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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

□ Welcome to Term 3 everyone. I hope you all had a relaxing break and are ready to start a very exciting second half of the year.

We had a very packed term 2 and there's even more happening in Term 3.

Our SAATA Academy students participated in the Power Cup in Week 8 and we are very proud to announce that we won the Guernsey design competition.



Term 2 also saw the formal opening of our upgraded Science and Maths blocks. The facilities were formally opened by Hon. John Dawkins, MLC and a number of other distinguished guests attended the ceremony: our local MP, Mr Michael Brown, Mr. Blair Boyer MP, Councillor Shiralee Reardon, a long standing friend of the school and member of the Governing Council, Ms. Janette Scott, as well as our Chair of the Governing Council, Mr. Ian Abbott and Governing Council members. We thank them all for their continued support for the school and our community.



This term 5 of our students: Aurora Bailey, Marachiel Colliver, Oscar Feddern, Abbey Hastings and Koby Partington have started working on a project facilitated by Professor Yong Zhao. Professor Zhao is a Foundation Distinguished Professor in the School of Education at the University of Kansas. He has published over 100 articles and 30 books, has received numerous awards for his work in shaping education and is recognised as one of the most influential education scholars today. His works focus on the implications of globalization and technology on education and has a strong emphasis on increasing student agency and participation in shaping their own education system. We are all looking forward to working with him through a process of transformation of an aspect of the school.

This term is when we start talking to you about pathways and subject selections. Over the next few weeks we will be in touch in a variety of ways to discuss your son or daughter's subject choices for next year. For those going into Year 11, it is extremely important to choose wisely, as this will impact some of the access to your future pathways. Talk to your care group teachers, your year level manager or Ms Stewart if you would like some advice.

Operation Flinders is underway, with Mr. Harrison and Mr. McLaughlin taking a small group of students through possibly the toughest hike of their lives. Over 8 days, they will be walking around 100km of rough terrain and camp under a self-constructed shelter, carrying everything they need in individual backpacks. We will be interviewing participants on

their return and let you have a taste of the trip through their eyes.

DIARY

16/08/19	Yr 10/11 Flinders University open day
28 & 29th August	Year 12 Drama production
03/09/2019	Course Counseling
04/09/2019	Adelaide show day/school closure day

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BOOKINGS CLOSE MONDAY 2nd of September at 9:00am

SAASTA - Aboriginal Power Cup



The Aboriginal Power Cup is held over 3-day event and acts as the culmination of all the hard work that our SAASTA students have completed over the first Semester. Students are awarded points for successfully completing work during this time and these points combine with their performance in the final carnival to determine which Academies qualified for the Grand Final. The North-East Academy competed and performed exceptionally well in the Carnival and only just missed out on reaching the Grand Final. Our Academy won one of three major awards; the best Guernsey design which was designed by Lowan Welch from Parafield Gardens.

Although our teams did not make the Grand final they did have the fantastic opportunity to perform amongst 350+ Indigenous students in a cultural dance before the bounce of the Port v Hawthorn Game. The performance was visually stunning and an amazing experience for our students involved. If you are interested check out the following link to a video of the performance.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UI4_9CqE-Lw

With Semester 1 and the Power Cup done and dusted the students are already underway on the curriculum required for the Semester 2 SAASTA Shield which will take place in term 4. We will keep you updated over the next semester.

Novi Palmer

SAASTA/Aboriginal Education Coordinator

DISABILITY UNIT SCIENCE EXCURSION

On Wednesday 5th June Unit Year 10s and STAR class went to SA Museum for a Virtual Reality of David Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef. The students were excited after watching it and had lots of questions to ask. It was a great experience and one that gave them a closer insight to the reef and all the hard work and preparation that goes into getting a mere 5-minute video.

Dipleen Arneja

Disability Unit Teacher



SAVE THE DATE - DISABILITY UNIT SHOWCASE DAY & ONE PLAN REVIEWS

On Tuesday 3rd September (12 pm – 7pm) the Unit will be open with services, agencies, sport and recreation organisations, support services and student work on display. We invite all parents, staff and students to come and look through. We have a BBQ running all day with lots of competitions and prizes.

Emma Ramke
Senior Leader - Disability Unit

Parents/caregivers of students in the Disability Unit - Para Hills High School

Please book a meeting time with your child's care group teacher to review your child's one plan. Join us anytime between 12pm - 7pm for a sausage sizzle and a guided tour by your child through the unit, view student work and meet with a variety of agencies, recreational opportunities and support services for people with a disability.



All other guests

Join us anytime between 12pm - 7pm for a sausage sizzle and a guided tour by your child through the unit, view student work and meet with a variety of agencies, recreational opportunities and support services for people with a disability. Schools or larger groups, please book a time so that a tour guide can be arranged.

