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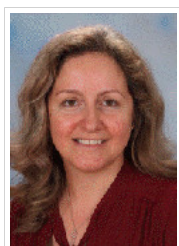
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Half way through term 2, we have a few exciting things to share with you.

This week we have had 2 wonderful events: the Arts showcase on Tuesday 11 June and the drama production on Thursday and Friday 13 and 14 June. Our wonderful students and the staff supporting them have been showcasing some of the things they've been working on for the last term

and a half. It was an opportunity for staff and parents to see some of the great things students do at the school, as well as an opportunity to meet parents, students and staff and enjoy an evening of great entertainment.

On May 30th we formally opened the newly upgraded Science and Maths areas. We had a number of guests attend the school, including members of the governing council, local and state politicians, parents, teachers and students, including Hon. John Dawkins, Michael Brown MP, Mr. Blair Boyer MP and Cr Shiralee Reardon in her dual role as representative of the Mayor of Salisbury and Governing Council member. Ms. Janette Scott also attended. The students in the Disability Unit provided light snacks and a wonderful gift pack for our guests. Our guests were extremely impressed with our students who really showed the school in the best possible light.

Para Hills High School is a harmonious multicultural school where we take pride in supporting each other-staff, students and parents alike. There are over 45 different cultures represented, and many more languages spoken by the staff and students at the school. We celebrate our diversity every day, but a very special week for Australia is coming up shortly.

Towards the end of term, in Week 10, we will be marking NAIDOC week, a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and achievements. A series of wonderful events have been planned for the week – see Mr. Palmer's article

about NAIDOC Week. Events are being held across the country in the week commencing 7 July 2019, when we're on holiday – more details of what's on in the local area can be found below:

<https://www.aidoc.org.au/get-involved/aidoc-week-events>

A bit closer to home, I am extremely proud to congratulate Isaiah Rigney who is currently a finalist in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Category for the 2019 South Australian Training Awards. We are all keeping our fingers crossed for you, but this is an achievement in itself, so well done.

I look forward to many more announcements like this one.

Until next time, have a great rest of the term and a wonderful holiday.

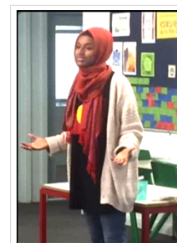
DIARY

11/06/19	ARTS Showcase
17/06/19	Exam Week Yrs 11 & 12 Yr 8 Business & Economics Yr 9 Enterprise@work program Yr10 Australian Business
19/06/19	Governing Council Meeting

POETRY PERFORMANCE BY MANAL YOUNUS

Our Year 8 students were extremely fortunate to attend a performance by Manal Younus on May 21st.

Manal is a South Australian based freelance storyteller. In 1998, Manal arrived in Australia with her siblings after fleeing her



country of origin, Eritrea, only days before the beginning of the country's most devastating war. Tackling

racism and prejudice head-on, Manal learnt first-hand what it means to be different and has become an agent for change in the community.

As a member of the ActNow Theatre, Manal has staged award-winning interactive theatre performances that identify and confront racism. While completing a degree in international relations, Manal has also navigated her sense of identity through poetry, entering spoken word competitions and performing her work around the country. Working with other refugees to develop poems that share their stories of persecution, displacement and freedom, Manal encourages others to take pride in their identities and for all Australians to understand and embrace diversity. She published her first book of poetry in 2015, called "Reap". She was a State Finalist of "Young Australian of the Year" 2016. Her performance for our students was truly inspiring.

The students thoroughly enjoyed it and clapped, clicked their fingers, asked questions and called out answers to Manal's questions. Their behaviour during the performance was exemplary.

Some student comments included:

The poems were amazing and the emotion she put into it, made it twenty times better.

Eddie

I liked the performance because she talked about following your dreams and never giving up even if you are from another country.

Jack

I liked what Manal talked about and the poetry she wrote and the performance was from her own story and the things she has overcome in her life. Sharing personal information with people you don't know is hard but Manal did it.

