Term 1 as you are aware is a very busy time. During this term many team and individual sporting events occur: Splash Heats, Splash Carnival, Interschool Swimming, Adelaide Swimming Carnival, Sports Day and finally hosting the Interschool Sports Day here at Waikerie. Our Physical Education faculty work tirelessly along with the support of many other staff, students and parent volunteers in order to engage our young people. We value this community support and encourage any parent or family member who wishes to be a volunteer to ring the school and leave their details.

In addition to encouraging as many students to have a go as possible, these events provide structured opportunities for talented and aspiring athletes to perform at the highest level possible. Waikerie High School has a proud tradition of competing in a broad range of events very successfully and I congratulate the students for their tenacity and endeavour. In particular I would like to congratulate Rachel Fillmore (Bronze Medal) in the State Triathalon trials and Demi Taylor who competed in the State Equestrian events.

In week 3 we held our Annual General Meeting. It was great to see more parents involved in the Governing Council. It gives me great pleasure to announce the membership of the 2016 Governing Council.

Governing Council:
- Peter Santella, (Chairperson)
- Brendan Sidhu, (Vice Chairperson)
- Joanna Whitehead, (Secretary)
- Alison Hollamby, (Treasurer)
- Jenny Woollatt
- Bob Phillips
- Mark McLean
- Craig Hahn
- Kirsty Sargeson
- Melissa Schmidt
- Felicity Zeigler
- Grant Haese

**SUB COMMITTEES:**

**Finance:**
- Alison Hollamby
- Elizabeth Golding
- Felicity Zeigler
- Brendan Sidhu
- Kirsty Sargeson
- Wayne Tyler
- Donna Haynes

**Buildings and Grounds:**
- Grant Haese
- Shaun Arnold
- Peter Santella
- Bob Phillips

**Fundraising:**
- Craig Hahn
- Marion Maywald
- Jill Kerr
- Jenny Woollatt
- Bob Phillips

**Uniform:**
- Joanna Whitehead
- Michelle Frost

**Canteen:**
- Jenny Woollatt
- Wendy Bell

Rob McLaren
Principal
This week’s heat is not going to last and we will soon be looking for warmer clothing. The new winter jackets have arrived and been purchased by Year 8 students. If you would like your student in Years 9-12 to be warm in winter then you need to put in your order now! We do have some in stock but to ensure your student has a warm jacket we need to have orders in by Friday, March 18. Please order at the uniform shop which is open:

- **Tuesday afternoon:** 3:00–3:45
- **Thursday morning:** 8:30–9:30

Old Style Zip Collar and Zip Front Windcheaters. We are selling these at $20.00 each. We have some in very large sizes – XXXL – XXXXL which would be great for workers on orchards or farms.

### 2015 School Magazine

We were given extra 2015 School Magazines by the supplier. If you would like to purchase one then please see Jenny or Elizabeth at the book room. They are $20.00 each.

Elizabeth Golding  
Business Manager

### PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Students have been visiting the Menshed on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, they have found this to be a welcome experience as many men share knowledge and experience. The Waikerie Mensshed has been fantastic in engaging with students, and involving them in projects under way in the shed. Students have been helping with outdoor furniture, metal work and push bike restoration. Students from ILC have also participated and have successfully engaged in projects.

Tim Hensel  
Pastoral Care Worker

### STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES TO WIN $$MONEY$$ AND PRIZES

#### 1. Big Science Competition

This is open to all year levels and involves the students taking part in an online competition testing critical thinking and problem solving skills. Students sit a 50 minute, multiple choice test with the chance to win iTunes, Google Play and Hoyts vouchers.

See me so I can record your child’s name and will advise them of the sitting date (between the 18th – 25th May).

There are plenty of resources, including sample questions to download at [www.asi.edu.au](http://www.asi.edu.au). High achievers in the test could be invited to take part in other science programs such as the Asian Science Camp, Curious Minds (girls in STEM) and the Australian Science Olympiad Competition.

#### 2. Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize - Secondary

This prize is awarded for a short film that communicates a scientific concept in an accessible and engaging way. Entries take the form of a 1-3 minute film and must tell a real scientific story, which may be a scientific concept, discovery, invention or the producer’s own scientific hypothesis!!

