

# WAIKERIE High School Newsletter



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### COMING EVENTS

8<sup>TH</sup> to 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
Operation Flinders

18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
FRIDAY  
SCHOOL CLOSURE

21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER  
Monday start Year 12 prac  
exams

21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER  
Monday WPS & RPS  
Year 7 transition visit

23<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER  
Wednesday BPS, WLPS  
& MPS Year 7 Transition  
visit

25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
FRIDAY END TERM 3  
2:20PM DISMISSAL  
Reports and Newsletter  
will be available on  
DAYMAP

### UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

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

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

### UNIFORM

We are very proud of our school uniform and we have many positive comments when our students are in the community representing us. We remind parents that all students must be in full school uniform every day. Hoodies must not be visible under jackets. We look forward to introducing our new rugby tops that will be available later in the year.

### SCHOOL CLOSURE

Reminder that we have a school closure on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Please add this date to your diaries.

Dear Parents

**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:** It is always so rewarding to see students being acknowledged for their academic efforts. Congratulations to those students who received a certificate for term 1 or a medal for the semester. It was terrific to be able to meet and present these awards as Covid-19 restrictions prevented the assembly in term 1. This occasion is always very positive for students and staff and it was fantastic to have the support of the many parents in attendance.

**TRAFFIC LIGHT DATA:** This information was up-loaded to Daymap at the start of week 6 (24<sup>th</sup> August). The data will provide further feedback on student progress at this time and we encourage parents to discuss this with their children. Please contact the class teacher if you have concerns.

### YEAR 7 to WHS PARENT INFORMATION MEETING

Earlier this term we held an information session for Year 7 students and their families that will be attending Waikerie High School next year. It was fantastic to meet our new students and families and have the opportunity to communicate details for the smooth transition to our school. We look forward to working closely with you all in 2021.

### STUDENT FREE DAY

Staff continued their work on One Plans that are developed for students to support them with their learning and wellbeing. We thank our Learning Support Coordinator, Ms Gill Collins, for delivering the session and guiding staff through the plans.

Teachers also gained training around feedback and the impact on learning. This is part of our Visible Learning focus and we acknowledge that students who seek, receive and act on feedback are powerful learners. The role of the teacher is to ensure this feedback is effective and relevant and have evidence to measure improvement.

The final session was dedicated to planning for the Year 7 cohort that will attend our school in 2022. This is an exciting time for both staff and students and the afternoon allowed work to continue on curriculum design and assessment.

**STAFFING:** We congratulate Mr Andrew Hayman on his tenured Permanent Relief Teacher position. Mr Hayman will be based at Waikerie High School and serve the local area as a relief teacher. Mr Hayman has been with us this year and all schools look forward to working with him in the future.



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Department for Education



Craig Griffiths  
Principal



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEMESTER 1 ACADEMIC AWARD WINNERS**



**YEAR 8**



**YEAR 9**



**YEAR 10**



**YEAR 11**



**YEAR 12**

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

### Year 12s

Not long to go! Effectively 6 weeks left of face to face teaching. Normal lessons will run up until Friday 23rd October (Week 2 of Term 4). The Year 12 BBQ and farewell assembly will occur on that Friday. Programs after that date will be outlined to students for revising of exams and completing any outstanding work.

### Year 11/12 Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews

These were held last night on the 27th August and we thank students and parents for attending. This is now a critical time for our Year 11 and 12 students. The focus is to ensure all tasks are completed, revision of folio work is extensive and preparing for final examinations. To support this process please ask your child about their learning, stay in touch with subject teachers or please call me if you have any questions.

### Course Confirmation

Course confirmation will occur on Monday 31st August and Tuesday 1st September. This is a very important process to prepare for South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) completion. This is an opportunity to discuss pathway options and the suitability of students selecting subjects.

Please book your Course Confirmation appointment through [schoolinterviews.com.au](http://schoolinterviews.com.au):

Year 10 going into Year 11 in 2021 - Monday August 31st Event key: 4em7m

Year 11 going into Year 12 in 2021 - Tuesday September 1st Event key: 7q743

During the appointment, students with their parent/carer(s) will have a fifteen minute session where their 2021 course will be discussed. Normal lessons run on the day so students will leave a lesson for the interview. These sessions will run in the interview rooms at Room 29.

