

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Year 9 and 10 Students who participated in and **WON** the Riverland Science and Engineering Challenge on Friday 18th June, in Loxton.



Dear Parents

Once again it has been a very busy term. Teaching and learning experiences and extra-curricular activities have again been extensive. The front cover with our winning Science and Engineering Challenge students is an example of the terrific work and achievements of our students and staff. We had great reviews for our Production, Shrek Junior and have continued with sporting events such as 9-a-side football and cross country running. Students have participated in safe driving seminars and a VET come-and-try. We have linked closely with our future Year 7 and 8 families through our transition program. Senior students have gained valuable learning from mid-year examinations and will be involved in holiday sessions to support learning.

VISIBLE LEARNING

Now we are half way through the year it is a great time to reflect on our Learner Dispositions and Values that we instil at Waikerie High School. We show Grit, display Resilience and are Self-Motivated. These, along with our values of Respect, Responsibility, Trust, Achievement and Community are 'front and centre' every day. Our focus on improving these will no doubt impact positively on learning outcomes for students.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to all the students who were involved with this challenge. I personally spoke with some of the organisers who provided feedback that our students were motivated, did not 'give up' and were well mannered. Our dispositions being displayed right there! A big thank you and congratulations to Mrs Haynes and her teaching staff that prepared and organised our team. Thank you also to the Rotary Club for sponsoring and supporting this event.

PRODUCTION

You will see in this newsletter an article and some photos of Shrek Junior. It takes a great deal of work and effort to pull these shows together and I congratulate all staff and students who were involved. It was very rewarding having our students performing with confidence and skill in front of Primary School students, their peers and family members. Congratulations to Mrs Collins and her staff team for coordinating and directing.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Earlier this term our Year 10 students completed their work experience which is part of the Personal Learning Plan curriculum. Our local community was again so supportive in allowing students to work at their business or organisation. Thank you to all that support this program.

ROTARY CLUB OF WAIKERIE CHANGEOVER DINNER



Mr Valentine and I had the honour of attending the dinner where Mr Peter Haines (past Deputy Principal of WHS) was inducted as President. Our school has a very strong connection with the Club and our students benefit from a variety of projects, activities and events that are supported by Waikerie Rotary. We wish Peter all the best for the year and look forward continuing to work with them.

EXAMS

Year 11 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 also provided valuable experience for final stage 2 examinations.

REPORTS

Please take the time to discuss these with your child. They are available on the parent and student DayMap portal. 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.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Next term, Week 2, Friday 30th July we will hold our Semester 1 Academic Awards ceremony in the Hall starting at 10:45 am. Students receiving awards will be notified by email in Week 1 next term.

Wishing all a terrific holiday break.

Craig Griffiths
Principal



TERM 3 2021 AT A GLANCE

JULY

Week 1	Tuesday 20th	Flinders Uni - Lunch
	Thursday 22nd	Lincoln College – Lunch Yr10/11 Enrichment Day
Week 2	Friday 30th	Oline – Recognition of Success Assembly

AUGUST

Week 3	Wednesday 4th	Year 6/7 Transition Parent Information Night
Week 4	Monday 9th	Year 10 & 11 Parent Information Night
Week 5	Monday 16th to Friday 20th	Science Week
Week 6	Thursday 26th	Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews 2:50pm to 6:30pm
Week 7	Monday 30th	Year 10-11 Course Confirmation
	Tuesday 31st	Year 11-12 Course Confirmation

SEPTEMBER

Week 8	Monday 6th	STUDENT FREE DAY
	Tuesday 7th to Tuesday 14th	Adelaide Sheep Contest
	Thursday 9th	Science & Engineering in Adelaide
Week 9	Thursday 16th	5 a-side Soccer at WHS
	Friday 17th	Field Day – Year 9 Band
Week 10	Monday 20th	Year 6 Transition Visits
	Wednesday 22nd	Year 7 Transition Visits
	Friday 24th	End Term 3 – 2:25pm Dismissal Reports available on DayMap Parent Newsletter on DayMap and Waikerie High School Web page

REMINDER

TERM 3

COMMENCES ON

MONDAY 19TH JULY



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Department for Education



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TIMETABLES

Timetables for Semester 2 have been distributed to students via DayMap or in person. Core classes are fixed and cannot be altered; however, electives may be changed if there is a genuine reason (i.e. change of career path or interest). Students are encouraged to DayMap message any questions to me about timetable and I will do my best to reply during the holidays.