- **Prize** – money is divided equally between the winning students and their school.
  - 1st Prize: $4,000 plus a $500 book voucher
  - 2nd Prize: $2000
  - 3rd Prize: $1000

Plus representatives from the finalist teams will win a trip to Sydney for the Australian Museum Eureka Prize Award Dinner.

Entry forms must be submitted online by 7pm AEST Friday 6th May, 2016.

Completed hard copy entries must be received by the Australian Museum no later than 5pm AEST Friday 13th May, 2016.

See me for more information.

#### 3. DIRT TV 2016

Unveiled in December 2013, Dirt TV is an annual video competition run by SACOME that requires students in Years 7-12 to produce a short video clip illustrating “What mining means to me?” or “What oil and gas means to me?”.

A pool of about $10,000 is awarded across five categories including $5,000 for the esteemed Best Overall Video first prize.

Students thinking about entering a video this year can find information at dirttv.com.au. They can even see last year's winner “Dig a Little Deeper” to see what is expected.

“Show me the MONEY!!!” To quote Tom Cruise in the movie ‘Jerry Maguire’.

Good luck and ENJOY  

Paul Tripodi  
Maths, Science, Bus Coordinator
**SPORTS NEWS**

Adelaide Swimming 1st March 2016

Standards Morning Tuesday 8th March
Students will attend home group on Tuesday morning then head across to the Athletics Field. This is their chance to earn points for their team by making a predetermined standard. The morning also doubles up as a selection trial for house teams leading up to Sports Day. Meetings will be held on Wednesday 9th March to finalise teams.

Sports Day 18th March
Held at the Athletics Field officially starting at 8:30am (for 1500m and throw events). More information will be in the next Newsletter.

**Whole School Events Expectations**
As stated to all students during the assembly before Splash carnival: All students are expected to attend whole school events (Splash Heats, Splash Carnival, Standards Morning, Sports Day, Interschool Sports Day, Cross Country). These events are very important in developing school culture. As a consequence, students who miss a whole school event without genuine reason will be ineligible for extra-curricular activities for that year. This includes, but not limited to: KO Sports, Ski-Trip and Canberra Trip.

Even if students are injured or cannot compete with reason, volunteer assistance is a crucial component of the running these whole school events.

**Sports Uniform**
Black shorts are now available in a female fit from the uniform shop.

**Phil Valentine**  
HPE & Sports Coordinator

### March/April Roster

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Tuesday 15th March.**  
Double Water slide after school till 5 pm  
At the Chocolate Factory Hill near river front.

Organised by the Waikerie Christian Youth Drop in centre, it’s all free!!! Snacks, drinks, slide - all FREEEEE!

Come and join in the fun. Remember to wear batters that have no zips, buckles or studs.

Thanks Tim Hensel and Chris Mibus

**Canteen Manager**  
Marion Maywald

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**CANTEEN NEWS**

**Canteen Roster** As you can see there are a lot of days where help is required. Please consider volunteering. It is not hard and it is a great way to meet teachers and students. The children are very polite and appreciate having volunteers serve them. Working in the canteen only involves serving the children for 20 minutes at recess and 40 minutes at lunch (with minimum help cleaning up). If you can only help at lunch time, that is still extremely helpful.

If you are unable to help by serving in the canteen, you can help by donating products. Eg: carrots, capsicums, onions cucumbers, tomatoes, avocados, cherry tomatoes, corn kernels (frozen or tin), tins of crushed tomatoes, milo, sugar, grated cheese, BBQ sauce, tomato pasta sauce or tomato sauce.
Waikerie High School students entered the Berri swimming pool to compete in the Riverland Secondary School’s Sport swimming championships. All students who competed should hold their heads high after a competitive performance. This is a very strong competition and the focus was less on the final result but on improved performances. Waikerie High School certainly achieved this goal by winning the most improved shield for the second year running.

Waikerie High School best finishes in the age group pennant were: 2nd U16 Boys and 2nd U16 Girls.

There were strong individual performances with Temika Johnson 3rd, James Smith 3rd, Laney West 2nd and Rachel Fillmore 3rd overall in their respective age groups.

