

WAIKERIE High School Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Dear Parents

This year remains unique with the ongoing unpredictability of Covid-19. Term 2 has traditionally provided for many extra-curricular activities but with restrictions, these have been limited. That said, students and staff have welcomed the opportunity to focus entirely on teaching and learning within their curriculum areas and many exciting learning opportunities have been delivered. Our Agriculture Science Learning Centre continues to evolve with the new propagation area being erected over the holidays. Fruit and vegetable sales are keeping our young entrepreneurs excited and the variety of livestock provide practical learning in the industry. Within the Arts, students have viewed local street art and classes performed musical items to visiting classes and staff. Technology have produced fantastic items within the metal and wood work areas which have been displayed in our administration building. It has been pleasing to witness students now engaged in full physical education classes and our home economics classes producing a variety of delicious foods. These are just a few examples of the many and varied classroom tasks and activities.

1:1 LAPTOP COMPUTERS

This year we have certainly seen the benefits of students owning their own laptops. With online learning becoming more common and to allow for seamless learning between school and home we strongly encourage all students to purchase laptops. I have included details in this newsletter on how to source devices from our schools provider. If you have any questions please call our ICT coordinator, Mr Wayne Tyler.

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL

In 2022, Year 7 will be attending High School and a great deal of planning has already been undertaken to assist the move. To ensure 'Continuity of Learning' from the Primary School to our site, the Waikerie Partnership has established a team of year 6,7 and 8 teachers that will be working collaboratively, focussing on writing, to ensure best outcomes for all students. I have included the Year 7 to HS Parent Update in this Newsletter.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Congratulations to Ritchie House on winning the Cross Country Running. I would also like to congratulate all students who took the opportunity to participate and represent their team.

EXAMS

Year 11 and 12 students have completed their mid-year exams and results will be included in end of term reports. This not only is an assessment tool for many subjects but has also provided valuable experience for final Stage 2 examinations.

REPORTS

Please take the time to discuss these with your child. This feedback will allow students to reflect on the semesters work and celebrate success. Students are always encouraged to look at areas to focus on and set goals for continuous improvement.

COMING EVENTS

22nd JULY WEDNESDAY
School Photos

29th JULY WEDNESDAY
Year 7 Parent Info Night

31st JULY FRIDAY
Recognition of Success
Assembly

10th AUGUST MONDAY
Year 10&11 Parent Info
Night

12th & 13th AUGUST
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
Year 11 Bushwalking

14th AUGUST FRIDAY
STUDENT FREE DAY

21st AUGUST FRIDAY
Year 8/9 Rugby – Berri

27th AUGUST
THURSDAY
Year 12 Parent/Teacher
Interviews 2:50 – 6:30pm

8th to 15th SEPTEMBER
Operation Flinders

18th SEPTEMBER
FRIDAY
SCHOOL CLOSURE
RIVERLAND FIELD DAY

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Tuesday 8:30-9:00am
Thursday 8:30-9:00am

All uniforms need to be paid for at time of purchase either by cash, EFTPOS or cheque.



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ACADEMIC AWARDS

Next term, Week 2, Friday 31st July we will hold our Semester 1 Academic Awards ceremony in the Hall starting at 9.15am. Students receiving awards will be notified by phone in Week 1 of next term.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

Please note the change in date for our school closure next term. Due to the cancellation of the Adelaide Show we have now moved it to the Riverland Field Days date of Friday 18th September.

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

Below I have included a few photos of students engaged at lunchtime. Many students are now taking the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities being offered. Indoor and outdoor volleyball and basketball are always popular, along with card and board games. It is also pleasing to see students participating in netball, soccer, football and hand ball. We have just purchased two new outdoor table tennis tables to add to the list. A big thank you to staff who take the time to organise activities and participate with students. Interesting that the introduction of our no phone policy has coincided with a dramatic increase in student involvement!

Wishing all a terrific holiday break.

Craig Griffiths
Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT



Many students have ended Semester 1 with several exams. I have been pleased with the attitude towards exams by our Year 10, 11 & 12 students. Although they are not everyone's favourite they are a big part of assessment in the senior school. The end of year exam for some year 12 subjects is 30% of the year's assessment. Exposure to exams and the preparation for them in the middle years will benefit our students when they get to Year 12 in particular.

TIMETABLES FOR SEMESTER 2

Year 9-12 students have been given printed timetables for next semester. I thank students for sending me day map messages requesting changes. Subject selection determines which classes we run; however, students may have a genuine reason to change subjects. This cannot always be accommodated but if it doesn't cause disruption to the timetable, it can be done.

