

## REMEMBERANCE DAY



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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

We look forward to celebrating student achievement and formally presenting the class of 2021. We encourage parents and students to arrive at 7pm to sign in for a 7:30pm start. The tradition of inviting previous students as guest speakers is again a feature of this year's Presentation Night. Our presenter this year is Nathan Paschke. Nathan completed all his schooling in Waikerie and graduated High School in the year 2000. He then left to start his carpentry apprenticeship with a local builder and in 2005 began his own business, Waikerie Custom Builders. The business continues to grow and during this time Nathan has taken on five apprentices from Waikerie High School. It is certainly a great example of the many opportunities that our local community can provide. We look forward to hearing about Nathans journey from Waikerie High School.

### Celebration of Success Assembly

It was fantastic to see students being acknowledged for their academic efforts for 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 2022

Students have completed elections for our Student Leaders for 2022. Congratulations to those who have been elected and we look forward to working with them next year. Year 7 and 8 SRC elections for the Student Representative Council will be held early next year 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.

### Alex Hill-Olympic Gold Medallist

This week we were very fortunate to have a visit from Alex who is a dual Olympian and gold and silver medallist. He competed in this year's Tokyo Olympics and it was interesting to hear his story from growing up in Loxton to now being a professional rower. Our students, along with visiting Primary School students were inspired by his presentation and even got to see and hold his gold medal!



### 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.

## Careers Expo

It was fantastic to work with the Riverland West Chamber of Commerce (RWCC) to present a Careers Expo for our Year 10 students. The students had the opportunity to hear from local business owners and support agencies to help with future directions. Feedback from students was very positive and we thank the RWCC and local business that attended. Thank you also to Senior School Assistant Principal, Phil Valentine and VET Coordinator, Matt McDonald for organising and setting up.

## Teacher Training and 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.

## Remembrance Day

Due to weather conditions the RSL cancelled the Remembrance Day service held at the Memorial Gardens on the 11<sup>th</sup> November. The school showed their respect by flying the school's flags at half-mast and the Year 11 SRC Aaliyah Loffler, Alana Matulick and Jed Thiel laid a wreath at the Memorial Gardens on behalf of the school.



## Waikerie High School 2022 Year 12 Formal

**Saturday**  
**19<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Craig Griffiths  
Principal



### TERM 4 2021 AT A GLANCE

#### NOVEMBER

Week 6	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Transition – Student Visit
Week 7	Monday 22-Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Exam Week
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10/11 Enrichment Day
	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Transition Student Visit
Week 8	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8-10 Cricket Cup Loxton HS

#### DECEMBER

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

## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SENIOR SCHOOL

### Year 12s

Thank you to the Year 12 Students and their families and friends for attending the farewell BBQ and assembly on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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, Essential Mathematics, Specialist Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, and Physics students who participated in 130-minute exams. We wish you well when results are published on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December. I hope to see all Year 12 students for a morning tea with the staff at recess and then at Presentation Night on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### Year 11s

The Year 11 school year is concluding, Week 7 this term will have exams (22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December (Week 8) with some exams being conducted during lessons that week. 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.

### Riverland West Chamber of Commerce (RWCC) Careers Expo

All Year 10 and several Year 11 students attended the expo on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November in the School hall. Local businesses, industry representatives and employment agencies attended the expo. After listening to three guest speakers, students were able to meet with all exhibitors in the way of groups rotating every four minutes. They were able to ask questions to the exhibitors regarding career advice, job details, and what it is like to work in this region. It was an excellent opportunity to engage our students with others in the community and build confidence to approach businesses in future for work experience or part time work. The school thanks all involved and we are hopeful of running this event annually.