Davood

It was quite inspiring, interesting and cool. She made me look at poetry differently. It's not boring.

Emily

I've learnt that poetry isn't just sitting down writing stuff on a piece of paper. It's more than that. It's like rap but friendly and you can talk about your life all you want. I did really enjoy it.

Dylan

It was very inspiring for me because I really enjoy writing things like rap, songs, poetry and stories. Manal being here today, really pushed and encouraged me not to care about other's opinions, but to keep writing no matter what.

Fatema

Jenny Fantinel

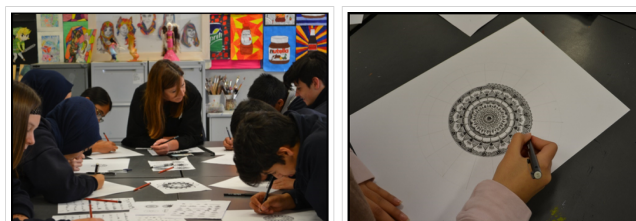
English/ Humanities Coordinator

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

During week 5, term 2 the year 9 Art class have been lucky to work with local artist Cathy Grey. They have been focusing on creating their own Mandala's under the guidance of the artist. Students were able to see and understand the mindful benefits when creating their mandalas.

Students were focused and able to produce amazing detailed work, while also gaining their art based confidence.

Student work by Emily Ince, Anita Afzali, Smriti Aryal and Kain Gallardo.



Julia Juros

Art / Design Teacher

DEBATING TEAM – ROUND 2

Round 2 of the NASSSA Debate Competition took place on Tuesday with our most challenging topic yet:

'That Millennials *don't* have it harder than Baby Boomers'. The team diligently took on the challenge and, despite a last minute swap and some nervous tears, our speakers Catherine Reiman, Stephanie Iannace and Billy Wu delivered three strong speeches. A review of the team scores showed that we missed out on the win by less than 4 points!

On the bright side, Para Hills High School is currently 5th on the leaderboard. If our team keeps up their great individual scores, we could be looking at another seat in the Quarter Finals this year – regardless of our wins and losses.



Tina Beer

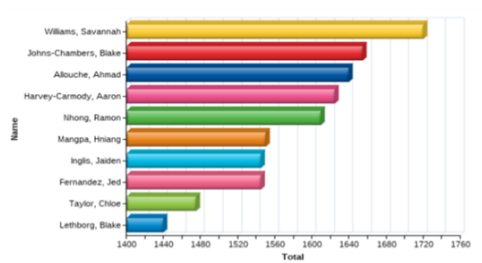
Debate Coordinator

DISABILITY UNIT - VIVO

We are very proud of our positive behaviour data in the unit and want to share the great success we are having with Vivo.

So far in 2019, staff that work in the unit have given out 204,390 positives.

Our top ten students so far are:



Congratulations to all students who are being recognised for their positive behaviour and thank you to staff who continue to support our Vivo Journey.

Emma Ramke
Senior Leader – Disability Unit

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL SPIRIT TRAINING ACADEMY

Recently Ingrid and Tjimarri from Wirrtu Yarlur visited our SAASTA students and spoke about tertiary pathways into the University of Adelaide. Wirrtu Yarlur is responsible for recruiting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students into tertiary study. They provide a range of support services to Aboriginal students including, SSO support, tutors, accommodation and scholarships as well as leadership opportunities such as student ambassadors.

Currently, our SAASTA students are working towards Power Cup, which they will participate in from June the 20th-22nd. Their Team Banner and War Cry/Dance is coming along nicely, stay tuned!

SAASTA Teacher
Megan Fay



RECONCILIATION MORNING TEA

On Thursday the 23rd of May, the Para Hills High Cultural Youth Leadership group which consists of students from diverse range of cultural backgrounds, attended the Reconciliation in the North Morning Tea held at Golden Grove Arts Centre. Students had the opportunity to listen to the story Paul Herzich who is an award winning Kaurua/Ngarrindjeri landscape architect and visual artist, and also had the pleasure of listening to a live performance from Hannah Yates who is an exceptionally talented singer/songwriter. The event was a fantastic opportunity to connect with the local community and develop a greater understanding of the importance of reconciliation and recognise the significant contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in our society.

