Welcome to the new school year at Salisbury East High School and to the first edition of the 2015 newsletter.

Once again the year has begun positively and with great excitement. Year 8s have enjoyed their aquatics camp and have participated in an extensive transition program supported by their home group teachers and peer leaders to make new friends and settle into life at Salisbury East High School. Whilst our Year 12 students have engaged in an Orientation program to support them in developing effective study habits for their challenging year of study.

Building Project

Our new Creative Arts Centre is certainly starting to take shape in the middle of our school grounds. Although we are experiencing some frustration moving around the school and with limited space in break times we know it will be worth the inconvenience. During recent weeks we have seen the commencement of significant landscaping work and look forward to utilising the new building, lift and some outdoor spaces by the end of the term. We have now been advised that the entire project (including new gardens with seating, bridge between two buildings, and modern shelter sheds) should be completed by mid Term 3.
Successful 2014 Year 12 results

Congratulations to our 2014 Year 12 students on their outstanding SACE results! We are very proud of the impressive 2014 results and the wonderful individual achievements of our students that reflect their hard work, energy and commitment. In fact 88% of our Year 12 students achieved their SACE certificate with over one quarter achieving very high ATAR scores in the 80s and 90s (without bonus points) thus allowing them to access most university courses of their choice. We would like to especially acknowledge Kellie Murfitt, who achieved our highest ATAR score with an impressive 98.90, along with Amy Hancock, Liam Jagielski, Tomas Howson and Tamika Skewes who also achieved scores above 92 (excluding bonus points). Congratulations!

This week Aaron Lloyd (a current Year 12), Kellie Murfitt and Nakia Love were each awarded a Merit Certificate for achieving a perfect score (20/20) in Music and Research Project. This is a fantastic achievement and in particular for Aaron who achieved this outstanding result whilst still a student in Ms. Parr’s Stage 1 Music Class.

These impressive results are a testimony to the fantastic opportunities and diverse learning programs available to our students and the commitment of our teachers. It is a priority for our school to continue to strive to improve student outcomes and strengthen learning programs to support individual pathways and SACE achievement.

Salisbury East High School Governing Council

The Governing Council of Salisbury East High School, an energetic group of passionate parents, is seeking parents/caregivers of students to join the Council. They are seeking parents/caregivers who:

- are keen to contribute to their school community and care about the delivery of education
- are interested in sharing their experience and assisting in the development and implementation of the school policies (with a focus on improvement)
- have a spare 2-3 hours on Tuesday evenings. (We meet twice a term.)

If this sounds like you then please consider completing the enclosed Nomination form and coming along to the SEHS Governing Council Annual General Meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday 25th February. More details are enclosed.

‘Meet the Teachers’ Evening

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend the ‘Meet the Teachers’ event on Wednesday 18th February. This event will commence at 5:30pm with an informal sausage sizzle followed by the introductions and meetings at 6pm. The important Year 12 Parent Information session will be held in the Conference Centre from 7pm. We look forward to seeing our families and students at this event!

Jacqui van Ruiten
Principal
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

At Salisbury East High School we are proud of our international focus, our international accreditation status and our international programs. We strive to embrace cultural diversity and have made a commitment to connect students to their local and global communities. This supports our vision to empower students to pursue personal and academic excellence and become responsible global citizens and upholds our motto ‘Learning Together, Achieving Together’. Already we have demonstrated our commitment to internationalism and learning about different cultures in 2015 by engaging in various international programs. ….

LANGUAGE AWARD

Congratulations to Bradley Harris and Alicia Sugden who were recognised for their outstanding Chinese language skills at a special award ceremony in late 2014. Bradley Harris received the Outstanding Achievement Award for his work in the National Youth Chinese Test and Alicia Sugden was the recipient of the 2014 South Australia Chinese Language Award (Secondary School Category).

TEACHING IN THAILAND

During the summer break Carol Paige (Science Coordinator), Yvette Riley (STEM Assistant Principal), Hayley Weston (Arts Teacher) and Jacqui van Ruiten (Principal) represented the Department of Education and Child Development and travelled to Thailand with a small delegation of South Australian teachers. The purpose of this trip was to strengthen our alliance with our Thai partner schools and provide professional learning and support (in STEM education). Salisbury East High School is proud to be in partnership with Princess Chulabhorn College in Mukdahan, who graciously hosted Carol and Jacqui for six amazing days. During this time our teachers enjoyed visiting classrooms, working with their staff and developing an exciting cross-cultural learning program for our students in both schools. Our teachers had a wonderful time enjoying the generous hospitality from our partner school, learning about the beautiful Thai culture, sharing their teaching experiences with international colleagues and visiting many of the wonderful sights of Thailand.

