From the Principal… Janette Scott

It’s hard to believe that we are at the end of the 2016 school year. It’s been a great year, exhausting, but great! I would like to thank all Para Hills High School staff for their dedicated work to support students’ learning and well-being during the year. Also I would like to congratulate Year 12 student, Yashvi Parikh, who won the school’s Outstanding Academic Achievement in SACE Award for 2016. Here’s a short excerpt from my speech at our Presentation Night:

"Firstly, I want to congratulate all students from each year level who will receive awards for academic excellence and excellence in vocational education, sport, leadership and community involvement. To the Year 12 class of 2016, I hope that your studies and participation in the activities of this school, have equipped you with the skills to make a successful transition to life after school, employment, further study and training. Many of you have been leaders in the school and given your time generously to sport, SRC or to help younger students fit into high school. We thank you. The Year 12 students of 2016 have made their mark in different ways.

I would like also to thank each of the teachers, families and community members who have supported the Year 12 class of 2016. We wish them success and happiness and hope they look back on their years at Para Hills High School with fondness."

Two of our long serving staff members are retiring this year. Ms Gillian Meth started teaching in 1978 and worked in 6 schools before coming to Para Hills. This included Ceduna Area School. She has taught here for 13 years. Gillian is an outstanding teacher, a highly valued and respected member of our school’s Humanities team, and has led the PLP team.

Mr Bob Seedsman has worked at Para Hills for 29 years. He was the school’s repairs and maintenance man until about 6 years ago when he won the position as the school’s Business Manager. In both positions, Bob provided the school with outstanding service. On behalf of the school, I thank them sincerely for their hard work and commitment to this school and to education in South Australia.

I wish you and your family all the best for the Christmas season and the summer break.

Conradations Yashvi

Gillian Meth      Bob Seedsman

School Reports have been posted home and are also accessible on Daymap
2016 PRESENTATION NIGHT AWARD WINNERS

YR 8 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
Zaky Aفزali
Jaxon Cava
Cayla Delaney
Beneta Iraromba
Jacqueline Jamal
Jennifer Lay
Helena Madronio
Michelle Stoward

YR 9 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
Jasjot Bھathal
Thoai Hoang Duong
Caleb Holme
Rajveer Jadeja
Nneoma Madu
Caitlin Manning
Cooper Martin
Jaime Morgan
Andrea Oluic
Sopheary Prak
Chaishana Singsathorn
Damien Williams
Jazmyn Wise

YR 10 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE
Jai Harnas
Espoir Mbanguka
Maddison Scott Winen
Xianyi Xian
Latisha Wray

Year 11 Academic Excellence
Bradley Angove
Vanessa Farley
Jamin Jackson
Somayeh Mirzaie
Marija Sladokovic
Jordan Taylour
Vanessa Farley
Somayeh Mirzaie

OUTSTANDING SPORTS AWARDS
Junior Sports Girl
Caitlin Manning
Junior Sports Boy
Manikandan Tharmaseelan
Phil Jones Female Sports Star of the Year
Nikki Thompson
Phil Jones Male Sports Star of the Year
Aaron and Luke Perry
SACE Aboriginal Student Achievement Award
Nathan Page
Contribution to the Arts Award
Sonya Stoward

Certificate of Excellence Awards
SACE Special Education Achievement Award
Craig Grindal
EXCELLENCE IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARDS
Year 10: Jess Wilson
Year 11: Caleb Squires
Year 12: Aaron Musk

SACE STAGE 2 EXCELLENCE AWARDS
Bradley Angove
Ali Asghar Zareer
Manjot Bھathal
Madeline Bunt
Rebecca Crowther
Nicholas Cunha
Jessie Dalziel
Aaron Dignam
Vanessa Farley
Crystal-Lee Giammona
Craig Grindal
Kelsey Lynch
Emily Manning
Ali Mirza
Somayeh Mirzaie
Caomhe Morgan
Mohsin Mosawi
Joseph Ongarato
Jasmin Page
Yashvi Parikh
Amber Patching-Loofit
Aaron Perry
Luke Perry
Aikra Pojer
Michael Rogers
Tiger Sau
Maninder Singh
Marija Sladokovic
Swapnil Srivastava
Sonya Stoward
Emma Thomas
Shannon Ward

ADF Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards
Year 10: Espoir Mbanguka
Year 12: Shannon Ward

Spirit of ANZAC Awards
Middle years: Jessica Bradbury
Senior years: Rochelle Reynolds-Briggs

Rotary Youth Development Award
Kushali Morgan
Makin Student Humanitarian Award
Madeline Bunt
Caltex All-Rounder Award
Todd Marshall
Outstanding Academic Achievement in SACE
Yashvi Parikh
CEMUDOT THE CLUMSY CARROT

The clumsy carrot clusters together with crunchy cucumbers in custard class. Cemudot chomps on chocolate chess and cute chubby children. Cemudot chirps cheddar chants with a cheesy chickpea. Carrots climb chandeliers and celebrate with chilli chips. Once Cemudot chased chalk cars with a cat. My Cemudot is one cute cannibal.

