



MERRY CHRISTMAS



TIM WHETSTONE AWARD

Awarded to: Emily Taylor & Jack Higgins



ALLISON NITSCHKE HUMANITIES AWARD

Awarded to: Sarah Campbell



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Our final newsletter for 2021.

Earlier this week we had our very successful Presentation evening. It is always a highlight to farewell our graduating class, witness the celebration of our student's work and to see them so proud of their achievements. Our guest speaker, Mr Nathan Paschke, related so well with our students and wider audience with his trade pathway to now owning a prominent local business and connection to the local community. Listed in our Newsletter are our sponsors that generously support the evening, all proceeds go directly to the students on the night and we are grateful for your continued support. Thank you to all that attended to make the evening such a special occasion. Some great photos included in this Newsletter.



Next year we welcome back teachers, Mrs Elissa Koch, Mrs Erin Nettelbeck and Mrs Lauren Bevan from leave. This year we now farewell teachers Mrs Misty Pfeiler, Mrs Nicole Andrew, Mr Aaron Manning, Ms Coby Boughey, Social Worker Mrs Rebecca Barker and SSO Mrs Janelle Eustice. They all have provided outstanding service to our school. We thank them for their professionalism and commitment and most of all the many learning opportunities and support they have provided for the students.

Our first cohort of Year 7 students arrive next year. The transition process for all new students coming to our school has been intensive and much work has been done with planning and programming. Talking with the students and parents when they have visited, I know they are ready and so are we!

Reminder that our School Magazine will be available for collection early next year. I would like to thank Mrs Estelle Tyler for her efforts in again, producing the school magazine. It is terrific to have our year in review and such a great source of information for future reference.

To the Governing Council chairperson, Mr Brenton Kroehn and all Council members, I thank you for your support. It has been a pleasure to work with this Council and the enthusiasm this group has for our school is most appreciated.

Congratulations to all the Year 12 students on completing their schooling. I am confident that they are well prepared as graduates of Waikerie High School to now move onto the next phase of their lives. We wish them all the very best for their future pathways.

To all staff members, I thank you for your professionalism and hard work to deliver best learning opportunities for our students. We are very fortunate to have such a committed and dedicated group working with our young people.

Thank you to our SRC, House Leaders, Volunteers, Parents and Students.

To all students, I thank you for embracing our values and learner dispositions. It is so rewarding to see you continually strive to learn and improve. Congratulations to all that have given their best throughout the year.

I wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas.



Craig Griffiths
Principal



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SENIOR SCHOOL

Year 12s

It was great to see the Year 12 students again at Presentation Night and a large number of students sharing the awards, congratulations on 13 years of schooling. The 2021 SACE results will be available in Students Online from **8:30 am on Monday 13th December 2021**, no matter the outcome I am very proud of the efforts from our students this year.

Year 11s

Well done to the majority of students who participated in exams in Week 7 and worked diligently to complete course work. It was pleasing to see many As and Bs across a range of subjects. In particular, I congratulate the students and teachers on the compulsory subjects with very close to all students completing their English, Numeracy and Research Project. Students are well prepared to commence Year 12 in 2022.

Year 10s

Well done to the Year 10 groups on their completion of the Personal Learning Plan (PLP). This is often the first SACE subject that students are enrolled in and is worth 10 credits as a compulsory subject. Many Year 10 students also gained SACE credits this year in Scientific Studies and Community based activities.

2022 Timetables

Timetables for 2022 will be issued via DayMap messaging and/or student email before the end of the year. Please look at these timetables and if you feel there is something that needs to be changed then DayMap message or email your concerns to me. I will look at the requests early-mid January and get back to you with a solution before the school year starts.

I wish all students and families a safe and enjoyable break and I look forward to working with you all in 2022.

Phil Valentine
AP Senior School



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Week 9 STEM Challenge and Activities

It has been great to see the enthusiasm shown by the students in the STEM Challenge throughout the week. Teachers have commented on how well the students have participated in all the activities. Student feedback has been positive with them learning many new hands on skills relating to STEM. Each house area has worked incredibly well as a team, which was shown in the presentation on the Wednesday. Unfortunately there can only be one winner. Congratulations to Ritchie, the overall winners. To all, have a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay safe and see you next year.