For more information please contact
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 Senior Leader - Disability Unit
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Showcase Day & One Plan Reviews

Tuesday 3rd
September 2019
12pm - 7pm

Para Hills High School - Disability Unit
90 Bedford Rd Para Hills (enter through the Special Education Drive-way)

MAJOR FUNDRAISER - DISABILITY UNIT

From Monday Week 4, we are commencing our own major Gold Coast Holiday Raffle fundraiser for this term. All monies raised will assist in purchasing new equipment. Each ticket sells for \$2.00. If you are able to help us by selling a book, please contact Jodie Wanganeen p. 8258 5466 or e. Jodie.wanganeen145@schools.sa.edu.au.

The raffle prize is for four (4) nights at the world famous 4 ½ star Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast for two (2) adults and two (2) children including unlimited entry to Sea World, Warner Bros Movie World, Wet 'n' Wild Gold Coast and Paradise Country, also including a \$1,000 Flight Centre Gift Voucher and \$100 credit for food and beverage at Sea World Resort and Water Park. The winner will have 12 months to use the prize and it can be used over the school holidays.

Emma Ramke
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YEAR 11 DRAMA

The year 11 Drama class presented 'Check Please' on the 13th of 14th of June. Family, friends and staff enjoyed the Front of house area which was designed and organised by senior Drama students. This year the production took place in the Drama, the audience were captivated by the performance on both nights and thoroughly enjoyed watching the senior Drama students thrive onstage. On behalf of the year 11 Drama class, thank you to all who attended to support the performing Arts students at Para Hills High School.

Cleonikki Kefalas
Drama Teacher



AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS WEEK

What a Week

While year 11 and 12 students were undertaking mid-year exams and finalising semester 1 our year 8's, 9's and 10's participated in alternative learning programs.

For the first time at Para Hills High School, year 8 and 10 students participated in Australian Business Week. In teams of 8-10, students took over either a café (year 8's) or a hotel (year 10's) and then ran the business for a simulated two years business. Over the week the teams had to appoint CEO's, Finance Officers, Marketing Directors and Heads of Operations. As well as making 8 business decisions which were entered online, companies had to prepare a Trade Fair display, a 30-second promotional video, a business report and presentation to a panel of judges on the final day.

Initial feelings of frustration and confusion were replaced with pride and professionalism as teams competed on the final day.

The winners were:

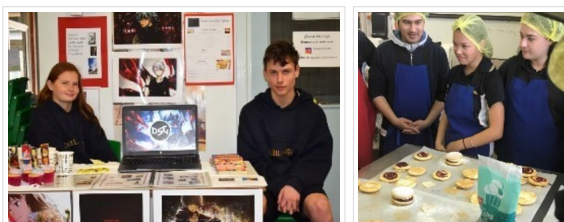
Year 8:	Year 10:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Report/Oral Presentation: Hill's Café • Computer Simulation: C.C. Café • Trade Display: The Grand Café • Video Commercial: Hill's Café • Overall winner: The Grand Café 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Company Report/Oral Presentation: Hermosa Hote • Computer Simulation: The Mayfair • Trade Display: Hermosa Hotel • Video Commercial: St Regis • Overall winner: St Regis Hotel

While year 8 and 10 students were learning about the complexities of running a successful business the year 9 students were learning about Enterprise skills and workplace safety. During the week, students met 3 young entrepreneurs who shared their journeys, participated in Career Talks and went on an excursion to a number of different industry areas.

It was a full on week but very engaging for all involved!

Sally Stewart

Senior Leader-Career Development/VET/Senior School



SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 26th June, Para Hills High School competed in the Science and Engineering Challenge, a national competition run by the University of Newcastle and sponsored by Rotary, the South Australian Universities, The Defence Forces and Australian Gas Infrastructure Group. This is the 12th year that Para Hills has entered the competition.

Thirty-one year 10 and year 9 students worked in teams of 3 to 4 students to solve problems, by building models and structures from materials provided, as they competed against seven other schools.

Challenges included:

Return to Mars	Build a buggy and suspension system to carry a load as quickly as possible over a very bumpy surface.
The Bridge	Build a bridge to carry a dynamic load, tested in front of all participants at the end of the day.

Confounding Communications	Use 2 terminals to communicate with each other using various coloured light transmitted through an optical fibre.
Future Power	Plug "power stations" into a large board and then control the supply of power to a variety of infrastructure on the other side of the board.
Grasping at Straws	Design, build and use a 'bionic hand' built from PVC pipe, string, straws, and timber coffee stirrers.
Helter Skelter Shelter	Construct a tall earthquake-proof tower using only basic materials, sound engineering principles, and ingenuity. Towers are put to the test on an earthquake simulator.
Stringways	Develop rail networks that convey trains in the most efficient way possible.
Flat-Pack	Design and build a model table and chair that must both be able to support the weight of the family pets and is cost effective to generate a profit when it is put into production.

The Para Hills students worked enthusiastically throughout the day, thinking logically and displayed a "never give up attitude" to their tasks.

Special mention must be made about the groups who competed in Future Power and Stringways in the afternoon, who both scored the highest score for the day in those events, but every team deserves congratulating for their efforts.

Carolyn Naumann Science Teacher



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