PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Dear Parents, Caregivers, Staff and Students,
What a fantastic Term 1 we have had at Wirreanda Secondary School. I have spent a considerable amount of time in classrooms and yard areas across Term 1 which has been a valuable part of my week and I will continue to do this. I would like to sincerely thank all students and staff for their hard work in making the start of our year so successful. As I spend more time in classrooms I continue to be amazed by the different choices and learning options our students are exposed to everyday. I encourage you at night to try and discuss the day with your child and explore the learning and challenges that have taken place in their subjects and or experiences.

We have welcomed additional new teaching and support staff to our school after the year had commenced. Welcome to Jessica Norman (PLP/Research Project), Yvonne Owen (SSO IT Support), Addison Rogers (SSO Unit) and Sarah Boyle (SSO Science Lab Assistant).

Term 1 2016
Term 1 is always really busy with a number of school events and activities. I had the pleasure of visiting both Year 8 camps at Woodhouse in week 4. Camp is always a highlight of our Year 8 Transition program and it’s always great to see home groups develop closer bonds and new friendships made. Thanks to Caroline Redding (Senior Leader Year 8)
Respect  Responsibility  Honesty  Achievement

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL
Open Night 4pm – 7pm
Principal’s Welcome 6pm
Early dismissal 1.05pm

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL
Year 8 to 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews
3.30pm to 8.00pm
Early dismissal 2.30pm

FRIDAY 15 APRIL
Last day of Term 1
Early dismissal 1.05pm

MONDAY 2 MAY
First day of Term 2 for all students.

MONDAY 16 MAY
Koishikawa Study Tour Meeting
6pm - 7pm
Governing Council Meeting 7pm

and Gabrielle Rinaldi (Year Level Leader Year 8) for their work in leading this out.

A highlight of Term 1 is also the introduction of our House Captains and preparations that led into our Whole School Sports day. 2016 has been no different and with some warm weather and expected storms, Sports Day was postponed for a week which gave Houses extra time to get prepared. It was great to see such a large number of students embrace the day and come dressed supporting their house colours. The “March In” to start the day is always a sight to see with the teams led by House Captains and banners making their way around the oval. Congratulations to Wheeler (Yellow) who were victorious on the day. Thanks to Dan Gale (Leader PE/Health and SSSC), Heather Lee and team for the work that goes into a day like this.

Annual General Meeting Governing Council
We had a successful AGM this year and will commence 2016 with a fully functioning Governing Council. I encourage all parents to make contact if they are interested in attending a meeting or being involved with future events. 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, as part of, our continuous improvement journey.

School Values  Respect~Responsibility~Honesty~Achievement

Our school values can be demonstrated by students in a range of ways. Respect for both self and others is a value that we encourage and model daily. Students can show respect for others in a number of ways, but showing respect for themselves is imperative. Knowing that they can get to the end of this term and be proud of their achievements and the efforts they have put into their own growth and learning is key.

One of the key focus areas at Wirreanda Secondary School over the last few years has been authentic Student Voice and Leadership. Providing opportunities for our students to be involved in a range of activities and experiences, both within and outside the school, has been a key approach within this. Our purpose is to develop students’ personal, social and leadership skills, as well as help students understand that they can
influence and make a difference in their community and the wider world. I had the pleasure of spending some time earlier in the term working with our School Captains and leaders on the purpose and development of our Site Improvement Plan. In 2016 we are proud to say that we handed the creation of our Site Improvement Plan over to our students. I thank Rhoni McFarlane (Deputy Principal) and Brett Whittaker (Coordinator Genuine Voice for Learning) for their work with leading this out. Our Site Improvement Plan for 2016 is focused on:

1. Literacy & Numeracy Improvement
   Tracking, monitoring and responding to every learner’s growth

2. Improving Pedagogy
   Innovating, Personalising and Empowering Learning

3. Learner Wellbeing
   Building & Embracing Confident, Inclusive & Diverse Learners

The next few weeks will continue to be very busy. We are currently finalising plans for Open Night on Wednesday April 6th. This is not only an opportunity for our school to be open for new families but also to showcase and celebrate the fantastic work of our students. We extend a very warm welcome to all current and prospective families and students to come and visit on Open Night.

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday April 13th. This is always an important night to attend and we will follow this up in 2016 with interviews in Term 3 as well. I look forward to seeing as many as our families and students as possible at this. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to drive conversations about their own experiences and how they feel they can progress in their own learning and growth.

I look forward to connecting with you over the next few weeks with a number of events occurring.

Kind Regards,

Caroline Fishpool
Principal

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Open Night Invitation
Wednesday 6th April 2016
4.00pm - 7.00pm

Learning for Life

Experience:
- Principal’s address at 6.00pm
- A tour of Wirreanda Secondary School led by student leaders
- Our facilities, including the Learning Hub and Learner Wellbeing Centre
- Interactive displays and demonstrations
- Creative Arts exhibits

Access information regarding:
- Enrolment
- Specialist Sport Course
- Vocational Educational and Training Pathways
- Middle and Senior school curriculum

Parents and families are invited to contact the school for additional information.

