



Whyalla Secondary College

NEWSLETTER



TERM 4, WEEK 5

We are halfway through term 4 at WSC and there is so much to share. Flick through our newsletter to find important dates, good news stories, college updates and more.

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Principal's Welcome



Tricia Richman

Important Dates

Year 12 Formal – Friday 18/11/22
Student Free Day – Friday 18/11/22
Year 11 Exams – Monday 21/11/22 to Wednesday 23/11/22
SAASTA Shield and Award Ceremony Camp – Monday 21/11/22 to Thursday 24/11/22
Hinders University Film Making Workshop – Tuesday 22/11/22 to Wednesday 23/11/22
Shooting Stars Awards Night – Monday 28/11/22
Mission Australia NDIS Information session – Wednesday 23/11/22
Year 11/12 Transition Day – Thursday 24/11/22 to Friday 25/11/22
White Ribbon Day – Friday 25/11/22
Clontarf Year 12 Interstate Tour (Darwin) – Monday 28/11/22 to Friday 02/12/22
Whole school Transition Days – Monday 28/11/22 to Tuesday 29/11/22
Year 8 Activities Day – Friday 02/12/22
Presentation Night – Tuesday 06/12/22 7:00pm–9:00pm
Governing Council Dinner – 07/12/22 7:00pm
Shooting Stars Attendance Beach Day – Friday 09/12/22
Human Rights Day – Friday 09/12/22
Year 7 Activities Day – Friday 09/12/22
Staff End of Year Show – Friday 09/12/22
SACE/ATAR Grades released – Monday 12/12/22
Last day of term 4 – Friday 16/12/22

Dear parents and caregivers,

Term 4 has been extremely busy for staff and students, with a range of activities taking place each week including sports carnivals, camps, excursions and our year 9/10 market day.

It has been a very significant time for our year 12 students as their time at school comes to an end. We had a very touching graduation assembly on Friday 28 October, saying farewell to our year 12's. Mr. Tan and student Hannah performed a song for the students, which was beautiful and made my eyes leak.

Tonight we have our final celebration for the year 12 students at their formal. I would like to say a huge thank you to Eddie Hughes MP, who donated \$1,000 towards our first year 12 formal at the college.

Uniform review:

Thank you for the on going support from governing council this year. At our meeting last week council members approved the 2023 draft budget as well as the following changes to our uniform policy. Students can wear either plain black or white socks, students can officially wear either a plain black or white long sleeved top under their polo top and it is only highly recommended that students wear a hat in terms 1 and 4. It is no longer compulsory and there will be no consequence for students not wearing a hat. The materials and services fees are \$355 as of 2023.

Kyttons Fundraiser:

Governing council members organised a Kyttons fundraiser for the college, with orders being delivered and handed out this week. We hope to do this again next year. A massive thank you to Robyn Pedler who organised and ran this fundraiser. All money raised by governing council will go towards prizes for presentation night as well as the year 12 formal.

Transition Days:

Please note that transition days for year 7 to 11 students will take place on Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 November. This will give students the opportunity to spend time in their new learning spaces with their 2023 teachers. Our year 11 students finish for the year on Friday 25 November, so they will do their 2 transition days on the Thursday 24 and Friday 25 November, ending the week with a final year 11 graduation assembly.

Pupil Free Day:

Today is our final pupil free day for the year. Staff will spend the day reflecting and reviewing the 2022 school year, as well as planning and preparation for the 2023 school year.

Awards/Presentation Night:

I am very excited to announce that the college will hold its first awards/presentation Night on Tuesday 6 December at the Middleback Theatre at 7:00pm. The night will be a chance to acknowledge and celebrate academic excellence at the college. Award winners families will be notified via email in the coming week, so that there is time for tickets to be booked via the Middleback. This special night will be an acknowledgement and celebration of the achievements at the college this year.

Based on feedback received via the parent survey, we will be making changes to our newsletter in 2023. All positive stories and updates will continue to be posted via our Facebook page each day. However, every fortnight I will send out an information newsletter via parent/caregivers email addresses. If you would prefer this information to be sent home with your child or posted, please notify your relevant student services.

