FROM THE PRINCIPAL

G’day Everyone
Its Week Five already and students and staff are really busy getting lots of work done. The work ethic demonstrated by students this year has been exceptional. Please ask your children to share with you some of their work that they have been doing. Swimming Carnival was a great success and it was great to see everyone come and participate and support the competitors. It was also nice to have non competitors helping to run the events as well as some ex-students who returned and helped with jobs and supported their friends.

Interschool Swimming
Good luck to all those students who have been selected to represent our school this Friday. I know that our students will participate fully, compete hard, and play fair.

Agriculture
I would like to thank the council for their work in the Ag block. We have made it easier for large equipment to access and work in our Ag program. This will allow students to see, experience and learn about the most up to date technologies being used in agriculture. Neil, Ag students, Steve, Melissa Thomson and Craig have all been working hard to clean up the Ag block and make it really productive.

Technology
We have some very exciting news regarding our ICT. The iPads for the Primary school have arrived and we will be rolling these out as they are configured. We as a school have a lot of learning to do around our iPads and the apps that are the most relevant for extending student learning. We are currently investigating the roll out of laptops for the Secondary students. Watch this space!!

SRC
The SRC have had a great start and are organising events which helps to create a bit of excitement and vibrancy for our students and school. It has been great to see another cohort of students taking their roles seriously.

Parents and Friends
Just a friendly reminder that we are holding a Parents and Friends Meeting at Apex Park Friday 4 March at 11.30am. Half price coffees can be purchased for those parents attending from Alicia’s. We have received good support from Primary parents and would love additional representation from Secondary parents.

Volunteers
We need more volunteers to listen to students read as this is very important for children to read to an adult every day if possible. Reading to an adult ensures that any misconceptions about pronunciation and sounds are corrected. It also helps students to develop their fluency with words, spelling, vocabulary and inference. These are crucial skills for being successful at school. Inference is especially important to understand the meaning within the text.

Please come into the school for a visit and to meet our new staff we want your involvement and input into our school and check out the great work your children are doing.

Yours truly
Ned Loades
Principal
FROM THE SECONDARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Secondary Reports
Reports for Term 1 will be distributed on Friday 8 April. These reports will provide an indication of the level of achievement students have demonstrated in each subject within the following areas: Progress, Homework & Study Skills and Attitude. This report will be the basis of discussions between students, parents and teachers on the interview afternoon to be held on Wednesday 13 April.

Tax File Numbers
During this year I have been approached by a number of students and parents wanting Tax File Number (TFN) application forms. As per newsletters at the end of 2014 and the start of 2015, below is a copy of the information that was received from the Australian Tax Office at the time of the change. Please take note of the information below as identity checks need to be undertaken before anyone can be given a TFN – this is similar to the process of getting an Australian Passport. Unfortunately, the nearest Post Office where the identity checks can be undertaken is Pt Lincoln. Parents can complete these on behalf of their child but it is essential that you check the documentation that is needed at the time of the interview on the ATO website.

Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015
As mentioned in the newsletter late last year, students are no longer able to apply for Tax File Numbers through the school. The following is an excerpt from an email sent to the school from the ATO providing information related to the new procedures for applications.

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015
The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22604’

Secondary Enrichment Activities
Throughout the year, students will be involved in subject-based activities outside the school environment that will help to enrich their learning. Again this year they will be: Year 8 Aquatics Camp (Coffin Bay), Year 9 Camp to Errappa (Iron Knob), Year 10 Careers Trip (Adelaide), Year 10 & 11 Work Experience and Year 12 Curriculum Enrichment Trip (Adelaide). Planning has commenced for the Year 10 Careers Trip that will be conducted in Week 10 of Term 2 (4-8 July) and information related to these will be distributed as they become fully planned. The Year 9 Camp will be held during Term 3 and the Year 8 Camp in Term 4. Year 11 students will spend Week 10 of Term 2 undertaking Work Experience in an organisation of their choice; the Year 10 Work Experience week is Week 10 of Term 3 (26-30 September). The Year 11 students, in particular, should be organising their placements now to ensure that they gain a suitable venue in which to gain work knowledge and experience and that it is of benefit to assist them to achieve their future career pathway. Please talk to your child/children about this so that they can start moving on securing a placement that will be to their benefit and liking.

Glenys McGuire
Assistant Principal – Secondary

FROM THE PRIMARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Primary SRC
Congratulations to all representatives who have been elected and the office bearers who have taken on leadership roles.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Trina Grace and Myf Spencer-Smith for their commitment to the Primary SRC this year as teacher supervisors.