By Courtney Sampson

HUSKAVAVA THE HOBBLING HAVANASORAUS

Havanasourus hectically hobbles to his hide-out in the Hungawler hills. The havanasourus likes to hoard herrings in the highlands. Huskavana haggles horses and horrifies humans. Havanasourus’s can heave highways high into the hemisphere. Huskavana harshly harpooned my hat. Huskavana the hobbling havanasourus is horrendously huge.

By Josh Hill

Sue Spears
School Services Officer

ART WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

I have been teaching a group of boys with Autism (the ASD Class) for five years. After a one year break overseas, I returned and they remembered me! We started from where we finished, and I was surprised how quickly we managed to reach a high quality of art work which they have recently produced. I generally like challenging students with their Art. I constantly push them to the edge so that they produce imaginative and creative work. I have often been convinced that there is no difference between the art work from students in the Mainstream and Disability unit, as Art has no boundaries. Even though the capability of some of my ASD students is limited, I work with them basically in the same way. Over the semester we have been doing a variety of painting, drawing, craft and clay work as students with Autism like to touch a range of materials. Some of them are naturally gifted and the work that they produce is really encouraging and heart-warming - making me feel rewarded and proud.
NATIONAL SCHOOLS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION, CANBERRA MARCH 2017

Samantha Thomas and Dana Aburas, two of our Year 11 students have been chosen to attend the National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra in March next year.

The girls attended the State Convention in October as part of Legal Studies, along with approximately 60 other students from both public and private schools. Students were judged on their participation at the Convention and were then required to write an essay on “Should Australia become a republic?”

Twelve students, including Samantha and Dana were then selected as South Australian representatives to attend this highly prestigious event, which includes about 150 students from all over Australia.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our two students who will get to meet and have afternoon tea with the Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove, attend Parliament and meet and talk to many of our Federal Parliamentarians. They will also attend the High Court and have a silver service dinner with the High Court Justices.

Congratulations to both Samantha and Dana.

Jenny Fantinel
Humanities Coordinator

CONGRATULATIONS TO JENNY!

Jenny Fantinel has been selected as the female supervising teacher for the SA group who will attend the National Student Constitutional Convention in Canberra between 15 – 17 March 2017.

YEAR 12 RESULTS FOR 2016:
End-of-year results release
Online release and postage delivery
The end-of-year results in Students Online will be officially available at 8.30am Tuesday 20 December 2016. Students can expect to receive official documentation via post on the same day.

Students who have trouble logging in can contact the Support Team on +61 8 8372 7412 or email SACE.StudentsOnlineSupport@sa.gov.au.

AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

NASSSA wins national award for training

NASSSA’s exceptional achievements in delivering/providing nationally recognised training was acknowledged as the best in Australia at the 23rd annual Australian Training Awards in Darwin on 17 November.

At a major event at the Darwin Convention Centre, national titles were presented across 17 award categories.

Commencing in 1994, the Australian Training Awards are the peak, national awards for the vocational education and training (VET) sector, recognising individuals, businesses and registered training organisations for their contribution to skilling Australia.

The majority of the awards are the culmination of the state and territory training awards with winners from each state and territory eligible to compete at the national level in aligned categories. There are also seven award categories are available by entering directly to the Australian Training Awards.

Through showcasing best practice, the Australian Training Awards promote continuous improvement and innovation in the design and delivery of VET which has led to Australia wide awareness and respect for skilled-based careers and skills excellence.

PORT POWER ‘EMPOWERING YOUTH’

A group of year 10/11 students have been participating in the Port Power ‘Empowering Youth’ leadership program this semester. This concluded with a graduation ceremony at Port Adelaide Football Club.

Casey Goudie received the ‘best on ground’ for our school and Jordan Taylour received the Travis Boak Leadership Award for the most outstanding student in the whole program, from the 4 schools involved. Congratulations to all our students who participated.

The greatest part of their involvement is that they automatically can access people and resources as part of the Port Adelaide football club ‘Powerful Futures’ program-work placements, mentoring, jobs etc once they complete SACE.

Sally Stewart
Senior Leader

DATES AND PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES
SCHOOL CARD APPLICATIONS

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Congratulations to Terrel Rigney for successfully being selected to be a part of the 2017 South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy (SAASTA) Aboriginal AFL Academy in conjunction with the Port Adelaide Football Club. Terrel showed his talents at the trials, he will be enrolled to study the Cert 3 in Fitness or Sports and Recreation which will contribute to Stage2 credits toward his SACE. Terrel will attend the academy on Wednesdays and his goal is to play AFL. Well done!

