Dear Families, Staff and Students,
Welcome to our final School Newsletter for this year.
2014 has been a year in which some exciting changes have taken place at Wirreanda Secondary School.
We have introduced our new name – Wirreanda Secondary School – and our new motto – Learning for Life – as well as our new logo.
Going along with development of our School’s profile and image, we also launched a new Wirreanda Secondary School Website and social media profiles, through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

This is part of our strategy to improve both our digital image and the quality of communication with our school community. There is clear evidence that our connection with our community has expanded significantly, with our new Website receiving 8258 hits in the first month and our other social media also attracting thousands of contacts.
We have also, recently, made our Parent Portal available in Daymap, which provides access to families to ‘live’ attendance information relating to your son/daughter, as well as Assessment Plans for all subjects. If you haven’t already, please take the time to check out our Website and other social media sites, as well as logging on to Daymap. Feel free to ring the school if you need any help accessing any of these sites.
2014 has been a very exciting year in a range of ways. I’m very proud of what we’ve achieved this year as a school community and I would like to share some particular highlights of the year with you.

- **The Learning Hub**
  Our Learning Hub opened toward the end of Term 1, following several months of construction. The Hub provides our students with a range of digital tools, facilities and devices that enable them to engage in 21st Century learning, and the response from our students has been incredibly positive. The space also provides a ‘hub’ for teacher learning – through teachers working with our Lead Teachers, engaging in high-level professional development and accessing support in planning and teaching practice. The Hub has really enhanced the learning of our students in 2014 and we are looking to developing the space further in 2014.

- **The Learner Wellbeing Centre**
  The Learner Wellbeing Centre provides the base for a range of services that support the wellbeing of our students and families, in order to enhance student learning. We have developed partnerships with a range of organizations and agencies to promote our commitment to Learner Wellbeing. As with the Learning Hub, it seems that the LWC has been operating longer than 3 terms because it has become such an integral part of our school culture.

- **Student Voice, Participation & Culture**
  There is a great deal of evidence that student connection to school, including participation in decision-making and extra-curricular activities, improves learning outcomes for students. Over the last few years, we have been strongly promoting student participation and leadership at Wirreanda, and this is an area we will continue to focus on and grow in the future.
During 2014, there were a number of major initiatives in this area including:

- Development of our Digital Leaders, who provide support for teachers and students within the Learning Hub and beyond, as well as featuring in a national conference.
- Our first Projects Abroad trip to Cambodia, comprising 15 students, 3 members of staff and 4 volunteers. The contribution made by this group was outstanding, as was the personal and social development of everyone involved.
- Our School Captains and Vice Captains successfully organizing and running the inaugural Southern Schools Student Leadership Summit, involving 50 student leaders from 12 southern high schools.

Each of these examples, and many others, demonstrate the growing capacity of our students to demonstrate leadership at school and in the local and wider community, and we are very proud of their contributions.

- **WAVE**
  Our Wirreanda Adaptive and Vocational Education (WAVE) Program has continued to provide outstanding support and learning for students, through a range of innovative programs. This year, WAVE was recognized as one of the most successful alternative education programs in Australia by being recognized through Victoria University and the *Putting the Jigsaw Together Report*. Young people in the WAVE Program are not only supported in their wellbeing and learning but also receive accreditation that provides them with pathways to employment and further study. These programs, and many others, have provided opportunities for students to grow, learn and develop.

Recent School Events
Our School Calendar has been very full recently, including the following events:

- **Year 7/8 Transition and Parent Information Evening**, held on Wednesday November 5, which was well-attended and featured talks and musical performances from our students.
- **Unit Camp**, held this year at Narnu Farm during Week 5, Hindmarsh Island, and greatly enjoyed by our students and staff.
- **Year 9 & Year 10 Roundtables**, providing the opportunity for students to present their work to panels comprising teachers, family and community members.
- **Year 12 Graduation** was held on Monday 17 November and was very successful, featuring an old scholar – Dirk Strachan-Thornton, speaking and then providing an outstanding performance.
- **Our Dance & Music Night**, held at the Hopgood Theatre on Wednesday November 19, which featured outstanding performances and again showcased the quality of our Performing Arts program.

- **Year 12 Formal**, held at The Grand, on Tuesday November 25, providing the final opportunity for our Year 12 students to enjoy a great night and say goodbye to each other.
- **Year 7/8 Transition Day**, held on Friday November 28, involving our 2015 Year 8s spending a day experiencing life at Wirreanda Secondary School.

