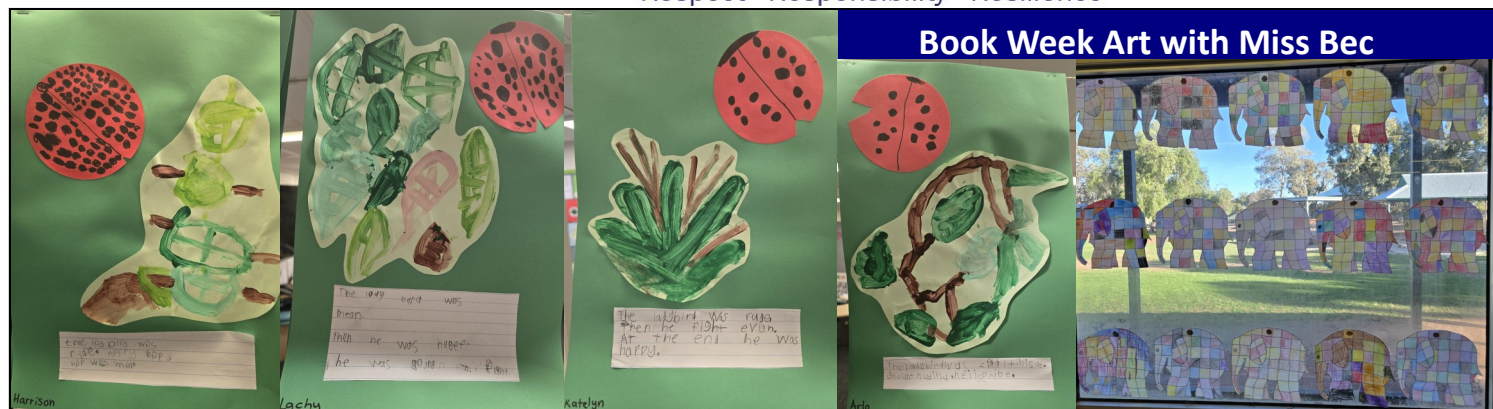




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Stirling North Primary School Fortnightly Newsletter

Respect - Responsibility - Resilience



Book Week Art with Miss Bec

A note from Principal, Adam Wilson

What is Creativity?

Ask any manager, business owner or CEO and a key feature that they want their employees to have is *creativity*. The ability to think for themselves and to solve problems that arise. I'm convinced that education has not had this as a priority for the last 50 years. In fact, there has been a large amount of emphasis on students learning new things, rather than solving problems. Reflect back on your own schooling experience and the teacher had all the information, and you needed to learn it. With technology, and even Artificial Intelligence, the ability to get information quickly is no longer a problem. For example, have you ever been to a BBQ and someone asks you a question about a past event and you don't know it. What is the first thing that you do? Grab your phone and Google it... Information is now acquired instantly. I'm not suggesting that new knowledge is not important and should not be taught in schools... but should it be the only things that schools continue to do?

At SNPS we teach Creativity via 6 sub headings. This has been heavily researched by Bill Lucas and features in a book - Teaching Creative Thinking.

Inquisitive - The ability to ask questions, investigate and speculate

Collaborative - The ability to share, discuss and explain your point of view with others

Persistent - The ability to show resilience by repeating, reviewing and persevering with new learning

Disciplined - The ability to reflect, modify and improve new learning

Imaginative - The ability to invent, create and connect new products

Empathetic - The ability to listen, reflect and support

I'm sure you'll agree that each of these skills are important in the world we are currently living in. The true value of these skills is that they are uniquely 'human' skills that cannot be replaced by Artificial Intelligence or robots. At SNPS, we are proud to foster creativity as a distinctly human ability and an essential part of how we prepare students for the future.

Generational learning

I am so proud of so many learning opportunities that are provided for our students. See the information about creativity above to see its value...

