Our new Principal Peter McKay introduced himself and thanked the school community for such a warm welcome. Our Leadership team introduced new staff to the students and wished all a challenging and successful year ahead.

Congratulations to Snezana Semak who has been awarded a University of Adelaide Principal’s Scholarship. This $5000 award acknowledges students who achieve high academic merit and who have also made a significant contribution to their school and to the wider community.

Our volleyball squad was successful for yet another year and players were presented with their medals with the whole school celebrating their success.
Welcome to our new families, students and staff, I know you will enjoy your time at Paralowie R-12 school as I have found it to be a well organised and friendly environment with a passionate team of teachers and leaders committed towards ensuring students have the opportunity to experience success across all aspects of school life.

We welcome the following staff in Years 7 - 12. Uma Shailendra, Michael Grant, Josh Farmer, Max Douglas ICT Support, Ben Muggleton, Vincenzo Andreacchio, Amy Harding. Welcome back to Mari Terreri after a year in head office.

Over these first few weeks I have spent a lot of time in the yard talking to students from all year levels and have been made to feel very welcome. I have been impressed with the student’s willingness to engage in open, honest and respectful conversation with me which is helping me to gain a broader understanding of the school and its community.

**Governing Council 2014**

A successful AGM was held on February 11th. Our parent Representatives for 2014 are Sarah Caldwell (Chairperson), Tania Huckstepp (D/Chair & Minute Secretary), Brynja Svenna (Treasurer), Pauline Dale (Secretary), Selia Mrkic, Kathryn Wall, Margie Baluch, and we welcomed new parent Danielle Gilbert. Our Community rep is Alex Coates, our City of Salisbury elected member. Staff reps include Greg Frost and Maria Szabo along with Michelle Lennox, Peter Groves, Heather Long and Mary Jo Bellew. Two students will shortly be elected through the Student Voice. We welcomed our local member Zoe Bellew. Two students will shortly be elected through the Student Voice. Jo Bellew. Welcome new parent Danielle Gilbert.

**Staffing**

Adam Carter has taken a position at another school and Kyra Stuart has been appointed as the PE Coordinator, Ben Wallis is now Year 12 Support Teacher. Ron Ricketts will be supporting Year 8 and 9 students through a mentoring program.

This is a school of great opportunity and students are fortunate to have a range of activities in which they can be involved. I am very keen to ensure the school continues to offer nothing but the best care, the best educational programs, the best social development and wellbeing programs and the very best teaching. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns.

Sincerely,

**Peter McKay**

**PRINCIPAL**

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**Respect** **Respect** **Honesty** **Honesty** **Integrity** **Integrity** **Safety** **Safety**

**Foci for 2014**

We will continue to focus on literacy, numeracy, attendance, wellbeing and academic success.

A successful partnership between school, home and the student is essential for students to experience achievement in each of these foci.

In addition to these we will be working to further develop our professional practice in line with the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers. I will outline the 4 aspects to our “Developing Performance Together” strategy in future newsletters.

**Senior Student Success**

We are approaching mid-term and the operational business of the term is well under way. By now Year 12 students should be into a rigourous work routine and the senior school team are meeting to discuss individual progress. Letters will be sent home if attendance and work commitment is inadequate.

Meeting deadlines and using staff support at school is critical for student success. The work load is more complex and more demanding than at Year 11 and so authentic engagement cannot be left until the last minute. Students need to work steadily and smartly.

Please phone the senior school team if you have concerns about your Yr 12 student.

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**WELLBEING HUB NEWS**

The Wellbeing Hub is a one-stop shop for students in Year 6 to 12. The Hub provides a welcoming, supportive and safe space where a broad range of information and services can be accessed in relation to health issues, wellbeing and careers.

Students have access to a range of personnel and specialist programs provided by the school and health and community services.

These include:

- Two Student Counsellors,
- Nunga Wellbeing Team – Incompro Aboriginal service
- Multicultural Community of SA
- Adelaide Northern Headspace
- Centacare – ASCEND, Student Assertive Outreach and Mental Health Reconnect programs.

This year we are very pleased to be able to provide another valuable service through the Wellbeing Hub, starting in Week 4. In-School Psychology – Child & Adolescent Services will deliver free psychological services for all students enrolled at Paralowie R-12 School. Our Psychologist will bulk bill students and families under the Better Access to Mental Health Care Initiative through Medicare.

If you require further information about our referral processes Year 7 - 12 students can contact the Wellbeing Hub.

Students in Reception to Year 6, can contact either Michelle Lennox, Head of R-6 or Nat Carling, Senior Leader R-6.

**MARI TERRERI**

**WELLBEING HUB MANAGER**

**LIA SOTERIOU**

**7-12 STUDENT COUNSELLOR/ WELLBEING**

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**OPEN NIGHT**

Tuesday 18th March
5.30 - 8pm
B.B.Q., information sessions, tours.
ALL WELCOME
R - 6 NEWS

We have had a fabulous start to 2014.
This year is the beginning of the new ‘Single Intake’ for reception students, some beginning at 4 years of age. We would like to welcome our new starting students and our continuing ones.

Welcome back to continuing staff and a warm welcome to new staff in the R-6, Jarrad Galaboff (Year 1), Louise McAdam (Reception), Emma Christopoulos (Reception), Jeremy O’Hara (Years 1 and 2), Megan Coghill (Year 1 and NIT & Reading Support Teacher), Kelly McDonald and Zane Snook (Year 3/4). Welcome also to Abbie Soeharyo our R-6 Christian Pastoral Support worker. Abbie has been promoting our breakfast program, supporting teachers with the Social Skills program and planning future events.

Students have been completing a two week social skills program that was highlighted in our week 4 assembly. During this time each class will share the values and bottom lines that they have agreed upon.

