

Para Hills High School Newsletter

From the Principal... Janette Scott

Term 2 is progressing well with students and staff focussed on learning activities and the work to be done before the end of semester 1. In particular, this is **an important time for Year 11 students**, who are working towards the successful completion of their SACE subjects so that they can gain 10 credit points for each one. One of the changes that has been made to the SACE is that students must gain a 'C' grade or higher in Maths, English and the Personal Learning Plan (PLP for short), which are compulsory subjects.

Paul Mitic, Coordinator for Humanities and Literacy, has been leading professional learning sessions with the staff during staff meetings to give them extra tips for helping students to develop their **literacy and numeracy skills**. Teachers are working hard to support students in these areas.

One of the early highlights of Term 2 was our whole school assembly to commemorate **ANZAC Day**. This was held on Friday 23 April.

Three students led the assembly, sharing information about World War 1 soldiers from the Salisbury area, introducing speakers, and reading the ode. We listened to the 'Last Post' in silence which was a very moving experience. We were very proud of all of the students. Thanks to Ms Mercurio and the student presenters. There's more about it later in the newsletter.

Two new programs, involving year 10 and Year 11 students, have begun this term. Both programs are providing these students with **an experience of university life**. Students are attending sessions at the University of SA's campus at Mawson Lakes so that they can see at first hand what options are available to them. So far, both groups have enjoyed the experience very much.

As you know, **Information Technology, (IT), is a crucial part of school life**. A lot of new things are happening in classrooms throughout our school. For example, many

teachers have been learning about moodles and some have begun to use our moodle to improve students' engagement and achievement. Electronic whiteboards are being used regularly to enhance the way that teachers explain new concepts and ideas. One of the big jobs that we have been working on since term 1 is reviewing our IT plan and developing a new plan to take us into the future. I would like to thank Mrs Kate Venning for her work on this. The draft plan will be presented to the Governing Council, staff and the SRC for feedback before being forwarded to DECS. We will put a copy of the plan on the school's website.

I would like to welcome several **new staff** this term: Mrs Flo Darcy (Maths/Science), Mr Jesse Rogerson (PE), Mrs Kylie Leleu and Mrs Abha Suri (Student Counsellors).

Lastly, our **Open Day** was held in week 3 this term. Special thanks to Mr John French, Mrs Leonie Roberts, staff and many students who helped to make it so successful.

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Term dates for 2010

Term 1	27/01/10 – 01/04/10
Term 2	19/04/10 – 02/07/10
Term 3	19/07/10 – 24/09/10
Term 4	11/10/10 – 10/12/10

Diary Dates

Yr 9 NAPLAN Testing	11-14/5/10
Yr 11 & 12 Exams	7-10/6
Pupil Free Day	11/6/10
Public Holiday	14/6/10
End of Term 2	14/6/10
End of Term 2 Early Dismissal	2:00pm

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Change to Student Report Distribution for Term 2, 2010

After discussion and Consultation with Governing Council and staff, it has been decided that the following changes will take place for the Term 2, 2010 Reports.

1. There will not be a Parent Report Collection Evening in the final week of term.
2. Reports will be posted home in the last week of the term, along with the school newsletter.
3. Parents will be invited via a letter, to make an appointment to attend a meeting after the holidays with their son/daughter's teachers, if they need clarification of the report.
4. Specific requests for a meeting, by a Year Level Manager or member of Admin, will be included in this mail-out, if grades and factors affecting the student's progress are of concern.

Report folders will be returned with the Term 1 reports and remain at school. A copy of the Term 2 report will be filed by Care teachers in the folders, in preparation for Term 3 Parent Report Collection Evening.

Term 3 Reports will be available for parents to pick up from 3:30pm Wednesday 22 September. If you have any questions about this process, please direct them to Leonie Roberts.

Uniforms

Thank you to parents and caregivers who have supported the school in purchasing the correct school uniform for their child. It has been quite a challenge however, getting some students to comply, and we ask for your ongoing vigilance and support in the following areas;

Winter tops, polo shirts and pants must be plain navy blue. (Collar on shirts and no stripes on pants).

Bright coloured shoes, Ugg boots and tights are not part of the Para Hills uniform. Girls are not to tie up their tops at the back, nor wear any colour if exposed under their top, other than navy or white. (e.g. long sleeved tops)

Students who are not in uniform are given a Yard Duty. They are given an item of uniform from the front office to wear, which they return at the end of the day. Students may be asked to contact a parent to go home to change.

Students who do not do their Yard Duty are issued with an Afterschool Detention. Good quality clothing is available at the Uniform Shop or at Target for a good price at the moment.

If you have any items of uniform at home that you no longer need, we would appreciate them please.

