HARMONY DAY
Celebrated in true R-12 spirit.

Harmony Day was a special R-12 event. Year 12 students ran a biscuit decorating activity with R-6 students in the Home Economics kitchen.

Mark Butler MP visited the school to be part of this activity and enjoyed creating his own Harmony Day biscuit and chatting to students involved.

Some classes in the Junior Primary were also lucky to get orange jelly cups which were also made by Year 12 students.

Year 12 students, with the help of Jane Sanders sold various items to raise money for UNICEF.

Our CPSW Abbie ran activities related to the Harmony Day message.

The day ended with a disco which was enjoyed by all.

Thanks once again especially to Jane Sanders and the Year 12 students as well as everyone who ran activities and supported the day.

NATALIE CARLING
R-6 SENIOR LEADER
Student Safety

When we talk about student safety in the school context, our thoughts often immediately turn to school yard safety or bullying issues. However, there is another major area where we need to exercise real care to ensure the safety of our children. In this case, I am talking about the use of motor vehicles around schools and in the school’s car parks.

Paralowie School has several student crossings controlled by flashing lights and the legal requirement is that drivers slow to 25 k/hr before entering the crossing and remain at 25 k/hr for a distance after exiting the crossing. Students have the “right of way” at crossings and so vehicles must give way to students who are entering the crossing. In fact the roads bordering the school are marked as school zones and therefore the speed limit is 25 k/ hr whenever children are present.

Our carparks are also an area of significant risk for our students. While we encourage students to use designated paths to ensure their safety the reality is many do not as they are usually only interested in the shortest route and so walk through parked cars without thinking of the dangers. Reversing a vehicle is a time to be extra vigilant as depending on your vehicle, small children can be very difficult to see and will walk behind a car without a care in the world.

Remember that children do not always have good road safety or car park safety sense and can also be easily distracted - you need to be more cautious when children are near a road or in a car park.

Safety is one of our school values; please support me in ensuring we are modeling this value to our students through responsible driving in and around our school.

Congratulations

Please join me in offering our sincere congratulations to the Paralowie athletes who competed at the Northern Zone Athletics Carnival as they were successful in taking out the overall win for the B grade division. Paralowie won the Year 8, 9, 10 and overall boys divisions and won the girls Year 8 and overall divisions with our teams coming second in the Year 9 and 10 girls and senior boys. In addition Paralowie was overall second in the handicap competition.

Not only did we excel in track and field but I have been told our students were outstanding ambassadors for our school. The overall behaviour and participation from students was excellent, with students volunteering to fill events they weren’t selected in (and in some cases had never done before), listening and following instructions appropriately and arriving to school nice and early at 7:30am.

Highlights included the relays, where we had all of our squad together cheering in the stands for our runners as well as the presentation ceremony where Paralowie students clapped and cheered as our Year 12 students collected all of our trophies.

This is a sensational achievement and one we should all be proud of. Well done to our athletes.

Sincerely,

PETER MCKAY
PRINCIPAL

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Students in Room 6 and 7 recently celebrated the International Day of Happiness. We considered what people need to have in order to feel happiness and discussed the scientifically-proven fact that making others happy makes us happy. The students tried out their photography skills to illustrate the people, places and things around our school that make them happy, such as playing with friends, working with SSOs and reading in the Resource Centre. They also wrote poems about what happiness is to them.

Happiness smells like the perfume shops.
Happiness feels like my family’s warm, fuzzy hugs.
Happiness looks like my brother’s wide, funny smile.
Happiness tastes like my grandpa’s mouth-watering sweets.
Happiness sounds like families talking together.
by HETVI BHATT

Happiness smells like a 3DS in my hands.
Happiness feels like my mum’s potato cakes.
Happiness sounds like laughter.
Happiness looks like when you look in the mirror and there’s a smile on your dial.
And happiness sounds like silence when you go to bed.
by JOSH FLURIS

R-6 VOLLEYBALL SUCCESS

We have started the sporting year off with a bang!
Nine teams went to Glenelg Beach to compete in a SAPSASA Beach Volleyball competitions. We were blessed with amazing weather and all students who attended did an amazing job of representing Paralowie. We were fortunate to have six of the teams make the semi-finals. Our amazing day was then capped off with one of our Year 4/5 girls and Year 6 boys teams winning silver and our Year 4/5 boys team winning gold.
I would like to thank the teachers that assisted with the smooth running of the day and the parent who came out to support us.

In other R-6 Phys. Ed news, I would also like to announce that Paralowie R-12 in conjunction with Volleyball SA will be hosting an inter school volleyball competition. This competition will run for eight weeks in term 2 and will have schools from all around our area competing. If your child is in Years 4 to 7 and is interested in being involved please come and see me or go to www.volleyballsa.com.au/spikezone/paralowie.

