SPRING GARDEN CELEBRATION!

The flowers were blooming and the sun was shining! Our Spring Celebration was a splendid event that highlighted the best of what Communal gardens have to offer - delightful produce, tasty food - creatively prepared by 'Sprouts' (including Callum Hann of Master Chef fame), and a group of very interested participants and supporters.

Our unique collaboration with City of Salisbury has created opportunities for students and community members alike to develop a love of planting, growing, and exploring issues around sustainability, and importantly sharing these experiences in a welcoming environment.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this inspirational event.

NAT CARLING & MARY JO BELLEW
GARDEN COMMITTEE
School Choir:
Congratulations to students and staff who participated in the Primary Schools Festival of Music on Sat 14th September. Ms Kerryn Cousins our Choir Leader has not only lead our school but has provided leadership and direction throughout the Festival week. The evening as fantastic and our students are all STARS!

Year 5/6 Camp:
Week 10 saw our Yr 5/6 students head to Narnu Farm on Hindmarsh Island for 3 days of great activities in the Southern Fleurieu Region. Students and staff had a great time and valuable learning occurred away from school and home.

School Garden:
More celebrations occurred with a Spring Garden event for members of the Salisbury Community and our students with the presence of Celebrity Chef Callum Hann and his company “Sprouts” preparing and presenting wonderful food in our Community garden.

SACE Conference:
We presented to the wider education community the successes of our SACE Improvement Strategy with a conference involving senior secondary leaders and staff.

Holidays are almost here...but for our Year 12 students they will need no reminder that they need to find time in the holidays to WORK but also have a break.

To everyone, have a safe and happy holiday.

Sincerely,
DI GARWOOD
PRINCIPAL

FLOWER DONATION ADDS COLOUR TO OUR GARDEN
A big thank you to Banner Mitre 10 Norwood for the donation of beautiful flowers for our garden. They add a lovely splash of colour and the upper primary students had so much fun planting them!

SUCCESSFUL BBQ FUNDRAISER
Our Year 5/6 students and teachers send out a big thank you to all those who supported our BBQ on election day.

Special thanks to the teachers, parents and student who helped.

We started selling egg and bacon sandwiches at 8am and were still selling sausages at 6pm that night.

We were fortunate to have some families/businesses make some significant donations. A special thank you to Brooke Paddick’s family from Jim’s Pest Control who donated $150, and Woolworths at Hollywood Plaza who donated $80 and gave us discount on our sausages.

The day was an overwhelming success, raising nearly $2000 dollars. We can now reduce the cost of the camp by a further $15.

FINAL WHISTLE BLOWS ON FOOTY SEASON
Saturday Morning school footy has finished for another year and our End of Season Presentation Night was a memorable one! Our year 4/5 and 6/7 players all received a trophy to commemorate a great season, and our coaches, team managers and parent volunteers all received our sincere thanks.

Sadly we had 2 farewells. Firstly, Adam ter Horst, who has served our Sports Club for over 13 years - as coach, school delegate and Zone Manager just to mention a few of his roles. We thank Adam for his dedication and commitment to school footy and to promoting active and healthy lifestyles for our kids.

Thanks and farewell also to Brian Fergusson - a dedicated coach, school delegate and organiser for over 10 years! We really appreciate the efforts of both these key volunteers and sincerely thank them your their very generous contributions to our school community!

MARY JO BELLEW
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER
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MARY WINS PEEL POP POUR COMPETITION!

Congratulations to Mary Rallos (EL10) who won the OPAL Peel Pour Pop drawing competition across the Northern region.

She won a bike, donated by Avanti, and a breakfast for her class! Her winning design of a ‘healthy meal’ will be on the bowl given to all students in region via the OPAL group.

Thanks to Mayor Gillian Aldridge who kindly made the presentation at a recent R-6 assembly, and special thanks to OPAL!
Starting Preschool and School 23 August 2013

Preschool is an important early step on your child’s journey through education, giving them the chance to play, learn, grow and develop as part of an organised educational program.

There is a change to the date that children start preschool and school. From 2014, there will be a new start date for preschool and school children. This will be the first day of Term 1.

If your child turns four before May 1, they will start preschool on the first day of Term One in that year. If your child turns four on or after May 1, they will start preschool on the first day of Term One the following year.

The new start date will mean that all children will have four terms of preschool and four terms of Reception.

Talk to your local Preschool Director or Principal to determine how this will work for your child.

At Paralowie Kindergarten we offer a play based curriculum built around our understanding of young children and their development. We utilise the ‘Early Years Learning framework: Belonging, Being and Becoming’ and ‘Reflect, Respect, Relate: Observation scales’. These documents support The National Quality framework.

We currently have vacancies available for children starting kindergarten in January 2014. For children with additional needs it may be possible to offer early entry in term 4 2013.

