Dear Parents, Caregivers, Staff and Students.
Welcome to 2016 and the start of our new school year at Wirreanda Secondary School. On behalf of the school community I would especially like to welcome our Year 8 students, International students, new enrolments and families to our Wirreanda Secondary School community. What a fantastic commencement we have had to the start of the school year and this term. It was a pleasure to meet a large number of new and returning families at our Family BBQ recently.

2016 Staffing
This year we welcome the following new staff to our school:
- Sue Ellen Shepherdson- Dance/Drama/HASS
- Rebecca Milne- Spanish/HASS
- Caroline Dean- Science/Maths
- Timothy Ducker- Home Economics
- Tara O’Connor- Unit
- Skye Tamlin- English/HASS
- Jessica Norman- PLP/Research Project
- Nick Jackson- Senior Leader Transforming the Learning

Returning to Wirreanda Secondary School:
- Katrina Williams- Unit
- Ingrid Cobiac- Home Economics
- Laura de Garis - English/HASS
UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH
Annual General Meeting
7pm
Families welcome

THURSDAY 3 MARCH
Year 8 Standards Day

FRIDAY 11 MARCH
Whole school Sports Day

MONDAY 14 MARCH
Adelaide Cup Public Holiday

FRIDAY 18 MARCH
Back up Sports Day if needed

FRIDAY 25 MARCH
Good Friday

MONDAY 28 MARCH
Easter Monday

We also welcome the following non teaching staff for 2016:

● Kerry Gifford
● Meridee McLean

We have had a number of staff who have moved into new or different leadership positions at Wirreanda Secondary School in 2016, a complete list of staff and leadership positions will be sent out with this newsletter for your information.

Term 1 2016

We have had a very busy and enjoyable start to Term 1 2016. There have been a number of events and activities happening in the first few weeks including:

● Whole School Assembly in Week 1
● School Photographs
● Year 8 Camp
● Year 9 Excursions
● Family BBQ evening

Term 1 will continue to be busy with a number of key events occurring over the next month including Year 8 Standards Day and our Whole School Sports Day.

We held our first Staff Conference on Monday February 1st. The focus for the day was developing tasks that challenge our students to engage in “ungoogleable” questions. For the first time at Wirreanda Secondary School we had a range of students from Years 9 to 12 involved in our staff PD with staff. It was wonderful to gain their insight as staff explored ways to increase challenge and engagement in lessons. Additionally the students worked together with Rhoni McFarlane and Brett Whittaker to explore the purpose of Site Improvement Plans and whether they are an important tool for schools. The group identified areas of teaching and learning and culture that they thought could be improved. The students raised a range of areas we could focus on including academic success, developing social skills and communication and building confident, risk taking learners. Over the
next weeks, students, staff and our Governing Council will collaborate to finalise the 2016 SIP.

2015 SACE Results
Congratulations to our Year 12 2015 students on their SACE Results. As a school we are striving to support our students to achieve the best results possible to ensure they have the greatest opportunities to pursue their dreams and aspirations. We are proud of the results achieved by the graduates of 2015 and in particular those students who were successful in achieving or exceeding their ambitions due to their hard work and commitment. Our school results continue to improve each year, with over 88% of students completing their SACE including 11 WAVE students. Additional to successful SACE attainment, over 50% of these students gained an ATAR and 32 of these students applied through SATAC to enter tertiary study. After the first round of offers from TAFE and Universities, 22 students received an offer and 14 of these their first preference. We extend our congratulations to Hannah Merritt who was welcomed back to the whole school assembly in week 1 to be presented as the highest ATAR achieving student for 2015. Thank you to the Year 12 staff for their commitment to assist students to achieve their personal best.

We wish the class of 2015 all the best as they undertake various opportunities beyond school including employment and future study. Furthermore we hope to keep in touch as old scholars are an integral part of our Wirreanda community.