Expressive Arts
There will a performance tomorrow; Friday 4 March at 2.30pm, by the School Performance Tours entitled To Be or What to Be. The performer, Frank Ozo, will use mime, humour, songs and the element of surprise to take the audience on a journey of choices and responsibilities as well as tackling the question of what to be when students leave school.

Tania Sweeney
Tania Sweeney is our partnership’s Primary Australian Curriculum Coordinator. She worked for three days last week with staff and students on the familiarisation of the Digital Technologies Curriculum. This was extremely valuable and engaging for both staff and students. The focus was on coding.

SAPSASA
Swimming: The Country Day will be held on 18 March - no trials are held for swimming. Students who have been invited to participate performed well at the school swimming carnival with results that would be competitive in Adelaide.
Softball: Five students tried out for softball yesterday. Well done to these girls for having a go. Congratulations to Gabbie Seal and Safara Moyse who have been selected as a part of the team to go to Adelaide. We wish them well. The carnival is in Adelaide from 4 – 8 April.

Football and Netball: The 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.
Cricket & Tennis: The carnival in Adelaide is 21 – 25 November. Trials will be held at Lock on Tuesday 25 October starting at 10.00am.
Athletics: 26 September. There will be no trials. Students who wish to participate need to perform well at school/interschool track and field days and have results that will be competitive in Adelaide.

End of Term Reporting
Toward the end of this term, parents/caregivers will receive a report containing an indication of their achievements in Work Practices and a General Comment. Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Wednesday in the last week of term beginning at 1.30pm. The interviews are a vital communication tool between home and school. Further information will be sent home to families later in the term.

We would love to have 100% attendance at these interviews either on the day, or at some other mutual time.

NAPLAN dates
Could all parents/caregivers of students in Year 3, 5 and 7 please take note of the NAPLAN dates and ensure as much as possible that your children are able to attend school on these days.
The dates are: May 10 (Writing and Language Conventions); May 11 (Reading); May 12 (Numeracy)
Friday 13 May will be a catch-up day if required. Either persuasive writing or narrative will be the Writing genre.
Marie Elson
Primary Assistant Principal

Primary SRC
All the Primary SRC members held a meeting to vote in the Executive group. Congratulations to our Executive Committee members into the following positions.
Montana Foster – President
Ella Loades-Stokes – Vice-President
Lily Nettle – Secretary
Phoenix Foster – Treasurer
Elijah Oswald – Executive Committee Member
Gabbie Seal – Executive Committee Member
The SRC Induction Ceremony will be held on Friday 8 April in the Gym when all SRC Representatives will receive their badges.
Our Guest Speaker will be Emma Kelly who was a previous student and SRC Representative for our school. We invite all family and community members to attend. Further details will be given in the near future.
Best regards
Trina and Myf
Primary SRC Co-ordinators

Secondary SRC
We would like to apologise to Connor Dowden whose name was missing from our last newsletter write up highlighting our SRC personnel. Connor is part of our team as a Year 12 SRC member.
During our last meeting the Secondary SRC discussed and created a student Sports Committee.
This committee consists of Hayley Jericho, Chessi Barnes, Kiah Tomney, Ryan Lynn, Harry Scholz and Chloe DuBois and will work in conjunction with Mr Chambers to run some lunchtime sports competitions from Term 2 onwards.
The revised list of representatives for 2016 is:
Year 8 – Brayden Chambers & Nat Phillips (Publicity Officer + Sports Committee member), Chloe DuBois (Publicity Officer + Sports Committee member)
Year 9 – Ryan Lynn (Publicity Officer + Sports Committee member), Kiah Tomney (Sports Committee member)
Year 10 – Angelica Calow, Aden Dowden (Treasurer)
Year 11 – Chessi Barnes (Sports Committee member), Hayley Jericho (Secretary + Sports Committee member)
Year 12 – Connor Dowden, Bonnie Barnes-Guy (Vice-President), Chloe Thomson (President)
Congratulations to all students.
Brayden Chambers & Nat Phillips
Secondary SRC Coordinators

FROM THE PASTORAL CARE WORKER
Poem on Attitude – “Success is a goal for all mankind – Achieved through though and state of mind – That strength of purpose we cannot exclude – For success depends on our attitude – Take not in life the mild approach – The results you receive, you will not boast – So give your all with plenty of drive – For none of us leave this world alive – Labour and learn in pursuit of your dreams – The best things in life are all upstream – What you put in is what you get – The pain of discipline beats regret – Life is too long not to do well – If you do not try it’s a living hell – So play out your hand and enjoy the ride – Don’t live to regret, for not having tried.” By Andre Day 1997.
Cheers! From Carol

SWIMMING CARNIVAL REPORT
The Wudinna Area School annual Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 19 February in perfect summery conditions. In preparation for the Swimming Carnival, all Primary students practised their swimming skills and strokes, as part of the program run by Susie Boylan and her team. Unfortunately no records were broken on the day.

