As part of her Year 12 studies, Renee Bell organised an 80’s and 90’s Music night as part of her Individual Study (Music) subject. The night was held on Tuesday the 18th of October in the hall, after being cancelled in Term 3 due to inclement weather. Mr Craig Nielsen was emcee for the night, introducing many songs spreading across the two decades like Cyndi Lauper’s ‘Girls just want to have Fun’ and Britney Spears ‘Hit me Baby one more Time’.

Students were represented in the school band, as well as, vocal trio’s and duets. Many students performed solo’s featuring accompaniments including piano and backing tracks. Lights and sound were controlled by Riley Fillmore and Mrs Elissa Koch. Supper was provided upon entry and 80’s and 90’s themed foods were available for purchase at the canteen. Thanks to Marion Maywald for organising this.

Overall the night was a great success and extremely well organised by Renee! Thanks must also go to Anne Leahy for her time during recess, lunch and after school ensuring students were well rehearsed and ready to perform.

Lauren Oswald
Arts Coordinator

Three in four people fear public speaking more than they fear death. Most people would feel a tremble of nervousness, anxiety, or gut-wrenching fear at the thought of talking in front of a crowd of people. This is why we need to congratulate the courageous, determined and resilient group of students that have been conquering their fears week after week, to strengthen Waikerie High School’s reputation as the toughest debating competitors in the 2016 Interschool Debating Competition. This was our second year in the competition, and our students quickly presented themselves as fierce competition, with the Year 8 and 9 teams winning their debates against Loxton in Round 1, and again in round 2 against Glossop. In round 3, Waikerie won all three debates against Renmark, which was an incredible achievement.

Arguing for topics such as ‘That there should be a sugar tax’; and, ‘That vegetarianism should be compulsory’ were some of the highlights of the competition, as they lead to serious debate around some controversial issues.

The Year 8 and 9 teams were successful in making the Grand Final in Glossop on Wednesday the 26th October, which was in itself a significant feat. The Year 8 team were defeated against Loxton by only a few points, and our Year 9 team graciously accepted victory, going undefeated the entire season.

The Year 8 team argued ‘That attendance should be made voluntary in high schools’ while the Year 9 team
I want to wish all of our Senior Students who are working hard in their final preparations for examinations and handing in assignments all the best in their endeavours. In particular last week’s Year 12 family B.B.Q and Farewell Assembly were great celebrations of five years of hard work and effort. They were great experiences as they highlighted the important partnerships that need to be in place between students, parents and teachers.

It truly is a busy few weeks to the end of the year. Our major Examinations begin on Monday and we also welcome our new Year 8 students for 2017 from all the Primary Schools in their first of many transition day visits. Our second student, parent teacher Interview Night was well attended and very successful. These conversations around feedback and ongoing support are important to ensure our students are successful.

Rob McLaren
Principal

On Tuesday 8th November Week 4 a team called ‘Life Matters’ will be presenting seminars to Year 8, 9 and 10 students.

These Christian seminars will be captivating and engaging to all who attend.

All Year 8, 9 and 10 students will be attending unless they opt out by returning the form that will be distributed the week before the seminars. Those that opt out will be supervised in the study room.

The Life Matters team say this about their presentations: (We believe life matters. Your life. My life. and especially the lives of young people. Who they are. How they see themselves. What they believe. How they act. How they interact. We create a space for young people to discover their story; to carefully think about the choices they make and the impact they can have on their friends, school, community and world. Our workshops stand at the intersection of the Christian story and empowering life values. Each seminar is contemporary in presentation, utilising dynamic speakers, video clips, storytelling, interactive activities and conversation).
Thank you to all the students, parents and staff that attended the Year 12 farewell breakfast and assembly last Friday. It was terrific catching up and hearing some of the memories of school already! The assembly allowed all students to be presented to the school and showcase the wonderful talent of our Year 12 students.

We remind students that next week exams begin and are a significant component of their assessment. All students have been issued with personal exam timetables. All exams will be conducted at the Waikerie TAFE building.

The last official day for Year 12 students is Friday 18th November. I remind all Year 12 students to complete their blue leavers form and return to the front office as soon as possible.

