



Para Hills High School Newsletter

From the Principal... Janette Scott



Term 1 reports show that our Year 8 students have made a very good start to high school: 58% of their grades were As and Bs and just 1% E grades. Well done to Year 8 students for a great start to learning at high school.

Year 12 students have done very well in term 1 too: 55% of their grades were As and Bs and, just like the Year 8 students, they recorded just 1 % E grades. It was also very pleasing to see the improvement that the Year 12 students made to their results from the Snapshot reports in week 5 to the end of the term. For example, they achieved 14% A grades in Snapshot reports, however this increased to 21% A grades by the end of term 1. Also 12% D and E grades in the Snapshot reports decreased to 6% by the end of term. Well done to our Year 12 students for working harder and taking their teachers' feedback on board to make that difference.

Year 9-11 students achieved 54%, 43% and 56% A and B grades respectively. All students will have opportunities to reflect on their term 1 results, set targets and plan actions to improve their achievement in term 2 with their Care Group teachers.

Congratulations to our VISTA Athletics team of about 60 boys and girls, who came back with the winners' shield on Wednesday 28 March. From all accounts, it was an amazing day, with our students demonstrating great teamwork, persistence and achieving many 'personal bests'. Thanks to the PE staff for organising and supporting the team to achieve a great result.

I'm very pleased to report that our 1:1 laptop program is just about in place. Year 11 and 12 students have had their laptops from



Students feeding the wildlife while on the Year 8 camp

early in the term but we had a hold up with those for the Year 8-10 students.

While the new laptops for year 8-10 students arrived in January, we have been waiting to receive the laptop bags. After 3 let-downs, finally the bags have arrived and we are now issuing the laptops once agreements have been signed and parent meetings have been attended.

Our STEMWorks renovations are well underway and I want to thank students and staff for adapting to the changes without fuss. We have lost access to most of the Science and Maths buildings, but staff and students are making do with temporary classrooms and laboratories. Also at times, we have been challenged by building noises and interruptions to gas and water services to other buildings. The renovations should be completed by the end of October so we'll be able to move everything back in, set up the new spaces, and have them ready for the beginning of term 1 2019. How exciting!

DIARY

ANZAC Day Assembly.....13/04/18
Term 1 Ends 2.00pm... ..13/04/18
Gov Council Meeting.....16/05/18
Term 2 Pupil Free Day.....08/06/18

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END OF TERM 1

FRIDAY 13 APRIL

DISMISSAL

2.00PM

**Enjoy the
school holidays**

HARMONY DAY



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YEAR 8 CAMP



Our Year 8 students attended a 3 day camp from 14 to 16 March at Toc H in Victor Harbor. The students enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities and experiences and they were very lucky with perfect weather conditions.

The camp was rated a huge success as students bonded with their fellow classmates creating and strengthening their new friendships.

It was particularly pleasing that all of our Disability Unit students attended camp this year.



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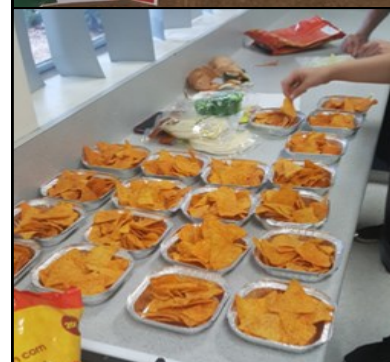


YEAR 11 CATERING CONCEPTS 'STREET FOOD'



At lunch time on Harmony Day the Year 11 Catering Concepts class sold Street Food from several different countries. Weeks of research, trialling and costing recipes and marketing culminated in 6 groups producing examples of common street food from Mexico, America, India, France, Turkey and Italy. Each team had to produce 20 serves of their chosen street food. Popular choices included Indian Samosas, French waffles and Mexican nachos. Profit made will subsidise the cost for the students to experience High Tea at The Stamford Grand Hotel, in preparation for the next task of serving High Tea to invited guests.

Sally Stewart
Head of Senior School / VET Coordinator
Catering Concept Teacher



TERM 1 SCHOOL SPORT REPORT

Year 8 Basketball Carnival

This term one boy and one girls team represented Para Hills High School at carnivals run at the MARS Sporting Complex. Both teams tried their best and finished 4th and 5th respectively in those competitions. Our students were model participants and behaved in accordance with our school values. Very pleasing as they are the first year 8 students from this new cohort to represent the school and they did a great job!

