2013 RECONCILIATION WEEK

This week falls between 27th May and 3rd June, every year. Its aim is to focus on Reconciliation between Indigenous and Non Indigenous Australians.

27th May - the anniversary of the 1967 Referendum in which 90% of Australians voted to remove parts of the Australian Constitution that were discriminating against Indigenous people.

3rd June - the High Court, in the MABO case, acknowledged the pre-existing rights of Indigenous Australians to continue to live on their land.

Our R-12 Reconciliation Assembly on the 30th May was also a success. We would like to thank our special guest Susie Rankine who spoke about the importance of Reconciliation and shared her experiences with our students.

Our message is also, that Reconciliation is everyone’s business. Regardless of our background, heritage, religion and language, we must always listen and respect each other. Valuing and accepting difference is what we strive to do at Paralowie R-12 School.

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DIARY DATES

June
7 Parents & Friends Meeting
10 QUEENS BIRTHDAY
11 STUDENT FREE DAY
12 Reception Transition
17 Reception Transition
18 R-6 Assembly
20 ‘Brainstorm’ Yr 10,11, & 12
21 End of Semester 1
24 Reception Transition
25 GOVERNING COUNCIL MTG
28 Class Photos

WELL BEING EXPO

July
1 Reception Transition
2 Yr 9 Drama Exc.
3 R-6 Assembly
4 R-12 Reports go home
5 Last day of term,
Early dismissal 1pm

8182 7281
The direct number to ring 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

Did you know you can scan this QR code to link directly to the website via your smartphone.
PRIMARY SCHOOL LAPTOPS

Big changes have happened in the R-6 school!

With a brand new reception class moving into room 8, the Rocket Room has now moved to Room 3 (the former computer room).

Due to this we are lucky enough to have a class set of laptops which the students are using in their classrooms.

The students all look very professional whilst participating in ICT lessons and they enable us to continue work as normal!

R-6 STUDENTS CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION WEEK

For Reconciliation Week, several classes were involved in making Nunga Flags, Walkabout Prints and Animal Masks. The students really enjoyed learning about the Aboriginal culture and how to dot paint. Students created some amazing pictures and made some tasty Aboriginal Flag biscuits.

Congratulations are necessary for some outstanding achievements from our students:

* Our members of the Power Cup (SAASTA) tournament, Marcus O'Loughlin, Brayden Ward, Stephen McMahon, Teasha Howett, Kirah Taylor and their coach Steven Newchurch.

* Our R-7 Choir, who performed brilliantly at the Salisbury CWA meeting. Thank you to our choir trainer Kerryn Cousins.

* Our Cert 3, Community Services and Allied Health Studies students, while working at Hawkesbury Gardens portrayed our school in a very positive manner in a conversation with Mark Butler, Federal Member of Parliament for Port Adelaide.

* Bethany Caldwell, Year 9, who represented our school at a dinner involving students, Principals and Governing Council Chairs from the NASSP group of Secondary Schools. Consequently, a group of students from each school will convene to further the development of Student Voice from our schools.

Our start to term 2 has had some complexities. However, when I reflected on the strength of our community and our wonderful students and their successes, I realise we are on track to give all of our students a range of opportunities where they can be successful.

I thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely

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PRINCIPAL
YEAR 11 TOURISM EXCURSION

Our class set off to the Barossa Valley for the practical component of our course. Mr Carter was our much appreciated driver.

We visited two popular resorts, Novotel and the Barossa Junction, and then the Seppelts' Family Mausoleum plus the delicious Angas Park Fruit Shop.

Our lunch stop was Nuriootpa where students had an opportunity to explore the main street as local tourists.

The weather, students and the various experiences all proved to be excellent!

ERIKA PAPAS
TOURISM TEACHER

OUR GREAT GARDEN

There has been a flurry of activity going on in Claire Cooke’s Year 9 Food and Nutrition class this semester.

As part of ‘Come Out Festival 2013’s Future Garden’, schools were invited to create a garden at their school, enlivening their own space, with a living work of art.

Using only school art supplies and their imaginations, we asked students to transform recycled, unwanted objects into decorated pots and planters and fill them with blooms or seedlings, creating a sculptural garden display to adorn a dormant space in our school. How can yesterday’s junk become tomorrow’s living work of art?

Ms Cooke and her class transformed unwanted obsolete objects into vibrant, quirky, growing sculptures where life thrives and flourishes, thereby supporting the notion that creativity is fundamental to sustainability. As they worked the class were also responsible for creating and contributing updates and photos to a blog called “Our Great Garden at Paralowie”.

