

CONGRATULATIONS THIRD PRIZE FOR THREE MOST VALUED FLEECES AT 2021 ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW



Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of another extremely busy term. As usual, this newsletter we share some of the many learning activities and events. Our front cover highlights exciting work in our Agriculture Learning Centre. Congratulations to the students, parents and staff involved.

School Reports

Reports are available on DayMap and provide valuable feedback for the term. It is a good opportunity to sit down with your child and their report and reflect on their learning progress. As with the Traffic Lights sent home in Week 5, reflecting on successes and areas of improvement is a process every student should do before re-setting goals for next term.

Parent Student Teacher Interviews – online booking system

An important part of this reflection and goal setting is our Parent, Student, Teacher Interviews which are to be held in the school Hall on Thursday 14th October between 2:45pm and 6:15pm. Fifteen minute interviews can be booked with your child's teachers. As with previous years we will be using an online booking system called "School Interviews". It can be found by going onto our school website and clicking on the link. You can also access the booking system by using the URL www.schoolinterviews.com.au. The event code to log in is **htpd6**. If you do not have internet access then you can ring the front office staff to make the booking for you. We strongly encourage parents and students to attend the interviews.

Celebration of Success Assembly

Next term, Week 1, Friday 15th October we will hold our Term 3 Academic Awards Ceremony in the hall starting at 10:45 am and concluding at 11:15am. Students receiving awards will be notified today (Friday) via email. We encourage parents and caregivers to attend to help celebrate student achievements.

NAPLAN

We were very proud of our Year 9 students with their efforts and results. It is so rewarding to see the two goals of improving writing and numeracy in our Site Improvement Plan being achieved over the last three years. This year, numeracy growth (improvement) in NAPLAN testing went from a 6.44 average (Year 7) to 7.43 average. Out of all NAPLAN tests, writing had greatest growth of 5.81 average (Year 7) to 7.07 average. Congratulations to all Year 9 students.

Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT)

Students complete PAT tests in reading and writing from Years 3 to 10. We recently conducted the testing and it was fantastic to see our students displaying our learner dispositions of self-motivation and grit. They should be proud of their efforts. We look forward to the results and anticipate good progression for many of our students.

Year 7 Transition Visits

It has been a pleasure to have our future Year 7 and 8 students visit us this week. Year 6 and 7 students from each of the Primary Schools have had the opportunity to meet new peers and are now more familiar with the high school.

Buildings and grounds

We continue to improve our learning environment and it is fantastic to now have the renovations of old computing rooms (35/36) converted into a modern open space for our senior students to attend home group and for private study. Major works are starting during the holidays with the replacement of worn underground piping. We will also have new surfaces to replace the worn bitumen. This will continue into Term 4. We look forward to this next phase of our grounds improvement.

Staffing

Judy Stevens has announced her retirement and will finish this term. Judy has been at Waikrie High School since 2011 and has worked as an SSO in reception and administration. She started with the Department in 1986 and has contributed so much for the students, staff and families during this time. We thank her for all the support she has provided and wish her the very best for the next chapter in her life. We welcome Stavroula Milonas who will be replacing Judy.

Term 4 commences on Monday 11th October. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break.

Craig Griffiths
Principal



TERM 4 2021 AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER

Week 1	Thursday 14th	Year 8-11 Parent Teacher Interviews 2:45-6:00
	Friday 15th	Recognition of Success Assembly
Week 2	Tuesday 19th	Didjeribone Performance (PM)
	Wednesday 20th	Year 10 RAA Street Smart Excursion
	Friday 22nd	Year 12 Breakfast & Assembly
Week 3	Monday 25th - Friday 29th	Year 12 Revision Program
	Thursday 28th	Drone Challenge at Loxton HS

NOVEMBER

Week 4	Monday 1st	Year 12 Math Method Exam (9:00am & Ess Math Exam
	Wednesday 3rd	Year 12 General Maths Exam (1:30pm)
	Thursday 4th	Year 12 Specialist Maths Exam (9:00am)
	Friday 5th	Year 12 Biology Exam (9:00am)
	FRIDAY 5th	STUDENT FREE DAY
Week 5	Monday 8th - Friday 12th	HPE Week
	Tuesday 9th	Year 12 Chemistry Exam (9:00am)
	Tuesday 9th	Year 10 Career Expo Lesson 1 and 2 WHS Hall
	Tuesday 9th - Wednesday 10th	Monarto/Yookamurra Year 11 Biology
	Thursday 11th	Year 12 Physics Exam (9:00am)
	Friday 12th	Mid Term Parent Newsletter
Week 6	Wednesday 17th	Year 6 Transition – Student Visit
Week 7	Monday 22-Friday 26th	Year 11 Exam Week
	Friday 26th	Year 10/11 Enrichment Day
	Friday 26th	Year 7 Transition Student Visit
Week 8	Monday 29th	Year 8-10 Cricket Cup Loxton HS

