FROM THE PRINCIPAL

G’day Everyone

On behalf of our school community of students, staff and parents, we would like to offer our sincere condolences to the entire Haines family on their loss of Eric. We would also like to offer our sincere condolences to the entire Kelsh families on the loss of Sharky. They both touched a part of many in our community. Our thoughts are with them all at this time.

Blokes

Last week we had the Blokes at School Day and it was a huge success demonstrated by the amount of utes parked at the school, down the road, and around town. Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the day. Also big thanks to those who helped others and filled in on the day. Students were very excited to be able to have you see the work that they do here at school.

External Review

All DECD schools undergo a review. We had our review last week and the review team were very impressed by students: achievement standards (which are very impressive), positive behaviors, perception and honesty. They were impressed by the school staffs’ commitment to continuous improvement and willingness to change. They were also impressed by our community and the values that students come to school with from home (you). We are expecting a good report from the review team and we will have recommendations for further improvement.

Cyber Safety

Agreement

In the last newsletter there was the new Cyber Safety Policy that was agreed to at the last Governing Council meeting. Could you please read, sign and return to school by Wednesday 14 September if you have not already done so? If you need another copy, please contact the school and one will be sent home.

Rowan Ramsey Award

There is a Nomination Form for the Rowan Ramsey Award later in this newsletter. This award is for any staff, parent or community member who has gone ‘above and beyond’ dedicating and volunteering their time and skills for our school. Please give serious thought to nominating someone. Nominations close **Friday 25 September**.

Governing Council

Our next meeting will be a meeting with the review team on Tuesday 13 September at 7.00pm in the Conference Room.

Good luck to all teams playing in the Grand Final on Saturday

Yours truly

Ned Loades
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – PRIMARY

Blokes at School

The Primary students and staff hosted a “Blokes at School” morning last Thursday. Thank you to all of our visitors for making the effort to visit the classes. The activities were STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) based. The students were really excited to be able to work with their visitors on the activities.

PAT Testing

Over the next three weeks, the Primary students (Year 1-7) will take part in online testing of Reading Comprehension and Maths. These tests are really valuable in giving us data about students’ progress, learning needs and teaching strategies.
Tania Sweeney
Tania Sweeney is the Primary Curriculum Coordinator for our partnership of schools. She visited our school this week for three days. She worked with staff on planning STEM activities. She then worked with each class and teacher implementing STEM activities.

Primary SRC
Congratulations to Montana Foster and her team for a very well run Donut Day on Monday. A Huge thank you to Mrs Marlene Boylan for cooking the donuts.

SAPSASA
Cricket/Tennis
This is an advance notice that the Cricket and Tennis trials will be held at Lock on 25 October. The Adelaide Carnival will be in the week beginning 21 November.

Training and Development
On Sunday 4 September, a SPED conference was held at Wudinna Area School to learn about:
- Explicit teaching techniques for reading and spelling in the Junior Primary and Primary years
- Dyslexia: how to recognise and accommodate Primary students in the classroom
- Making independent writers of students with working problems

This was attended by our own staff (SSO and teaching) plus visitors from other schools. The presenter, Sandy Russo, was very interesting and we had a lot to think about and take away. Sandy is the Director of SPED.

Year 3/4 Camp
The Year 3/4 students are currently on their three day camp at Errappa in Iron Knob. Errappa is a Blue Light outdoor adventure camp. The camp aims to use physical and challenging obstacle courses and other positive self-improvement activities. These activities are supervised by fully qualified police officers. In addition students will learn about the mine and have a bus tour of the old mine. Karen Lymn and the students will be accompanied by Carol Cummings, Mandy Scholz and Zane Petty. Thank you to these adults for giving their time to this camp.

T20 Cricket
On Tuesday 13 September, Year 6/7 students will have the opportunity to take part in the T20 cricket competition at Lock. This competition is organised by South Australian Cricket Association (SACCA). Students will be accompanied by Destinee Francis and Di McKenna.

Reports
On Friday 30 September, the last day of term, reports will be sent home for Primary students. These will include a tick for achievement and effort in Maths and English. In addition there will be ticks giving an indication of student work practices. Staff will request an interview with a number of parents. These interviews will be held at the end of Term 3 or the beginning of Term 4.

