



Para Hills High School Newsletter

From the Principal... Janette Scott



Congratulation to Mr Eion Abbott for being elected chair of the 2018 Governing Council; Mr Scott Jamieson is deputy chair and Mr Michel Barclay is our treasurer. Other

Governing Council members are parents Linda Barclay, Samantha Brand, Katrina Johnson, Melinda McWaters and Alyson Roberts; students Jocelyn Riseley- Stevens and Daniel Gibb; staff Barb Ashmore, Jenna Charlton, Guy Harrison and Heather Long; and community members Rosie Lilley and Shiralee Reardon. It is a fantastic group to work with and we still have room for a couple more parents. If you are interested, please contact me.

Winter is certainly here and most students have rugged up in their school windcheaters or jackets. A few students are wearing random tops so this is a reminder and a request to parents to ensure that your sons or daughters are in complete school uniform. Please contact Leonie Roberts, our Student Counsellor who can assist you if you need help to get your child kitted out. Trousers must be plain navy blue and black leggings are not part of the school uniform.

After consultation with parents and students, Governing Council approved a proposal that headscarves must be navy or white in keeping with the school colours. This change will be implemented from the beginning of term 3.

Exciting news is that the Minister of Education, John Gardner, has confirmed that our school will still receive the \$5m funding as part of the Building Better Schools program.



Congratulations Stephen

This will be used to build a new Performing Arts Centre and assist the school to prepare for catering for Year 7 students in the Unit and the mainstream.

Congratulations to both Stephen Lewis who won a STEM scholarship and to 2017 Year 12 student, Emillie Abbott, for winning a university scholarship this week!

Thanks to all staff and students who helped out on Open Night on Tuesday 15 May. The displays looked great even though much of our school looks a bit like a building site at present!

Finally, I would like to congratulate two teachers on their retirement: Mr Arden Herr and Mr Liviu Osepciu. Arden was at PHHS for a short time this year and he was better known across our region for his work as the NE Vista Sports Coordinator. Liviu was a Maths and Science teacher for many years. We wish them both well in their retirement.

DIARY

Term 2 Snapshot Reports....23/05/18
Term 2 Pupil Free Day.....08/06/18
Queen's Birthday11/06/18
Yr 11 & 12 Exam begin..... 18/06/18

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STUDENT FREE DAY

FRIDAY 8 JUNE

**Please see
attachment
'13 Reasons Why'**

POWER TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

During Weeks 10 and 11 of Term 1, our Year 10 Boys were involved in the 'Power to End Violence Against Women' sessions conducted by the Port Power Community Program. The program raises awareness around the issue of violence against women and promotes positive relationships to young men. During the second session, the Power Community Team were joined by AFL player Emmanuel Irra who discussed cyber-bullying and positive relationships, relating them to how players in the public eye handle these situations.

There will be an opportunity for some of the boys to participate in a Leadership Day, in which the boys will learn about positive bystander intervention.

Daniel Roberts
Year 10 Year Level Manager
Music/History Teacher

FINANCE NEWS

2018 Materials and Services Charges

Thank you for all those families who have already paid, organised instalment payments or lodged their School Card forms for their 2018 Material & Services Charge. The Materials and Services Charge is now overdue and the finance team is about to embark on the process of listing those families who have not organised a payment plan or applied for school card. The Governing Council will be asked to approve the debt recovery process to commence during this term, and statements will be sent out. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the finance team at the school.

School Card 2018

School card applications are required to be lodged each calendar year.

The SA Government has increased the threshold for eligibility for School Card for 2018 by approximately \$20,000. This will mean that more families will be eligible for this financial support. The finance team has sent out an A Form to all families with the 2018 invoices when they were posted in the middle of January. If you require help to fill in the form contact the finance team and if you are unsure if you are eligible, please apply! The school offers options for instalment payments if you are not eligible.

Payment Options for Material & Services Charges

The school offers our families flexible payment options. These include:

- CentrePay,
- Direct Debit instalment payment.

If you would like to discuss any of these options please speak to one of the finance team for details.

