Thank you to our School Community

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and safe Festive Season and New Year

Term 1 2017 resumes on Monday 30th January 9:00am
This last term of our school year has been full of events highlighting the passion of the people involved as well as celebrating the successes achieved. In these past few weeks teachers have been developing reports to summarise student progress for Semester 2 and our Year 10 and 11 students have been taking part in introductory lessons for next years subjects. The feedback from staff and students have been very positive in the way it has provided students with an insight into the expectations of their courses, an introduction to the first topic and in many cases the handing out of the first assignment.

As part of our successful Transition Program we welcomed our Year 7 families into our school community at the Year 7 Parent Student Teacher BBQ Night. This was a great night in which our new intake, with their parents were able to tour the school with their Home Group teachers, visit their classrooms and have dinner together with other teachers. Congratulations to Ms Koch and her team for their successful transition program culminating in this night.

Thank you to all the students, family and community members who participated in our Presentation Night on Monday. The community viewed an outstanding music performance show casing in particular the talents of our current Year 12 students. Our two Year 12 SRC student compères Tegan Griffiths and Emma Zeigler, were outstanding in their master of ceremony roles. The night focussed on recognising student achievement and service to the school community, and a list of award winners is included further into this newsletter. Our guest speaker for the night, Danny provided a great insight into his journey of success from Waikerie High School. It was great to meet him and I congratulated him on the way he spoke to all representatives in the audience. Congratulations to all award winners.

Our Year 12 students are still anxiously awaiting their results. Please contact our Assistant Principal - Senior School Craig Griffiths 85412533 should you have any issues or wish to discuss Year 12 results or Tertiary admission issues over the holiday break.

Finally I would like to wish all staff, students, families and our wider school community a happy and restful festive season over the holiday break. As a school community we have made steps forward towards making our school “great”. I look forward to working with you all next year in the next part of our journey.

**Staff Updates/Farewells**
We sadly have a number of staff members leaving us at the end of this year and I would like to thank them for their service, devotion and hard work throughout their time here at Waikerie High School.

- Ms Elizabeth Golding our Business Manager has won a position at Glossop High School closer to home. She has been a long standing member of our staff. We will fill this position early next year.
- Ms Emily Griggs Assistant Principal Middle School has also won a job at Glossop High School, closer to home. Mr Phil Valentine will be filling this position next year.
- Ms Rebecca Smitran (English/Special Ed.Coordinator) has won a position at Aberfoyle Hub High School. Ms Rachael Sparrow joins us from Keith Area School and will fill this position as English/HASS Coordinator.
- Ms Lee Shaw, Mr Steve Bartholomew and Mr Sam Parsons are also finishing contracts with us and we wish them well in the future.
- Mr Andrew Sparrow joins us from Keith Area School to fill a Technology position.

A reminder the 2017 School Year begins on Monday 30/1/17 and Staff will be on duty the week before.

Rob McLaren
Principal

**Year 12 Results Release**
Reminder that Year 12 results are released at 8.30am on Tuesday 20th December. Students can access their results by going to sace.sa.edu.au and follow the links to ‘Results’. Students then log in to ‘Students Online’ and use their SACE registration number and pin to access results.

**2017 Subjects**
This year has seen the successful transition of the web based preferences for subject selection. All senior students have received their subjects for next year and have had review lessons to inform them of subject details and begin learning programs. The final
timetable for all students will be distributed when they return to school.

I wish all students and parents a Merry Christmas and a safe and restful break.

Craig Griffiths  
Assistant Principal- Senior School

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Waikerie High School Community for your support and friendship throughout 2016. I have enjoyed my time here immensely and have developed many transferable skills. I have taken a position at Glossop High School in 2017 but look forward to continually working with the staff at Waikerie.

I want to wish everyone a safe and happy break. A Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Emily Griggs  
Assistant Principal – Middle School

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

If you have uniforms that you would like to donate to the school that are 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

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Finally we have come to the end of the school year! I hope it has been a year of growing and learning for your family. Each year our lives are impacted by success and failure. it is up to us to continue through the maze and grow from these experiences. I hope Waikerie High has helped with this process and look forward to greeting you all in the New Year, ready for another year of growth and adventure. Congratulations to the graduates of 2016, and to those entering the workforce. May God bless your journey ahead.

Have a safe and prosperous holiday season. “Merry Christmas.”

Tim Hensel  
Pastoral Care Worker

WHAT HAPPENED IN SCIENCE?  
TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

On Tuesday a group of Year 8 students went on a fossicking expedition. They played the part of forensic anthropologists trying to piece together evidence they come across to solve the mystery of the deaths of 100s of 1000s of fossils.

