FROM THE PRINCIPAL
I hope that everyone had a great Easter holiday break!

ICT
Glenys McGuire has been pouring over the deals that we can get for laptops and has been able to secure laptops for Secondary students that offer large screens and a decent amount of memory. We will be soon rolling out iPads for the Primary students. Rhianna Foster has done a huge amount of work to ensure a smooth rollout. I would like to thank Rhianna for her hard work getting her head around a huge body of technical information.

Student Free Day
Last week we attended the James Anderson training in Kimba. The work with James further emphasized that the key to being successful is hard work and practice. James also emphasized that a person’s mindset dictates the way that we approach issues, subjects, challenges, hard work and practice. An open mindset means that we accept challenges and put the work and practice in to improving/overcoming. A closed mindset means that we blame our lack of success/ability on our genetic makeup and accept that we can’t do it. For educators we want to instill in students that through hard work and practice (process) that we can all improve our work and the results that we achieve (growth). So if you hear your children talking about mindset you will have an understanding of where it comes from.

Governing Council
We will be having a Governing Council meeting on Tuesday 5 April in the Conference Room at 7.00pm.

SRC
Please come along to the SRC Induction in the Gym on Friday 8 April.

Diaries
Diaries are an official method of parents and teachers communicating. If you haven’t seen a diary in a long time please contact your child’s class teacher.

Sports
To everyone competing in interschool, SAPSASA softball, and the footballers who will be playing at half time on the Adelaide oval GOOD LUCK!! Have lots of fun and please everyone travel safe.

Volunteers
Thanks to all the people who are listening to students read this work is so important and we value your efforts.

Reminder: please sign in at the Front Office when visiting the school so we know that you are here. (In case of an emergency we don’t want to leave anyone behind) Please come to the school for a visit.

Yours truly
Ned Loades
Principal

FROM THE SECONDARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Reports and Interviews
This is just a further reminder that Secondary Reports will be distributed to students on Friday next week (8 April). Please take time to read the comments as they will become a very good basis for discussion during the interviews that are programmed for Wednesday 13 April (Week 11). Any issues related to reports please do not hesitate to contact the subject teacher in the first instance for clarification. We look forward to seeing parents and students on interview afternoon.
**Interschool Track & Field**
Brayden Chambers, Georgia Kontos and Neil Seaman will be travelling to Kimba next Tuesday with the Interschool Track & Field team to compete in this annual event. We wish to take this opportunity to wish all competitors the best of luck and performance on the day.

**Student Free Day**
Tuesday 22 March staff were immersed in a presentation by James Anderson on *Growth Mindsets*. The information presented was thought provoking and was based around the premise that children can succeed if they have the belief that they can learn with effort and a positive attitude towards their abilities. Following are some points related to *Growth Mindsets*:

- **The beliefs children have about intelligence, effort, and struggle impact the choices they make about learning.**
- **People tend to hold one of two different beliefs about intelligence:**
  - Children with a growth mindset believe that intelligence can be developed. These students see school as a place to develop their abilities and think of challenges as opportunities to grow.
  - Children with a fixed mindset believe that intelligence is fixed at birth and doesn’t change or changes very little with practice. These students see school as a place where their abilities are evaluated, they focus on looking smart over learning, and they interpret mistakes as a sign that they lack talent.

The brain changes and develops throughout life – a process called neuroplasticity. Certain experiences cause new connections in the brain to form or strengthen, making the brain smarter by literally rewiring it. As a Secondary staff we will continue throughout the year to consider the implications around mindsets and develop ways in which we can implement these ideas into the classroom so that all students can succeed.

Glenns McGuire
Assistant Principal – Secondary

**FROM THE PRIMARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**Health – Teaching Anti-bullying and Social Skills**
The Health program in the Primary sector works on a two year rotation. Last year, the Child Protection Curriculum was taught. This year Social Skills and Anti-Bullying Skills are explicitly taught as a part of Health.

**SAPSASA**

**Swimming**: Congratulations to Kye O’Brien and Emmie O’Brien for representing Central Eyre Peninsula in Swimming recently. Well done to Emmie who gained a place in the Backstroke final. Thank you to Kelly O’Brien for being the Manager for Central Eyre Peninsula.

