FROM THE PRINCIPAL

G’day Everyone

Student Free Day Thursday 9 June
We have Martin Westwell visiting our school on Wednesday 8 and Thursday 9 June. Martin will be working with staff and students on the Wednesday and has asked if we could have a student free day on Thursday 9 June so that he and his team can work with staff. I apologise for the short notice of this Student Free Day but it is a unique opportunity to work with a specialist in the field of teaching and learning. Martin is unable to change the dates to make a return visit this year, so we need to take this opportunity and make the most of it while he is here.

Invitation for parents and students
Martin will conduct a session for parents and students on the Thursday morning all parents and students are invited to attend. The session will start at 9.00am and will finish at 9.40am.

Martin is the inaugural Director of the Flinders Centre for Science Education in the 21st Century that supports quality teaching and innovation in science and mathematics education. After completing his degree and PhD at Cambridge University, Martin moved to Oxford University as a Research Fellow in biological chemistry. A winding career path through the biotech industry and a number of science innovation and science education organisations returned him to Oxford University in 2005 as the Deputy Director of the Institute for the Future of the Mind.

Governing Council
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 21 June at 7.00pm in the conference room.

Classroom visits
Please come into the school and visit your child’s classroom. We want students to be able to talk about their learning at home.

Central Eyre Partnership
Our school is part of a larger group of schools called the Central Eyre Partnership. This partnership includes:
- Cleve Area School, Cleve Districts children Centre
- Cowell Area School, Cowell Early Childhood Centre
- Cummins Area School, Cummins Child Parent Centre
- Elliston Area School, Elliston RSL Memorial Children’s Centre
- Kimba Area School, Kimba Community Kindergarten
- Lock Area School, Lock Early Learning Centre
- Port Neill Primary School
- Tumby Bay Area School, Tumby Bay Kindergarten
- Ungarra Primary School
- Wudinna RSL Memorial Kindergarten

As a partnership we have a shared plan for delivering quality learning across the central Eyre region. The partnership is developing a model that shares our resources to provide diverse learning opportunities and improve these learning opportunities for students. As part of our improvement cycle we have a partnership review which I will be attending next week in Port Lincoln on the Tuesday. At this review we look at our data and field questions from a panel including Jayne Johnson who is our Chief Education Officer.

School Closure Day Friday June 10
The School Closure Day was historically for the Cleve Field Days. This was changed at least five years ago so people could attend the Mortlock Shield and other sporting commitments in Adelaide.

Please come and visit the school especially for the talk from Professor Martin Westwell.

Yours truly

Ned Loades
Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – SECONDARY
Semester 1 Reports
Semester 1 Reports for Year 8-12 students will be distributed on Friday 8 July (Friday of Week 10). These will include a Common Reporting Grade (A-E) for Year 8-10 students. For Stage 1 students a final Semester Grade (A-E) will be included; an Interim Grade will be included for Stage 2 students as most subjects continue for the full year rather than a semester length course. Year 10-12 students can collect their reports from the Front Office on the last day of school (upon their return from the camps in Adelaide) or can arrange for a parent or sibling to collect the envelope should they be undertaking Work Experience in a location other than Wudinna.

Year 11 Work Experience
All Year 11 students should now be in the final stages of organising their Work Experience for the last week of this term. It would be appreciated if parents could talk to their child/ren to ensure that their placement is secured – this is being done at school but it is always helpful to have parental backup in the organisation and follow up of this activity.

Year 10 & 12 Camps
The itinerary for the Year 10 trip is now complete and the Year 12 activities are in the final stages of organisation. Very soon a final letter will be sent home requesting information related to the accommodation arrangements for each student, along with the contact phone numbers and travel plans if now using the CAP bus. As the school rurality funds heavily subsidises these trips the cost for students is minimised due to the compulsory nature of the visits, the only payment that needs to be made is for entrance fees for the visits (with some of these being free). An invoice for the cost of the fees will also be sent home with the letter. Thank you in advance for paying this invoice punctually.

Research Project
Year 12 students are currently in the final throws of completing their work for assessment and moderation for their individual Research Projects. A final grade (A to E) will be included on their reports as students will have undertaken all aspects of assessment for this semester length course. It is to be remembered that in order to achieve the compulsory requirements of the SACE, all students must achieve a minimum C Grade for the Research Project, or they will have to repeat the subject requirements in the second semester.