During the course of the day they examined soil, rocks and the remains of organisms that existed up to 26 million years ago. The students were able to not only discover the geological history of the Riverland but were able to collect some fossils of marine organisms.

Although none of the students found the elusive sharks teeth (see below), they still enjoyed getting out of the classroom and putting the knowledge learnt into practise.

After discovering the remains of a whale bone, we then ventured to Lock 2 to see the effect of a high river and compare it to past high water and floods. The students even discovered a pattern to the floods that holds true for all but 1 high water (1982). Ask your child about the pattern and look forward to predicting the next high
water. It is truly eye opening to see the height of the 1956 flood. An amazing comparison between a ‘Flood’ and ‘High Waters’. Well worth a look.

A huge thank you to Mrs Nettelbeck for all her efforts in organising the trip and to Mrs Grieger, Mr Paynter and Mr Pearson for their support and to the kids for their interest and excellent enthusiasm. Real science happens outside the classroom every day. You just have to be observant.

WHAT HAPPENED IN SCIENCE?
TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER

On Tuesday, Week 9, 33 Year 9 students ventured to Adelaide for a combined Geology and Biology Excursion.

Allan Collins, professor of Geology at Adelaide Uni, along with 3 PHD students, illustrated what occurs beneath our feet as plates collide. Our students did an activity called ‘Tectonics in a Box’ which showed the students how folds and faults form during the process of “Orogenesis – Mountain Building”.

A shock to all was the information that Adelaide is not immune to major earthquakes as it sits on 2 major faults. It is only a matter of when. They also found out that in about 10 million years travel to Bali will be even cheaper as Australia will be part of the Indonesian island chain as the continent moves slowly northward.

After a quick lunch and shopping spree, along with a few elevator rides in the Myer centre, it was off to the Zoo. We met John, a relative of the Taylor clan, who spoke to the kids about threatened species and then sent Mr Paynter, Mrs Grieger, Nicole and Renee running as he brought out a ‘Corn Snake’ to pat. The kids then went to explore the zoo but due to the heat, the animals were acting much like our students, laying around doing pretty much nothing!!
A wonderful day was completed with the obligatory stop in for junk food and then the long journey back to the Riverland. A huge thanks to all the students, Mrs Grieger, who had to quickly step in for an ill Ms Haynes, and Mr Paynter for their support and excellent behaviour (even the staff were good!!). A valuable lesson was also learnt – some students can’t tell time!!! Isn’t that right Cody!!

Paul Tripodi
Maths / Science Coordinator

SUCCESS IN QUICKSMART

This year we began implementing the QuickSmart literacy and numeracy intervention program with a team of dedicated staff and eager students. We have seen some outstanding results from our students, with all achieving better than expected growth in their PAT data. Waikerie High School will continue to offer this program for Year 8 students in 2017.

The QuickSmart program is delivered in the Learning Hub, which is a new space that aims to provide support for all students. As the Special Education Coordinator, I have enjoyed developing this space with the amazing team of SSOs and teachers, and thank them for all their effort in ensuring all students have access to meaningful learning support.

Rebecca Smitran
English/Special Education Coordinator
2016 REFLECTIONS

SRC Members

House Captains

Splash Carnival

Inter-School Swim Squad

State Triathlon Team

Sports Day

Inter-School Sports Day

Year 8 Camp

Aboriginal Culture & Education Camp

NAIDOC Week

Spanish Study Tour

Adelaide Athletics

SA Sheep Expo

RESPECT • RESPONSIBILITY • TRUST • ACHIEVEMENT • COMMUNITY
BEFORE
You...
THINK
T = Is it True?
H = Is it Helpful?
I = Is it Inspiring?
N = Is it Necessary?
K = Is it Kind?
STAGE 1 – SUBJECT AWARDS
Agriculture
Dominic Travaglione
Biology
Tayla Georgopoulos, Penny Frankel
Chemistry
Penny Frankel
Community Studies
Chloe Everett
Drama
Chloe Everett
Electronics
Hayden Shaw
Electronics
Dylan Hahn
Essential English
Harmony Needer
Essential Mathematics
Kalila Salt
Food and Hospitality
Ebony Neideck
General Mathematics
Tayla Georgopoulos, Penny Frankel
History
Jaslyn Fox
Mathematical Studies
Dylan Hahn, Ebony Neideck
Metalwork
Dylan Hahn, Shae Lochert
Physical Education
Dylan Hahn, Hayden Shaw
Physics
Dylan Hahn
Physics
Hayden Shaw
Pre English
Thomas Strauss
Pre English Studies
Erica Austria
Scientific Studies
Stephanie Irving
Specialist Mathematics
Dylan Hahn
Viticulture
Rachel Fillmore
Woodwork – Contemporary
Naomi Uchida
Woodwork – Traditional
Dylan Hahn, Hayden Shaw

