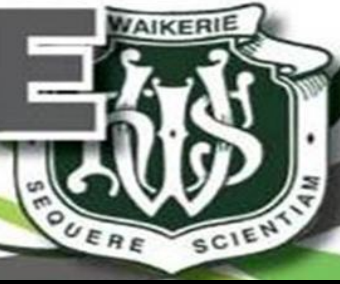


# WAIKERIE High School Newsletter



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



### TERM 2 ONLINE LEARNING

What a crazy time for our world. Covid-19 has impacted us all and will continue to be unpredictable and challenging. Most important for us is the safety and wellbeing of our students, families, staff and our local community. Learning for students must continue and to deliver this, you would now be aware that next term all learning for students will be online. Full details are outlined in the 'Waikerie High School Online Learning Model' booklet. This document, along with other supporting information has been uploaded to Daymap and is on the school website. I have also included a copy of the letter I sent home last week outlining the schools direction. The key to ensuring student learning continues relies on

each student having a device and connectivity to link to their teachers. We encourage those students who do not currently have access to such a device to source one as soon as possible. If this is not possible, please contact our ICT coordinator, Mr Wayne Tyler. Critical also is parents supporting and encouraging their children to engage and commit to the fantastic learning opportunities that teachers will be providing.

I remind parents that the school is open but learning at school will be online and comparable to learning at home. For this reason, we encourage families to follow recommendations and keep children at home if they are able to do so.

### REPORTS

These reports provide a snapshot of your child's progress after 11 weeks. Electronic copies are able to be viewed in Daymap.

### CANCELLATIONS

All events scheduled for Term 2 have been cancelled. Regarding student, parent, teacher interviews, if you would like to talk to a teacher please email them directly. A list of all teacher emails is included in the online learning model.

### SPORTING CARNIVALS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the school athletics carnival this year. Special congratulations to Cadell on winning the overall shield and all individual medal winners. Successful events like these do not occur without a great deal of planning and organisation. Thank you and congratulations to Mr Matt McDonald and the team of staff, students and parents who helped in organising the day. Results are included in this newsletter. Unfortunately our traditional Interschool and Adelaide carnivals were cancelled due to Covid-19.

### YEAR 12 FORMAL

I congratulate all involved in the organisation and running of the Year 12 formal. The tradition and culture of this event is special for the students, parents and the community. As parents we are proud to see our children reach a milestone in their lives. As staff members at this school we are proud to have the opportunity to celebrate with them their efforts and achievements.

In these very different times, I wish all students and their families a very safe break. Please stay at home if possible and follow the Government and Health Department recommendations.

Our Term 2 online program commences at 9:00am on Monday 27th April. I strongly encourage all families to be prepared for this and I look forward to students learning in a different way, in these different times.



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education



Craig Griffiths  
Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**Daymap** – always the first point of call in Term 2. Timetables will clearly tell students when they have online lessons, when teachers are available and is still the platform for assessment. Microsoft Teams is the platform for video conferencing online.

**SACE** – there is lots of information on the SACE website about SACE during this Covid-19 pandemic. <https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/>. This includes frequently asked questions around Exams, ATAR, School Assessment and VET.

**Stage 2** - The clear message from SACE is there will be Stage 2 Exams. The timing and format may differ but keeping the exams will ensure students continue learning in these subjects. Assessment changes will be decision made by each subject area from SACE depending on what is best for the students (i.e. less tasks or reduced word count). Assessment may be in different formats from what is traditional.

**Stage 1** – The school has more flexibility in assessment. Teachers will make decisions based on fairness to students. The school aims to complete the usual course requirements but tasks may be assessed in different formats to cater for online learning (online tests, tests supervised by video, evidence from group discussion and online chat, Science practical reports based on data provided by teacher).

The main message from the school is students must continue to engage in learning. We will provide strategies to do this from home. If a student is stuck then they must make contact with the teacher. Students who do not make the effort to engage will struggle to pass SACE subjects when school returns to normal. Those who don't keep up may need to repeat Year 11 or 12 next year if they wish to get their SACE.

I wish all families a safe holidays. Trust that the school and the SACE board are working hard to cater for senior students and allow learning to take place in Term 2; all be it in a different environment that we have become accustomed to.



**Phil Valentine**  
AP Senior School

## SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

The last couple weeks have certainly been a different and challenging time for everyone. Mental health and wellbeing is extremely important to us at Waikerie High School. We have been busy putting strategies in place to support staff, students, families and community. Attached to this newsletter you will find a page of supports and services. You may also be able to share the information with others that may need support in the community.

