

Whyalla Secondary

Newsletter

College



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Principals Welcome

Dear parents and caregivers,

Term 3 is now complete, with staff and students all looking forward to the upcoming school holidays.

This is an important break for our year 12 students in particular, who only have a few weeks left before their schooling journey comes to an end. Year 12 holiday sessions are being run by teachers on the Thursday and Friday of both week 1 and 2 of the school holidays.

Staffing update:

I would like to congratulate the following staff members that have won leadership positions in other sites from 2023.

- Dianna Pickert, who will be the Principal at Long Street Primary School
- Chantelle Lucas, who will be a Junior Leader at Keith Area School
- Emma Hage, who will be a HPE Coordinator at Willunga High School

I wish you all the very best and thank you for your time and commitment to the college this year.

Next term we welcome back Maddie McArthur who is returning from maternity leave. We also welcome Design and Tech Leader Mitch Jackman and teacher Nadira Pardo, along with SSO's Emily Grundy and Jackson Scott.

I have great pleasure in announcing that for the first time all year, we will have our full quota of teaching staff at the college.

Sports Day:

Sports day was an amazing experience for our staff and students. I would like to congratulate and thank James Fox and his team for organising and running such a successful first sports day at the college.

I saw ATRIUM pedagogy in action in every aspect of sports day and was at times overwhelmed with emotion to see so many students actively engaged in the day. I felt honoured to be one of the MasterChef challenge judges and was lucky enough to taste test lots of amazing dishes. It was also fantastic to see my team Bonython win the first ever sports day.

PAT Testing:

PAT Testing has been taking place across the college this term, as we gather some very valuable data around our students.

NAPLAN Results:

NAPLAN results have now been revealed to the college and parents will receive their individual child's results in the mail over the next week. If you would like any further information about either PAT or NAPLAN results, please contact your child's care group teacher or relevant Assistant Principal.

I would like to thank governing council, parent and wider community for your support in regards to our recent additional pupil free day. The staff made excellent use of the time, spending the day planning and preparing for term 4 as well as getting their assessment tasks marked and up to date. It was an extremely valuable and appreciated day for the college staff.

Next term we have some key events taking place at the college. Mark the following dates in your diaries:

- **Wednesday 26 October:** year 6-7 parent information night
- **Friday 28 October:** world teachers day, year 12 lunch and assembly, last day of school for year 12 students
- **Wednesday 2 November:** governing council
- **Thursday 3 November:** Clontarf academy awards night
- **Monday 7 November to Thursday 17 November:** Stage 2 exams
- **Friday 18 November:** pupil free day, year 12 formal
- **Tuesday 22 November to Thursday 24 November:** stage 1 exams
- **Friday 25 November:** last day of school for year 11 students
- **Tuesday 6 December:** Whyalla Secondary College presentation night
- **Wednesday 7 December:** governing council end of year dinner
- **Friday 16 December:** last day of school for 2022 (2.30pm dismissal)

Please note that the school will be open from Tuesday to Friday in week 1 and Monday to Friday in week 2 of the school holidays between 8.30am – 4.30pm. I wish our school community a relaxing and well-deserved break. We all look forward to seeing you on Monday 17 October.

My quote for the start of next term is:

“Don't worry if you're not where you want to be yet. Great things take time.”

College Updates

FEE REMINDERS

Please be reminded that all school fees and ICT device fees are now overdue and require immediate repayment. Please contact the college on 8668 9600 if you wish to set up a payment plan.

YEAR 12 FORMAL

Our year 12 students will be celebrating their formal on Friday 18 November at the Westlands Hotel Oasis Room, from 6.00pm to 10.00pm. Students voted on a theme and the winner was rustic! This theme is all about materials that come from the earth. We will be adding fairy lights and many other elements to make this night special. Tickets will be available for purchase from the main student services from Monday 17 October (week 1, term 4) at a cost of \$50 per ticket.

If you are a school leaver and have completed your SACE for 2022, you are welcome to attend, however we won't be allowing any partners or students who have not completed their SACE to attend.

Our formal committee has been busy fundraising with lucky squares and a soft drink stall at sport's day.

SCHOOL CARD

Please be reminded that the school card cut-off date is next month.

SCHOOL HATS

Please be reminded that it is compulsory to wear a hat while outside in term 1 and 4. Hats can be purchased from Devon Clothing and our main student services in building 2.



