On Tuesday 22nd November, the Year 10 Home Economics class held a ‘High Tea’ for all of the volunteers who have given up their time to help out in the canteen this year.

Students were to work in pairs to plan, prepare and present a sweet and a savoury dish appropriate for the occasion. They wore their own personalised aprons which they made during the sewing unit in Term 3.

The High Tea was a great success as the class received a lot of positive feedback. We hope that we where able to express our gratitude for the canteen helpers on behalf of the school. Volunteers are invaluable assets to have in our canteen!

Lee Shaw
Home Economics Teacher
TERM 4 AT A GLANCE

DECEMBER

Fri 9th
STUDENT FREE DAY

Mon 12th
Presentation Night – 7:30pm

Mon 12th-16th
Start Activities Week

Fri 16th
End Term 4 – Early Dismissal

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As the end of the school year rapidly approaches, our Year 11’s are taking part in Examinations and Pre Year 12 lessons for 2017. Students have been working with their Year 12 teachers in reviewing the expectations of their subjects, receiving resources that they can start to look at and in many cases have had their first assignment handed out. I congratulate our students and staff in the way they have embraced this initiative to ensure their future success. Our Year 10 students will be taking part in examinations and review lessons in Week 8.

Can I remind all parents and students that we expect all Year 8, 9 and 10 students to be attending school till Friday 16th December.

Student Leadership for 2017
Recently staff and students went through elections for our student leaders for 2017. Congratulations to the following students who were elected by their peers:

Student Representative Council
Year 8: (To be decided in term 1 of 2017)
Year 9: Will Campbell, Levi Whitehead, Tess Canney, Maddy Williams
Year 10: Nicola Schmidt, Tasman Singh-Uppal, Seth Klinghammer, Holly Gwynne
Year 11: Temika Miller, Kate James, Dailym Pepper
Year 12: Ebony Neideck, Gurki Gill, Hayden Shaw, Abby Cain

2017 House Captains:
Cadell Captains: Declan Sidhu, Jean Marchant
VC: Jack Burgemeister, Abby Cain

King Captains: Blake Webber, Rachel Fillmore
VC: Dakota McGurgan, Naomi Uchida

Randell Captains: Dominic Travaglione, Steph Irving
VC: Kira Bannister, Jarrad Bee

Ritchie Captains: Hayden Shaw, Penny Frankel
VC: Harvey Dearman, Ebony Neideck

Year 8 elections for the Student Representative Council will be held early in 2017 after students have had an opportunity to get to know each other as a group.

Thank you to the outgoing SRC and House Captains/Vice Captains for their outstanding work this year.

These students will be recognised at Presentation Night on Monday 12th December which begins at 7:30pm in the School Hall.

Presentation Night Monday 12th December 2016
The tradition of inviting previous students as guest speakers continues. This year we look forward to hearing from Danny McMahon and some of his memories of Waikerie High and life stories.

Danny graduated from Waikerie High school in 1988 where he was then offered a university position at the South Australian College of Advanced Education. Danny deferred this and went directly into employment at the local Bank of South Australia branch where he worked for just over 12 months. Danny then went on to complete a Bachelor of Education majoring in Physical Education and Outdoor Education. He taught for 8 years, combining teaching with local work in the hospitality industry before deciding on a major career change and go back to the finance industry where he began his working life.

While travelling around Australia with his partner Carey, he went on to complete a Graduate Diploma in Financial Planning, later specialising in direct share research and financial analysis.

Danny is now a partner with a prominent financial planning firm in Adelaide, where he has worked for the last 12 years, overseeing the asset allocation and investment decisions for the firm.

STEMWORKS update
Progress on our STEM Works upgrade is gathering pace, following the appointment of Anoop Menon from Woods Bagot as the project’s architect. STEM is the name given to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (incorporating physics and chemistry). These are often taught together, recognizing their interrelationship.

Over the next six weeks, the architects will work closely with school and department staff to develop project plans. This begins the process of turning our school’s vision into reality, with plans and designs in place at the study’s conclusion. Our $2.5 million project is one of 139 across the state. Projects are expected to be completed from February through to December 2018. For more information please visit: https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/stemworks

Rob McLaren
Principal
Year 11 Exams and Review Lessons
Students have now completed exams and have attended review lessons for Year 12 subjects next year. This week concludes formal lessons for the Year 11 students. However, any outstanding tasks or compulsory requirements must be completed before the end of the school year.

Year 10 Exams and Review Lessons
Next week the Year 10 students will be completing exams and will participate in review lessons. All students must attend.

Craig Griffiths
Assistant Principal- Senior School

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

During Week 9 we will be holding Activities week. This is the opportunity for students to participate in activities that they would not normally be able to do during mainstream school throughout the year, enabling student’s experiences in new skills. The timetable for activities week will be out at the end of Week 7. Some activities will need to be signed up for and paid for by the end of Week 8 to insure placing in that activity.