A highlight of the carnival was the teamwork and support offered by the Secondary students to the Junior Primary students in their modified activities.
Student participation on the day was the main focus, with students being encouraged to support their house by entering in either the Division A or Division B events.

Medallions were presented to the Best Female and Male swimmers. Jackson Petty won the Best Primary Male Swimmer for the carnival and Emerson O’Brien won Best Female Primary Swimmer.

Funky Hair Day
Friday 11 March 2016
Wear your favourite colours and come in your funkiest hair style. Casual clothes can be worn.
Gold coin donation to the Leukaemia Foundation.
Anika Walladge was the recipient for the Best Secondary Female Swimmer and Connor Dowden was the Best Male Secondary Swimmer. Jackson came first in the Under 11 Boys Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke events. Emerson received winning ribbons in the Under 12 Girls Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly events. Anika, competing in the Under 15 Girls competition, came first in the Freestyle, Backstroke and Breaststroke over a 50 metre distance and also received a winning ribbon for the Butterfly event over 25 metres. Connor, swimming in the Over 15 events, came second in the Freestyle, first in the Breaststroke and second in the Backstroke events; all over a distance of 50 metres. He also came first in the Butterfly event.

The scores for the day were: Sturt (Green): 256 points, Eyre (Blue): 254 points, and Gawler (Yellow): 245 points. The close scores highlighted the contribution of all swimmers having a go and receiving participation points for their house.

Thank you to all the parents and staff for time-keeping and assisting with the events. A special thank you to Kelly O’Brien, and all the volunteers, who assisted in the Wudinna & Districts Swimming Pool Canteen to ensure the students were fed and refreshed with drinks.

Sarah Brands and Samuel Buckham (House Captains for Sturt) along with Zali Sampson and Jeb Nettle (Vice Captains) received the Swimming Carnival Shield. The captains thanked the students from the other houses for the great competition, as well as the staff, parents and friends for ensuring a successful carnival. They also thanked the students in Sturt house “for swimming very well and winning the shield.”

The Interschool Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow commencing at 11.00am. Wudinna students will be competing for the Open and Handicap Shields along with various age group handicap pennants against Streaky Bay, Karcultaby and Lock Area Schools. We are looking forward to seeing all competitors giving it their all and encouraging the Wudinna students throughout the day.

Brayden Chambers
Sports Coordinator

COMMUNITY NOTICES

STEP IT UP WUDINNA REMINDER:
ENROLMENTS CLOSE 4 MARCH 2016
Forms available at the Post Office

AGM & PRE-SEASON MEETING:
Sunday 6 March, 2.00pm @ the Wudinna Hall
Come along and have your say about how the season will run!

Support Our Home Economics Room to get our own Thermomix!

Win a Thermomix TM5

Only 180 Tickets available
On sale Now until sold out.
Tickets $20 each
Payment by direct deposit or cash. Receipt of purchase provided. Details of BSB direct deposit provided upon request for ticket(s) via SMS.
Payment must be received within 24hrs or ticket(s) will not be held.
To Purchase tickets contact:
Melissa Wendland M: 0429 877 546 E: Melissa.Wendland831@schools.sa.edu.au
Our school will once again support the conduct of competitions within various subject areas. We encourage parents to support their child’s learning opportunities by encouraging them to enter, as these competitions provide valuable information related to the student’s strengths in a range of subjects. In the past, students have obtained commendable results in the Maths, English, Science and Computer Skills competitions. The cost of entering each competition is listed below.

All students participating in the competitions will receive certificates according to their performance ranked against other students competing in Australia and the Asia/Pacific region. It will be greatly appreciated if you can fill in the Reply Slip included in this newsletter and return it with the correct payment to Stacey Georgiou at the Front Office before Thursday 24 March.

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We encourage participation by as many students as possible.

Georgia Kontos

2016 Competitions Reply Slip

Attention: Stacey Georgiou (return to the Front Office by Thursday 24 March).

All competitions are held at the school.

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Wudinna Area School

Swimming Carnival

Team Captains - Sturt accepting the winning shield

Primary & Secondary Best Swimmers:
Connor Dowden, Anika Walladge, Emerson O’Brien, Jackson Petty

Great to see both students and parents supporting the swimmers