2023 M&S FEES

Our next governing council meeting is Wednesday 2 November at 7pm, where the committee will be discussing the 2023 materials and services fees. Parents, caregivers and independent students are invited to attend to discuss any concerns or questions that they have regarding these fees. Alternatively, you can write a letter addressed to the governing council chair or email the school prior to Monday 31 October. The proposed charge for 2023 is \$355 per student from years 7-12.

STEM SCHOLARSHIPS

The Department for Education is offering scholarships up to the value of \$10,000 in 2023 to support high school students from under represented groups. Low socioeconomical status, girls and Aboriginal learners to study the following STEM subjects at SACE stage 1 and 2 level: Chemistry, Digital Technologies, Physics, Mathematical methods and Specialist mathematics. The fund covers the cost of tutors, laptops, excursions or any other strategy that directly supports the student to achieve in their chosen STEM subjects and pathways.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 21 OCTOBER 2022

R U OK? DAY



This national day of action is when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever you spot the signs that someone you care about might be struggling with life.

The student leadership team organised an R U OK? DAY event and what an amazing job they did! Hosting sporting competitions, creating mural displays, serving food and organising group activities. We also got to watch a performance from our very own year 12 music class.

We had Whyalla Suicide Prevention Network, Centacare and INATT on site with the WSC wellbeing team to discuss and acknowledge the importance of R U OK? DAY.

KESAB VISIT

Our year 9 students had a fantastic incursion with KESAB environmental solutions, where they made sustainable beeswax wraps and learnt about reducing single use plastics. 7 News even stopped by to capture this lesson!



ASMS FAIR



Students from the college attended the Australian Science and Mathematics School International Science Fair and participated in an innovative science experience. The fair is a week of opportunities for students from across the globe to reflect on, plan for and discover their preferred future through the lenses of Science and Mathematics and develop friendships as the basis of the future cooperation. We are so proud of our students who attended!



YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES GRADUATION



On Wednesday 28 September the college celebrated the achievements of our third group of Youth Opportunities graduates.

For 1 day per week this term, students engaged with staff from Youth Opps who provided them with the enterprise skills they need for future direction and employment success, along with the tools needed to increase confidence, self-worth and motivation.

Staff, students, friends and family gathered on the night to hear the graduates talk about their personal and learning goals and how they worked towards achieving them.

CERT III EDUCATION SUPPORT COMPLETORS

Congratulations to our year 12 AHEAD students on successfully completing their Certificate III in Education Support as part of a school-based traineeship. Special thanks to our supporting primary schools for mentoring our next generation of educators; Fisk Street Primary School, Hincks Avenue Primary School, Long Street Primary School and the Whyalla Special Education Centre.



LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK



WSC participated in Literacy and Numeracy week this term. We celebrated by having a BBQ, where students wrote a 6-word story or shared a poem in their pocket for a free sausage off the BBQ. Students and staff also dressed up for Book Week! We had activities for students to do across the week including a class Kahoot, create a meme competition, cartesian plane drawing and guess the number of jelly beans in the jar.

WSCSPORTSDAY 2022



We participated in our very first sport's day as a college this term. It was an eventful and exciting day full of games, fun, sport and celebrating house culture. There were a number of sporting events that students participated in such as long jump, Richman Cup (netball), an NBA All-star challenge, sprints and more. Students also participated in activities such as a STEM challenge, MasterChef cook off, Virtual Reality challenge, Mario Kart, Art challenge, WSC has talent and Lego masters. These variety of activities gave our students the opportunity to excel and challenge themselves in multiple areas of learning.

There was an abundance of tasty, sweet and savoury foods around the college. Supplied by Mount Laura Lions Club, Mr Whippy, Mint Cafe and our year 12 students selling soft drinks to raise money for their formal.

Bonython were the inaugural winners, followed by Lowly in second place, Fitzgerald in third and Wetlands in fourth.



BONYTHON #1



WSSC SPORTS DAY 2022



Updates

HEADSPACE

Headspace Whyalla are offering a free six-session parenting program for parents and carers of young people. For more information call Courtney on 8641 4330.

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Surf Lifesaving have a VET course which allows students to gain 20 SACE credits if they join and achieve their Bronze Medallion.



KYTONS FUNDRAISER

WSC governing council members are running a fundraiser during the month of October, with money raised going towards prizes for presentation night and the year 12 formal. Use the Qkr! App to purchase items such as cookies, rocky road, Christmas puddings, fruit mince pies, apricot or apples pies, Santa choc chip house kits or their famous lamingtons ... just to name a few!



If you would like to know more about Kytons bakery products, including nutritional information or ingredients visit www.kytonsbakery.com.au



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- Understand their emotions
- Manage conflict more effectively
- Communicate more effectively
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