1st Place on 1125 points – Ritchie



2nd Place on 1000 points – Cadell



3rd Place on 925 points – Randel



4th Place on 800 points – King



Dion Higgins
AP Middle School



2021 MAJOR AWARDS

WHS HOUSE SHIELD - Randell
CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT AWARD - Ethan Johnson
SCHOOL VOLUNTEER AWARD - Mitchell Werner
SCHOOL VOLUNTEER AWARD - Zakary Ziegler
MOORUNDIE RUWE AWARD - Stella Thomas
ALLISON NITSCHKE HUMANITIES AWARD - Sarah Campbell
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AWARD - Alana Matulick
CENTRAL IRRIGATION TRUST SCHOLARSHIP - Will Kroehn
GREG COTTLE MEMORIAL AWARD - Naish Andrew
YEAR 11 VET STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD - Naish Andrew
YEAR 12 VET STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD - Chantelle Miller
YEAR 12 VET STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD - Parker Steinert
WHS - AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL BASED TRAINEE OF THE YEAR - Gypsy Searle
TIM WHETSTONE AWARD - Emily Taylor
TIM WHETSTONE AWARD - Jack Higgins
RAIN MOTH GALLERY AWARD - Rhys Barrington
PERFORMING ARTS JUNIOR - Grace Borgas
PERFORMING ARTS JUNIOR - Jackson Kuchel
PERFORMING ARTS SENIOR - Chloe Edwards
MAYORAL SCHOLARSHIP- LWDC - Taylah Gore
ROTARY TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP - Ulani Guy
LOCAL AREA AWARD MID MURRAY - Jack McWaters
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE AWARDS LONG TAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP - Mitchell Werner
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE AWARDS LONG TAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP - Emily Taylor
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE AWARDS FUTURE INNOVATORS - Jaskan Singh
AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE AWARDS FUTURE INNOVATORS - Tyson Schutz
ZONTA INTERNATIONAL AWARD - Harveen Singh
ZONTA INTERNATIONAL AWARD - Maria Uchida
ZONTA YOUNG WOMAN AWARD - Vaine Guy
PRATT/VISY INDUSTRIES SCHOLARSHIP - Aaliyah Loffler
HOLDER MEDAL - Marcel Waanders
AMPOL BEST ALL ROUNDER - Jack Higgins

2021 SRC

Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Harry Guy	Flynn Andrew	Ulani Guy	Chloe Edwards	Vaine Guy
Jackson Kuchel	Malachi Lloyd	Stella Thomas	Aaliyah Loffler	Jack Higgins (School Captain)
Isabella Paschke	Latia Loffler	Mitchell Werner	Alana Matulick	Emily Taylor (School Captain)
Poppy Steinert	Zali Schiller	Zak Ziegler	Jed Thiel	

2021 ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - MEDALS

YEAR 8

Bronze Medal

Ellie Bald
Rhys Barrington
Reily Brock
Teliesha Brooke
Shakira Daley
Xanthe Hocking
Madeline Parker

Silver Medal

Hamish Kroehn
Isaac Leske
Angelos Myer
Amali Nitschke
Zaii Pittas
Darcie Shaw
Navdeep Singh Uppal
Poppy Steinert

Gold Medal

Sascha Berlin
Grace Borgas
Marco Camerlengo
Olivia Ebert
Sienna Lehmann
Jonathan Leske
Natalie Mackintosh
Isabella Paschke

YEAR 9

Bronze Medal

Flynn Andrew
Hayden Barty
Nikita Danton
Natalia Hocking
Aaron Schmidt
Gemma Simpfendorfer
Klancie West

Silver Medal

Brodie Fechner
Kieran Hahn
Arian Hashemi
Sienna Hyde
Georgia Kelly
Malachi Lloyd
Shan Mansergh
Zali Schiller

Gold Medal

Amity Burns
Chloe Higgins
Ellen Kroehn
Immy Lochert
Latia Loffler
Claire McWaters
Martha Plantado
Ryan Schutz
Emma Thiel
Thomas Waanders
Charlotte Werner