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Southern Music has been a long time supporter of Wirreanda Secondary School. In addition to donating a brand new guitar for our students to take to Cambodia, Nick Seja supports both our music staff and students by offering discounts on musical instruments and other items sold at Southern Music. Wirreanda Secondary School is pleased to support local business and greatly appreciates our relationship with Nick and Southern Music.

Sue Bogumil
Community and Promotions Officer

CAMBODIA FUNDRAISING IN FULL SWING

The last few weeks have yet again highlighted the incredible generosity and support of our local community. On Sunday we braved the hot and humid conditions to run a Bunnings BBQ to help raise funds. This week we had donations of guitars for a music program we are going to run in Cambodia. A huge thank you to Nick Seja at Southern Music who donated a brand new guitar and to parent Chris Braven for organising the donation. Thank you also to the Mathews and Murphy-Zulic families for donating guitars and to National Pharmacies Aldinga and Plaster4you for their kind donations.

All proceeds of donations, raffles, silent auctions go towards raising funds for our July expedition to Siem Reap.

Teresa Bruno
Senior Leader, Learner Wellbeing
Year 10 Excursion

On Thursday the 10th of March, 52 Year 10 Wirreanda Secondary School students, their teachers, a parent, student teachers and the school's social worker completed the War Memorial Walk in North Adelaide and Adelaide. Memorials attended included the Women's War Memorial, Torrens Parade Ground and monuments, Pathway of Honour, SA National War Memorial, Boer War Memorial, Adelaide University's Mitchell Building, Scot's Uniting Church and Light Horse Memorial.

The Women's War Memorial by the Memorial Hospital in Pennington Gardens, North Adelaide, was an especially poignant stop for the students. The beautiful gardens, monuments (Cross of Sacrifice and the Stone of Remembrance positioned at opposite ends of the Memorial Gardens) and the coins, documents of the period of the Great War embedded in the base of the Stone of Remembrance, were commented on and photographed.

In general the War Memorial Walk, as part of the Year 10 History curriculum, was a huge success, especially because of the personal reflections and questions generated by our visit to the wonderful monuments and gardens. Students and adults had time to reflect, research and remember the dedications for the men and women who gave their life for their country in past wars and struggles.

Year 10 History Staff. Vasily Mouzakitis, Rebecca Cousins and David Harris Jones

Clean Up Australia Day at Wirreanda

On March 4th our Unit participated in Clean Up Australia Day. Our students did a very, very good job of cleaning the yard. Michael, Josh and I were the recycling kings and found lots of bottles and cans. We ran around the whole school and we used our brains to get the bag filled up. We decided to go into a few classrooms and ask the teachers if they had any bottles or cans in their bins!

I am going to tell my mainstream mates to keep the yard clean and hopefully they listen to me. It is bad for the environment to be dirty and not clean as it can endanger plants and wildlife. Having a clean school looks great!

Alex L
CRICKET NEWS

Wirreanda Secondary School v's Woodcroft College

The third round of the Open Knockout Cricket Competition was played at Woodcroft College on Tuesday 1 March 2016.

Connor L won his first toss and decided to bat on a good turf wicket. After Mohit K was dismissed in the second over, Zack R and Connor L took the score to 46. Zack then miscued a drive and was caught for a patient 19 runs. Connor L (25) and Josh S (37) then built another strong partnership of 40 that took the score to 85. However a middle order collapse meant that Wirreanda finished on 7/124 after their allotted 35 overs. Jake C (7 not out) and Tom T (7) made small personal contributions that allowed Josh S to dominate the bowling.

Woodcroft commenced their innings in a hurry scoring 1/45 after 10 overs and were well on track to secure a victory when Connor L surprisingly brought on Zack R as the first change bowler. It proved to be a masterstroke as Zack slowed down the run rate and took 5/10 in his seven overs. Mohit K and Andrew C-T took 2 each at the end of the innings. There were three very good catches taken by Jacob C, Tom T and Corey McG at important times of the innings. Woodcroft were dismissed for 86.

This was one of the finest performances by a Wirreanda team as they continued to persevere even though they had to come from behind on numerous occasions during the game.

For match scores go to the front page of the www.cricketwirreanda.com.au and look under Results.

