

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



What a very unpredictable world we have been living in recently. Covid-19 has had a massive impact on us all and our thoughts and compassion goes out to all those families and businesses that have been affected.

On the recommendation from Government and the Department for Education, our planned on-line learning model for the start of the term was changed to face to face teaching in the classroom. It was fantastic to welcome back so many students after the break and have the opportunity to simply catch up and talk, and importantly, focus on learning. Our regular timetable was implemented and learning programs continued from the previous term. We were very fortunate to be in the position to offer full learning

programs at the start of the term as we had 100% commitment from staff to attend and teach in the classroom. I thank all staff for their dedication and professionalism.

In the first week we had approximately 85% of students attending and by the end of week 2, nearly full attendance. All students are now back and I thank the students, families and community for the support of our school during these difficult times.

**TRAFFIC LIGHT DATA:** This information is now uploaded onto Daymap. The data will provide further feedback on student progress at this time and we encourage parents to discuss this with their children. Please contact the teacher if you have concerns.

**NAPLAN:** On 20 March Education Ministers met and decided that NAPLAN will not proceed in 2020. In light of the impact of COVID-19, this decision was made so that school leaders, teachers and support staff can focus on the wellbeing of students and prepare for the continuity of education.

**SITE IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** We continue to focus on improving literacy and numeracy. All staff have been involved in training and development to provide skills and strategies to support students, particularly in writing. Most recently we are developing work that is based on the training we received from Dr Rosie Kerrin on our student free day. It is so rewarding to see students skills develop and demonstrate improved writing ability.

**SEAT BELTS ON BUSES:** All students travelling on a school bus must wear a seat belt. Please remind your child the importance of this to ensure their safety. Drivers will also be reminding students. If a student is not willing to wear their seat belts they will not be permitted to use the school bus.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:** The resurfacing of the hall floor, storage shed for technology and new locker bay area is now complete. Works on the propagation house has begun at the Agriculture Learning Centre and we look forward to beginning new work on re-roofing the Resource Centre. We are very proud of our school environment. It is great to hear the positive feedback from students around their appreciation of the grounds.

**STUDENT FREE DAY:** The student free day planned for Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June has been cancelled. Planning had begun for our Riverland Training and Development with Glossop, Loxton and Renmark High staff but due to the restrictions that have been in place, will no longer proceed. To reduce disruption to student learning we will continue with our usual program.

Craig Griffiths  
Principal

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Firstly, thank you to students and parents for the transition into term 2. There has been a feeling of students appreciating being back at school and the learning taking place has been continuous in the first five weeks.

Daymap Connect registrations continue to increase and I thank parents for taking the opportunity. It is a good communication tool and the way forward for distributing information to parents and students. Please contact the school if you have any issues registering.

### Year 10s

I have been very impressed with the standard of work in the recent mock interviews. Although many were nervous, it is a great experience and hopefully a confidence booster. The interviews and evaluation form part of the assessment for the PLP.

### Year 11

Exams will take place during week 9 this term. Exams will take place in the doubles during the week and normal lessons continue at times outside of these. A timetable is available through Daymap.

### Year 12s

Year 12s continue to work on year-long subjects. The SACE board has made some allowances for the Covid-19 interruptions but the general theme is business as normal with exams going ahead in November.

### SACE Compulsories

PLP (Year 10), English and Mathematics (Year 11) are compulsory subjects to achieve the SACE. Students must receive a C or better. If students are not progressing to pass these subjects, parents will be contacted. Students may be taken out of their optional subjects to complete compulsory subject work towards the end of this term.

**Phil Valentine**  
AP Senior School

## MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER



### M&S Charges 2020

**Material & Services for 2020 are due.** If you have not already paid them please organise payment as soon as possible or if you are eligible for school you can either complete it online at [www.sa.gov.au](http://www.sa.gov.au) or collect a paper copy from the front office at school.

### NEW OPENING times for the Uniform Shop:

**Tuesday 8:30am-9:00am and Thursday 8:30am-9:00am.**

All uniforms need to be paid in full at time of purchase either by cash, EFTPOS or cheque.

### FRONT OFFICE

*The front office is closed every Thursday from 2:30pm.*

### BOOK ROOM OPENING TIMES

**The book room is open Monday to Friday 8:30am to 9am.**

## SRC MND FUNDRAISER FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE



On the 12<sup>th</sup> June, Friday Week 7, the Waikerie High SRC will be holding a fundraising event for Fight MND. MND, Motor Neuron Disease, is a disease that attacks the nerve cells in the body. There are approximately 1200 people diagnosed with this incurable disease in Australia as of now, so it is important to raise awareness for this devastating issue. Students have had the option to purchase a fight MND beanie over the last week. We had a whopping 76 beanies purchased which will send just over \$1,500 to the Fight MND charity! A huge thank you to all who chipped in. The SRC will be selling cupcakes for \$1 each on the day, with all proceeds also going towards the foundation. Students are also encouraged to wear blue and their purchased beanies. Gold coin donation is

required. This is a worthy cause and we encourage everyone to get involved!