YEAR 10

Well done to all students who participated in work experience during the term. There has been good feedback provided by businesses about the initiative and high work ethic of our students. I would like to thank our local businesses who are able to provide this valuable experience to our students. The PLP (Personal Learning Plan) subject should be completed by Year 10s in Semester 1. Students who have not completed this subject will be removed from Semester 2 electives until completed. The PLP is a compulsory subject of the SACE and students must achieve a C or better.

YEAR 11

Well done to all students who participated in exams in Week 9. Some students sat six exams to finish their assessment and this is excellent preparation for exams next semester and in Year 12. There has been a number of outstanding results as well as many students working hard to complete their Literacy and Numeracy subjects for the SACE. We take SACE completion very seriously so students who have not passed these subjects will be placed in extra classes next semester until completed.

RAP PRESENTATION 16TH JUNE

The Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) Road Awareness Program (RAP) is designed to give students a hard-hitting, realistic insight into road trauma. The presentation was offered to Year 11 students and I thank Ian and Eli for their work with our students.



From the presentation evaluation:

14 students claimed they were RESPONSIBLE road users; 25 students claimed they were RISK TAKERS on the road before the presentation.

39 students (100%) indicated that they choose to be RESPONSIBLE road users after the presentation.

YEAR 12

The importance of the RAP presentation, the MFS are kindly returning to the school to present to Year 12s as they missed out last year due to Covid. The presentation is on Monday 23rd August after lunch and I expect all Year 12s to attend.

July Holidays Revision Timetable

Wednesday 14/7	9:00-12:00 English	12:30-3:30 Physical Education
Thursday 15/7	9:00-12:00 Methods / General Maths	12:30-3:30 Chemistry
Friday 16/7	9:00-12:00 Specialist Mathematics	12:30-3:30 Physics

Phil Valentine
AP Senior School



MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

M&S Charges 2021

Material & Services charges for this year are set at \$360 and are due at the end of Term 2. If you are eligible to apply for school card, please complete the school card application form either on line at www.sa.gov.au or contact the school for a hard copy. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

FRONT OFFICE

The front office is closed every Thursday from 2:30pm.

UNIFORM SHOP

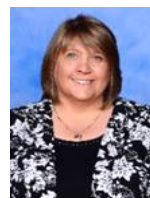
The Uniform Shop is **OPEN Tuesday and Thursday 8:30am-9:00am**. All uniforms need to be paid in full at time of purchase either by cash, EFTPOS or cheque.

Rugby tops have finally arrived and priced at \$62 each. They have been very popular with students and we have run out of some sizes, reordering is in progress and should be here by the beginning of September. If you wish to purchase a rugby top please come to the uniform shop when open.

BOOKROOM (Stationery and all payments)

The Bookroom is **open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings before school 8:30am-9am**.

**Felicity Ziegler
Business Manager**



2021 VET COME AND TRY DAY

On Thursday of Week 10, 38 Year 10 students had the opportunity to participate in the VET 'Come and Try Day' held in Berri and Renmark.

This experience allowed students to participate in a day of exploration related to a chosen area, in order to help students decide whether or not they want to study a VET course next year.

VET (Vocational Education and Training) courses allow Waikerie High School students to study Certificate level courses at TAFE, or through other training organisations, whilst still studying at school. This program has led to successful study and employment outcomes in the past, with approximately 50% of Waikerie High School students using VET study to contribute to their SACE completion.