2014 has been an exciting and successful year at Wirreanda Secondary School and we are looking forward to working together again in 2015.
Best wishes to you all and I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Kind regards

Tony Lunniss
Principal
DIARY DATES

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PARENT NEWSLETTERS 2015

Wirreanda Secondary School values communication between the school, our students and their families. We want to ensure you are kept up to date with events and activities. To assist with this we are proud to have recently launched our new website that will contain all current events and our school newsletter. We are also now emailing much of our information out to families.

As a result, from the beginning of next year we will not be posting the school newsletter home. The newsletter will be sent to your email address and it will also be available on our website at www.wirreandasecondary.sa.edu.au

If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to call me on 8329 7200 or email to: Sue.Bogumil831@schools.sa.edu.au

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

Tim Byers-Thomas, Senior Leader

Wirreanda Secondary School will be introducing a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program in 2015, which will allow students to bring devices to school in order to access a range of programs and resources, including the school’s WiFi network. This means that Wirreanda will support the use of digital devices brought by our students, providing they meet the guidelines developed by the school.

Following research and consultation including discussion at Governing Council, we believe that BYOD is the most appropriate way to meet our students’ learning requirements. By having a one-to-one digital device, students will also be able to have access to Assessment Plans, Daily Notices and other school work using DayMap, Wirreanda’s Learner Management System.

Your son/daughter will have brought home a letter explaining BYOD together with a ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ sheet and an Acceptable Use Agreement form.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Tim Byers-Thomas on: 8329 7200 or email to: dl.0638_info@schools.sa.edu.au

SHORT COURSES FOR 2014

Anne McKinlay, VET Coordinator

During the year, senior students (Years 10, 11 & 12) have had the opportunity of participating in a wide range of short courses through the school. These courses were conducted through other training institutions including TAFE, Jobs on Power etc.

This year students have participated in the following courses:

- Apply First Aid
- Directions in Hair and Beauty
- Certificate 2 in Hairdressing
- Certificate 2 in Retail Makeup & Skincare
- White Card

The courses above may be available for 2015 as well as:

- The Make-up & Beauty Palette
- Café Operations
- Liquor Service (Year 12 only)
- Forklift Licence (need to be 18)
- Boom Lift and Scissor Lift

Information about these courses will be published towards the end of this term or at the beginning of 2015.

Students or parents interested in finding out more about these courses for 2015 should make an appointment to see Anne McKinlay through the Work Experience Office.

LEARNING HUB NEWS

Gabrielle Rinaldi, Coordinator – Innovative Pedagogy

The Learning Hub has been really busy, even as we wind down the school year. From supporting Year 12 students in their final days as Wirreanda students, to finalising media projects across the different learning areas, students have been busy! A particular mention to students from Rebecca Cousin’s English class (9B) who had their films shared at the Adelaide Kids Film Festival on November 12th. The six students produced two films and got to see themselves on the big screen at the Adelaide Film Studio along with a number of other films made by local teens. The class was shortlisted as part of the DECD New Media Awards Program and one of them has made it to the finals! Winners will be announced at a special event for the students, families and teachers at the Piccadilly Cinemas on 1st December.

An excellent effort from all teachers and students who submitted films as part of Wirreanda’s involvement in the program and a special congratulations to Talia,
Amelia, Amber, Maddy, Chiara and Karlie on their shortlisting and good luck at the finals!
Keep up with what’s happening in the Learning Hub at: http://learninghubwss.wordpress.com/

DANCE and MUSIC NIGHT 2014
Tahlia, Year 12 Creative Arts
Costumes, makeup and hairspray filled the dressing rooms as students from Year 8 to 12 prepared themselves for the night they had been waiting for…….. THE DANCE AND MUSIC NIGHT, 2014!!!! It took place on Wednesday 19 November at Hopgood Theatre. Student’s nerves kicked in as they stood side stage waiting to show the audience what they had been working on during the year.

A variety of genres ranging from contemporary to hip-hop to musical theatre was showcased throughout the night, making the evening enjoyable for all ages. The talent that crossed the stage by all performers was phenomenal. It was such a great experience to be part of a remarkable night with such a selection of talented individuals who share the same love of performing.
Thanks to all the families and friends that supported this great event – and a special thank you to all our teachers who supported us also!!
Can’t wait till next year!!