Heather Long
Business Manager

CONDOLENCES

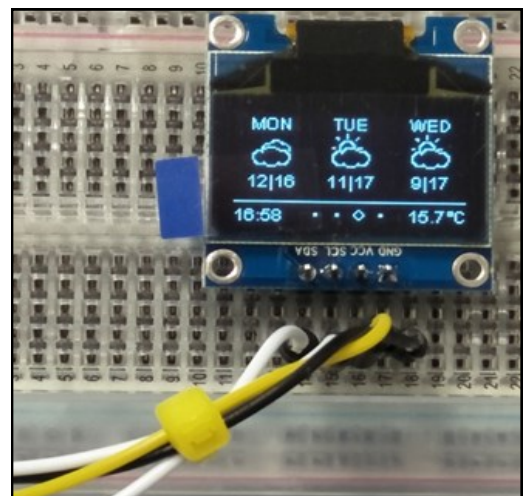


Our sincere condolences to Para Hills P-7 school students, staff and community on the sudden loss of a much respected teacher Mr Robert Cornell. He is sadly missed.

Principal
Para Hills High School

STEM ACTION TEAM

Our STEM Action Team attended a STEM Workshop at Playford Civic Centre and got a \$1,000 grant from the Department for Education. Our students chose to develop a garden, with a STEM focus. The Year 8 Ambassadors, Nao and Jack, the Year 9 Ambassadors Oscar and Chloe, and the the Year 8 members of the team are learning about Internet of Things (IoT) technology and will use this to monitor and care for the garden. That will include the design and calibration of a WiFi network of moisture and temperature sensors in the garden. Students will be able to monitor these important soil factors from their phone or laptop and even use these devices to water the garden. The program will involve computer aided design, science, maths, tech studies, IT and home economics.



Dr Rhett Swanson
Science Coordinator



Vivo points – Term 1

To support and value positive behaviour the Disability Unit use a platform called Vivo. “Vivo is a skills-building platform for schools. It helps students gain the skills and experiences needed to reach their full potential. Vivo provides a platform that is personal, social, gamified, holistic, rewarding and self-reflective. Vivo fosters the motivation and inspiration necessary for deep learning, as well as the foundations for lifelong learning”. Through Vivo, we recognise and acknowledge students’ positive behaviour. Students can use their Vivo points to redeem items in our Vivo shop.

Congratulations to our Top 10 Vivo point earners and to all students who received points in term 1.

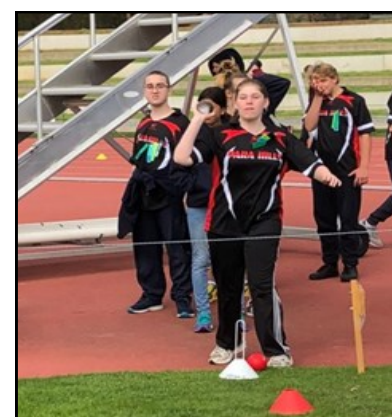
Name	Points	Name	Points
Kyra Williams	3200	Jarrod Ward-Gale	3165
Lorraine Dibben	3120	Damien Williams	3020
Jed Fernandez	3015	Isabella King	3000
Ben Wakefield	2910	Timothy Ung	2885
Sopheary Prak	2810	James Lowe	2725

Emma Ramke
Senior Leader (Disability Unit)

TRACK AND FIELD AT SANTOS STADIUM

On Wednesday week 2 this term, the Disability Unit ventured to SANTOS to compete in various track and field events. Para Hills students were certainly a force to be reckoned with and having our sports uniforms on show really made us stand out from the crowd. Students took the challenges in their stride and we had 2 lanes of runners at all times, including the 400m. Students supported and cheered each other on in all aspects of the day which was fantastic to see. Some of the older students encouraged younger students by running with them or helping them with different techniques. Para Hills students were also talked about by staff from other schools for being such good sports as they assisted other students from different schools to try their best. Although it was a bit windy, students didn't complain at all over the day. The bus ride back to school was very quiet and we had a few sore bodies the next day. Para Hills can certainly hold their heads high...well done!

Emma Ramke
Senior Leader ((Disability Unit)



HIGH TEA AT THE STAMFORD GRAND, GLENELG

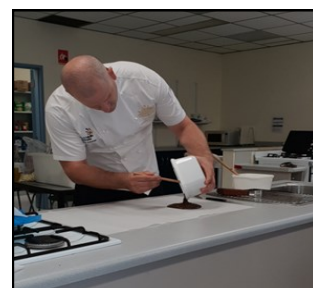
In preparation for their own High Tea, Year 11 Catering Concepts students travelled to Glenelg to experience High Tea at the Stamford Grand Hotel. Students had the opportunity to visit the banquet rooms and the three commercial kitchens that service the hotel. We then took our seats at the table to enjoy High Tea. Yummo!

