can't wait!

Take care and have a wonderful holiday break! - Fiona



Term 4 Changes



ACTING PRINCIPAL

I'll be stepping into the Principal's role for the first four weeks of Term 4 while Fiona takes a well-deserved break as she heads to Canada to settle her daughter into university. I'm looking forward to supporting our school community in this capacity and, as always, I'm available to our students and families should you need anything. I look forward to working alongside everyone and supporting a positive start to Term 4.

Kendra Smith



ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

I'll be stepping into the Deputy Principal role next term while Fiona is away. While my role will look a little different from my current Wellbeing role, I'm looking forward to continuing to connect with our children and supporting their wellbeing and learning in new ways. I'm excited to work alongside staff, students and families in this capacity and to continue contributing to our school community.

Kirsty Tattoli

WELLBEING TEACHER

I'm excited to be stepping into the role of Short-Term Wellbeing Teacher and to continue supporting our school community in a new capacity. As I already know many of our students and families, I'm looking forward to building on these relationships through wellbeing sessions across the year levels. I'm also excited to welcome Ben into Room 23 and support a smooth transition for him and the students. I look forward to working alongside staff, students and families to promote positive wellbeing, connection and belonging across our school.

Jaz Jenkins



ROOM 23 CLASS TEACHER

I am a permanent relief teacher working across the Port Pirie sites, although I am primarily based at Pirie West and have had the opportunity to spend some time in Room 23 throughout the year. I'll be supporting the students in Room 23 for the first four weeks of Term 4 while Jaz steps into the Wellbeing role. I'm looking forward to getting to know the students even more and continuing to support their learning during this time.

Ben Pendry

Canteen news

Thank you!

Thank you for supporting the canteen again this term. Thanks to everyone for helping and buying items on Sports Day. Without you, it wouldn't be a success!

Special thanks to Mrs Flowers, Miss Cugley, Meegan, Sammie (Governing Council Representative), my canteen volunteers: Kerry, Leean, Trixie, Sandra and Jenny, Staff for setting up, also Izzy and Piper who came back with Sammie to pack drinks in the fridge and empty my car.

Have a wonderful two weeks holiday and I'll see you all back in Term 4 - This will be my last term in the canteen, as I'm retiring at the end of the year.

Sarah - Canteen Manager



Designed by
Eboney



Designed by
Piper



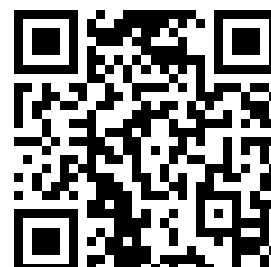
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Mr Phillips



The Department for Education is seeking our help to inform the future planning for Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) services. You are invited to participate in a survey which will seek your potential needs for an OSHC service to better understand the demand in our community in 2027.

You can access the survey via the link or scan the QR code below. The survey is open until **Sunday 11 October 2026.**

<https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/n/Lb2SJoL>



The survey has only four questions and it takes less than five minutes to complete. It is completely anonymous - your answers will never identify you or your child.

When completing the survey, please consider your family's likely need for OSHC if the service becomes available at our school. **Understanding genuine, anticipated usage, rather than general interest,** will help the Department for Education better understand demand and plan services that meet the needs of local families.

For more information, or if you have any questions about the survey, please do not hesitate to contact the department's OSHC Reform Team via email: education.OSHCReform@sa.gov.au.



The Countdown to Graduation is on!



At the end of Term 3, our focus is now on the 2026 Children's University Graduation ceremony!

The new Portal (www.learn.cuaportal.com) will be a fantastic resource to help you earn the hours you need to graduate.

- 1 Complete the 2026 Reflection for any regular activities you participate in (e.g. Sport, Dance, Swimming, Martial Arts etc.)
- 2 Search for local Learning Destinations that are offering validated activities
- 3 Go back and complete Monthly Challenges that you may have missed

Your CU 2026 final hours close at midnight Sunday 11th October. Please make sure you hand-in your Passports to your CU Coordinator no later than Monday 12th October.

Our graduation date will be Wednesday 2nd December 2026.

We cannot wait to celebrate your achievements!



COME AND TRY CHESS!

An activity for the absolute beginner! Book now through your local library!

PORT PIRIE LIBRARY: Tuesday October 6th
11 am

PORT AUGUSTA LIBRARY: Tuesday October 6th
2 pm

WHYALLA LIBRARY: Thursday October 8th
11 am and 1 pm



MID NORTH CHRISTIAN COLLEGE TOGETHER WITH CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

90 MINUTE HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

THE PHYSICS OF LIGHT

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
YEARS 2-4 9:30 - 11AM YEARS 5&6 - 11:30 - 1PM





Credit: Lawson



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To the first seven juniors from years 3, 4 or 5 to register to play junior competition tennis on **Saturdays 8.30 - 10.00am** during summer for

RISDON PARK TENNIS CLUB



Have fun



Make new friends



Tennis fees \$0



Quality coaching

TAKE UP TENNIS
"You're gonna love it"

Don't miss out.

