Welcome back to term 2, with a special welcome to staff and students joining us for the first time this term. Our new staff members are Marijana Rajcic and Dion Gazettas in Physical Education, Teresa Nguyen in Maths/Science, Tegan Oxley in Greg Frost’s class while he is on leave and Nicole Sander in room 6.

Term 2 gives your children the chance to act on their feedback from interview night and their term 1 report card. This could involve being more focussed in class, completing all class work, asking teachers more questions, being punctual, completing homework, passing in all assignments and improving attendance.

Our school motto is ‘Achievement for All’ and we are committed to providing the very best opportunities for your child but we can’t do it alone. Our parent community has a significant role to play in supporting us to do this. This is especially so related to attendance.

Research on the link between attendance and achievement, shows that a 1% improvement in attendance, can mean a 5% improvement in achievement. This is seriously worth considering.

If your child is absent, you will need to ring 81827281 with their reason or write a note in their diary.

In closing, I hope all of our students and staff have a great term, with lots of learning, open communication and success in all areas of endeavour.

PETER GROVES
PRINCIPAL

ART PRIZE FOR STACEY

A big congratulations to Shannon Stacey in Year 10, who came second in the Salisbury Youth Week Art Exhibition. Shannon entered two of her paintings which were exhibited at the Mawson Centre in Mawson Lakes for the past 2 weeks. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of her dedication and passion for her art. Well done Shannon!

Kelly Holmes – Art Teacher

YEAR 12 FORMAL

Year 12 students recently celebrated their Formal at the National Wine Centre. Students looked fabulous in their formal attire as they arrived in transport including Hummers, Limousines and Classic Cars. Plenty of dancing, photos and socialising ensured that it was a night which will leave lasting memories. A big thank you to everyone who assisted with the planning and to everyone who attended on the evening.

Amanda Nottage

UNIFORM

Ensuring students are in correct school uniform is a vital element in maintaining a safe school environment for all students. When a student is out of uniform it is not immediately clear as to whether they are actually a student of Paralowie R-12 School thus creating a potential safety issue. All of our students must be in correct school wear from the time they enter school grounds each day.

With the colder weather upon us, it is important that all students are wearing appropriate jumpers and jackets. Students that are not wearing the correct tops will be asked to remove them or be sent home after a phone call home in order to change. We appreciate your ongoing support in this matter.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR HARD WORKING VOLUNTEERS ACROSS THE SCHOOL AS WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2015
In our front office, we have a display of all jumper styles. Our front office staff will be able to help you choose the best option for your child.

**DEREK SLATER**  
**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

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**SA Excellence in Public Education Awards**  
**Share Celebrate Reward**

Nominations are now open for the 2015 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards.

The Awards recognise and reward the outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders and support staff from across the state.

Don’t miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional within DECD to recognise and reward their dedicated and inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

For more information and to nominate an employee at your school or preschool go to: [www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/awards)

Like us on facebook and follow the progress of the Awards: [www.facebook.com/SATeachingAwards](http://www.facebook.com/SATeachingAwards)

Nominations close 5pm, 3 July 2015

For further information contact the Awards team on 08 8226 3079 or email DECD.Recognition@sa.gov.au

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**“Finding Your Voice” - DEBATE TRAINING DAY**

Seven Year 9 students who are part of the Finding Your Voice Group, attended a debating workshop at Twelve25 on Wednesday 8th April. This workshop involved students from Paralowie R-12 School, Para Hills High School, Paralfield Gardens High School, and Salisbury High School who will be participating in a Northern Zone Debating Competition later this year. The competition is a joint initiative with NASSSA, City of Salisbury, Rotary Club, and Adelaide University and is designed to foster networks and future pathways.

Debating SA presenters Sonja Lowen and David Morton facilitated the day-long workshop introducing students to the concepts of Manner, Method, and Matter. At the start of the day students analysed language to successfully define a topic for debate. Showing excellent team work, students from our school participated in every activity with thought and enthusiasm.

For the second half of the workshop students worked together in teams of three to develop a mock debate. Using the encouragement and advice from the instructors and supervising teachers the students went on to collaboratively create arguments and present an engaging debate. The adjudicator’s feedback was mostly positive with areas of presentation to work on.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about debating and work with other schools during this introductory workshop. They will be participating in a series of debates throughout the year against the Northern Zone Schools and we wish them all the best in their competition.

