YEAR 12 FORMAL

Year 12 students recently celebrated their Formal at the National Wine Centre. Students looked fabulous in their formal attire as they arrived in transport including Hummers, Limousines and Classic Cars. Plenty of dancing, photos and socialising ensured that it was a night which will leave lasting memories. A big thank you to everyone who assisted with the planning and to everyone who attended on the evening.

DEREK SLATER
Welcome back to term 2. A special welcome to staff and students joining us for the first time this term and a welcome back to those staff who had leave in term 1. Term 2 gives your children the opportunity to really get into their learning. They are settled into their classes, they know their teachers and they know how they are going as we have provided feedback about their performance through the term 1 reports.

Our school motto ‘Achievement for All’, says we are committed to providing the very best opportunities for your child to reach their full potential, but we cannot do it alone. Our parent community has a significant role to play in supporting us to do this. One area where you can provide the greatest level of support is through ensuring regular attendance.

Research on the link between attendance and achievement shows that 17 days missed a year (half a day a week) can be equivalent to one grade drop in achievement. If a student can improve attendance by 1%, they will see a 5 - 6% improvement in academic achievement. As a school we are striving to attain the state government’s strategic target of 93% student attendance. School excursions, sporting activities and special programmes are all included as days present and we work to maintain a healthy balance to support academic achievement. As a school we are striving to attain the state government’s strategic target of 93% student attendance. School excursions, sporting activities and special programmes are all included as days present and we work to maintain a healthy balance to support academic achievement and student engagement and wellbeing. However, in some cases there is a high number of “parent approved” absences and so I think it is worthwhile to re-visit some basic questions for students aged 6 to 17 (under the age of compulsion):

Do I have to send my child every day?

Yes. Unless...

• The child is too sick to leave the house.
• The child has an infectious disease like chicken pox, mumps or measles.
• The child has an injury preventing movement around school.
• The child is going with his or her parents on a family holiday which cannot be arranged in school vacations. This should be arranged with the Principal prior to the absence by applying for a school exemption.
• The Principal is provided with any genuine and acceptable reason preventing the child’s attendance.
• Whenever possible, dental and medical appointments should be made out of school hours.

Must I notify the school if my child has been away?

Yes. A phone call or a note must be supplied to cover the days missed. You are also encouraged to contact the school if your child will be away, using the student absence direct phone number. If your child has seen a medical practitioner, eg doctor, dentist etc, a note or appointment card from the practitioner will help explain the absence.

Should I notify the school if my child refuses to go to school?

Yes. You should immediately contact the Student Counsellors in the Middle and Senior schools and either Michelle Lennox or Natalie Carling in the Junior school to seek assistance.

Please take these matters into consideration in regards your child’s attendance and let’s make it a priority to ensure irregular attendance is not a reason for our children not achieving at their highest possible level.

Sincerely,

PETER MCKAY
PRINCIPAL

HATS POLICY

We have a ‘no hat - no play policy’ for students in Years Reception to Yr 6. Hats are sold in the frontoffice for $8.60.

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

THE DIRECT LINE FOR ABSENCES IS 8182 7281

NAPLAN INFORMATION

National Assessment Program (NAP) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students

On Tuesday 13th May, Wednesday 14th May and Thursday 15th May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit the national tests in Literacy and Numeracy in the annual National Assessment Program (NAP). The focus is on Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy (Number, Space, Algebra, function and pattern, Measurement, chance and data). A catch up day has been organised for Friday 16th May for those students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 who were absent for the tests.

Results from the national tests will give us vital measures about how students are performing in literacy and numeracy to allow us to plan and implement programs that support all students to be successful. Individual students and their parents/caregivers will be given reports which will indicate each student’s level of achievement.

If you have any queries regarding the National Assessment Program tests for Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students, please contact the Head of Junior School (R-6), Michelle Lennox or the Assistant Principal of the Middle School (7-9), Mari Terreri.

Thank you for your support

MARI TERRERI
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
MIDDLE SCHOOL (7-9), WELLBEING HUB MANAGER
TERM ONE YEAR 7-12 SCIENCE UPDATE

Term one was filled with activities in and out of the classroom. One of the aims of the science curriculum is to create learning opportunities for students and to personalise and connect their learning. Wine making in chemistry and visiting SA Water are examples of how teachers have structured their lessons so that students may apply their learning in real-world and authentic contexts.