Core classes and teachers are fixed. Core classes are carefully selected for the best student mix. Some students may not get their 'favourite' teacher but they will learn if they are willing. All teachers do their best to cater for a range of learning styles.

YEAR 10

I am pleased to see the majority of Year 10 students have achieved a pass in the PLP (Personal Learning Plan). This is a compulsory subject for the SACE and must be passed to continue schooling into Year 11. For the few that have not passed to date, they will be required to complete outstanding work by the end of the year.

YEAR 11

I have entered many As and Bs into the SACE results and I thank the cohort for their continued hard work. The results in Literacy and Numeracy have been good also, with only a few not achieving the C and above for the compulsory SACE subjects.

Year 11's will now take on the Research Project in Semester 2. This is also a compulsory SACE subject. The advanced warning to all is that no student can commence Year 12 next year if they have not passed the SACE compulsories of two semesters of Literacy, one semester of Numeracy, the Research Project and the PLP. Parents of students at risk will be notified during semester 2.

YEAR 12's

Year 12's continue to work on yearlong subjects. In reality there is only one term of teaching to go. Term 4 is usually a few weeks of exam revision or finishing off some assignments. Followed by a few weeks of exams and then all done. The term will go fast so I urge Year 12 students to finish off strong.

SUBJECT SELECTION FOR 2021

Information night for Year 10 & 11 students will be on Monday, August 10th. Please consult the flyer at the end of the newsletter. More information will be distributed early next term.

Phil Valentine
AP Senior School

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT



What a start to the term and so quickly it has disappeared. It has been great to see the learning that has been occurring during the term and to see some great results in the middle school. The Year 8's and 9's have completed the Interoception Course coordinated by Bec Barker and have been involved in many other activities during their EL sessions such as minute to win it, study session, traffic light reflection etc. Year 10's have been focusing on Science and Electronics at a SACE level during EL and are achieving some great results. Next semester the Year 10's move into the senior school as Waikerie High School starts the induction of the Year 7's through the transition process. Phil Valentine will now lead the Year

10's though their final years of schooling at Waikerie High School and will become the main contact person. I wish all families a safe holiday period and look forward to seeing the students at the start of Term 3.

Dion Higgins
AP Middle School

2021 SUBJECT SELECTION

INFORMATION NIGHT

WHEN

**Monday August 10, 2020
6:00pm - 8:00pm**

WHERE

School Hall

FEATURING • Subject stands run by current students

VET Information • Apprentice Broker • University Information

• Seminars • Subject Teachers & Coordinators

SEMINARS

6:30 - Yr 11-12 Parent Information

7:00 - Yr 10-11 Parent Information

7:30 - VET (Vocational Education & Training)



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10-11 COURSE CONFIRMATION

Monday August 31

11-12 COURSE CONFIRMATION

Tuesday September 1

Booking Info TBA

MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER



M&S Charges 2020

Material & Services for 2020 are due. If you have not already paid them please organise payment as soon as possible or if you are eligible for school card you can either complete it online at www.sa.gov.au or collect a paper copy from the front office at school.

BOOK ROOM OPENING TIMES

The book room is open Monday to Friday 8:30am to 9am.

YEAR 12, 2021

PURCHASE OF POLO SHIRTS AND JUMPERS

The current Year 11 students have received a letter explaining the process of purchasing their 2021 Year 12 Polo Shirt and Jumper. The cost for these garments is as follows:

Polo Shirt:	\$35
Jumper:	\$87

For students who are wishing to order a polo shirt and jumper, which will be ready for collection in January 2021, they **are required to order and PAY FOR THEM BY 30th July, 2020.**

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.



Felicity Ziegler
Business Manager

STREET ART by JACQUIE MASON



On Tuesday 23rd June, students from various grades walked down to the White Street carpark. where they chatted to and watched local Riverland Artist, Jacquie Mason working on some street art. Jacquie is painting some angel wings that when finished, will allow locals and tourists a new and interesting photo opportunity. Our students were very fortunate to be able to see a real artist working on her art and everyone seemed to enjoy the excursion. I am looking forward to seeing many photos of students in front of the angel wings. Until then please enjoy the photos Mrs Little took of our students on the excursion.

Krysty Liebich
Art Teacher



SRC FIGHT MND FUNDRAISER - FRIDAY 12th JUNE



Students, along with family and community members, purchased a total of 76 Fight MND beanies which raised \$1,520 alone! Again, thank you to all who supported our beanie buy-up.

