Throughout the day students from Reception to Year 12 were involved in many diverse activities which revolve around good health and wellbeing.

A very big thank you to school staff, Parents and Friends Group, community service providers, and community health agencies that work through our Wellbeing Hub who all contributed to making this day a huge success!

A special thank you to Ros Maio, Education Director, Elizabeth Educaton Office and Zoe Bettison MP, Ramsay Electorate for their valued support and participation at the Expo.

The Paralowie R-12 School Student Voice supported this event by providing information to the school community on ‘Beyond Blue’, organising healthy food options and supporting the school’s Wellbeing Team to ensure that the day was enjoyed by all.
Welcome to term 3.
The term has started very smoothly without any major changes to our staffing and I am looking forward to a positive although very busy term.

Our primary school has been busy preparing for two major performance events this term with the Wakakirri on 13 August at the Entertainment Centre, and the choir participating in the Festival of Music on 12 September. I would encourage all of our parent community to consider getting along to one of these events to support our students and show the pride we have for Paralowie School.

SUBJECT SELECTION 2015:
Term 3 is a really important term for our middle and senior school as it is the term where students are asked to select their subjects for study in 2015. There will be a number of communications coming home to parents about this process and I encourage you to have active conversations with your children about their future course selections.

There is a lot of educational research to show that parents play a vital role in the success of their child in education. Some very recent student survey results also show that parents are the source most listened to when it comes to making decisions about possible employment pathways and school subject selection. It is for this reason that I feel parents need to remain current with information pertaining to occupational trends. The Australian Governments Department of Employment has produced a publication called; “Australian Jobs 2014”.

The publication provides easy to understand information about the labour market and is a useful resource when planning a career pathway. A copy of the publication is available from the Department of Employment website, http://docs.employment.gov.au/documents/australian-jobs-2014-publication.

AUSTRALIAN AWARDS:
You would have seen from recent media reports both in our local paper and the Advertiser that Paralowie R-12 School has much to be proud of with three of our students being awarded the Australian Vocational Student Prize worth $2000 each. Congratulations to Cameron Augier (hospitality), Rochelle Skelton (health) and Caitlin McFadden (beauty) on their outstanding achievements and I wish them the very best for their future career pathways. I would also like to acknowledge the outstanding work done by Shamus Schutt in supporting our VET students and for his commitment to the preparation of the applications for these student awards.

NEW P PLATE LAWS:
As most of you will now be aware South Australia is introducing new driver licencing laws on 28 July 2014 for P1 drivers to help prepare and protect young people for a lifetime of safe driving. The first year of driving unsupervised is the riskiest in a person's driving life. Young drivers are still developing their ability to detect, identify and quickly respond to risks or hazards. Lack of experience, night-time driving and the presence of peer-aged passengers all contribute to younger drivers having an increased risk of being involved in a crash. The major change will be the introduction of a night driving and passenger restriction for all P1 drivers under the age of 25 and in some circumstances this may have an impact for our senior students.

It is the passenger restriction that will have the most impact where from 28 July 2014, holders of a P1 licence aged under 25 years must not carry more than one passenger aged between 16 and 20 (excluding immediate family members) unless they have a qualified supervising driver seated beside them or they meet one of the exemption criteria below:

• driving in the course of employment; or
• a police or emergency services officer on duty.

An exemption from the passenger restriction will not be available for any other purpose, including education and training.

Further information about the new laws and the exemption scheme can be found at www.mylicence.sa.gov.au.

Racism: Over the last few of weeks of term 2 we had an isolated case where some students were making inappropriate comments to students of a particular cultural background. At Paralowie R-12 School we support the DECD Countering Racism Policy and Guidelines by ensuring that ‘countering racism is everyone's business.’ This requires each of us to have a commitment to enacting values of fairness and respect for all.

Racist behaviours are unacceptable and at Paralowie R-12 School we value and celebrate the diversity of our school. Our Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy, anti-bullying curriculum and value added programs across R-12 are designed to support student learning around this topic.