Mrs Stewart
Catering Concepts Teacher



PASTRY CHEF VISITS YEAR 11 CATERING CONCEPTS CLASS

Further developing their cake decorating skills in preparation of them making a designer cake, students spent the morning with a pastry chef from TAFESA. Ashley shared his career story with the students while showing them a number of tips and tricks to use when working with chocolate



TERM 2 SNAPSHOT REPORTS

In morning Care Group, on Wednesday 23rd May, students will again be issued their Snapshot reports. Parents will be able to access the reports via the DayMap Parent Portal after 9:00am or see them when students bring the report home at the end of the day.

The reports indicate the achievement made over the past 5 weeks, since the end of Term One reports were written, and will help students set and reach goals for the end of the semester.

On Wednesday morning, during extended Care Group, we will be asking students to reflect on the grades received and set goals they want to achieve by the end of the semester. Using their laptops they will message teachers to see what can be done to improve their grade in targeted subjects.

A review of the Snapshot Reports process in Term One showed many students were able to improve their grades by the end of term.

Guy Harrison
Deputy Principal

YEAR 9 5-A-SIDE SOCCER

On the 11th May, the Year 9 boys competed in the 5- a-side competition held at Para Hills High school. Our boys played 7 schools in the Division 1 group of the north east region. The boys were undefeated leading up to the final. Winning 3 matches, drawing 1 and losing 1. Overall the boys finished 2nd in the competition and the year 9 boys qualified for the 5 a-side state boys' championship. Well done to all involved on the day. You represented the school with excellent commitment and professionalism.

YEAR 8 5-A-SIDE SOCCER

On the 18th May the Year 8 boys played in the 5- a-side competition against 7 schools in the north east region. They were in the Division 1 group and played with great desire and discipline in the wet conditions on the day. They finished 4th overall, but there were many positives shown on the day such as the skill level, good sportsmanship, teamwork and leadership on and off the pitch. Well done to all involved. You should all be proud of your performances.

Fotis Massinis
PE Teacher

STUDENTS AT PHHS HAVE ONE TO ONE LAPTOPS

All students at Para Hills High School have had an opportunity to be issued with their own laptop. At the start of the Year our senior students were issued their laptops, and over the past few weeks, we have rolled out laptops to students in years 8 to 10.

Those students whose attendance rate is high enough (90%) have had the option to take the computers home at night, whilst the others are issued a laptop for daily use and return it at the end of the day. This 'Take Home' option will be reviewed periodically to allow those students on daily use, whose attendance improves sufficiently, to also be able to take a laptop home.

If your child has not been issued a laptop as yet, it may be because they have not returned their 'Laptop User Agreement', or are waiting for parents to attend a Laptop meeting with either Mrs Stewart or Ms Mercurio. Please contact the school if you need another copy of the 'Laptop User Agreement' or to arrange a time for a Laptop meeting.



Guy Harrison
Deputy Principal

RAUKKAN TRIP



On Monday 14th May, Aboriginal students from Para Hills High went on a road trip to Raukkan. Raukkan is 165 km from Adelaide in the lower Murray Coorong area. The community's name means 'meeting place' in the Ngarrindjeri language.

Raukkan is the birthplace of Aboriginal author, inventor and political leader, David Unaipon and home to the famous Raukkan Church, both of which appear on Australia's \$50 note.

Uncle Clyde was our tour guide. He shared many stories with us and told us of 5 important things we needed to know that connected us. They were: **Land, Lore, Language, Kinship and Ceremonies.**

Here are some comments from our students:

"It was fun, exciting and interesting."

"I learnt about the 5 important things to us and I also met an Uncle for the first time."

"It was really good to learn about where I come from and how Raukkan was established. "

Donna Kartinyeri
ASETO



OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC RESULTS IN TERM 1

The effort applied to their studies has paid off for our students during term one. 28% of our grades were A's and 29% were B's. This means that across the whole school 57% of all grades last term were A's and B's. Setting targets and planning are keys to success; remember that "If you fail to plan, then you plan to fail!"