If you have any questions about our Uniform Policy, please contact your child's Year Level Manager or Leonie Roberts.

Mobile Phone Policy

Thank you to parents who have supported this change to our policy.

Reminder:

If you need to contact your child during the day – It must be through the front office.

If your child's phone has been confiscated for the second time in the term, you will be required to make an appointment to meet with the Principal or Deputy Principal to collect it.

Breakfast Club

As the weather gets cooler, more students are visiting the school canteen for breakfast.

Thanks to Carol, one of our school Mums, we can provide free cheese toasties to our students each morning, from Monday to Thursday. The Canteen opens at 8am and closes at 8.30am in time for Care Group at 8.40am. Students are also able to buy milk or juice drinks and the popular Hot Chocolates!

Leonie Roberts
Acting Deputy Principal

South Australian Secondary Schools Sports Association

Our school participated in the SASSSA Athletics Carnival held at SANTOS Stadium Mile End on Friday 26 March. The boys finished third in their division, while the girls finished 4th.

There were some necessary last minute changes to the team, but all athletes performed well and we won 16 first, 10 second and 13 third certificates.

Congratulations to year 12 students, Saydee Banks and Charlene Thompson who finished with three first place certificates from their three individual events in their last representative carnival for the school.

Charlene also anchored the open girls relay team to a memorable win. Well done also to James Plowman who broke a school record when he won the open boys high jump, with a jump of 1.83m.



SASSSA Certificate Winners

Scott Baldwin	Second	Open Boys Discuss
Diamond Banks	First	Under 16 Girls 100m
	First	Under 16 Girls 90m Hurdles
	Second	Under 16 Girls 200m
Saydee Banks	First	Open Boys 100m
	First	Open Boys 110m Hurdles
	First	Open Boys 200m
Ben Bridgeman	First	Under 16 Boys Triple Jump
	Second	Under 16 Boys 100m Hurdles
	Third	Under 16 Boys 400m
Madeline Jamal	Third	Under 14 Girls 400m
Asunta Cyer	First	Open Girls 4 x 100m Relay
	First	Open Girls 1500.
	Third	Open Girls High Jump
Jess Dennis	Second	Open Girls 100m Hurdles
	Third	Open Girls 800m
David Dicmanis	First	Under 15 Boys Triple Jump
Jess Gardner	Second	Under 16 Girls Discuss
Guy Hatchard	Third	Under 16 Boys
Kady Jamal	Second	Open Boys 3000m
	Third	Open Boys 2000m Steeplechase
Jayson James	Third	Under 15 Boys High Jump
Sakhi Nader	Second	Under 14 Boys 800m
Elise Naumann	Third	Under 15 Girls Discuss
Karlee Naumann	Third	Under 15 Girls 1500m
Caitlyn Phillips	First	Open Girls 100m
James Plowman	First	Open Boys High Jump
Johnnie Polichronidis	Third	Under 14 Boys Triple jump
Timani Seve	First	Under 16 Boys Shot Put
	Second	Under 16 Boys Discuss
Omied Shojayie	Third	Under 14 Boys 1500m
	Third	Under 14 Boys 90m hurdles
Ryan Smiech	First	Open Boys 1500m
	Second	Open Boys Shot Put
Victor Thach	Third	Under 16 Boys 100m
Charlene Thompson	First	Open Girls Discuss,
	First	Open Girls Javelin
	First	Open girls Shot Put
	First	Open Girls 4 x 100 Relay
Jemma Nauman	First	Open Girls 4 x 100m Relay

Para Hills High School Sport

On Friday April 30, the school fielded two teams in the Senior Boys 5-A-Side soccer, North East VISTA Zone Competition held at Windsor Gardens.

In an outstanding performance, our teams finished 1st and 4th out of 19 teams (12 schools).

We now progress to the State finals to be held later this term.

Congratulations to the following who participated:

Sean Whyte and Michael Ikin - Referees

PARA HILLS RED (1st)

Sam Georgiadis
Matthew Wise (C)
Diego Orellano
Michael Cunha
Dylan Verrion (GK)
Reian Leach
Saydee Banks
Yamin Jamal

PARA HILLS BLACK (2nd)

KadyJamal (C)
Yousif Al Faraj
Jon Kerby
Dean Medak
Maisam Abbas Najafi
Victor Thach
Jasim Al-Rashid
Hassan Al-Fenjan

This year we have had some great performances by Para Hills students. In term 1, a large number of our students competed at both the VISTA and SASSSA sports days. Students placed well in all divisions however a special mention is deserved of three of our senior students. Charlene Thompson, Timani Timani-Seve and Asunta Cyer were all awarded SASSSA badges for beating the set standard in their respective events. An outstanding effort!