**Softball**
Gabbie Seal and Sahara Moyse will represent Central Eyre Peninsula in Softball next week. We wish them all the best and hope they enjoy the experience.

**Interagency Support**
This week we have had visits from Kerri Trengove (Speech) and Bec Bach (Disability/Special Education) from Regional Office in Port Lincoln. We appreciate the support from interagency staff to assist us in achieving positive educational aims for our students.

**End of Term Reporting**
Next week on Friday 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.

**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.

Marie Elson
Primary Assistant Principal

**FROM THE PASTORAL CARE WORKER**
This week I will share some of the teachings from the *Growth Mindset* workshop I attended at Kimba. We may say, “Oh they know how to do their schoolwork because they are born with brains!” Being “intelligent” is not something you are but something you become. Intelligence is behaving in a way that brings about success. “Lazy A students” can cruise through life until “the track” changes and they are faced with a BIG challenge? Another student may be working very hard to achieve their goals and learn many new “driving skills” along life’s journey. There are no short-cuts on the “road to excellence,” it takes HARD WORK! We may say – “I’ve made a mistake!” Mistakes help me improve. We may say – “This is too hard!” This may take time and effort! Don’t give up and always remember that our brain is like a muscle – the more we use it, the stronger (and smarter) our brain becomes! Cheers!

Carol

**THERMOMIX RAFFLE**
Thank you to Second Hand Rose for their generous donation of $550 toward a Thermomix for the Home Economics Room. Because of their generosity, fewer tickets need to be sold for the current raffle so the chance of winning is greater.

It would be excellent to see some more families of Wudinna Area School support the raffle. Even if you already have one, it would make a wonderful gift for someone special. Alternatively if you were to win, you could sell it if you really didn’t have a use for it! To date many ticket purchases are from out of the district.

Please rest assured the intention is not to replace the teaching of hands on kitchen skills. It will be used as another set of hands and to add a technological dimension to the curriculum. In the Secondary years, there is a great emphasis on using technology. Colleagues I have spoken to from other schools have indicated they are being utilised more and more in school Home Economics Kitchens.

Much like the Microwave was the new technology in the 1980’s. Unfortunately recent negative publicity surrounding some malfunctioning machines appeared as I launched the raffle. These issues surround the now
superseded model. In addition, students will always be supervised and educated about using it safely. Tickets are $20 each. This is because the cost of two machines needs to be covered. You can let me know if you are interested in purchasing a ticket or tickets by phoning me directly and I then forward the school BSB details. The School Finance Officer provides a list of individuals who have paid to me weekly so I can guarantee their ticket. Alternatively tickets can be paid for by cash.

A copy of individuals who have expressed an interest in purchasing a ticket is kept on a database. Once payment is confirmed they are guaranteed the ticket(s). Physical tickets are not sent out. The names of ticket buyers are added to a database and the draw will take place in the presence of all staff at a weekly meeting. Rest assured if you pay, you are in the draw. The raffle will be drawn by the old fashioned way using tickets in a bucket! Winners are guaranteed ongoing support from a local Thermomix consultant.

Thank you in anticipation,
Melissa Wendland (0429677348)

Lunch Orders
Please remember when your child is placing a lunch order that there are specific days for ordering some items (in accordance with the Healthy Eating Guidelines) – please assist both bakery and school staff by adhering to these dates. If an incorrect item is ordered, bakery staff rings the school office, office staff follow up with the student what they would like to order and then call the bakery back with the order. The menu list is set up to show which items can be ordered on which days. If you have misplaced your copy of the menu list, please contact the Front Office (phone or note with student) and another copy will be sent home. Alternatively, you can visit our school website and download a copy.

Bus Passes - Information for ALL parents of students using a school bus at any time
Due to problems with parents/guardians not communicating with bus drivers before their student/s travel on a school bus, we are now requesting that parents/guardians of the child/children wishing to travel on a bus contact the driver and make sure that it is convenient to travel on the bus BEFORE a Bus Pass will be issued at the school.