On Friday 12th June, Week 7, the Waikerie High SRC held a casual day to raise further money for Fight MND. The donations made by students, teachers, and families totalled another \$488 – which just cracked the \$2,000 mark! An amazing effort to all involved with \$2,008 going to the Fight MND charity. Keep your eyes and ears open for further SRC fundraisers and school events in Term 3.



**Callan Smart and Daniel Pierce
SRC Coordinators**



U15/16 and OPEN BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Waikerie High School held its School Cross Country Championships over three Friday mornings at a track behind the school oval.

This was a great opportunity for students to begin participating in school sport activities again, and whilst the numbers of participants were lower than in previous years, all students who entered the event represented their houses extremely well.

A number of races were extremely close, and reflected the great efforts that students put in.

Thanks must go to Shaun Arnold, who allowed the track to go through a part of his property, and to staff and student volunteers, who assisted in the running of the events.

We look forward to the resumption of some school sport events next term.

Congratulations to the individual winners (listed below).

U14 Girls Winner:	Latia Loffler	Cadell
U14 Girls R/U	Lucy Kroehn	Ritchie
U14 Boys Winner	Blake Loffler	Cadell
U14 Boys R/U:	Thomas Waanders	Ritchie
U15 Girls Winner	Felicity Arnold	King
U15 Girls R/U:	Stella Thomas	Randell
U15 Boys Winner:	Reuben Lehmann	Randell
U15 Boys R/U:	Hayden Fridd	Randell
U16 Girls Winner:	Aaliyah Loffler	Cadell
U16 Boys Winner:	Joseph Mee	King
U16 Boys R/U:	Matt Schmidt	King
Open Boys Winner:	Marcel Waanders	Ritchie
Open Boys R/U:	Ethan Johnson	King

Overall results for the shield were:

1 st	Ritchie
2 nd	Randell
3 rd	King
4 th	Cadell



Matt McDonald
HPE & Sports Coordinator



Winners U15 & 16 Cross Country



Winners Open Boys Cross Country



Is gaming having a negative impact on your child's life?

This year we have all spent an increased amount of time within our home environments. For many this has led to increased screen and gaming time. Screen and gaming is ok with clear boundaries. It becomes problematic when it is having a negative impact on their life and others around them.

Gaming and screen time can be great for socialising and an amazing outlet for imagination, but it also has its downsides. Online games are designed to make it hard to stop once they start playing (addictive). It can be fun and positive if done in moderation, with clear and solid strategies and boundaries for managing negative experience and outcomes.

Here are some signs that gaming might be impacting your child's life:

- Are they playing online games late at night and sleeping through the day?
- Are they finding it really hard to get to sleep at night because their mind is still buzzing?
- Are they not getting their school work and assignments done, but still spending lots of time gaming?
- Do they find it difficult to go to school after gaming late at night on the weekend, or through the holidays?
- Do they get really angry or worked up about losing while playing?
- Do they get really annoyed when anyone interrupts them when they are gaming?
- Do they find it hard to concentrate when they are not gaming?
- Are they not interested in any other hobbies besides gaming?
- Do they push friends or family away or try to get out of social commitments, so they can spend more time online?
- Are they not getting enough exercise/sunshine/nutrition/family time/showering because they are spending so much time gaming?

If you answered yes to any of these points, they could be spending too much time playing online games. You can speak to the school Social Worker and/or services listed below about how to reduce their playing time, how to set clear rules and boundaries, and to discuss other support.

Need to talk to someone?

- Bec Barker- Waikerie High School Social Worker
- Headspace
- Relationships Australia
- Kids helpline
- Parents helpline
- www.esafety.gov.au

**Bec Barker
Social Worker**

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL



Parent Update Week 8, Term 2 - 2020

Connecting with your local high school

We hope your child is enjoying being back at school for term 2. The lead up to the term was challenging for students, families and schools as together we responded to COVID-19.

We know some things had to be done differently, such as high school open days which were cancelled, postponed or moved online.

If you're interested in learning about your child's high school now, speak with your high school about how to best connect. If you're unsure of which high school zone you live in, use the '[Find a school](#)' tool on the department's website.

Getting ready for the move

Primary and high schools are working hard to plan for the move of year 7 to high school in 2022.

If your child is in year 5 or 6 this year, they'll be graduating from primary school next year. Primary schools are thinking now about how to make your child's last year in primary school a positive experience.

High school planning is also in full swing to welcome year 7s and year 8s together in 2022.