Year 8/9 State Cricket Competition

This is the first year a while that we have entered this competition that sees schools compete against other students across the state. In round one PHHS played The Avenues (formerly Windsor Gardens HS) and we won which was a fantastic result. Unfortunately, we lost the round 2 encounter against Ocean View College for a place in the semi-finals. It was a great effort by these students nevertheless.

2018 Sport Day

This year's Sports Day was another huge success. It was the third year since the shift to our three house teams competition as it was a very close competition with the Athletics Shield being decided by the slim margin of 39 points! Congratulations to the Tarnta Kangaroos (Red) who won both the Athletics and Sports Day Shield. Congratulations to the Year 9 Boys relay team from the Nakudla Sharks (Blue) who broke the school record in this event running a time of 53.36 seconds. Team member were Ali Hassan, Jayden Hazzard, Sam Russ and Robert Drinkwater-Hall.

RESULTS

Athletics Shield

Tarnta Kangaroos (Red) – 3239
Wirtu Eagles (Green) – 3199
Nakudla Sharks (Blue) – 2973

House Cup Sports Day Champions

Tarnta Kangaroos (Red) – 3834
Wirtu Eagles (Green) – 3670
Nakudla Sharks (Blue) – 3439

Year Level Champions

Year 8 Boys – Mitchell Tilley
Year 8 Girls – Nao Lohia
Year 9 Boys – Robert Drinkwater-Hall
Year 9 Girls – Molly Lohia
Year 10 Boys – Cameron Love & Zaky Afzali
Year 10 Girls – Helena Madronio
Year 11 Boys – Bailey Spackman
Year 11 Girls – Andrea Oluic
Year 12 Boys – Nestori Ntamahoro
Year 12 Girls – Ana Jovanovic

Athletes of the Day

Junior Girls Champion (8/9) – Nao Lohia
Junior Boys Champion (8/9) – Robert Drinkwater-Hall
Senior Girls Champion (10-12) – Helena Madronio
Senior Boys Champion (10-12) – Bailey Spackman

2018 VISTA ATHLETICS: PHHS OVERALL WINNERS OF B GRADE

The regional athletics carnival at SANTOS Athletics Stadium was held on the 28th of March. Our team for this event was selected based upon results at our schools sports day. This year we competed in the B grade competition and had a huge team of over 60 students attend the event. Students were fantastic at making sure that they and their teammates got to events on time and cheered each other on when competing. This team effort led to us having a number of successful results on the day:

Year 8 Girls – 4th
Year 8 Boys – 1st
Year 9 Girls – 2nd
Year 9 Boys – 2nd

Year 10 Girls – 1st
Year 10 Boys – 2nd
Senior Girls – 2nd
Senior Boys – 1st

Girls Competition (Overall) – 1st
Boys Competition (Overall) – 1st



DISABILITY UNIT CRICKET

On the Friday 16th March, 2018, all the students from the **Disability Unit** participated in the **Cricket Carnival** organised by the **SA Special Olympics**. The event was held at the Narungga Park, in the City. It was a fun filled day with two of our students, **Bevan Moore** and **Talan Wilson** winning trophies for **Best Player** in their divisions.

Dipleen Arneja
Teacher – Disability Unit



STUDENT PLACEMENT IN THE

We are very excited to welcome two students on placement from The University of Adelaide. They will be with us for approximately 13 weeks each Wednesday.



Caroline Webber




Maria Michalos

Caroline Webber and Maria Michalos are currently studying a Masters Degree in Counselling and Psychotherapy. Maria will work with us to help establish our Interoception space and Caroline is working with us to establish a Girls' Group (at lunchtime).

We look forward to working with them and are excited by the opportunity to host university students.

Emma Ramke
Senior Leader – Disability Unit

**positive partnerships**
Working together to support school-aged students on the autism spectrum

**Free Two Day Workshop for
Parents and Carers**

Modbury
15 & 16 May 2018

Positive Partnerships is coming to a location near you!

Join us for 2 days of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person's learning.

What will you gain by attending this workshop?

- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school
- Information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with other parents/carers
- An understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child

Workshop details

Venue: Sfera's Park Suites and Convention Centre
191 Reservoir Road
Modbury SA 5091


When: Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 May 2018
9.30 am – 2.30 pm (Registration from 8.45 am)

Catering: Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration.

Register Online: positivepartnerships.com.au Registrations open 22 March 2018 and close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited!

Questions? If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships
Infoline : 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

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