I had the pleasure of watching the matinee full dress rehearsal of our school production ‘High School Spoof-ical’. It was fantastic. A wonderful demonstration of the skill, commitment and community spirit our students at Waikerie High School continue to demonstrate. I saw outstanding performances, not only by the actors but also our school band and our skilful sound and light technicians. Thank you to our local primary schools and members of the public who supported our students to put the finishing touches to a well performed, very funny and engaging show.

Thank you to Bec Smitran, Lauren Oswald and Anne Bascombe who have brought together a very large number of staff to make the event happen – they have put in hours and hours of hard but rewarding work. Thank you also in advance to the parents and fundraising committee who are supporting the performances through set up and food and drink service.

Tickets sold well for the Thursday evening show and there are still tickets available for the performance on Friday night which includes supper and a smaller number available for Saturday night’s dinner show. I know that the Waikerie community eagerly anticipate each year’s performance as a local highlight during the year, and I urge you to get a ticket if you don’t already have one.

Last Thursday evening teachers from our school and all of our local DECD Primary Schools and Pre-schools got together at Waikerie Primary School to spend time learning together and making plans for improving the educational outcomes of all of the students in our community B-12. Year 6 to Year 10 teachers worked together on the English Australian Curriculum focussing on Narrative and the Maths Australian Curriculum focussing on Algebra. SACE teachers spent time sharing formative assessment strategies in order to place a greater focus on getting feedback from students during lessons about their learning. This is important for teachers so that they can better plan and adapt their teaching practices so that they can be sure that every student is learning.

After two hours of workshops, staff from all schools gathered together to hear about the latest research about neuroscience, and learning and the brain, which is also a focus for the learning of Principals in the Loxton Waikerie Partnership. The event was very successful and we plan to continue to work together, particularly as it strengthens our work as a community in partnership with parents to provide effective transition programs – not only in relation to students settling into Year 8, but in the pursuit of a ‘seamless’ learning program from Year 7 to Year 8 for students.

Sheralyn Oakey
Principal
REMINDER: Year 10 and 11 Subject Selection

Subject selection for current Year 10 and 11 students, who will be in Year 11 and 12 in 2015, will occur next week. This is a very important process particularly for the senior years and the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE).

All current Year 10 students will not attend school for programmed lessons on Wednesday 20th August.

All current Year 11 NON VET students will not attend school for programmed lessons on Thursday 21st August.

All current Year 11 VET students: counselling will take place on Friday August 22nd so they can attend their normal VET courses on Thursday. All students are expected to attend school on Friday but will exit their classes during the counselling session.

During each day, students with their caregivers will have a fifteen minute counselling appointment where their 2015 course will be discussed and arranged.

Please contact the school on 8541 2533 to make a booking. Please book before Tuesday 19th August, 4.00pm.

Craig Griffiths
Senior Leader

YEAR 11 RESEARCH PROJECT EXPO

A group of Year 11 students attended the Research Project Expo at the Adelaide Showgrounds on Wednesday. Year 11 home groups are currently being introduced to the subject and will be developing their topic questions later on this year.

After an early lunch at the Goodwood Park Hotel, the group mingled with other visiting school groups in the huge exhibition hall. Examples of outstanding work from last year’s Research Project were on display, while the students were eager to share their advice and answer any queries.

Support was also available in the form of information sheets and brochures. In the 300-seat lecture theatre, short presentations from expert contributors were available throughout the day. Our students gained a good understanding of the requirements for the Research Project, which will aid them in completing their SACE next year.

Estelle Tyler
1138 Home Group

OPEN GIRLS AND BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Round 1 – Thursday 24th July 2014

Sixteen Year 11 and 12 students travelled to Marden Sports Centre in Adelaide to play the first round of the Secondary Schools Sports of South Australia (SSSSA) Open Knockout Volleyball Pool B championships.

The girls’ team got off to a shaky start dropping their first two matches against St Francis de Sales and eventual winners Nazareth College. After working out their gameplay the girls’ team had success defeating Glossop High, Mt Barker High and Cornerstone College. An excellent effort with the girl’s finishing third from six schools.

The boy’s started very well by beating their strongest rivals St Francis de Sales in the opening game. The team didn’t look back defeating Cornerstone, Glossop, Kapunda and tying one set all with Mt Barker. The undefeated run ensured that the boys topped the group and went on to the finals.