Areas that students are able to study in are: Automotive, Electrical, Metal Fabrication, Aged Care, Cooking, IT, Hairdressing, Rural Operations, Screen and Media, Horticulture, Hospitality, Construction, Landcare and Early Childhood Education.

Students reported that the day was very useful in helping them decide their future study pathways.

**Tyson Broughton
PLP Teacher**



SHREK THE MUSICAL

Waikerie High School's 2021 Production of Shrek the Musical was a roaring success with our school hall filled to capacity at each show. Schools and communities were welcomed and enjoyed a fun filled musical starring Chloe Edwards as Fiona, Alex Wilson as Shrek, Sam Cabot as Donkey, Deegan Waye as Lord Farquaad and Ulani Guy as the dragon. We were also joined by Harriet and Lyra Lawson from Waikerie Lutheran School as young Shrek and young Fiona. Well done to the cast and crew.



FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY

Congrats to all the team it came together well. A great discussion at the tea table last night. Chloe's favourites were Sam (Donkey), Ulani's four or five characters and her singing, and Chloe (Fiona).

It really is fantastic to watch the finished product and see our students show off their talents! Lots of team work and courage. Special mention to Daniel and Callan!

Feedback from my house:

Jack – Awesome. Donkey was so funny, she was my favourite!

Ben – It was great. I liked Princess Fiona. High accolades from staff and students at Waikerie Primary as well. Everyone was very impressed. Lots of positive comments about how ex-students have grown in confidence.

Shelly absolutely loved it. Last night she couldn't go to sleep until she had told me all about it and her favourite characters. She loved Donkey and Pinocchio. She said "Mum, Pinocchio had so much expression and she even danced with us. It was so cool. I loved it." She also said she liked the bit where they pressed the button, but there was REAL singing.

Well done team!!

Gill Collins
Arts Director



2021 SPORTS NEWS – 9 A-SIDE FOOTBALL

Thursday Week 8 marked this year's Year 8/9 Interschool 9-a-side football competition organised by the SANFL. The competition was held at the Waikerie Sporting Complex where we took four teams from the Years 8 and 9 cohort. Students had to achieve all greens in their traffic light data with no timeouts in order to compete on the day. The day was about participation and engaging students in football who might not play competitively.

All of our teams represented the school in an exemplary manner. The Year 8 boys' team had a tough day coming up against some seriously good young talent but never once dropped their heads or stopped competing. The Year 9 boys were extremely competitive in their division and won a number of games for the day. The Year 8/9 girls' team was where the light shined brightest for Waikerie High school. We entered two teams in this division and both were leading teams with one of our teams winning the Grand Final against Loxton High school. Sienna Lehman, Amity Burns and Alicia Kratopolous lead the way in the Grand Final match as they edged their way past Loxton in the dying seconds.

It was a fantastic effort from all of our students and they should be proud about the way they represented our school. A huge thanks to Mr Pierce, Mr Smart and the SRC for organising the barbecue which was a raging success. Thanks also to Nick Dillon from the SANFL and Peter Safralidis from School Sport SA for organising the day, and all of those who volunteered.



Aaron Manning
HPE Teacher

2021 WORK EXPERIENCE

Recently, Year 10 students had the opportunity to complete one week of work experience, as a part of their Personal Learning Plan studies.

This allowed students to learn about the skills required in the workforce, as well as begin to develop connections and networks within our local and broader community.

Almost all students reported that they learned a lot during the week, and that it was a very valuable experience.

Waikerie High School has a goal of continuing to build connections with local employers. Students will be encouraged to seek out extra opportunities to complete work experience in order to make better decisions about their future pathway, for example, in the school holidays, or during 'activities week' at the end of the school year.

On behalf of the school, we would like to once again thank all employers for their support of our Work Experience program. It does increase an employer's workload to take on a work experience student and many employers go 'above and beyond' to support students, and our community as a whole. These valuable experiences would not be possible without your support.