YEAR 10

Bronze Medal

Samantha Cabot
Keelan Johnson
Blake Loffler
Stella Thomas

Silver Medal

Sarah Campbell
Trista Carter
Taya Jolley
Owen Kroehn
Charlotte McLean
Ebony Prevedel

Gold Medal

Felicity Arnold
Taylah Gore
Haylee Gore
Ulani Guy
Isabella Neville
Jaskan Singh

Stage 1 Awards

One Award

Alana Matulick - Agriculture
Chloe Nitschke - Modern History
Isabella Scott - Essential English
William Shugg - Essential Mathematics
Jaskan Singh - Scientific Studies

Two Awards

Tiana Burns - Food and Hospitality & General Mathematics
Chloe Edwards – Biology & Creative Arts
Makayla Frost - English & General Mathematics
Taylah Gore - Personal Learning Plan & Scientific Studies

Three Awards

Jed Thiel - Physical Education, Viticulture & Woodwork
Maria Uchida - English, Japanese (Open Access) & Visual Arts

Four Awards

Aaliyah Loffler – Chemistry, Mathematical Methods, Physical Education & Physics

Stage 2 Awards

One Award

Thomas Baker - Community Studies B
Ethan Johnson - Agricultural Production
Luan Kafexholli - Research Project B
Taylah Kuchel - Essential English
Harrison McLean - Biology
Jackson Pillion - Scientific Studies
Bailee Pretty-Forrester - Food and Hospitality
Elisa Schiller - Research Project B

Two Awards

Jack Higgins - English & Physics
Will Kroehn - Essential Mathematics & Research Project A
Matthew Schmidt - Food and Hospitality & General Mathematics
Marcel Waanders – Biology & Physical Education

Three Awards

Tyson Schutz – Chemistry, Mathematical Methods & Specialist Mathematics



ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AWARD

Awarded to: Alana Matulick

CENTRAL IRRIGATION TRUST

Awarded to: Will Kroehn

Guest:

Mr Mark McLean



MOORUNDIE RUWE AWARD

Awarded to: Stella Thomas

Left: Mrs Bec Barker

Right: Ms Gill Collins



CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT AWARD

Awarded to: Ethan Johnson

Left: Mr Aaron Manning

Right: Mr Matt McDonald

If you would like to see more of our 2021 Presentation Night, purchase the 2021 School Magazine, order form attached to this newsletter

Waikerie High would like to acknowledge those who have supported our school:

Agri-Tech Engineering SA Pty Ltd

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BVMS Chartered Accountants

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District Council of Loxton Waikerie

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Waikerie Honda

Waikerie Hotel Motel

Waikerie Lions Club Inc

Waikerie Medical Centre

Waikerie Minister's Association

Waikerie Pharmacy

Waikerie Plumbing & Gas

Waikerie Real Estate

Waikerie Rotary Club Inc

Warehouse Matrix

Woody's Variety Store

Zonta Club of the Riverland

MESSAGE FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

M&S Charges 2022

The Material & Services for 2022 have been watermarked at \$360 and invoices will be sent out at the end of December 2021.



**Waikerie
High School
2022 Year 12
Formal
Saturday
19th March
2022**



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. We have a small amount of second hand uniform available as well. Please contact either Felicity or Jenny to arrange.

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**



INTERSCHOOL CRICKET CUP

On Monday of Week 8, two teams of enthusiastic and gallant cricketers travelled to Loxton to take part in the '8-A-Side' Riverland Cricket Cup. Our school submitted a Year 8 side consisting of Mia Cairns, Harry Guy, Isaac Leske, Jonathon Leske, Hamish Kroehn, Angelos Myer, Hugh Thomas, and Montanna Tuckey and a Year 9 side including Flynn Andrew, Hayden Barty, Kieran Hahn, Malachi Lloyd, Aaron Schmidt, Noah Tuckey, Thomas Waanders, and Charlotte Werner whilst the Year 8 side went winless in their four matches, they showed terrific teamwork, sportsmanship, and determination in their sporting conduct. Meanwhile, the Year 9 team, after a heavy loss in their first match, bounced back to record big wins in their following three matches to finish 3rd overall in their competition that comprised of eight teams. Well done to Kieran Hahn who won the 'Good Sport Award' for our school for his all-round efforts on the field and his conduct during and in-between matches. Lastly, a big thank you to Jed Theil and Naish Andrew for coaching and assisting throughout the day.