**Alana Attwood**

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**Wellbeing EXPO**

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend the Paralowie R-12 School Wellbeing Expo on Friday 12th June 2015. This will be a great opportunity to meet the counsellors, agencies and services available to your children through our school’s Wellbeing Hub.

The event will take place in the Secondary School Gymnasium between 9:40am and 2:15pm, or you may prefer to visit when your child is visiting the EXPO. Please see the link for the Wellbeing EXPO invitation.

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**Science News**

**Showcasing Paralowie R-12 Best Practice in Science Teaching at SASTA conference**

The SASTA (South Australian Science Teachers Association) conference was an opportunity where I was able to show case one of Paralowie R-12 Schools’ best practice in science teaching using Education Perfect, the on line student learning program used as a platform to make learning contextual. I shared how the learning program made a positive impact on students’ motivation and their learning outcomes.

I had the privilege over the two day event, to deliver the workshop on how we use digital technology to enhance teaching and student learning and also hold an exhibition table sharing our teaching success in Science at Paralowie R-12 School, with many teachers from across the state.

Extraordinary science teacher Steve McKerlie attended to support the workshop and exhibition table. It proved to be a very busy two days, but we both had fun sharing our successes with other science teachers and listening to them on how they could take information and ideas back to their school and make it work.

**Paralowie Girls STEM Club**

The purpose of Paralowie Girls STEM Club is to encourage, engage and retain girls in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects that lead on to STEM career
pathways. The focus is to improve student confidence levels, interdependence and self-perception.

The girls had the opportunity to participate in a learning program at UNI SA where they engaged in STEM related activities that can lead onto STEM careers. The girls worked in teams, building electronic game boards, they learned more about the universe and night sky when visiting the planetarium, spoke with outstanding and inspirational female academics and researchers, and discussed career pathways to achieving those careers.

The second day of the program involved not only the girls but our awesome STEM teachers, such as Ben Evans, Ingrid Oswald, Josh Farmer, and Robyn Mortimer who helped deliver a program allowing the girls to experience science, technology and digital technology. Mentors from UNI SA Anita Trenwith and Hugh who are experts in their field of science joined us to support the delivery of the program. All activities made links to the National Curriculum and highlighted the STEM behind everyday life.

Student comments

“I enjoyed hearing about all the things the girls were telling us, we shared our food, got to meet new people and bond with others. Altogether the day was fun. I liked it!” – Brooke Paddick

“Going on this excursion taught me that going to UNI can be fun” – Chloe Shubert

“Made me think about what I might do once I leave school”- Chloe Shubert

“Usually I am not interested in electronics but I liked putting the game together, and I got a chance to get out of my comfort zone “- Abuk Lual.

“It was fun to work with all the girls in the group”- Jade Stretton.

Senior Science - Year 12

Year twelve students are well into their science studies and are determined to make their year enjoyable and successful.

Year 9 Science

The year nine students finished the term studying Chemistry with a very creative science experiment called, “Screaming Jelly Baby”. They examined aspects of chemical reactions, looking at the energy and carbon compounds of the sugar in the Jelly Babies.

View video of the exciting experiment here.
http://vimeo.com/127792982

Year 10 STEM NASSSA for Girls program

A group of year ten girls attended the program at UNI SA.

Rocks, plastic, cotton, Band-Aid’s and dirty water. What do these have in common in future science? At UNI SA Connect, the answer is simpler than you think. At this special program for students who love STEM we got to explore the science behind such topics including the human body, engineering, future medication and helping the less fortunate countries. The day’s program was presented by a range of experts, from, acclaimed researchers to engineers and passionate students giving the audience an extraordinary view of the scientific world.

Student comment - Shannon Stacey.

Mary Agrios
Science Coordinator

A WIN AT THE MATHS OLYMPIAD

Once again Paralowie students have done well in the Maths Olympiad, held on Tuesday 3rd March. Previous competitors Kristen Baker, Chloe Bubner, and Will Nyugen had come second in the last competition in 2014. They continued to show their prowess and with Jacinta Robinson and Darran Carr in this year’s group they won the Junior Section. They were ecstatic to come first.