Thanks
KIM COPELAND
R-6 PE TEACHER

SHARING PANCAKES ON SHROVE TUESDAY

Students in Rooms 4, 12, 13 and 15 recently celebrated Shrove Tuesday.
We followed a procedure to make our pancake batter and then Miss Carlee, Miss Karyn, Miss Emma and Miss Johns cooked them for us in class.
We got to make multi-coloured pancakes too! They were delicious!
**CAMP FUNDRAISING SUCCESS**

Year 5/6, Junior Primary students, and their teachers would like to say a big thank you to all those who supported our BBQ on election day. A very special thanks to all those teachers and parents who helped on the day.

We started selling egg and bacon sandwiches at 8am and were still selling sausages at 4pm. We were also fortunate enough to have some families make significant donations.

The day was an overwhelming success raising nearly $1700 dollars. We are now able to further reduce the cost of the camp significantly.

GREG FROST AND ALL THE YEAR 5/6 TEACHERS

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**OPEN NIGHT**

Thank you to all the staff and students involved in preparation for this special event.

It was a great opportunity for prospective students and their families to meet staff and tour our learning facilities.

Feedback from parents was extremely positive.

If you missed Open Night or know anyone who did, please ring the school to arrange a tour.

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**PROMOTING POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS**

The ‘Positive Behaviour Awards’ are an initiative here at Paralowie R-12 School introduced to promote positive communication and participation by all Middle School students.

Teachers recognise the positive behaviours displayed by the students that align with our school values: Safety, Honesty, Respect, and Integrity.

Students are awarded with certificates and given the chance to win a voucher to spend in the school canteen.

To keep track of their positive accomplishments, students are given the sticker below in their diaries to take home.

This initiative endeavours to create a positive culture at our school and we thank you for your support.

ALANA ATTWOOD

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Representatives from the University of South Australia spoke to our Year 12 students recently about their campuses and the wide variety of programs and options available. Students were able to ask questions as well as collect handouts based around their areas of interest.

The information was invaluable to both our students and staff. It provided our students with an opportunity to think about their future direction well in advance of the university application process beginning.

DEREK SLATER YR 12 COORDINATOR
YEAR 12 STREET SMART EXCURSION

Our Year 12 students recently attended the Adelaide Entertainment Centre for the annual Street Smart road safety event. Organised by RAA, the educational event is aimed at 16 to 19 year olds with the intent of reducing South Australia’s shocking youth road toll.

The event effectively used a combination of graphic simulations and powerful first-hand accounts to demonstrate the serious consequences of bad decision making on the roads.

To add some fun to the day, there were also many interactive displays, and Paralowie student Taylor Burns was selected to represent the northern suburbs in a wheelchair basketball game.

The excursion had a big impact on the students and will hopefully influence them to keep safe on the roads.

BEN WALLIS
YEAR 12 SUPPORT TEACHER

Don’t forget that every week on Wednesday from 1:30 - 3pm we welcome Indigenous parents to the Community Centre. We do different activities, and catch up on what is happening in the school. We would like to invite all parents to come along and join in.

Parent Pizza Night
Please come along on Tuesday 8th April and catch up with us and have a yarn. NO STUDENTS WITH OUT A CARER PLEASE.

Mission Australia.
Students in Years 10 to 12 were fortunate enough to attend a traineeship and apprenticeship workshop. Information was given to students about what they need to do when they leave school. The feedback we received from Mission Australia about our students was excellent; they were very impressed with our kids.

SAASTA
Our 15 SAASTA students are going along well and are preparing for the Power Cup which will be held early next term. We wish them well.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TEAM

SATURDAY MORNING PRIMARY SCHOOL FOOTY

The season starts early next term!

Training is held on Fridays at 4pm at school. Come along and join in!

All games are played at Ridley Road Oval at Elizabeth on Saturday mornings.

Contact Mary Jo Bellew for more information on 8182 7222

THE DIRECT LINE FOR ABSENCES IS 8182 7281
SPONSORS

COMMUNITY NEWS

HOLIDAY NETBALL CLINIC IN SALISBURY COUNCIL AREA FOR 5 - 10 YEAR OLDS
- Adelaide Thunderbirds player, KATE SHIMMIN, will be conducting netball clinics in the Northern Area, where her netball career started. Register now on kateshimminclinics.eventbrite.com.au

CYCLE SALISBURY ‘BOB’ (BURTON ON BIKES) FAMILY RIDE - join ride leaders on a Bike SA / City of Salisbury family ride for adults and competent children riders aged 7 and above. Sunday 13th April, starting at 8.30am from the playground between the soccer fields and Springbank Plaza Shopping centre on Waterloo Corner Rd, Burton. Approximately 10km of flat ride, sorry no BMX bikes allowed. All children need to be accompanied by a supervising adult. For more information call 0408 891 354.

SPORTS ROUND UP TERM 1

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