Parents are welcome to attend our R-6 Assemblies in the Primary Activity Hall. These are held fortnightly on Tuesdays at 2.15pm in even weeks.

It has been a busy start to the year with lots of events taking shape, including Active after School program, Wakakirri try outs, SAPSASA volleyball trials.

MICHELLE LENNOX
HEAD OF R-6 SCHOOL

NAT CARLING
SENIOR LEADER R-6

2014 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Following a very successful 2013 PRC, we are keen to encourage even more students to take up the challenge across the school.

Last year over a dozen senior school students started. If you have never completed the PRC, this could be your year to shine!

Primary students read 11,711 books, with 28 students achieving ‘Hall of Fame’ status and 6 achieving ‘Reader for Life’ status.

R-6 class teachers, English teachers and library staff are all working together to guide students to help them finish the challenge by the end August.

New novels are arriving by the day - come in and borrow something new and exciting! Join the challenge today!

RESOURCES CENTRE TEAM

Aboriginal Education Team

Welcome back to all parents and their families and a special welcome to our new families.

Numbers of indigenous students across the school has reached 100 this year.

Any Aboriginal parents who are interested in coming along to School Governing Council meetings please come and see or contact Margy. Meetings are very informative about what’s happening in the school.

Tirkandi staffing this year:
Margy Baluch - Monday to Friday
Cheryl Storoszzuk - Monday to Friday
Steven Newchurch - Wednesday and Thursday
Donald Tanner - Thursday and Friday

Sadly in December we farewelled Tom Putnam who has won a position at AIME (Australian Indigenous mentoring Experience). Our students will still be in contact with Tom as our Year 8-12 students will continue to be involved in AIME this year. We wish Tom all the best on his new journey.

AIME information sheets have gone home with students.

Margy Baluch, Cheryl Storosczuk, Steven Newchurch and Donald Tanner

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TEAM
AN IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT AEROSOL SPRAYS
Parents and students are reminded that all AEROSOL SPRAYS are BANNED at school. They are a health hazard to students and staff when sprayed within school buildings. This could lead to hospitalisation in the case of severe asthmatics. THERE ARE ALTERNATIVE ROLL-ON PRODUCTS THAT CAN BE USED. Any student bringing AEROSOL SPRAYS to school will have them confiscated.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
All students R-12 are required to wear correct school uniform.
We ask that all families support the uniform policy and ensure that their students from Reception to Year 12 wear correct uniform at all times.
Please note that no ‘short’ shorts or leggings are permitted. We believe that uniforms promote pride, safety and unity in our school and enhances our public image. Staff will be checking regularly, and students who do not wear the correct uniform will face consequences.

STUDENT ABSENCES - SIGNING IN & 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 student’s diary or ring the school to advise any student absences or signing out requirements.
THE DIRECT LINE FOR ABSENCES IS 8182 7281

HATS POLICY
We have a ‘no hat - no play policy’ for students in Years Rec to Yr 6. Hats are sold in the front office for $8.60.
LOST hats are taken to the Community Centre, so please check regularly for missing hats.

ADULT COURSES 2014
Are you thinking about looking for a job?
Would you like to improve your computing skills?
Do you have an interest in working in Aged Care or the Health Industry?
Contact Mary Jo Bellew on 8182 7222 if you are interested in discussing future possibilities.
Certificate 3 in Health Support Services will be offered through our VET program in 2014, and some basic computing courses, along with a number of accredited computing and ICT courses will be available.
Why not get qualified and open up opportunities for the future.
RING TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION

CHILD DENTAL SERVICE
A new children’s dental schedule has started. The School Dental Service is now bulk-billing Medicare and is now free for most children. To be eligible, families need to receive Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB-A) for their children.
Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can still attend – a small fee may apply.
The School Dental Service for our area is at the Salisbury Community Dental Clinic on Hollywood Boulevard, Salisbury Downs. They are a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider and welcome babies, children and young people under 18 years.
To keep your children’s teeth and gums healthy we encourage you to visit the clinic - no waiting times. Please ring on 8250 9879 or 8250 9254.

UNIFORM SALES
Our school uniform shop is open for students every day from 8 - 8.40am, 1 - 1.30 pm, 3 - 3.30pm. Parents are able to come in at any time from 8am - 3.30-pm. A layby system is available.
The Secondhand Uniform Shop is open each morning until 9am in the Community Centre. Please telephone Mary Jo Bellew if you need to make an alternative time. If you have uniform items you no longer require, please bring them along and we can sell them for you.

LOST PROPERTY
Please call into the Community Centre to check for lost property.

COMMUNITY NEWS
SALISBURY VILLA SOCCER CLUB - We are looking for boys or girls to play soccer in the following age groups: Under 9’s, Under 11’s, & Under 14’s. For more information please contact: Michael: 0411 442 023 or Bud: 0423 555 595.

SALISBURY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
If you are turning 12 or 13 in 2014 and want to play federation soccer, Salisbury United invites you to one of our training sessions. Contact Tony on 0419 815 543 or email juniors@salisburyunited.com.au.
Check us out at http://www.salisburyunited.com.au or on facebook.

MILO in2CRICKET, the national grass root program for cricket in Australia, aims to introduce kids from Rec – Year 2, to the great Australian game. With all the excitement from winning back the Ashes from England and the high energy KFC T20 Big Bash League cricket fun is popular this season. Every registered child receives a Participant Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, drink bottle and more! They will look just like their Aussie Cricket heroes! For more details about your nearest Centre and to register log on to www.in2cricket.com.au

JUDO LESSONS - Come N Try for 6 year olds and over at Settlers Farm School Gymnasium on Barassi Street, Paralowie on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm, first 4 lessons FREE.- 8283 0906.