Donna Kartinyeri
ASETO

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY ALTERNATIVE ENTRY ASSESSMENT

Earlier this year our Year 12 students were offered an exciting opportunity from Flinders University. We were given an open invitation for all of our Year 12 students to attend an Alternative Entry Assessment day during the school holidays. A dozen of our students chose to attend. They spent a full day at Flinders University and then completed a written application. As a result of this day, nine of our students have already been offered a place at Flinders for 2017, upon completion of their SACE. Congratulations to these students, who can now relax, knowing they have a university place for 2017.

Lauren Semmens
Yr 12 Manager

THANK YOU SRC

A huge thank you to the SRC who were so involved and hard working this year.

Lachlan Ashford our President, lead the group brilliantly and kept the meetings on track, encouraging students to participate in a range of school activities.

Lachlan, Belinda and Jemma represented our school at the monthly NASSSA Youth Meetings and we thank them for their contributions.

SRC activities included Tour Guiding at the Open Night, Anzac Day Bake-off for the year 12 Formal, a casual clothes day to raise funds for Dementia, a Biggest Morning Tea event involving the Science drone, and various BBQs for charities.

There was a canteen review and the usual discussion of general classroom issues.

It was great working with this group of young people this year and we all look forward to another busy year in 2017!

Leonie Roberts
Student Counsellor

CONGRATULATIONS goes to Brandon Venables, who has been selected to participate in the 2017 FFA National Futsal Championships in Sydney in January 2017 as a part of Inclusive Sport SA.

Lena Aardenburg
Unit Teacher
Monday the 26th September Dance students from Para Hills joined forces with Turning Point Dance School to present the Year 12 Dance Performance Exam ‘Synthesis’ held at Golden Grove Arts Centre. Year 12 students are required to present a minimum of 15 minutes on stage performance showing a variety of dance genres. Students not only build their dance technique skills and performance skills through their studies in dance, but also learn valuable life skills relating to team work, cooperation, commitment and perseverance.

In preparation for the exam students showcased their work to students from Para Hills West Primary School, as well as yr 8, 9 and 10 students from Para Hills High. This was a fantastic opportunity for all our dance students to display their work to our school community. Congratulations to all who performed and to the many people who supported leading up to and on the night.

Trudy Surman,
Dance Teacher
On Friday 25th of November, an exciting and engaging day of activities was planned for our year 9s. The student’s explored relevant issues specific to their gender and developed skills to help keep them safe, develop and maintain effective relationships with others and learnt some techniques on how to develop positive self-image.

The day challenged, inspired and motivated students to become the best versions of themselves. Below are some quotes from: our year 9s:

“On Power Day, I learnt that it doesn’t matter what type of body shape you are. I learnt how to be comfortable with myself and that you should never judge anyone for wanting to be themselves”. Chantelle

“What I learnt from Power Day is when you need to be rock and when you need to be water. Rock is moving through things and water is moving around things. I learnt how to relax myself when I feel anxious or upset and I learnt self-defence which could help me to defend myself in a life or death situation”. Manikandan

“I learnt how you can be beautiful with or without makeup. It’s about being confident. You don’t have to wear makeup to look beautiful – you already are”. Hannah

“I learnt how to stand up for myself in the right way without getting into trouble” – Yr 9 student

“I learnt self-defence and how to control my anger”. Yr 9 student

“I learnt to breathe when I’m feeling anxious and not to get frustrated over little things”. Miles

“I decide to take responsibility of my life”. Siohain

“The day was interesting and inspirational in many ways. I learnt that we should always be confident within ourselves. The self-defence lesson was fun and I learnt how to never look like a victim or easy target”. Chloe

Our year 9s were fantastic the entire day with leaders from the programs mentioning they were amazed and touched by the way the students responded and interacted with the programs. They recognised our students’ worth and potential.

Well done to all year 9s!

Melissa Rossi
Year 9 Manager

On Wednesday 2nd of December, the ASD class went to a Christmas Party at the Wayville Showgrounds that was set up by the Ladies of Variety. There were around 1400 students from Special Units and Special Schools around Adelaide that came to share in the festivities. It was an opportunity for our class to write Xmas cards, get photographed in photo booths, have face painting, and interact with many others on the dance floor. There were some instances of anxiety from our students, but it is a great learning curve for them to be in such a large setting with so many people, and demonstrate how to interact and behave.

Well done boys – you made us so proud and you represented PHHS well! Thank you so much Annette and Stuart for your continual help and support.

Simon Fuller
Unit Coordinator