**Phil Valentine**  
AP Senior School



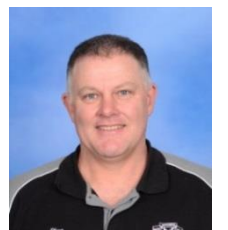
## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

On the 6<sup>th</sup> August Mitch and Ulani visited Ramco Primary School to run a presentation at the schools' assembly on: how being a 'Ramco Powerful Learner' (problem solver, self-regulator, resilient learner) has shaped and benefited them at high school and the success they have experienced. They both did an excellent job as ambassadors of former Ramco Primary School and current Waikerie High School in their presentation.



During weeks 8 and 9, all middle school students will take part in the PAT M and PAT R testing. We wish them all the best during this testing period and are looking forward to seeing the excellent results produced by these students.

**Dion Higgins**  
AP Middle School



## MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

### M&S Charges 2020

**Material & Services for 2020 are now overdue.** 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](http://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.

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

**Felicity Ziegler**  
Business Manager



## NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

From August the 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, students and staff celebrated National Science week. On Monday, the science faculty provided morning tea for the staff with the theme of the week being "Oceans, Innovations for the Future".

Each day, students participated in the daily quiz in homegroup to win prizes. Questions were based around the ocean such as "How many million tonnes of gold are estimated to be at the bottom of the Ocean?" (20 million).

On Tuesday and Wednesday, students watched Ocean documentaries and had popcorn and chocolate while enjoying the series.

On Thursday, a group of Year 8 and 9 students were involved in The Big Watermelon Experiment. This involved students discovering how many rubber bands are needed to pop a watermelon. The experiment was conducted on the back oval in front of a large crowd of spectators.

On Friday, Ocean Kahoots were run at lunchtime with prizes involved. A huge thankyou to the staff that made this week happen and the students for embracing the week and getting involved.



**Donna Haynes**  
Science Coordinator



## WHATS HAPPENED IN AGRICULTURE IN TERM 3

### Year 11 and 12

The senior class has now been combined and are co-ordinating the Ewes and Lambs while the Year 11 focus on what makes a good show Silkie with the hope of being able to selectively breed for the required traits (Mrs Haynes would be proud we are using genetics!!).



### Year 10

Students continue to work with the show merinos by walking, weighing and feeding. They are questioned on aspects of sheep husbandry, nutrition, the industry and performing general health checks. Six dedicated and lucky students will compete against 36 other schools and 68 teams of 3 wethers at the Schools Merino Competition held at the Royal Adelaide Agricultural Show Grounds on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Our pig's eco shelter is maintained for cleanliness (a tough ask some days), while pigs are weighed and more health checks conducted, all while the pigs try to nibble at the students toes. Funny to watch the students reactions.

We maintain our trial citrus crops where Valencia oranges are grown on four different root stocks (Tri, Tanghe, Ghana and Zao). Students measure height, health, pest and disease, trunk girth (circumference), fruit size, number and quality under the guidance of Dr Tahir Khurshid, Research Physiologist for the Department of Primary Industries NSW.

In addition to all of this, they have now planted most of the horticulture plot and pruned the fruit trees in the Ag plots. Lots of hands on stuff and blisters to boot!!



**Year 9**  
 Students will be working with poultry this term and continuing growing veggies for the school and community. They have been introduced to our chooks and there is hope that we will have some new additions once the eggs hatch a little later this term. New Buff Laced and Barred Wyandottes as well as Silkies which will go into a breeding program, conducted by the Yr 11s, so that the yr 9s can hopefully show them at the Royal Adelaide Agricultural Show next year. Next term Yabbies will be investigated (life cycle, maintenance, nutrition, welfare and breeding). Fun Fun Fun!!



**Propagation Shed**

It has finally begun. Pad is down, holes drilled and posts are in. Can't wait to start propagating plants. A huge thanks to Tammy Atze for donating thousands of Salt Bush seeds for our sheep. They will be the first things grown. Thanks to Andrew Linke and Roger Perks for helping to erect the posts.