The school takes seriously behaviours that do not support student wellbeing and therefore will use a range of appropriate consequences to support a change in behaviour.

Sincerely,
PETER MCKAY
PRINCIPAL
MONARTO ZOO VISIT

Our Tourism class visited Monarto Zoo late last term.

We visited the playful chimpanzees, followed by a 1.5 hour guided safari through the park. We were fascinated by the many different animals. In particular the courtship practices of the male ostrich, which did not appear to impress the ostrich ladies!

Wally, the Education Officer, gave us a talk on Tourism which was interrupted by a cheeky possum who entertained us from above!

It was an excellent day and we thank Mr Groves for driving the bus for such a long distance and returning us safely back to school.

MRS ERIKA PAPAS
TOURISM TEACHER

SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENT PATHWAYS

As a Senior School team we are very aware of what is involved in our students making choices about possible career paths after Year 11 and 12. To help with this we are inviting people currently working in an area of the workforce in which some of our students have shown an interest in, to come in and talk about their occupation.

Caitlin Stuart was our first guest speaker. She talked to a group of students in the Wellbeing Hub about why she chose Occupational Therapy as a career. She talked about what goals she set herself in Year 12 and what subjects she chose. Caitlin talked about the topics she studied at UniSA in her 4 year course and the work she has done since leaving university, here and overseas. Students heard what it was like to work in a London Hospital, on the Isle of Man, the Royal Melbourne and Lismore Hospitals.

Students learnt about career options and job opportunities here and overseas and different types of patients who require Occupational Therapy. One important message she shared was the need to work hard in Year 12 to get into the course, and the importance of team work in a hospital setting.

The next career talk will be in the area of Social Work.

SANDY STUART
SENIOR LEADER - SENIOR SCHOOL

STUDENT ABSENCES SIGNING IN AND OUT

Please understand 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

LOST PROPERTY
Please call into the Community Centre to check for lost property.

Paralowie R-12 School Fete
Fundraising for UNICEF

Friday 24th October, 2014
3 - 7 pm
Hot food, Raffles, Displays, Para Magic, Stalls and more.
Application Forms to run a stall or display are available at the Front Office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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

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

Bottoms must be only navy or black with no large logos, denim is permitted. Please note that no ‘short’ shorts, leggings or ‘jeggings’ are permitted.

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.

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.
The middle school students below have been rewarded for their hard work by receiving gold and silver awards at last terms assembly. Several students have won more than one award and this is denoted by the number in brackets. Subjects are Technology (metalwork/woodwork/plastic/electronics/design), English (English as an Additional Language or Dialect), Society and the Environment, The Arts (drama/music/visual arts/digital animation), Maths, Building Pathways, Science, Home Economics (Food and You/Food and Culture), Physical Education, Computing and Indonesian. All of the recipients are commended and congratulated for their ongoing commitment to their school and their school work.

**GOLD AWARDS – YEAR 7:**

**GOLD AWARDS – YEAR 8:**
Kaela Hryhorec (3), Sharna Powell (2), Samuel Porter, Gareth Bailey (3), Taylah Cruse (2), Han Khuc (2), Kyle Watkins, Kyle Jones, Caylan Knowles (3), Jordan Dunling, Andrew Deakin, Shaona Imaru, Alison Crase, Ayden Zayat (3), Samather Khoegung (4), Cameron ter Horst (3), Jackson Gericke (2), Wendi Sen, Nathan Farah, Bun Im, Taniel Treloar (2), Che Hoffman, Kiara Culley, Jacob Mathews.

