Congratulations to the Year 12 Drama class and Ms Kefalas for their stunning performances of Shakespeare’s comedy titled, A Midsummer’s Night Dream. I am sure that Shakespeare would have enjoyed this production immensely and would have laughed along with the audience at the antics of the characters.

This term, our students have been involved in even more than usual university and community based programs. One of the new programs students have taken part in is called the Happiness Cycle Program. This resulted in 29 Year 9 students completing workshops on bicycle maintenance and road safety and being presented with a new bike, helmet, security lock and lights. Read more about this in the newsletter.

Other students have participated in out of school activities that support their learning and well-being, such as:

- A state-wide student forum on the future of nuclear fuel in SA
- Screen-printing workshops with a professional artist
- Mentoring programs through the Australian Indigenous Mentoring experience at UniSA
- Visiting Flinders University on their Open Day
- A Disability Unit excursion to the Royal Adelaide Show.
- Science workshops at the University of Adelaide
- Boys’ basketball, girls’ football, boys’ and girls’ soccer competitions

Well done to our Year 9 students whose NAPLAN results have just arrived. The mean scores for reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy were considerably higher than last year and all were in Band 7 level.

Parents of Year 9 students will get their son or daughters’ report on Course Counselling Day or by post. Recently our school was involved in the NAPLAN online trial. The trial went smoothly and our Year 9 students said that they enjoyed doing the NAPLAN assessments using computers.

Finally, a brief update on our STEMWorks upgrade: we had our first meeting with the architects and project manager this week. Initial plans will be drawn up within the next 6 weeks, so it’s an exciting time! Looking forward to seeing you on Tuesday 6 September for Course Counselling Day.
DEADLINE POLICY

Recently our Deadline policy was reviewed and some changes made.
In summary, completion of all assessment tasks is important. If a task is incomplete or recorded as a non-submission, the impact on a student's final grade may be significant. Final deadlines for assessment tasks are communicated to students and recorded in the Student Planner. If for whatever reason, a student believes they are not going to be able to complete an assessment task by the deadline, they can negotiate an extension with their subject teacher. This needs to be done at least 24 hours before the original deadline.
If a student fails to negotiate an extension then the student will automatically be allocated up to 3 after school Home-work Club sessions to work on the assessment task to ensure it is completed. A new due date is confirmed and families will be informed of arrangements either by phone and/or email. Once the task is completed and submitted by the new due date, it will be assessed and marks will contribute to overall subject grade.
If a student fails to attend homework club and/or submit the assessment task by the new due date then a zero grade will be recorded for that task. A phone call and/or email will inform families of the zero grade given.
The updated deadline policy has been distributed to students and discussed. A flow diagram outlining the process has been published and displayed in classrooms. The updated policy will be published in the 2017 Student Planner.
The policy has been developed to help young people take responsibility for their learning while providing them with every opportunity to complete tasks and be successful.

GHANAIAN TROUPE, SALAKA VISIT

At the end of last term, all Year 8 students along with Year 9-12 Dance and Music students were treated to a workshop with touring Ghanaian troupe, Salaka. Salaka performed for the students, sharing the importance of drumming, singing and dancing in Ghanaian culture. They then led an interactive workshop on dance and drumming with our students. This was part of an ongoing Better Schools Funding project led by the Music and Dance teams to create a West African Drum and Dance performance. The next instalment will be a Dance workshop with Ghanaian Musician/Dancer Bortier Okoe.

DEADLINE POLICY

Assessment Task handed out and due date set.

Teacher informs you to complete the task by the due date.

You then begin working on the task, displaying your best efforts.

You hand in the task at least 24 hours before the due date.

Teacher reviews your task to check it meets the criteria and the deadline.

You meet your teacher to review your progress and negotiate a new deadline. You hand in your task to the teacher before the new deadline.

You hand in your task with any extension to the teacher before the new deadline.

Your named teacher signs off on your extension.

You meet your teacher after school to hand in your task and show your progress.

You have completed the assessment task and do not submit it by the agreed due date.

You have worked hard and used your best efforts, but your task is not complete.

You go to the teacher after school, hand in your completed task and discuss the process.

Teacher checks your work and gives you feedback.

Your task goes towards final grade.

Sally Stewart
Senior Leader

SCHOOL PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

Are you a member of the Para Hills High School Facebook page? If not, simply search and make a friend request. This page is the quickest and easiest way to stay informed about news, events and happenings at our school.

Daniel Roberts
Arts Coordinator
School Promotions
PARA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN GIRLS AFL TEAM

Congratulations to the Open girls’ AFL team who finished 2nd in the recent North East Vista zone carnival. The girls started strongly with easy wins against Roma Mitchell and Valley View which were followed by a tougher game against Modbury. The girls displayed excellent team work and determination to get the ball down to the goal kickers. Nikki Thompson and Shyanne Giammona were the lead goal kickers of the day. We came up against Banksia Park in the Grand Final and unfortunately lost by 14 points. The girls didn’t give up all game and even stopped a goal in the last few seconds of the game. A highlight for the girls was being recruited for the MacDonald’s SANFL talent search competition by one of the North Adelaide women who came to do the presentations.

Congratulations!