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

Year 8

9 A's Chloe Taylor
7 A's Nao Lohia; Savannah Williams
6 A's Fei Wu; Ja Rule-Cowie
5 A's Smriti Aryal; Sterling Hansen; Anita Afzali; Emily Ince; Mathusha Tharumaselan; Jaime Van Prooijen; Hayden Hodges
4 A's Latesha Den Dunnen; Sara Sharifi; Mohammad Ahmadi; Kain Gallardo; Blake Johns-Chambers

Year 9

6 A's Joshua Underwood
5 A's Marachiel Colliver; Kayla Scales; Katie Redman; Abbey Hastings; Oscar Feddern
4 A's Molina Lohia; Tamika Page; Chloe Davis-Powell

Year 10

7 A's Xavier White; Benjamin Wakefield
5 A's Helena Madronio; Zaky Afzali; Timothy Ung
4 A's Matthew Crowther; Sayed Mortaza Haidary; Michelle Stoward

Year 11

5 A's Andrea Oluic; Tyson Bradbrook; Damien Williams
4 A's Jazmyn Wise; Caleb Holme; Chaishana Singsathorn; Jarrod Ward-Gale

Year 12

4 A's Latisha Wray, Xianyi Xian
3 A's Imogen Bradford; Jai Harnas; Maddison Scott-Winen

Guy Harrison
Deputy Principal

CHESS CLUB



Thanks to the initiative of year 8 students Billy and Sterling, the Para Hills Chess Tournament has begun!

Wednesdays at lunchtime in the Library 16 participants get their brains ticking over in some intense game play.

The tournament is made up of staff and students, beginners and the more advanced players. All are welcome to come along to participate or to spectate.

Trudy Surman
Arts Coordinator / Dance Teacher / AET



THE ARTS

This term is a busy term in the Arts. Students are working on developing their skills and preparing Art work for our annual showcase which will be held at Golden Grove Arts and Recreation Centre on Tuesday June 19. The showcase is an opportunity for students to present their work in a professional setting and perform to family and friends.

Year 11 and 12 Drama students have also begun the rehearsals for their Drama Performance exam which will be held in term three. This year they will be presenting Agatha Christies "The Mouse Trap". More information about times and dates will come out next term.

Dance students have also had the opportunity to work with ex Para Hills student Jaci Gibson in a commercial Jazz class. Jaci is currently studying dance at Patrick Studios Australia based in Melbourne. Hope to see you all at Showcase.

Trudy Surman

Arts Coordinator/ Dance Teacher / AET



YEAR 12 STUDENTS GAIN VALUABLE INSIGHT FROM CURRENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Our Year 12 students are participating in a pilot program with Adelaide University which sees Student Ambassadors visiting our cohort fortnightly. The purpose of the initiative is to break down barriers and demystify university study and to provide our students with accurate information about degrees, scholarships and the application process. Every second Wednesday the ambassadors' present information during caregroup, but then stay in the Library until recess time. The additional time allows our students who have Private Study, to engage in one on one discussion and gain valuable support with their Research Project.



Sally Stewart
Senior School Leader

UBER EATS

Students are reminded that having food delivered to them at school is not allowed. A delivery service such as Uber Eats presents significant concerns, namely, students interacting with adults without appropriate supervision or screening.



Parents are reminded that if food needs to be dropped off for their child that they do this via the front office rather than making arrangement with the child to collect.

Sally Stewart
Senior School Leader

Community Corner

DEVELOPING MINDS Ideas to help kids and teens feel calm, confident and co-operative

Managing device/tech use in children with emotional and behavioural challenges (reducing the meltdowns when screens and devices are turned off).

Idea 1. Talk positively about screens, gaming and technology—at least some of the time.

Idea 2 . Talk calmly with children about the problems and pitfalls that screens, gaming and technology bring to children—in an ongoing, “non shaming” way.

Idea 3. Talk calmly with children about the benefits of non-screen-based activity.

Idea 4. Talk compassionately about the difficulty in reducing screen and technology use.

Idea 5. Create several specific tech/device gaming rules and apply them consistently.

Idea 6. Remind children about rules or systems before, during and after screen time.

Idea 7. Focus on the minimum levels of “screen alternative behaviours” rather than the maximum levels of screen/device use.

Idea 8. Help children identify strategies they can use to cope with feeling disappointed/frustrated when screens are turned off.

Idea 9. Have screen/gaming free periods.

Idea 10. Play their games/use apps/technology yourself.

For more information go to:
<https://mailchi.mp/developingminds/managing-devicetech-use-in-children-with-emotional-and-behavioural-challenges>

REMINDER TO FAMILIES

Please advise school of any change in personal information, in particular mobile phone contact and email address.
These are the school's main



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