DIGITAL GAMES CHALLENGE
Adrian Tamlin, Coordinator Design and Technology
During week 5 of this term staff member Geoff Evans ran the Digital Games Challenge in the Learning Hub. First Place went to Nick and Daniel; Second place to Jackson and Third place to Sara and Curtis.
Thank you to all staff who supported the event.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2014
Melanie Duluk, Choir Teacher
The Wirreanda Secondary School Choir recently had the privilege of singing at the Returned Services League, Morphett Vale and District Sub-Branch Remembrance Day Service. The students represented the school in a professional manner and received many compliments from members of the RSL and the general public. We are looking forward to being part of the service in 2015.
We received a letter of thanks from the Morphett Vale RSL and below is a statement from the President.
“On behalf of the President and Members of the Morphett Vale RSL, I would like to convey our most sincere thanks to you and members of the School Choir who attended and contributed so magnificently in singing of the Hymns and National Anthem”.
Gordon Curtis, Secretary RSL.
We have been asked to again attend this service in 2015.
YEAR 12 GRADUATION
Mrs Sol Naidu, Y12 & SACE Coordinator
On Monday evening 17 December at the Hopgood Theatre Noarlunga Centre, approximately three hundred and fifty students, parents and families, invited guests and staff celebrated the Year 12 Graduation. At Wirreanda Secondary School the Year 12 Graduation is a long standing tradition which marks an important point of transition for students from school based SACE and VET accredited learning and assessment to learning outside of the classroom setting. They are entering the culmination of their journey through school as they prepare to enter their post school pathways.

It was a great pleasure for the Senior School team, Mr Shane Cunningham, Mrs Kadri Auvaart and myself to stand before our Year 12 cohort of 2014 and announce the recipients of awards and wish our students the best for their future beyond Wirreanda Secondary School. It was an evening filled with anticipation, excitement and joy as students celebrated the end of their school experience.

The evening was hosted by our student MCs did a marvelous job in representing the school and ensuring the evenings proceedings progressed smoothly. Students received awards ranging from Service Awards to Highest Academic Subject Awards and Community Awards. The student address by Tahlia and Robert gave an insight into the journey they travelled with their fellow classmates. The evening was enhanced further by fantastic musical performances from Lewis, Lee, Jaiden and Tegan. Congratulations to all the Year 12 students, award recipients and those who participated in the ceremony, which was a success and enjoyed by all in attendance.

See last page for more Year 12 Graduation details.

YEAR 8-11 PRESENTATION EVENING
10TH DECEMBER
Tim Byers-Thomas, Senior Leader
This event will celebrate and showcase the many successes of students in Years 8 to 11 and encourage students in the Middle School to aspire to the successes achieved by Senior Students. The ceremony will be conducted for invited Year 8 to 11 students in recognition of academic, sporting and community achievement and will be held in the New Gymnasium on Wednesday 10th December.

A range of awards will be presented to students on the night, including
- Academic Performance
- Special Awards for our top two Year 10 and Year 11 students
- Subject Awards
- Middle School and Senior School Sports Awards
- Senior Leaders Awards
- School Service Awards
- Community Service Awards

Further information will be provided closer to the event to invited students and their families. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the change in format, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 8329 7200. Queries should be directed to the appropriate Senior Leader:
- Year 8 Ms Fishpool
- Year 9 Ms Bruno
- Year 10 & 11 Mr Byers-Thomas.

Community Notices
- Southern Panthers Football Club are looking for coaches for their Under 11, Under 8 and Under 6 teams. They are also looking for players for a number of their teams. Please contact Coaching Director Chris Murrell on 0412962872 or email nicchris3@bigpond.com
- South Adelaide Football Club will be holding Christmas Carols on Sunday 14th December. Gates open at 5.30pm with Kids time at 6.15pm and carols at 7.00pm. There will be a fireworks display and food and beverages will be available. Entry is by gold coin donation and part proceeds will go to Junction Australia.
CRICKET NEWS

Nick Moschetta, Cricket Coach

Wirreanda cricket teams recently travelled to Heathfield High for their annual Jake Brown-Sean Williams Challenge Trophy match. Heathfield made 163 and Wirreanda 80. It was an interesting match due to the uneven and sloppy surface which resulted in a few sore hands and bruised legs.

Tom took a magnificent catch at short cover from a well-timed drive in the fourth over that gave the team a lot of confidence. Jake bowled out two Heathfield players in a row but unfortunately did not get the ‘hat trick’!

