PRINCIPAL’S COLUMN

Increasing Student Safety

The implementation of new Child Protection expectations has meant that we have needed to review community access to the school during operational hours. The changes will mean that all external black gates, with the exception of the two Halba Crescent carpark gates and the main pedestrian gate leading to reception; will be locked at 9:15am. All required external black gates will then be opened at 2:45pm ready for students to exit at the end of the day.

This means access to the school between 9:15am to 2:45pm will only be available through the Whites Road reception area.

Service providers and visitors to the Wellbeing Hub will still be able to enter through the rear entrance off the Halba Crescent car park.

I understand that this change will need some of our families to re-think their daily routine but the safety of our children is our highest priority and we believe these new safety measures will improve our ability to ensure the highest level possible of child safety during operational hours.

Skills for the 21st Century

I have attended a number of professional learning activities over the last few weeks where the focus has been on what are the skills and capabilities we need to be developing in our children to ensure they are prepared for work and life beyond school. We know the essentials are good literacy and numeracy skills, but what else will best prepare our children for the future. Ian Jukes, an international education consultant talks about the 9 I’s, which he sees as the lifelong skills (future proofing skills) and capabilities required for our learners moving forward in this century. They include; Intra-personal, Interpersonal, Independent problem solving, Interdependent collaboration, Information investigation; (ask, access, analyse, apply information, access), Information communication, Imagination creativity, Innovation creativity and Internet citizenship. These lead to developing and strengthening what are put forward as the most desirable qualities in future employees; the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team, high level problem solving skills and high level inter-personal skills. If you would like to know more about this topic, Ian Jukes has a free website full of information and resources, you can visit these at; http://bit.ly/infosavvy21edutech

or https://www.evernote.com/pub/ijukes/infosavvy21edutech

Paralowie Students Teaching in the Community

Last week I had the pleasure of joining a group of Paralowie year 11 digital technology students who are teaching some of our elderly citizens the finer points of using a variety of digital software to communicate with relatives and friends, prepare digital publications and become confident in the use of digital devices.

The project titled “Intergenerational IT Connect Program” is being run in partnership with Anglicare SA, and Robyn Mortimer our Information Processing and Publishing teacher who has been leading the school’s involvement in this project. It was fantastic to wander around the room and see the genuine and authentic engagement in learning and teaching taking place. An excellent example of students being able to take what they have learnt, what they know and passing it onto others in a real life situation. The program has been so successful that we have been approached by Anglicare to extend the program and offer it again next term to another group of students. Robyn is preparing a more detailed article which will feature in a newsletter later this term.

I would like to sincerely thank Robyn Mortimer for her time and commitment in setting up the program which is offering such a valuable opportunity to our students and the wider community.

Staffing Update

I am pleased to say the Michelle Lennox has been successful in being reappointed as the R-6 Manager for the next 5 years, and Peter Groves has been reappointed as the R-12 Deputy Principal for the next 5 years. Brad Brown the male student counsellor has also been reappointed for another 5 years to Paralowie R-12 School. Michael Mattei who has been working at the school as a contract teacher will be returning next year as a permanent member of the Paralowie staff. Sandrine Poissonnier will be continuing on as the Middle School Senior Leader as Mari Terreri will be remaining in central office for the remainder of the year.

Term 3 Achievement Reports

As the end of the term is fast approaching it signals time for the next distribution of student achievement reports. This is a critical report as it provides the latest information about how
your child is going in terms of preparing for the next year level of schooling, year 12’s excepted of course. For them it is the last chance to take stock of where they are in terms of moving towards the completion of the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). Thursday 24 September 2015 is “Parent-Teacher Interview Night”, an excellent opportunity for parents to talk to individual teachers about their child’s progress and identify any areas of concern that should be the focus of term 4, or receive that all important positive feedback about how well your child is progressing in the development of important skills, knowledge and capabilities. I would like to encourage all parents to take advantage of this opportunity to have a conversation with teachers as it is only through working together we will achieve the highest outcomes possible for our students.

