PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

Welcome to the second half of term 2.

UNIFORM

With the upcoming colder weather on our doorstep, staying warm can become an issue. The school will be closely following the agreed parent guidelines, as approved by Governing Council, with respect to our school uniform. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for helping your child to dress in the official Paralowie uniform. Our data shows that the vast majority of students are dressed accordingly. Please visit the school’s front office to see the range of warm clothing available. Currently however, stock is low but should be available for sale in 2-3 weeks.

NAPLAN

I would also like to thank Natalie Carling and Sandrine Poissonnier and their team for successfully organising this year’s NAPLAN testing. Their thorough planning and excellent organisation meant that our student’s needs and emotions were carefully considered over the 3 days of testing.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

Further thanks go to our Tirkandi team lead by Cheryl Storoszczuk and our school Deputy, Derek Slater, for organising an outstanding Reconciliation assembly last Wednesday. It was smooth, entertaining and as always, helped make us think of the sort of world we are hoping our children can live and thrive in. Teasha Howett beautifully welcomed us to Kaurna country and we then welcomed our very special guest, Alan Sumner, who spoke to us about his life and then played the Didgeridoo.

EXAMS

During the next 2 weeks, we will be conducting Year 11 and 12 exams. Whilst these exams are an important part of your child’s educational development and an excellent practice for end of year exams, they can often create extra stress on your child. Please be mindful of these up-coming exams and the pressure your child may be under. Help your child be prepared, organised, punctual and most importantly, attend every exam. I wish all of our students well.

FAREWELL SHAMUS SCHUTT

We recently farewelled Shamus Schutt, our VET Coordinator, who will be joining the MFS. For our school and our students this is a huge loss as Shamus was more than just a VET Coordinator. Shamus was deeply involved in our specialist volleyball program, looked after and mentored our Year 11 students and was an integral part of our Leadership, Curriculum and Physical Education teams. We wish Shamus all the best for his career change.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of our hard working staff as they continue striving to offer the best for your children either in the classroom or the yard. Your support of our staff is also most appreciated.

TIRKANDI NEWS

RECONCILIATION WEEK ASSEMBLY

We were fortunate to have Allan Sumner perform at our Reconciliation Assembly on Wednesday 27th May. Allan sang a delightful nunga song, and played the didgeridoo and guitar for all the students and staff at the school. Students enjoyed the performance so much that the kids were singing and clapping along. It was a fantastic start to Reconciliation week.

Later the Aboriginal Education Team enjoyed morning tea with some of our elders in the community. Thank you to all the people who came along and enjoyed the day with us.

SAASTA

On the 4th, 5th and 6th of June our SAASTA students will be involved in Power Cup Carnival and will be playing lots of football against other schools. Families are welcome to come along and watch the games that are being played at the Port Adelaide Football Club at Alberton.

Please feel free to contact us: Margy Baluch - ASETO, Cheryl - AET, Steven Newchurch - ACEO, Donald Tanner - ACEO

Aboriginal Education Team.
HENNY PENNY

During the first three weeks of term students from rooms 7, 10 and 11 have been a buzz of excitement sharing in the experience of witnessing fifteen baby chicks hatch, grow and develop. They have been on loan from Henny Penny Hatching to complement the Science unit called “Watch it Grow”, allowing the year 2 students to observe the life cycle of a chicken.

The incubator is specially designed for classrooms, with an electronic thermostat ensuring accurate temperature control for a high hatch rate. The see-through lid allows the children to see the stages of hatching and the children watched as the eggs cracked open revealing wet, pink, wobbly creatures that eventually turned into chirping balls of fluff.

Live video was taken of an egg hatching and will be displayed at the R-6 Assembly. Amazingly cute! A brooder box complete with heat lamp, bedding, feed and water allows teachers and children easy observation and access to the chicks. The children have had the opportunity to witness three different breeds of chicken hatch and have handled the chicks as early as two days after hatching.