DECEMBER

Week 8	Wednesday 1st	WHS Transition BBQ 5:30pm
	Thursday 2nd	Year 10 Summit
Week 9	MONDAY 6th	PRESENTATION NIGHT
	Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th	STEM – The Arts
	Monday 6th - Friday 10th	Year 10 Work Experience
	Friday 10th	End Term 4 – 2:25pm Dismissal Reports available on DayMap Parent Newsletter on DayMap and Waikerie High School Web page

Subject Selection

Thank you for the great response from students and parents/caregivers during subject selection. Interviews were conducted during the term for current Year 10 and 11 students and the school values the discussion with parents about student pathways.

Current Year 8 and 9 students have also completed their selections online. As a result of these selections, the school now works on timetabling and staffing for 2022.

Year 11 (Stage 1 SACE)

Week 7 of Term 4 (22nd to 26th November) will be Year 11 Exam week. Students will attend exams only during this week unless instructed to attend lessons by their teacher.

Students who are not up to date with Research Project, English and/or Mathematics will be asked to attend school in Week 8 and 9 until completed. As these are compulsory SACE subjects, students cannot commence Year 12 if these subjects are incomplete.

Year 12 (Stage 2 SACE)

A very important few weeks for Year 12s at the start of next term. Students will officially attend in Weeks 1 and 2. Teachers will run exam revision sessions in Week 3 and the exams will be in Weeks 4 and 5.

Parents and family are invited to the Year 12 breakfast and farewell assembly on Friday 22nd October. The breakfast will start at 8:30am, Farewell assembly at 9:15am-10:00am and then students are expected to leave the school grounds after this (experience has taught us that Year 12s are in no mood for learning after this time).

Attached to the newsletter is the SACE exam timetable and Year 12 holiday revision sessions timetable.

YEAR 8 -11
PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Thursday 14th October
School Hall
Online bookings:
www.schoolinterviews.com.au
OR
Via the Waikerie High School's web site – by clicking the link:

Login: httpd6





Examinations Timetable for 2021

Date	Start Time	Subject	Location
Monday 1 November	9:00am	Mathematical Methods [2MHS20] 130 minutes	41
Monday 1 November	1:30pm	Essential Mathematics [2MEM20] 130 minutes	41
Wednesday 3 November	1:30pm	General Mathematics [2MGM20] 130 minutes	41
Thursday 4 November	9:00am	Specialist Mathematics [2MSC20] 130 minutes	41
Friday 5 November	9:00am	Biology [2BGY20] 130 minutes	29
Tuesday 9 November	9:00am	Chemistry [2CEM20] 130 minutes	41
Thursday 11 November	9:00am	Physics [2PYI20] 130 minutes	41
FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER	9:00AM	FLINDERS UNITEST 150 MINUTES	29

October Holiday Sessions

	Wednesday 6/10	Thursday 7/10	Friday 8/10
9am – 12 noon	Methods/General Maths	English	PE
12:30 – 3:30pm	Specialist/ Essential Maths	Physics	Chemistry

CO2 STEM Challenge - Woodwork

On Monday 20th September, Mr Higgins Woodwork class competed in the CO2 Dragster STEM challenge. It was fantastic to see the engagement and the competition in the group. We had some wonderful entrants in the fastest category and the Show'n'Shine category.



Winner of the Fastest
CO2 Dragster:
Sam 1.242sec over 20m



Winner of the Student Choice
Show'n'Shine:
Chloe (Road Runner)



Winners of the Principal's Choice Show'n'Shine:
Sienna (Snowman) and Ella (Vans Shoe)



NAPLAN

Student NAPLAN results were sent home during Week 9. It was great to see the positive attitudes that the students had leading up to and during the testing period. This has led to some great achievements in the students results. Most students had growth from their previous NAPLAN results in Year 7 and most students met the National Minimum Standards.

