

Principal's Welcome



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Important Dates

Last day of Term 3

Friday 29 September, 2.30pm dismissal

Term 3 School Holidays

Monday 2 October-Friday 13 October

First Day of Term 4

Monday 16 October

Year 12 Trial Exams

Monday 16 October-Friday 20 October

The Period Show

Monday 16 October

VET Block Week

Monday 23 October-Friday 27 October

Girls 9/10 Basketball (Adelaide)

Monday 23 October-Tuesday 24 October

Year 7 Parent Information Night

Wednesday 25 October 6pm (Theatre)

SAASTA Power Connect Carnival (Adelaide)

Thursday 26 October-Friday 27 October

Clontarf Awards

Wednesday 1 November 5pm

Year 12's Last Day & Farewell Assembly

Friday 3 November

Year 12 Exams

Monday 6 November-Thursday 16 November

Pupil Free Day

Monday 20 November

Year 11 Exams

Tuesday 21 November-Thursday 23 November

Year 12 Formal

Friday 24 November

Whole School Transition

Monday 27 November-Tuesday 28 November

Senior Hoodie Orders Close

Tuesday 28 November

Year 11's Last Day & Assembly

Tuesday 28 November

Presentation Night

Tuesday 5 December

Last Day of Term 4

Friday 15 December, 2.30pm dismissal

Dear parents and caregivers,

Term 3 has flown by and here we are at the end of week 10. Over the next 2 weeks I hope you all enjoy some down time and make the most of the school holiday break.

This time of year is a very stressful time for year 12 students and staff. It is important that we recognise this and do whatever we can to assist and support them over the coming weeks.

Information has been sent to all senior school families this week regarding year 12 catch up sessions which are being held from next Tuesday 3 October to Friday 6 October.

The school will be open from 8.30am to 4.30pm each week day during the school holidays apart from next Monday 2 October due to the public holiday.

The last 2 weeks has been a very busy time for the college with many different events taking place. These include;

- VET block week
- Operations Flinders
- SAPOL presentations for our year 10, 11 and 12 students
- ADF careers presentations
- Nursing presentation
- The Workabout Learning Centre learner's training & barista training
- Spencer Gulf recycling depot excursion
- Youth Opportunities graduation
- Girls knockout football
- Performing Arts Primary School Choir performance
- Shooting Stars/Thunderbirds community netball event
- SAASTA students assisting with MOPS sports day
- Year 10 Futures camp
- Year 12 Child Studies/NAPS cooking incursion
- Stage 1 Biology wetlands excursion
- Student leadership pancake breakfast
- Spencer Gulf excursion to the Road Safety Centre
- UniSA STEM expo for year 7 and 8 students
- Young Women Lead graduation

To celebrate all the hard work our students have completed this term, our student leaders cooked pancakes as a special breakfast on Tuesday. It was great to see so many students getting involved and a nice way to end the term.

The Young Women Lead end of program celebration was held yesterday. Yet again this has been an extremely successful program for the students involved.

There are many important dates that families should start putting into their calendars for term 4 including end of year exams, presentation night and year 12 formal.

Term 4 will commence with year 12 trial exams from the Monday to Friday. The year 12 actual exams will commence on Monday 6 November until Thursday 16 November.

Year 11 exams will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of week 6 (21-23 November).

Please find attached information about the SACE examinations timetable, Stage 1 exams, Stage 2 exams and the year 12 catch up sessions.

A letter has been emailed home to all families of female students this week informing them of an excursion on the first day of term 4, Monday 16 October. Students will walk to the Middleback Theatre at 2pm to watch "The Period Show", a light hearted performance by fringe festival artist Carla Mattiazzo on the topic of menstruation. If you do not wish for your child to attend please contact Kylie Morris at the college via email Kylie.Morris668@schools.sa.edu.au or phone 8668 9600. The college would like to thank both Headspace and the Whyalla City Council for working on this project to increase education and awareness for female students.

In HR update news I would like to advise that Mr Zac Boxall has won an ongoing English/HASS position with the college from January 2024.