### Key things to help maintain a healthy lifestyle:

- Eat healthy and nutritious meals
- Stay Active - Go outside for at least an hour every day.
- Setup a daily routine of activities and things that give you a sense of achievement.
- Stay socially and emotionally connected with family and friends via phone, video chat and email
- Turn off devices and the news. **Continually watching updates about COVID19 is not good for your mental health.** Stay informed by trusted sources of information but don't be consumed by it.
- It's OK not to be OK. Seek support if you are feeling overwhelmed and encourage others to seek professional support when they need it.
- Kindness, patience, love and a positive attitude. Be kind to yourself and others, and know you are doing your best. This won't last forever.

### Here are some ideas for times of isolation;

- Listen to music that lifts your mood
- Go for a walk, bike or scooter ride
- Shoot some hoops, kick the footy
- Paint nails and try different hair styles
- Knitting, crochet, sewing, weaving
- Watch a movie
- 10,000 steps challenge- [www.10000steps.net.au](http://www.10000steps.net.au)
- Reading- read alone/be read to/audiobooks
- Learn/teach a new life skill- change a tyre, fix something, pull a motor apart or build something
- Limit gaming time
- Limit alcohol intake
- Puzzles, board games and cards
- Quiz night
- Earn pocket money
- Lego
- Writing and journals
- House renovations
- Art and craft
- Drawing, paint, colour
- Fishing
- Gardening
- Relaxation- yoga, meditation
- Up cycle old furniture
- Cooking- bake/make a meal for your family

Take care and contact me during school hours if you need support.

**Bec Barker**  
Social Worker

# #weareallinthis together

We have a strong and supportive community to support you.  
If you're experiencing difficulties, please don't hesitate to access the following supports.

## 24/7 Helpline Services

### Kids Helpline

Counselling for young people aged 5-25  
1800 55 1800  
kidshelpline.com.au

### Lifeline

Anyone experiencing a personal crisis  
13 11 44  
lifeline.org.au

### Eheadspace

Support for young people aged 12-25  
1800 650 890  
ehheadspace.org.au

### Beyond Blue

Anyone feeling anxious or depressed  
1300 22 4636  
beyondblue.org.au

### Mensline Australia

Men with emotional or relationship concerns  
1300 78 99 78  
mensline.org.au

### Suicide Call Back Service

Anyone thinking about suicide  
1300 659 467  
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

### 1800RESPECT

People impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse  
1800 737 732  
1800respect.org.au

### National Coronavirus Information Helpline

For people seeking information and advice on COVID-19  
1800 020 080

## Local Support



**Waikerie Hub**

Phone: 8541 3496

**WAIKERIE FOOD PANTRY**


Times are tough. Do you need a hand to make it through?

FOOD HAMPERS ARE AVAILABLE\* FOR \$15  
Includes: fresh produce and pantry staples.

Provided by the Waikerie Youth Hub, Waikerie Uniting Church and Foodbank.

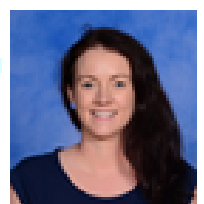
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR A FOOD HAMPER CONTACT:  
WAIKERIE YOUTH HUB - PH. 8541 713 221

\*SUBJECT TO FOOD AVAILABILITY



## Waikerie High School Social Worker- Bec Barker

For support during school hours please contact Bec through the front office on 8541 2533 or phone 0403 369 829 (school mobile)  
You can also message Bec on daymap and video chat through Microsoft teams



**In an emergency please call 000 or call 13 14 44 for police assistance**



# CONGRATULATIONS CADELL WINNERS WHS 2020 SPORTS DAY



Cadell House were victorious at a windy Waikerie High School Sports day, meaning they have now won three of the last four sports days. Ritchie were not far behind them in second place, but the reality was that Cadell were not really challenged and led from start to finish.

Ritchie were victorious in the ball games competition; whilst Randell took out the tug of war.

Students competed impressively on the day, showing excellent support for all other athletes. Many parents and friends also attended as spectators, adding to the atmosphere of the day.

## Final Points

Position	Team	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>CADELL</b>	<b>1275</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>RITCHIE</b>	<b>1210</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>KING</b>	<b>1043</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>RANDELL</b>	<b>973</b>

## Individual Medal Winners

AGE GROUP	WINNER	RUNNER UP
U14 Male	Blake Loffler - Cadell	Ryan Schutz - Randell
U14 Female	Latia Loffler – Cadell	Shana Manserg - Ritchie
U15 Male	Reuben Lehmann – Randell	Cooper Radolovic-Tripodi - King
U15 Female	Sarah Campbell - Cadell	Stella Thomas – Randell
U16 Male	Joseph Mee – King	Naish Andrew - Randell
U16 Female	Aaliyah Loffler – Cadell	Vaine Guy - Ritchie
Open Male	Daniel Schmidt - Cadell	Ethan Johnson - King
Open Female	Justice Ebert - Cadell	Elisa Schiller - King

