

**PRINCIPAL’S WELCOME**

Welcome to the first of our newsletters for 2014.

I have moved from Mount Gambier High School where I was Principal for 5 years to take up the position of Principal here at Paralowie after Di Garwood’s retirement.

The R-12 environment is not something new to me as I was the Deputy Principal at The Heights R-12 for 8 years before moving to Mount Gambier.

I am very happy to have been able to return to the north of Adelaide and look forward to continuing and building on the excellent work that has been going on under Di’s leadership.

Over the first few days I have had the opportunity to meet and chat with many staff and the message has been very clear that staff consider Paralowie to be an excellent school that works extremely hard to provide opportunities for all students to experience success.

Two clear examples of this have been the success of the Volleyball teams in their competition in Melbourne at the end of 2013 and the outstanding improvement in the achievements of our 2013 senior school students in the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). 92% of students achieved SACE completion and there was a significantly increased number of A’s and B’s as a result of a number notable individual student performances.

I would like to congratulate all the 2013 year 12’s on their contribution to these excellent results and in particular add my personal congratulations to Snezana Semak who achieved an outstanding ATAR score of 94.45. Excellent outcomes such as this are the result of a high quality working partnership between the school; student; parent and a team of committed, dedicated and passionate staff who will go above and beyond to support students to achieve success. A partnership which begins in reception and strengthens and grows as the students move through into their senior school years – this is the beauty of an R-12 school.

These are just some of the reasons that within a very short time I am more certain than ever that it has been a good decision to come to Paralowie and I look forward meeting the parent community and to a long association with school and its community.

---

**PETER MCKAY**

**PRINCIPAL**
2013 YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Congratulations to all of our Year 7 students who graduated last year! We wish them every success in Middle School. Graduation was held in the Drama Hall followed by dinner at the ‘Slug N Lettuce’. The students looked wonderful and we all had a wonderful celebration.

2013 YEAR 9 GRADUATION

Congratulations to students who have now moved into Senior School, we wish them every success, the graduation was a great event!
UNIVERSITY AND TAFE OFFERS

Congratulations to our Year 12 students from 2013 on receiving first round TAFE and University Offers. We wish them every success in their future endeavours

JONATHAN BACLEA-AN Bachelor of Nursing Adelaide Uni
JALLAL BADAWEE Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science) Adelaide Uni
FAITH BLAKE Bachelor of Media (double degree) Adelaide Uni
BHUWANI DHAKAL Foundation Studies Uni of SA
PREM DHAKAL Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) Uni of SA
JOHN DULAL Foundation Studies Uni of SA
BRIANNA FARMER Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) Uni of SA
COREY FARR Foundation Studies Uni of SA
ARJUN GHALEY Foundation Studies Uni of SA
TIFFANY GILES Bachelor of Nursing (Pre Reg) Adelaide Uni
AMANDA GRANT Foundation Studies Uni of SA
TAELIA HEWETSON Bachelor of Social Work Uni of SA
KATI IANNELLA Bachelor of Psychological Science Adelaide Uni
REBECCA LEON Foundation Studies Uni of SA
FERNANDO LOPEZ Bachelor of Information Technology Uni of SA
KAYLA RUSSELL Bachelor of Tourism & Event Management Uni of SA
JOSHUA RUSSO Foundation Studies Uni of SA
MATHEW SCHULZ Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical & Electronics) Uni of SA
SNEZANA SEMAK Bachelor of Science (Biomedical Science) Adelaide Uni
ROCHELLE SKELTON Bachelor of Nursing (Pre Reg) Uni of SA
AARON SLATER Bachelor of Education (Primary & Middle) Uni of SA
TAMARA STARKEY Bachelor of Arts Flinders Uni
R-JAY TEAV Bachelor of Information Technology (Games & Ent Design) Uni of SA
KIEREN WHITLOCK Bachelor of Teaching / Bachelor of Science Adelaide Uni
ZACH SHARPE CIV Information Technology Networking Adelaide TAFE

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

In Memory
Heather Stephens

It is with much sadness that we convey
the news of Heather Stephens' passing
after a long battle with cancer. She spent a
wonderful Christmas with her family and
friends. She was a much loved teacher at
Paralowie R-12 for many years.
We will miss her cheerful, gentle smile.
Rest in peace Heather.
MELBOURNE VOLLEYBALL WRAP

Our participation in the Australian Volleyball Schools Cup last December resulted in great success with our teams winning 3 medals. All teams had some memorable wins with a high standard of volleyball being played. The standard of competition was very strong across all divisions. The results were as follows:

Open Boys (div 2): Silver Medal
Under 17 Girls (div 2): Bronze Medal
Under 16 Girls (div 2): Bronze Medal
Under 16 Boys (div 2): 9th position
Under 15 Boys (div 2): 9th position
Under 16 Boys (div 2): 9th position

Everyone involved should be congratulated on their efforts during the week away.

A big thank you to all staff and volunteers who made the trip. Also, farewell and thanks to the year 12 members of our Open Boys team who have been fantastic servants of the Volleyball Program.

Trials and training for 2014 begins early in term one.

MR SLATER

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students R-12 are required to wear school uniform.

We ask that all families support the school uniform policy and ensure that students from Reception to Year 12 wear correct uniform at all times.

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.

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.

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