**Place getters:**

**Declan Sidhu**  
1st U16 Boys 50m Freestyle Div. 2  
3rd U16 Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay

**James Smith**  
1st U16 Boys 50m Backstroke  
3rd U16 Boys 50m Freestyle Div. 1  
3rd U16 Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay  
3rd U20 4x50m Medley Relay

**Rachel Fillmore**  
3rd U20 Girls 100m Freestyle  
3rd U16 Girls 4x50m Freestyle Relay  
3rd U16 Girls 50m Backstroke

**Asher Whitehead**  
3rd U16 Boys 50m Breaststroke  
3rd U16 Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay

**Laney West**  
2nd U16 Girls 50m Freestyle Div. 2  
2nd U16 Girls 50m Breaststroke  
3rd U16 Girls 4x50m Freestyle Relay

**Mishael Mee**  
2nd U14 Girls 50m Breaststroke  
3rd U14 Girls 50m Freestyle Div. 2

**Jack Burgemiester**  
2nd U15 Boys 50m Breaststroke  
3rd U20 Boys 4x50m Medley Relay  
3rd U15 Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay

**Shae Lochert**  
3rd U20 Boys 4x50m Medley Relay

**Joseph Whitehead**  
3rd U20 Boys 4x50m Medley Relay

**Jessica Neal**  
2nd U20 Girls 50m Backstroke

**Temika Johnson**  
3rd U15 Girls 50m Backstroke

**Alicia Shaw**  
3rd U16 Girls 4x50m Freestyle Relay

**Kelly Brooke**  
3rd U16 Girls 4x50m Freestyle Relay

**Jack Parfitt**  
3rd U16 Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay

**Aden Hocking**  
3rd U15 Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay

**Cooper Mackereth**  
3rd U15 Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay

**Riley Frost**  
3rd U15 Boys 4x50m Freestyle Relay

**Final Scores:**  
Loxton 733, Renmark 601, Glossop 592, Waikerie 515
Well done to the fourteen students that made the trip down to Adelaide to compete in the SSSSA Individual and Teams Triathlon Championships. Our students represented the school very well and were competitive against the other 28 schools that competed. Over 400 students competed on the day.

Waikerie finished 14th in the Sam White Trophy for schools and the Riverland were well represented with Loxton winning the trophy, Renmark 7th and Glossop 26th.

Well done in particular to Rachel Fillmore who won a bronze medal in the Come and Try event in the Intermediate Girls division. This is the second year Rachel has placed in this event.

Some of our students competed in an individual triathlon for the first time and should be very proud of their achievement.

**Individual results for Come and Try Events:**
Barry Cavanagh 4th Senior boys
Tegan Griffiths 8th Senior Girls
Declan Sidhu 7th Intermediate Boys
Mason Brock 10th
Jack Burgemeister 11th
Asher Whitehead 18th
Rachel Fillmore 3rd Intermediate Girls

**TEAM RESULTS:**
Asher Whitehead 6th Intermediate Boys
Aden Hocking
Mason Brook
Declan Sidhu 22nd Intermediate Boys out of 30 teams.

Phil Valentine
HPE & Sports Coordinator
Week 4 saw the Year 8 students head to Adelaide for their annual aquatics camp. Wednesday started with a morning bus trip to Adelaide, where the students were divided into 2 groups for a day of activities. Adelaide Bouldering Club and Latitude were fantastic hosts and students had a great time challenging themselves and each other to duels, dodgeball, slam dunks, obstacles courses and climbing.

Night times were spent at the Adelaide Shores Caravan Park, where the students could have downtime enjoying the bouncing pillow, splash zone, pool and beach.

On Thursday, everyone packed up their towels, sunscreen and hats and headed off for a full day of aquatics as the West Lakes Aquatic Centre. Students were able to try their hand at Kayaking, Sailing, Wind Surfing, Snorkelling and Surfing.

Friday wound up the camp activities for 2016 with a stop off at St Kilda Playground for a spot of lunch and some free time testing out all the new equipment the playground had to offer.

In total, 66 students attended the camp, the highest percentage of students to attend in recent times. Hopefully the success of holding the camp in Adelaide will continue into 2017 and beyond, creating a fantastic opportunity for our newest students to develop strong friendships and many laughs to carry through to their senior years and into adulthood.

Ms Elissa Koch
Year 8 Coordinator