The target date for the 2016 results release is Tuesday 20th December, from 8:30am. Students will be able to view their SACE Results and SATAC Tertiary Entrance Statement (if eligible) in Students Online. It is expected students will receive official documentation in the post on results release day.

University offers are made from the 17th January 2017 and will be emailed to students from the South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre (SATAC).

We thank parents for their support and contributions to the school and the support you provide for your children.

Again, good luck to students involved with exams and we wish all students the best in their future pathways.

Craig Griffiths
Assistant Principal- Senior School
Survey of Wellbeing and Student Engagement

Dear Parent/Guardian

Students in our school have been invited to take part in a survey being conducted in Term 4 of this year. This letter sheet summarizes key information about the survey. More information can be found at www.decd.sa.gov.au (search: mdi) or can be collected from the school.

Purpose of the survey
Young people’s sense of wellbeing is an important part of their development and how they learn at school. The purpose of the survey is to seek students’ views about their wellbeing and their engagement with school. Across the State, years 6, 7, 8 and 9 students will participate in the Survey of Wellbeing and Student Engagement. The information collected from the survey will help inform work in the education system and broader community to help improve young people’s health and wellbeing.

What is the survey about?
The survey asks young people about their 1) Social and Emotional Wellbeing: About you; 2) School Relationships and Engagement: About your relationships and learning in school; and 3) Physical Health and Wellbeing: About your health, lifestyle and after school activities. Students’ answers to the survey will be kept confidential – no one will use the results to identify individual students.

What is involved in project participation?
Teachers will arrange for students to undertake the survey during one or two class lessons. Students will be asked if he or she would like to participate and will be free to withdraw at any time. You may withdraw your child from the survey at any time. If you wish to remove your child’s name from the participant list please contact the school.

How will young people’s information be kept confidential?
The information that is collected from each student through the survey will be kept confidential by: Keeping information that could identify a student, such as names and addresses, separately at all times from the responses to the survey.
- Only analysing students’ responses to each question after student names and addresses are removed.
- Only creating reports based on the data for groups of students – no individual person will be able to be identified from a report.
- Only using identifying information to combine the survey data with other educational data for statistical analysis and research.

Will schools, classes or young people be “ranked” in any way?
No. The findings will not be used to rank or determine the performance of schools.

Where can I get more information?
Further information can be found at www.decd.sa.gov.au (search: mdi) or can be collected from the school. For questions or concerns, or to view the survey questions, please contact Anna Lewkowicz, Project Manager, via email at DECD.MDI@sa.gov.au or by phone at (08) 8226-0452.

Rob McLaren

RESPECT  RESPONSIBILITY  TRUST  ACHIEVEMENT  COMMUNITY
ThinkUKnow is a free, evidence-based cyber safety program, providing accessible cyber safety education to parents, carers and teachers through schools and organisations across Australia.

ThinkUKnow is a partnership between Microsoft Australia and Datacom and is delivered in collaboration with South Australia Police.

Focus will be on potential dangers, including sexting, that children face whilst using the internet, how to help keep them safe through using appropriate privacy settings, and how to deal with online relationships and ensure a good online reputation.

**Date:** 30th November 2016

**Venue:** Waikerie Hotel

**Time:** 6:30pm—8pm

**Cost:** FREE

**RSVP:** By November 28th 2016

**Ph:** 0430405137

**Email:** waikerierotaryclub@gmail.com
MUSIC NIGHT

RESPECT • RESPONSIBILITY • TRUST • ACHIEVEMENT • COMMUNITY
Waikerie Photography Club are doing a 2017 fundraising calendar. This year's proceeds will go to the Waikerie Scouts.

Calendars are $15 each, plus $5 for postage for 1 or $7.50 postage for 2, or you can pick up from the Waikerie library. Orders and payment can be made at the Waikerie library or you can do a direct bank deposit, and leave your name as a reference, then message Kelly Bridges on 0421 846 380, or Jenni Searle on 0488 132 530 to confirm your order and payment and postal address.

Bank details are: ANZ
Account name: Kelly Bridges and Jennifer Pettett
BSB: 015 448
Account number: 218258872

Orders need to be in by the 18th November, 2016 and approximately delivery will be the 9th December, 2016.

Please buy one of our calendars and help us help out the Waikerie Scouts.

