MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADER

NORMAL LESSONS NEXT WEEK FOR YEAR 8 CLASSES

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the 2014 Year 8 Camp.

The Camp site manager phoned to tell us there would be no water for showering and dishwashing. The water supply pipes servicing that part of Barmera need urgent repairs. The repairs were scheduled for this week, but growers cannot be without water in this heat. CIT have rescheduled their pipeline work for next week, when we were booked for camp.

The camp site manager offered to reschedule Waikerie High School for the following week, and CIT people offered solutions, but our aquatics instructors are not available the following week. We explored other options, but could not fit any of those with our needs.

We are sure you will understand the difficulties faced by the Camp manager and CIT, when this decision about repairs was made.

Our Business Manager offers families a choice in relation to your refund. Please make sure you return the tear off slip on the letter sent home on Wednesday 12th November.

It is a shame that our camp cannot run. There will be normal classes in Week 6, instead of the Year 8 Camp.

Margaret Schultz
Middle School Leader

SENIOR SCHOOL LEADER

Reminder that Year 11 exams are fast approaching and students should be doing the necessary revision of work to ensure they are well prepared. All students have received documents outlining what exams they have and the time they occur.

All exams are being held at the Waikerie Lutheran Social Centre. A summary of all exams and starting times is listed below to support parents and students. Students are expected to arrive 15 minutes before the start of the exam.

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Craig Griffiths
Senior School Leader
On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November
Mrs Leahy’s Year 11 music students will be hosting a night to feature the talented music students of Waikerie High School.

The night will start at 6:30pm and go until approximately 9:30pm. It will be held at the Waikerie High School hall. In recent years these music nights have been very successful and received fantastic reviews so everyone of all ages is encouraged to attend. BYO food and drinks. Hope to see you there!

Chris Tyler 1138

**2014 - JACK KAY, SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**Qualification:** Certificate II in Engineering  
**Training Provider:** TAFE SA

Jack Kay completed a Certificate II in Engineering while still at school, and was so successful that he was awarded VET Student of the Year not only by his high school, but also at the Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards. Enjoying the course, he decided to pursue further studies the following year, and enrolled in a Certificate III course at TAFE SA.

Currently completing his apprenticeship as a diesel automotive specialist at Morgan Dockyards, Jack works to maintain ferries and hopes to contribute his ideas to improving South Australia’s ferry systems in the future. He also aspires to starting up his own business.

Jack plays football at his local club, and is an active volunteer in his community. He is involved with the basketball club and the high school’s Building and Grounds Committee, and has previously been on the committee of the local international food fair.


**MATHS AND SCIENCE ACTIVITIES**

**WORLD OF MATHS (Week 8)**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, I have invited a touring road show called ‘World of Maths’ to come and work with our Year 8 and 9 students.

World of Maths provides fun, colourful, hands-on, mathematical, problem solving activities for students. The activities or “displays” have been designed to cater for all abilities.

There are activities belonging to the topics: number, space, measurement, chance and data and logical thinking and sequencing. All activities meet the national curriculum requirements.

The instructions and questions on the displays make each session a guided discovery lesson, where the students solve a variety of problems, discover number patterns, identify geometric properties, think logically and apply mathematics to the physical world.

By giving students this experience, they have an opportunity to acquire a variety of different skills and strategies needed for problem solving.

**Specific Values**

- Students have the time and freedom to pursue their own paths in trying to solve the problems.
- Motivation is very important. WORLD OF MATHS is an enjoyable and attractive situation which encourages the students to think.
- The students can experience mathematics related to practical and real-life situations.
- It helps develop skills necessary to work in small groups as an effective way of learning mathematics.
- It allows the students to interact, which will boost their confidence.
- It promotes positive attitudes towards mathematics.

**BOWLAND (WEEK 9)**

As part of Activities week in week 9 of this term, the Maths and Science Faculties have organised for all the Year 8s to go to Bowland for a 2 hour session of bowling or laser skirmish. We will be leaving at 9:00am and returning for lunch at 1:00pm. All Year 8s should have received a letter
stating this and requesting medical information, parent permission and $25 for the experience.

IF your child has not given the letter to you, please contact me and I will send another home. Any students not attending will be expected at school and will take part in an alternative community service program.

Any questions, please ring 8541 2533.

Paul Tripodi
Assistant Principal – Numeracy Coach
Maths / Science Co-ordinator

CENTRELINK INFORMATION EVENING

Youth Allowance Centrelink Information Evening, Tuesday 25th November 2014 7.30pm, Waikerie Community Centre

A Department of Human Services Manager will be in attendance to explain the qualification guidelines for Centrelink Youth Allowance. This is open to all families with students from 2013 and 2014.

Deb Hamdorf
Administration Officer

CANTEEN NEWS

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.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER ROSTER

| MON 17/11  | L LAW |
| TUES 18/11 | D REDINGTON  | A SHAW Lunch |
| WED 19/11  | L MORTIMER |
| THURS 20/11| R MYERS |
| FRI 21/11  | STUDENT FREE DAY |
| MON 24/11  | S PERRY |
| TUES 25/11 | D REDINGTON |
| WED 26/11  | S KEMP |
| THURS 27/11| R EBERT |
| FRI 28/11  | L McKay  | K WEBBER |
| MON 1/12   | D REDINGTON |
| TUES 2/12  | B KLEEMANN |
| WED 3/12   | A JAMES |
| THURS 4/12 | J SCHMIDT |
| FRI 5/12   | N MOXHAM |

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Dear Principal and Governing Council Members of Waikerie High School,

I am writing to you in relation to the Waikerie High Schools V.E.T program.

In September this year, I was the recipient of the South Australian V.E.T. Student of the year Award, at the awards gala dinner held in Adelaide.

I would like to both thank and acknowledge the Waikerie High School, for the programs organized by former Principal Neil White and V.E.T. co-ordinator at the time Colin Francis.

I have since learnt that the program is one of, if not the best in the State. I would also like to thank Assistant Principal Craig Griffiths for attending the awards dinner in Adelaide; once again demonstrating the support that Waikerie High School gives both current and former students.

Students that are currently studying V.E.T. should realize that many opportunities can eventuate from the V.E.T. course.

In year twelve, I received the Waikerie High School V.E.T. student of the year and then followed on to win the Riverland and South Australian V.E.T Student of the Year Awards. As part of the prize, I received a scholarship to complete a Certificate IV in Frontline Business Management and a placement in a 2015 Leadership Launchpad program, from Proteus Leadership (opportunities that a first year apprentice would not normally receive). Through the V.E.T. course set up by the Leaders at Waikerie High School and Glossop High School our region has provided the last two state winners, which as I am now learning is a substantial achievement for both high schools and Berri T.A.F.E.

It was indeed a massive honour to receive the South Australian V.E.T. Student of the year Award 2014. I now participate in the Australian Awards held in Adelaide in November this year. I view this as a way of showcasing our region and what the Waikerie High School and Glossop High School have achieved, in setting up a unique V.E.T. program in our State through T.A.F.E. It certainly helped me in obtaining employment as an apprentice at the Morgan Dockyards, hosted by Statewide Group Training.

I am extremely looking forward to the next twelve months in what they will hold and the experiences that I will gain.

Once again, thank you very much,

Yours Sincerely,

Jack Kay

(SA VET Student of the Year 2014)