Another great performance by Para Hills High was our Division 1 Open Boys 5 -a- side outdoor soccer. The boys won the day in a penalty shootout and will go on to compete in a further round in June.

Matt Wise is another student who deserves congratulations. Recently he played in the U18 State team in a competition in Japan. His team won the cup they were playing for to finish 9th overall - a fantastic effort.

Finally, congratulations to all students who represented the school so far this year.

Lauren Williams (PE Teacher)

SRC Activities



The SRC were at it again this year and made around 500 Anzac biscuits for sale to students at our school, and our neighbouring Primary School. They had lots of fun and worked very productively. They made a profit of \$151 to help a charity to be determined.

Governing Council

Have you thought about volunteering for PHHS Governing Council?

We had two retirements in term 2 so are looking for new parents for the 2010 Governing Council.

Please call Mrs Stamatia Levendis or myself at school on 8258 5466 if you are interested.

Janette Scott
Principal

Thanks for the Hand

National Volunteer Week is the celebration of volunteers and volunteerism which provides the opportunity to highlight the important role that they play in our school, supporting students, staff and the school community as a whole.
National Volunteer Week, 10 - 16 May 2010

First Generation Programme University of South Australia

The First Generation Programme and the UniSA Ready programme has been developed to assist identified Year 10 and Year 11 students, who are primarily the first in their family to undertake or consider further study at university, to attend UniSA at Mawson Lakes.

Students, participating in this programme, work with university staff on a Research Project or their Personal Learning Plan, compulsory parts of the SACE.

This is what Natasha Driessen a Yr 11 student says about her participation.

"I participated in a fantastic opportunity a few days ago. I am a student aspiring to go to uni and the First Generation Program gave us a small taste of what uni was like. I was lucky to be accompanied by many of my friends. We were involved in small lectures about study skills and what can be expected in Year 12. Although I have only been to one session, I thought it was a great day and I am eager to see what happens at the next session".

Con Apostolopoulos
Assistant Principal

Outstanding Students

Each term, staff, students and parents are asked to nominate students who have demonstrated one of our school values in an outstanding manner. A small committee made up of parents, staff & students goes through the nominations and selects students to be presented with the awards. The group of students in the photograph, with Ms Scott, the Principal, received their awards at an assembly held on the first day of Term 2.

Term 1 School Values Awards were presented to:
Robert Lloyd for **Respect**

Natasha Driessen, Laura Pinnuck and
Patrick Dobrinski for **Responsibility**

Tom Ibatan, Amanda Driessen and
Kady Jamal for Rigour- **Doing Your Best**



SCHOOL VALUES WINNERS with Ms Janette Scott: Robert Lloyd, Patrick Dobrinski, Laura Pinnuck, Tom Ibatan, Amanda Driessen, Natasha Driessen and Kady Jamal.

UniSA Ready

A group of Year 10 students are spending one day a week at the UniSA Mawson Lakes campus. They are on a six week orientation program to help them understand what life at Uni could be like, the kind of opportunities at Uni that are available, and generally to have the students feel comfortable about the transition from School to University.

This new program for Year 10 students aims to get them focussed on their SACE pathway, and provide them with a tangible view of what life after school might look like.

In the forthcoming weeks students will be visiting the university's Planetarium, the Media Arts Centre and going to the City East Campus to find out about Nursing, amongst many other exciting activities.

Laura Withers a Yr 10 student had this to say after her first visit:

"I went to the university program because I would like to learn more about university as I am very interested in going myself. The programme was quite interesting and I am excited to learn more in the upcoming weeks. While there, we were taken on a tour around the campus and watched a few videos about uni. I gained a lot more knowledge about university and I am looking forward to learning more".

Con Apostolopoulos
Assistant Principal

Open Night Student Volunteers

Many SRC members volunteered to act as Tour Guides for the Open Night on May 5. They joined other students around the school to demonstrate Para Hills High in action!

Thank you to the following students:

Tour Guides

Jemma Naumann
Angus Gladwin
Charny Martino
Elise Naumann
Alysha Billett
Kellie Neumann

Alysha Servin
Laura Pinnuck
Emily Lockwood
Amy Glenn
Katrina O'Leary Treloar
Andrew Farquar

Physical Ed. Students

Mojtaba Ahmadi
Sakhi Nader
Mahmood Alfufaish
Zabie Razaee

Tamar Al Habeeb
Omied Shjayie
Ghasem Naimi

Dance Students

Alycia Tilbrook
Kyra Hickey
Renee Dale
Tennayah Evans
Shanara Rigney

Brooke Wenham
Brittany Oakley
Anne-Therese Haydon
Karlee Naumann
Kayannah Kartinyeri

Art Students

Jessica Nguyen
Shona Oakley-Sommerville

Joanna Van Beukering
Jasmine Lockwood

The Memory Of The Anzacs

This year at Para Hills High School we commemorated our 4th ANZAC Day Assembly. 'The Anzac tradition' - the ideals of courage, endurance and mateship that are still relevant today - was established on 25 April, 1915 when the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

It was the start of a campaign that lasted eight months and resulted in some 25 000 Australian casualties, including 8 700 who were killed or died of wounds or disease. This year we honored the 69 men who worked and lived in Salisbury whose ages ranged from 18 to 45 when they enlisted.