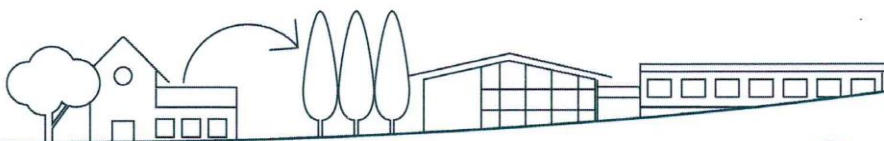
Primary and high schools are working together at every level to make the move a success for your child.

Stay engaged with your school to keep updated with the latest information.

Where to find out more

Stay informed through your school and the Department for Education's website: www.education.sa.gov.au/7toHS

Or share your feedback with the project team by emailing: Year7toHS@sa.gov.au.



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DAILY SPECIALS AT THE CANTEEN (must be ordered)

Monday - Nachos:

- Corn Chips topped with Salsa, cheese & sour cream \$5.50

Tuesday - Stuffed Potatoes:

- Plain - Ham & Cheese \$6.50
- Tropical - Ham, Cheese & Pineapple \$6.50
- Deluxe - Ham, Cheese, Pineapple & Beetroot \$6.50
- Farmyard - Chicken, Spring Onion, Corn, Cheese \$6.50
- Bolognaise - mince, tomato sauce, cheese \$6.50
- Mexican Beans - Beans, chilli, cheese \$6.50
- Vegetarian - Any of the above \$6.50

Wednesday - Footy Day (sauce 20cents extra)

- Pies - Meat, Chicken, Spaghetti, Pizza or Potota Pies \$4.80
- Pasties - Meat, Vegie or Pumpkin/Fetta Pasties \$4.80
- Sausage Rolls OR Cheese/Bacon Sausage Rolls \$4.30
- Quiches - Tom & Onion or Spinach & Bacon \$4.80

Thursday - Variety Day

- Fried Rice - Meat or Vegetarian \$5.50
- Sweet Fried Rice - Meat or Vegetarian \$5.50
- Savoury Slice (grated vegetable with eggs & cheese, with or without bacon) \$6.50
- Savoury Mince - Mince, vegies, sauce & rice \$6.50
- Curried Sausages - Sausages, Vegie, Curry \$6.50

Friday - Pasta Day

- Spaghetti Bolognaise \$6.50
- Chicken Pasta or Vegie Pasta \$6.50
- Sweet Potato & Pumpkin Pasta \$6.50
- Lasagne - Meat \$6.50
- Cannelloni - Meat OR Spinach & Ricotta \$6.50

Marion Maywald
Phone 85 413097 or 0417 897 295



WAIKERIE HIGH SCHOOL 1:1 DEVICE

To meet the demands of modern education, students need to have access to a personal computer at home and in lessons at school. This will enable students to move seamlessly between school and home in their learning. With approval of the Governing Council, Waikerie High School is implementing 1:1 device for its students. Students are required to have their own personal computer to use at school, starting 2020.

PROVIDER

Edunet has been chosen by Waikerie High School to supply personal computers to be used at school and home. They are sanctioned by the Department for Education and work with numerous schools in South Australia.

To enter the Edunet site go to www.waikerie.technologyportal.com.au and use the access code **whs2019**.

DEVICES

Edunet has compiled a selection of four devices that will satisfy the ICT needs of our students from years 8 to 12. The school recommends the Lenovo 300e Yoga.

INSURANCE

It is recommended that insurance is taken when purchasing a device. Edunet partners with iBroker for insurance. Insurance will vary according to the device purchased.

HOW TO PURCHASE

All purchases are made through the Edunet parent purchase portal. Parents will go to the Edunet site and follow the procedure to set up an account. A device, accessories and insurance can then be selected and paid for.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Upfront

Edunet provides the following payment options:

By VISA or MasterCard. All credit card payments incur a 1.5% surcharge. The second option is to deposit the full amount directly into Edunet's bank account.

2. Payment Plan

Edunet has a number of different parent finance options:

For example, zipMoney enables the purchase of a device in the 1:1 Device Program by paying without interest for the first 12 months. There is an initial joining fee to set up the payment plan and a monthly account fee, only while there is a balance remaining. After 12 months, zipMoney will charge standard credit card interest on the remaining balance.

DEPLOYMENT

Edunet will organise for the devices to be delivered to an address specified in the order.

SUPPORT

Edunet has a support centre with service technicians to assist with any problems that may arise. They also have a professional vendor relationship with the school to ensure that parents are supported through the selecting, ordering, payment and delivery of the device to the student.

Wayne Tyler
Technology Coordinator