COVID 19 Vaccinations

During Term 4 the Waikerie Medical Centre will be running Covid Vaccination Clinics at Waikerie High School for the students. Vaccination forms have been sent home with the students this term and must be filled in and taken to your child's appointment time. If your child did not receive a form, they can collect one from the front office. Dates of the clinic are listed below. These dates are based on other immunisations for Year 8 and 10 students, other school-based activities and the availability of the Waikerie Medical Centre in Term 4. Please ring the Waikerie Medical Centre on 85413500 to make a booking time for your child during these sessions. Students in Year 12 are encouraged to make appointments with the Waikerie Medical Centre as the current date range will interfere with exams. Any student can book into the Waikerie Medical Centre for their

Covid Vaccinations but if they are under the age of 16, they must be accompanied by an adult with paper work completed prior to receiving the vaccination. A reminder that students cannot receive a Covid vaccination if they have had any other vaccinations 7 days prior. Please note that after the first Covid Vaccination dose it is important that the second dose is taken exactly 21 days later.

Covid Vaccination Dose 1	Year 9 and 11 Students	Monday 25 th October	9am to 1pm
Covid Vaccination Dose 2	Year 9 and 11 Students	Monday 15 th November	9am to 1pm
Covid Vaccination Dose 1	Year 8 and 10 students	Wednesday 10 th November	2pm to 4pm
Covid Vaccination Dose 2	Year 8 and 10 Students	Wednesday 1 st December	2pm to 4pm



Dion Higgins
AP Middle School

MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

M&S Charges 2021

Material & Services (school fees) for this year are now OVERDUE, if you have not already paid these or have a payment plan in place please contact the office to organise payment. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

M&S Charges 2022

The Material & Services for 2022 have been watermarked at \$360. Parents are invited to the next Governing Council Meeting to be held on Tuesday 26th October at 7:00pm. This will be held in the Conference room where the 2022 charge will be approved. In lieu of attendance at the meeting, parents/caregivers/students can express their views in writing to the Chairperson of the Governing Council prior to the meeting.

A copy of the 'Watermarked Notice' is included with this newsletter.

FRONT OFFICE

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

UNIFORM SHOP

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

BOOKROOM (Stationery and all payments)

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

OPEN DAYS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2022



Thursday	20/1/22	1:00pm – 7:00pm
Friday	21/1/22	9:30am – 1:00pm
Monday	24/1/22	9:30am – 3:00pm

Felicity Ziegler
Business Manager



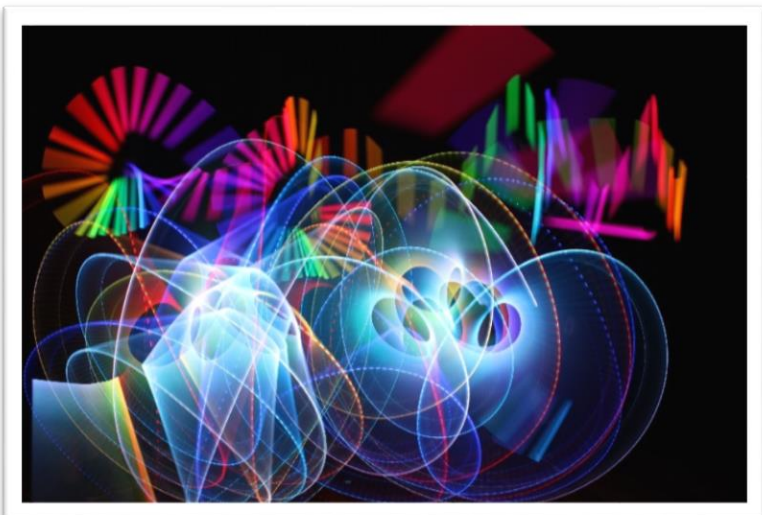
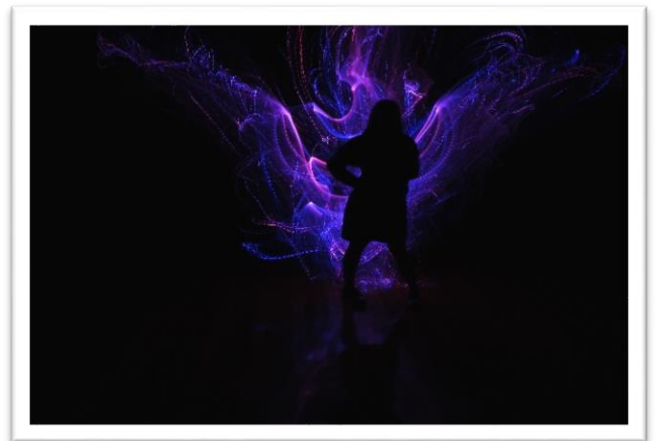
WAIKERIE HIGH SCHOOL LANDCARE TEAM

Waikerie High School Landcare students have been busy at Maize Island this term. In a joint project with National Parks and Wildlife and Waikerie Rotary, students have cleared tracks, removed black plastic and tree guards, monitored wildlife and used drones to map the area. The amazing Jed taught students and Rotary members how to fly the Waikerie High School drone. Jed also took a series of aerial images to support the mapping of areas of damage throughout the park.