**Callan Smart
Teacher**



PASTORAL CARE WORKER

The Waikerie High School Kindness team embarked on their final project of 2021 by completing a Christmas tree for the Waikerie Christmas Tree Trail. The students designed and created a Christmas tree with the purpose of encouraging our community to acknowledge and appreciate their worth and purpose. The message created to go with the Christmas tree was fitting with the theme of the Christmas Trail, being entitled 'you are made to shine'. The message reads as follows:

You are made to shine.

This Christmas tree is a representation of our wonderful community. Each of the circles represents an individual person.

Every circle on the tree is unique. Each circle has a place of its own and belongs on the tree. Even though each of the circles are different, they all go together and all have an important place on the tree.

Without any given circle, the tree would not be complete.

We hope that this reminds you that:

You are unique.

You are worthy.

You matter.

You are wonderful just the way you are.

You are important and irreplaceable in our community.

There is no one like you.

You are a wonderful creation made to light up this world in your own unique and beautiful way.

Congratulations to our Year 12 students on finishing their schooling at WHS. May you experience success and fulfilment as you journey through this new chapter! Remember: "never limit yourself because of others' limited imagination; never limit others because of your own limited imagination." – Mae Jemison. Wishing all the members of our Waikerie High School community a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year! May the Christmas period provide a time of rest, refreshment and joy!



Janine Grieger
Pastoral Care Worker



DRONE CHALLENGE

On Thursday October the 28th the company 'DISEASD' ventured to the PIRSA site at the Loxton Research Centre. We have finally received the results. Unfortunately we didn't win the competition but we won the right to feel extremely proud of our efforts. Below is the feedback from the judges.

- You performed well in the Flight section of the Challenge, with high marks for your safety systems. You did a good job at locating diseased trees, and received a high initial score.
- Unfortunately, you lost some points for your presentation of the tree location results in the Final Report. The map was too generalised, and the table was inverted, both of which did not make it easy for the grower (us) to go out to the citrus patch and find the diseased trees. One clear map in the right orientation would have been more useful than the two versions you gave us.
- Your Oral Presentation was good, but you didn't give a good account of your understanding of the disease and the treatment options available.
- The Final Report was good, apart from the tree location information mentioned above.
- Overall you were well organised, you each knew your role, and you performed very well, only just missing out on the win. This was especially impressive given that you didn't make it to the Dry Run Day, so you got all of the information you needed from the Manual. Well done!

YEAR 9 PASTA MAKING

Year 9 students were fortunate enough to make pasta with the tomatoes that were picked and frozen in Semester 1. The students first started off by peeling the tomatoes and then destemming them. This was then followed by students making their own dough mixture to make some fresh pasta ready to be kneaded and put through the pasta machine. Cooking the sauce was the last step and then it was time to devour the 'fruits of their labour'.



YEAR 10 DISSECTION OF A SOWS REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS



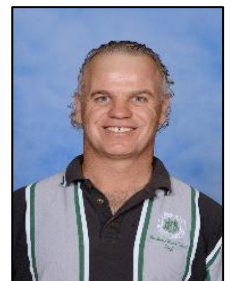
SHELTER CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES



COOKING UP A 'PUMPKIN/BUTTERNUT' STORM



Paul Tripodi
Agricultural Teacher



SCIENTIFIC STUDIES YEAR 10

This year in EL, some of the Year 10 students undertook a Stage 1, Year 11 Subject. As part of their final assessment, the students were tasked to design a meal that millennials could prepare and eat quickly after a hard day's work!

The students were really excelled at this task. The recipes that were made include acai bowls, burrito bowls, bean and mushroom burgers, blondies, aloo gobi, protein bars, pumpkin pudding, apple crisps and other scrumptious recipes. The students were then rated by the millennial teachers of the staff, who thoroughly enjoyed the morning snacks.