Nick Moschetta
Wirreanda Cricket
SPORTS DAY

It was another successful Sports Day at Wirreanda Secondary School after a daunting (thanks to the weather) start to proceedings. Sports Day had already been postponed by a week due to the unpredictable weather, so the rain was not a welcome sight on the morning of Week 7. The wind and the rain didn't perturb the students as they began the first events moments after the sun came out and the day continued with some fantastic athletics performances throughout. Students were competing for places in the Santos Interschool Athletics Team, to be held in Week 10, and the usual hotly contested events produced some brilliant performances. The 100m, 200m, High, Long and Triple Jumps were all hotly contested and an absolute please to watch. There were some stand out performers on the day - Gypsy S and Colt S in the U13 age group, Aurora C and Spiro H in the U14 age group, Kara B and Costa H in the U15 age group, Layla F and Caleb W in the U16 age group, and Paige K and Joey T in the Open division all won their respective age divisions.

Some long standing records broken by Caleb W in the U16 Boys Long Jump, Layla F in the U16 Girls Javelin and Gypsy S, who broke records in the U13 Girls High Jump, the U16 Girls Shot Put and the U16 Girls Triple Jump!

Lastly, a huge congratulations to Wheeler House for the back to back victory in 2016! The personal performances by many in that House, as well as fantastic participation paved the way for a great win.

Dan Gale- Coordinator Health, PE and Specialist Sport
YEAR 8 CAMP 2016

Our annual Year 8 Camp to Woodhouse Activity Center was, yet again, a huge success! Students developed their skills in leadership, collaboration, communication and resilience through a wide range of activities which involved a healthy mix of teamwork and individual effort. The Chupa Chup lollipop scavenger hunt was a big hit, as was the Flying Fox, Challenge Hill and orienteering. Our flags are now hanging proudly in home group rooms!

Student Reflection by Tyler W

“To be completely honest, the thought of going away for three days with people I’d only known for three weeks was pretty daunting. But as it turns out, it has, so far, been the highlight of high school for me! The activities were really great and were things I would not normally do, like orienteering; even though my groups got a bit lost it was still great and a good way to explore the area. Another amazing activity was the zip line which had to be the best thing about camp. The ladders were a bit scary and my fear of heights didn’t make that much better but it was worth it. Some of the other activities were bike riding, the night hike, challenge hill and a few others. But it wasn’t just the activities that were great, the camp also helped me get to know the other people in my year”.

Camp 1 - Home Groups 8A, 8B, 8C
Camp 2- Home Groups 8D, 8E, 8F
Our student leadership group at Wirreanda Secondary School have been heavily involved in developing, reviewing, endorsing and acting on our school Site Improvement Plan for 2016. Our students with support from Coordinator for Genuine Voice for Learning, Brett Whittaker, developed the third tier of our SIP, which identifies Learner Wellbeing as an integral focus for the next 3 years. Embedded in this focus was articulated the action plan in 2016, to increase student confidence and willingness to stand up and speak out.

Annually, the 18th March is dedicated to a National Day Against Bullying & Violence. Our student leadership group was challenged by Brett Whittaker to think about this day as an opportunity to promote and raise awareness for issues that impact on learner wellbeing. The student leadership group, headed by School Captains Isbah Sarwar and Nick West, took this challenge and ran with it. Within a short month of collaborative planning with a student leadership group, emerged the ideas that came into fruition on an overcast Friday in March.

Part of our intention for the day was to develop a better understanding that whilst some wouldn’t consider themselves a bully, they may have been a bystander. We want to develop a sense of responsibility in our school community for each other. Our Principal shared a quote with us from Australian of the Year David Morrison; “The standard you walk past, is the standard you accept”. This resonated with our school captains and drives our work in making people responsible for each other, standing up when it counts and speaking up about issues that are important. This led to brainstorming a range of ideas that would help people identify when they haven’t stood up or spoken out, in relation to bullying. After a range of good ideas, we eventually struck an idea which we all agreed could be very powerful and unique.

The “confession” booth idea, emerged from the catholic model of admission of wrongdoing. Whilst we didn’t want to bring religious guilt to the table, we did feel that acknowledging a missed opportunity to stand up and speak out, or admitting to a time when you may have contributed to bullying or harassment would raise awareness in personal ways.

Additionally we were steadfast that we did not only want to raise awareness of what we shouldn’t be doing, but also what we should be doing. This led to the concept of pledges. A pledge is something more powerful than a statement, it is something you will hold and understand that it is a promise that you make to yourself. By making
it public, it becomes a promise to hold to your peers and your community. We believed that making a pledge
after admitting (confessing) mistakes would be more significant than just making a pledge in isolation.

In planning and preparation, we had a range of tasks and jobs to complete in preparation for the day. Additionally
weather leading up to the event had not been kind which meant that our School Sports Day which was originally
scheduled for the Friday prior, had been postponed and would now coincide with our National Day of Action. We
took this onboard as an
day...bonus!

