

WAIKERIE High School Newsletter



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COMING EVENTS

**18th November
Wednesday**

Year 7 Transition Visit

23rd November Monday

Start Year 11 Exams

23rd November Monday

Year 8-10 Cricket Cup
WHS

27th November Friday

Year 7 Transition Visit

30th November Monday

Start Year 10 Exams

**2nd December
Wednesday**

WHS Transition BBQ
5:30pm

7th December Monday

Presentation Night

7th December Monday

Year 10 Work Experience

11th December Friday

End Term 4
2:20pm dismissal

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.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

End of Year

As the end of the school year rapidly approaches, our students are taking part in examinations and completing assignment work. Earlier this term we had a fantastic Year 12 BBQ with family and friends followed by our farewell assembly. Our Year 12 students have just completed their examinations and we look forward to the release of results. The Year 10 and 11 students are also coming to the completion of their courses with examinations later in the term.

Presentation Night Monday 7th December 2020

We look forward to celebrating student achievement and formally presenting the class of 2020. This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions and to adhere to guidelines, we will be reducing numbers by recognising achievements of the senior school (Years 10, 11 and 12) only. We encourage parents and students to arrive at 7.00pm to sign in for a 7.30pm start.

The middle school (Year 8 and 9) awards will be recognised on our last day of school, 11th December, at a Celebration of Success assembly starting at 9.15am in the hall.

The tradition of inviting previous students as a guest speaker is again a feature of this year's Presentation Night. Our guest speaker this year is Sarah White. Sarah completed Year 12 in 2006 and went on to study Human Movement and Health Studies. Sarah's interest in health grew during this time and after two years, went on to study a Bachelor of Registered Nursing and then transferred into a Bachelor of Paramedic Science. Sarah worked in Occupational Rehabilitation in Melbourne for a year and then returned to Adelaide to complete a Paramedic Internship for the next two years. Sarah has worked as a qualified paramedic at various locations in metropolitan Adelaide and is currently based at Parafield station.

We look forward to hearing about Sarah's journey from Waikerie High School.

Celebration of Success assembly

It was fantastic to see students being acknowledged for their academic efforts from Term 3. Congratulations to those students who received a certificate. This assembly is always very positive for students and staff and it was terrific to have the support of the many parents in attendance.

Student Leadership for 2021

Students have completed elections for our student leaders for 2021. We will be announcing these to students next Friday at a brief assembly. Year 8 SRC elections for the Student Representative Council will be held early in 2021 after students have had an opportunity to get to know each other as a group.

Thank you to the outgoing SRC and House Captains/Vice Captains for their outstanding work this year.

Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews

As a follow up from reports, parents took the opportunity to discuss student progress with teachers. There is absolutely no doubt that student learning is enhanced when parents/caregivers and teachers work as a team to support their child.



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Department for Education



Traffic Light Data

This information has been uploaded to Daymap for parents and students this week. This will provide further feedback on student progress at this time we encourage parents to discuss progress with their children. Please contact the teacher if you have concerns.

Teacher Training & Development

Last Friday staff had the opportunity to reflect on our Site Improvement Plan and look at our Improvement Model for next year. This involved analysing data and looking at strategies to continually improve student learning. This was a very successful day with work beginning in preparation for 2021.

**Craig Griffiths
Principal**



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Year 12s

Thank you to Year 12 students and their family and friends for attending the farewell BBQ and assembly on the Friday 23rd October. Although it wasn't the last day of attendance for many Year 12 students (with exams and work to complete), it was a good chance to farewell all Year 12s to the rest of the school.

Well done to the efforts of our Mathematical Methods, General Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics students who participated in written tests and our Modern History and Biology students who completed tests online. We wish you well when results are published on the Tuesday the 15th December.

I hope to see all Year 12 students for a morning tea with the staff and at speech night on Monday 7th December.

Year 11s

The Year 11 school year is concluding, Week 7 this term is exam week (23rd to 27th November).

Each student will have a different expectation of when they need to be at school. A letter has been distributed by hand to students and to parents via email with all details about expectations for the end of the year.

Year 10s

Official lessons for Year 10s will end on Friday 4th December (Week 8). Year 10s are expected to organise work experience for Week 9. Forms for this have been provided for students, parents, and the business to complete.