Donna Haynes
Teacher



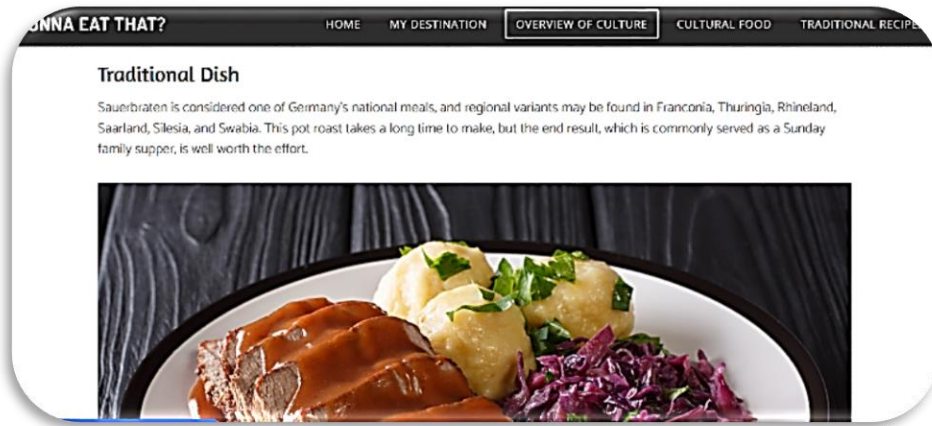
SOCIAL WORKER

After 8 years, it's time to say goodbye. Waikerie High School started the Social Worker role eight years ago as a 'special project', a first for South Australia. Since then, Social Workers have been popping up in other schools around the state. It's great we started something so vital for the safety, wellbeing and care of young people. I have absolutely loved being the 'guinea pig' and adapting the Social Work role in an education setting, paving the way. It's evident that social work fits so well in a high school. There are so many highlights for me. I loved being involved in camps and excursions, getting to know students and having so much fun. I have also enjoyed seeing student's succeed in all areas of their lives, the little wins are sometimes the biggest wins for me. I am privileged to have worked alongside so many amazing students, families, staff, services and the community. Thank you everyone for supporting me on the journey. I'd like to thank students for being brave to reach out for help, and I'd like to thank every single person that has played a role in helping the young people we work with. It takes a village to support young people. I look forward to seeing everyone in our wonderful community. All the best for the new Social Worker. Waikerie High, you've been awesome.