Our other Junior contestants were year 8 students. One team scored just 3 points below the third place getters SHS, and our other two teams results were well amongst the field. We congratulate the students in the teams for their effort and know they enjoyed their evening of maths: Shaye Papendell, Kaitlyn Lee, Brooke Paddick, Jessica Wells, Rayme Truong, Paulo Valdrez, Rachael Morrissey, Xavier Dao, Luke Perry, Miguel Valdrez, Daniel Irambah, and Ali Sina Rahimo.

The primary team came second in their section which was exciting for them, especially as this is the first year level primary students are able to compete in the Mathematics Olympiad. We congratulate Kelly Nguyen, Ida Giulio, Calvin Shiflett and Jordan Mitchell. We thank them and know they enjoyed the maths presented and the quiz night atmosphere.
There will be another Maths Olympiad held in Term 3 this year. We invite you to come along and compete.

**3D PRINTING AT UNI SA**

The Year 10 Digital Technology students visited UNI SA at Mawson Lakes last term to explore 3D printing. The students watched 3D printers in action, had a hands-on experience with a CAD-based software package, and designed a 3D object which was later printed for them to keep. The students successfully designed very creative 10 by 60 by 100mm objects.

Robyn Mortimer
ICT Teacher

**ROAD AWARENESS PROGRAM (RAP)**

Year 11 students recently participated in a road awareness program conducted by the SA Metropolitan Fire Service. The key message of the presentation was ‘you can choose the risk, but you can’t choose the consequence’.

Our presenter, Station Officer Rod Campbell, talked to students about being risk takers on the road and showed the impacts of what these risks could have. From the 135 students that responded to the feedback survey, all 135 said that they will choose to be a responsible driver/road user after experiencing the RAP presentation. Our students embraced the program in a fantastic manner, well done!

*Mr Schutt and Mr Phoumirath*

**R-6 Student Voice Council**

During term 1 we formed our R-6 Student Voice Council. The Council consists of 2 student representatives from each class in the Primary School, which was voted for by their peers. The group meets once a fortnight to discuss issues that students or teachers may be having around the school community, and then helps to develop proactive solutions. The aim for this group is to give the students at Paralowie a voice and a productive way to be a part of some of the decision making processes at school.

‘Bullying Stops with Me’ campaign

One of the group’s biggest achievements to date is the ‘Bullying Stops with Me’ campaign. The Student Voice Council wanted to take a more proactive approach to bullying at our school and felt that to make a real change they needed to put the emphasis back on the students themselves. This is why they had students sign pledges that bullying would stop with them.

So far the Council has collected over 150 pledges and is still focusing on collect more. Their goal is to get all students and teachers in the R-6 School to sign up to the pledge, so we can all work together to stamp out bullying at Paralowie.

... our goal is to get all R-6 students and teachers to sign up to the pledge...
... Let’s stamp out bullying...

TIRKANDI NEWS

AIME

The Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) has started and students had a great time last week. The next session will be on May 16th.

‘Us Salisbury Mob’ (working together)

This is a Nunga program that runs every Wednesday between 3.45 and 6:30pm at Salisbury North Primary School. There is a free BBQ and activities for the family, so come along and enjoy yourselves. Please contact the Ab Ed team if you have any questions.

Reconciliation week

Paralowie R-12 will be hosting an R-12 assembly on the Wednesday 27th May at 9 am to celebrate Reconciliation Week. We will welcome special guest speakers. We especially invite all Nunga families to come along.

‘Education is Deadly - Keep our Kids Involved’
Workshop for Parents

We invite parents to come along to this informative session. Guest speaker will be Joshua Warrior.

Locations include:

- Kaurna Plains School on May 20th at 10am-1pm, or
- Gawler Health Service, 21 Hutchinson Gawler East.

For more information, contact Glennis on 83144012.

Please feel free to contact us.

Margy Baluch - ASETO ,
Cheryl - AET,
Steven Newchurch - ACEO,
Donald Tanner - ACEO

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please phone 8222 8222 or visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

SCHOOL HATS

As part of our Sun Safe Policy, school hats are compulsory from Reception 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