Students have also registered for the Harrison test which is an online test for students to gain more insight into which jobs they would be suited for in the future. Students would have been sent a link to complete the test. Once completed we are fortunate enough to have a career advisor visit the school on Monday's to go over the test with the students and provide career advice.

**Phil Valentine
AP Senior School**



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

What a busy term and year we have had. Let's keep the momentum going for the rest of the term as there have been some fantastic efforts so far. To finish off Term 4 and the year, in the last week of school there is a slight change to the normal school structure. The school this year in week 9 will be running a 'House Cup STEM Challenge' followed by some fun activities to finish off the school term for Years 8 and 9 students. Year 10's are expected to complete their work experience which was cancelled due to Covid 19 earlier in the year. Attached to the newsletter is a draft timetable of events. Due to restrictions on speech night, we will celebrate Year 8 and 9 success on the Friday 11th December in a Recognition of Success Assembly. More information will be coming home with your child in the near future in regards to week 9.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

On the 11th November, SRC members Jack, Harry, Vaine and Emily along, with the Waikerie Army Cadets Branch, Will, Zack Z, Ryan B, Ryan G, Zack I, Tahnee, Alesha, Shana and Bradley took part in the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at Soldiers Memorial Park in Waikerie, 'Lest we Forget'.



Dion Higgins
AP Middle School



MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER



NEW Waikerie High School Rugby Top

We have a new rugby top that will be available for purchase at the beginning of 2021 for \$61 each

Book Collection, Uniform & Payment Days in January 2021

Tuesday 19th January, 2021

1-7pm

Wednesday 20th January, 2021

9.30am-3pm

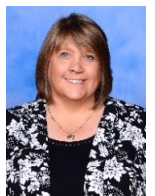
UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES FOR 2020

The Uniform Shop will be open Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am-9am. All uniforms need to be paid in full at time of purchase either by cash, EFTPOS or cheque.

BOOK ROOM OPENING TIMES

The book room is open
Monday to Friday 8:30am to 9:00am.

Felicity Ziegler
Business Manager



For students selecting Year 11/12 General Maths/Math Methods a requirement is to have access to a Graphic calculator. At subject selection, each student that chose these subjects would have received a form. If not, the form is attached in the newsletter. There are two options for families; 1. Buy a new calculator from Abacus and follow the instructions for logging in on the form (These can then be used by siblings). 2. Purchase a second hand calculator from the book room for \$50.

Donna Haynes
Maths/Science



ABACUS
CALCULATORS & RESOURCES



**WAIKERIE HIGH SCHOOL
ONLINE STUDENT CALCULATOR ORDERS**

ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED BETWEEN:

OPENING 1ST OCT 2020- CLOSING 19TH NOV 2020

ORDERS PLACED AFTER THE ABOVE DATE WILL INCUR A \$14.95 DELIVERY FEE AND BE CHARGED THE ONLINE CALCULATOR PRICE

- STEP 1:** GO TO www.abacuscalculators.com.au
- STEP 2:** ENTER YOUR SCHOOL ID CODE TO LOG IN: **WAIKERIESA**
- STEP 3:** SELECT YOUR CALCULATOR AND ACCESSORIES & PAY FOR YOUR ORDER USING CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD
- STEP 4:** **FREE DELIVERY** - TO THE SCHOOL WILL BE 2 WEEKS AFTER THE CLOSING DATE.

CASIO FXCG50AU- INCLUDES FREE ABACUS 2-YEAR EXTENDED WARRANTY

CASIO "BUNDLE "GREAT SAVING

1X CASIO- FXCG50AU, 1X PADDED CASE, 1X 32GB USB = \$241.50 incl gst

OR ORDER INDIVIDUALLY

- 1X FXCG50AU- \$231.00 gst inclusive (graphic calc)
- STYLUS PEN - \$5.50 gst inclusive (spare stylus)
- PADDED CASE - \$5.50 gst inclusive
- 32GB USB - \$7.15 incl gst

SEE CONDITIONS BELOW:

- 2 YEAR REPAIR/REPLACEMENT WARRANTY (BROKEN SCREENS NOT INCLUDED)
- PLEASE KEEP PROOF OF PURCHASE FOR WARRANTY PURPOSES.
- NO REFUNDS GIVEN FOR INCORRECT PURCHASES.