Show posters
Congratulations to the following students on their achievements in the Show Poster competition:
Reception: Sofie Little (2nd prize Hand Drawn)
Year 1: Kirby Gosling (1st Prize Hand Drawn), Henry Petty (1st Prize Computer Generated), Darcy Barns (2nd Prize Computer Generated)
Year 2: Bodhi Scholz (1st Prize Computer Generated), Mia Elliott (2nd Prize Computer Generated)
Year 3: Ella Scholz (1st Prize Hand Drawn), Baden Simpson (2nd Prize Hand Drawn)
Year 4: Bree North (1st Prize Hand Drawn), Shannon Sparrow (2nd Prize Hand Drawn)
Year 5: Jesse Foster (1st Prize Hand Drawn), Bella Porter (2nd Prize Hand Drawn)
Year 6: Chad Sparrow (1st Prize Hand Drawn), Safara Moyse (2nd Prize Hand Drawn), William Sampson (1st Prize Computer Generated), Kayla Garnaut (2nd Prize Computer Generated)
Year 7: Montana Foster (1st Prize Hand Drawn), Madison Barns (2nd Prize Hand Drawn), Amy Allen (1st Prize Computer Generated), Lily Nettle (2nd Prize Computer Generated)
Marie Elson
Primary Assistant Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – SECONDARY
Senior School Subject Selection
Thank you to all parents and students who attended the Senior School Subject Selection meeting last Wednesday night. It was pleasing to see so many parents and students interested in ensuring that the pathways they choose are going to meet intended destinations for the future or keep options open so that decisions can be made further down the track. Reminder: subject selection forms for 2017 are needed by the end of term so that the timetable construction process can commence during the holidays. Year 10 students need them returned by the end of Week 9 (prior to going on both Pedal Prix and Work Experience); Year 11 students by the end of Week 10.

Austdrive Course
– Friday 14 October
Defensive Driver Training
is Coming To Wudinna!
The theory topics include:
- How good are you at driving?
- How fast have you been?
- How much do you know about driving?
- Basic car dynamics, vehicle physics
- Mixing physics (the mind) and stomach (or gut feeling)
- Correct seating, steering and their relationship to control.
- Fatigue made interesting! Seating, diet, lifestyle and metabolism.
- Mental effort (also made interesting) and driving at a speed you can comprehend.
- Car control (braking and steering techniques, how easy it is to lose control)
- Mistakes constantly made by drivers in general and how to avoid them.
- Dealing with wildlife on the road.
- Knowing how and when to say NO to your peers and yourself. You only live once.
- What sort of car do you want/have? Understanding and respecting your car.
• How to maintain being a safe driver and how to help your mates.

The practical component is to develop an understanding of basic car control in a variety of circumstances. All exercises are conducted under strict supervision and high safety standards. There is no attempt to support speeding or unrealistically boost an individual’s confidence but develop a respect for speed and other road users. There is the intention to boost car control skills and understanding (analytically) how to prepare for basic emergencies just as a pilot would learn about stalling an aircraft.

• Emergency braking (ABS/non ABS), judging distances, the effect of a 10% increase in speed, braking up to stopped traffic or obstacles (smooth linear deceleration)

• Steering; hands, vision and balance

• Combining vision, braking and steering.

• Steering, safe corner entry speeds, vision techniques.

• Understanding following distances.

• Seeing danger early and knowing how to stay out of it.

If you are interested in your child being involved in this programme, please let me know so that I can compile a list of names and forward them to Carla Elliott.

Led Steer

The Led Steer team left for Adelaide on Tuesday capably organised by Neil Seaman. By the time you read this newsletter article the results will be known and the steers on their way to a “happier” place. We look forward to the newsletter article the results will be known and the steers on their way to a “happier” place. We look forward to the

PAT-R & PAT-M Testing

These tests have commenced for Years 8-10 students and, due to students being involved in activities such as Led Steer, will conclude during Week 9. The final date for their completion is the end of the term so there will be ample opportunities for all students to complete the online testing. These results provide excellent feedback to staff on the skills and abilities of students. We have spent much time looking at their 2015 results to discover and plan for the ways we can assist students to become more competent in the vital areas of literacy and numeracy. The ACER testing website has excellent resources to assist in the development of higher order reading and maths skills across a number of subject areas. I implore all students to do their best during these tests so that their real capabilities can shine through.

Term 3 Reports

Student reports based on the work completed this term will be distributed on Friday 30 September. The format of these reports will be the same as for Term 1, with a focus on providing feedback on student achievement for the learning activities completed for Semester 2 subjects. Should you have any questions related to these reports, do not hesitate to contact the subject teacher in the first instance. Parents of Year 10 students who will be away on Work Experience during this week can arrange to collect their reports from the Front Office at school during the afternoon of the last day of term.

Glenys McGuire
Assistant Principal – Secondary

FROM THE PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Our school and community are thinking of Kath Haines and her family as they support one another and share the treasured memories of their much loved husband, father and grandfather – Eric Haines. I had the pleasure of reading about the many interesting and humorous stories of Eric’s life. The one that made me laugh was how Eric used to warn the grandchildren when they were driving over the bridge at Pt Augusta to hold on tightly to the steering wheel because the cross winds might blow them off the bridge! Ha! I will always think of that when I am crossing the bridge! Eric loved spending time at Venus Bay working on the family shack and catching lots of fish - trevally for Janine and whiting for Kerry! Eric will be sadly missed in Wudinna.

Cheers! Carol.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken Wednesday, 14 September. Please return photo envelopes with money enclosed by Monday 12 September. Every student must return his/her envelope, even if not buying photos.

All monies go directly to Academy, so please make any cheques payable to Academy Photography and not Wudinna Area School.

Families wishing to order a Family Photo need to collect an order envelope from the Front Office, as these are only handed out on request.