Glenys McGuire
Assistant Principal – Secondary

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – PRIMARY
Tania Sweeney
Tania Sweeney is our partnership’s Australian Curriculum Coordinator (Primary). Tania worked with Primary teachers and in each Primary class last week to further enhance our understanding of the Growth Mindset and to assist with the implementation of this concept in the classroom.

After an introduction about the behaviours associated with the growth mindset, students worked on a technology/problem solving task where they had to demonstrate a growth mindset. Staff and students will now continue to develop and implement this important life skill.

SAPSASA
Football/Netball
The football/netball carnival in Adelaide is 15 – 19 August. Trials will be held at Lock on Wednesday 29 June at 10.00am. The canteen will be available on the day. Forms have been given to Year 6/7 students for those interested in trying out. If any parent/community person is interested in being an umpire or assisting with team selection please let me know.

QuickSmart update
The QuickSmart Numeracy program has become a valuable tool in our school to assist with improvement in numeracy skills. Tessa Beinke, Nola Buckham and I tutor students from Year 5-10. Emma Bigg tutors some students from Year 4. I would like to thank Tessa, Nola and Emma for their commitment and hard work towards ensuring the success of this program. The students are positive towards QuickSmart and look forward to their sessions. Students work in pairs with a tutor three times per week for a half an hour (Year 4 students have two sessions per week).
Students work intensively on fluency and automaticity with the four operations (+,−,×,÷) plus solving worded problems. Thank you also to parents and staff for their support.

Reports Timeline
End of semester reports will be sent home at the end of the term. This report will include ticks for achievement and effort in every subject area as well as some comments. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child’s learning, please contact the classroom teacher and make a time to meet.

Primary SRC Social
This is an advance notice that the Primary SRC will be hosting a social on Friday 1 July from 6.30 – 9.00pm in Room 16. More information to come!

Marie Elson
Primary Assistant Principal

FROM THE PASTORAL CARE WORKER
Our school has some excellent Year 8 and 9 Artwork on display in the Front Office area. I am really impressed with the ‘cool’ dragster cars the Year 9’s carved from wood! Well done to Zali Sampson for winning the ‘fastest car’ race and to Natalie Phillips and her students for their creative works of art! If you are passing by the school you are welcome to come in and have a look. Cheers! Carol.

Questacon Smart Skills
On Thursday 23 June the Questacon (National Science and Technology Centre) Outreach Program will be visiting the school presenting the workshop entitled ‘The Rube Goldberg Challenge’ for all students from Years 8 to 12. The workshop aims to inspire students to try something new and cultivate creative thinking. It is a way to build confidence in an engaging hands-on learning environment.
This environment encourages and allows students to learn from their mistakes, which is integral and invaluable in the learning process as a whole. The students will be presented with the challenge of designing and building a chain reaction machine to complete a simple task using simple machines. It takes students through the innovation process of think, make, try and refine. Two ninety-minute sessions have been arranged to take place in the Science Centre on Thursday 23 June (Week 8) Years 10, 11 and 12 during Lessons 4 and 5 and Years 8 and 9 during Lessons 6 and 7.

Margaret Jackson
Science teacher

SRC – Mixed Netball Competition

The secondary SRC sports committee ran a mixed netball competition at lunch time over week 3 and 4 for secondary students. This competition proved popular with some very close matches being played. Games were 2 x 10 minute halves and were umpired by Mr Chambers, Mrs Foster and a number of willing students over the two weeks. The event culminated with a staff team playing off against the competitions winning student team. This drew a large crowd of spectators and a high standard of play. Unfortunately for the student team the staff team was just too good on the day. Thank you to Nola Buckham and Di McKenna for umpiring this match. The sports committee will meet in the near future to discuss the next sporting competition to be run.

Cheers
Secondary Sports Committee (Kiah, Ryan, Chloe D, Harry, Mr Chambers)

CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country will be held at 12.25pm Friday 3 June (Week 5). All students are expected to participate. Can those students unable to participate supply a note from parents and let me know before the event. Parents and community members are encouraged to attend and may participate if they wish. R-2 students will run a short course (approx 1.2km), while all other students run the standard course (approx 3km).