**GOLD AWARDS – YEAR 9:**
Chloe Bubner (5), Lucas Bertelsmeier, Shannon Stacey (5), Kayla Huet (3), Anastasia Gardner (2), Carla Hutinel (2), Wills Nguyen (6), Rhiannon Steers, Jared Moaga, Rebekah Camilleri (2), Jamie Clavell, Alexandra Vickery (2), Juli Keang, Adrian Corney, Anastasia Nopuente (3), Larissa Rolls, Timmy Sen (2), Shaun Neaylon, Paul Navin-Shabanay, Dal Naulak, Breanna Slater, Corey Hanson, Kyle Stevenson-Pearce, Cheyenne Walker, Brianna Slattery, Kristen Baker (3), Selena Townsend.

**SILVER AWARDS – YEAR 7:**

**SILVER AWARDS – YEAR 8:**

**SILVER AWARDS – YEAR 9:**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**SEMESTER ONE MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARD WINNERS**
SUCCESS TRIP RUN-A-THON

The Success Trip Run-a-Thon was conducted on the last Wednesday of term 2 on our school oval. The idea was to give previous Success Trip participants the chance to ‘give back to their school by paying it forward’ to this year’s Success Trip participants.

Students volunteered to run or raise money or help out on the day, and about 30 students were involved and as a total, they almost ran to Port Augusta.

Several awards were given out including best barracking, best helper, best efforts including some 3 hour non-stop efforts. Money is still being brought into school but at this stage we are just shy of $500. Well done to all of the participants.

We plan on conducting this event again next year.

PETER GROVES
SUCCESS TRIP ORGANISER

ADULTS CELEBRATE NEW SKILLS!

Community Centre Celebration

Congratulations to all the adults who completed semester 1 courses in the Community Centre! All participants received Certificates to acknowledge their achievements at our End of Semester Celebration. Congratulations also to our adult VET students who have been busily working on their Certificate 3 in Health Services - the half way mark is always good to celebrate! All adults have been producing excellent work and finding the course interesting.

Would you like to learn new skills in computing? Why not join our term 3 classes starting now! Call in to the Community Centre or phone Mary Jo Bellew for more information. Let’s talk about how we can help you gain skills and confidence!

* SACE CONFERENCE: The Aboriginal Education Team took four Year 11 students to a SACE conference at Flinders University. The students were involved in activities throughout the day and received information on what the university can offer once they complete their SACE. The visit was a valuable experience for all the students.

Absences: Did you know missing 1 day a week of school from Reception to Year 10 means missing over 2 years of schooling.

* Governing Council: if any parents are interested in attending please let Margy know. She attends meetings and would love a nunga parent to come with her.

MARGY, STEVE, CHERYL AND DONALD - ABORIGINAL EDUCATION TEAM
Recently, we were extremely fortunate to welcome three members of the Australian Mens Volleyball team, Nathan Roberts (SA), Travis Passier (Qld) and Jacob Guymer (Qld), who visited our school to talk to members of the Volleyball Program. The team was in Adelaide as part of their participation in the World League competition, with two scheduled matches to be played against Belgium at the Adelaide Arena.

The team members shared their experiences in volleyball, explaining how fortunate they were to be able to play professionally overseas and to have participated in an event such as the Olympic Games.

A big thank you to Heather Long for her part in organising this visit.

DEREK SLATER
COORDINATOR
VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

At the end of Term 2, our Year 10 Boys’ Volleyball team participated in the State Finals of the knockout competition at Heathfield High School.

The boys played some very good volleyball all day, displaying significant improvement and development in team structures and skill execution. They were rewarded with a 3rd place finish after victories against Woodcroft College and Adelaide High. Congratulations to everyone involved.

DEREK SLATER
COORDINATOR
VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM

We are looking for small pants/track pants to assist students in emergency situations. Donations would be graciously received at the front office.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCIENCE ALIVE! Celebrate Science Week from the 9-10 August - 9am to 4pm at Goyder Pavilion, Adelaide Showground
Free for U18 – Adult $15 – Conc $10
Prebook at sciencealive2014.eventbrite.com.au. Spectacular Science, Wildlife and Magic Shows with over 50 science organisations offering 100+ hands-on experiences …guaranteed to delight and inspire all ages!