Lauren Semmens
Yr 12 Manager
PE teacher
YEAR 12 FORMAL HELD 29 JULY
Our Year 9 students were extremely fortunate to be invited along to The Happiness Cycle program in Week 5. We took 29 students along for the day to learn about bicycle maintenance and riding safety.

The students heard from Olympian Sam Willoughby who spoke about the importance of living an active and healthy lifestyle. We then went down into the centre of the velodrome and students had to build their bikes; attaching seats and peddles before pumping their tyres to the correct pressure.

All students were fitted with a helmet and given a bike lock and safety lights as well. We then went out and had an hour riding around on the obstacle course, or joining in with the stationary RPM mini sessions. It was fantastic seeing the students challenge themselves on the ramps and seesaw obstacles. Keyah even learnt to ride a bike in 45 minutes! There were a few tumbles but the students quickly got up and kept riding. The best part of the day was that they all got to take home their bikes for FREE! Thanks to The Happiness Cycle for inviting us along!

Lauren Semmens
Yr 12 Manager, PE Teacher

Three year 11 students Someyah Mizaraei, Kelsey Lynch and Jordan Taylour, have been participating in a Venture Dorm NASSSA program run by Flinders University's New Venture Institute. This program teaches students a business canvas model for starting up a business with a new idea or product.

On Tuesday 27th September from 6.45—9.00pm at the Mawson Centre, Mawson Lakes our students will be pitching their product idea at their graduation and we invite all Para Hills High School students, parents and community members to come along to this free event and support our students.


Laura White
Art/Design Teacher
YEAR 11 AND 12 DRAMA PERFORMANCE

The year 11 and 12 Drama class presented Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream' on the 18th and 19th of August. The production took a huge amount of dedication and effort from the students in order to produce a challenging piece of theatre. The production was a wonderful success and achievement for both year levels, in particular the year 12 students who were being assessed for 30% of their external grade. On behalf of the senior Drama class we would like to thank the P.E department for allowing us to borrow their space every year, all staff, family and friends for showing their ongoing support. Congratulations to the year 11 and 12 Drama class of 2016.

Cleonikki Kefalas
Drama Teacher

RAP AT PARA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Our Year 11 students recently participated in Road Accident Prevention Seminar. The program is run by the Metropolitan Fire Service, and gives students a view of road crashes from the perspective of the people who rescue people from car wrecks. The seminar included a harrowing recollection of a real accident.
A young 18 year old woman named Tyele went out for Subway; a bird flew through the window, she crashed and became a quadraplegic. Her narration was a factual recollection of what happened and the consequences she has lived with ever since. The Year 11's took the messages seriously and hopefully it will help them make good decisions when they are passengers or divers.

Rhett Swanson
Science Coordinator
Yr 11 Manager

NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE

Elizabeth Cooper and Lilly Pirone – Birch were nominated to attend a Student Forum at Adelaide Oval on the 30th of August to discuss the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission Report. About 240 students and 60 teachers received personal invitations from the Premier, the Honourable Jay Weatherill.

The purpose of the Student Forum was to facilitate a discussion where students examined the recommendations from the Citizens' Jury outlining the key points contained in the Nuclear Fuel Cycle Report; in particular, the recommendation to develop a high-level geological waste storage and disposal facility in South Australia. During the Forum, Lilly and Elizabeth had the opportunity to hear presentations, discuss their thinking and their views with others and design ways to educate their peers at Para Hills High School.

They both benefited greatly from this Forum and it gave them the opportunity to be leaders, network with their peers from across the state, and have their voices heard by the Premier of South Australia.

Nancy Thumm Xavier
Maths / Science Teacher
**$20 BOSS CHALLENGE**

Year 11 Workplace Practices class is participating in the $20Boss Challenge. With $20 per student as start-up money they work together to create a business, run it for a month and at the end of the month pay the bank back the initial $20 and donate all profit raised to charity. Nationally there are prizes for schools in each state for 3 categories so we are working hard to win prize money of $1000. The class have established ‘Feel Good Cookies’- *feel good giving, feel good receiving*. The students are making cookies that are hand delivered with a personalised message from the sender. Order forms are collected on Tuesdays and delivered on Thursdays or Fridays. If you would like to place an order, forms are available from the front office or for bulk orders contact Sally Stewart on 82585466.

*Sally Stewart  
Senior Leader, Vet Coordinator*

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**Community Corner**

**THE PARA HILLS COMMUNITY CLUB INC**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday 27 September 2016 at 7:00pm  
In the Club Function Room

Any member desirous of having any business raised at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), that requires a motion, must give notice in writing to the Secretary not less than fourteen (14) days before the date of the meeting*. Therefore the Secretary MUST RECEIVE any such notice no later than 7.00pm on 13 September 2016.

- Please note the Function Room will be an alcohol free zone for the duration of the AGM.

**Committee Vacancies**

Nominations are now open for the following Committee position:

- VICE PRESIDENT—Term 2 years  
- Secretary—Term 2 years  
- MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY—Term 2 years

David Macdonald  
Club Secretary  
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**Free workshop for parents & carers of young people on the autism spectrum!**

Golden Grove: 2 & 3 November  
Register your place:

Positivepartnerships.com.au

**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 communication methods with families.