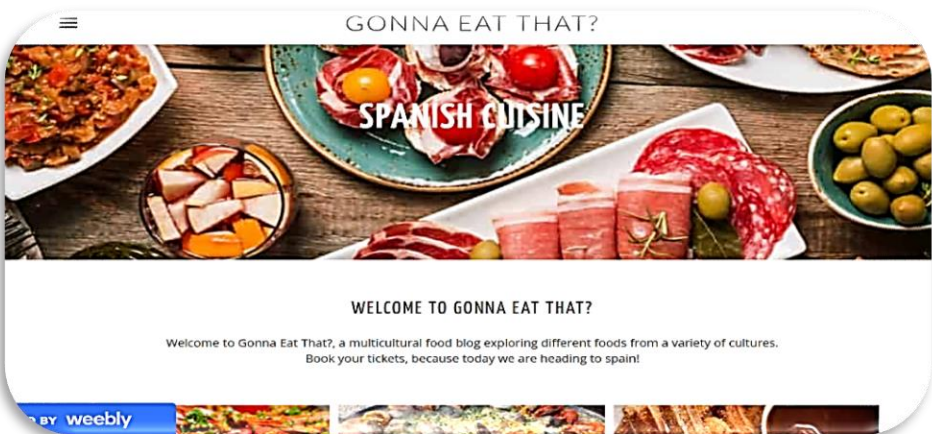
Bec Barker
Social Worker



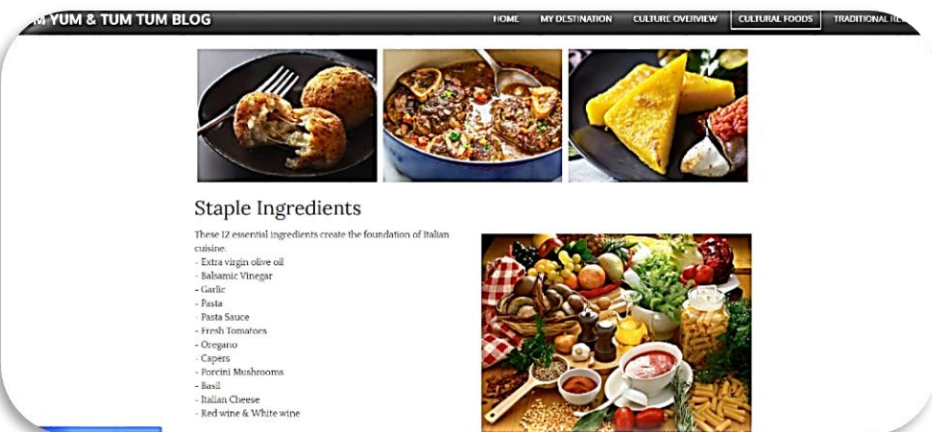
Year 10 Home Economics students have focused on multicultural food this term and have been making a variety of dishes from different Asian, Middle Eastern and European countries. They were tasked with creating a Cultural Food Blog/website, to showcase a country of their choice from one of those regions and build a website that educated others about food traditions and experiences of their chosen cultural region. The students did an amazing job and their websites were of high-quality, visually appealing and engaging. If you had a Year 10 student studying Home Economics this term, ask them to show you their websites.



Bella Neville



Haylee Gore



Taylah Gore

Misty Pfeiler
Food and Hospitality



Remember 2021

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 2021 magazine will be available for collection when school re-opens for 2022.

Orders are now open for this year's school magazine and will close on 17th December.

To order your copy of the 2021 school magazine, complete the following tear-off order form and make your payment of \$20 at the financial office.



Yes please, I would like to order a copy of the 2021 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 number: _____

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:

2020 WAIKERIE HIGH SCHOOL SHIRAZ WINE LAUNCH

Due to Covid 19, 2021 has not allowed us to launch the wine made by the 2020 Year 11 Ag class and bottled by the 2021 Year 11 Winemaking students. (PS.... Pretty good wine this year!!!)

