From the Principal... Janette Scott

Term 2 has started very well. Our Year 12 students look fabulous in their 2016 seniors’ jackets and as well as working very hard on their Year 12 subjects and courses, they have been busy raising funds to support their formal, which will be held at the beginning of term 3. Thanks to all who purchased tickets for the Mothers’ Day raffle and bought hot chocolates on Open Night, Tuesday 17 May. This helps to reduce the ticket price of the formal to make it affordable for all.

I was very impressed with the number of Year 12 students and teachers, who were at school during the holidays, working together to ensure they succeed this year. As impressive as this was, there was a group of year 10 and 11 Maths students who also came in during the holidays to do extra work with Ms Higgs and Mr Rotolo. Who said students don’t enjoy Maths?

Many students are already involved in additional, challenging learning-focussed activities this term: for example, on Friday 13 May, a group of students went to training to represent our school in the NASSSA Debating competition and a group of senior girls attended a leadership course. On Thursday 19 May, some of our middle and senior students will participate in the NASSSA Maths Olympics. Year 9 students completed the NAPLAN assessments this week.

I would like to ask all families to check that their students are in appropriate school uniform every day. As the weather has cooled down, we have noticed a number of students wearing jumpers, jackets and leggings that are not part of our school uniform.

Only navy blue windcheaters with the school’s name embroidered on them are acceptable. A plain navy jacket can be worn over the school windcheater on very cold days. Jackets cannot be worn instead of the school windcheater. Long sleeved shirts cannot be worn under the school’s polo top and leggings are not part of the uniform at all.

There are many reasons we have a school uniform: some are for security (ie knowing who is legitimately on the campus); some are to support students to develop a sense of identity, pride and belonging to school; and others are to provide affordable, neat, safe and comfortable clothes for students to participate in all of the learning activities they have each day.

Finally, if your son or daughter cannot comply with the uniform requirements on a certain day, please write a note in their diary to explain. Also if you have difficulty ensuring your son or daughter has the correct school uniform, please contact Mrs Leonie Roberts, our Student Counsellor.

Did You Miss Open Night?

We invite parents and caregivers of prospective Year 8 students for 2017 who could not attend Open Night to book a tour with the Principal, Janette Scott.

Please call the front office on 8258 5466 to arrange a suitable time.
On Tuesday 10th May, 8 Year 12 Legal Studies students participated in the 2015 Youth Parliament held in Parliament House on North Terrace. This involves students from many schools, both public and private. Each student is allocated a role to play in a session of Parliament. The proceedings imitate real Parliament sessions as closely as possible.

Three students from Para Hills High School were assigned roles as Government members. Emma Thomas, Lachlan Ashford and Michael Rogers presented and argued for a Bill to allow alcohol to be sold in supermarkets. Three students were assigned roles as Opposition members. Ahmed Al Amry gave a passionate Grievance Speech on why medicinal marihuana should be legalised in South Australia. Sonya Stoward and Shannon Ward presented speeches arguing against a 50% tax on drinks containing sugar. Other bills that were presented included the moving of Year 7 into high school, compulsory maths for all Year 12 students, compulsory acquisition of DNA from all citizens and the rights of adopted children to know of their birth parents.

All six students took part in the general debates after each speech was presented and voted on each bill. Needless to say, some of the debate was quite heated!

Rebecca Crowther and Juma Nichola were assigned roles of assisting the Speaker and locking the doors when the voting on each bill took place. All 8 students were a credit to the school and conducted themselves admirably. I was extremely proud of them and would like to congratulate them.

Jenny Fantinel
Legal Studies Teacher
During week 7 in term 1, the year 8 students attended our annual camp held at the TOC-H campsite at Victor Harbour. In all, a total of 65 students attended comprised from the year 8 cohort, our year 11 peer support leaders and also students from our Disability Unit. It was an opportunity for students and staff to get to know each other whilst completing a number of different activities across the 3 days. The activities ranged from physical and mental challenges, to those that required them to collaborate with others student and work together to complete set tasks.

Day 1 saw students head to Urimbirra Wildlife Park and meet a lot of different animals including koalas, snakes, crocodiles and different varieties of native birds. Then it was onto the beach for a number of activities and challenges run by the year 11 Peer Support Leaders, who did a fantastic job in leading the year 8’s through some relay challenges and a sand castle building competition. Night 1 saw some fantastic acts played out by the students in the Talent Quest, which certainly demonstrated that we have some talented students amongst the group. Acts included singing and dancing, as well as some comedy which was entertaining. Students who performed in front of everyone are certainly to be commended because it takes a lot of courage!

Day 2 was no less busy with a day at Greenhills Adventure Park where students were able to use all of the fantastic facilities including the waterslides, paddle boats and go karts. This was a popular choice and we saw some fantastic races between students. There was a bit of sadness as this is the last year that we are able to access the park due to its closing. It has been a fantastic facility to utilise and it will take something special to replace it. In the evening it was then onto a session of lawn bowls at the Encounter Bay Lawn Bowls Club. Students had a great time mingling with the locals and enjoyed an activity that a lot of them hadn’t had a go at before. A big thank you again to the volunteer coaches who donated their time to assist our students.