Light Painting Photography

Students have been working this term with SSO Connie Little on a light painting photography project. The completed project will be a look through the generations of Waikerie Residents from children to seniors. There will be photographs of people in silhouette paired with their portrait which will be displayed as a slide show.



Gill Collins
Teacher



YEAR 9 ROOM 16 -RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

During EL lessons in Term 3, students from Room 16 were faced with the challenge of upholding one of our school value- "Community". Students formed groups and discussed ways they could engage with members of the community by doing something kind for an individual, a group or business. Whilst the activities themselves were given the title, Random Acts of Kindness, they were anything but "random". Students put a huge amount of effort into planning the various activities and practiced some valuable life skills throughout the whole task. We have received some outstanding feedback since completing the activities in Week 9, and everyone involved should be extremely proud of the positive impact they had on our community.

Activities included:

- Baking and delivering cookies to residents at Pioneer Haven
- Cleaning and weeding the Waikerie Memorial Gardens
- Maintenance at the Waikerie Skate Park
- Cooking and giving away pancakes for WHS students at recess
- Giving staff some assistance/respite at Waikerie Child Care Centre
- Cleaning the Rotary Cliff Top Walk
- Leaving kind notes, quotations and "lifesaving" sugary treats for WHS staff
- Assisting elderly customers at Woolworths



Andrew Sparrow
Home Group Teacher

MRS LIEBICH YEAR 9 SCIENCE

At Waikerie High School we are lucky enough to live in a diverse and healthy river ecology. As a result, our Year 9 science classes have been learning about ecosystems through excursions to the river.

Students have recorded flora and fauna numbers, tested for water and soil quality and gathered data on both the river and flood plain ecology. Below are some pictures of our student ecologists in action.

An added bonus was that many students already knew some of the animals and plants in this area and were able to share this with each other making our learning all the richer. Food webs were complex and detailed and students learn about the many adaptations organisms made to surviving in a River environment.

Students were keen to preserve this special environment they now have a more scientific knowledge of.



Above: Students measuring wind speed of the flood plain.



Students recording plant and animal species seen in the flood plain below Waikerie Town.

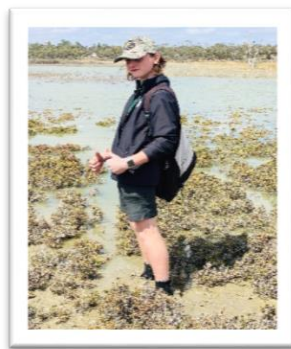


Students had a successful count of insects in their pitfall traps.



Krysty Liebich
Year 9 Science Teacher

MRS ANDREWS YEAR 9 SCIENCE



Nicole Andrews
Year 9 Science Teacher

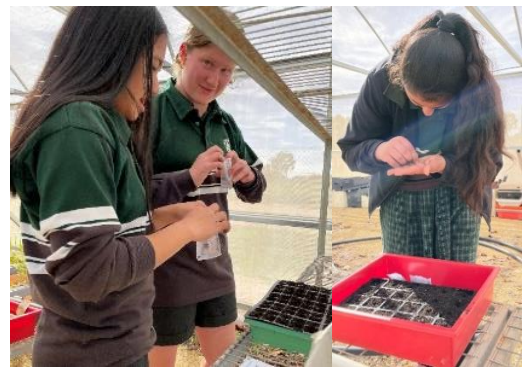
TERM 3 HAPPENINGS IN AGRICULTURE



YEAR 9

Spring has sprung and the kids are having fun!