But one initiative that the Year 3 classes have been doing all year has been regular visits with Wami Kata and Ramsay Village nursing homes. Over the past 3 Terms students have visited the elderly every fortnight to develop and build strong relationships with the residents. One of their goals was to entertain the residents and they did this by creating games to play with them. They shared their games with the year 5/6 classes prior to visiting the residents and received some really helpful feedback to improve.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank Lisa Jarret from the Stirling North Markets as well as the Port Augusta City Council for their kind donations to fund the transport and materials for the students to use for these fortnightly visits. This funding is invaluable and once again demonstrates the amazing community support that we get to have such initiatives occur for our students.

Communication reminder

If you missed our last newsletter, we shared with you a new communication tool that is now gaining popularity with families. Going forward, you will no longer receive notes home to gain consent for excursions and camps. Families will now receive emails from the school regarding an upcoming excursion or camp and in only a few clicks can respond instantly to give consent.

We also use this communication method to share newsletters and special announcements.

Please check your junk or clutter inbox and search for EdSmart.

Diary dates

Term 3

10 September - Community Picnic Afternoon and Year 3 excursion to Ramsay Village (Dennis), Wami Kata (Martin),

12 September - Table Tennis Carnival and Playgroup (Kindy)

15 September - Yr 6 ATSI excursion to Wilpena Pound and Governing Council Meeting (7.00pm)

17 September - Greenhouse Community Picnic (Rec-Yr 2)

18 September - Mobile Language Team visit, SA cricket visit Reception-Yr 4

22 September - Assembly 1.45pm (Miss Bec)

24 September - Year 3 excursion to Ramsay Village (Dennis)/Wami Kata (Martin)

26 September - Playgroup (Room 17)

26 September - End of Term 3 Early Dismissal (2.15pm)

Term 4

15 October - Bulletin

20 October - Yr 3 camp to Pichi Richi Park (Dennis/Harvey/Martin) and assembly 1.45pm (McInerney/McCallum)

24 October - Super 8s cricket

31 October - World Teachers' Day

REMINDER

Our Staff car Park is for Staff only.

We remind parents to not use this space to drop off or pick up your children.

In our class, we explored the importance of school uniforms to foster a sense of belonging. When everyone wears the same uniform, it helps us feel like we belong. This is especially helpful for new students because it makes them feel welcome and included in our school community right from the start. Wearing uniforms helps us all feel connected and proud to be part of our school.



Canteen Specials

WEEK 8
THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER
Homemade Special
Butter Chicken with Rice



SMALL SERVE \$4 LARGE SERVE \$5

REFER TO SPRIGGY FOR INGREDIENT INFORMATION

Canteen Homemade Lunch Special
Sneaky Mac 'n' Cheese
Week 9 - Thursday, 18th September 2025