Brayden Chambers
Sports Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library will be closed on Friday 10 June and Monday 13 June.

A big thank you to all the students, staff and community members who supported National Simultaneous Story time on Wednesday 25 May. Thanks also to people who lent hats to the Library for our display and to Henry Petty for the loan of his bike. A Library insert will be in the Week 7 newsletter. Library bags protect the books and we encourage all students from Reception to Year 2 to have one.

As most of our spare Library Bags have not been returned we were only allowing students with a Library Bag to borrow. We have been given some extra bags and can now lend these if a student forgets theirs. The student needs to return it when they find their own or continue to use the one we gave them.

If you have any bags suitable for use as a Library Bag we would appreciate them.

Jackie French Travelling suitcase will be at our Library in June. I am looking forward to talking to the students about this wonderful Australian author.

Linda Heath

Thermomix Raffle

The Thermomix draw took place last week at our Staff Meeting. It was won by Jenni Horgan of Chandada. Congratulations to Jenni. Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle. As a result, we can now purchase our own Thermomix for the Home Economics kitchen. Funds toward the Thermomix for the Home Economics Room were also raised from a generous donation of $550 from Second Hand Rose. Additionally the Primary and Secondary Student Representative Councils kindly donated $100 each. Money was also raised from a Thermomix workshop held in the Home Economics room by local owners. Some retrospective fundraising will take place to make up the slight shortfall in funds.

Soup Fundraiser

The Stage 1 Food and Hospitality students will be selling Pumpkin soup and Cauliflower soup on Wednesday 8 June and Wednesday 22 June. Order forms for both weeks will be sent home with students this week. If you wish to place an order, please complete and return the forms by Monday 6 June. Payment will need to accompany the orders. This is a retrospective fundraiser for the Thermomix and the final Collaborative assessment task for the Stage 1 Food and Hospitality students. Thanking you in anticipation for your support.

Melissa Wendland
Home Economics

Step It Up Wudinna in conjunction with Dancer, Choreographer, Instructor Jade Erlandsen is pleased to offer two FREE workshops. Open to children aged 4 to 12 Jazz Workshops Tuesday 21 June and Hip Hop Workshops Wednesday 22 June.

Workshops will run from mid afternoon into early evening at the Wudinna Hall.

Times will be advised at a later date.
Limited places so be quick!
Enrolment forms available from the Wudinna Post Office.
To have one emailed, or for more information email Selena garnysbs@bigpond.net.au
Enrolments Close 5pm 10th June
Rachel Rigden
Mobile: 0427 802 174
**Tcharkulda**

Tcharkulda is this year celebrating its 40\(^{th}\) event on 15 June (Wednesday Week 7). West Coast Cross Country beanies (featured below) will be sold at the event for $12 each and participants will also receive a free commemorative wristband.

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**Staff v Student**

During Weeks 3 & 4 of this term, SRC Sports Committee organised a mixed Netball Competition. This was only for Secondary students. The teams had to be made up of both boys and girls – four teams were in the competition. After the finals, the winning student team played a representative staff team. Despite some exemplary skills being shown by the student team, the staff won by an extremely narrow margin.
Agriculture Studies

There’s been a lot of activity within the Agriculture Studies Program to begin 2016 and some big changes have already occurred at the Ag Block. With a focus on utilising the wealth of knowledge our community holds and making connections with local farmers and businesses, we look to expose the Ag students to modern farming techniques and processes.

The idea is to improve programs, facilities, grounds and incorporate new information and communication technologies with links to science to provide students with opportunities to expand their knowledge and understandings across a range of agriculture areas.

We have recently adopted two steers in preparation for the Royal Adelaide Show. I am pleased to announce they have both been sourced locally and we have a Murray Grey (donated by Lubin and Sue Stringer) and a South Devon (donated by Leon Gill and Megan Lister). Over the holidays, feed was sourced and donated by a number of local families including; Greg and Mandy Scholz (Oats), Chris and Leanne Lynn (Barley), Greg and Leisa Barns (Lupins), Jeffrey and Emma Big (Hay) and Troy and Jade Klante (Straw). A huge thank you to these families for your generosity. Also a thank you to Elders for helping with feed ration information and supplying some pellets. Students have been busy rolling the feed rations for the steers gaining valuable information about what goes into a mix and why it is needed for the development of the animal in readiness for the show and, ultimately, sale and slaughter.