Wine Making: As part of the study of important chemical reactions such as fermentation, students in the Stage 1 Chemistry class began to make wine. The grapes were supplied by Uleybury Winery and make a red wine called Petit Verdot. The grapes were separated from the stalks and put through a mechanical crusher. The grape juice is then separated from the skins using a basket press. From there the juice is put into 3 litre flagons with yeast added to begin the process of fermentation.

SA Water excursion: The national focus on sustainability was the theme at SA water. Our Year 10 Science class was given a fantastic opportunity to visit SA Water in the heart of Adelaide’s CBD. Students were given a unique insight into the planning processes behind developing South Australia’s water sustainability.

After a brief introduction by our facilitator, Simon, students were divided into groups and asked to design a sustainable city. Students were required to consider three main categories in their development plan; Environmental Sustainability; Financial Sustainability; Social Sustainability. Using their precise cartography skills, students built a scale model of their city development plan using LEGO and presented their ideas to the class.

MARY AGRIOS
SCIENCE COORDINATOR

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

This year Paralowie R-12 School is doing some exciting fundraising to support UNICEF.

UNICEF is a fantastic organisation that works to give children around the world access to health care and education.

On Friday 24th October, we will be holding a special Twilight Fete to support UNICEF from 3 - 7pm. We are currently seeking expressions of interest from potential stall holders. If you or someone you know is interested in having a stall, please see Pauline at reception for an application form.

More information will come home in the following newsletter.

SCHOOL FETE COMMITTEE

NUNGA NEWS

Don’t forget that every 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 invite all parents to come along.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TEAM

TRANSITION VISITS

Last term we had a number of our colleague primary schools bring over their Year 6 and 7 students to learn more about secondary schools.

Many of our teachers volunteered their non-instructional time to show these excited students what is on offer when they arrive in secondary school.

This has proven to be well appreciated by these students as they participate in lessons in Science, PE, Art, Tech Studies and more. This is a valuable experience to get rid of those transition nerves.

We will welcome back these students next term for another visit as they learn more about the value of public education.

SANDRINE POISSONNIER
MIDDLE SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR

In Memory

It is with sadness that we convey the news of Rosalie Lloyd’s sudden passing. Rosalie worked as our Business Manager for a number of years, and worked closely with many of our School Support staff. Our thoughts are with her family during this sad time.

Rest in peace Rosalie.
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 generally great 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.

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 second year that we will be taking five teams, and the first time that we will have two teams within the one age group. All teams will now train throughout the year in preparation for the National Championships.

Congratulations to the following players:

**Open Girls:** Jade Brawn, Jessica Clarke, Tegan Collins, Jade Dewett-Spears, Riley Galbraith, Caitlin McLeod, Dannielle Slaughter, Kirah Taylor.

**Under 16 Girls:** Daphne Albanese, Kiara Culley, Kaela Hryhorec, Kaneisha O'Loughlin, Chloe Partington, Rebecca Schulz, Breanna Slater, Kirtsen Williams, Danni Woods.

**Under 17 Boys:** James Aebi, James Birt, Cameron Dunling, Jarrod Gray, Jordan Hayhurst, Tyler Jones, Travis Krelle, Jacob Russo, Timmy Sen.

**Under 15 Boys:** Michael Bolger, Jordan Bristow, Raymond Chy, Andrew Deakin, Nathan Farah, Mal Naseli, Riley Schafer, Cameron Young.

A BIG THANKYOU to the Salisbury North Football Club Inc. They have donated $200 towards the volleyball program.

**DEREK SLATER**

**SHAMUS SCHUTT**

**DEIDRE MURPHY**

**KYRA STUART**

**JUSTINE HIGGINSON**

**BOB PHOUMIRATH**

**UNIFORM SALES**

Our school uniform shop is open for students every day from 8 - 8.40am, 1 - 1.30 pm, and 3 - 3.30pm.

Parents are able to come in at any time from 8am - 3.30pm.

Layby 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.

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