The team bowled and fielded very well despite Heathfield scoring at four runs an over. There were seven catches taken with two each from Jake and Tom. Jake had his best career bowling figures of 3/24, while Tom took 3/23, and Connor helped out with two wickets. Zach and Brody played their role with one wicket apiece. Congratulations to Tom who was player of the match with 3 wickets, two catches and top score.

A thank you must go to Richard who was the scorer in this game.

The fifth Ben Cameron-Chris Davies Challenge Cup game took place on Wednesday 19th November. As a turf wicket at Park 25 was not available, Wirreanda took a 90 minute bus ride to The Heights School at Modbury Heights.

The Heights won the toss and chose to bat first but lost three early wickets thanks to Mohit and Billy. However The Heights were able to consolidate and ended up with 5/179 after their 35 overs. Mohit, playing in his first full game for the school finished with 3/18 while Lachlan took 1/35. Connor bowled very tightly to finish with 7 overs, 4 maidens and 0/7.

Connor also produced a wonderful captain’s innings and finished on 42. He had some good support from Andrew who played an innings of 18. After 35 overs Wirreanda finished on 9/129 with Ricky making 10 not out at number eleven while Jack finished on 7, not out.

The team performed very well given that they were playing on an unfamiliar ground. They gave one another encouragement throughout the game which created a great team atmosphere. Zach was the scorer and is to be thanked for his efforts.

Ben Woodhouse, Basketball Coach

Wirreanda Specialist Sports Basketball group (Year 8, 9 and 10 students) recently competed in the Southern Zone 3v3 basketball tournament held at Southern Tigers Morphett Vale Stadium.

After winning the Year 8/9 boys division last year the expectations were high for this talented group. This year it was the girls Year 8/9 team that went on to do Wirreanda proud winning the silverware. Led by Captain Georgia, Leah and Karina played some strong and skillful basketball.

Other impressive results were:
Year 8/9 boys finished 2nd place (lost by 2pts)
Year 10 boys finished in 3rd place.

This was a great event where players self-umpired their games as well the team captain making decisions about substitution. All players were committed and demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the entire day. Congratulations to all students involved.

JAKE RUGBY SELECTION

Congratulations to Year 9 Specialist Sports student Jake who was selected to play for the S.A.Rugby Union U15 State Junior Falcons team. Jake played in the World Sporting Rugby Carnival during July 2014 in Queensland. The team came 5th from a total of 12 teams.

At the closing ceremony the ‘Barbarian’ Award is given to one person in each team. This person must show the true spirit of Rugby throughout the whole Carnival. Congratulations to Jake who received this award for his participation, leadership skills and passion for the game. He showed ‘the true spirit’ of rugby.
YEAR 12 GRADUATION 2014

Special Guest Speaker:
Dirk Strachan-Thornton

- Former student of Wirreanda High School, Graduating in 2005. He has recently toured with the production of Phantom of the Opera and is currently working in a film called Magnolia.

Presenters:
- Melisa, Addison, Daniella & Mitchell

Student Address:
- Tahlia & Robert

“DUX of the School” for 2014 is:

Tahlia

The next 7 students in ranking order are as follows:

- 2nd Place ~ Robert
- 3rd Place ~ Melissa
- 4th Place ~ Ross
- 5th Place ~ Nicole
- 6th Place ~ Amy
- 7th Place ~ Chris
- 8th Place ~ Catherine

Special Awards:
- Caltex Best All Rounder - Chris
- Katrine Hildyard MP Citizenship Awards – Melissa & Addison
- Onkaparinga Council Award – Jake
- Zonta International Award – Nikki
- Long Tan Defence Force Leadership Award - Addison
- Sports Blues Awards - Chris

Subject awards:
- Biology: Nicole
- Chemistry: Nicole
- Child Studies: Melissa
- Community Studies: Shanda
- Creative Arts: Tahlia
- Doorways to construction: Addison
- English Communications: Catherine
- Food & Hospitality: Amy
- Furniture Construction: Ross
- Health Studies: Melissa
- Mathematics Applications: Melissa
- Mathematics Applications: Robert
- Mathematics Studies: Ross
- Modern History: Catherine
- Photography: Samantha
- Physical Education: Chris
- Psychology: Daniella
- Research Project: Rebecca

To all students who received subject, Effort or Service Certificates and for achieving their SACE or a Certificate of Participation, well done and all the best.