Led by school Captain Isbah
range of responsibilities, which
had a range of resources at our
posters, a booth for pledges and
pledge boards.
On the day, despite a range of
rain, we set up the booth and
and teachers acknowledged that
“not right”, and made confessions
of paper. Black card was chosen
Some students talked about their
leaders, and explained how they
understanding of their mistakes.
comments by saying they just
think the person might feel they began to realise that it could in fact be like harassment and have a negative
impact on others. Some individuals didn’t consider themselves ‘bullies’ or their behaviour to be detrimental, but
during conversations they realised that they may have been a bystander and though they had not directly bullied
anyone they may have let bullying happen in front of them.

These were all great insights and it was obvious to us that both students and teachers were beginning to
embrace the “standard you walk past, is the standard you accept” premise in regards to bullying and harassment.

Once several boards were covered with “confessions” we flipped the concept from reflecting upon regrets to
promising positive actions. This is where the pledges came in. Pledges were written on colorful pieces of paper
to represent positivity. As students and staff pledged, it opened opportunities to talk to them about a pledge as
not just something you write and forget but something you stand by and act upon when necessary. As time past
the individual positive pledges overlapped the previous regrets on the boards leaving a rainbow of colourful
positive messages and promises.

Pledges included;
““I will be a voice for people who can’t be heard. I will be LOUD!!”
“I will stand up for anyone, regardless of their age, race, gender or sexuality.”
“I will stand up against bullying. I will NOT be a bystander.”

Moving forward from this day, it is important for us to keep some momentum going. The purpose of any national
day is not for it to be considered in isolation but for it to be used as a platform for change. It important for us as
student leaders to be good role models, firstly by acting upon our pledges and secondly by holding others

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responsible for their pledges and reminding our staff and students that we as a school community have committed to raise our voices against bullying and violence.

As a school we need to make this our culture, by ensuring that staff and students stand up and speak out against bullying and other actions that push people down rather than build people up.

Isbah Sarwar, School Captain and Rhoni McFarlane Deputy Principal

GOVERNING COUNCIL 2016
Wirreanda Secondary School is pleased to announce our Governing Council for 2016. Welcome to parents and caregivers Colin Jevons (Chairperson), Sue Meagher, Cheryl Linn, Kristel Proepster, Kathryn Hellyer, Kim McLean, Leanne Shearer, Michelle Robinson, Casey Jessen, Hanka Zulic, Kathryn Swales, Rachel Fieler and Natalie Hall. These parents will join Principal Caroline Fishpool, other staff representatives, Gary Hennessy representing Onkaparinga Council and Katrine Hildyard MP Member for Reynell as our council for 2016.

KOISHIKAWA STUDY TOUR 2016
In August this year Wirreanda Secondary School will again host a group of 20 students from Koishikawa Secondary Education School in Tokyo, Japan. We are looking for host families for the 11 day visit. The visit is a fabulous event for our school and one we have been involved in for the past 8 years.

If your family hosts a Japanese student your child will be involved in a specialised program that we will run at the school including two excursions.

It is a chance for your child to make friends with a student from another country, and in many cases a friend they will continue to have for many years. Many of our students who were involved in the first program 8 years ago continue to be in contact with their Japanese student. Many have also had the opportunity to visit Japan.

There is financial support to assist with the costs of hosting a student.

We will be holding an information evening on Monday 16 May from 6pm - 7pm in the Learning Hub. If you have any questions please contact me on 8329 7240 or at Sue.Bogumil831@schools.sa.edu.au
COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SOCIAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON @ MORPHETT VALE STADIUM

If you are in High School and wanting something fun to do with your friends, why not put in a Social High School Basketball Team.

We are offering Two Grades - Year 8/9 or Year 10/11/12. Only cost involved is $7 per game.

No experience is required all you need is 6 or 7 friends, then head to www.morphettvale.basketball.net.au to enter your team or for further enquires ring the stadium 83820143.

WOODCROFT LIBRARY have two upcoming programs for students 8 years and above. A language program ‘Esperanto Introductory Session’ on Thursday 31 March from 6.30pm - 7.30pm and ‘Goo Roo Animation on Thursday 21 April. For more information please contact Woodcroft Library on 8384 0050 or at onkaparingacity.com/libraries.

Raising Resilient Teenagers

FREE online program empowering parents to make sense of adolescence and parent their teenager more confidently.

Find out more at: http://parentingstrategies.net/depression.brief.intervention/
Flinders University invites high school students with learning needs, disabilities and health conditions to experience university hands-on.

- Meet disability advisors and current university students with a disability.
- Explore two different career pathways.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. Transport may be organised for groups. Students must be accompanied by a person responsible for duty of care.

Parents/caregivers welcome. Some walking is required, so please advise of any mobility restrictions. We encourage you to get your students involved.

WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2016
10AM - 2PM
MOOT COURT,
LAW & COMMERCE BUILDING

RSVP: Friday 1 April
Booking: Please advise the number of students attending and any access and/or dietary requirements.

For information and RSVP contact:
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