The students are now observing the chicks start to grow pin feathers on their wings and are getting bigger every day. At the end of the visit the chickens will be returned to the Henny Penny representative.

R-6 ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to our Junior School Award winners. We value the continued effort to display our values at school. This year we have continued to acknowledge the positive attendance of students at school with attendance awards. Congratulations to students that have had zero days off school and to the students who have demonstrated an improvement in attendance patterns.

As always we had a range of classes sharing their learning. It was fabulous to see Math activities being shared with such enthusiasm.

SCIENCE NEWS

The science faculty participated in a Science by Doing workshop facilitated by Mary Agrios (Science Coordinator) where teachers worked together as a team to improve student learning. Science by Doing is a national initiative that aims to engage high school students through an inquiry based approach.

Science is a way of answering interesting questions about the world. Science by Doing provides opportunities by which students can find answers.

The teachers found the workshop productive and have begun the process to enhance their science teaching and their students’ learning.

STEM Engagement High Achievers program UNI SA

The day at UNI SA was structured to allow students to meet like-minded students from other schools and to meet science leaders and experts in their field. They learned about Geospatial mapping, GPS systems and geocaching. The day also involved a session at the planetarium, looking at the movement of stars.

It was awesome to see how well the students were all able to work with students from other schools and collaborate and learn. The day was great. It was never boring. There was the right amount of talk and activity. Well worth it. - Daniel Kelly, extraordinary science teacher

We went on a hunt with a GPS to find little bins with objects in them. I enjoyed the planetarium the most as I realised what we are doing is affecting the stars. - Jamie Clavell year 10 student.

I enjoyed the day and I am still thinking of becoming an engineer. – Brandon Mills year 10 student.

I liked the planetarium as I realised how close the edge of the earth really is and I learned more about our solar system. Hai Nguyen year 10 student.
Education Perfect – an online learning and revising program

All Year nine students have access to this learning tool both at school and at home in all curriculum areas.

33,437 questions have been answered in Science, not mentioning the statistics of other curriculum learning areas which is amazing! Visit the website at : www.educationperfect.com/login

COSMOS -The science of everything.

Every school student and teacher has access to the cosmos magazine and also access to the COSMOS lessons. Science teachers may use the COSMOS digital lessons in class or set them for homework.

Students may access COSMOS at home or at school using the above website and their login.

Visit the website at : www.stileseducation.com/

Mary Agrios
Science Coordinator

STREET SMART HIGH

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Ben Wallis
Year 12 Support Teacher

DIVERSITY MORNING TEA

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**Under 15 Girls**: Kiara Culley, Kiarna Green, Elva Haynes, Tayla Holer, Monique Huynh, Paige Lindsell, Zarlee Winitana

**Under 15 Boys**: Gul Haidari, Han Khuc, Tori McInnes, Nicole Powell, Maddison Price, Alia Ramadan, Chelsea Skinner, Leah Smith, Hannah Yon

**Open Boys**: James Aebi, Thomas Anthony, James Birt, Cameron Dunling, Jarrod Gray, Ryan Horm, Tyler Jones, Travis Krelle, Jacob Russo


**Under 16 Boys**: Ash Barrett, Raymond Chy, Andrew Deakin, Nathan Farah, Jackson Gericke, Mal Naseli, Ali Ramadan, Mitchell Slater, Cameron Young

**Mr Slater, Ms Stuart, Ms Higginson, Mr Phoumirth, Mr Wallis, Mrs Phillips, Mr Farmer**

Parents and community members are invited to attended our Communal Garden Workshops. Please check the link below for times and how to book.

**SCHOOL HATS**

As part of our Sun Safe Policy, school hats are compulsory from Rec to Year 6. School hats can be purchased from the front office. Cost: $10.00

**SCHOOL TIMES**

School commences: 8.40am  
Recess: 11.05 – 11.25am  
Lunch: 12.55 - 1.35pm  
School dismissed: 3.00pm
Please ring the direct Absentee Number when phoning the schools for absences
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