**NEWS & EVENTS**

**Important Dates**

**Term 1:**
- 29 March: SEHS Market Day 10am-2pm
- 1 April: 6.30pm Governing Council
- 10 April: 3pm - 7pm Report Collection / Parent Teacher interviews
- 11 April: End Term 1, 2.05pm student dismissal

**Term 2:**
- 28 April: Student Free Day (Staff PD)
- 29 April: Term 2 begins

**Market Day**

**Saturday, March 29th, 10am to 2pm**

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**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

Across Adelaide the month of March is affectionately known as ‘Mad-March’, but here at Salisbury East High School we like to refer to the full four weeks as **Monumental March**. During this busy time our students have enjoyed many exciting activities, including hosting international students; competing in Sports Day; contributing in leadership forums; going to the Clipsal and participating in the World’s Greatest Shave, just to name a few. A special highlight of this term would have to be the wonderful whole-school assembly held on Thursday 13th March where we all welcomed our international guests and celebrated Harmony Day. At this event we acknowledged the increasing cultural diversity of our school community with over 36 cultural groups represented and heard from two students who shared their personal, stirring stories and impressions of living in Australia. These stories are truly inspiring and I invite you to take the time to read them in this newsletter.

**Council of International Schools (CIS)...**

Our school is proud to have the internationally recognised Council of International School (CIS) accreditation and is committed to continually reflecting on our practices in the pursuit of excellence and improving student outcomes. Early in March our school was involved in the Council of International Schools Preparatory Visit, which involved two visitors undertaking a rigorous, external review of our school to ensure we continue to meet the high international standards and identify new areas for action. These CIS visitors reviewed all aspects of our school ranging from our vision to our facilities, from the personalisation and rigour of our teaching programs to the quality of teaching in our classrooms, from our policies to our financial and governance operations, as well as interviews with staff, students, parents and Governing Council members. From this intense process our feedback has been very positive and the visiting team have commended our school community for our strong improvement focus, which has driven substantial changes in the past two years. We are currently awaiting the final report and will share further commendations and recommendations with our school community.

**Special events.....**

We are seeking the support of our community to attend the **SEHS Market Day on Saturday** raise funds for our two students who will travelling to the Western Front in the April holidays. Please contact the school for more details.

Term 1 reports will be available for collection at our **Parent Interviews on Thursday 10th April between 3:00pm - 7:00pm**. These reports provide an overview of each student’s progress, participation, attendance and involvement in school life. We encourage parents to attend this event and meet with Home Group teachers to discuss their child’s general progress and strategies to support each student to achieve their full potential.

Families are also reminded that the school term concludes on **Friday 11th April at 2:05pm** and students return after their holidays on **Tuesday 28th April**. Please note that Monday 27th April is a Student Free Day and all staff will be engaged in professional development to improve the quality of our learning programs.

Jacqui van Ruiten, Principal
Student Voice are a group of students from years 8 to 12 who represent the student body, enabling every student to be involved in making decisions about issues that affect our school and students. This year we have 30 student voice members including the school captains and deputy captains. This year’s captains are Mikala Wood and Steven King. The deputy school captains are Amy Hancock and Tomas Howson.

So far this year Student Voice have achieved a lot of things and have done a great job across all areas. At the beginning of Term 1 a number of representatives attended a staff meeting to survey staff on what they want to see Student Voice achieve this year. We also presented the findings of a recent student survey. Thank you to Mikala Wood, Steven King, Amy Hancock, Tomas Howson, Adrian Duran, Nakia Love, Melissa O’Donnell and Sean Higgins for presenting at the meeting. They all did a great job!

In Week 7 Student Voice organized the whole school Harmony Day assembly. Thank you to Tomas Howson and Dale Davis for hosting the assembly. Thank you also to Nakia Love and Melissa O’Donnell who spoke about the importance of Harmony Day for the whole school community. That week 16 Indonesian students visited our school from SMP Negeri 2 School in Bandung, Indonesia. Connor Weste, Dale, Davis, Travis Boyd and Megan Hodge developed and taught an Australian themed lesson for these students.

This year for student voice we are hoping to increase our profile within the school. We hope to organize some student lunchtime activities and address student issues. All students are welcome to raise issues of concern with their Student Voice representatives.

Written by Steven King,
School Captain

Seeking homestays for upcoming Study Tours:

SEHS are seeking your support in participating in hosting our International students from Thailand (short term) and Brazil (6 months). This is a fantastic opportunity for you and your family to share in an international experience and to learn about other cultures as well as sharing our own.

Thailand: Sunday 27th April – Wednesday 14th May 2014. In January this year, Veronika Jeske, Assistant Principal, Literacy and Supportive Programs, visited Thailand and represented South Australian schools as part of a Professional Development program to assist Thai teachers in their teaching strategies. From this, we have now commenced a Sister School arrangement and are privileged to host teachers and students from Princess Chulabhorn’s College, Mukdahan and are looking for families to host a student.