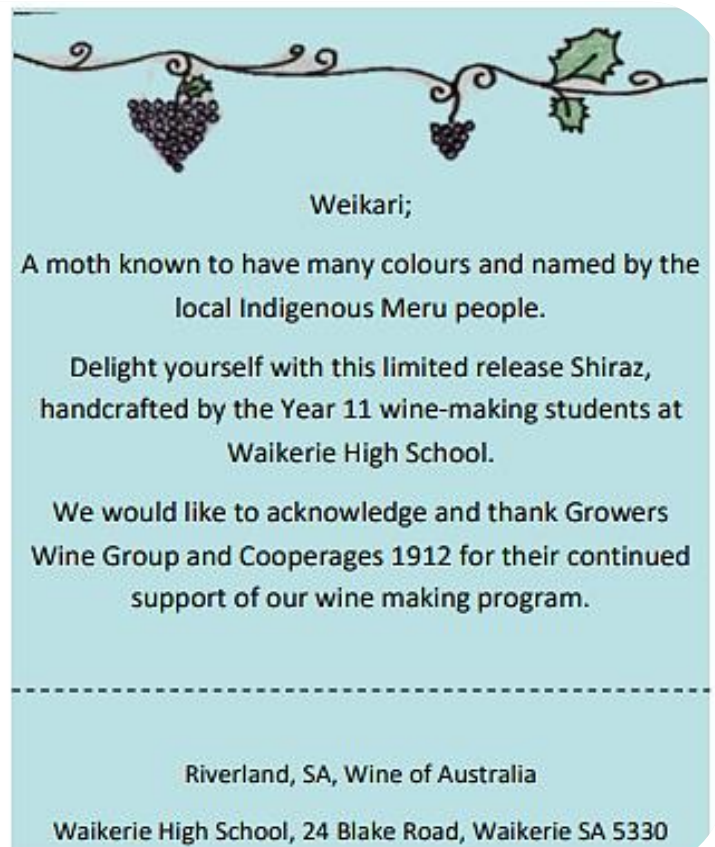
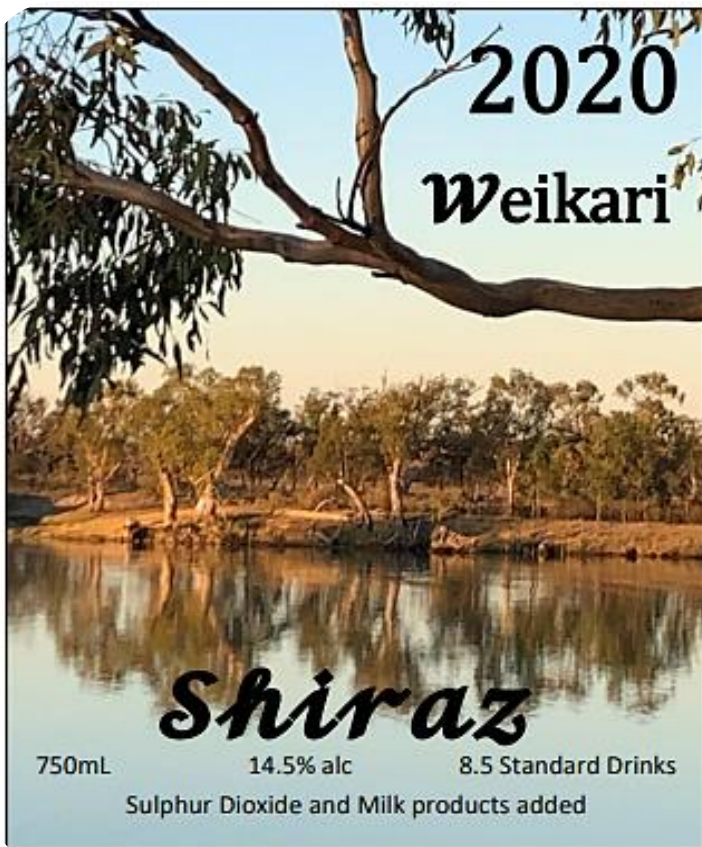
This year, the label was a combination of two students' artwork. Chelsea Helbig and Emily Brock both contributed to the label design.

We are selling the bottles for \$8 a bottle or \$80 for a carton of 12. If you are interested in purchasing some wine, email it to donna.haynes816@schools.sa.edu.au

It makes for some good Christmas presents!

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

Donna Haynes
Viticulture



SA
Dental

Clean teeth and a healthy smile are important for your kids' general health and happiness.

All kids are welcome at SA Dental with no out-of-pocket costs for most kids.



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RIVERLAND ABORIGINAL YOUNG MEN'S GROUP

Young Men please join us for a yarn and a BBQ about setting up a Riverland Aboriginal Young Men's Group.

WHY: To connect to other young Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander young men in the community, connect to culture in a safe, culturally appropriate space.

WHERE: Uncle Jerry Mason Senior Memorial Building, 515 Old Sturt Highway, Glossop.

WHO: Riverland Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander young men aged 10-18.

WHEN: Tuesday 14th of December at 3:30pm—6:30pm.

Enquires to Sam Mitchell at Mission Australia on 0459 313 031.

Connect to Culture

Alcohol & Other
Drug Support

Yarning Circles &
Artwork

Connect to other
young Aboriginal &
Torres Strait
Islander Men in the
community

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Riverland Christmas Appeal



**WE NEED YOUR HELP,
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Donations of Money, New Toys or Christmas Items
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Riverland Christmas Appeal

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Acc: 210 990 540

Enquiries Ph: 0414 424 303

Email: riverlandchristmasappeal@hotmail.com



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Cnr Drabsch & Pyap Streets
Ph: 8584 6954
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

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Waikerie Hub
11 White Street
8541 3496
Mon - Fri 9am - 2pm

RENMARK

Chaffey Community Centre
Nineteenth Street
Ph: 8586 5745
Monday 12pm - 3pm
& Friday 9am - 12pm

BERRI

ac.care
5 Kealley Street
8580 5300
Monday - Friday

BARMERA

St Vincent de Paul
Barwell Ave
Ph: 8588 3217
Tuesday & Thursday

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