Students must bring a note from their parent/guardian to the Front Office requesting a Bus Pass.

The note must state:
- the dates on which the student needs to travel
- the reason for the request
- that the bus driver has been notified.

The student gives the Bus Pass to the driver when boarding the bus.

Stacey Georgiou
Bus Coordinator

Newsletter Items
Newsletters are produced on Thursday in odd weeks. The closing time for articles is 1.45pm on Wednesday day prior to publication. The cost per article, including GST, is as follows:

- $2.50 average article (approx 10 lines)
- $5.50 quarter page (black & white)
- $11.00 half page article (black & white)
- $22.00 full page article (black & white)

The cost for a one year Subscription to community members is $22.00 (paper copy) GST inclusive. An email copy is free – ring or email the school to be added to the email list.

Articles can be left at the Front Office and must be accompanied by the money or a $2.00 Administration Fee will apply (this includes faxed/emailed notices). For those who place regular notices, negotiations can be made to run an account.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
TAFESA Short Courses
TAFESA are offering a Short Course in Digital Devices for Social Media at Wudinna Campus on Monday 18 & Tuesday 19 April and Wednesday 4 May (3 day workshop). Course covers getting the most out of your iPad, tablet, phone and camera. Learn about online security, apps, social media and more. The course is Free for people living in our small communities. For further information contact the Wudinna Campus on 8680 2212 or email eleanor.scholz@tafesa.edu.au

Work with people with Mental Health Issues (incorporating Mental Health First Aid), this course will be run over two days on Thursday 19 & Friday 20 May at TAFESA Wudinna Campus. An internationally accredited training course which provides participants with knowledge and skills around Mental Health First Aid. The training is Free for people living in our small communities. For further information contact the Wudinna Campus on 8680 2212 or email eleanor.scholz@tafesa.edu.au

Flourishing Babies and Toddlers Minds – Getting Excited, energise thinking about brain development
Seminar One will be held at TAFESA Wudinna Campus Tuesday 12 April commencing at 6.00pm with a light meal following at 6.30pm by Key Note Speaker, Lynly Mader via Video Conference. Lynly works as an infant mental health therapist within Perinatal and Infant Mental Health Services, Women’s & Children’s Health Network, SA. Lynly will speak on how the attachment relationship between parent and child will influence the brain development of the infant. Cost $70. To register or for further information contact Wudinna Campus on 8680 2212.

Wudinna Centenary Art Prize Group
Winds of Change art exhibition - Opening night will be on Friday 16 September. Entries are now open for the art prize, with the theme being “Winds of change”. Artworks can be any medium, but must be able to be hung on a wall. Wudinna District Council is sponsoring the art prize with $3000 prize money. Entry forms are available from the Wudinna & Districts Telecentre, 8680 2969 or via email Wudinna_telecentre@bigpond.com. A brainstorming day will be held on Sunday 10 April from 10.30am in the Wudinna Arts Studio (in the Wudinna & Districts Memorial Hall) to discuss the theme and get the creative juices flowing.
Win a Thermomix TM5

Support Our Home Economics Room to get our own Thermomix!

Wudinna Area School
Home Economics Raffle

Only 100 tickets available. On sale now until sold out. 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 of ticket(s) will not be held. To Purchase tickets contact:
Melissa Wendland 0429 677 348 E: Melissa.Wendland@sa.edu.au

BUS TRIP
National Youth Week
Cultural & Community Festival
@ Streaky Bay Foreshore

Calling all YOUTH Year 7 & Upwards
FREE EVENT!

MONDAY 18 APRIL 2016

Enjoy a Day Packed with Bubble Soccer, Archery Tag, Stand up Paddle Boarding, Music & Much More!!!

Mingle with Youth from the Eyre Peninsula Because it's YOUTH WEEK it's all FREE!!

Limited Places for all events, register now to avoid disappointment & get a seat on the bus

To Register, forms available at school front office

For more information contact:
Leisa at Council 8680 2002
Or Carla at Mithmbah Health 08 8680 2254

Drug, Alcohol & Smoke Free Events!!

