The aim was for the students to learn about how to lead other students in caring for our environment. The students participated in several activities that taught them how to work together as a team and encouraged them to make decisions that required them to not only negotiate with their peers but also to justify their reasons. They were required to put together a sustainable house and validate why they had certain items such as their car, size of house, garden or grassed area and energy usage.

This was the first of 3 conferences with the students being asked to look at our school and decide what we are doing well, environmentally, and what we need to improve on. The students will then put together a plan on how we can improve our habits and hopefully ensure that we have a more sustainable future.

The students will then teach their peers how to be more environmentally friendly. The students from our school who are involved are; Mitch Slater, Kaitlyn Lee, Ebony Dandridge, Gareth Bailey, Nixon Lem and Jordan Dunnling.

GREG FROST
Staffing: During the last 4 weeks of term I will be on Long Service Leave and I will return for term 2. There will be some resulting staffing changes:

Principal: Peter Groves
R-12 Deputy Principal: Doug Carruthers
Yr 8 / Teaching and Learning Senior Leader: Adam Carter
P.E. / Yr8 Coordinator: Kyra Stuart

The changes will be in place until the end of term 2 as Peter Groves will be on leave during term 2. Mari Terreri has a position in Central Office until the end of term 2. The staffing changes that have resulted are:

Senior Leader Middle School: Sandrine Poissonnier
SOSE / Yr8 Coordinator: Alana Attwood.

I wish everyone the best in their new roles and know their focus will always be improving student learning outcomes.

Year 12s: Students should be settling into a routine of hard work and balancing their school and out of school commitments. They must work closely with their teachers if they are to be successful. Managing their time well and keeping up with all of their commitments is essential in the pursuit of success!

School Closure Day: The Training and Development day on the 12th March was successful and staff were engaged in developing units of work for the Australian curriculum and looking at Assessment and Reporting. Thank you to our community for your support of this day.

Power Cup: Paralowie R-12 hosted the ‘Power Cup’ program last week. Students from across the region actively participated in theory and practical lessons.

School events: A team will be selected to represent our school at SANTOS Stadium before the end of term, following Athletics Day. In the Primary school rehearsals for the Choir and Wakakirri are ongoing. There are always opportunities for students to be involved in activities that lead to team work and collaboration outside of the classroom.

Student success: We are maintaining our focus on attendance. Please inform us if your child is away. Missing time from school limits students success in their school years and their working life.

Working with our families on student attendance is a high priority.

School Uniform: Student Voice and Junior Council are having discussions around some school uniform changes, one being the introduction of a school dress. Information will be available for parents shortly. Please forward any opinions you may have on this to Mary Jo Bellew in the Community Centre.

Finally enjoy the Easter break and the term 1 holidays.

Sincerely,

DI GARWOOD
PRINCIPAL
SPECIALIST SPORT STUDENTS LEARN FIRE DRILLS

As a component of the Special Sport program the Year 8/9 students participated in a variety of team building activities run by ‘Fireman Fred’.

These activities required students to work together to achieve success in a range of Fire Brigade based activities. Students learned about the importance of teamwork as well as some interesting facts about the history of the Fire department.

An example of activities performed included the students passing buckets up and down the line to ‘put the fire out’, or in this case, to fill the bucket. On a 36 degree day, the students especially enjoyed getting refreshed from the heat with the water from the Fire extinguisher pumps!

Thanks Fireman Fred for a fun, educational and cooling activity!

KYRA STUART

YEAR 12’S GET ‘STREET SMART’

Students recently participated in the annual Street Smart road safety education event organised by RAA, aiming to reduce South Australia’s shocking youth road toll.

Road crashes are the leading cause of death for young people under the age of 25 and Street Smart aims to educate young drivers about the devastating consequences of taking risks while driving and the upsetting reality of road trauma.

Students witnessed a fatal road crash simulation and heard from guest speakers who told their life changing stories of surviving road accidents along with the heart breaking stories from the families of those who didn’t survive.