Brazil: July – December 2014 (6 months) – International Education Services have successfully won another tender to host over 100 year 10/11 Brazilian students as part of the Pernambuco Scholarship Program. Salisbury East High School is excited to accept 5 students to our school, commencing in Semester 2 and we are seeking interested families to host a student.

A remuneration is paid to host families.

Please contact Paula Horskins (Paula.Horskins729@schools.sa.edu.au) or Kelly Bond (Kelly.Bond224@schools.sa.edu.au) on 8258 2070 to register your interest.
Indonesian visit from SMP Negeri 2 Bandung

What an amazing visit Salisbury East High School experienced with staff and students from SMP Negeri 2 School, Bandung! Albeit a short visit, just 3 days, we were privileged to host 16 students, 4 teachers and 7 parents who experienced an incredible and memorable time being part of our school community and staying with wonderful home stay families. Due to the dedication and commitment from our International team members, SEHS staff and host families, it was a huge success and one that we are extremely proud of.

The students participated in a program which allowed them to work with a small team of our Student Voice students as well as participate in an English, Mathematics, Art and PE lesson. Some of our own students had the opportunity to understand a little more about the Indonesian culture through the dance performance that the students did. On Saturday, Mrs van Ruiten, Ms Bond and I had the privilege to connect more with our visiting friends as we saw the highlights of Adelaide including Gorge Wildlife Park, shopping in the City of Adelaide and finishing up at Glenelg for fish ‘n’ chips at the beach.

Much appreciation goes to our staff for taking the time in teaching our international students the Australian way of learning; it is something that will remain with them. Many thanks also goes to our school community families for hosting our Indonesian students. Many friendships have been made with long lasting memories. Paula Horskins (ISP Co-ord)

Study Abroad Program — students choose to come and study at SEHS as part of the study abroad program. These students come from various countries and stay for either a 3 or 6 month period. Patchara arrived at SEHS on 29th January 2014 to start his ‘Australian’ school experience as a year 9 student. He was extremely excited and eager to start his studies, meet new friends and live the Australian life. Teachers have been impressed by Pat’s dedication and commitment to his studies and impressive results, including studying year 10 music. Sadly it is time to say goodbye to Pat as he returns to Bangkok at the end of term 1. It has been a pleasure to have Pat as a student at SEHS and we wish him all the best in his future.

Hello, my name is Patchara Jirapanyayut or Pat. I am 13 years old student. I came from Bangkok, Thailand and studied at Salisbury East high school for 3 months and have learned many experiences from this school. First, the friends are very kind and nice; they also helped me when I got a problem. Second is the teachers. The teachers here are very good and kind. They help me a lot in many situations like when I don’t know where to go or have a problem in learning. Finally, I think that this is one of the best high schools in Adelaide to be studying in.
The SEHS Sports Day was held at school on Thursday 6th of March. We were lucky enough to experience perfect conditions for one of the biggest events on our school’s calendar.

Throughout the day, students competed for ribbons, medals, and House points, with the ultimate prize of winning the coveted Sports Day Trophy. Our four Houses: Fenden (Blue), Harvey (Red), Laurence (Yellow), and Moss (Green) were proudly displayed on the day through coloured clothing, hair spray, body/face paint, streamers and balloons, and brand new House flags, proving that House spirit was alive and well at SEHS!

There were many individual achievements on the day, however the following students were named ‘Champion Athlete’ for their respective year levels:

- Year 8 Boy – Joel Busasa (Fenden)
- Year 8 Girl – Chloe Hill (Harvey)
- Year 9 Boy – Ali Habib (Harvey)
- Year 9 Girl – Kheli Warnest (Moss)
- Year 10 Boy – Michael Walters (Moss)
- Year 10 Girl – Macaelah Watkins (Moss)
- Senior Boy – Dylan Veprek (Moss)
- Senior Girl – Sarah Taylor (Moss)

Although we had these individual champion athletes, all students must be congratulated for their participation and enthusiasm on the day. A special mention must also be made to the House Captains and Staff who helped out in the general running of the day. When the day finally came to a close and the scoring had been finalised, Harvey House came out on top. The final standings were as follows:

- Harvey House – 647 points
- Moss House – 637 points
- Laurence House – 558 points
- Fenden House – 460 points

Sports Day 2013 was a huge success. Attendance and participation rates were outstanding for all activities including athletics, novelty events, rock climbing, and catering for the event.

Thank you to all staff and students who were involved in making this Sports Day a successful and memorable day. A special thanks must also go to the PE staff, Chrissy Frahn and her class for the promotional posters, and Steve Hewitt for his support and tireless work in helping to organise and run the event.

Please enjoy the photo insert of our fantastic Sports Day!

Corey Ottey (HPD Coordinator/Sports Coordinator)

Don’t forget our Market Day on Saturday! We would love to see our families attend and support this event!

MARKET DAY
AT SALISBURY EAST HIGH SCHOOL
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