Matthew McDonald
HPE & Sports Coordinator

HOME ECONOMICS

The Year 8 and 9 Home Economic students have been busy getting creative as designers in the sewing room, and chefs in the kitchen. I have been so impressed with the student's enthusiasm and ability to achieve high quality dishes and products (The dishes and designs featured were created by Chloe H, Sienna H, Martha P, Angelos M, Shakira D and Bailey L).



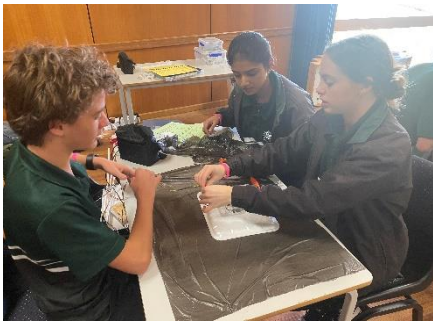
Coby Boughey
Home Economics Teacher

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

On Friday 18th June, 26 Year 9 and 10 students participated in the Riverland Science and Engineering Challenge at Loxton High School. The Science and Engineering Challenge is a STEM outreach program presented by the University of Newcastle. The program, which receives considerable funding and support from Rotary clubs across the country, provides an opportunity for students to experience aspects of science and engineering which they would not usually be exposed to in the classroom.

This daylong event allowed students to compete against four other high schools in a variety of challenges, such as designing an earthquake-proof tower, building a hovercraft or bridge, designing a water turbine, and developing a bionic hand. Students worked in teams, collaborating and using their problem-solving skills to provide solutions for each activity. Points were awarded for each of the challenges, and the school with the highest point score at the end of the day was the winner. Our students blitzed the competition, coming first place overall, and qualifying to compete in the State Final in Adelaide on 9th September.

We are so proud of the teamwork, perseverance and grit shown by all of our students throughout the day, and we look forward to seeing them compete in the State Final in September!



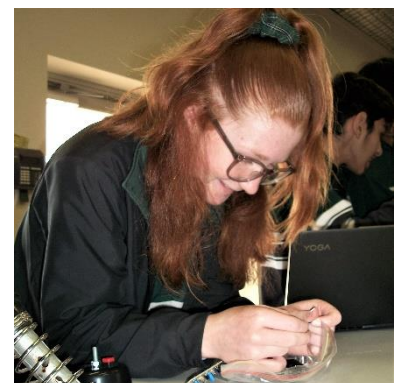
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TERM 2 SRC REPORT

Halfway through the year already! Term 2 has been a busy one in regards to schooling and extra-curricular activities. Senior school SRC members attended the ANZAC Day service the weekend before Week 1 of this term and the Recognition of Success assembly was held in Week 2 with Vaine Guy and Jed Thiel hosting the procedures. We then progressed into our Cross Country and Interschool Cross Country events in Weeks 3 and 4 respectively. The SRC kept runners, spectators, staff, and volunteers hydrated and fed on both days with BBQ food and drinks available to purchase. In Week 8, the BBQ and drink station was fired up again to cater to the Interschool 9-a-side Football Competition. A Quiz Night hosted and organised by the school's SRC members is in the works for Term 3 – make sure to keep your eyes and ears open for more details! Senior SRC members have been in contact with a range of local sponsors who have agreed to generously donate to this event. From the SRC cohort, we hope that all students and families have a great holiday break and come back ready and raring to go for Term 3.

YEAR 8 TECHNOLOGY

The Year 8 Technology students have been building a bicycle light flasher, for which they had to design a printed circuit board; select the correct components and solder.



Wayne Tyler
Technology Teacher



PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Breakfast Club has continued to be a hit in 2021! We are so thankful for our Breakfast Club volunteers. Breakfast Club at WHS runs twice a week; Wednesday we have bacon and eggs and Friday we have toast with spread.

We are currently seeking donations of fresh eggs. Donations of eggs can be dropped into the WHS Front Office or Canteen. Thank you in advance for your support!

I am on site Wednesday and Friday and am available to support parents, caregivers, students and members of our wider school community. You can contact me by email on janine.frost335@schools.sa.edu.au, or by phoning the school to book an appointment.