Novi Palmer
Aboriginal Education Teacher



Para Hills High Cultural Youth Leadership Group pictured with Fida Hussein, Uncle Frank Wanganeen, Paula Luethen Member for King and Paul Herzich.



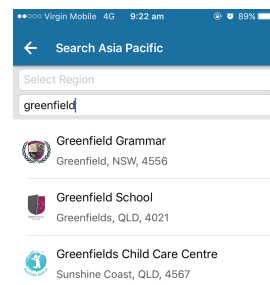
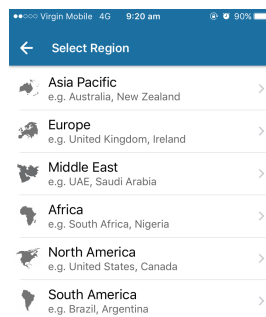
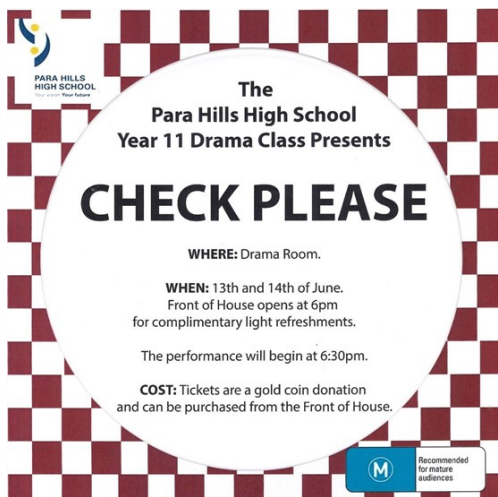
Tyrome Sharrock with his Great-Great Grandfather James Stanley. James Stanley was instigator of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement in South Australia.

FLASH MENTORING

The year 11 cohort were lucky enough to have 7 University mentors come out to the school for some flash mentoring. Student mentors were from a range of professions and pathways including Education, Robotic and Civil Engineering, Medicine and Nursing, The Arts, Law and criminology. Students had an opportunity to learn about what each specific pathway involved, what study life at University was like and berthing in between. It was great to listen and learn to the Mentors sharing their journey and aspirations with our students and it was pleasing to hear the positive feedback from some inspired year 11 students now interested in learning more about various pathways they hadn't considered before. It was a very productive time and a great example of the ongoing learning that takes place during our busy Pastoral Care program each morning.

Mathew Rotolo
Year 11 Manager





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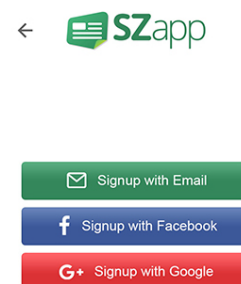
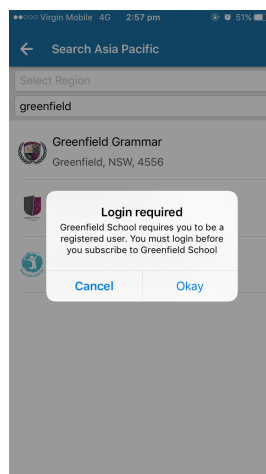
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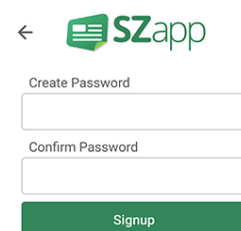
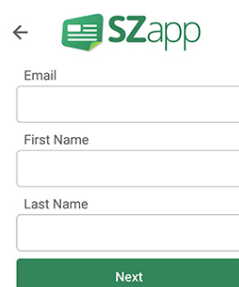
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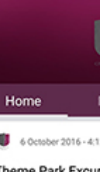
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