Paralowie R-12 School recently entered 5 teams in the NASSSA Maths Olympics. Students compete against other Northern area schools in a Maths quiz night over 6 rounds. We entered 3 teams in the Year 7 section and 2 teams in the junior section of Years 8-10.

Congratulations to the team of Joe Caldwell, Miguel Valdrez, Paulo Valdrez and Elijah Moaga, who won the Year 7 division.

In the Junior division both teams finished in the top 5 out of 15 teams, with the team of Chloe Bubner, Kristen Baker, Wills Nguyen and Rebekah Camilleri coming runners up.

It was a fantastic night with all teams competing hard to win and representing our school very professionally.

There will be another Maths Olympics in Term 3 where we hope to enter more teams.

DAVID KINNA
MATHS/NUMERACY SENIOR LEADER
Maths Olympics

A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of witnessing Paralowie students compete in the Northern Areas Maths Olympics. Huge congratulations to all our students who had the courage to represent our school at this event and special congratulations to one of our primary teams who won a gold medal and to one of our junior teams who won a silver medal.

It was fantastic to see so many Paralowie students prepared to openly show their love of intellectual challenge and problem solving through the subject of mathematics. As you all know, good maths skills are a key component of securing a great job. More importantly though, the skills and capabilities learnt through the solving of mathematical problems allows us to develop a set of transferable skills that will be of great benefit throughout our life, no matter what we decide to do.

All of the students presented themselves extremely well and were excellent ambassadors for our school. I encourage all students to develop a love of academic challenge, mathematics and problem solving as the latest research into how our brain works shows that our intelligence is not fixed, in fact we actually can get smarter the more effort we put into solving challenging problems. Just say to yourself, “Yes I can and Yes I want to” and your brain will do the rest.

Opportunities for students such as this do not occur without staff being prepared to “do that extra bit”. I would like to acknowledge and thank David Kinna, Deidre Murphy, Lorraine Robertson, Stacey Phillips, Josh Farmer and Sandrine Poissonier not only for the additional hours they put into coaching and preparing the teams but also for giving up an evening to ensure our students were supported and cared for as they battled their way through the competition.

Senior School Exams

Several weeks ago our senior secondary students participated in their mid-year exams. Exams are still an extremely important component of some senior secondary subjects and these mid-year exams give our students the chance to further develop their capabilities in managing the anxiety and stress often associated with exams as well as test their abilities in academically preparing for and completing this demanding form of summative assessment.

The exams also signal the end of the second semester for the 7-12 component of the school. While for many students the change of semester will have little impact, for others it will mean a change of teacher and the opportunity to study new subjects. However for all students it provides a point for reflection; am I doing as well as I can and if not, what do I need to change to do better. Our school motto says; “Achievement For All”, but I want more than that, I want all of our students to be the best they can be.

Professional Development

Personal reflection and a commitment to improvement are also very important aspects of a teachers’ work. Professional learning and the opportunity to work with colleagues are key components of this and our last student free day gave us the opportunity to do this on a much wider scale.

All secondary schools in the Northern Adelaide State Secondary Schools Alliance (NASSSA) combined to have a common student free day. The purpose of the day was to allow teachers of the same subjects from across the NASSSA schools to meet together and engage in professional learning about the delivery and assessment of their subject under the Australian Curriculum. These combined days allow for an exploration of ideas, sharing of good practice and discussion about student work standards to ensure assessment practices and standards are consistent across all our northern secondary schools.

As Paralowie is an R-12 school, the R-6 staff participated in a day of making connections with Australian Curriculum, 21st century learning and the range of frameworks used to support teachers.

Margo Leatch worked with staff on the difference between Maths and Numeracy and strategies to support mathematical understanding. Teachers worked on a practical example of algebra that began at Reception Level with a repeating pattern and built up to year 10 level with formula for solving the pattern. An engaging session around neuro science sparked conversations around how the brain can operate in two modes, slow and fast. They discovered that the mind is not fixed, but can grow when given experiences to extend it.

To link new ideas to the classroom, teachers then looked at current activities they are using in Maths and reworked them with some of their new learning and understanding.

Sincerely,

PETER MCKAY
PRINCIPAL

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE R-6 JUNIOR SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS
RECONCILIATION WEEK

Week 5 was National Reconciliation Week. Students in Rooms 4, 12 and 13 joined together to make Aboriginal Flag biscuits.

The students talked about what the colours of the flag represent and what Reconciliation Week is all about.

We had a great time and the biscuits were delicious!
CARLEE DECELIS
PRIMARY TEACHER, ROOM 4

Term 2 has been a very productive time for our our avid readers from Reception to Year 12. This year we have about 400 students in R-6 involved in the Premier’s Reading Challenge and over 300 students participating in Years 7-12. Many have already completed the compulsory reading of 12 books. Resource Centre staff would like to congratulate Wills Nguyen in Year 9 who completed the reading of his 12 books by early Term 1.