Pool B Finals – Wednesday 6th August 2014

A team of seven boys travelled to the Marion Leisure Centre to compete in the finals. The team struggled for consistency against a very strong opponent, and eventual Pool B winners, Paralowie Secondary School. The team improved their play during the game, and although losing three set to nil, remained competitive.

The second game was much closer in terms of points, with Waikerie pushing Woodcroft College in each set. Unfortunately the team was unable to win crucial points and this forced Waikerie into the fifth and sixth playoff against Booleroo Centre Area School.

Booleroo showed great country spirit against Waikerie pushing the game to third and deciding set. Waikerie was able to save three match points winning the third set 16-14 to win the game and finish fifth overall.

This is the third time that Waikerie High’s boys have made the Pool B final and having to play generally much larger schools that focus on volleyball as a sport. Considering there is no club volleyball in
Waikerie, the school punches well above its weight in terms of results at state level. Credit goes to the competitive endeavour and the fighting spirit that our students consistently demonstrate when they represent the school in a variety of sports.

*Phil Valentine  
HPE Coordinator*

**KNOCK OUT HOCKEY**

On the 30th July, the Knockout Hockey was held at Glassey Park in Berri.

Our first game was against Renmark, giving us a 3-1 win, with goal scores James Smith and Austin Hollamby. Our second game, however, was a loss to Glossip, 4-2, with our goal scorers being James Smith and Jordan Ebert.

Congratulations to all who played on playing excellent games.

Thanks to Krysty Leibich for supplying oranges and helping with the coaching. Finally thank you to Rodger Perks for driving the school bus for the match.

*Hayward Paynter  
Hockey Coach*

**OPERATION FLINDERS**

A team of nine students from Waikerie and Loxton High Schools endured an eight day bush walking trek conquering three peaks and 100km of rugged terrain.

Our Christian Pastoral Support Worker, Tim Hensel also undertook the challenge along with team leader, Darren MacLean from Queensland, assistant team leader, Peter Thomas from Canberra, and Peer Group Mentor, Braydon Fleming from Salisbury High School. Jordan DeVroome, Matthew Atkinson-Pettit, Anthony Cook, Kaleb Kuchel and Jack Moxham went from Waikerie High School. ‘A most improved’ award was presented to Jordan who overcame many personal barriers to complete the trip.

The group slowly became a team which was evident as each peak was conquered. Yells of encouragement to each other made the highest peak (Mount Rose) seemed easy and what had seemed formidable for some became a victory.

Highlights from the trip included abseiling (all completed the first ledge), night walking in full moonlight, conquering Mount Rose, kangaroo stew and damper cooked by Noel who is a local tribal elder.

It was evident that our team had bonded well as we said farewell to our leaders who had taught us so much about owning our mistakes, learning that life has tough times along with the good (and we need to buck up, man up and fight and keep plugging away), setting goals and appreciating family.

A big thank you to Damian Stevens for helping this come together.

*Tim Hensel  
Christian Pastoral Support Worker*

**SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE**

The School Dental Service is a Child Dental Benefits Schedule provider. All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend.

Dental care is FREE for most children. Children who do not qualify for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule can also attend – a small fee will apply for each course of general dental care provided.

All dental care provided is FREE for preschool children.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, visit [www.sadental.sa.gov.au](http://www.sadental.sa.gov.au)
Thank you for your assistance, if you are unable to attend please arrange a substitute or ring Marion on 85413097 or 0417 897 295 (after school hours).

Times of arrival are 10:45am for recess and 12:50pm for lunch. Approximate finish time is 2:15pm. There is no need to stay between recess and lunch.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER ROSTER

MON 18/8  L MORGAN  S MADER
TUES 19/8  B KLEEMANN  D REDINGTON
WED 20/8  A JAMES  S HACKETT
THURS 21/8  S SMITH  A SCHILLER
FRI 22/8  J SCROOP  K COLLINS