I look forward to a very busy but festive end to the school year. My quote for this newsletter is one that I shared with the year 12's at the graduation assembly:

"If you are always trying to be normal, you will never know how amazing you can be"

College Updates

Accelerate Program

Congratulations to Bree for participating in the UniSA Accelerate program, a program designed for year 12 students to get an early start on a business degree. By completing 1 or 2 subjects through UniSA Online, students can guarantee a future place at UniSA and can also apply to have subjects count towards their SACE Stage 2. Bree said she found the program enjoyable once she found a good rhythm to balance both Uni and year 12. She believes the program will help her in the future with feeling more comfortable in Uni.



World Skills Carpentry Challenge

Students completing their Certification II in Construction Pathways competed in a World Skills Carpentry Challenge this term. Students made a wooden sawhorse, demonstrating skills in planning and construction procedures including; drawing, costing, measuring, cutting, joins and work health and safety elements. Students were judged on the accuracy of their measuring when drawing and cutting, as well as knowledge of health and safety in the workshop when using tools and how they kept their work space tidy.

Students had their carpentry skills judged by Cassandra Priestly (TAFESA), Paul Temper (Industry judge) and Richard Megaw (Head judge).



Congratulations to our Winners:

- Gold: Mitchell from WSC
- Silver: Brodie from Roxby Downs Area School
- Bronze: Luis from WSC

World Teacher's Day

Earlier this term we celebrated "World Teacher's Day". Year 7 students wrote thank you cards for Principal Richman.

Rhyleigh said "A great Principal builds character, inspires dreams, encourages creativity, builds confidence, instills a lot of learning, touches our hearts and changes our lives. Most importantly a Principal is King of leadership." The staff couldn't agree more or said it better, Rhyleigh. Another student wrote "Thank you for having a nice school, love some of the places where you can hang out with your friends and I love being able to do work on my laptop". Shakayla said "Thank you for being kind and joyful and nice. You're the best principal anyone could imagine to have". Thank you to all of the students who took the time to let our amazing educators know how much they are appreciated!

Devon Clothing

Uniform orders can be placed with the following options for delivery:

- Pick up from the school in January. Order collection dates where Devon Clothing will be onsite to hand out will be announced soon.
- Delivery to your home or personal address (Charges apply). Orders placed after the 16th of January may not arrive in time for Day 1, Term 1 2023
- Existing students can have their orders delivered to school during Term 4 as per the usual process.

All customer enquiries can be emailed to dcus_orders@devonclothing.com.au or, please call 8350 7931 and leave a message with your name, number, your enquiry and the best time to return your call.

Examinations

Our year 12 students have been busy studying, preparing and attending their exams and at the UniSA campus. WSC would like to say congratulations to all students for completing their exams.

Our year 11 students will participate in their exams from Monday 21 to Wednesday 23 November. Students will attend classes as normal unless they are attending an exam. If students wish to study onsite the homework club is open Wednesday mornings from 8:15am-8:45am in the hub and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30pm - 4:30pm in the learning common area.

Snake sighting

Please be advised that a snake has been sighted at the front of TAFE SA on Nicolson Avenue in the large garden. Please be mindful and aware when you are in this area, especially students who walk through this area when on their way to school and TAFE classes.

Year 12 resources

Year 12 students, please remember to return any school resources you have borrowed this year to the library/ICT. Resources may include books, calculators and laptops.

Headlice

Let's take a minute to talk about headlice, and with the weather warming up, now is a good time to check your child's hair.

- Headlice are spread mostly by direct head to head contact but may also be spread by sharing of hats, combs and other hair accessories.
- Anyone can get headlice.
- Head lice is much easier to treat if caught early.
- To prevent the spread of headlice, you should check your child(ren) daily over the next 3 weeks and on a regular basis thereafter.
- Please inform the school if your child presents with headlice and make sure they are treated before returning.

Uniform Policy Update

At last week's governing council meeting the following changes were endorsed regarding the WSC Uniform Policy. Effective immediately;

- Students can officially wear either a plain black or white long-sleeved top under their polo top.
- It is only highly recommended that students wear a hat in terms 1 and 4, it is no longer compulsory and there will be no consequence for students not wearing a hat.
- Students can wear either plain black or plain white socks.

Good News Stories

Aboriginal Basketball Academy



Whyalla Secondary College would like to congratulate one of our SAASTA Academy members, Crystal, on being accepted into the SAASTA Aboriginal Basketball Academy for 2023. Crystal's elite level of basketball skills, along with her dedication to her studies, has given her the opportunity to move to Adelaide in 2023 to engage in the Aboriginal Basketball Academy. She has also won a scholarship to attend Sacred Heart College, which will allow her to continue her studies and develop as a leader of her community. She has worked hard to be accepted into this program and we wish her all the best on her journey over the next couple of years. Well done, Crystal!

