FROM THE PRINCIPAL

G’day Everyone

I hope that everyone had a great holiday! I would like welcome everyone back for another busy term. We have lots of exciting and interesting activities and camps happening across the school this term.

- Year 9 camp
- Year 3/4 camp
- Led Steer
- Pedal Prix
- Science Week
- Book Week
- School photos
- Variety Club visit

To name just a few!

Variety the children’s charity

The Variety Club has kindly donated $45,000 towards a new school playground for the students of Wudinna Area School. This donation is greatly appreciated and we look forward to creating a play space that engages and challenges students at recess and lunch time.

ICT

We currently have a few glitches that are hindering the full roll out of our iPads and laptops. Hopefully these issues will be resolved as soon as possible so that we have students accessing these devices for learning as soon as possible.

Facebook

The school has a Facebook page and we want you to join so please check it out.

Governing Council

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9 August at 7.00pm in the Conference Room.

External School Review

All DECD schools are having an External Review. This term Wudinna Area School will be having our review. The Review Team talks to a broad cross section of the learning community to access how we, as a school, are going. The review is a learning process that allows us to determine what we are doing well and what we need to improve on. It is based on student achievement and how we reflect on the learning process and what we need to do to maintain and improve student achievement.

I am looking forward to seeing all the great learning that students will be undertaking this term. I hope that more parents are able to come into the school and experience the great work that students are doing.

Yours truly

Ned Loades
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – SECONDARY

Welcome back to Term 3

It is hoped that everyone had an enjoyable July holiday break and are eager to achieve highly in all areas of school life for the remainder of the school year. Semester 2 commenced for all Secondary students this week, with many Year 8-11 students changing subjects for the semester. The Year 12 students continue with their subjects for the remainder of the year, which is quickly passing. I implore them to make the best use of their time for the remainder of the year (all subject results need to be finalised early in Term 4) so students really need to focus their attention of completing summative assessment work in an organised and timely manner. The time for procrastination is over – heads down and maximise your learning time in order to achieve the scores that will allow you to move into the next phase of your lives!
In Term 4, Examinations for many subjects will be conducted. The dates for these are:
8 November Nutrition (Tuesday am)
10 November Mathematical Applications (Thursday am)
11 November Legal Studies (Friday am)
17 November Physical Education (Thursday am)

Australian Curriculum integration into Senior Secondary subjects
Work is well under way on integrating the senior secondary Australian Curriculum into SACE subjects in the areas of English, Mathematics, Sciences, History, and Geography. Stage 1 English and Mathematics subjects were implemented into the curriculum in 2016 and students in Year 11 are currently completing assessment based on the Australian Curriculum requirements.
Integration of the Australian Curriculum content into 15 SACE subjects will occur in two phases:
• Phase 1: English and Mathematics subjects (for teaching at Stage 2 in 2017)
• Phase 2: Four Science, two History subjects, and Geography (for teaching at Stage 1 in 2017, and Stage 2 in 2018). Training is currently being conducted related to all of these subjects.

PAT Testing
As a part of the Literacy and Numeracy Improvement Strategy, DECD requires all students from Year 3 to 10 to undertake online PAT Reading Comprehension and PAT Maths assessments. This will again occur during September (first conducted during 2015). The results from these tests will provide yet another layer of information about student learning and achievement in the very important areas of literacy and numeracy; this will also be very applicable to all other learning areas so that we can work with students to improve their skills in these areas and improve their overall learning outcomes. During 2015 and 2016 teaching staff have spent considerable time analysing the results from these tests and determining areas where students need additional work and support to improve their Literacy and Numeracy skills and abilities.

Year 10 & 12 Trips
A very big thank you goes to Georgia Kontos for accompanying the students and myself on their annual visit to Adelaide. From all I have heard the students gained new learning and enjoyed their experiences immensely. No doubt there will be many stories conveyed over the next few weeks. Year 10 students have already commenced the process of documenting their experiences on the trip as a requirement for their Workplace Practices subject.