KYRA STUART
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

One of the best ways to meet any of our Aboriginal Education staff is to attend one of our parent/student pizza evenings that happen each term. However, our ACEOs and AET are only a phone call away - ring the school number 8182 7222.

We send a range of school and community information home but one of the quickest ways to get information is through email. You are welcome to join our email list (confidential), just provide the details to Steven.

Our staff located in Tirkandi (Nunga room) are as follows:

ACEOs
· Margy Baluch who works first four days of the week
· Steven Newchurch who works on Tuesdays and Thursdays
· Ben Maynard who works on Fridays

MENTORS/TUTORS FOR OUR STUDENTS
· Tom Putnam & Wendy Benton

AET
· Sonja Strbic who is available on most days

MENTORS - TOM AND WENDY

STEVE NEWCHURCH AND POWER CUP STUDENTS

YEAR 12’S GET ‘STREET SMART’
YEAR 9 MATHS GO BOWLING
by Amber Wells and Jasmine Newbery
This term Robyn Mortimer’s Maths class and George Genimahaliotis’ Maths class went to Salisbury Bowland to explore mathematical problems.

The students are using the scores from bowling in chance and probability problems during class. We are using maths to figure out what our average score is and the difference between the lowest and highest score. We are also using it to figure out what chance we had of getting a strike, and what chance we had of knocking over any number of pins.

It was extremely enjoyable with many people achieving their personal best, and it was a great experience for those who had never been bowling, it is definitely something that every maths class should do!

SALISBURY COUNCIL TENNIS COACHING

Coaches from the Salisbury Tennis Centre came to Paralowie to work with a number of our Phys. Ed. classes.

This was part of a program to encourage Indigenous students and students from other cultures to be involved in tennis. The program was a great success, all the students really enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot about tennis.

Thank you to John from the Salisbury Tennis Centre for being our coach and all the teachers and students involved.

ADAM CARTER
PHYS ED COORDINATOR

10 GREAT REASONS TO BRING YOUR LAPTOP TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY
1. It is vital for accessing your course/work.
2. Use email to submit work for feedback and pass up assignments.
3. Word process to draft, edit and check spelling.
4. Save work to the school network H:drive where it is secure, in case your USB is misplaced.
5. Use Excel to draw charts; Inspiration to brainstorm concept maps; Zoomerang to design and conduct surveys; the online referencing generator for bibliographies.
6. Research the WEB and use this material to draft assignments and support your arguments when you write reports and essays.
7. Use DAYMAP to find out what happened in a lesson you missed.
8. Access specialised school software to participate in coursework.
9. Download a copy of your TEXT books in maths and Science so you don’t need to carry them around.
10 Use a camera if needed to take pics of your work, then edit using your laptop and pass up for marking.

FACEBOOK, FACEBOOK
Be Aware....
Be Alert....
Please make sure that your children are using FACEBOOK safely and that no ‘PREDATORS’ are invading their page!!!
DI GARWOOD
PRINCIPAL

PARENTS AND FRIENDS UPDATE
Friday Morning Craft Sessions.
From 9am - 12 noon in the Community Centre.
ALL WELCOME
Come along and join in.
If you have any small jars to spare please drop them in to school.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER IN THE COMMUNITY MENTORING PROGRAM
We are seeking volunteers who can share their time with a student from Paralowie R-12 School.
Help a young person to stay connected to school, plan for their future, help them gain a better education, and to become successful members of the community, share your life experiences, skills and knowledge.
Contact: Sue Denman, Local Community Mentoring Coordinator on 8258 0666 or 0427 784 146.

STUDENTS SIGNING IN AND OUT
Please understand that we cannot accept text messages on students’ phones as permission for them to sign out.
Parents need to put a signed and dated note in their students diary or ring
8182 7281 which is the direct number to advise any student absences or signing out requirements.

COMMUNITY NEWS
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
- Brahima Lodge Indoor Sports Centre are running Indoor Cricket, Indoor Netball, Indoor Soccer and Dodgeball cost is just $8 per child. DATES: 15th - 26th April, ring 8258 6000.

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