Small serve - \$4.00
Large serve - \$5.00

See Spriggy for further details

Cheeseburger
\$5.00

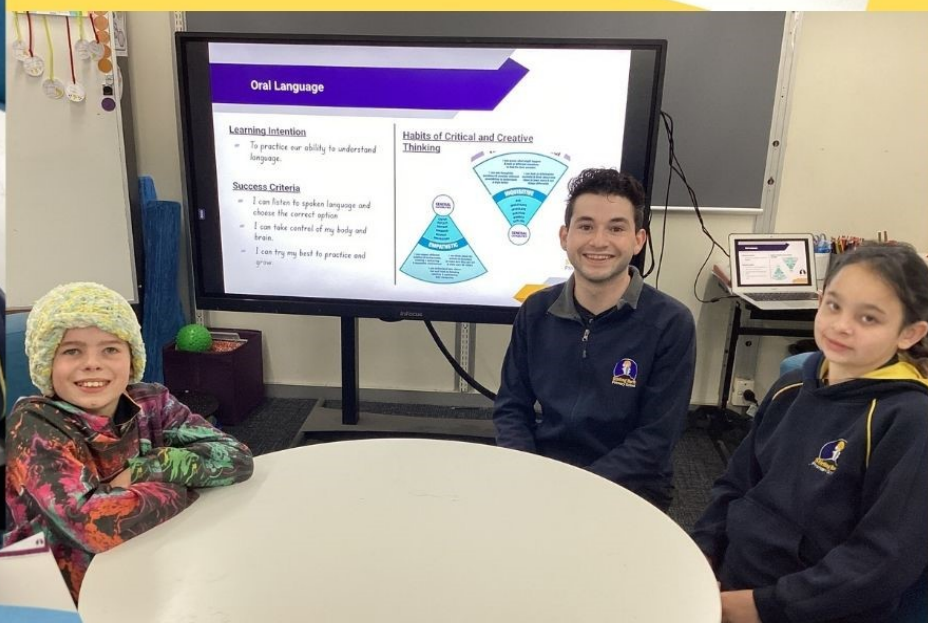
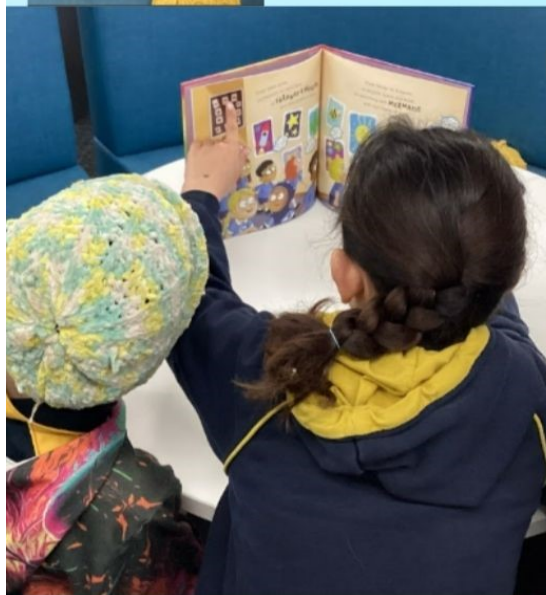


Optional extras:
Tomato Sauce
American Mustard
Pickles

Week 10 - Thursday, 25th September 2025

NURTURE

✦ In Nurture, we've been building our oral language skills through fun and creative activities — using talking cards, sharing stories, and even trying our hand at crochet! 🗣️📖🧶



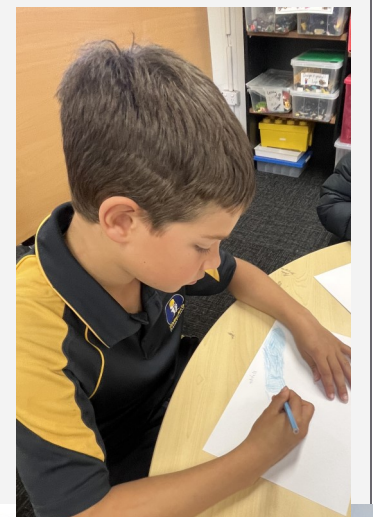
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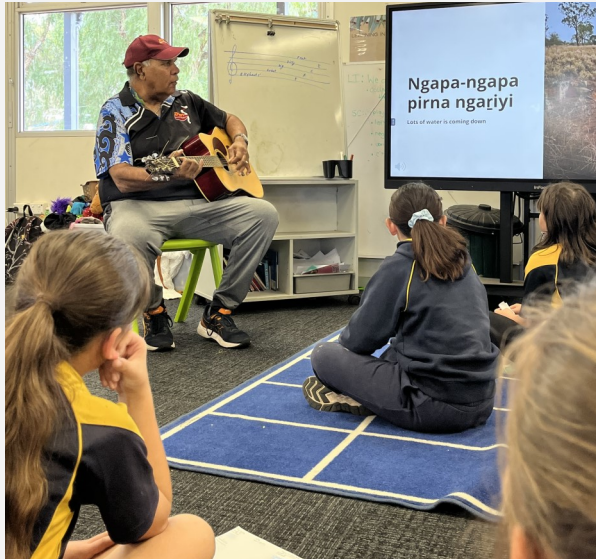
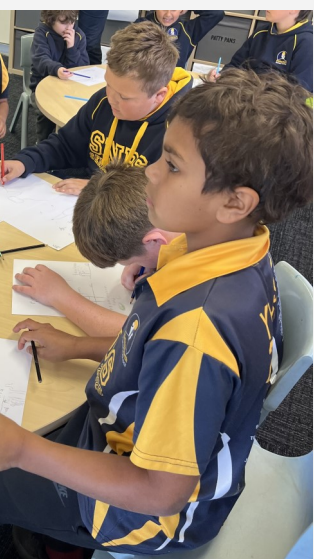
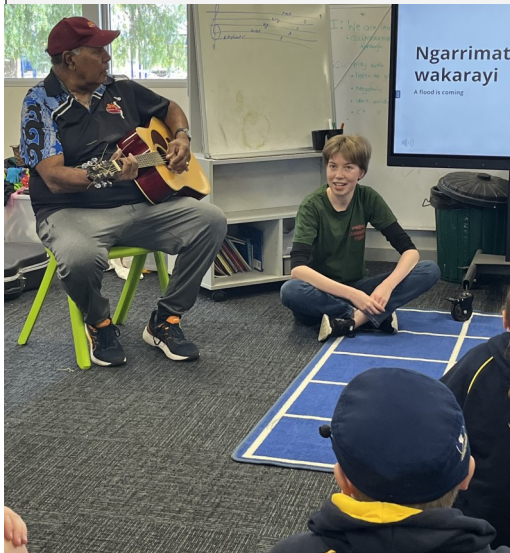
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Mobile Language Team Visits