**Phil Valentine**  
AP Senior School



## CAREERS EXPO



## ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Week 9 – STEM Challenge and Activities

During Week 9, 6<sup>th</sup> December through to the 10<sup>th</sup> December the Year 8 and 9 students will participate in a STEM Challenge on 'Carnival' and they will also complete a range of activities, as seen below in the attached timetable. Year 10's are currently or have arranged their 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Work Experience for Week 9 and we wish them all the best. If there are issues in arranging Work Experience please contact the students home group teacher or Matt McDonald. More information on Week 9 will be distributed to Year 8 and 9 students over the next couple of weeks.

### Week 9 Student Timetable 2021

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9:00 TO 9:15	Home Group – Years 8 to 9 (run in normal home classes)			Meet on the front lawns after home group and after each break	
	House STEM Challenge			Whole School Activities	
9:15 TO 10:55	<b>Art</b> - Colour & Texture <b>HASS</b> - Carnivale of Triviale <b>Maths</b> - Math Carnival Games	<b>English</b> – Haunted House Escape <b>Science</b> – Carnival Interactive Display <b>Tech</b> – Shoot & Catch	<b>Home Ec</b> - Scenes <b>HPE</b> - Game Analysis	<b>RIVERFRONT ACTIVITIES</b> Fisherama HPE Games Kayaking Cliff Top Walk	Home Group / Assembly  Fun Run
10:55 TO 11:15	Recess				
11:20 TO 1:00	<b>Art</b> - Colour & Texture <b>HASS</b> - Carnivale of Triviale <b>Maths</b> - Math Carnival Games	<b>English</b> – Haunted House Escape <b>Science</b> – Carnival Interactive Display <b>Tech</b> – Shoot & Catch	<b>Presentation Set Up</b>  12:30 to 1pm Presentation & Judging	<b>RIVERFRONT ACTIVITIES</b> Fisherama HPE Games Kayaking Cliff Top Walk SRC BBQ	Pool
1:00 TO 1:40	Lunch				
1:45 TO 3:25	Pool  Speech Night Setup (Music Students)	Pool	Pool	<b>RIVERFRONT ACTIVITIES</b> Fisherama HPE Games Kayaking Cliff Top Walk  Dismissal 2.35 at WHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assembly</li> <li>Awards</li> <li>Clean Up</li> <li>Dismissal – 2:20pm</li> <li>Reports Online Via DayMap</li> </ul>
After School	WHS Presentation Night Start Time: 7:00pm				

### COVID Clinic

A big thank you to Waikerie Medical Centre for organising the Covid Vaccination clinic at the high school. There have been a number of students that have taken the opportunity to get their Covid 19 Vaccinations. Just a reminder of dates for the second dose. Year 9 and 11 students Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November and Year 8 and 10 students Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. If you cannot make your assigned appointment, please ring the Waikerie Medical Centre.

**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. The public meeting for parents to attend the Governing Council Meeting was held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 7:00pm, where the Material & Services for 2022 at \$360 were approved

### **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**

## PASTORAL CARE WORKER

The Waikerie High School Kindness Team worked over several weeks to create personalised, hand written notes to each staff member. The notes were placed across staff pigeon holes in the staffroom for staff to find and enjoy.

The Kindness Team would like to remind the wider school community that they are valuable, unique and appreciated.



*"You are valuable because you exist. Not because of what you do, or what you have done, but simply because you are." - Max Lucado*

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](mailto:janine.frost335@schools.sa.edu.au), or by phoning the school to book an appointment.



**Janine Grieger  
Pastoral Care Worker**

## DRONE CHALLENGE

On Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> October the company 'DISEASD' ventured to the PIRSA site at the Loxton Research Centre. The company was composed of a CEO - Latia Loffler, Drone pilot - Emme Thiel, Assistant Pilot and Data Recorder - Axel Lochert, Agronomist - Clair McWaters and the Technician - Martha Plantado. To begin the day, the team had to present a 10 min sales pitch to three PIRSA representatives. This went into the individual roles of each member and why the PIRSA selection committee should hire team 'DISEASD'.

After the presentation, the team were given 40 minutes to fly over an orange patch at PIRSA with the aim of locating trees affected by 'Root Rot' (pool noodles hidden in orange trees). They recorded their data and then had the task of analysing it before writing a technical report detailing their findings.