Janine Grieger
Pastoral Care Worker



CANTEEN NEWS

WAIKERIE HIGH SCHOOL - TERM 3 2021 CANTEEN ROSTER

Thank you for assisting - if unable to attend please phone Marion on 85 413097 or 041 789 7295

TIMES FOR ARRIVAL: 10.50am for recess & 12.55 for lunch.

You are not required to stay between recess & lunch. Approx finish time - 2.00pm

JULY	19th	S. BURGEMEISTER	
	20th	R. MATULICK	
	21st	A. LLOYD	
	22nd		
	23rd	C. BALD	
	26th	C. CABOT	
	27th	O. MEYER	
	28th	C. BALD	
	29th	S. BREWER	
	30th	C. NAYDA	
AUG	2nd	C. BALD	
	3rd	C. NAYDA	
	4th	C. BATCHELER	
	5th	B. McLEAN - Lunch	
	6th	B. PASCHKE	
	9th	N. BORGAS	
	10th	S. BURGEMEISTER	
	11th	R. MATULICK	
	12th		
	13th	C. NAYDA	
	16th	C. CABOT	
	17th	S. CANNEY	
	18th	O. MEYER	
	19th	S. BREWER	
	20th	C. NAYDA	
	23rd	N. BORGAS	
	24th	P. KROEHN	
	25th	C. NAYDA	
	26th	B. McLEAN - Lunch	
	27th	B. PASCHKE	
30th	C. NAYDA		
31st	S. CANNEY		
SEPT	1st	N. RAYNER	
	2nd		
	3rd	B. PASCHKE	
	6th	STUDENT	FREE DAY
	7th	O. MEYER	
	8th	C. BATCHELER	
	9th	B. McLEAN - Lunch	
	10th	C. NAYDA	
	13th	S. BURGEMEISTER	
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Marion Maywald
Canteen Manager

SCHOOL MAGAZINE COVER DESIGN - 2021

We are inviting entries for our 2021 magazine cover design.

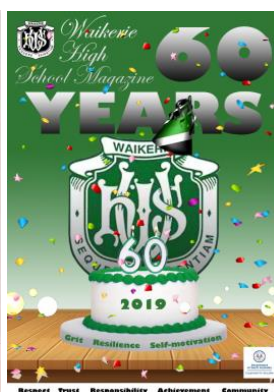
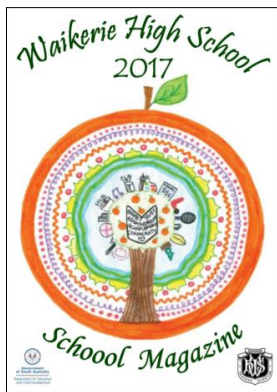
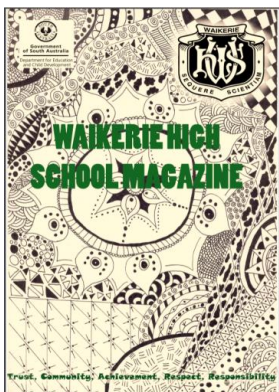
This competition is open to all Waikerie High students.

Anyone interested in participating, may organise with Mrs Liebich to work on their designs during EL.

Competition rules:

- The cover design must be A4-size.
- The final design must be at least 2MB in size.
- The following must appear on the cover:
 - the school name
 - the year
 - the school badge
 - the Department of Education logo
- The design should portray the three aspects of school life: academics, sport and culture.
- The winner will receive the honour of having their artwork immortalised on the cover of this year's magazine; a \$50 canteen voucher; as well as acknowledgement in the school magazine.
- The winning entry will be chosen by the staff, through a secret ballot vote.
- Entries must be submitted electronically to Mrs Liebich by the end of Term 3.