- New chicks
- Working and playing with the pigs
- New Seedlings for the veggie garden
- Testing the strength of eggs, walking on 'egg shells' plus Playing catch with raw eggs



Feeding and cleaning pigs/sheep



YEAR 11
Bottled the wine



YEAR 10
Adelaide show wethers



Paul Tripodi
Agricultural Teacher



YEAR 6/7 TRANSITION VISITS

YR 6/7 TRANSITION TIMETABLE – 2021

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 and Families Waikerie High School Hall, from 5:30pm	Wednesday, 1 st December
WEEK	TERM 1, 2022	DATE
3	Year 7/8 Camp <i>West Beach Caravan Park, Adelaide.</i>	WEDNESDAY 16 TH – FRIDAY 18 TH FEBRUARY

Year 6/7 Transition

Monday the 20th and Wednesday the 22nd of September saw the Year 6 and 7 students travel to Waikerie High for an “Amazing Race” themed orientation session. Students were split into 10 random groups to give them the opportunity to meet and work with their peers from other schools. These 10 groups navigated their way around 10 challenges set in different areas of WHS, with the fastest group being the victor. The Year 6/7’s then joined WHS students to have recess on the front lawns before departing.

I would like to thank all students and staff who assisted in the running of this event, in particular; Marion in the canteen, the front office staff, Mr Higgins, Mr Manning and his Year 10 HPE class and my Year 9 Maths class.

For our next transition event we look forward to hosting the Year 6’s and 7’s for a full of lessons at WHS to give them a taste of the subject-specific facilities available. A finalised timetable will be published to our feeder Primary Schools early in Term 4.

Mr Higgins and I are currently working on the Year 7 and 8 home groups for next year. These are to be announced at the transition BBQ in Week 8, Term 4. Further information regarding camp costings, home groups teachers and enrolment support will also be provided on this day.

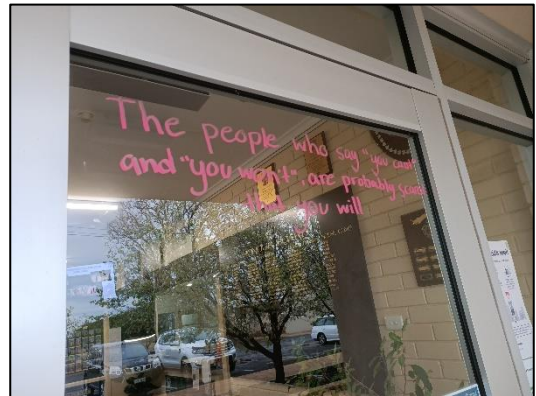
Daniel Pierce
Year 7/8 Organiser



PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Thursday 9th September, WHS celebrated R U OK? Day. The theme for 2021 was 'are they really ok?' This was a very appropriate theme considering all that we are currently experiencing. To celebrate, homerooms watched a video with information about how to ask the people around us if they are ok, and how to help them find the support they need. Additionally, each student received a small pack of biscuits during homeroom with the contact details of support resources that are available to them and the wider community.

Waikerie High School formed a 'Kindness Team' during Term 3, which is made up of students that are enthusiastic to spread kindness throughout the school and community. Their first act of kindness was to fill the school with positive and encouraging quotes by writing messages on outdoor windows. The encouragement was very well received.



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.

STAFF 80s THEMED DRESS UP



Staff surprised students with a Throw Back Thursday surprise dress up day on Thursday Week 10. Staff dressed up in 80's themed costume for the day. The day was great fun for staff and students, bringing a smile to many faces! Congratulations to Mr Manning and Mr Smart on picking up the student voice vote for Best Dressed!



Janine Grieger
Pastoral Care Worker



YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2022



Parent Update Week 10, Term 3 - 2021

Enrolled and ready for 2022

By now, families of our current year 6 and 7 students should have received their enrolment offers for secondary school for next year. If you have not done so, please contact your child's primary school.

The next step is to accept the offer by completing and submitting the enrolment form to the secondary school.

So what happens beyond enrolment? And what can you do to support your child's transition from primary to high school?

Your high school will take it from here

Once you have accepted the enrolment offer your high school will provide you with information about what to expect next year.

Our schools set their own policies on things like uniforms, curriculum resources needed, school fees and mobile phone use.

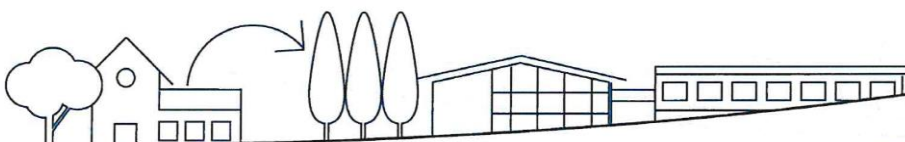
They also run their own transition programs to help students settle in. Your school will keep you informed about what it has planned.

Many secondary schools offer open nights or 'Bring your own device' evenings for students and their families in term 4. Events like this allow you to come into the school, meet some teachers and ask questions.