School Values
Our school values of respect, responsibility, honesty and achievement encapture our daily actions and our vision for pursuing innovative and creative teaching and learning drives our forward directions at Wirreanda Secondary School in 2016. We look forward to working closely with you all in 2016 to foster opportunities to ensure all students are supported, tracked and challenged to grow and contribute to their local and global communities. Of course, to successfully work together you need to ensure that your son/daughter attends school on
a daily basis. Our school values can be demonstrated by students in a range of ways. Attendance demonstrates responsibility and parents and families play a critical role in collaboration with school to ensure consistent commitment to learning. In future newsletters I will continue to share information about our school focus areas, values and expectations.

Building Works Currently:
We continue to fund major works each year to ensure that our learning spaces and environment supports our focus on quality teaching and learning and high expectations for all. Upstairs B block will soon be having major work done to open a specialised Senior Space late in Term 2, only accessible by Year 11 and Year 12 students. This brand new space will further refine our focus on SACE improvement and significant support for our Stage 1 and Stage 2 students. We look forward to sharing further information with you about the new Senior Space as we progress across this term.

Annual General Meeting Wednesday March 2nd 7pm
The Governing Council at Wirreanda Secondary School works very closely with myself and other leaders to contribute to the direction and vision of the school and to keep closely informed of our continuous improvement journey. We would like to invite any interested parents to attend the AGM and/or nominate. If you are interested in nominating for the 2016 Governing Council please contact Jackie Newman (Principal Secretary) on Jacqueline.Newman998@schools.sa.edu.au or (08) 8329 7200.

I look forward to working together in 2016.
Kind Regards,

Caroline Fishpool
Principal
SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2106 - PROFILES

Isbah Sarwar
Leadership position: Captain  Age: 17
Hopes and Dreams: I have always been inspired to be a lawyer and complete and complete a degree at Adelaide University. Additionally, after completing my law degree I am hoping to travel around the world.
Hobbies and Activities: I like to dance, listen to music as it relaxes me and play Badminton and Floor Hockey as they are my favourite sports.
Favourite Quote: “A dream doesn't become a reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work”  Colin Powell

Nick West
Leadership Position: Captain  Age: 17
Nickname: Westy
Hopes and Dreams: To become a popular film director or even become a famous acoustic player. I want to be known for what I love to do best. Or perhaps just travel and see as much of the world as I can with my best mate.
Hobbies and Activities: Film Producing, football, music, camping and working with working with sound equipment.
Favourite Quote: “Do not go where the path may lead. Go where there is no path and leave a trail”.

Laura Rundle
Leadership Position: Vice Captain  Age: 16
Nickname: Laws
Hopes and Dreams: My dream is to become a nurse and then to continue on to be a midwife.
Hobbies and Activities: I enjoy dancing and staying active.
Favourite Quote: “SOME DAYS, things will be worse than others, BUT things happen and everything will be ok”.

Andrew Cowie-Taylor
Leadership Position: Vice Captain  Age: 16
Nickname: Gaz
Hopes and Dreams: One day I hope to become either an electrician or do something with in the sporting industry like a personal trainer of fitness coach. My dream is also to one day join the army.
Hobbies and Activities: Football, going to the beach, hanging out with my mates and listening to music.
Favourite Quote: “It is not whether you get knocked down; it is whether you get back up”. Vince Lombardi
Leah Phillips  
**Leadership Position:** Vice Captain  
**Age:** 16  
**Nickname:** Lealiifano  
**Hopes and Dreams:** To become a professional athlete or eventually stop us from polluting the earth anymore. My dream would be to marry Michael Hooper.  
**Hobbies and Activities:** The beach, Rugby and the Gym.  
Favourite Quote: “Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen and others make it happen”. Michael Jordan

Carlos Atis  
**Leadership Position:** Vice Captain  
**Age:** 17  
**Hopes and Dreams:** I hope one day to live in a world where there is only peace and prosperity; where no countries are being destroyed and no human is suffering from discrimination or hunger.  
**Hobbies and Activities:** I like singing and jamming to songs. I also like going outside and basking in the sun. My activities include spending my time playing games.  
**Favorite Quote:** “You can cry today but promise you fight tomorrow” Khadija Gbla

**NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

The school would like to welcome three new international students. Cornelius Vetter from Germany, Mirei Ikeda from Japan, Stephanie Wangel from Austria and Kerrianne Laka from Papua New Guinea.  