If you need to place an order after the closing date:
go onto the home page of;

www.abacuscalculators.com.au

and order your calculator at the current online price. The calculator can be delivered directly to your preferred address for \$14.95 (delivery cost)

Any queries please call Gaynor
PH: 1800 998 424 FAX: 1800 818 171
EMAIL: gaynor@abacus.com.au

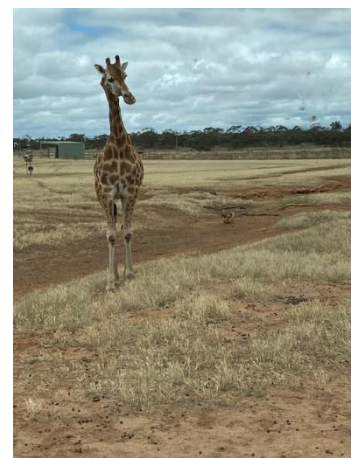
Please refer to our website for full terms and conditions.

YEAR 11 BIOLOGY EXCURSION MONARTO ZOO

On Friday the 13th November, the Year 11 Biology class went to Monarto Zoo for the day. As part of their Ecosystems topic, the students were involved observing the conservation programs the Zoo has to offer. They watched the feeding of the Tasmanian Devils and were impressed with the interactions of the Chimps.

After lunch, we were fortunate enough to have an ex Waikerie High School student, Stefanie Zerner, take us on the Safari Tour. We were able to see many new born baby animals, including a very curious baby lion cub. We were fortunate enough to have a good view of the lion enclosure as we were stuck in there for half an hour as a bus had broken the gates leading in and out of the enclosure. Monarto was a great opportunity to show the students the positive impacts that Zoos can have on ecosystems and bringing animals out of the critically endangered zone. A huge thankyou to Mr Higgins for driving the bus and Steph for being a wonderful host.

Donna Haynes
Maths/Science



Week 9 Student Timetable 2020

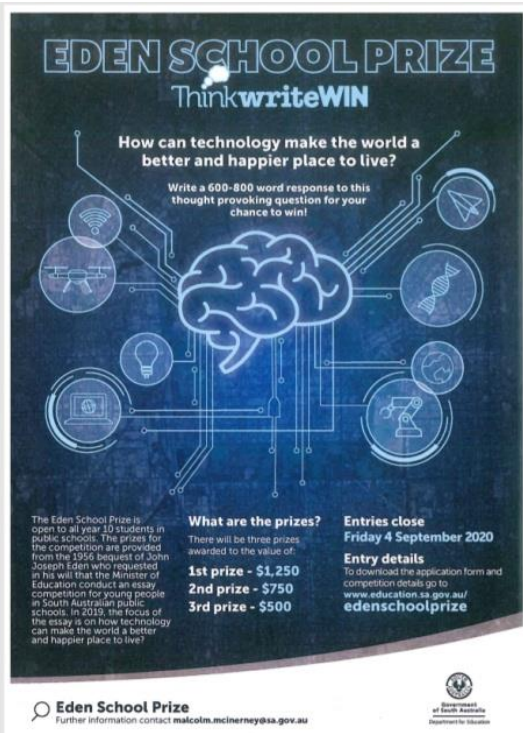
TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 TO 9:15	Home Group – Years 8 to 10 (run in normal home classes)			Meet on the front lawns after home group and after each break	
	House STEM Challenge			Whole School Activity	
9:15 TO 10:55	English/Hass 'Escape Room'	Technology 'Drone Supply Drop'	Ma/Science 'Catapult Challenge & Amazing Race'	RIVERFRONT ACTIVITIES Fisherama HPE Games Kayaking Cliff Top Walk	Recognition of Success Assembly (Year 8 & 9) ART ACTIVITY
10:55 TO 11:15	Recess				
11:20 TO 1:00	The Arts 'Bushfire T-Shirts'	HPE 'Field & Cooking Challenge'	Ma/Science 'Catapult Challenge & Amazing Race'	RIVERFRONT ACTIVITIES Fisherama HPE Games Kayaking Cliff Top Walk SRC BBQ	FUN RUN
			12:30 to 1pm Presentation & Judging		
1:00 TO 1:40	Lunch				
1:45 TO 3:25	Pool Music – Speech Night	Pool	Pool	RIVERFRONT ACTIVITIES Fisherama HPE Games Kayaking Cliff Top Walk Dismissal 2.35 at WHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assembly • Awards • Clean Up • Dismissal – 2:20pm • Reports Online Via DayMap
After School	WHS Presentation Night Start Time: 7:00pm				

Note: In case of extreme weather conditions on the Thursday and the fun run on Friday, alternative activities may occur.

