

Principal's Welcome



Tricia Richman

Important Dates

VET Block Week

Monday 21 - Friday 25 August

Subject Selections

Monday 21 August - Friday 8 September

Wear It Purple! Day

Friday 25 August

Netball Finals (Adelaide)

Monday 28 (pm) - Tuesday 29 August

Stage 2 Outdoor Ed Bushwalk (Melrose, Mt Remarkable)

Tuesday 29 August - Thursday 31 August

Spencer Gulf Excursion (Front Beach)

Wednesday 31 August

Stage 1 Outdoor Ed Orienteering Challenge (Melrose)

Friday 1 September

Sports Day

Monday 4 September Athletics (pm)

Tuesday 5 September Whole School

Red Day

Tuesday 5 September

Pupil Free Day

Thursday 7 September

School Closure Day

Friday 8 September

Learning Conversations 4-6.30pm

Tuesday 12 September

Dear parents and caregivers,

Today marks the start of week 5 which is also half way through term 3. The past two weeks have been a busy and engaging time for students with curriculum promotion continuing to be a priority. Subject selections will commence today with students having until Friday 8 September to finalise their subjects for 2024.

Last weekend we had a college display at the Whyalla Show. If you went to the show over the weekend, we hope you called in to have a look at the student work.

This Wednesday marks the first year 6 to 7 transition visit with Long Street Primary School students joining us from 1pm. On Thursday Hincks Avenue Primary School students will be onsite.

Again, the college has seen many great things occur over the past two weeks, including;

- Year 10 Workabout/SAASTA ACE immersion block week in Adelaide
- Knockout boy's football (all grades)
- Clontarf employment forum
- STEM girls creative challenge (day 3)
- STEM girls on campus
- Knockout regional boy's football (yr 7/8, 9/10 and open)
- Leaders attended The Bush Summit in Port Lincoln on my behalf
- Year 10 immunisations
- The year 11/12 boys basketball team travelled to Adelaide to play in the state finals
- Governing Council
- Spencer Gulf excursion to Wadlata and Arid Lands in Port Augusta

This week is another VET block week for our senior students.

In HR news we have welcomed Shianne Hartwell as a curriculum SSO and Tayla Abinett-Cartwright as an ASETO. We would like to congratulate teaching staff member Paige Everett who together with her partner welcomed baby Frankie into the world. SSO Emily Swan also started maternity leave recently and we are excited to announce that her baby Indi has arrived. Congratulations to Emily and her partner. We would also like to congratulate Jake Miell who became engaged to his partner Bec recently. At the end of week 3 we farewelled SSO Kate Kimberley and wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

Thank you to Year 7/8 Assistant Principal Pete Usher and our student leaders Georgia and Tyson for an excellent presentation at Governing Council last week. The Governing Council were extremely impressed with the student leaders and the positive messages that they shared about the work we are doing on a day to day basis.

Students are responding well to the toilet process and I am very pleased to report zero damage to toilets to date. I know that this has increased workload for the student services staff, but the positive outcomes are worth it.

This edition of the newsletter has a reminder regarding the parent survey which closes at midnight this Sunday 27 August. The parent survey is a great opportunity to get valuable insights into parent engagement at the college.

You may have seen some information on our Facebook page about the speed limit in and around TAFE SA, dangerous driving on TAFE grounds and parking around schools. Parents and members of the community have also reported incidents of students running in front of cars when crossing the road and crossing when the road crossing lights are red.

This week is SSO Week. A huge THANK YOU to all of our SSO staff at the college. We appreciate everything that you do to help and support the college. You all play a vital role in the success for our students on a daily basis.

This Wednesday and Thursday the Spencer Gulf students will be on local excursions, with a focus on learning how to catch public transport and read timetables. These local excursions are teaching the students valuable life skills, but are also fantastic examples of using ATRIUM pedagogy.

This Thursday Pete Usher and I will be presenting at the SASPA conference in Adelaide. We will be sharing our journey about being an ATRIUM pilot school.