We hope they enjoy their time at Wirreanda Secondary School and in Australia.

Cornelius Vetter  
Kerrianne Laka  
Stephanie Wangel  
Mirei Ikeda
SCHOOL FEES

School fees are due and payable by the end of Term 1, 15th April 2016.

- **SCHOOL CARD** If you are eligible for school card, you will need to lodge a new application each year. School card application forms are available from the finance office.

- **INSTALMENTS** If you wish to pay your school fees by instalment please contact the finance office as soon as possible to make arrangements. We now have the facility for these instalments to be paid by either credit/debit card or directly from your bank account.

- **BPOINT** Bizgate has now been replaced by BPoint for online payments. The link and payment instructions are on the school website.

- **DISCOUNT** A $35 discount applies when fees are paid in full prior to 26th February 2016.

If you have any queries regarding payment of school fees and any of the above options please contact the school on 8329 7200.

**Opening hours:**

**FINANCE OFFICE** : 8.00am – 11.30am

Students may make payments before school & at recess.

**UNIFORM SHOP** : 8.00am – 11.30am

OPEN CRICKET

The open cricket team played their first game of the year on Thursday 11 February against Seaford R-12 School and secured a 110 run victory!

Zack R and Nick R opened the batting for Wirreanda with Nick being dismissed in the first over. Zack then made a quick-fire 45 that included 3 sixes and 3 fours.

Captain Connor L and Josh S then batted putting together a strong partnership before Connor retired on 50 and Josh on 53. Jacob C, playing his first cricket game for the school, was 8 not out at the close of the innings. After 35 overs Wirreanda was 6/184.

Seaford lost a wicket in the first over when Connor L took the first of his three wickets. Jake C bowled really well having two catches dropped from his bowling.

The performance of the match came from Josh S who scored 53 retired, made a stumping, took a catch and then followed this up with 5/25. He was instructed by the captain that he could only continue to bowl his spell if he took a wicket in the over he was bowling. Josh dutifully obliged by taking 5 wickets.

Tom T took two good catches at mid on, while brother Brody held on to a difficult one at mid off.

A special mention must go to Jarod A who scored in his very first game for the school.
YEAR 10 CRICKET
The Year 10 team headed to Victor Harbor High School on Monday 15th February for their first round Twenty/20 match. Josh S won the toss for Wirreanda and sent Victor Harbor into bat. After an early breakthrough, in which Matt B took a magnificent catch at fine leg off Josh S, the bowlers found it hard work picking up wickets. Unfortunately it was one of those days when catches were dropped and fielding errors gave away more runs than the team would have liked. Victor Harbor finished on 1/125 after 20 overs.
Wirreanda began their innings in a promising manner reaching 1/44 after 10 overs with Mohit K(9) and Josh S(26) batting solidly. However a bowling change saw both batsmen dismissed in the same over and the team had a collapse to finish all out for 60.
A thank you must go to Jackson W who scored in his first game.
Nick Moschetta

HOUSE CAPTAINS 2016
OSBORNE
Captain: Sevan Kramer
Sporting Passions: Weight Lifting and Australian Rules Football.

Captain: Paige Kiley
Sporting Passions: Being fit and healthy
Vice Captain: Michael Hirschausen
Sporting Passions: Australian Rules Football.
Current Teams: Myponga/Sellicks Football Club

WHEELER
Captain: Zara Trueman
Sporting Passions: Basketball
Current Teams: U18 and reserves premier league Southern Tigers

Captain: Josh Timperon
Sporting Passions: Basketball
Current Teams: Southern Tigers
Vice Captain: Jaiden Walczak
Sporting Passions: Basketball
Current Teams: Southern Tigers
Vice Captain: Cass Yerasimou  
Sporting Passions: Basketball  
Current Teams: South Adelaide

JONKER  
Captain: Troy Acierto  
Sporting Passions: Basketball  
Current Teams: Southern Tigers  
Captain: Georgia Deverson  
Sporting Passions: Soccer  
Vice Captain: Jessie Edwards  
Sporting Passions: Australian Rules  
Current Teams: South Adelaide FC  
Vice Captain: Rebecca Sampson  
Sporting Passions: Netball  
Current Teams: Morphett Vale Sharks and Adelaide Cougars

SUNSCREEN USAGE AT WIRREANDA SECONDARY SCHOOL

The health and wellbeing of students and staff is a priority at Wirreanda Secondary School. Students always have access to sunscreen. The school uses Auscreen 50+SPF for all outside activities and excursions. The students are made aware of this at the start of their Physical Education lesson and are able to use it if they wish to do so. If your child is allergic to a sunscreen we recommend they carry their own in their bag.