These 69 men did not serve in the first Gallipoli campaign. In the main they fought in the fields of France. Some of these men were killed in action or died from their wounds in hospital. Their bodies were not returned to Australia but are buried in French cemeteries.

Our presentation on these sixty nine men who served in World War 1 is a work in progress. We want to continue the research and eventually on behalf of the Para Hills community present our research to the President of the Salisbury RSL club and the Salisbury council.

One name which is synonymous with Para Hills is Hedley John Goodhall. He enlisted on February 1916 at the age of 19. At this age he would have needed his parents consent to join. He worked as a farmer before enlisting. He was not married and his next of kin was his mother.

During the war he was assigned to the 9th Light Horse Regiment He joined the 3rd Light Horse Field Ambulance towards the end of the war. He was discharged on 29 Sept 1919.

These young men of Salisbury were among many who believed that World War 1 also known as the Great War would be an adventure too exciting to miss. They may have felt that they would never live down the shame of not going.

Anzac Day reminds us that ordinary people do extraordinary things.

Soldiers like the men and women of Salisbury tell us through their actions that they were far from ordinary. On all sides they were the heroes of that Great War; not the generals nor the politicians but the soldiers and sailors and nurses – those who taught us to endure hardship, to show courage, to be bold as well as resilient, to believe in ourselves, and to stick together.

That is at the heart of the ANZAC story, the Australian legend which emerged from the war. It is a legend based on succeeding against the odds, of courage and ingenuity in adversity.

During the assembly we also welcomed Clarence Mitchell from the Salisbury RSL Club who served in various wars but never saw action. He talked to the school about his various roles during the war.

At our ANZAC Day assembly we honoured the memory of all those Australian men and women who served our nation.

Filomena Mercurio
Assistant Principal



New Science Building Update

Clearing of the biology garden began on the 16/12/2009. Unfortunately a few problems were encountered which delayed the project by a number of weeks.

Excavation works and laying of the foundations occurred in March. Fabrication of the steel framework occurred in modules offsite. Assembly of the steelwork began in April and early May saw the beginning of the roof construction.

It is quite exciting as both students and staff now have a perspective of what the new science building is going to look like. Upon meeting with the site supervisor on Wednesday morning May 5, we were informed that the building should be at lock-up stage within 3 weeks.

As part of building a sustainable laboratory, many of the internal structures are made of recycled products, such as coke bottles. The building will take advantage of as much natural light as possible including the incorporation of a skylight in the staff office. A board with the internal colour design, laminates, carpets etc is on display in the Science building.

Robyn Thomas
Laboratory Manager



Our Own Apprentices!

Recently, PHHS's Governing Council offered a School-Based Apprenticeship in Information Technology to Bradley Herbert. Bradley is a Year 13 student, who now combines part-time school, with TAFE studies for a Certificate 4 in IT, and is doing paid work for one day a week with the school's IT team. Bradley does not wear school uniform on his "work" days but it did mean that he worked at school for two days in the April holidays!

Bradley, sitting between his mother, Lynette and Con Apostolopolous, Assistant Principal for the Senior School and VET Programs, signing the apprenticeship agreement. Standing behind Bradley, are Janette Scott, Principal, Brenton Roy, one of the Northern Region's Apprenticeship Brokers, and Tony Solly from Business SA



Para Hills High Athletics Team



Navy Jackets For Winter

Cooler weather is now upon us. For extra warmth, students are allowed to wear a plain navy jacket over their school uniform. The jacket can be any style but cannot be made of denim, have stripes or large logos. This has been part of our school's uniform policy for 3 years.

Unwanted School Uniform

We are still in need of articles of Para Hills High School uniform clothing to offer some students who may be unable to attend in uniform. If you have any items of school uniform (from past students) that you no-longer require then please consider donating them to the school. Donations can be made at the Front Office.

Para Hills Suburb - 50 Years Old!

Two ways to get involved:

1. The early history of Para Hills is recorded in the book 'Settlers on the Hill'. Look on the City of Salisbury website, or
2. Look for the link on the Para Hills Library website.



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