ACKNOWLEDGING RECONCILIATION WEEK

The highlight of Reconciliation Week was our whole school Assembly. Mr McKay reflected on the importance of working together as a community to bring about positive change, and to celebrate our rich diversity. We welcomed Tribal Elder Karno Walker who shared some special reflections with our community.

The Aboriginal Education Team played the “Reconciliation Week Song” which reinforced a positive message about the theme of the week. The school was also presented with a beautifully framed AIME hoodie by Tom Putnam, to acknowledge Paralowie’s participation in the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) program.

Following the school assembly, we held a Flag Raising Ceremony where Tribal Elder Karno Walker conducted a Smoking Ceremony. Aboriginal families gathered to share this special event. Thanks to the Junior Choir and Ms Kerryn Cousins who closed the event with a beautiful song.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE
Please read the relevant information on the MSP payment envelopes. Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request.
One of the things I love to hear about is the achievements of our students outside of school. I think one of the most powerful things we can do to build children’s self-esteem, self-confidence and strengthen their sense of wellbeing is to celebrate and acknowledge their achievements both in and out of school.

In my piece this week I would like us to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of two of our students. Kyle Sutton in Year 12 has been selected in the South Australian Rugby League’s under 18 State Team. Kyle will participate in the NRL Australian Affiliated States Championships at the Coopers Stadium in June. I wish Kyle all the best for his personal game and wish the team a very successful outcome to the series.

Emily Verhulst, another of our Year 12 students, hopes to join the Police Force after completing her Year 12 studies and so in 2010 took up pistol shooting as a sport to gain confidence and knowledge in handling of firearms as it would link directly to her career pathway plan. Emily has experienced great success in her sport and recently competed in the 2014 PA and ISSF National Championships in Cessnock NSW where she won Gold in the 10 metre Junior Women’s Air Pistol with a score of 361/400. Emily was the only South Australian junior to come away from the event with a win. However, her team also came second in the 25 metre Junior Sport’s Pistol and 10 metre junior Air Pistol competitions.

Emily has been particularly creative in her thinking as she has blended her love for pistol shooting with a compulsory component of her year 12 studies, the Research Project. Her Research Project topic question is looking into; “how can a competitive pistol shooter become an Australian representative at the Commonwealth Games”?

Emily hopes to represent Australia at the Commonwealth Games and also hopes to one day represent Australia at the Olympics. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Emily every success in her endeavours.

These are just 2 examples of what I am sure occurs regularly amongst our student community and so encourage you to let me know if a student of this school has been selected to participate at state, national or international level in any sort of competition. If you would like to do this, please send an email containing the name of the student and some details about what they will be doing to the Principal at dl.1099.info@schools.sa.edu.au. It will be my pleasure to acknowledge their achievement in our next newsletter.

Sincerely,

PETER MCKAY
PRINCIPAL

“**A CASE OF DISCOVERY**”
**PARALOWIE JUNIOR SCHOOL CRIME SCENE!**

Students and teachers from Years 3 to 6 took part in Science workshops that involved investigating a crime scene. The workshop introduced students to the world of science and technology and engaged them through an interactive Crime Scene that had been developed by real Forensic Scientists.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed examining the crime scene and analysing the evidence collected. They learnt about and took their own fingerprints, built the suspects DNA, created coin impressions, used digital microscopy, and much more.

Class groups raced to track down the real murderer. They were presented with identical sets of evidence to see who could crack the case, and the safe, first. Students also had a “Forensic Report” to complete during the workshops.

Teachers and students agreed that this was an exciting and wonderful learning experience. The behaviour of our students was exceptional, the Forensic Science presenter said that Paralowie Junior School was one of the best schools she had presented to.

*We were very happy and proud!*

HELEN SURPLICE
R-6 JUNIOR SCHOOL COORDINATOR
Financial Counselling Information
Are you having difficulties paying your school fees or managing other expenses?