This is also a reminder that attendance during Week 9 is compulsory for all students in Years 8 to 10. If your child is going to be absent for Week 9 and your childs home group teacher is to be notified by the end of Week 8.

Emily Griggs
Assistant Principal – Middle School

2017 YEAR 9
1:1 Student Owned Laptop Program

Dear Parents/Guardians

Thank you to all those who responded to the survey regarding the 2017 Year 9 One to One Student Owned Laptop Program at Waikerie High School. Unfortunately due to the low number of responses and the low number of take up of the 1:1 offer, we will not be pursuing this any longer and therefore the program will not go ahead.

In regards to senior students loaning laptops from the school, this is no longer a viable option, as they have far outgrown their lifespan and usability. Due to these devices being procured by the Government's DER funding, the school has no sustainable means to keep this project going and therefore will not continue. The school will continue to provide computers through our computing facilities and will look to seek other school based alternatives early in 2017. The school’s Governing Council will be notified of the decision based on the school's community feedback.

Dion Higgins
Technology Coordinator

FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE

As part of the continued development of the Agriculture program at Waikerie High School, we are looking into running a VET program alongside our traditional program. However, as this is a time consuming and resource demanding action we are looking to gauge the interest from the School Community. As such, it is asked that parents/caregivers who have children at Waikerie High School please take a few minutes out of their day to complete the survey below. It would help greatly to develop the future of Agriculture within Waikerie High School

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZH2VW9H

Hayward Paynter
Agriculture Teacher

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you have uniforms that you would like to donate to the school that is clean and in good order please contact the school and organise to have them dropped off. We are trying to develop a range of second hand uniforms available from the uniform shop for future years.

Uniform Shop Committee
A recent visit to the Men’s Shed with Allex Cox was very well received by Allex and the Men Shed fellas. They loved seeing school students there and all make an effort to encourage where they can.

Allex applied himself well and came out the winner with a completed project in the form of a toolbox.

These programs are always that much more effective when the student has a goal or a dream, and this helps them work through and complete the project. Allex is well versed in working with various tools and this helped him complete the project.

Furthermore, engaging with the wider community has its share of benefits and also draws those social skills to the fore as well.

Well done Allex and well done Waikerie High Schools on a successful program.

Tim Hensel
Pastoral Care Worker
YEAR 12 FORMAL
WAIKERIE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB
AND
IRONWOOD WARES BY ANTHONY LESKE

Please join us for our Exhibition opening
"Take Two"

“Enjoy the work of two local art mediums coming together”

Sunday 4th December, 2016
2:00 pm
RAIN MOTH GALLERY
4 Peake Terrace, Waikerie

Riverland Christmas Appeal

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO GIVE THOSE THAT ARE
STRUGGLING IN OUR COMMUNITY A BRIGHTER CHRISTMAS!

Monetary donations and donations of
new toys can be left at the
following agencies in each town:

BARMERA
St Vincent de Paul
Ruparelli Ave, Barmella
Ph: 8698 1017

WAikerIE
AC Care
1 Couch St, Waikerie
Ph: 8681 8444

BERRI
AC Care
5 Kealley St, Berri
Ph: 8681 5854

LOXTON
AC Care
Corner Drakes St
6, Pyg St, Loxton
Ph: 8694 4959

renmark
Chuckley Community Centre
Honnemerd St, Renmark
Ph: 8694 9745

If you’re in need of assistance please apply at the above agencies during November

Proudly Supported By:
Life can get hectic. Why not take some time to de-stress?! Come and learn different strategies, such as meditation, that have been found to help treat, manage and prevent stress, anxiety and depression.

**WHEN:** Monday, 28th November, 2016 and Monday 19th December, 2016

**TIME:** 6pm - 6.45pm (for ages 12 - 16 years)

7pm - 7.45pm (for ages 17 - 25 years)

**WHERE:** Waikerie Community Centre
1A Crush Terrace, Waikerie

**COST:** FREE

For more information call headspace Berri on 8582 4422
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.

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:
Please hand this form to the Book room with payment.

**CHRISTMAS SPECIAL ANYONE LOOKING FOR A GIFT OR A MOMENTO**

**WE ARE OFFERING A WINE SPECIAL FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

$80.00 FOR 12 OR $8.00 A BOTTLE

**GET IN QUICK BEFORE IT RUNS OUT**

I would like to purchase ________________ Bottles/cartons of the 2015 Shiraz

Name: __________________________________ Time to pick up:___________________

Total amount $_______________________________to be paid to the book room.

*In order to collect your purchase, you must organise for someone over the age of 18 and not a student of the school, to pick up the bottle(s) at a prearranged time.*