YEAR 12 STUDENTS LAST DAY



CONGRATULATIONS MAKAYLA, CHLOE AND BRAYDEN



Congratulations to **Makayla Frost** for winning a medallion and a merit certificate in the 2020 Eden School Prize essay competition. This annual competition is open to Year 10 students at a South Australian school. In 2020, participants were required to submit a 600 - 800 word essay about the topic, "How can technology make the world a better and happier place to live?" **Chloe Edwards** and **Brayden Helbig**, who also submitted entries, received certificates for their efforts. Thank you to all Year 10 students who participated and congratulations to Makayla, Chloe and Brayden.

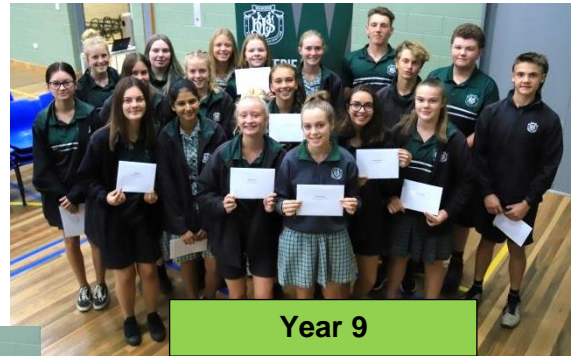
Estelle Tyler
English Teacher



RECOGNITION OF SUCCESS ASSEMBLY



Year 8



Year 9



Year 12



Year 10



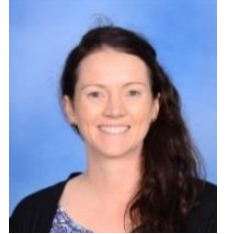
Year 11

SOCIAL WORKER'S REPORT

Operation Flinders Students and Staff along with their Leaders attended a follow up activity in week 3. Activities included walking around Harts Lagoon, making survival bracelets and a BBQ lunch. This was followed by a presentation at the Waikerie Council with the Major, Sponsors, Volunteers, Waikerie High School Staff and their families. Waikerie High School would like to thank the Sponsors and Volunteers for their support. Well done girls! You should be extremely proud of your achievements!



**Bec Barker
Social Worker**



COMMUNITY NEWS

CALL FOR LOCAL FOSTER CARERS

MORE foster carers are needed in the Riverland to support young people in need of safe homes and positive relationships. Foster carers help provide support and care to our region's most vulnerable children and young people. They play a significant role in welcoming young people from the local area into their homes and families to ensure they have access to familiar schools, sporting activities, friends and relatives. Carers can choose to provide long-term, short-term, respite or occasional care. By joining AC.Care's network, carers also have ongoing support from a team based in the Riverland, providing specific training and 24/7 on-call support services. It takes many different people to provide sustainable placements for children of all ages, from infants through to teenagers. Foster carers can be of any gender, single or in a relationship, with or without children and there are options to balance working with foster care. If you would like to find out more about how to become a foster carer, don't hesitate to call AC.Care Riverland foster carer recruitment, assessment and training officer Brenton on 8580 5303, visit our website at www.accare.org.au and keep up to date with activities on Facebook at www.facebook.com/accarecommunity

DRONE CHALLENGE

On Friday 16th October week 1, the Hon. Tim Whetstone presented our 2019 winning drone team Ryan Bartels, Jed Thiel, Aaliyah Loffler and Lauren Brown with their awards.

On Thursday 29th October week 3, our 2020 drone team, Mitchell Werner, Zac Ziegler, Taya Jolly and Ulani Guy travelled to Loxton to represent the Waikerie High School in the annual interschool drone challenge.

This is a challenging opportunity for students to work collaboratively in a group to solve real problems using drones as a platform to gather data.