As this is our last newsletter for this term I would like to thank you, our parent community for your support and look forward to continuing our work together next term. I wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

PETER MCKAY
PRINCIPAL

BOOK WEEK 2015

‘Books Light Up Our World’

Book Week began with our Resource Centre up in lights with lanterns, glow sticks, lamps and globes all aglow.

The Reception to Year 7 children were very lucky to work with Paul Rutter who is a wonderful South Australian children’s author and illustrator.

They were each given an activity book where they could learn to draw some of his ocean characters based on his book Surf Rider Joe.

The children were delighted in the many cartoon characters that Paul kept creating for them.

Please come into the resource centre and have a look at one we have kept on a white board for everyone to enjoy.

The year 8 to year 10 students welcomed Alan Tucker to our Book Week celebrations. Alan is another South Australian author who writes about Historical Fiction. Some of his very well-known books include Iron in our Blood and Side by Side. He has also now written five books in the My Australian Story series.

Alan held the students very well entertained with his stories and what the life of an author entails. Many students bought in their own copies of his books to be signed and we have a long list of students waiting to borrow the copies we have in our Resource Centre.

Students and staff had great fun recommending their favourite books and sharing these across our school community. There are many old classics that continue to be loved by all but it has been great to see the wide ranging themes that everyone enjoys reading at Paralowie.

The week finished with a fantastic Book Week Parade.

Thank you to the record number of parents and friends who came to cheer on their children as they paraded for the R-6 community in their wonderful costumes. It was also great to have some of our high school students there for some added support which the children really loved.

Some of the characters we saw were robots, minions, superheros, lanterns and glow worms.

The parade ended with Ms Cassidy reading the book Scary Night to which some of our very talented R-6 teachers performed the characters. It’s a lovely story about three friends facing various dangers along their journey to attend a mutual friend’s birthday.

Empowering Youth Excursion

The Year 9 Special Interest Sport class were fortunate to be involved in the Port Power Empowering Youth program. During the three sessions students learnt about leadership qualities, goal setting, time management and work opportunities. Students worked with the legendary Russell Ebert to complete team work activities and also heard from Ross and Lisa who are heavily involved in the Port Adelaide Football Club.

For the final session of the program, students visited Alberton Oval and were given a tour through the facilities used by Port Power. Students also heard from two rookie players Darcy Byrne-Jones and Sam Russell who spoke about the challenges of AFL and how they manage the demands of their careers with other aspects of their lives. A highlight of the day was when students were given the opportunity to kick the football on Port’s indoor training area. Well done to all students who participated in the program.
**Target Kids Teaching Kids**

During term 3 students in EL10 studied the environment and in particular about ensuring we look after our planet by recycling, reducing and reusing our resources. On top of that the kids from EL10 decided that we should REFUSE to use items such as plastic bags and glad wrap as they cannot be reused or recycled. As part of our learning we took our knowledge to other schools as part of the Target Kids Teaching Kids program. The idea is that the best way for a child to learn is from another child and as the environment is extremely important to them and their future they decided they want everyone to do ‘the right thing’. The kids took their message to Salisbury North, Settlers Farm and Lake Windemere primary schools. It was a very rewarding day for all involved.

**Greg Frost**

On Tuesday September 1st, EL9 students were lucky enough to have Jo from Bunnings Parafield come out to our school to hold an Art & Craft workshop free of charge with all items supplied - which is AMAZING! The workshop was pencil box making and students were all provided with 6 pieces of wood and several nails each, which they used to hammer their pieces of wood together to create the pencil box. The students gave their pencil boxes to their dads for Father’s Day or someone special in their life. As a school we would like to thank Jo and Bunnings Parafield for their amazing work with EL9 students and our school.

**Elliisha Scordo (Year 5 Teacher- EL9)**

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Isabelle Lee

“On Tuesday, Week 7, we had a very nice lady named Jo from Bunnings Warehouse come in our class and work with us to make a pencil box for a Father’s Day activity that was completely free! The pencil boxes turned out great once they were painted and everyone worked really well!”  