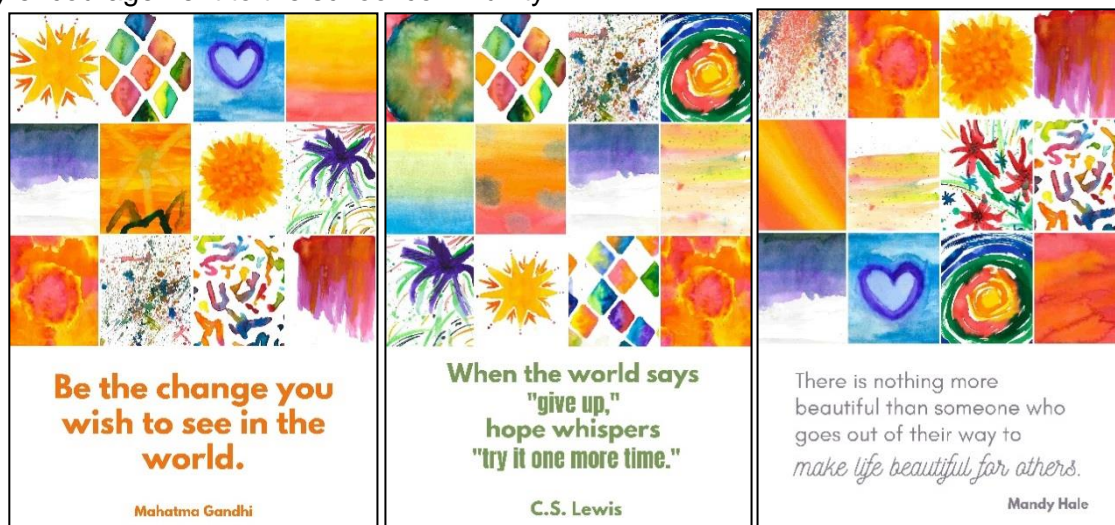


**Paul Tripodi  
 Ag Teacher**



## PASTORAL CARE WORKER

We are over halfway through term 3 already. Where has the year gone?! This term I have worked with a group of students on a 'positivity project.' The students created watercolour artwork which was then transferred onto digital posters with encouraging quotes. The posters are on display around the school with the aim to provide positive daily encouragement to the school community.

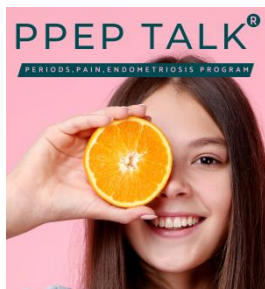


As part of my role at Waikerie High School, I am available on Wednesday and Friday to be a listening ear, provide a 'helping hand' and point you in the direction of additional supports as appropriate. I can be contacted by email on [janine.frost335@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:janine.frost335@schools.sa.edu.au). Please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Janine Grieger**  
Pastoral Care Worker



## SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT



### Periods, Pain and Endometriosis School Program (PPEP Talk)

Week 5 Clinical Educator Michelle Nielsen spoke to the Year 9 girls as part of the extended learning program about periods, pain and endometriosis. Year 9 boys also had the opportunity to learn about PPEP and have a chat about the topic in EL as part as the Shine SA program.

Since starting the program in May 2019, PPEP Talk results have been outstanding with 91.67% of students saying PPEP Talk taught them things about the human body they didn't know, and 90.27% of students found the PPEP Talk enjoyable and informative.

Results have shown that 59.88% of students are reporting 3 or more days of pelvic pain or discomfort of any kind, even mild pain, over an average month. While 22.58% are experiencing between 6-30 days of pelvic pain. This type of pain is common but is not normal, and it is clear that there is a need for more education around periods, pelvic pain and endometriosis in schools.

### Need to chat to someone or would like further information?

- Please visit [pelvicpain.org.au](http://pelvicpain.org.au)
- Visit your GP or request a referral to see a specialist
- Contact Bec Barker- Waikerie High School Social Worker
- Borrow 'Endometriosis and Pelvic Pain' by Dr. Susan Evans from the Resource Centre, or purchase the book from the pelvicpain.org.au website.

**Bec Barker**  
Social Worker





**COME AND TRY**

Waikerie Tennis Club



**AND REGISTRATION**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 3.45 - 5.30pm**

For all current players, beginners

or anyone wanting to have a go.

Feel free to have a hit, no coaching on the day.

For more information please phone

Penny Kroehn 0403 434 543



CANTEEN NEWS

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

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