On Friday it is Wear it Purple Day! where students can add purple accessories to their school uniform.

My quote for this newsletter is:

"Life is like a camera. Focus on the good times, develop from the negatives and if things don't work out, take another shot"

Week 5, Term 3, 2023

College Updates

Snow Tour

In the final week of July, our senior school students along with staff travelled to Mt Hotham for the 2023 Whyalla Secondary College Snow Tour. The week involved students having lessons about the key skills associated with skiing, including ploughing, turning and braking. In the afternoon sessions, students had free time to explore and demonstrate their skills from the beginner slopes all the way up to the complex 'black' runs. Students displayed positive school values throughout the trip and all became more competent skiers than our very talented Mr Fox!



THE PARENT SURVEY



Reminder: the parent survey closes midnight Sunday 27 August

If you're a parent or carer of one of our students, we want to hear from you! The annual parent survey is now open and aims to get your views on what we're doing well, where we can improve and what's important to you as a parent. Your feedback will inform our school improvement planning.

To complete the survey, follow the unique link https://survey.education.sa.gov.au/sc/aesSIOIEI7BAFTMdg_XGw2

The survey takes less than 10 minutes.

Your answers won't identify you or your child. Only collated feedback will be provided to our school.

Visit the [department's website](#) for more information about the survey.

- A reminder that all TAFE SA campuses have a speed limit of 10km/h. Please watch out for pedestrians while driving or riding on campus ●

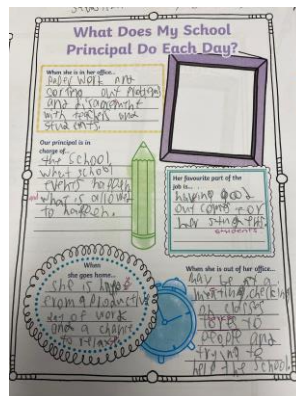


During semester 1, Spencer Gulf students investigated the impacts of plastic pollution on the environment and specifically on the ocean ecosystem. Throughout the investigation students collaborated and designed a piece of recyclable art using plastic lids from bottles. The design represented what Spencer Gulf means to them. The main focus was the unique sea life of Whyalla and the light house along the Spencer Gulf coastline. There were different phases throughout the project, where students were able to participate at their level of entry. The outcome and engagement from students produced a beautiful piece of art that they look forward to displaying in the Spencer Gulf garden. Well done to all!



Principal's Day

On Friday 4 August we celebrated Principal's Day and the Spencer Gulf students presented Ms Richman with their vision of what our Principal does for the students each day. Nadia said Ms Richman is in charge of running the school to make sure everything is fine. Sebastian said when Ms Richman is in her office she does paperwork and sorts out problems. He also said Ms Richman's favourite part of the job is having good outcomes for the students. You are certainly right there Sebastian! 😊 ★



On **Friday 25 August** students are invited to wear a purple accessory to school with their full school uniform to celebrate **Wear it Purple Day!**

What is the purpose of Wear It Purple?

Wear It Purple strives to foster supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for rainbow young people.

Wear It Purple Principles

- » Advocate for and empower rainbow young people
- » Celebrate and promote the value of diversity and inclusion in all community settings
- » Raise awareness about sexuality, sex and gender identity and challenge harmful social cultures
- » Champion rainbow role-models to help young people establish the confidence to be who they are
- » We know young people change the world, so they are at the core of what we do!

The Wear It Purple Story

Wear it Purple was founded in 2010 in response to global stories of real teenagers, real heartache and their very real responses. What started out small has now grown; however the message remains the same;

Everybody has the right to be proud of who they are!

So join us on **Friday 25 August** to celebrate **Wear it Purple Day!** Be part of a movement that has the potential to save thousands of lives. Be part of this change!

SSO Week

is about acknowledging all of our Support Staff Officers (SSOs) and Aboriginal Education Workers (AEWs) for the amazing job they do in making a difference in the lives of children and students every day 🙌❤️

