YEAR 12 FORMAL 2013

Yr 12 students recently celebrated their Formal at the National Wine Centre of Australia. Students looked fabulous in their formal attire. Plenty of dancing, photos and socialising ensured that it was a night which will leave lasting memories. A big thank you to Brianna Farmer for all of her assistance in setting up this night.

DEREK SLATER

Did you know you can scan this QR code to link directly to the website via your smartphone.
Welcome to term 2. I had a great Long Service leave and am pleased to be back at school and wish to thank the staff who took on new roles to support my leave.

**Open Night 7th May** - the evening was successful and staff and students showcased our school with pride. We appreciate the ongoing interest in our school and community. It goes beyond enrolments for Year 8 students, but looks at the unique R-12 package Paralowie has to offer.

**Student Free Day 3rd May** - R-12 staff worked with Janine Gordon (James Fergusson) and key staff on strategies to improve student literacy and numeracy. We continue to support strategies with designated teaching time to provide support in classrooms, working with teachers to improve student literacy and numeracy. Your support on this T & D day was greatly appreciated.

**Graffiti Attack** - our school suffered a serious graffiti attack during the early hours of May 1st. Students, families and staff were distressed by the damaged that occurred. On a positive note the media stories and the work SAPO are doing to apprehend the culprits is very heartening. On the day, our students were fabulous and very concerned about the disgraceful acts of vandalism.

**Uniform** - the weather is becoming cooler. Please be prepared with winter uniform. Our uniform shop has a range of tops and sizes.

**New Staff and Students** - make the most of your time at Paralowie R-12 and take advantage of all opportunities for learning and improvement.

Best wishes for a successful term 2.

Please contact the school if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

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**EXPLORING OUR SOLAR SYSTEM**

Firstly, to develop an idea of the scale, Year 5 and 6 students were put into groups on the oval to show the relative mass and distance of each planet and their position in the solar system. We followed this up with an excursion to the Mawson Lakes Planetarium, where students journeyed through the solar system, examining constellations and planets. We watched a film showing the strange weather on each planet. Finally, groups created dioramas or models to show their understanding of the solar system.

RITA BUTLER & GREG FROST
SCIENCE FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

It has been a busy start to the year in our Science Faculty. We welcomed Adelaide University student, Ben Menadue to our recent year 10 assembly. Ben is about to finish his PhD in Physics, and is researching and developing a computer that works fast, at “Quantum” speeds. We heard about his travels around the world connecting with other like-minded scientists, his research and life at University. He talked about the many career pathways and options available.

Our faculty aims to promote, encourage and show the students the value of learning science and where it can take them. Our teachers will be engaging with their students in conversations on the many possibilities of careers in science.

We were part of the Transition day where students from visiting primary schools experienced science hands on.

Our year 12 Biology students have enjoyed doing was the enzyme practical. The year 11 Chemistry class has been studying the process of fermentation and how it relates to the wine industry in SA.

The science faculty has been actively developing a common semester year 10 Science Exam which will happen at the end of this term. This is in line with the Australian National Curriculum.

MARY AGRIOS
SCIENCE COORDINATOR

COMPUTING BUDDY PROJECT

by Danii Lukic and Hannah Kay-Turrell (Year 9)

For three weeks last term, Robyn Mortimers Year 9 computing class and Kristyn Howley’s Room 14 class were involved in a buddy project.

We asked the Year 1 and 2 students questions about what they would like to be when they’re older, what colours they like, what sports they play and more. We took web cam photos of our buddies to edit in Photoshop and add to images that relate to them.

Our buddies are also trying out some Photoshop skills. We will present all our Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop creations as movies and print posters for our buddies.

We really enjoyed working and meeting with our adorable buddies. We hope they enjoyed the project too.

STUDYING INDONESIAN IN R-6

During Indonesian lessons students from Years R-6 have been making Buntings.

Students presented these Buntings at the R-6 Assembly where they also sang an Indonesian song.

These Buntings were then displayed at the recent Indonesian Festival in Adelaide.
SANTOS ATHLETICS ROUNDPUP

Last term our Year 7-12 students participated in two athletics carnivals held at SANTOS stadium. Students competed against others from across the state in a range of track and field events. The school was extremely successful at the two events, placing 1st in the Northern Zone and 3rd in the SSSSA competitions.

Congratulations to Cassie Clarkson who broke two state records in shot put and discus.

KYRA STUART
P.E. COORDINATOR

YEAR 12 AQUATICS
Towards the end of term one, the Year 12 Physical Education class participated in their compulsory aquatics unit at the West Lakes Aquatic Centre.

This involved 18 instruction hours of kayaking over 3 days of completely mixed weather.

Students worked incredibly hard on their paddling and rescue skills. They were also involved in a 7km distance paddle around the waters of West Lakes.

Some high grades were achieved and a good time was had by all.

DEREK SLATER
YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

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.

STUDENT ABSENCES
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 the direct number 8182 7281 to advise any student absences or signing out requirements.

BELL TIMES
Lessons start 8.40 am
Recess 11.05 - 11.25 am
Lunch 12.55 - 1.35 pm
Dismissal 3.00 pm

UNIFORM PRICE LIST
Please note uniform prices have increased, new list is available in front office.

COMMUNITY NEWS
MENINGOCOCCAL B VACCINE STUDY - Volunteers are needed to take part in a research that will evaluate the safety of this vaccine. If you are aged 18 - 26 or have children aged 10 - 18 you may be able to register your interest. To receive more information contact Vaccinology and Immunology Research Trials at the Women's & Children's Hospital on 8161 8117

FREE FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN - seminars and family entertainment day at the Lollipop Markets, Sunday May 19 at the Morphettville racecourse. Practical tips and advice about raising babies and toddlers as well as boutiques and hand-made items. Free car parking, children's entertainment and crièche services. To find out more visit www.everychild.eventbrite.com.au