As part of our ongoing involvement with The Premier’s Reading Challenge, Paralowie R-12 school was rewarded with a visit earlier this term by an ambassador of the challenge, Mr Keyvan Abak. He addressed our Year 9 students who speak English as an additional language or dialect (EALD) with his inspiring story of his transition to Australia from Iran. The Eald students had prepared some very thoughtful and inciteful questions that allowed Keyvan to further express his journey of resilience and achievements thus far.

As a result of the visit Keyvan has been inspired to visit other schools as he was overwhelmed by the positive experience of working with our students.

Term 3 will be a very exciting term as we celebrate Multicultural Week in week 3 and Book Week in week 5 with many festivities on offer for our students.

The theme for Book Week is ‘Connect to Reading’, and as a school community we embrace this by encouraging all our students to read books and magazines that interest them.

Please pop into the Resource Centre for help with finding just the right reading material to enable you to continue to ‘CONNECT’ to reading.

DESI PHILIPPOU
RESOURCE CENTRE MANAGER

* Governing Council - if any parents are interested in attending please let me know. Its a great experience and its great to be involved in what’s happening with your students. Margy attends each meeting and she would love a nunga parent to come with her.

* Tutoring is happening in the Tirkandi Centre. We are fortunate to have 3 new tutors who will be working with our Aboriginal students R-12.

ABORIGINAL ED. TEAM
MARGY, STEVE,
CHERYL AND DONALD
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YEAR 9 EXCURSIONS
A SENSE OF THE FUTURE - UNI SA - CITY WEST CAMPUS AND THE ADELAIDE OVAL COMPLEX

Year 9 Home Groups participated in ‘A Sense of the Future’ excursions where they were given the opportunity to get to know their wider community, continue to develop positive relationships with their peers, receive further support with their Literacy and Numeracy skills, and prepare themselves better for their Personal Learning Plan (a requirement of the SACE) in 2015.

Students were given a ‘sense of the future’ in regards to life after school where they visited the Uni SA City West Campus and the new Adelaide Oval complex. The students went on a tour of the Uni SA City West campus and spent the morning in the new Resource Hub exploring career pathways.

In the afternoon students went on a tour through the new Adelaide Oval complex visiting the grounds, the old scoreboard and the Donald Bradman museum.

A great time was had by all.
MARI TERRERI
SENIOR LEADER MIDDLE YEARS (7-9) WELLBEING HUB MANAGER

SCIENCE NEWS

All science students have been busy this week preparing to sit for their Science Semester One, Year 8 and 9 Common Test, and Year 10 - 12 Exams. Our aim is to help students learn how to prepare and understand the rigor required sitting for an exam. This is only one component of the assessment.

Our students are encouraged to learn collaboratively and develop their skills in being able to communicate their understanding of science to others. Year 11 Biology students had the opportunity to present their research task to the class and be assessed by their peers.

The Lunchtime Science homework club is proving to be a popular place for students to receive extra support.
MARY AGRIOS
SCIENCE COORDINATOR
SANTOS EXCURSION

In Week 5, 20 Year 10 students who are registered in The Smith Family - iTrack Mentor Program, were invited to participate in ‘The Next Steps’ activity hosted by SANTOS.

‘The Next Steps’ program is a joint initiative of The Smith Family and their corporate partners. It forms an integral part of The Smith Family’s Learning for Life Program and as such, is aimed at assisting students with a successful transition from school to the workplace including improved skills to enhance job opportunities and career pathways.

SANTOS generously hosted the full day event at their Flinders Street, which included a variety of information sessions, presentations, mock interviews with SANTOS staff, and a tour of the SANTOS corporate building and its facilities.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of Kelly Martin, Learning for Life Worker – The Smith Family, and Chris Marks - SANTOS Senior Public Affairs Advisor - Community, for supporting such an exciting learning opportunity for our Paralowie R-12 students.

BEV ROY & RAY PRASAD

GIRLS IN SCIENCE

A group of Year 9 and 10 girls participated in the Young Women in Technology Experience at Adelaide University.

The girls had the opportunity to engage with inspirational female academics, interact with student ambassadors and meet like-minded peers with a passion for engineering, maths, and computer science. They also had the opportunity to experience the culture of university and share morning tea and lunch with students from other schools.

MARY AGRIOS
SCIENCE COORDINATOR

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

The service provides dental care for babies, children and young people under 18.

ALL children are welcome to access school dental care. This is FREE for most children, the service bulk-bills Medicare.

Families who do not qualify for benefits, a fee will apply for each course of general dental care.

Our local school dentist is at the Community Dental Clinic, Hollywood Blvd Salisbury Downs, phone 8250 9254, you can access more information by visiting www.sadental.sa.gov.au

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 - 3.30-pm.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SAVERPLUS - 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. Phone SaverPlus on 8209 5735 or 0466 007 775.

GIRLS BASKETBALL - for girls 10 - 14 years.
‘Pink Ball’ is happening at Ingle Farm Rec Centre each Wednesday night from 23rd July - 10th December. Dress Pink!! Lots of rewards and fun. Register online www.basketballsa.com.au. For more information ring Rachel on 8406 8585 or via email RK-ing@salisbury.sa.gov.au

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