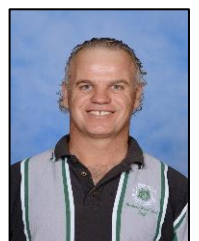
The report had to be delivered within 24 hours stating: the mission and its objectives; project management; progress and effectiveness; continuous improvement; research and development; test programs and results; background to the disease; results of the data collection and tree identification; treatment recommendations plus operational and safety procedures during the project.

They also had a short 10 minute interview post flight in regards to how the team performed, strengths, weaknesses and areas of improvement.

A wonderful team effort and they definitely represented Waikerie High School to the high levels we would expect of all students. Final placings are to be confirmed Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. We will wait with baited breath.



**Paul Tripodi**  
Agricultural Teacher



## MONARTO/ YOOKAMURRA BIOLOGY CAMP

### Monarto and Yookamurra

On Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, the Year 11 Biology students plus Mr Higgins, Ms Kirkham and Mrs Haynes went on a camp to Monarto and Yookamurra. The first stop was a background tour of the Tasmanian Devil exhibit at Monarto. Here the students were given a look at the two male Tasmanian Devils used in breeding programs at the zoo. Currently the Devils are only found in the wild in Tasmania.



After the bus safari tour, we headed off to Yookamurra which is a wildlife sanctuary that breeds Bibby's, Beetongs and Numbats which are fenced off from feral cats and other non-native species.

We took part in a Guided tour of the Mallee before Dinner and then went out at night to spotlight for some animals. We were very fortunate to sight a Bilby, which is extremely rare. The groups also saw some Possums, Beetongs, Geckos and Spiders.

The students were excellent role models for Waikerie High School and consistently demonstrated the values of the school by showing great respect for all the presenters.

A huge thankyou to Mr Higgins for driving us and Mrs Kirkham for helping out the students. Also a huge thank-you to Monarto and Yookamurra for their wonderful programs in conservation.

### Below are a few quotes from the students about the camp

"I liked seeing the Giraffes at Monarto and learning about what they are doing to reproduce threatened endangered animals. The bus safari tour was really good, we were amazed at how big the zoo is." Emily Brock and Scarlett West

"I liked how enthusiastic Ally was at Yookamurra and how Lachy and Helen have excellent knowledge in their specialty areas." Jed Thiel and Simreet Kaur and Charmaine Barty

"We liked the night walk and seeing nocturnal animals like the Bilby, Geckos and Beetongs." Chelsea Helbig and Harveen Singh

"I liked modelling the role of the ecologist, especially doing the activities such as the quadrants. It was really good to actually do the activities rather than be taught about them." Aaylia Loffler and Lucy Speyer



Donna Haynes  
Teacher





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Croquet Club Lawrie Terrace, Waikerie (Across from Waikerie High School)

**Commence 10:30am – 12:30pm**

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**7.00**



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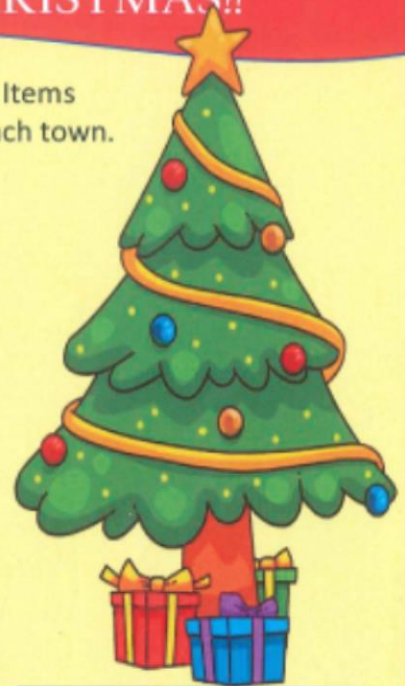
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11 White Street  
8541 3496  
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