Government of South Australia
The Track and Field Carnival was held on Friday 18 March on the school oval. This carnival is a whole school activity with student participation on the day being the focus. Students practised the events during Physical Education lessons in readiness for the carnival and all participated with enthusiasm and tried to achieve their personal best. This year the school introduced a Sportsmanship Award which recognized students who attempted all events and cheered positively throughout the day. Medallions were presented to a Primary and Secondary student from each house. Recipients of this inaugural award were presented to:

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<td>Eyre (Blue)</td>
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<td>Hugo Frinsdorf</td>
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<td>Sturt (Green)</td>
<td>William Sampson</td>
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This year the school introduced a Team Spirit Shield. This shield was rewarded to the house that demonstrated the best team spirit. Gawler (Yellow) was the inaugural winner of this shield as the students in this house chanted, encouraged and participated a touch above Eyre (Blue) and Sturt (Green). Well done to all in Gawler throughout the day. Chloe Thomson and Connor Dowden, House Captains for Gawler received this shield on behalf of all students in this house.

Two records were broken on the day and two new records were set. In the Subbies Age Group Rebecca Sampson broke the Turbo Javelin record with a throw of 12.03 metres. The previous record was 11.82 metres and was held by Madison Barns since 2011. Rebecca also broke the Long Jump record. She jumped 3.06 metres. Hannah Petty has held this record since 2005 with a jump of 2.98 metres. The 800 metres event was held prior to the carnival and it was the first time the Subbies Age Group competed in this event. Rebecca Sampson ran this event in a time of 3 min 22.16 seconds and Balyn O’Brien crossed the finish line in a time of 3 min 18.00 seconds.

Medallions were presented to the Age Group winners. Age group and second place winners were:

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<td>Baly O’Brien (Gawler, 46)</td>
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<td>Regan O’Brien (Sturt, 36)</td>
<td>Brianna Rigden (Sturt, 33)</td>
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<td>Jackson Petty (Gawler, 44)</td>
<td>Ezra Foster (Gawler, 41)</td>
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<td>Jessica Sampson (Sturt, 47)</td>
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<td>Saxon O’Brien (Sturt, 48)</td>
<td>Phoenix Foster (Gawler, 40)</td>
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<td>Intermediate Girls</td>
<td>Chloe DuBois (Sturt, 49)</td>
<td>Kiah Tomney (Eyre, 45)</td>
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<td>Jeb Nettle (Sturt, 45)</td>
<td>Riley Martin (Gawler, 34)</td>
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<td>Tianah Sampson (Gawler, 29)</td>
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Ball Games, Circle Gap and Football Relay, culminated the Track and Field Carnival. Circle Gap is contested between the girls, and the boys participated in the Football Relay. These games create a healthy rivalry between the three houses, Eyre, Gawler and Sturt, as students spent many recess and lunch breaks practising to perfect their skills and techniques. Overall the results of the Ball Games were very close. There was a draw between Gawler and Sturt; both team receiving 34 points, and in third place Eyre with 28 points.

The final scores for the Track and Field Carnival were:

1st Sturt with a score of 1241 points
2nd Gawler with a score of 1200 points
3rd Eyre who received 1117 points

Samuel Buckham, Sarah Brands, Jeb Nettle and Zali Sampson, Captains and Vice Captains for Sturt respectively, received the Linda Heath Sports Day Shield on behalf of all competitors in their house. Sarah thanked the parents and staff for timing and acting as officials and all the students in Sturt participating winning the shield. She also thanked the students from Eyre and Gawler houses for the great competition.

Thank you to the parents for assisting on the day as time keepers and officials. Many staff took on the role of chaperones and recording the students’ times and distances. Parents and Friends must be thanked for providing refreshments throughout the day; they are greatly appreciated by students, staff and parents.

The Interschool Track and Field Carnival will be held on the Corey Enright Oval at Kimba on Tuesday 5 April. We hope to see as many parents and friends cheering our students who will be competing for the various Age Group Handicap Pennants, the Handicap, Championship and Ball Games Shields. The Opening Ceremony will be held at 9.15am with the first event commencing at 9.45am.

Brayden Chambers  
Sports Coordinator