For more information, visit <https://fightmnd.org.au/>

**Bonnie Dolphin and Tessa Canney**

## YEAR 10 MOCK INTERVIEWS



In Week 5, Year 10 students undertook their mock interviews as a part of their PLP (Personal Learning Plan) subject. In normal years these are directed by Waikerie Rotary Club members, but due to our limitations, the interviews have been run 'in house' by staff members and Year 12 volunteers. The *Getting Ready for Work* assignment provides students with a chance to create their resumes, cover letters, research career skills and attributes, investigate work health and safety, along with the sitting of a mock interview. Although students voiced their nervousness for the interviews, their results were fantastic. Students were able to reflect on what did and did not go well and identify what they can improve upon for future interviews. A big congratulations to all interviewees and a warm thank you to staff members and Year 12 students who volunteered their time to help out.

**Callan Smart & Matthew McDonald  
PLP Teachers**



## SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT



As we settle back into routine it is great to see students and staff back for a successful term 2. There is a great vibe walking around Waikerie High School. Both students and staff are involved in many activities at recess and lunch including; volleyball, card games, basketball, mixed netball, art, soccer, sports in the hall and 4 square. Students are active and interacting. It's also great to see students, staff and families accessing support when needed. Please contact me at the Waikerie High School if you are needing support. 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.

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.
  - 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.
- Limit gaming time for your children**  
**-Limit alcohol intake**

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](http://kidshelpline.com.au)

### **Mensline Australia**

*Men with emotional or relationship concerns*

**1300 78 99 78**

[mensline.org.au](http://mensline.org.au)

### **Lifeline**

*Anyone experiencing a personal crisis*

**13 11 44**

[lifeline.org.au](http://lifeline.org.au)

### **Suicide Call Back Service**

*Anyone thinking about suicide*

**1300 659 467**

[suicidecallbackservice.org.au](http://suicidecallbackservice.org.au)

### **Eheadspace**

*Support for young people aged 12-25*

**1800 650 890**

[ehespace.org.au](http://ehespace.org.au)

### **1800RESPECT**

*People impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse*

**1800 737 732**

[1800respect.org.au](http://1800respect.org.au)

### **Beyond Blue**

*Anyone feeling anxious or depressed*

**1300 22 4636**

[beyondblue.org.au](http://beyondblue.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. 8431 710 221

\*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**

## U14 CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



Waikerie High School began its school cross country championships last Friday with the U14 age group having their races.

These races will be held over a number of weeks, with the U15/U16 in week 5, and Open competitors in week 6.

Thanks to Shaun Arnold, who has allowed the school to have our track running through part of his property behind the school.

U14 Girls Winner: Latia Loffler

U14 Girls R/U: Lucy Kroehn

U14 Boys Winner: Blake Loffler

U14 Boys R/U: Thomas Waanders

**Matt McDonald**  
**HPE & Sports Coordinator**



**U14 Boys Runner Up Thomas Waanders, U14 Winner Blake Loffler U14 Girls Runner Up Lucy Kroehn U14 Winner Latia Loffler**

## CANTEEN



Welcome, it's so good to have the students back at school. I would like to revamp the canteen menu to give it a bit more variety. Therefore, I am looking for ideas and recipes, so please let me know your thoughts. Also if you would like to donate produce that would be amazing and very much appreciated.

**Marion**  
Phone 85 413097 or 0417 897 295

<b>WAIKERIE HIGH SCHOOL - TERM 2 2020 CANTEEN ROSTER</b>			
<b>Thank you for assisting.</b>			
If unable to attend please phone MARION on 85 413097 or 041 789 7295			
<b>TIMES FOR ARRIVAL:</b> 10:50am for recess & 12:55pm for lunch.			
You are not required to stay between recess & lunch. Approx finish time - 2:00pm			
<b>JUNE</b> <b>Week 6</b>	1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th	S. BURGEMEISTER R. MATULICK A. LUKACS C. NAYDA	
<b>Week 7</b>	8th 9th 10th 11th 12th	<b>QUEENS BIRTHDAY</b> V. SCHMIDT H. LEHMANN S. CANNEY	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Week 8</b>	15th 16th 17th 18th 19th	C. CABOT R. MATULICK E. ADAMS B. McLEAN - Lunch C. NAYDA	
<b>Week 9</b>	22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th	A. LUKACS V. SCHMIDT C. NAYDA S. BURGEMEISTER	
<b>Week10</b>  <b>JULY</b>	29th 30th 1st 2nd 3rd	C. CABOT R. MATULICK H. LEHMANN C. NAYDA	