**Esterina Taban**

In the R-6 section of the school, we have recently purchased a class set of Bee-bots. They are small robotic devices that students can program themselves. The bee-bots will be used as part of the Technologies curriculum and staff have received training on these during our pupil free day.

**Bee Bots take over Paralowie!**

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“In Week 7, we teamed up with Bunnings and made pencil boxes for Fathers Day or for someone special. A lovely lady named Jo came in to room EL9 and everyone got to make a pencil box out of wood. Jo had already cut the wood to size- we were very lucky. We also got to paint them!”  

**Hanin Abdulkhan**

**School Footy**

The 2015 Saturday Morning School Footy season has concluded with a lively presentation event at the Salisbury North Footy Club, where all players received a participation trophy for their outstanding efforts.

The Year 6/7 Coach Michael Bond presented special service medals to 6 team members. Special thanks to Michael for his...
dedication to the Saturday morning football over many years. Our Principal Peter McKay was delighted to receive a special Footy Shield to commemorate a very special year for the year 6/7 team. Special thanks to all our parents who have assisted throughout the year.

**Celebrating Adult Learners’ Week**

This year the highlight of Adult Learners’ Week was a visit to the Communal Garden to explore ideas for growing a spring vegetable garden. Shannan Davies from the City of Salisbury conducted a tour of the garden and shared her very broad knowledge and helpful tips for growing successful and healthy plants. The group then shared a very healthy lunch and discussed how they could get started with their own home vege garden!

Adult Learners’ Week is a great opportunity to celebrate the achievements of adults who have returned to learning. In the Paralowie R-12 Community Centre, approximately 30 adults are currently gaining new skills in computing and IT, with many developing or updating their resumes and exploring new employment possibilities. A number of adults are completing Certificate 3 in Health Services Assistance this year and are also exploring further study and employment options.

If you would like to gain new skills, or would like to explore new possibilities, why not call in or phone the Community Centre today on 8182 7222! Let’s talk about how we can help you.

**MORE MEDALS FOR OUR STUDENTS AT THE MATHS OLYMPICS**

This event, held twice a year, is becoming very popular with Paralowie students with eight teams competing in the recent Maths Olympics, on September 15th.

Once again we are celebrating the success of our students in both the Primary and Junior sections. The two year 7 teams were thrilled to come first and second in the Primary Section. Congratulations to Sayyam Bhujbal, Masoumeh Rahimi, Connie Campbell, and Jordan Haynes who came first and to Chloe Williams, Laitah Huynh, Kelly Nyugen and Ida Ciullo who came second.

Following on from the previous Maths Olympics a Paralowie team also won in the Junior Section, but with a different mix of students. Each time students have regrouped with some new students joining in to form new teams, which shows good team skills and sporting spirit. Congratulations to the winners: Yr 10’s Wills Nyugen, Mal Naseli, Jared Moaga, Darren Carr and a Year 9 student, Chelsea Sobey.

It is great to see students from Yr 7-12 joining in the fun of the Maths Olympics quiz night, enjoying the maths and the novelty rounds. Thanks to those teachers who came along to support their students - I am sure they enjoyed the night as well. Back at school students were chatting about the event enthusing others to join in next year. So come along, we would love to see you there.

**Fiona McInnes**
**Mathematics and Numeracy Coordinator yrs 7-12**

**Year 10 Research Project Expo**

2015 is the second year the SACE Board has run the Research Project Expo at Wayville Show Grounds. This year our school took 50 Year 10 students to the Expo. Students and staff spent 2 hours talking to university staff and students, Research Project students and viewing outstanding examples of student Research Projects from last year.

Students were introduced to terms such as Research Project ‘A’ and ‘B’ and were also provided with the opportunity to view Folios, Outcomes and also find out from SACE Board staff about the Moderation process.

Our students were advised to research something they are interested in, then to begin thinking now about how they carry out their research and start to thinking about interesting ways to produce their findings.