My quote for this newsletter is:

"What turns a simple day into an amazing day, is what we do with the little details"

Please note that I will be on leave during the holidays, returning on Thursday 12 October. If you wish to raise a concern or have an enquiry during this time, please phone the college and speak to the acting Site Leader for that day.

I hope that you all have a fantastic break and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 16 October.

College Updates



Youth Opportunities Graduation

Last Wednesday we celebrated with 16 of our year 10 students who participated in the elevated Youth Opportunities Personal Leadership Program. Throughout the program young people are encouraged to work on their personal growth such as their motivation, confidence and relationships.

Their commitment during the last 10 weeks has allowed us to see them become the best version of themselves by stepping out of their comfort zones, especially when they shared their journey with their peers, teachers and family.

We would like to thank Youth Opportunities for working alongside the college to provide this personal leadership opportunity for our students.

Well done to all of our wonderful graduates!

30 | JDRF ONE WALK

Join us at the
Port Lincoln One Walk

Come along and walk with your local community for a world without type 1 diabetes

When:
Sunday 15 October 2023
Site open 10:00am - Walk commencing 10:30am

Where:
Port Lincoln Foreshore

Family Entertainment & Attractions

- Scenic Foreshore Walk along the Pinnakalla Trail
- Performances by Charlie Watt Singer
- Jumping Castle
- Face Painting
- Representatives from Medical Device Companies
- Lawn Games
- Mega Raffle!

Food & Beverage

- Krafted Food Van (Coffee)
- Lions Club Sausage Sizzle
- RFDS Donut Van

Find out more and register

walk.jdrf.org.au

See you there!
SCAN ME!



Girls Knock Out Football

Girls from years 7, 8 and 9 competed in a round robin tournament of football last week. They won their minor rounds, defeating Samaritan (47-0), Caritas (28-3) and Port Augusta (76-6) and went straight through to the grand final, again defeating Caritas (36-2) and finished the day as undefeated premiers. Throughout their 4 games, they only conceded 1 goal, which is an amazing effort. All the girls should be very proud of their efforts, with each girl playing a pivotal role every game. Whether it was applying lots of pressure in the backlines, providing plenty of run through the middle, or creating chaos and kicking a few goals up forward, they all played amazingly. A shout out to Hanna who kicked 6 goals against Samaritan and Alyssa who kicked 5 goals against Port Augusta.

Choir Performance

Last week some of our Performing Arts students participated in the annual Whyalla Combined Primary Schools Choir as assisting artists. The performance was held over two nights at the Middleback Theatre. The choir worked hard, performing 13 songs on both nights, and were grateful for the breaks provided by our student performers. Our students provided two items for the program: a small ensemble made up of year 12 students Rosella (vocals), Nicole (acoustic guitar) and Rdrene (electric guitar) who performed "Ako Na Lung" by Zia Quizon. This featured lyrics in both English and Tagalog (the language of the Philippines). Daelyn from year 10 performed "Just the Two of Us" by Bill Withers, accompanied by teacher Rhiannon Howell on the piano. Both performances were very well received and the students displayed professional and excellent behaviour.



Nursing Presentation

On Tuesday Whyalla Hospital and Health Services nursing staff Fiona Wilson and Tonia Munday held an information session about nursing with our Year 10, 11 & 12 students. This allowed our students to take a look at what life would be like if they choose nursing as a career pathway.



Coaching at Nicolson Avenue Primary School

Over the past three weeks, Mr Fox's Stage 1 Recreation Physical Education students have been delivering coaching sessions to Nicolson Avenue Primary School students. This has included soccer, frisbee golf, football and many more sports, with our students being responsible for the organisation of sessions, equipment and teaching grade 3 & 4 students about their chosen sport. The Stage 1 students were fantastic in their approach and demonstrated the key Whyalla Secondary College values throughout the sessions. It is always excellent to connect with Nicolson Avenue Primary School and we look forward to visiting again in 2024.