STAGE 2 – SUBJECT AWARDS
Agricultural and Horticultural Studies
Barry Cavanagh
Art
Renee Bell
Biology
Tolan Frahm
Chemistry
Chelsea Webber
Community Studies
Simren Gill
English Communications
Ashleigh Johnston
English Studies
Tolan Frahm
Food and Hospitality
Jesse Bishop, Natasha Perry
Integrated Learning
Tolan Frahm
Mathematical Applications
Georgia Sheehan
Mathematical Studies
Chelsea Webber
Metalwork
Stephen Taylor
Music
Renee Bell
Physical Education
Tegan Griffiths, Clayton Hollamby
Physics
Samuel Haese
Research Project
Renee Bell, Tahlia Cross, Demi Taylor
Woodwork
Stephen Taylor
Work Place Practices
Alexandra Walker

SCHOOL SERVICE AWARD
Riley Fillmore, Riley Frost, Aidan Perks

Moorundie Ruwe Award
YEAR 8 ACADEMIC AWARDS
Conscientious Effort
Liam Jinks
Jemma Mortimer

Academic Achievement
Danica Bee
William Campbell
Amy Hatcher
Patrick Liebich
Kanella Mihalopoulos
Grace Nayda
Daniel Schmidt
Erin Sweet-Hite
Emma Taylor
Cody Turner

High Academic Achievement
Bonnie Dolphin
George Fulwood
Isabella Jawadi
Levi Whitehead
Titus Whitehead

Outstanding Academic Achievement
Maria Austria
Tessa Canney

YEAR 9 ACADEMIC AWARDS
Conscientious Effort
Carly Frahm
Holly Gwynne
Brianna Leigh

Academic Achievement
Joshua Hahn
Bradley Johnston

High Academic Achievement
Carly Frahm
Reilly Hollamby
Temika Johnson
Mishael Mee
Renee Pfeiler
Nicola Schmidt
Sinead Sidhu
Sophie Taylor

YEAR 10 ACADEMIC AWARDS
Conscientious Effort
Emily Adams
Temika Miller
William Seton
Blake Webber

Academic Achievement
Tahlia Cabot
Tahlia Helbig
James McLean
Emiliyah Wood

High Academic Achievement
Caitlin Curtis
Connie Griffiths
Sarah Reusch
Blake Schober
Declan Sidhu
Deanna Wyld

Outstanding Academic Achievement
Jack Burgemeister
Ellie Everett
Kayla Mason

OVERALL ACADEMIC AWARDS
SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR
Taran Brock – Male, Jessica Neal – Female

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP STUDENT OF THE YEAR
Adam Schultz

VET STUDENTS OF THE YEAR
Stephen Taylor – Yr 12, Shae Lochert – Yr 11

INDEPENDENT LEARNING CENTRE FLEXIBLE LEARNING OPTIONS
Shayla Hampton-Twilley

GREG COTTLE MEMORIAL AWARD
Dominic Travaglione

SACE STAGE 1 ANIMAL HUSBANDRY
Harvey Dearman

BUSINESS AWARD
Maria Erica Austria

CENTRAL IRRIGATION TRUST SCHOLARSHIP
Dakota McGurgan

RAINMOOTH GALLERY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Kayla Mason – Yr 10, Penny Frankel – Yr 11

MOORUNDIE RUWE AWARD
Taylah Lochert

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE AWARDS
Kayla Mason – Yr 10, Tegan Griffiths – Yr 12

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD
Luke Frost, Joseph Whitehead
MAJOR AWARDS

MAYORAL SCHOLARSHIP
Jack Burgemeister

ROTARY TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP
Dylan Hahn

ZONTA AWARDS
Abby Cain – Yr 11, Chelsea Webber – Yr 12

MID MURRAY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP
Ashleigh Johnston

ALLISON NITSCHKE MEMORIAL ART AWARD
Renee Bell

PREFORMING ARTS
Nicola Schmidt – Junior, Tolan Frahm – Senior

HOLDER MEDAL
Emma Ziegler

PRATT/VISY INDUSTRIES SCHOLARSHIP
Ebony Neideck

CALTEX MEDAL
TEGAN GRIFFITHS