The paddocks are also ready to be sown and again there are many people who have been involved with this. The removal of some tree lines by the council has opened up the paddock space which will allow access for larger equipment and expose students to modern machinery. We send out a huge thank you to Tristan and Jo Waters for assisting with burning and seeding, both on the school and Bartley’s block. Thank you to Ryan and Tanya DuBois for spraying and to Aaron and Janielle Grocke for supplying fertiliser.

In other areas we would also like to thank Maurie Bartley for the use of his paddock again, Jericho Engineers for helping dispose of some old machinery and fixing our roller mill, Bryce and Tara Waters for the general tidy up of the grounds, Mick Lynn for helping with the new chook house.

Early in Term One the Year 10 Ag students were involved in an excursion to Simpsons where Mark North and Josh Bruce were shearing. We took our pet sheep out and the students were shown how to drench, inject and shear the sheep. Students had a turn with the hand piece which was great to see.

It’s been a busy start to the year and we look forward to continuing to improve the learning experiences our students are exposed to within Agriculture Studies. If you would like to visit, donate time, resources or knowledge please feel free to contact me as I would love to hear from you!

Cheers

Neil Seaman
Agriculture Studies Teacher
The school community has determined the School Dress Code Policy. The wearing of the school uniform is compulsory.

**General Procedure**
The school uniform colours are black, white and red.
- Jumpers - Red with official WAS emblem (available from Front Office), or plain red.
- Shirts/T-shirts - with official school emblem (available from Front Office), or plain white or red.
- Summer Dresses: Red check summer fabric with or without sleeves.
- Shorts/Long pants/Skirts: Plain black.
- Shoes/Sandals - Shoes must be closed
  - Sandals must have a back strap
  - No thongs.

It is acknowledged that at times it can be difficult to obtain unbadged clothing items.
A small discrete brand name, in school colours, on black shorts or trousers is satisfactory as long as it is minimal and is not a fashion statement.
Common sense is required as it would be disappointing to purchase brand name items and then find they don’t meet dress code requirements.
Uniform Order Forms (for items not kept in stock) are placed in the school Newsletter near the end of each term.

**Sports Clothes**
**Physical Education Lessons (Secondary):**
Suitable attire for the current activity is expected.
Secondary students are expected to change before and after PE lessons.
Students should change into appropriate shoes for sports activities.
Only non-marking shoes to be worn in Gymnasium.

**Interschool Sports**
Students are expected to wear appropriate sports clothes in school colours.

**Hot Weather Dress**
At all times the school strongly insists that all students take appropriate precautions against skin cancer (eg clear sun screen lotion and hats). It is compulsory that broad brimmed or approved bucket hats be worn during all outside activities (including recess and lunch breaks) during Term 1 and Term 4.
Students not wearing hats are required to stay in class porches, move to the Library or the Pergola area.

**School Dress and Safety**
All school workshops and laboratories are covered by Government Regulation.
In Technical Studies students with long hair may be required to wear caps or tie their hair back to prevent hair being entangled in machines.
Safety glasses must be worn when operating machinery.
Students will wear appropriate safety clothing and use safety equipment as directed by staff. The teacher will judge the suitability of footwear.
In Agricultural Studies students are encouraged to change into appropriate clothing for safety and personal hygiene reasons. Correct use of safety clothing is required when operating machinery or handling pesticides.

**School Excursions**
Students to wear appropriate clothing for excursion as advised by the teacher.

**School Photographs**
Each year a school photographer visits the school (usually in Term 3). Parents have the option to purchase class, individual and family photographs. Dates/times are advised via the Newsletter.

**The School Dress Code is reviewed from time to time by Parents, Staff, SRC and Governing Council.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**
Jumpers, T-shirts and bags are available for purchase from the Front Office of the school.
Second hand uniform articles are often available at Second Hand Rose located at the corner of Ballantyne Street and Naylor Terrace.
Opening hours (Term time only): Tuesday 11am-5pm, Wednesday 11am-2pm and Friday 11am-5pm