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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

□ Another busy term is almost finished and we have a number of outstanding achievements to report to our community.

It has been a wonderful term for our performing arts students, with Drama, Dance and Music showcasing their work. Our school band, Meet the Robinsons, came second in the Battle of the Bands with a fantastic performance that was streamed on our Facebook page on the night. Congratulations to Nicolas Fontanelli, Helena Madronio, Toby Harrision, Bryce Hillard and Brandon Schubert, and well done Mr. Roberts!

Our Ice Factor team came 4th in the ice hockey competition this term. They have done amazingly well and it is impressive how quickly and how well the team have picked up hockey skills in a relatively short time. A huge thank you to Ms. Semmens, their dedicated teacher, whose commitment and support have seen this group of students go from strength to strength.

A group of outstanding student leaders: Oscar Feddern, Abbey Hastings, Marachiel Colliver, Koby Partington and Aurora Bailey are currently busily working with a wonderful group of staff on changing the way we deliver learning experiences at Para Hills. Their project, aptly called 'Ignite', is aiming to engage Year 10s and 11s in a passion project that is predominantly student-led over the course of a semester. The plans to enact this are well underway and we will be reporting on their progress over the next term.

I was privileged to attend the Peace Rules Performing Arts Showcase on 19th September. Our wonderful dancers from years 10-12 enacted two wonderful performances entitled 'We Stand for Peace' and 'Red Dust Plain' and brought home the Excellence Award (and yes, it is the top one!), ahead of some of the most prestigious private and public schools in the state. They deserve our praise and thanks for their hard work and for being such great ambassadors for the school. So does Ms. Surman, whose relentless hard work has helped our students deliver such great performances. A huge thank you also goes

to Mr. Palmer, Ms. Roberts and Mr Hussein who supported the students on the day.

The Debating team have also done us proud, reaching the Grand Final. Well done so far to Billy Wu, Stephanie Iannace, Ada Gowling, Catherine Reiman and Hayley Travis. I hope you will join me in supporting them in the final on Thursday 24th October.

As you can see, amazing work by our staff and students this term. Have a wonderful holiday and, if you are in Year 11 or 12, also good luck – not long to go until the end of your SACE courses. We are all proud of what you have already achieved and look forward to great results in Term 4.

DIARY

14/10/19	Term 4 Begins
23/10/19	Governing Council Meeting
30/10/19	Yr 12 Farewell Assembly

WAXING LYRICAL SHAKESPEAREAN PERFORMANCES

FOR YEAR 10 AND 11 ENGLISH STUDENTS

Our Year 10 English students have been studying William Shakespeare's famous play *"Romeo and Juliet"*.

In week 3 of this term they were treated to a live performance of the play by the Waxing Lyrical Theatre Company, an Adelaide based group which formed in 2006. This theatre group performs in schools all over South Australia. They mainly perform Shakespearean plays.

Romeo and Juliet is arguably the most popular of all Shakespeare's plays – a universal tale of forbidden love and family rivalry.

In the same week Waxing Lyrical performed *Macbeth* for our Year 11 English students. *Macbeth* is a tragedy and dramatises the damaging physical and psychological effects of political ambition on those who seek power for its own sake.

Our Year 10 and 11 students were spellbound by the performances, which were humorous, energetic and riveting. The actors interacted with the audience and answered questions after the performance.

Not only was this very entertaining but also educational and relevant to their English work. The students themselves were extremely well behaved and engaged.

Overall a fantastic and rewarding experience for our Year 10s and 11s.

Jenny Fantinel

English/ Humanities Coordinator



YOUTH CULTURAL LEADERSHIP

GENERATION OF CHANGE

On Tuesday of week 2, 11 members of the Youth Cultural Leadership Committee attended the Generation of Change cultural awareness program run by the Act Now Theatre and Reconciliation SA. During the program, we were educated on the impact of racism and how to counteract it in different situations.

We also met Nathan, a young indigenous musician, who shared his personal experiences of racism. He channeled his anger into his passion for music, creating songs that told his story and not only empowered himself but empowered the public.

By the end of the day, we learnt how to recognise racism and how to seek help from people in our community.

Everyone deserves to be treated with equal respect, no matter your race, religion, or skin colour.