Of course, there is the possibility some of these events may be impacted by COVID restrictions. If this is the case, your school will find other ways of communicating with you and making sure your child feels welcome.

If you do attend a school event, COVID restrictions may apply, but there will be clear information to follow. This may include using the COVID-SAFE check-in each time you enter the site, wearing a face mask and practicing physical distancing.

Keep an eye out for emails and letters from your high school. You may also like to check their website and follow them on Facebook if they have an account.



YEAR 7 TO HIGH SCHOOL IN 2022



Attend transition days

All public high schools will offer transition days to students. They generally occur during term 4. Transition days are fun days that involve school tours, activities and games to help students meet some of their new school friends and teachers. They also help students to become more familiar with the school grounds.

Feedback from our year 7 to high school pilot program showed students enjoyed their transition days and felt more confident about high school after attending them.

As a parent or carer, you can speak positively to your child about transition days and ensure they take part in them.

Start thinking about transport

Adelaide Metro is getting a new fleet of school buses to cater for the extra demand resulting from the year 7 to high school move.

Other school bus services also operate in our regions.

Adelaide Metro timetables for 2022 will be available later in the year, but you might like to start talking to your child about how they will get to and from high school next year.

For more information on catching public transport to school visit the Adelaide Metro website and click on the travel to school page.

Get involved as a parent

As a parent, you may be wondering how you can connect and have some involvement in your child's high school community. There are many ways of doing so.

Start by attending any 'getting to know you' events on offer, noting that they may be held early next year. If attending a school site, please ensure that COVID restrictions are always adhered to.

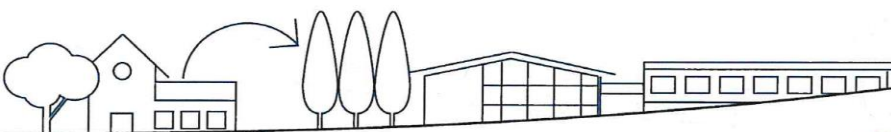
You may like to nominate for the school's governing council in 2022 or attend governing council meetings as an observer.

You may also like to ask the school about opportunities to volunteer.

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.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

CANTEEN NEWS

WAIKERIE HIGH SCHOOL - TERM 4 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

OCTOBER	11th	S. BURGEMEISTER	
	12th	R. MATULICK	
	13th	C. BALD	
	14th	C. BATCHELER	
	15th	C. NAYDA	"0" LINE - Recess 11.15 Lunch 1.10
	18th	N. BORGAS	
	19th	S. CANNEY	
	20th	A. LLOYD	
	21st	S. BREWER	
	22nd	B. PASCHKE	
	25th	C. CABOT	
	26th	P. KROEHN	
	27th	N. RAYNER	
	28th	B. McLEAN - Lunch	
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NOVEMBER	1st	C. BALD	
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THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HELP & SUPPORT IN 2021

**WISHING YOU A FANTASTIC CHRISTMAS AND A VERY SAFE, HEALTHY
& HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Marion Maywald
Canteen Manager**





Waikerie High School - 0800		
Notice of Materials and Services Charges for 2022		
Notice of Charges for Years 7-12		
HEADING	ITEMS AND SERVICES	COST (\$)
Printed and electronic materials related to the educational program and which are provided for the student	Workbooks	\$0.00
	Text Book Hire / E-Book Access	\$55.00
	Photocopied Material	\$70.00
	<i>SUBTOTAL (ZPREM)</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>
Stationery items that are provided for the student	Stationery Items	\$8.50
	School Diary	\$16.00
	Id Card	\$7.50
	<i>SUBTOTAL (ZSTAT)</i>	<i>\$32.00</i>
Materials and Services that are provided by the school for the student to consume or use the materials or take ownership of a finished article produced by the student with the materials	Access to Student Information Technology	\$94.00
	Access to Machinery	\$15.00
	Access to Equipment	\$10.00
	Curriculum/Subject Supplies and Services	\$34.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	Other [please Specify]	\$0.00
	<i>SUBTOTAL (ZACMS)</i>	<i>\$153.00</i>
Materials for inclusion in the school library and to enable use by the student	Library resources including access to borrowing library resources	\$50.00
	<i>SUBTOTAL (ZACLI)</i>	<i>\$50.00</i>
Total Materials and Services Charge (excluding Subject Charges)		\$360.00

These subject charges are in addition to the Materials and Services Charge above for those students undertaking the following subjects.

Subject Description	Cost (\$)
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00



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