



Para Hills High School Newsletter

From the Principal... Janette Scott



Well done to our Arts students and staff for a wonderful Arts Showcase on Tuesday 19 June. Special thanks to parents, staff and former students who supported them by being such an appreciative audience. There were many great performances as well as artworks on display on the night. Also there was a first that I want to share with you!

For the first time, a Drama class from the school's Disability Unit performed at Showcase. The year 9 students were confident and ready to perform a play, which they had developed with their teacher, and they did very well in front of a truly supportive audience.

It was great to see so many of the students at Showcase demonstrating that they were doing their best. Many also showed excellent leadership and team skills. It was very clear that night the Arts is a very important learning area for developing students' creativity, resilience, responsibility and confidence. I hope the students will continue with their learning in the Arts.

There are many other programs run by the school that foster student leadership skills and we are always thinking about what else we can do to develop these skills. Congratulations to the Year 11 Peer Support class, who organised a successful fundraising activity to support homeless youth.

Other leadership programs include the:

- House Captain & Vice-Captain roles
- Student Representative Council
- STEM Ambassadors, Action Team and the ICE Factor program.

Now some brief updates:

- Congratulations to Sally Stewart, who has won the position of Head of the Senior School and VET, and



Leonie Roberts for winning the position of Leader of Student Well-Being for 2019-2023

- The school's principal position for 2019-2023 will be re-advertised soon as the selection panel did not make an appointment this term.
- The final report of the External Review is up on the school's website so please have a look at this very positive summary about our school.
- The STEMWorks renovations of Science and Maths buildings are progressing well. One major addition is that the roof of the Science building is going to be replaced. You may see a large crane here during the holidays.

Finally, the last couple of weeks have been an extremely busy time for staff and students. It has involved Year 11 & 12 Exams, semester change-over, Arts Showcase, 3 day intensive Business course for Year 8 students, a 3 day Enterprise and Work Placement Preparation for Year 9 students, Year 10 excursion to Flinders University and Term 2 reports being prepared. My sincere thanks to staff who supported each other and their students to achieve so much.

DIARY

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| Term 3 Begins | 23/07/18 |
| Year 12 Formal..... | 27/07/18 |
| Pupil Free Day | 27/07/18 |
| Year 9 Camp..... | 06/08/18 |
| Gov Council Meeting..... | 15/08/18 |
| Course Counselling Day.... | 04/09/18 |
| Show Day..... | 05/09/18 |

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FRIDAY JULY 6

**Reports handed out to
students during Care-Group
after lunch, and available on
Daymap
END OF TERM 2
EARLY DISMISSAL
2.00PM**

**TERM 3 BEGINS
MONDAY JULY 23
AT 8.40AM**

**PUPIL FREE DAY
& YEAR 12 FORMAL
FRIDAY JULY 27**

ALTITUDE DAY

On Thursday 7th June, some of the Year 9s had a fantastic opportunity to participate in Altitude Day. The event was held at Playford Council at Elizabeth and was filled with inspiration, interactivity, advice and practical leadership and positive education tools.

Altitude Day is an annual one-day event created to empower Year 9 students during this important stage in their school journey. Through a blend of inspirational talks and energising group activities, students learn how to become active and inspiring leaders of their school and community. They gain advice about how to make good choices, build confidence and make a difference from inspiring guest speakers, all whilst forming a strong network of peers from schools across the region. Altitude Day provided an environment where students stepped outside the classroom to learn what it means to be a leader.



Dipleen Arneja
Year 9 Level Manager

RECONCILIATION WEEK



This term the Year 8 students in the Unit celebrated Reconciliation Week with a visit to Tandanya National Aboriginal Cultural Institute to see Kanalaritja – An Unbroken String. This exhibition is touring all around Australia and celebrates the continuing practice of shell stringing by the women of Cape Barren Island in Tasmania.

Students tasted smoked kangaroo meat (Yum!) and met Kiara Milera (Producer/Director) and Natasha Wanganeen (Actress) who showcased a short film.

Students also enjoyed learning about Aboriginal Culture and have a better understanding of the importance of culture. The exhibition finishes on July 18 and we highly recommend seeing it if you can.

Lena Aardenburg
Unit Coordinator

DISABILITY UNIT SACE STUDENTS CREATE A FILM Please Vote For Us!

We have been extremely busy in the Unit, this term as part of our SACE assessment we have created a film for the Focus on Ability competition. When asked to focus on our strengths, we talked about our individualised courses on Thursday, aimed at exploring our knowledge base in employment options after school.

All of the students worked hard to create this film and we would love if you could find some time in your day to watch our video and vote for us. Just head over to the focus on ability website <http://www.focusonability.com.au/> to find our video in the 2018 school entries and vote for us!

Emma Hall
Unit Teacher

#focusonability

Remember to vote for your favourite film
June 20 - July 3, 2018

2018
FOCUS ON ABILITY
SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

10TH ANNIVERSARY

NOVA
EMPLOYMENT

www.FOCUSONABILITY.COM.AU

Para Hills High School
Disability Unit

Working towards our future
Australian School Entrant
Official Selection - Documentary

CASUAL DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

Casual Day on Friday was a huge success! Thanks to everyone, we raised over \$612.25 from gold coin donations and the sausage sizzle. All funds raised have been passed on to the Salvation Army to support young people locally who are experiencing homelessness. Thank you to all who got involved on Friday and donated to a great local cause. Well done to my Year 11 Peer Support class who organised this event.

Tina Beer

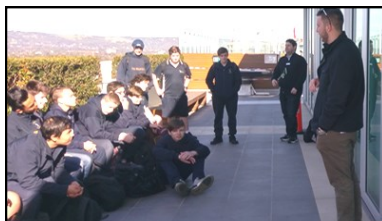
EALD / English / Peer Support Teacher



YEAR 9

ENTERPRISE @ WORK PROGRAM

During week 8 of this term year 9 students participated in a 3-day program exploring enterprise skills, workplace safety, entrepreneurship and careers in STEM.



Students learnt about the skill set required to successfully navigate their future career pathways and practiced the skills through team challenges and brain teasers. They also met four guest speakers who shared their very different career journeys and how their enterprising skills and mindset has helped them get to where they are today. Students were also introduced to the concept of entrepreneurship and investigated some of the vast number of careers that are linked to STEM.

On the Friday, the students jumped onto one of four buses and headed out on a field trip to explore careers in one of four streams of Health, Science, Manufacturing and Engineering and Digital Technology/VFX. Students visited organisations such as SAHMRI, Rising Sun Pictures, Pirate Life Brewing and Axiom Manufacturing.



Sally Stewart with Nikita Sardesai from Shoal Engineering, Renee Platt from Platinum Body, Kerryn Page from Quisk Design and Samone Ware from #LikeaBoss Education.

SALVATION ARMY THANKS PARA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

The Salvation Army Ingle Farm Youth Homelessness Program wants to say a great BIG THANK YOU to the Peer Support class for all their support and willingness to help educate and raise awareness about youth homelessness. By holding a Casual Day and BBQ, your school has raised funds which will dramatically help our program and the young people who access our service on a daily basis. We will be using this much needed money to purchase household goods for young people who are moving into accommodation after experiencing periods of homelessness. These items include basic essentials such as quilts, saucepan sets, cutlery, crockery, toasters, kettles plus much more. This all helps to making a house not just a roof but a home for these young people.

THANK YOU AGAIN for your amazing effort and we can't wait to keep partnering with you in the future.

Megan Casey

Youth Outreach Manager

The Salvation Army Ingle Farm

South Australia Division

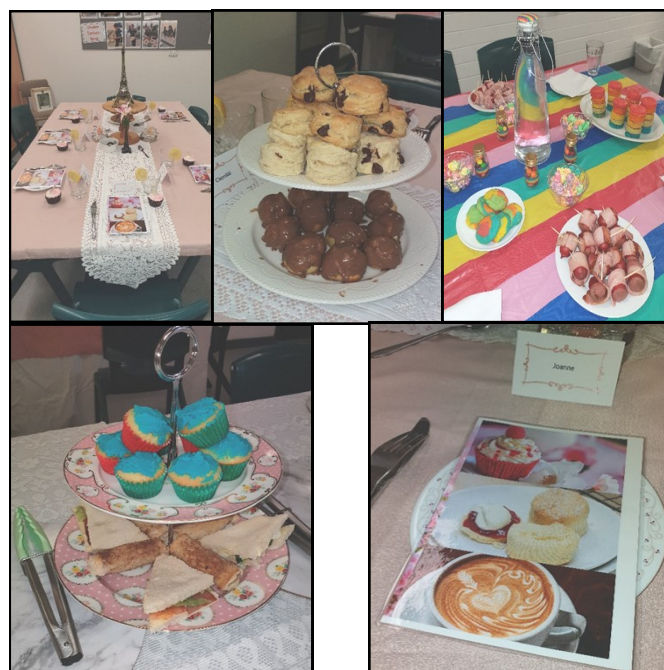
CATERING CONCEPTS

High Tea

Students from the Year 11 Catering Concepts class recently hosted their own High Tea for invited guests. After experiencing High Tea at the Stamford Grand at Glenelg, students set about planning their own menus following a theme which flowed through their table decorations, menu, invitation and food selected. Themes included Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Rainbow, Parisian and Mother's Day celebration. Guests were impressed by the flavours and presentation of the food.

Sally Hill

Head of Senior School and Vet



UNIT STUDENTS UNDERTAKE WORK EXPERIENCE AT BEDFORD INDUSTRIES

As part of their SACE course, a number of Year 11 and 12 students in the unit have been completing work experience every Thursday at Bedford Industries throughout Semester 1. The focus is on students gaining valuable work skills and gaining an insight into possible career pathways for when they leave school. They have been required to complete a number of jobs including packaging, polishing wine bottles, sorting laundry and labelling, whilst reporting to a supervisor and interacting with other workers at the company. All students have demonstrated excellent team work, time management and communication skills, and should be proud of how well they have represented Para Hills High School.



Nikki Alder
Unit Teacher

ICE FACTOR



Ice Factor is a program designed to engage students some of whom struggle to be motivated at school. It teaches them to be part of a team, grow leadership skills and social skills, as well as have fun and be physically active. The program, run at the Ice Arena, has 18 schools and over 250 students involved. Students train weekly, and once a term a tournament is held.

This term, Para Hills Outlawz played in Division 1 on Monday 25th June against Northern Adelaide Bears, Le Fevre Lightning, Hamilton Hornets, Bowden Brompton Purple Reign and Henley Beach Dingoes. During the opening ceremony Joshua and Samuel presented Andrew Hayes with a gift, for supporting the Ice Factor Program. They may have been nervous but they did a great job.

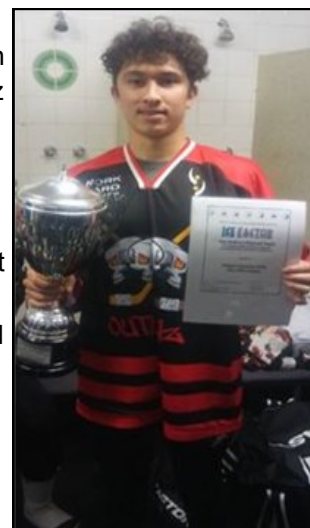
The day was full of excitement with the Outlawz coming second in a nail biting shoot-out with the Northern Adelaide Bears. Congratulations to the Bears. I would like to thank the Outlawz for playing well and never giving up. You all showed great resilience. Well done.

Congratulations Marqis and Brandon

Two Outlawz players received awards:

Marqis Astley-Cervantes received the Don Anderson Perpetual Trophy for showing excellent leadership qualities for an extended period of time both on and off the ice.

Brandon Gilbert received an Encouragement Award for Perseverance, Resilience and Dedication to his personal improvement.



Carrie-Ann Springett
Support Staff

THE ARTS AT PARA HILLS

MALE STUDENTS IN DANCE

To support the young male dancers at Para Hills High School, we ran a workshop with guest teacher Lewis Major. The 25 dancers had the opportunity to work with a professional dancer, participating in a contemporary dance technique class. The students really enjoyed the workshops and displayed some of their new skills at the Arts Showcase held on Tuesday 19 June at the Golden Grove Arts and Recreation Theatre.



STAGE FIGHTING WORKSHOP FOR YEARS 10, 11 AND 12 DRAMA STUDENTS

Arts For All – Stage Fighting Workshop

As part of the Arts for All Project, students participated in a stage fighting workshop with Nicole Allen who is a fight choreographer with theatre companies. Students learnt new skills in acting and by the end of the session had choreographed their own stage fighting combination.



Trudy Surman
Arts Coordinator

SHOWCASE 2018



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TERM 2 SPORTS SUMMARY

It has been another busy term for school sporting teams with a number of carnivals attended by our students. Whilst results for these teams have been mixed, our students always conducted themselves positively and with fair play during competition in line with our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Rigour.

Senior Boys' Basketball

Our boys were very competitive at this tournament. They are a unique group as they have developed and worked together for a number of years now. After losing their first minor round match, they went on to be undefeated for the rest of the round making the semi-final. This was a great match and they were in front until the final seconds when a three point buzzer beater meant that we lost the match. We went on to win the minor final to finish in 3rd place.



5-a-side Soccer

We had year 8 boys, year 9 boys and year 8/9 girls' teams compete in their relevant competitions across a 3 week period. Competition results were as follows:
Year 9 Boys – 2nd – Qualified for the state finals placing 6th. Year 8 Boys – 4th Place
Year 8/9 Girls – 4th Place.

All students demonstrated our school values when participating. These competitions were run at PHHS and we were complimented for the state of our ovals, which looked great considering all of the traffic experienced!

Aaron Struck
HPE Coordinator

YEAR 9 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

On the 21st June the year 9 boys played in the state 5 a-side football (soccer) championships. The boys enjoyed the experience of playing against the state's best football schools. The boys finished 6th on the day. They played with an excellent attitude and displayed the schools values respect, responsibility and rigour on and off the field. It was a pleasure to see the boys play as a team with a positive mindset and to see the outstanding skills that were on display. "I am proud of the boys' willingness to learn and the growth in their football and skill sets across this terms training sessions and match days".



Foti Massinis
Teacher

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