Come and Try
Sailing
All welcome
Saturday 12th November
10:00am – 4:00pm
At the Lake Bonney Yacht Club
Canteen will be open

For more information
ph: 8588 7136 Dorothy Dunk
ph: 0433 846 100 Steve Thomas
**URBAN FIRE PREVENTION**

Fires can cause serious harm to people and properties. Whether deliberately lit or caused by reckless or negligent actions, fire can kill. Know your responsibilities, take positive action and report suspicious behaviour to police.

To help keep your property safe from fire, consider implementing these crime prevention tips:

- Maintain vegetation around your property and remove plant debris.
- Erect fences, gates and warning notices to identify your property boundaries.
- Immediately repair or replace any damaged sections of fencing or gates.
- Inspect your property regularly to ensure rubbish, including glass bottles, are disposed of immediately.
- Store flammable fuels, fertilisers and chemicals in a secure area.
- Be aware of any restrictions when using incinerators, BBQ's, welding or cutting equipment or farm machinery during the Fire Danger Season and on Total Fire Ban days.

If you see anything suspicious immediately call police on 131 444. Keep a note pad in the car and record helpful details including:

- location of the suspicious activity i.e. RPA number and property name, road name, or identifying landmarks
- vehicle details i.e. registration number, make, model, colour and any distinguishing features (e.g. dents, stickers)
- characteristics of anyone acting suspicious i.e. age, gender, weight, height, hair colour and clothing.

For further information contact your local police station or visit www.police.sa.gov.au

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**BUSHFIRES START WHEN WE STOP PAYING ATTENTION**

**URBAN**

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**RURAL FIRE PREVENTION**

Fires can cause serious harm to people and properties. Whether deliberately lit or caused by reckless or negligent actions, fire can kill. Know your responsibilities, take positive action and report suspicious behaviour to police.

To help keep your property safe from fire, consider implementing these crime prevention tips:

- Erect fences and gates to identify your property boundaries – indicating private property.
- Immediately repair or replace any damaged sections of fencing or gates.
- Ensure security and warning notices are visible to people entering your property.
- Keep fertilisers and other chemicals in a secure location.
- Store petrol, diesel or other flammable fuels in secure areas and locked away when not in use.
- Inspect your property regularly to ensure rubbish, including glass bottles, are disposed of immediately.
- Remove hay from fields as soon as possible after harvesting and store it away from fuels, flammable goods and homes.

If you see anything suspicious immediately call police on 131 444. Keep a note pad in the car and record helpful details including:

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If you are anything suspicious immediately call the Police Assistance line on 131 444. If you have any information about who is deliberately lighting fires or engaging in reckless or negligent fire lighting behaviour call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.
Remember 2016

Order this year’s school magazine

A good way to remember your friends and all the wonderful experiences you had.

Includes all class photos and Year 12 Formal photos.

$20 each

The 2016 Magazine will be available for collection when school re-opens for 2017.

Orders are now open for this year’s school magazine and will close on 16 December.

To order your copy of the 2016 school magazine, complete the following tear-off order form and hand it in at the bookroom, along with your payment of $20.

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Yes please, I would like to order a copy of the 2016 Waikerie High School Magazine.

Student name: ________________________________ Current Year level: _____

Students currently in Years 8 - 11 will be called to collect their school magazines early in Term 1 of next year.

The following options are only available to current Year 12 students: Choose ONE of the following collection options:

☐ I will personally collect my copy from the school's reception area.
  Parent Name: ______________________________ Contact Phone No: _______________________.

☐ I give permission for my younger sibling (Name: ______________________________, Current Year level: _____) to collect my copy.

☐ I would like my copy posted. Please supply a stamped self addressed A4-envelope when paying for your magazine.
  Cost to post (3.50 stamped, self-addressed A4 size envelope supplied)

Office use only:

Magazine Collected:
Thank you for assisting - if unable to attend please phone Marion on 85 413097 or 041 789 7295

**TIMES FOR ARRIVAL:** 10:45am for recess and 12:50pm for lunch.

You are not required to stay between recess & lunch. Approx finish time - 2.00pm

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**I WISH YOU ALL A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND A VERY SAFE & HAPPY NEW YEAR**