Ms Cooke’s Future Garden was chosen to be displayed at the Festival Centre during the Come Out Festival from the 22nd to 31st of May, which is a terrific achievement, congratulations!

So if you visit the city to see one of the amazing acts on during the festival, make sure you visit the Future Garden and admire the beautiful work our students and staff worked so hard on.

LISA BARTEMUCCI
YEAR 9 COORDINATOR

STOP PRESS!!! This garden has been selected by the Come Out’s major sponsor ‘BankSA’ for ‘BANKSA’S BEST GARDEN’ Congratulations to Claire Cook and her team of students! Great News!

Welcome back to our students and families old and new.

Cheryl Storoszczuk, is our new AET replacing Sonja who is on leave this term.

A group of our students who are part of the AIME program (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience), went to see the opening at Uni SA, Mawson Lakes. Sir Richard Branson spoke about the importance of mentoring and how this helps people to achieve their goals. At the first session students met their mentors. Each visit will be a different activity.

Well done to students who participated in the Power Cup at Alberton Oval over 3 days.

Kylie Mannis is working again with us to help families with well being issues such as housing, health, law, and taking families to and from appointments. If you would like to talk to her about any issues please ask for Margy on 8182 7222

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TEAM:
MARGY BALUCH,
STEVEN NEWCHURCH,
CHERYL STOROSZCZUK AND
TOM PUTNAM.

IMPORTANT AND BUSY TIMES: WE ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT

In the next few weeks a lot of work by staff and students in Senior School comes to an end.

Compulsory SACE subjects studied by every student such as the PLP (Year 10), Mathematics and English (Year 11) and Research Project (Year 12) will be resulted and moderated. It is vitally important that students complete tasks in each of these subjects right up to deadlines set by teachers.

Each subject requires students to achieve a C grade or better. Please support your child to achieve this by encouraging them to attend school regularly and be on time each day, as well as homework outside school hours.

If you have any concerns about your child’s progress please ring the school.

SANDY STUART, SENIOR LEADER, SENIOR SCHOOL
MELBOURNE TEAMS ANNOUNCED

The five teams that we will be taking across to Melbourne to participate in the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup during December have been named after a term of competitive trials. This is the first time in our history that we have taken this many teams. All teams will now train throughout the year in preparation for these national championships.

The teams are:

Open Boys: Aaron Slater, Cameron Augier, Dylan Webster, Joshua Russo, Mathew Schulz, Nathan Flockhart, Paul Radway, Ryan Horm, Teejay Halkias

Under 17 Girls: Caitlin McLeod, Charity Moaga, Cresilda Daitol, Jade Brawn, Jade Dewett-Spears, Jessica Clark, Kirah Taylor, Riley Galbraith

Under 16 Boys: Alec Henry, Chris Birt, Jacob Russo, James Aebi, James Birt, Jarrod Gray, Tobey Farmer, Travis Krelle, Tyler Jones

Under 16 Girls: Abbie Gericke-Schranz, Breanna Slater, Courtney Press, Daphne Albanese, Jenna Nepe, Kaneisha O’Loughlin, Kristina Lizoguboff, Natalie Chy, Rebecca Schulz


Congratulations to everyone selected.

DEREK SLATER, DEIDRE MURPHY, KYRA STUART,
JUSTINE HIGGINSON & BOB PHOUMIRATH

LITERACY AND NUMERACY AT PARALOWIE

During the recent Training and Development Day at Paralowie, Years 7-12 staff participated in workshops in accordance with the Australian Curriculum. The focus for the day was literacy and numeracy across the curriculum.

All staff participated in a genre writing workshop with Professional Development Consultant, Janine Gordon. When students learn the various genres (types of writing) they learn to write for specific audiences and purposes; such as describing, explaining, instructing, arguing and narrating.

Curriculum leaders also ran workshops covering: spelling strategies; Harvard Referencing; TEEL for paragraph writing and document formatting. These sessions explored how to support students to develop spelling strategies; Using Word to complete reference lists; reviewing the explicit teaching of TEEL to support paragraph writing, Topic Sentence, Elaborating sentence, Examples, Linking/concluding sentences.

From a Numeracy perspective, staff looked at how Data and Statistics can be incorporated into different learning areas to help students understand how important Data and Statistics are in the real world. Staff looked at some examples of how Statistics are used in the newspapers, how they can be easily misinterpreted and how they could fit into different subject areas to help develop and improve student learning.

Please contact the school for any further information about Year 7-12 literacy and numeracy practices.

Kind Regards

JANE PEARS, 7-12 LITERACY COORDINATOR

DAVID KINNA, 7-12 NUMERACY COORDINATOR