Report by Molina (Year 10)



THE ARTS

DANCE

Week 2 of term 3 has been an exciting week for many of our dance students. On Thursday we had the pleasure of hosting two dancers from the Sydney Dance Company Education team, for a two hour workshop. During this time students worked on developing their technique, learning choreography from the dancer's repertoire and also using critical and creative thinking to create their own movements through a composition task. Thursday night I attended a teachers' workshop that explored different ways of engaging students in dance. This was a valuable evening as it also allowed for discussions with other dance teachers around the state. Finally on Friday, 26 students attended Sydney Dance Company's performance at the Play House, Festival Centre. For all students this was their first experience viewing live dance, and it was not a disappointment. Students were given an insight into how the works were created, how the backstage crew operate and also had the chance to ask questions. The dancers were athletic, expressive and captivating to watch. Students came out of the show in awe, but also inspired by the possibilities for them in dance.

Trudy Surman

Arts Coordinator



DRAMA

The year 12 Para Hills High School senior Drama class presented 'Hotel Paradiso' on the 29th and 30th of August. The highly talented ensemble captivated the audience throughout the three Act performance with their sophisticated characterisation and comic timing. On behalf of the Drama department we would like to thank family, friends and staff that attended to support our Performing Arts students. Congratulations to the wonderfully talented year 12 Drama class of 2019.

Cleonikki Kefalas

Drama Teacher



SHOWCASE DAY IN THE UNIT

On Tuesday 3rd of September, we had the pleasure of hosting agencies that provided information to our families and students. Some agencies had games for everyone to play, like spinning the wheel and earning a prize. It was great to see our students engaging with services. As part of Showcase Day, we merchandised our students work that were bought by families and agencies, such as paintings, coasters, cheese boards, school-made cheese, and pot plants. We had a delicious sausage sizzle to fill our bellies and soft drinks to refresh ourselves.

Jemma Tonkin-Michell and Hope Pine
(Social Work Students) from the University of South Australia

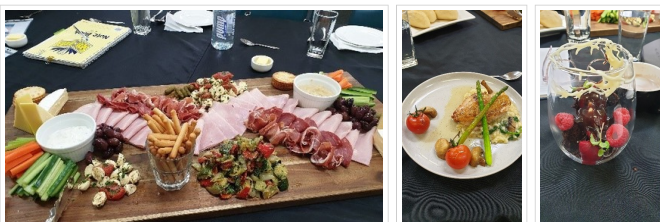


VET CERTIFICATE II (KITCHEN OPERATIONS)

STUDENTS IMPRESS

Each year NASSSA VET Leaders look forward to our term 3 meeting at Paralowie R-12 School because the Kitchen Operations students prepare lunch for us. This year was a feast for the eyes and our stomachs. We started with a grazing platter, followed by crispy skinned chicken served with mushroom risotto and for dessert we had chocolate brownie with raspberry coulis and chocolate sauce. The luncheon was an opportunity for Julia Triulcio, from Para Hills High School to demonstrate skills she has developed throughout the year. Thank you Julia, lunch was amazing!

Sally Stewart
Head of Senior School



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

It's hard to believe that 13 years of schooling is nearly complete for our Year 12 students. For many, it is a stressful time as they balance the demands of completing final assessments and prepare for exams with selecting their post school pathways.

While students continue to work hard to achieve their personal goals it is also a time to celebrate. Wednesday 30th October at 9am in the gym, we will hold the Year 12 Farewell Assembly.

Parents/caregivers are most welcome to join us as we farewell this year's group of graduating students. After this date there will be no formal lessons for our year 12s. However we expect many to be on site finishing work and preparing for exams.

Year 12 Exams will start on Monday 4th November and conclude on Friday 15th November. Exam timetables will be distributed to students early next term.

YEAR 12 SUPER STUDY SESSIONS

As they do every school holidays, our Teachers support our year 12s with school holidays study sessions. These holidays' program is below.