SAASTA Connect Carnival

The Whyalla SAASTA Connect class have just completed a very successful Connect Carnival in Adelaide. The students took part in curriculum tasks leading up to the event, learning about culture, history and NAIDOC week. The major task was to design a polo that represented the NAIDOC week 2022 theme which was "Get Up, Stand Up, Show Up", with the best design in the state being selected as the polo for the carnival.

This year the SAASTA Connect Carnival shirt design was won by our very own year 9 student Sofie! Her design was selected as the best design, and now 200+ SAASTA Connect students in years 7, 8 and 9 across the state are proudly wearing her design. The whole group were so happy that Sofie won, and they all had an absolute blast on the camp. Every student did WSC proud, with a huge congratulations to Sofie.



Aldinga Payinthe College

This term, WSC founding staff members had the pleasure of attending the official opening of Aldinga Payinthe College in Adelaide. WSC shares a special connection with the staff from Aldinga, Goolwa Secondary College and Riverbanks College B-12 as all 4 schools went through the building, recruitment and establishment process during 2020 and 2021.

We would like to take this opportunity to officially congratulate Principal Ali Colbeck and staff on an amazing facility filled with amazing students and dedicated staff.

WSC are looking forward to our official opening ceremony, watch this space to find out the date.



Good News Stories

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony



Whyalla Secondary College held its inaugural year 12 graduation ceremony on Friday 28 October to celebrate a very important year for both the college, the year 12 student cohort and their families.

The day commenced with a lunch for students in the Mount Laura Theatre foyer with the ceremony being held in the theatre itself. Mr Tan performed a song with student Hannah as guests arrived. The event was hosted by Year 11 Student Representative Council members Dora and Georgia with Jazmyn reading the Acknowledgement of Country. Year 11/12 Assistant Principal Dr Alexandra Holeva presented the certificates and as each student walked onto the stage special achievements were recognised such as attendance and most improved.

Principal Tricia Richman addressed the students and their families congratulating the class of 2022 for completing their schooling journey, stating that this year has come with a lot of challenges but the resilience, dedication and determination the students have put into their studies did not go unnoticed.

Completion of Certificate III in Education Support

Congratulations to Storm and Tayla who have successfully completed an 18-month traineeship at Long Street Primary School. As part of this they completed a Certificate III in Education Support while working as classroom support one day per week. One of the highlights was getting the opportunity to design and set up a classroom ready for 2023! A huge thank you to Long Street Primary School Principal Bryan Rotherham, Business Manager Helen Whyte and the team at LSPS for making the girls experience so rewarding.



Clontarf Awards Night

In week 4 Clontarf had their inaugural 2022 Awards Night. The night consisted of Clontarf students being presented with their awards to show acknowledgement and appreciation of all their hard work and efforts throughout the year. Ten of Clontarf's partners attended to watch our students be presented with their awards and the Clontarf Spirit Awards were presented to Peter and Daniel. Congratulations to all students involved and thank you to all staff who helped make this night happen. It was a fantastic evening.



Spencer Gulf News

Dear parents and caregivers,

We have had a great start to term 4 here in Spencer Gulf. It has been awesome to see all the students come into the term full of positivity and pride in what they have achieved so far.

We have all been on a huge learning journey. The growth I have seen in the students and our learning spaces has been inspiring.

We will continue to have a focus on instilling a growth mindset, where students have a 'can do' attitude to learning and see mistakes as a way of making their brains grow!! Please have a look at the great work our students are doing in our classes.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to find out more information, contact Spencer Gulf.

Regards,

Kyerin Grundy
Inclusive Learning Leader



The 80's

In Spencer Gulf this term, our project based learning unit has been on 'The 80's'. In this project, students are going back in time where they'll research events that rocked the world and understand how pop culture and technology began to infiltrate our everyday lives. The 80s allow the students to explore many historical events and environmental and technological changes to our society over time.



Landforms

In HASS, students have been learning about different landforms. They researched different landforms such as volcanos, valleys, mountains and made them out of clay. Using their knowledge, the students were also set the task of creating their own islands, which would include different landforms on them.



Values and Virtues

During our social skills lessons, the students have explored 44 values and virtues. They reflected on what qualities they have and also explored what great things about them make them unique.

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