If you are interested in enrolling your child, or would like to come and have a look at our kindergarten please feel free to give us a call on 8250 2150. Alternatively you can contact us by email dl.2655.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Regards

Lisa Jackson

Director

Paralowie Kindergarten: ‘no play, no learning – know play, know learning’
Dear Parent

I have become increasingly concerned about the types of games that children can access through social media and mobile phone apps.

Some of these seemingly innocent games have features similar to those used in gambling.

Gambling experts are also concerned that children’s exposure to these games can increase the likelihood of problem gambling in adulthood.

That is why the State Government is seeking legal and policy advice about our ability to deal with this problem.

I also want to hear your views. Have you experienced this issue, what do you think about it and what solutions might we consider?

To have your say, visit our online discussion forum at:

The discussion forums will close for comment on Sunday, 15 September 2013.

We do not want to stop children having fun, but we also do not want to risk a generation of children becoming problem gamblers.

I look forward to hearing about your views on this important issue.

Yours sincerely

Jay Weatherill
PREMIER

22 / 8 / 2013

PS. You can read my blog post on this issue at: jayweatherill.com.au
Congratulations to our 2012 SACE completer Sheridan Lee-Archer who received $2000 as one of the winners of the Australian Vocational Students Prize Award.

As part of completing her SACE Sheridan completed an Australian School Based Apprenticeship at the Para Hills Veterinarian Clinic.

Since completing her SACE Sheridan has continued working at the Clinic and is now undertaking further training in the Animal Studies Industry.

Science week for Year 7 students was exciting.

The daily Science Quiz was a highlight! Congratulations to Caleb Jones and Chloe Schubert on equal top overall, closely followed by Max Dolensky. Well done to all!

Some lucky Year 7 students also enjoyed a session in the Planetarium and were grateful for the opportunity.

The hospitality students made a number of dishes including Lasagne, Cold Rolls, Salt & Pepper Squid, Stuffed Capsicums and a range of desserts. The R-12 Staff were dazzled by the taste and the level of skills demonstrated by the students.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET) PATHWAYS

Each year we have a number of students finish school who have completed VET courses as part of their SACE studies.

Students who completed VET courses at school are often successful in gaining employment post school using the skills and qualifications they have gained.

We also have a number of students who will use their VET studies at school to apply for further training at TAFE or University.

One example of the successful transition into employment is Caitlyn Gray. Caitlyn studied VET in years 11 and 12 and completed a Certificate III Allied Health Assistance and Certificate III Health Services Assistance both delivered here at Paralowie R-12.

Whilst completing these qualifications Caitlyn was required to participate in Work Placement which she did at Hawksbury Gardens Aged Care Centre in Salisbury North.

Caitlyn made such a positive impression while on placement that the Centre has since employed her full time.

Caitlyn is enjoying working and strongly believes her VET course was the catalyst for her success.
Students Explore Future Career Options

Sixteen students from The Smith Family - iTrack Mentor Program, recently participated in The Next Steps activity hosted by SANTOS.

The program is a joint initiative of The Smith Family and their corporate partners. It forms an integral part of The Smith Family’s Learning for Life program and as such, is aimed at assisting students with a successful transition from school to the workplace including improved skills to enhance job opportunities and career pathways.

Sessions included information and instructions on personal presentation from Miss Tanya Powell; active participation in a personal training session in the fully equipped SANTOS Gym; information on how to make a successful job application; a tour of the SANTOS building; information and advice on job interviews; and stories from several SANTOS staff members about their own career journeys.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of Kelly Martin, Learning for Life Worker – The Smith Family, and Chris Marks, the SANTOS Senior Public Affairs Advisor - Community, for organising such an exciting and memorable learning opportunity for our students.

Beverley Roy

Qualifications for Support Staff

Congratulations to the School Support Officers who recently completed Certificate 3 in Education Support. Their parchments were presented at a special ceremony at the Convention Centre.

Judo Success for Lillee Wakefield

Congratulations to Year 8 student Lillee Wakefield on her outstanding achievements in Judo.

Lillee is only one belt lower than a black belt and is already achieving great success. This year she travelled to Melbourne to compete in the 5th ‘International Martial Arts Games’ in an Under 16 Girls competition and she won a bronze medal. In July she competed in the Under 16 Girls competition in the ‘National Kodokan Judo Association Championships’ and she won a silver medal!

NAPLAN Update

NAPLAN results are usually due to schools and families at the end of term three. This information gives schools and families an indication of how students and schools are working with important aspects of literacy and numeracy.

This year there has been a printing delay of the Individual Student Report from ACARA. This report will be delivered to schools and families in term 4. However, South Australia does generate an additional report called an Individual Student Summary Report.

This will be distributed as soon as they arrive; this is anticipated to be in Week 10 of this term.

Any concerns or queries should be directed to Nat Carling, Assistant Principal R-6 School or Sandrine Poissonnier, Assistant Principal Middle School.

Sandrine Poissonnier and Nat Carling