Week1:

Day:	Subject:	Teacher:	Time:
Monday	Scientific Studies	Swanson	10am-2pm
Tuesday	Art/Design/Creative Arts	Schutt	9.30am-2pm
	English	Brindal	10am-2.30pm
	Research Program	Brindal	10am-2.30pm
Wednesday	Art/Design/Creative Arts	Schutt	9.30am-2.00pm
Thursday			
Friday			

Week2:

Day:	Subject:	Teacher:	Time:
Monday			
Tuesday	Drama	Kefalas	10am-2.00pm
Wednesday			
Thursday	Drama	Kefalas	10am-2.00pm
Friday			

We are also financially supporting a small group of year 12 students to attend intensive revision sessions hosted by Adelaide Education Centre during the holidays.

Next term is a busy time for not only Year 12 students but our Year 10 and 11 students as they prepare to transition through SACE. Step into SACE days are designed to prepare our senior students for subjects they will be studying in 2020. With an extended break over summer, it's an ideal time for them to do some advance preparation for a successful start to next year.

Year 11s will be preparing for SACE on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th November.

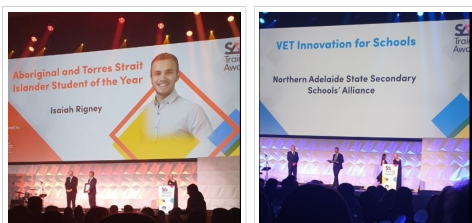
The Year 10s will be preparing for their SACE on Thursday 15th December.

DRIVING LESSONS AND 'GET YOUR LEARNERS' DAY

We are currently supporting a group of students to gain their probationary driver's license by providing subsidised driving lessons. Especially for those wishing to go into a trade, having a license is critical but sometimes there are barriers to achieving that. In November we will host TAFESA as they deliver 'Get your Learner's' training. Throughout the day students will learn about and understand the road rules. At the end of the day they will sit the assessment. Successful students can then go to Services SA to get their license.

SA TRAINING AWARDS

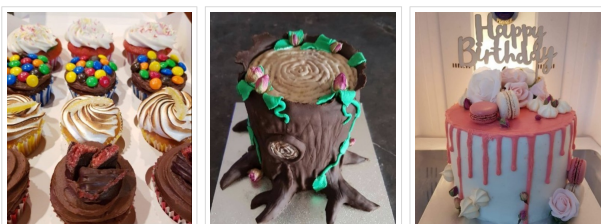
On Friday 6th September I was fortunate to attend the SA Training Awards as part of the NASSSSA alliance who was nominated for the *VET Innovation for Schools* award and also to support *Isaiah Rigney* who was nominated for *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year* award. While we didn't win, it was such an honour to be nominated and to attend such a prestigious event.



SPOTLIGHT ON VET STUDENT

Year 11 student, Courtney Sampson has always had a passion for cooking and cake decorating. This year she has been completing a Certificate II in Food Processing (Bakery focus) at Playford International College. As her skills and confidence have grown she has launched her business 'Sampson Cakes' creating delicious cupcakes and special occasion cakes.

Sally Stewart
Head of Senior School



HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR YEAR 9 CAMP

Earlier this term a group of 60 year 9 students, along with some generous staff members, (Ms. Surman, Ms. Cassar, Ms. Aardenburg, Mr. Rotolo, Mr. McGlade and Ms Fay) enjoyed a 3 day Outdoor Adventure Camp at Mylor.

We had sunny days and cold nights, working in groups to conquer some challenging feats. The weather was perfect for the Aquatics activities – Canoeing in the river, and Bridge-Building across a different stretch of the river. A highlight was watching Nao, Charlotte and Sami lead their group to safety to the other side. Their team members had to trust the strength of the bridge they built!

Many faced their fears in taking the 200m Flying Fox to the ground – with all members of the green and orange groups encouraging each other to be brave.

The Crate Stacking at the High Ropes course also proved a challenge for those uncomfortable with heights. Emily, Simon and Savannah lead their groups, with Matthew and Mohammad topping theirs. The bravest however was Anita with a very supportive team around her, climbing on top of 17 crates! (In a harness of course!)

Other activities included the Low Ropes, Raft Making in the Indoor Heated Pool and Archery.

The Night Hike and Campfire provided time for conversation, with our Chaplain Nick and EALD SSO Fida, joining the team of leaders.

It was a pleasure to take our young people away on camp. We appreciate that families make sacrifices to allow them to attend.