If so a financial counsellor can help you with:
- Options to manage living expenses including school fees, arrears and other debts
- Options for your overall financial position

Financial counsellors provide FREE, CONFIDENTIAL, INDEPENDENT information and counselling for people in financial difficulties

For information and referral to a financial counsellor in your area phone the Financial Counselling Help Line
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Financial counselling services are provided free of charge by not for profit organisations. Financial counsellors employed by these services are members of the SA Financial Counsellors Association (SAFCA)

Stage 1 Tourism Excursion
Our two Stage 1 Tourism classes spent a day touring the Barossa Valley for the practical component of their course.

Our focus was to visit various accommodation places and study their importance to tourism in the Barossa.

We visited Novotel and stopped briefly at the Barossa Junction Resort which has recently closed down. Students were fascinated by the railway carriages that were used for motel accommodation.

Students enjoyed a brisk walk uphill to the Seppelts' Family Mauseleum before their lunch break in Nurioopta.

Our last stop was in Tanunda where students could see inside two B&Bs which proved interesting.

Both the weather and experiences gained resulted in an excellent day.

ERIKA PAPAS & PETER GROVES
TOURISM TEACHERS

Saasta Power Cup
A carnival event was held recently with 15 Aboriginal students from Years 10-12 attending. They had a great time and had the opportunity to be guests of the Port Power/Hawthorn match at Adelaide Oval.

Friendly Reminders
* Next Governing Council meeting is on the 24th June. Any parent interested please see Margy.

* Parent workshops are still happening every Wednesday 1.30 - 3pm. All parents welcome.

Aboriginal Ed. Team
MARGY, STEVE, CHERYL AND DONALD.

The Direct Line for Student Absences is 8182 7281
PAIGE BLITZES FIELD

Congratulations to Year 7 student Paige Lindsell on her success, and selection in two Para District SAPSASA teams.

After weeks of horrible weather and the event being postponed several times, Paige attended Para District Athletic Carnival event at Rundle Reserve, Salisbury East and blitzed the field.

Paige participated in shot put, discus, high jump and the 100 and 200 metre runs. In all five events Paige finished first, taking home a handful of blue ribbons.

Paige will now represent Para Districts at the SAPSASA State Athletic Championships in September. We look forward to hearing about Paige’s athletics success in the years to come.

Paige also trialled for the Para Districts SAPSASA Netball Squad and was successful in being selected to represent Para Districts and Paralowie R-12 School at the SAPSASA State Netball Championships at ETSA Park.

Well done Paige!

STACEY PHILIPS
SAPSASA COORDINATOR

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVERPLUS - Is your child at school or starting next year? Would you like $500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursion or a laptop. The basic criteria is

• Over 18 years
• Have income other than centrelink
• Be at school or have children attending school
• Have a health care card or pension card.

Saverplus can match your savings for school costs. Please phone SaverPlus for more information on 8209 5735 or 0466 007 775.

Thank You
to all our hard working volunteers.

We appreciate and value your efforts in so many areas across the school community.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

This week marks the 25th anniversary of National Volunteer Week, a time set aside to celebrate our volunteers and highlight the incredibly valuable work they do.

The Department for Education and Child Development is fortunate to have 25,000 volunteers who make life easier in our schools, preschools, children’s centres and child protection settings.

Today, I recognise and thank those volunteers - parents, grandparents, family and friends - all giving their time to ensure children are safe, supported and free to learn.

You listen to children read, join Governing Councils, fundraise, put your hand up for excursions, sports day and canteen duty, you ensure schools run smoothly and staff can focus on teaching.

You provide the transport – some times over long distances - so children in care can make appointments and keep in contact with grandparents, aunties and uncles.

Our Ethnic Schools could not operate without the services of dedicated teachers who are volunteers. They give their time simply for the reward of sharing their knowledge, culture and heritage.

Thank you to all our volunteers who generously give their time, their skills and their enthusiasm to helping others. I assure you your contribution does not go unnoticed.

I hope, in amongst your volunteering, you find time this week to enjoy one of the many activities on offer, including special lunches and morning teas held by workplaces.

Thank you to all our volunteers for your patience, for listening, for caring, and for making the life of a child better.

Jennifer Rankine
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT