Dear Parents/Caregivers, Staff and Students

I’d firstly like to wish Tony Lunniss well on his travels overseas this term, as he takes a well-deserved break. I have the honour of being Principal during this period and look forward to leading the school together with a strong leadership team. Congratulations to the following staff: Caroline Fishpool who has won the role of Deputy Principal; Rhoni McFarlane, Senior Leader Year 8; Ashleigh Golding, Unit Coordinator. I’d also like to welcome Ashleigh Bickerton who will be teaching in Society and Environment.

There have been a number of events and activities last term that I would like to share with you:

- Week 9 of last term saw the Official Opening of the Learning Hub and Learner Wellbeing Centre. The key purpose of both facilities is improving the wellbeing & learning of our students. Our school priorities are clearly focused on “Learning for Life”. We are very excited about the opening of both areas which help us on reflecting, reinforcing and strengthening our Core Purpose around Student Learning and Student Wellbeing.

The Learner Wellbeing Centre will provide students and their families with access to a range of health professionals and services, targeting the needs of adolescents. The centre is based on our strong belief in the direct link between Wellbeing and Learning.

The Learning Hub has been designed to provide a space that promotes and encourages creativity, passion, curiosity and inquiry for both staff and students. It provides access to emerging technologies led by a team of dedicated teachers.

The opening was a huge success with the highlights being many and varied. Our School Captains, Melissa and Addison spoke exceptionally well and impressed our guests. They informally welcomed our guests at the door together with the School Vice Captains Ben and Cara. Talia yet again excelled in singing the National Anthem. Our student photographers were brilliant on the night as were the students from “Student Voice’ who ushered our guests to the venue. With Kadri Auvaart’s support, the VET Music Industry students performed exceptionally well as did the students from VET Hospitality under the guidance of Scott Hore. We were fortunate in being able not only to highlight our new spaces but also our exceptional students and their many talents. The speakers all spoke passionately about both the Learning Hub and The Learner Wellbeing Centre.
The Smith Family hosted a very successful conference on the 27th March to our year 10 Personal Learning Plan students. Six speakers talked to the students about their personal journeys and gave some insight into a range of career pathways. The focus of the program was to inspire students to follow their dream. The conference speakers included representatives from SAPOL, Katrine Hildyard, MP Member for Reynell and CEO of Together SA, Trade representative Shane King, Joanna Giannes, HR Executive and John Cullen from Cullen Real Estate.

Week 10 saw our Open Night occur. This was another successful night led by our Senior Leader Caroline Fishpool. Along with family, school plays an important part in children’s development, and we are very aware of how important it is for us to work with parents and to have a strong partnership with families during these years. We work hard to cater for the needs of all students and provide opportunities & support for students to reach their full potential in a wide range of areas.

I would like to thank the staff and many students who supported and promoted our school on the night in a range of capacities. Parents from the Governing Council were also a great support on the night with the barbeque and their warm welcome of all our guests. We hope all who came enjoyed their evening at Wirreanda Secondary School and look forward to them becoming part of our school community in the future.

Parent Teacher Night occurred on Thursday of Week 11 and was again a wonderful success, with most parents taking the time to discuss the progress of their sons/daughters.

During the School Holidays:
- On Monday 14 April, the Chief Executive, Tony Harrison, addressed new DECD staff as part of the In the Room with the Executive session at the Department’s ConnectEd event. Students from Wirreanda Secondary School’s WAVE Program performed during the lunch break and a DECD TV Webisode has been developed around this initiative. Well done to the students and staff concerned.
- On Wednesday 23rd of April our School Captains, Melissa and Addison were special guests at a reception for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in Adelaide’s north.
- On Thursday evening, the 24th of April our School Vice Captains Cara and Ben represented our school community at the ANZAC vigil.

This term we held a whole school assembly in Week 2 to celebrate the efforts of our students during Term 1. Effort Awards were presented to students in all year levels who had displayed the required commitment in a number of their subjects to achieve their personal best.

At the assembly we held a minute silence to acknowledge Mr. Ken Douglas, a former teacher who passed away during the holidays. Our thoughts are with his family during this difficult time.

During this term we have quite a lot happening, including:
- **Week 3**: Year 10 Work Experience for students studying PLP this semester
  Year 9 NAPLAN
- **Week 4**: SSC Trial Days
- **Week 6**: PLP Roundtables
- **Week 7**: Year 11 & 12 Exams
- **Week 8**: Year 10 Exams
  Year 11 Work Experience
  End of Semester
- **Week 9**: Staff Conference – Restorative Practices (Monday 23rd June)

It will prove not only a busy term, but one of excitement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for both your interest in and your support for the school. We look forward to our continuing partnership.

Kind regards

Zoe Christopher
Principal

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TERM 2 EXAMS, YEARS 10-12
Tim Byers-Thomas, Senior Leader
Exams are an integral part of the Senior School and in post-compulsory schooling such as TAFE and University. By undertaking the exams, students will be given the opportunity to organise their time, revise and then sit for the exam in a formal setting. Year 11 and 12 Exams will occur from 11 -13 June and the Year 10 Exams will occur in the week of 16 -20 June.

Teachers are in the process of talking to the students about study habits and expectations during the exams. Most subjects will have their exam or practical during one of their double periods, although PLP teachers are making appointments for interviews during their lessons, prior to the Exam Week.

Students only need to attend school at the time of their exams. They should ensure that they arrive 10 minutes prior to the exam so they are relaxed - thus giving themselves the best possible chance of doing well. Uniform is compulsory.

If a student is ill on the day of an exam, parents/caregivers are asked to inform the school. This will enable the teacher to set another time for that student to undertake the exam.

If you have any questions concerning the Exams, please do not hesitate to contact me on: 8329 7200.

NEW SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER
Families please note that the school now has a new general phone number. You will also be able to select which area of the school you need.
The new number is: 8329 7200
The selections are as follows:
1. Student Absentees
2. Front Office
3. Student Learner Wellbeing Reception
4. Finance and Uniform
5. The Principal’s Secretary
6. The WAVE Program

STUDENT ABSENCES
Parents can report a student absence in one of two ways; either by calling 8329 7242 or by an SMS to 0427 016 253. Parents and caregivers are asked to give the child’s name, home group and reason for the absence.
Thank you for your assistance.

KOISHIKAWA HOMESTAY FAMILIES
2014
Sue Bogumil
International Student Programs Manager
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Each family is paid an amount to help with costs. We will be holding an information evening early in term 2. Please contact me on 8329 7220 or at Sue.Bogumil831@schools.sa.edu.au for further information.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS ATTEND ROYAL RECEPTION
Melissa, School Captain
On the 23rd April, Addison and I had the honour of attending the Playford Civic Centre, Elizabeth, to meet their Royal Highness, the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, William and Kate. They were late to arrive due to flight delays, but we were tended to with nibbles and drinks till their arrival. Will and Kate travelled around to mingle with little groups. It was not long before Will reached Addison and I, we were waiting with a group of other high school students. He went around and addressed each of us with a hand shake. Will briefly asked what we planned to do when we finished school and asked about gap years in Australia. It was an amazing experience which was a once in a lifetime opportunity. We waited patiently as the royals moved around the room in hope of meeting Kate. Unfortunately the time was cut short and we were unable to make her acquaintance. The royals had one more conversation with the two girls that were playing violins in the background whilst they were meeting and greeting. It was an excellent day and we greatly appreciated this opportunity.
GALA PRESENTATION
Brandon 11B

During May 2013, all Year 10 students were required to complete a week of work experience in order to pass their Personal Learning Plan (PLP) studies. This was an opportunity to contact and obtain experience in a chosen industry which may be entered as a future career. Unlike most, I knew exactly where I wanted to go and, to be successful in securing a placement, I needed to give plenty of notice and show a lot of interest. When advised of my work experience dates, I contacted Adelaide Airport, as I hoped to get work experience there to see how an airport runs and also know what exactly I want to do as a future career. I didn’t expect to be successful as they only offer a maximum of 10 placements annually. Much to my surprise I was successful. Now a year has passed, looking back at this amazing week makes me believe it was one of the best weeks of my life.

Originally, I organised this week to (a) pass my PLP studies and (b) gain knowledge in the Aviation Industry; but this great week did not just end there, it got even better. Again, I was surprised with what happened next, my subject teacher for PLP, Ms Roberts, recognised the effort, energy and integrity I put in to achieving this week and entered me into the Channel 9 Young Achiever Awards, under the category of Australian Super Career Kickstart.

On the 29 March, we attended a presentation which was held at the Hilton Adelaide to present all nominees, semi-finalists and winners with their awards. I was presented as a semi-finalist on stage by the CEO of Channel 9 Adelaide, Sean O’Brien, and the Channel 9 News presenter, Brenton Ragless. I met both of these people and got to speak personally to Brenton Ragless and his wife, finding out that his wife actually works at Adelaide Airport. This was an incredible night. It was fantastic to know and see how much the other finalists in South Australia had achieved.

Opportunities like my work experience and receiving my award at this presentation are life-changing and I encourage everyone regardless of your age, to take the opportunities that arise around you, because whether you get recognised for them or not, they will pay off. I look forward to my next placement at Adelaide Airport in June this year.

DENTAL OUTREACH SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Dental Outreach is an initiative which provides dental treatment and related services to access constrained individuals across South Australia. In partnership with its sister program Grow Up Smiling (which provides dental outreach services to school aged children aged 4 – 17 years) the aim is to improve oral health across SA.

According to the most recent and comprehensive dental health survey of children and teenagers [1):

- Teenage children have been identified as being at increased risk of dental disease.
- 40-57% of 12–15 year old teenagers had some history of decay in their permanent teeth.
- On average 12 year old children had slightly more than one decayed, missing and filled permanent tooth per child, while 15 year old children had two decayed, missing and filled permanent teeth on average.

Dental Outreach services may be available in the Wirreanda Learner Wellbeing Centre, Dental Outreach will provide an initial examination and in most instances treatment for all students at no charge. In addition to comprehensive dental treatment, Dental outreach also provides educational seminars for staff, students and families on oral health.

Please contact Sue Bogumil, Community Liaison Officer, at Sue.Bogumil831@schools.southaustralia.sa.gov.au or phone 8329 7220 if feel your child would use this service at Wirreanda Secondary School.

“NAVIGATING YOUR STUDENT THROUGH WIRREANDA AND BEYOND”
Kadri Auvaart,
Counsellor/Community Connections

There will be a parent information evening in the Learning Hub on Wednesday 11th June 7pm. Staff from the Prospective Students Office and the Careers and Employer Liaison Centre of Flinders University will cover;

- Career Planning Resources
- Emerging Occupations
- Employers Expectations
- Tips on Social Media
- University Pathways
- SATAC processes / Upcoming dates
- TAFE / VET Options
- New Courses in 2015

This information is intended for years 10 – 12; however, all parents/caregivers are welcome. Please call Kadri Auvaart on 8329 7217 for any further enquiries. This is a valuable and informative session. Try not to miss it!
APPRENTICESHIP BROKER

Hi, my name is Jarrid Turner.
I have recently accepted the role as Apprenticeship Broker for the Southern Adelaide and Fleurieu Peninsula and will soon be working at Wirreanda Secondary School, meeting with secondary students who are interested in taking part in School Based Apprenticeships or Traineeships.

School Based Apprenticeships or Traineeships allow students to achieve their SACE while beginning a Vocational Pathway and gain a qualification while still at school.

Previously I have worked for 8 years in Employment Services, facilitating people with disabilities into employment, including apprenticeships. I am really looking forward to using my skills and knowledge to assist students to make appropriate and informed choices to achieve positive career outcomes, for each individual.

I invite parents and students to contact me via phone, email or school booking system, C/- Anne McKinlay (VET Coordinator), to discuss Apprenticeship or Traineeship options.

My contact details are:
Email: jarrid.turner@sa.gov.au
Phone: 0400275395

ARTISTS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE - EXCURSION

On the 1st of May, 20 students were invited by the Graham F Smith Peace Foundation to attend the Adelaide Festival Centre for an exclusive Visual Arts workshop.

Students were taken on a short tour of the Festival Centre by Coby Edgar, including a quick look back stage at rehearsal rooms. They also discussed several artworks on display for the "Artists Make The Difference exhibition: Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Peace Foundation".

Our students helped to raise this awareness by creating a new artwork on behalf of the school for the exhibition. With the assistance of resident artist Marge Easson, students focused on choosing Peace related words to send a positive message, with an aesthetic reference to the Sixties' Peace Movement. Overall the Wirreanda Secondary School community has been highly represented through this collaboration. Our students did such a wonderful job creating this work (as pictured) and proudly represented our school.

The exhibition runs until the 1st of June. I encourage everyone to head to the Adelaide Festival Centre (Festival Theatre Foyer) to view this free exhibition - and our school's artwork!

A big thank you to Tash Thornton, for organising the opportunity for our students, and to Jamie Maniero and Alison Buse for encouraging The Arts and supporting the students' creative efforts.

THE REFUGEE EXPERIENCE – YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY

Brett Whittaker & Melissa Mulholland
On Tuesday 28 April, two classes of Year 10 Geography students were transported from their usual school day to a strange world. They found themselves as citizens of a developing country with a colonial past, as a part of the ethnic minority during a violent military coup. Taking their few possessions they were forced to flee and undertake a long journey to safety in Australia.

This activity ran during one double lesson and aimed at making the experiences of refugees more real to the students involved. At each stage they made decisions that would help or hinder their journey. We can only hope to express a small fraction of the emotions that refugees go through, but students have been responding to their journey through creative responses.
My Big Idea - Year 8 Pastoral Care Inquiry Project - Learning Hub Team
This term the Learning Hub Team has introduced an inquiry project with students in three of our Year 8 home groups. The project allows students to choose a question based on something they are passionate about learning either individually or collaboratively and share their knowledge and skills at the end of the term. After our first session students were already planning, discussing and questioning. Amazing ideas and projects were well underway - including opportunities for building, designing and discovering. For more information and to follow our progress visit our blog at www.learninghubwss.wordpress.com

COURSE COUNSELLING FOR 2015
Kadri Auvaart, Counsellor/ Community Connections
This is advance notice of Course Selection process for 2015 which begins this term. Faculty Leaders have begun by speaking with teachers regarding subject pathways and career opportunities which link to their subject areas. There are two major careers expo’s coming shortly. Year 11 students will be attending Wayville Showgrounds for Adelaide Careers & Employment Expo on Friday 16 May. There is also a Tertiary Studies & Careers Expo at Adelaide Convention Centre on Sunday 25 May from 10am – 4pm and Monday 26 May from 9.30am – 1.30pm. Both are free events and suitable for young people and adults. Further information is available at www.careersevent.com
Flinders University are once again offering an Enrichment Program Day on Thursday 19 June for Year 10 – 12 students. This is an opportunity for them to experience what it is like to be on a University Campus. Students also are able to attend information sessions in their area of interest on the day. There will be 40 places available.
Our Course Counselling Day is on Thursday 14 August 1 – 8pm. There will be no school on that day. Students and parent/guardian will need to make an interview time with the Home Group teacher to discuss their course selection for 2015. Prior to this day, students will have had extensive information and workshops to assist them in their decision making. There will also be a Parent Information Night on Wednesday 30 July for Years 8 – 11. (More information will be provided closer to these dates). A Course Selection Book will be available on a CDR and also through Wirreanda Secondary School website. If you would prefer a hard copy, could you please call the school and let us know. More information will be in future newsletters. If students are wishing to investigate subject or career pathways in more detail, they are able to make an appointment to see one of the school counsellors (Emily Parker and Kadri Auvaart) in the Learner Wellbeing Centre, or make an appointment to see VET Coordinator (Anne McKinlay) in the Work Experience Office.

THE UNIT
Ashley Golding, The Unit Coordinator
As part of our SOSE topic, our students held a ‘Save The Rhinos’ exhibition in our new Learning Hub which was open to staff and students. We worked hard to produce displays and interactive ways to share information. We wanted to raise awareness on Rhino poaching and we most certainly reached a large number of students.

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
Jennifer Rankine

This week marks the 25th anniversary of National Volunteer Week, a time set aside to celebrate our volunteers and highlight the incredibly valuable work they do.

The Department for Education and Child Development is fortunate to have 25,000 volunteers who make life easier in our schools, preschools, children’s centres and child protection settings.

Today, I recognise and thank those volunteers - parents, grandparents, family and friends - all giving their time to ensure children are safe, supported and free to learn.

You listen to children read, join Governing Councils, raise funds, put your hand up for excursions, sports day and canteen duty, you ensure schools run smoothly and staff can focus on teaching. You provide the transport – some times over long distances - so children in care can make appointments and keep in contact with grandparents, aunties and uncles.

Our Ethnic Schools could not operate without the services of dedicated teachers who are volunteers. They give their time simply for the reward of sharing their knowledge, culture and heritage.

Thank you to all our volunteers who generously give their time, their skills and their enthusiasm to helping others. I assure you your contribution does not go unnoticed.

I hope, in amongst your volunteering, you find time this week to enjoy one of the many activities on offer, including special lunches and morning teas held by workplaces.

Thank you to all our volunteers for your patience, for listening, for caring, and for making the life of a child better.

Thank you
Wirreanda Secondary School is fortunate to have the wonderful support of parents, caregivers, community members and members of outside agencies who work as volunteers to support the education and wellbeing of all our students.

The school would like to acknowledge and thank these people for their valued support.

Sue Bogumil, Community Liaison Officer

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated and purchased items for the Projects Abroad Mother’s Day stall,

Over $ 500 was raised!!

Teresa Bruno, Senior Leader Wellbeing

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

Antony Yates, Aboriginal Education Teacher

Term one for Aboriginal Education was a very exciting time:

• Work and Career Program’s

Maxima, a work and training provider, ran career sessions where our students completed a resume, sat job interviews and explored their chosen career pathways. From the sessions, students have developed the skills to apply for jobs, sit job interviews, apply for funding for training courses, and register for a School Based Traineeship.

We also took part in the ‘Tour of opportunities’. This program gave students a taste of various careers. We were able to attend workshops and presentations by Uni SA, ADF, SAPOL, and also had the experience of touring the new Adelaide oval. Our students enjoyed the trip so much that we did not get to school until 4.30pm.

Also we have furthered developed our relationships with these organisations, and they will be running various workshops at our school in the coming year.

• Walking Towards Reconciliation Project.

The Walking Towards Reconciliation Project is based on the idea of painting 35 shoes and in 35 different styles or designs for different countries and culture. This program included weekly presentations by people of various cultural backgrounds. It has been a great opportunity for students to explore the world around them without leaving our school grounds. Our project has been progressing very well. This term we will be painting our designs onto our shoes. Late in the term we will have an exhibition at a gallery in town to display our fantastic artworks, and spread our message of multiculturalism into the wider community. We also plan to auction off the shoes, and donate the funds raised to Projects Abroad.

• Community Studies

We have three students undertaking community study subjects. Community studies give these students the opportunity to complete a Year 12 subject while at the same time developing their skills and providing a service to our school community. One student has focused on planning and implementing a Girls Group which aims to help young women live healthy lifestyles. Another student is focusing on The Multicultural art project and helping her students to get the most out of this by mentoring involved students as well. We also have a student who is focusing on the community events that occurred throughout the school year such as Harmony Day and Close The Gap day. She will also have a significant role in events such as Reconciliation day.
• Homework club.
The homework club is another service that we offer. Each Wednesday the Nunga room is open from 3.20 till 4.30pm for students to attend a session where they can receive support to complete homework or classwork. These sessions are open for all students in Years 8 to 12. Please speak to Mr Yates, Azra or Mrs Thornton if you would like further information about this.

• Upcoming Events.
We have a number of events planned for Term 2:
- Andrew McLeod challenge - Football carnival
- Workshops and speeches from Flinders Uni, Uni SA, Maxima, ADF, SAPOL.
- The SACE Aboriginal student pathways conference
- An Assembly and a number of celebrations for Reconciliation week.
- Art exhibition at a gallery in town, as part of the Walking Towards Reconciliation Art Project
- Young Men and Young Women's groups

"Ngadlu tampendi Kaurna Meyunna, Kaurna Yertanna" - We recognise Kaurna people and Kaurna country.

Community Notices
• Foster Carer Information Session on Wednesday 18 June from 6.30-8.30pm at Our Saviour Lutheran Church, 32 Taylors Road West, Aberfoyle Park. For more information and to RSVP call 8337 8787 or visit www.fostercare.lccare.org.au
• Free Parenting Seminar- come and hear Michael Grose, parenting author and presenter, talk about parenting methods that work well as your child becomes a teenager. Wednesday 18 June 7.15pm – 9.00pm at the Riverbank Room Adelaide Convention Centre North Terrace. To book phone: 8303 1660 or E-mail health.parentingsa@health.sa.edu.au
• Australian Air Force Cadets new intake information sessions:
Mondays 23 & 30 June, 21 & 28 July - 7.30 to 8.15 pm. Seaford Secondary School. For further information phone 0401612986
WIRREANDA WINS SSSSA ATHLETICS AT SANTOS!
The Secondary Schools Interschool Athletics Day was held at SANTOS Stadium during week 10 of term 1. Interschool athletics day is a day to compete against some of the most talented athletes from across the state and Wirreanda didn't disappoint. After incredible performances by some of our senior students in their final year, Wirreanda won the combined boys and girls championship. Special mention should go to; Chris, who came first in the 110m hurdles, high jump, long jump and triple jump; Ross, who came first in the 3000m and 400m; Mel, who came 1st in the 100m, and discus, and second in the high jump, and; Rile, who came first in the 1500m. Well done to all and a big thankyou to all of the student athletes, helpers and staff organisation.