We hope that the fun memories and friendships made up at Mylor will stay with them for a long time.

Thank you to all staff for your support!

Leonie Roberts
Student Wellbeing leader



JAPANESE

In Japanese class some students decided to do their research task on Japanese cherry blossoms. As a result, we have started to make our own Cherry Blossom tree in the Japanese classroom. We have seen the Cherry Blossom trees bloom around the school and welcome Spring.

Cherry Blossoms

Known as "sakura" in Japanese, these pale blooms are a symbol of more than just spring – they stand for renewal and hope. The Cherry Blossom has a spiky feature at the end of each petal and has an oval-shaped feature.



Cherry Blossoms - Sakura - さくら
Flower viewing - Hanami - はなみ

Flower viewing is a very popular activity in Japan, spring is a time of unique excitement throughout the country. Hanami (cherry blossom viewing) is a Japanese custom whereby the most popular thing to do is have a picnic in the park under the Cherry Blossom trees.



Most varieties produce light pink to white blossoms, but there are also cherry trees with dark pink, yellow or green blossoms. Furthermore, the colour of some varieties' cherry blossoms may change while they are in bloom. In fact, Japan is home to over 200 varieties of sakura, including wild and cultivated types.

Josie Jones
Yr 8 Student

Candice Ferguson
Japanese Teacher

PARA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM 4, 2019									
Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4		Week 5	
14-Oct-19		21-Oct-19		28-Oct-19		04-Nov-19		11-Nov-19	
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Staff Yr Level Meeting		Learning Area Meeting Yr 10 Boys T20 Yr 9 & 10 Yr 8 & 9		Yr 9 & 10 - Art Yr 10 Boys T20 Yr 9 & 10 Yr 8 & 9		Yr 9 & 10 - Level Meeting Yr 10 Boys T20 Yr 9 & 10 Yr 8 & 9		Yr 10 Boys T20 Yr 9 & 10 Yr 8 & 9	
15-Oct-19		22-Oct-19		29-Oct-19		05-Nov-19		12-Nov-19	
Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
Life Education Yr 9 & 10		Yr 9 Science Yr 10 Science		HSC VHS Meeting 2020 SWS Specialist Math		Yr 11 Exams Yr 10 Exams Yr 9 Exams Yr 8 Exams		Yr 11 Exams Yr 10 Exams Yr 9 Exams Yr 8 Exams	
16-Oct-19		23-Oct-19		30-Oct-19		06-Nov-19		13-Nov-19	
Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
Student Services Governing Council Yr 9 Education Yr 10 Education		Year 12 Festival Yr 11 & 10 Yr 9 & 8 Yr 7 & 6		Student Services Yr 9 & 10 Yr 8 & 7 Yr 6 & 5		Yr 10 & 11 Education Yr 9 & 10 Yr 8 & 7 Yr 6 & 5		Yr 11 & 10 Yr 9 & 8 Yr 7 & 6 Yr 6 & 5	
17-Oct-19		24-Oct-19		31-Oct-19		07-Nov-19		14-Nov-19	
Yr 9 & 10 Boys Tag Yr 10 & 11 Yr 9 & 10		Yr 10 & 11 Boys Tag Yr 11 & 12 Yr 10 & 11		Yr 11 & 12 Boys Tag Yr 12 & 13 Yr 11 & 12		Yr 12 & 13 Boys Tag Yr 13 & 14 Yr 12 & 13		Yr 13 & 14 Boys Tag Yr 14 & 15 Yr 13 & 14	
18-Oct-19		25-Oct-19		01-Nov-19		08-Nov-19		15-Nov-19	
Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	
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NASSSA

TOGETHER FOR QUALITY EDUCATION, QUALITY FUTURES

You are cordially invited to the

2019 NASSSA Debating GRAND FINAL

Thursday, 24 October 2019
Week 2, Term 4
5:30pm to 8pm
Salisbury High School, Performing Arts Centre

A BBQ dinner will kick off the night from 5:30pm before you are entertained by two fun debates and guest speakers. Our main event will start at 7pm as teams from Paralowie School debate the topic "that the Australian government should abolish penalty rates."

Please RSVP to Alana Atwood at 8182 7222 or alana.atwood418@schools.sa.edu.au with attendance and dietary requirements.