Our final day saw students again put to the test with a morning of boogie boarding and surfing to cap off what had been a fantastic camp. It was a bit hectic in the morning as there was a bit of windy weather, which forced a location change, but the students were great and took the change in their stride. Again it was the first time many students had attempted this activity and every student was able to get in the water and have a go which was fantastic.

Whilst exhausted from all the activities, we had a fantastic camp. A big thank you to all staff who attended as without their support we would not have been able to run such a successful camp.

Aaron Struck (Yr 8 Level Manager, HPE Coordinator)
OUTSTANDING RESULTS IN TERM 1

The effort applied to their studies has paid off for our students during term 1. 15% of our grades were A’s and 31% were B’s. This is an improvement of 6% on last year’s results at the same time. The challenge for our students this term is to look at their report cards and identify 2 subjects where they can lift their grades. Setting targets and planning are keys to success; remember that the effort you apply directly influences your results, and all students should be thinking “If it is to be, then it is up to me!”

Congratulations to the following students who earned outstanding academic results as a result of their efforts during term 1.

**Year 8**
- 6 A’s: ALEXANDRIA RITCHIE, JENNIFER LAY
- 5 A’s: HELENA MADRONIO, JAXON CAVA
- 4 A’s: MICHELLE STOWARD, JACQUELINE JAMAL, ABIGAIL HARLEY

**Year 9**
- 6 A’s: DAMIEN WILLIAMS
- 5A’s: JASJOT BHATHAL, ANDREA OLUIC, CHAISHANA SINGSATHORN
- 4 A’s: RAJVEER JADEJA, CAITLIN MANNING, JAZMYN WISE, CALEY HUNME, HAYLEY SAMMUT, JAIME MORGAN

**Year 10**
- 4 A’s: LATISHA WRAY, XIANYI XIAN, MADDISON SCOTT WINEN, IMOGEN BRADFORD, JAI HARNAS, JAMES LOWE

**Year 11**
- 6 A’s: JAMIN JACKSON
- 4 A’s: VANESSA FARLEY, SOMAYEH MIRZAIEI

**Year 12**
- 6 A’s: CRAIG GRINDAL
- 5 A’s: JOSEPH ONGARATO
- 3A’s: SONYA STOWARD, MANINDER SINGH, YASHVI PARikh, BENJAMIN JENKINS, CHEYENNE HANSEN

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

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Joseph, Craig and Tanya pictured with Jay Weatherall, Premier of South Australia, and Susan Close, Minister of Education at the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge Presentation, November 2015.

Celebrating our 2015 achievements. Last year you may remember we were invited to the Premier’s reception for those schools who achieved outstanding results.

2015 was an excellent year in relation to students taking up the challenge and supporting us to meet our goal of 200 completers.

Our goal this year is to achieve over 200 completers. To meet this goal students are asked to read **12 books in total**.

- Years 8 and 9: students read 4 books from the Challenge lists and 8 of their own choice; these can include prescribed texts, research texts and any other texts from their studies.
- Years 10 to 12: students read 12 books of their own choice, and these can include prescribed texts, research texts and any other texts from their studies.

In the immortal words of the Bard – **Friends, Romans countrymen, pick up a book to read.**

Enjoy the Challenge!

Filomena Mercurio
Assistant Principal
On Monday 11th April approximately 50 Year 11 students attended the Tertiary Studies and Career Expo at the Adelaide Convention Centre. With over 20 different tertiary studies providers in one place our students were able to collect information and get their questions answered by experts. A highlight for me was travelling back to school on the bus, listening to our young people talk about their future career aspirations and how they were going to achieve them.

Ms Stewart
Head of Senior School

For the second year, a group of our Year 12 female student leaders attended the YWCA’s ‘She Leads High’ Conference at the Stamford Plaza. Throughout the day the girls listened to a number of inspirational young female leaders in a wide range of industries with diverse personal experiences.

We ate amazingly yummy food, met some great people, reflected on how lucky we are to live in Australia and left on a high with a feeling of optimism and positivity.
SPECIAL GUEST

Jack Bancroft Manning was our special guest at our whole school assembly on 4th April. At 30 years of age, Jack Manning Bancroft is the Founder of AIME, the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience. In 2005, then a 19 year-old uni student, Jack founded the AIME Program with 25 Indigenous kids in Redfern. At 22, Jack became the CEO. In 2010, he was Young Australian of the Year and now he is the youngest Honorary Doctorate in Australian history.

AIME is a dynamic educational program that is proven to support Indigenous students through high school and into university, employment or further education at the same rate as all Australian students. AIME gives Indigenous students the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to grow and succeed.

During assembly Jack encouraged our students to challenge themselves and be true to themselves. He said it doesn’t matter what culture you are from, and if you get knocked down, pick yourself up, and to step up. because you can achieve whatever you want to. He also sang a few songs for us.

This year our school is a Gold Ambassador of the AIME program.

All of our Aboriginal students in 9,10,11 & 12 are participating in AIME this year, which is held at Mawson Lakes University.

He makes me stay committed to my dreams (comment from Terrel after listening to Jack)