It would be appreciated if all students are in full winter uniform (including a jumper).
ABSENCES
1 OR 2 DAYS A WEEK DOESN’T SEEM MUCH
BUT……

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MOBILE SCIENCE EDUCATION
On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, we had the pleasure of hosting Lee Harrison from Mobile Science Education based in Adelaide. Lee worked with:
Reception-Year 12 – The Light Fantastic – a light and how it works presentation
Reception, Year R/1 and Year 2 classes on How Materials Work – a chemistry and materials workshop
Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 classes on Our Chemical World – a chemistry and science skills workshop
Year 6/7 – Our Active Earth – an earth science workshop
Secondary students on Atoms and Chemistry – atoms, elements and reactions
Year 5-12 – UniSA Critical Thinking

These 3 days were very well received by staff and students and provided valuable learning experiences in line with the Australian Curriculum.

Marie Elson
Expressive Arts Coordinator

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Tennis Coaching with Mike Newbound
Monday 3-Friday 14 October
$35 per ½ hour lesson
Bookings at Skater’s Scissors 86802082

Emergency Foster Carers needed
Foster care agencies are currently seeking emergency and short term foster carers.
What is emergency foster care?
Sometimes children need urgent placement with a foster carer because there are concerns for the child’s immediate safety. These placements can occur any time, day or night, including after hours and on weekends.
‘Emergency’ does not mean you start today. All foster carers receive thorough training and assessment to ensure the children placed with you are safe and that you have the skills needed to provide quality care.
For more information, visit the Families SA website.
Contact: Program Officer, Foster Care Services, Maria Krahling, phone 8226 6617
Rowan Ramsey Award Nomination: Please return to Front Office

Name of Nominee: _____________________________________________________________

Person Nominating: ___________________________________________________________

☐ Nominations are open to any staff, parent or community member who has gone ‘above and beyond’ dedicating and volunteering their time and skills for our school.

☐ Please outline below services that this person has provided to our school, include dates if possible (school not wider community). Justification can include work ethic and personality.

☐ Previous recipients include: Melissa Thomson, Shane Best, Craig Jericho, John Flint, Anthony Clark, Andrew Buckham, Gidge Murphy

☐ The award is presented at our School Presentation Night at the end of the year.

☐ Nominations close Friday 25 September.

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Wudinna VacsSwim December 2016

VacsSwim from Wudinna will be Sunday 18 to Thursday 22 December. Bronze examining will be held Thursday afternoon. This will give people time to get organised for Christmas, especially if going away.

Start enrolling! You can enrol online, but please let me know when you do so I can have idea of numbers as early as possible. It was good last year as some rearranging needed to be done due to our large numbers. If a child completed L7 and is only 12 then enrol them in L7 but I know they will be in Accompanied Rescue. If they are 13 they will be doing Bronze Star.

Any problems with enrolling let me know. Stay tuned for more information in future Newsletters.

Susie Boylan

UNIFORM ORDER FORM - To be completed and returned with payment by Tuesday 27 September.

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2016
SECONDARY ART
(SAMPLES)
Blakes at School

Blokes day at school
SCIENCE WEEK
‘DRONES DROIDS ROBOTS’

Science Week was celebrated with primary students being encouraged to enter the competitions that had been organised around the topic. The competition was to be completed in their own time and, depending on the year level, involved researching questions correctly and some artistic work featuring the subject. Students in the Year 5/6 class were required to make a model robot and this resulted in some awesome figures.

Criteria for judging included accuracy and attractive presentation.

Thank you to all the students who entered.

Congratulations to the winners for this year:

- Reception class 1st Airlie Waters, 2nd Jyah Elliott
- Reception/Year 1st Joey Lymn, 2nd Ashlee Sampson
- Year 2 1st Indy Foster, 2nd Jesse Oswald
- Year 3/4 1st Jaycee Peters; 2nd Sophie O’Brien
- Year 5/6 1st 3-way tie - Megan Baldock, Brianna Rigden and Kyne Foster
- Year 6/7 1st Gabbie Seal, 2nd Madison Barns

Thank you to the Library for donating the book prizes 😊😊😊😊

During the lunch period we were fortunate to have Keron Cummings visit our school.

Keron explained to students how his drone operates and what it can do before flying it for us - much to the students’ delight.

Thank you Keron!
This year we welcomed a new Science teacher to our School/Lab. A warm welcome to Mrs Margaret Jackson.

Mrs Jackson organised special activities for classes centred around the Science Week theme. Students were introduced to BeeBot and Ozobot. Later some students were heard to comment that it was the best lesson ever.

The BeeBot is able to remember 40 commands. It can be programmed to travel from the beehive to the flowers then return to the beehive. Some Year 6/7 students and Year 3/4 students are enjoying this activity.
Fun with blokes at school in Year 2

The challenge was set ... Turn one of the students 2D Kandinsky inspired art works into a 3D sculpture :-)

We finished with a bit of a dance :-)

Thank you all for coming! We loved having you all in our classroom! Don’t forget you are welcome to pop in any time :-)}