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GOVERNMENT FUNDED HOLIDAY CLINIC

Dedicated Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology assessments for eligible children experiencing developmental delays.



28 - 29
September 2026



17 Norman St,
Port Pirie SA 5540

How does it work?

Each child will receive an initial 1:1 session with an Occupational Therapist or Speech Pathologist – or both, if needed – to gather background information and complete an assessment, followed by a written report of the findings and recommendations.

If ongoing therapy is recommended, this can be further discussed with your therapist.

Eligibility:

Your child may be eligible if they

- Are not accessing other supports (such as NDIS)
- Are not beyond their first semester of their first year of school



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OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Vacation Care | 28 Sept – 9 Oct

WEEK 1

Monday
28 September

In-House
OSHC Sound
Studio



Turn up the tunes and get ready to sing, dance and create! Become your own DJ, help create the ultimate OSHC playlist, write your own songs, take on musical challenges and show off your best dance moves.

Outcomes: 1, 3, 4, 5

Tuesday
29 September

Excursion
Cooking With Kylie



Learn new kitchen skills, create something delicious and enjoy cooking together at the Port Pirie Community Centre.

Depart: 10:45am
Return: 1:15pm
Walking (Approx. 10mins)

Outcomes: 2, 3, 4, 5

Wednesday
30 September



Thursday
1 October

In-House
Airdale OSHC
Salon



Become a stylist for the day with fun hairstyling, nail painting, temporary tattoos and pampering stations. Take turns being the stylist and the customer.

Outcomes: 1, 3, 4, 5

Friday
2 October

Excursion
Old MacDonald's
Farm



Meet and pat adorable farmyard animals, learn how to care for them and enjoy a hands-on farm experience at OSHC!

Start: 11:00am
Finish: 1:00pm

Outcomes: 2, 3, 4, 5

IN-HOUSE	FULL FEE	\$73.80	OSHC REDUCED FEE*	\$10.20 - \$37.40
EXCURSION / INCURSION	FULL FEE	\$95.60	OSHC REDUCED FEE*	\$13.20 - \$48.40

*Estimation of fees after subsidy is applied

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Children reaching their full potential in safe environments

THRIVE

Important information

What is included

Breakfast and afternoon tea will be provided. Programmed activities including excursions, incursions and in-house activities.

What to bring

YMCA OSHC promotes a healthy eating environment and encourages families to provide their children with a healthy assortment of food to bring for recess, and lunch. As well as healthy brain food and a water bottle every day.

Fees and cancellations

All bookings must be received by Monday 14 September to avoid a \$3 casual fee. Cancellations must be made two weeks prior to the date of the requested care to avoid payment. By making a booking you are agreeing to pay the fees through your direct debit account in addition to normal OSHC bookings. Please review our terms and conditions online for our fee and policy information.

Excursions

Please make sure you arrive at the service at least 30 minutes before the bus departure. Please make sure you sign the Excursion Authorisation when you sign your children into OSHC for that day. While bus drivers in SA are exempt from ensuring passengers under 16 years are restrained, YMCA will make every effort to ensure the safety of all children by using seatbelts that are supplied and be guided by our policies and transport risk assessments.

Learning outcomes:



OUTCOME 1

Children and young people have a strong sense of identity



OUTCOME 2

Children and young people are connected and contribute to their world



OUTCOME 3

Children and young people have a strong sense of wellbeing



OUTCOME 4

Children and young people are confident and involved learners



OUTCOME 5

Children and young people are effective communicators

Daily fees

In-house: \$73.80

*CCS Reduced fee: \$10.20 - \$37.40

Excursion and Incursion: \$95.60

*CCS Reduced fee: \$13.20 - \$48.40

*Estimation of fees after subsidy is applied

Operational hours

OSHC will be open from 8:00am - 6:00pm, please sign in and out between these times.

Things to remember

Please note that we are a nut-aware service and ask that you do not bring food that contain nut products. Handheld electronics and smart watches are not permitted at the centre. We welcome feedback and suggestions at any time, please see your centre staff. Programmed activities are subject to change.

Sun Smart Policy

Sun Smart guidelines are followed so please ensure children are in appropriate clothing and no singlets or thongs. Sunscreen is provided but if your child is sensitive to sunscreen, please bring your own.



Book your session via the Xplor Home App
Visit sa.ymca.org.au/OSHC for more information



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