Our students learnt that many Research Project skills are transferable and may be successfully used in jobs and further study. Skills such as working independently, communicating clearly and planning effectively were demonstrated by past students to discuss and explain their Research Projects.

**Year 11’s take Tourism to the Show**

Our Stage 2 Tourism Class met at the Royal Adelaide Show on Wednesday 9th September. Students conducted a survey of show goers and their experiences. The data gathered along with their observations of this major community event will be used in a final Tourism report.

Even though the weather was cool, students enjoyed the atmosphere and gained the relevant information needed to complete their last task in Tourism!

**ERIKA PAPAS – TOURISM TEACHER**
Secondary School Weekly Sport Round Up

This term Paralowie students in Years 8 to 10 had the opportunity to participate in the Northern Zones weekly Soccer competition. This is the first year Paralowie has been involved for a number of years now and our three teams we excited to represent our school. Congratulations to all students who participated and special congratulations to our Year 9 Boys team for finishing equal third and the Year 8 Boys team for being the overall winners. A special thank you to all senior students who coached and umpired and Mr Farmer for supporting all teams weekly. Term 4 is the Basketball competition so please sign up in the gym if you are interested in playing or coaching.

Year 8/9 Basketball

Paralowie boys in Years 8/9 participated in the Northern Zones Basketball tournament at the Gardens Rec Centre this term. A fantastic effort by all students finishing the day as overall winners, almost not losing a game!

Netball

Four girls’ teams across Years 8 to 12 participated in the Netball carnival this term. All girls represented the school well and achieved success on the day. Congratulations to one junior team who finished top in the 8/9 division and one of our senior teams who finished second. The competition was of a very high standard and all girls should be proud of their participation and achievement over the day. Paralowie definitely has a high standard of Netball players coming through!

Ten Pin Bowling

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Ten Pin Bowling carnival this term finishing third in the boys and second in the girls competitions overall.

A HUGE congratulations to Andrew Osborne achieving a score of 394 in two games winning best boy competitor.

Well done to all students who have participated in school sport this term.

Year 10 Collaborative Mural

This term the Year 10 Visual Arts class has been working on a series of murals in the D Lower corridor. This project was titled the Collaborative Mural Project. The Year 10 Visual Arts class worked in small groups to plan, design and create a mural that reflected one of the school values.

The groups were given a topic that reflected one of the school values. The topics were: Diversity is Beautiful (Respect), A Safe Learning Environment for All (Safety), Take the High Road (Integrity), I don’t want Perfect, I want Honest (Honesty) and If You Can Dream It, You can Achieve It (Achievement for All).

For 7 weeks, the class worked tirelessly to paint these murals and now they are finally finished. I am so proud of the dedication and passion students have put into this project.

We would like to thank Peter McKay and Claire Cooke for their support with this project. We would also like to thank our student teachers Alex Boylon and Amber Archdale for their help along the way.

Kelly Holmes - Visual Arts Teacher

SCHOOL CARD

A reminder to all families who apply for school card that a new application is required every school year at each school your children attend.

Please don’t assume that if you complete an application for school card at another primary school that Paralowie students will be covered.

These forms are available from the school and should be filled in and signed as soon as possible.

Closing date for applications is the 13th November 2015.

Please contact Heather Long, Finance Manager should you require any further information.

Please check here for Term 4 Calendar
THANK YOU
A big thank you to Woolworths at Springbanks for their donation of $100 towards the healthy snacks for our After School Sports Activity Program.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
Would you like to grow your own fruit?
Come along and learn how at a special workshop run by the City of Salisbury.
Details on the attached flyer.

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

Please ring the direct Absentee Number when telephoning the school to notify absences:
8182 7281

“Growing for Gold”
This is a FREE school holiday program for children aged 3-16 years.
The program is run by the City of Salisbury and offers a range of different activities.
Booking details are on the flyer.
Please check here for details

School Holiday Programs at Salisbury Libraries
Please check here for details

School Holiday Program at Twelve 25 in Salisbury
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