Mobile Language Team Visits



Year 2 excursion to Arid Lands





RAINBOW FISH

By Lincoln,
Jordy, Dom,
Jedd and Ella





Port Augusta Golf Club

JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC 2025

Cost: \$50
This fee includes a 12-month course membership

COME AND JOIN

LOCATION: Port Augusta Golf Club

DATES: Sun 14/09/25 - Sun 14/12/25
Excluding School Holidays

Time: 10am - 11.30am

AGES: 7-15 Years

Golf equipment will be available for participants who do not have their own, ensuring every child can fully participate and enjoy the program.

The PAGC Junior Program is delivered by local community golf instructors and focuses on developing essential golf techniques, including the full swing, putting, chipping, and bunker play. The program also features 9-hole competition matches, offering a fun and engaging way for juniors to build their understanding of the game.

For the second season and more experienced juniors, larger hole competitions will be introduced to further challenge their skills and deepen their knowledge of the game in a supportive and enjoyable environment.



Could Saver Plus help with your education costs?

Saver Plus Information Sessions

We are running Information sessions for anyone thinking about joining the program and wants to learn more about how Saver Plus works.

Eligibility, income and participation criteria. To find out more head to <https://www.thesmithfamily.com.au/>.

To Register please use the QR Code or Zoom Link Below.



[Click here to Register](#)

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Anderson dancers

PRESENTS THE 56TH ANNUAL PANTOMIME

AT THE LEA MEMORIAL THEATRE
PORT AUGUSTA

spooksville!

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER @ 7.00PM
SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER @ 1.00PM
SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER @ 1.00PM

Tickets:

Adults	\$16.00
Concession	\$14.00
Children (5-12)	\$11.00
Children (2-4)	\$2.00

KD'S HAIR FLAIR
FROM 22nd Sept
13 Commercial Rd
8642 6592



Double OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

Come Join Us!