MON 25/8  STUDENT FREE DAY
TUES 26/8  V SCHMIDT  K WILLIAMS
WED 27/8  L MORTIMER  N MOXHAM
THURS 28/8  A HOLLAMBY  D REDINGTON
FRI 29/8  J SCROOP  B MCELAN
MON 1/9  W BELL  D REDINGTON
TUES 2/9  S BURGEMEISTER  A SHAW (Lunch)
WED 3/9  A JAMES  K FOWLER
THURS 4/9  C AUCOTE  HELP
FRI 5/9  J SCROOP  HELP
MON 8/9  K SCOTT  L LAW
TUES 9/9  T TWIDGEN-Lunch  R EBERT
WED 10/9  L MORTIMER  N MOXHAM
THURS 11/9  HELP  HELP
FRI 12/9  J SCROOP  D REDINGTON
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TUES 23/9  T TWIDGEN Lunch  A SHAW Lunch
WED 24/9  HELP  HELP
THURS 25/9  HELP  HELP
FRI 26/9  J SCROOP  HELP

Marion Maywald
Canteen Manager

YEAR 11 & 12
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Education Consultants
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Week 1: Mon 29 Sep - Fri 3 Oct
and/or
Week 2: Mon 6 - Fri 10 Oct

"The most useful holiday program I have ever been to. There is no doubt these seminars helped my results improve by at least 15%." M. Dimauro

"Very useful seminars. I feel much more confident about my exams. These seminars help to structure and motivate students to do work during the holidays!" M. Fioretti

"Improved my confidence in all topics SIGNIFICANTLY." J. Bobolka

"Will absolutely have a positive impact on my grade." M. Coomans

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Thank you for your ongoing support. YETies and our amazing partners.

NATIONAL LANDCARE AWARD

The YETies are very proud again to be representing South Australia in the National Landcare Awards, and we will travel to Melbourne in September to hear the National winners. We are very grateful to our school and town community and our wonderful partners for supporting us in the work we do, to help the environment and promote our great area.

There is also a People's Choice Award where anyone may vote for the 'Junior Landcare’ Team of their choice. We would love it if you would vote for Waikerie YET, the South Australian Team Finalist and perhaps pass on the message to others to vote, so that our great region can be recognised nationally. Please go to the following link to vote http://www.landcareonline.com.au/?page_id=13362

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support. YETies and our amazing partners.
Bringing NAPLAN home: The results and your child

As parents and carers, we all take great interest in our children and their paths in life. We know it is really important that they develop key skills such as literacy and numeracy to help them through school, work and life.

NAPLAN (the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) is a national test undertaken by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students, designed to provide information on your child’s literacy and numeracy achievements. This year NAPLAN was taken on 13, 14 and 15 May.

NAPLAN results provide additional information, which can be used along with school assessment and testing. It allows you to compare your child’s achievement with other children across Australia. By itself, NAPLAN does not improve the quality of education, but it gives us a national snapshot of how our children are doing in those important skills of literacy and numeracy.

NAPLAN is important to your child as it provides information for school authorities and schools to review the effectiveness of their programs and to address any areas requiring improvement. It is important that you know as early as possible about your child’s strengths or if your child needs assistance. NAPLAN helps with this.

Sometime in August and September you will receive your son or daughter’s NAPLAN report. I encourage you to read the report in the context of what you already know about your child’s academic performance and in conjunction with other assessment information and reports you may already have received from your child’s school. Further information on how to read the report is found on the NAP website: www.nap.edu.au/results-and-reports/student-reports.html

Your son or daughter’s results will be reported against six levels of achievement. Your child’s results will be indicated by a black dot. The black triangle shows the national average for children in that year level.

Powerline Apprenticeship – Barmera
Commencing 3 February 2015

Benefits include:
- trade qualification in high national demand
- excellent conditions including paid training and travel expenses
- career progression opportunities
- supportive leaders and workmates
- safe and healthy all-weather work

Entry criteria:
- completed or currently studying Year 11 with passes in English and Maths
- hold a current drivers licence

Applicants meeting the above criteria must be available for aptitude testing and an interview in Barmera. Applicants will also be required to undertake a pre-employment medical (including drug testing) and Police Check.

Further details about the Apprenticeship Program are available on our website or contact Kate McDonnell (08) 8404 5775 between 8.30am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

Applications open Friday 22 August 2014 and close
5pm Friday 5 September 2014.

Apply online at www.sapowernetworks.com.au
Thank you for assisting - if unable to attend please phone Marion on 8541 3097 or 0417 897 295

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