The winning cover designs from the last 5 years appear below:



YEAR 6/7 TRANSITION VISITS

After a great deal of research by the Department for Education, 2022 will be the first year that Year 7 students join us to study at Waikerie High. A great deal of work and planning from all staff has gone into preparing Waikerie High School for the arrival of these students and we are excited to welcome them. As such, we will be running a transition program which is slightly different to previous years. This is outlined in the timetable below. Further information will be provided as we get closer to these events.

In preparation for this process, Mr Higgins and I have been visiting Waikerie High's feeder primary schools to meet the Year 6/7 students who will be studying at Waikerie High School in 2022. The focus of these visits has been to explain the structure of this year's transition program, introduce students to our school values and learner dispositions and answer questions regarding life at high school. It has been a pleasure to meet these students and we are looking forward to seeing more of them as the year progresses.

YEAR 6/7 TRANSITION TIMETABLE – 2021		
WEEK	TERM 3	DATE
3	<u>Year 6/7 Parent/ Student Information Night</u> 7-8pm, Waikerie High School Hall.	Wednesday 4 th August
TBA	<u>Online enrolment forms to be completed.</u> This is a new process for the Department for Education. More information provided at the parent/student information evening.	TBA
10	<u>Year 6 Students & Teachers to visit Waikerie High School</u> (9:15 – 11am) Orientation visit – All year 6 students	Monday, 20 th September
10	<u>Year 7 Students & Teachers to visit Waikerie High School</u> (9:15 – 11am) Orientation visit – All year 7 students	Wednesday, 22 nd September
WEEK	TERM 4	DATE
6	Year 6 Student Transition Visit to WHS (Full Day) – More details to follow.	Wednesday, 17 th November
7	Year 7 Student Transition Visit to WHS (Full Day) – More details to follow.	Friday, 26 th November
8	WHS Transition BBQ for Students & Families Waikerie High School Hall, from 5:30pm	Wednesday, 1 st December
WEEK	TERM 1, 2022	DATE
3	Year 7/8 Camp More information provided early in Term 3, 2021.	TBA
ANYTIME	MEETINGS FOR ILP / NEP STUDENTS WITH GILL COLLINS (LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR)	ANYTIME

Daniel Pierce
Year 7/8 Leader

YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2022



Parent Update Week 9, Term 2 – 2021

Looking beyond year 7

In 2022, year 7 and 8 students will start high school in the same year for the first and only time. We are working hard to ensure the move is smooth and successful for all families and our broader school communities.

Support for year 8s

Every age of schooling is important, and our schools will continue catering for the needs of all students.

While our 2022 year 7 group is receiving a lot of focus in the lead-up to its historic move to high school, our schools are continuing to fully support year 8 students starting high school in 2022. Our schools are highly experienced at running transition programs to ensure year 8s feel welcomed in their new settings. The programs also have a strong focus on helping students form new friendships. This will not change under the year 7 to high school move. Both year 7 and year 8 students will be provided with full transition programs.

Our senior students remain a key focus

Our schools are very capable of managing student needs and parents can be assured that senior students will continue to receive the attention they require for their learning.

Impact on primary schools

Naturally, overall student numbers will drop in our primary schools when year 7 moves to high school.

The government has made a commitment not to close schools as part of the year 7 to high school move. We are offering top-up funding to some eligible regional schools to ensure they don't drop class numbers due to the departure of year 7.

Some primary school teachers are choosing to apply for new high school positions that have been created because of the move. Welcoming them into our high schools will ensure students continue to benefit from their extensive knowledge of year 7 curriculum and teaching methods.

Benefits to high school communities

Feedback from all the schools in our pilot program showed they benefitted from having year 7s on site. The pilot has involved three public high schools, which started welcoming year 7s in 2019. Teachers found the year 7s to be full of energy and optimism, which was a positive for the culture of their wider school communities.

Managing interactions between different year levels

Frameworks already exist in public schools to manage interactions between students of different ages. They already operate in our Birth to 12, Reception to 12 and Area schools. Many schools run peer mentor programs with older students and will have designated yard spaces for 7 and 8 students for lunch and recess. Check with your school about what they offer.

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.