30 September | **5:45pm**
Central Oval

FREE

Port Augusta CITY COUNCIL

Canteen Food and Drinks

Community Events and Notices



September

Read, talk, sing, rhyme & play with children from birth

Paint Port Augusta **REaD**

Literacy Calendar



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TALK	1 Read Read <i>Never Trumpet with a crumpet</i> by Amy Gibson.	2 Talk Talk with your child about an experience you shared over the weekend.	3 Sing Sing <i>Two Little Dickie Birds</i> Which other songs do you know with finger actions?	4 Write Print out pictures of animals or cut out pictures from magazines to make an animal book.	5 Play Collect a few cardboard boxes of different sizes to build a box construction.	6 Read It's Story Saturday! Read a book about an adventure like <i>Stellarphant</i> by James Foley
7 STEM Happy Fathers Day! Read <i>I Love My Dad</i> by Anna Walker. Why do you love your Dad?	8 Read P is for pages. Show your child the parts of a book as you read. The cover, the title, the spine and the pages.	9 Talk Count things you see when you go on a car trip. How many traffic lights? How many trees?	10 Sing Go on a rhyme hunt. Look for things in your house that rhyme e.g. sock and clock.	11 Write Mark special days on a calendar. Count how many days until your next special event.	12 Play Play with opposites: reach high and low, take big and little steps, sit down, stand up.	13 Read It's Story Saturday! Read <i>Don't Disturb the Pirate</i> by Rhiannon Findlay.
14 STEM Make a cake. Observe and describe the mixture before and after putting it in the oven.	15 Read Share black and white books with newborns. New babies develop colour vision in the first few months of life.	16 Talk Talk about the adventures you have been on as a family.	17 Sing Sing-along Wednesday! Sing <i>Wheels on the Bus</i> What other vehicles can you go on an adventure on?	18 Write Draw your favourite character from a book you love.	19 Play It's talk like a Pirate Day! Make a pirate hat and pretend to be a pirate.	20 Read It's Story Saturday! Read your child's favourite book together!
21 STEM Talk about where honey comes from and sing <i>Here is the Beehive</i> .	22 Read Go team! Read a book about your favourite sport.	23 Talk Ask your child to make the sounds of the wind, rain, cars and animals.	24 Sing Sing a number rhyme like <i>Five fat sausages</i> . Count the sausages(fingers) before they go bang.	25 Write Sort magnetic letters into 'straight', 'curvy' and 'both'	26 Play Pushing ribbons into an empty plastic bottle is a fun fine motor play for young children.	27 Read It's Story Saturday! Do you have a few books written by the same author? Read them all today.
28 STEM Make a list of things you can see at night that you can't see during the day.	29 Read Read <i>Bear & Chook</i> by Lisa Shanahan. What do you want to be when you grow up?	30 Talk Play a rhyming game. I say sun, you say run. I say mat, you say ...?	31 Sing Sing <i>Hicory Dickory Dock</i> . Look at a clock and point out the number one.	Books, rhymes, and songs mentioned here are suggestions only. Substitute any with songs, rhymes, or books that you already know. Find the monthly calendar on our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/portaugustalibrary/		

National Champions



Congratulations to our Stirling North Students, Samara, Sienna, Macey and Marlee, who competed in the Dance Star National Dance Competition in Hobart last month.



The Back Page Sports Report



A few weeks ago, six of our students proudly represented Northern SAPSASA at the State Country Boys Soccer Championships. Over three days, the team played three matches each day, finishing the carnival with eight wins and one draw to secure first place overall. Coached by Mr Robinson, our photo features Mikey, Taylan, Levi, Blake, Carter and Jenson proudly holding their medals and championship pennant.



Recently, our school hosted the annual Northern SAPSASA District Sports Day, with nine schools taking part. Stirling North was represented by 50 students, competing across four age groups in a range of running and field events. At the end of the day, the top five results were: SNPS 389 points, Caritas 341, PAWPS 265, APPS 111 and FVPS 53. Every one of our students contributed to the final score, making it a true team effort and securing the win for Stirling North.

Congratulations to: Riley A, Phoenix B, Wyatt B, Skylah B, Oliver B, Bailey B, Zarlee B, Leah B, Emarlie C, Leon C, Zara C, Mark C, Samara D, Zoe E, Violet F, Mila G, Carter G, Arric H, Taylan H, Jack K, Emily K, Hudson K, Jarmin K, Taylor K, Lucas K, Liam L, Laylah M, Connor Mc, Miranda Mc, Mahala M, Emerson M, Marlee M, Harlo M, Joe N, Declan N, Harrison N, Owen P, Blake Q, Mia R, Lachy R, Lily R, Eddie S, Lily S, Blake U, Delilah V, Levi V, Jackson W, Aibhlinn W, Libby W and Leigh W.



On the day, seven of our students set new records. Harrison N broke the 9-year boys 200m record with a time of 35.45 seconds. Joe N set a new mark in the 10-year boys 100m, finishing in 15.06 seconds. Emily K achieved a record throw of 8.79m in the 12-year girls 3kg shot put. In addition, Liam L, Lucas K, Mark C and Riley A combined to set a new record in the 12-year boys 4x100m relay with a time of 1:02.99.



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