Students had to fly a drone over an orange grove and find the location of markers which identified diseased trees. A report was then prepared and presented online to a panel of judges. This year our team was placed second.



Wayne Tyler
IT Coordinator



MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Over the course of the year, our Year 12 students have been given the opportunity to have some time to relax and fellowship together as part of the Year 12 happy hour events each term. At Year 12 happy hour sessions, we share snacks and drinks together and students compete in a yearlong competition. The competition culminated in a 3-way challenge where students needed to complete a relay of minute to win it challenges. Congratulations to the overall winner Cade Ridley who enjoyed a voucher to Walk on Water and a box of chocolates. Runners up were Hayley Wilson and Michael Whittington-Arnold (competing for Will Campbell).

Congratulations to our Year 12 students on finishing their schooling at Waikerie High School – especially in such a weird and wacky year! I wish you every success as each of you begins this new chapter in your life! “Never limit yourself because of others’ limited imagination; never limit others because of your own limited imagination.” – Mae Jemison

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, or by phoning the school directly. Please do not hesitate to contact me.



Janine Grieger
Pastoral Care Worker

Remember 2020

Order this year's school magazine

What a good way to remember your friends and all the wonderful experiences you had.

Includes all class photos and Year 12 Formal photos.

\$20 each

The 2020 Magazine will be available for collection when school re-opens for 2021.

Orders are now open for this year's school magazine and will close on 11 December.

To order your copy of the 2020 school magazine, complete the following tear-off order form and make your payment of \$20 at the finance office.



Yes please, I would like to order a copy of the 2020 Waikerie High School Magazine.

Student name: _____

Current Year level: _____

Students currently in **Years 8 - 11** will be called to collect their school magazines early in Term 1 of next year.

The following options are only available to current **Year 12** students:
Choose **ONE** of the following collection options:

I will personally collect my copy from the school's reception area.
Parent Name: _____ Contact Phone No: _____

I give permission for my younger sibling (Name: _____
Current Year level: _____) to collect my copy.

I would like my copy posted. Please supply a stamped self addressed A4-envelope when paying for your magazine.

Cost to post (\$5.50 stamped, self-addressed A4 size envelope supplied)

Office use only:

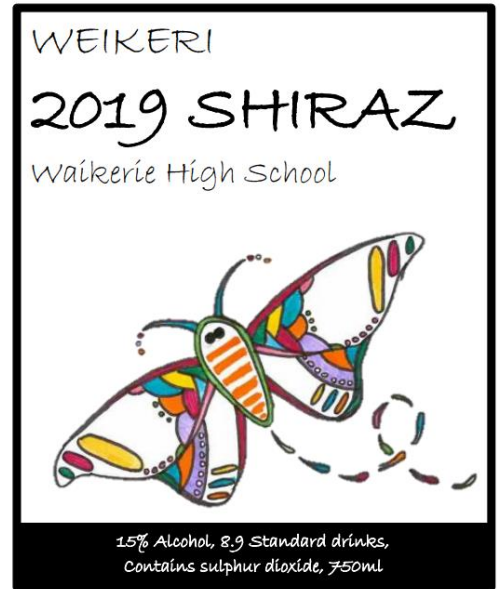
Magazine Collected:

2019 WAIKERIE HIGH SCHOOL SHIRAZ WINE LAUNCH (WITHOUT THE EVENT!)

Due to Covid-19, 2020 has not allowed us to launch the wine made by the 2019 Year 11 Ag class and bottled by the 2020 Year 11 Winemaking students.

As such, we have to launch the wine a little different this year. The students only produced a small amount of wine in 2019, so we were lucky to have Growers Wine Group help us with some of their Shiraz to make up the volume. Haylee Gore won the label competition and designed a very unique label.

We are selling the bottles for \$8 a bottle or \$80 for a carton of 12. If you are interested in purchasing some wine, please fill out the slip below and either email it to donna.haynes816@schools.sa.edu.au or hand it in to the front office so we can organise collection.



We look forward to your support of the Winemaking program at Waikerie High School

Donna Haynes
Viticulture

Please hand this form to the front office, or email Donna Haynes

Name _____ Student Name _____

Parent email address _____

We would like to purchase _____ bottles. Cost _____

Ideal time to pick up the wine _____