YEARS 7 - 12 ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all the students who joined in the athletics day so enthusiastically. The team spirit was alive and well. Students achieved some outstanding performances on the track. Competition was fierce and students worked hard in preparation for the events. We wish our competitors well at the upcoming State competitions. Thanks to all the staff who worked tirelessly on the day, and to Eileen and her staff for their great efforts providing enjoyable refreshments.

Did you know you can scan this QR code to link directly to the website via your smartphone.
Term I has been very productive with many highlights for staff and students. Some memorable events this term include:

- 7-12 Sports Day
- SANTOS Sports Days
- Monty Prior visit
- Volleyball try outs for National Titles
- Middle School Splash Day
- Harmony Day
- SAPSASA Beach Volleyball
- Year 12 Conference Day
- Teddy Bears Picnic
- Brainstorm Productions
- Parent Workshops on helping students learn to read
- The Honourable Mark Butler visit

The Honourable Mark Butler visited our school and he was most impressed with what he saw. He visited our Hospital Room which is aligned to our Allied Heath course that Melissa Willson delivers across the Region.

Parent/Teacher Interviews: Please take time to attend interviews on Thursday 11th April.

I hope you enjoy the term 1 break and have a safe and happy holiday.

PETER GROVES
PRINCIPAL

HALOGEN NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

Ten of our Junior Counsellors in Year 5/6, along with Natalie Carling and Craig Knowles, our CPSW, attended the Young Leaders Conference at the Adelaide Entertainment centre.

Students had the opportunity to listen to four different speakers talk about leadership in their own fields and how this had impacted on their lives.

They heard from Creel Price, entrepreneur, Commissioner Burns from SAPOL, Natalie Von Bertouch from the Thunderbirds/Diamonds and Ruben Meerman, surfing scientist.

Some messages the students took away from the day were; you can be the master of your own destiny as a leader, leadership equals influence and good leaders listen to others.

NAT CARLING
R-6 SENIOR LEADER

HARMONY DAY 2013

Thursday 21st March was Harmony Day. The message was that ‘Everyone Belongs’ and we celebrated this in many ways.

In classes students did activities around the message including where they belong in their home and community, craft activities and class discussions.

We had a disco in the R-6 part of the school and raised money for a charity the Junior Counsellors will choose in the coming weeks.

The High school student voice representatives sold ribbons to fundraise for foreign aid.

NAT CARLING
R-6 SENIOR LEADER

HATS POLICY

We have a ‘no hat - no play policy’ for students in Years Reception to Yr 6. Hats are sold in the front office for $7.50.

LOST hats are taken to the Community Centre, so please check regularly for missing hats.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Do you have any items your children no longer need.

Why not sell them through the Secondhand Uniform Shop in the Community Centre.

Contact Mary Jo Bellew.
**ROAD AWARENESS PROGRAM (RAP)**

Year 11 students participated in a road awareness program run by the MFS.

Station Officer Rod Campbell, our presenter, talked to students about being risk takers on the road and showed the impacts of what these risks could have.

From the 103 students that responded to the survey 103 recipients said they will adopt safer road behaviours after experiencing RAP.

Student comment; “This program was excellent and really made me aware that small risks caused huge consequences. I think that this program will change the future of people driving. I thought this program made a positive impact on myself and others; I feel the need to be more responsible and safe as a driver and passenger. Life changing.”

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**NUNGA NEWS**

**MONTY PRYOR’S VISIT**

Recently, all of our Yr 8 students and group of Yr 5-7 students in the primary had the privilege to attend a double lesson performance by Monty.

He spoke about his life, books, and the journeys he has taken as a result of writing them. Many students commented on how funny and very entertaining he is with the stories he tells, voices and special effects he can mimic, as well as his expert didgeridoo playing.

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**NAPLAN TESTING**

In May students in years 3, 5, 7, and 9 will be participating in NAPLAN.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students.

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not students are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance.

Parents are able to request that their child be withdrawn from the NAPLAN testing due to issues such as religious beliefs or philosophical objections to testing. The School may also exempt students from testing if the school feels that it is in the best interests of the child.

If you have any queries about the NAPLAN testing at our school please contact Michelle Lennox in the R-6 School or Sandrine Poissonnier in the Middle School.

SANDRINE POISSONNIER
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL 7-9

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MICHELLE LENNOX
R-6 HEAD OF SCHOOL

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**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

Our next meeting is on Friday 10th May at 9 a.m. in the Community Centre.

ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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**You are invited to**

**Paralowie R-12 School**

**OPEN NIGHT**

Tuesday 7th May 2013

5.30 - 8.00 p.m.

We look forward to your company.
CRICKET NEWS
Congratulations to the Open Boys Super 8’s cricket team who came fourth in the carnival last week! They played very well and deserve the fourth spot.
A few highlights included was Aiden making 30 points and Jayden catching a ball one handed, and the team playing very well together!
Well done everyone!

YEAR 5 AND 6 BEACH VOLLEYBALL
Forty-two very excited students from R-6 made the trip to Glenelg Beach to participate in 2013 SAPSASA Beach Volleyball Competition.
Despite the drizzling weather all the students that participated tried hard and did a great job of representing Paralowie.
This years results were amazing with five out of the nine teams making the finals, we also had one of our year 4/5 boys teams competed in the grand final and take the silver medal. But our best results came from our year 6 boys teams, with two of our teams beating out all the other competitors to play off in a Paralowie verse Paralowie grand final, where we took both gold and silver.
A big thank you to all the teachers that helped supervise on the day and to the students who did an amazing job on the day and in the lead up. We had a great day and look forward to doing it all again in term 4.
KIM ATKINSON
SPORTS COORDINATOR R-6

TEN PIN BOWLING
Fourteen students from Years 7 and 8 went to Salisbury Bowland for one of the most popular events of the year, and had a great time!
Our students managed to finish second place overall, against senior students with state and national bowling experience!
The day was full of many highlights including the unnamed female, who twice skillfully placed her bowl precisely to bounce into the next lane and foiled a potential strike! Unfortunately it was her own school that was interrupted whilst the lane was reset! An amusing event!
Another student tried to set a record of gutter balls! Unfortunately his aim was off and he did score well over 20 pins!
The day was full of students just missing the strike and trying to make impossible splits, success for all and many, many laughs! All students maintained a positive and enthusiastic demeanor, vowing to practice, and looking forward to the next event in Term 3.

YEAR 4/5 SILVER MEDALISTS

YEAR 6 GOLD MEDALISTS

EXPLORING NUMERACY
As part of the development of numeracy at Paralowie R-12 School an article will be included in each newsletter to explore what numeracy is and showcase some numeracy tasks.
For students, numeracy is the ability to use Maths skills to solve problems that can occur in school, in all subjects, and outside of school, whether it be recognising the correct change when buying something or understanding how to follow a recipe at home. It has been found that students with stronger numeracy skills do better at school and can lead to more highly skilled jobs in the future.
At Paralowie R-12 students are encouraged to develop their numeracy skills in all subjects in a number of ways including measurement in Science and SOSE, recording times and measuring distances in PE and using data and statistics when having debates in English.
In my role as Numeracy Coach I am working closely with staff to maximise the learning for students around numeracy.

YEAR 6 SILVER MEDALISTS

YEAR 6 GOLD MEDALISTS

LOST UNIFORMS
There are MANY lost uniform items in the Community Centre. Please call in and check if you have lost anything.

KIM ATKINSON
SPORTS COORDINATOR R-6

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