High & Outstanding Achievement Awards
Students from Year 8-12 will be presented with their High & Outstanding Achievement Awards at an assembly to be held on Friday 5 August. These recognise excellent achievement across all subjects for the first semester.
Glenys McGuire
Assistant Principal – Secondary

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – PRIMARY
Merit Cards
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Cards at the end of term assembly:

Special Merit Cards and High/Outstanding Achievement Awards for Semester 1
These Semester 1 awards will be given out at a special assembly in Room 16 on Friday of next week. Reception–Year 4 students are eligible for Special Merit Cards. Special Merit Cards are presented to students for academic achievement, personal achievement or effort and engagement. Year 5-7 students are eligible for the High and Outstanding Achievement Awards. These awards are based on academic achievement for Semester 1. All parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Subject Overviews
Subject Overviews will be sent home soon for each Primary class. These overviews are to inform parents/caregivers about the teaching and learning program that is happening in their child’s class for the term.

Community Care
The students in Years 6 and 7 will be participating in the Community Care program this term. The aims of this programme are for the students to contribute in a positive way to our community, to extend their social knowledge and skills and to develop relationships with a diverse range of people. Students will volunteer in the community on Tuesday mornings. Thank you to those community members who are participating in this program. Thank you also to Destinee Francis for organising this valuable learning experience for our students and to Carla Elliott for her support.

Interagency Support
Next week we will be receive a visit from Kendra Kotz (Educational Psychology) from the Port Lincoln Education Office. We value interagency visits to assist us in providing rich and meaningful teaching and learning programs to all students.

iPads
The Primary staff and students are very excited to be starting to use the iPads that have been bought for the Primary students. Rhianna Foster has taken a leading role in organising this resource and upskilling teachers, so a huge thank you to Rhianna. There is a continuing problem with the iPads being able to be connected to the school internet, which is ongoing. Thank you to Glenys McGuire who has spent many hours trying to resolve this problem.

TooSmart
Emma Bigg and I attended a training last term in the use of a Mathematical program called TooSmart. This program has been developed by Seaview Primary School and is aimed at Junior Primary students. Emma has begun...
triailling this program with some students in Year 2. We are very excited and look forward to seeing the benefits of TooSmart.

Marie Elson
Primary Assistant Principal

SCIENCE WEEK
Week 4 (15–19 August) is Science Week with the theme for this year being “DRONES, DROIDS and ROBOTS”. Competitions are being organised for all Primary classes, and these will be available next week from class teachers or myself for all interested students who would like to enter. The competition is to be completed in their own time so please encourage your student/s to enter. Entries close Thursday 11 August (Week 3) and winners announced during Science Week. Small prizes will be awarded. During Science Week there will be a small display in the front office and there will be activities during classes that week centred around the topic.

Pat Wilkins
Science Lab Officer

PRIMARY SRC REPORT
Thank you to the Primary students who came to the Red Carpet Award Social at the end of Term 2. What a beautiful array of girls in their glamour and the boys looked very smart in their fine shirts and pants. It certainly looked like many people enjoyed the night of dancing and music. A special thanks to Chloe D`Bois and Hayley Jericho for being DJ’s for the night, to Andrew Buckham for supplying the music and lighting equipment, all the Primary Staff for giving up their own time to help with supervision, Rhianna Foster for taking photographs on the red carpet and the Primary SRC members who worked very hard to make the evening run so smoothly. Part proceeds of the money raised will assist Primary classes to purchase sporting equipment for their classes.

We took many photographs on the evening and some will be placed in the next newsletter. Just a reminder, the SRC group will now consist of the Semester 2 representatives and the Executive members. We would like to thank all the work completed and meetings attended by the Semester 1 representatives. You all did yourselves proud and worked very well together.

Trina & Myf
Primary SRC Staff Co-ordinators
Year 10s investigate Adelaide