At all times students are advised by staff to be ‘sunsmart’. At Standards Day and Sports Day sunscreen and extra water will be at the main tent and other stations for students and staff to utilise.

We actively encourage students to bring their own drink bottles for refilling water, wear sunsmart tops with sleeves, hats and sunglasses. We also provide adequate shade at all our events and activities.

If you have any concerns please contact Heather Lee Sports Office on 8329 7230.

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SCIENCE

The Wirreanda Science department would like to welcome students, parents and the school community to check out their new blog. The page, while in its beginning stages, will contain information on topics taught, class projects, ongoing science activities, photos and more. The blog can be found at http://wirreandascience.edublogs.org/

YEAR 10 SCIENCE MATHEMATICS AT FLINDERS ‘TASTER DAY’

On Friday February 18 a number of Year 10 Wirreanda Science students had the opportunity to visit Flinders University to get a taste of what Science can look like at Year 12. The day offered a range of workshops including practical maths, cooling gases, paleontology and marine biology. Each workshop allowed students to engage in a different area of Science and complete a number of practical activities. Students were also lucky enough on the day to hear talks from Professor Martin Westwall, Director of the Flinders Centre for Science Education in the 21st Century and Professor Karen Reynolds, whom was named in the top 100 influential engineers of Australia and SA Scientist of the Year 2012.

The day was a very busy one but students left feeling excited and positive about studying Science at Wirreanda Secondary School in Years 11 & 12.

Fiona Gray

FAMILY BBQ EVENING

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at the BBQ on Wednesday 10 February. It was a night for parents and caregivers to meet informally with their child’s home group teacher and talk to members of the leadership team.
THE UNIT
GENEROUS DONATION!
Thank you to Adtrans Automotive for your generous donation of a set of iPad mini’s to our Unit. Adtrans Automotive donates to a range of beneficiaries and we are thankful to receive such a thoughtful and useful gift. The iPad minis will be used in our Unit to personalise learning for our students with the support of assistive technologies. Thank you Adtrans Automotive!

THE SMITH FAMILY HOMEWORK CLUB
Make homework light work by coming to the weekly Smith Family Homework Club! Starting Wednesday the 2 March (Week 5) from 3:15 – 4:30, students can come and get help with any homework task or assignment. Students must fill out the Homework Registration Packs before attending. These are available from the Learner Wellbeing Centre. Return packs to Alison Buse, or email any questions to alison.buse161@schools.sa.edu.au

COMMUNITY INFORMATION
- Onkaparinga Youth - Aldinga are offering a number of courses during Term 1. This includes Creative Hands (Use your imagination to develop unique styles of art) and Hang Out Hive 2016. For more information email aldingayouth@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au or call 8557 7555.
- Onkaparinga Libraries are also offering a number of diverse activities during Term 1. Contact onkaparingacity.com/libraries for further information.
- Hackham Football Club is looking for players for their U14, U16 and U18 teams that play on Saturday. Interested players are asked to contact President Graham Thompson on 0407 396 591 or email gth14563@adam.com.au
- Jamie’s Ministry of Food is running a school holiday program to teach people over 12 how to cook Jamie Oliver’s nutritious and delicious recipes. This will be held at Colonnades Shopping Centre Noarlunga. Costs are students 12 - 16 years $80, 17+ years $120 and adults $160. Book now at www.jamiesministryoffood.com
- Seaford Community Centre are holding a number of sessions including Vietnamese Cooking classes and a Camera Club. For more information visit www.seafordcc.com.au