STUDENTS IN JAPAN

This week five lucky student leaders and two teachers attended an International Student Global Summit in Kyoto, Japan (at our partner school). Recent reports show that Sharni, Shana, Justin, David and Anthony, along with Mr Clark and Ms Horskins are having an amazing time making new friends, learning about the Japanese culture and visiting beautiful sights in the cultural capital.

In the meantime Salisbury East High School is hosting two Korean teachers, who are visiting classes and teaching cultural activities to our students. We also look forward to welcoming students and teachers from our Chinese sister school, Huangdao later this month.

Families interested in hosting international students are encouraged to contact Ms Paula Horskins, International Program Coordinator.
The Year 8 transition camp was held in week 2 of term 1. The Year 8 camp focused on supporting the transition of our new students into the Salisbury East High School community. As the students have joined us from a large number of feeder primary schools, the Year 8 camp is a valuable opportunity for them to establish friends and support networks. The camp strives to develop and foster a sense of belonging, community, cooperation and leadership. The main emphasis though is on making friends and learning the skills to do so. The students also participated in a range of challenging and fun physical activities. The social aspect of young students living in close proximity with each other develops many positive relationships. The opportunity for the teachers to be seen in a different environment also fosters positive relationships. In many ways the aquatic activities are secondary to many of the less obvious skills that students develop. The greatest characteristics that are displayed during the range of activities are encouragement, engagement and achieving personal best, both individually and as a team member.

The camp was divided into two groups. Group one participated Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th February, group two participated Thursday 5th and Friday 6th with accommodation at Douglas scrub. Both groups participated in aquatic activities at Port Noarlunga Aquatics Centre, which focused on skill development and personal challenges. The aquatic activities included kayaking/canoeing, surfing, boogie boarding, snorkeling, sailboarding, sailing, wave skiing and fishing. The students chose each activity that they wanted to do, with some students repeating activities that they had previously enjoyed. On returning to camp students together with their home group teacher and peer support leaders were involved in team-building activities.

On the Thursday students participated in a sand sculpture competition, which saw the students use their negotiation, and communication skills. The students produced some amazing sculptures, including mermaids, turtles and a lounge and TV set. The winning group displayed excellent communication and team work skills to produce their sculpture.

The camp was a great opportunity for us to get to know the students, and interact with them in a non-school environment. The students were fantastic at coping with the various challenges that we were presented with. The weather was perfect, I personally had a wonderful experience with the students and hope that they did too.

Angela Moses
Year 8 coordinator
Technology at SEHS

SEHS is in the cloud

Salisbury East High School has implemented a Virtual Desktop solution on our computer network. This enables students to connect their computer directly into our school Network to access the full range of software and learning resources available at SEHS to assist each child's learning.

With the Virtual Solution installed on your computer students will be able to access at school and at home (using parents Internet connection) the full range of Microsoft Office 2013 programs, the Adobe Creative Cloud CS6 suite, Pro Engineer CAD software, DayMap, and each student's Personal Directory of files ... all available free, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To connect your computer to the schools Virtual environment you will first need to download a file to your computer, by installing the VMWare Horizon View Client program available through the respective App stores for Windows 8, Android and Apple devices.

To install the View Client file visit http://view.sehs.sa.edu.au then click the 'green' ‘Download VMWare Horizon View Client’. For Windows users we use 64-bit.

When prompted to enter a connection server, type view.sehs.sa.edu.au

Students connect using the same username and password they use to log in to any school computer. If student’s have any difficulty loading the program our two IT Technicians are very happy to set the program up for you.

This is a wonderful opportunity SEHS is offering our students to best support each child’s learning. If you have any problems please contact the school and we will assist you connect to the SEHS Virtual Environment.

SEHS Computer Hire Program

Salisbury East High School will again be supporting our students and families with our Computer Hire program in 2015. Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students will be able to hire a Laptop Computer from the school for their school work.

The cost will be $100 (non-refundable).

As our students move into learning anytime - anywhere, a key priority for our school, there is increasing need for all students to have access to a computer at school and at home to undertake their studies.

Forms to hire a computer are available from the Front Office for students to pick up. When completed students return their form and the $100 fee to the Front Office and our IT Technicians will supply a laptop computer ready for the student to immediately access the School computer network at school using our wireless connections, and at home using their parents Internet connection.

It is important to emphasise that when students use their own computer or hire a school computer they will have immediate access at school and at home to the full range of Microsoft Office 2013 programs, the Adobe Creative Cloud CS6 suite, Pro Engineer CAD software, ePagecreator eBook software and our daily management program ‘DayMap’, as well as each student's Personal Directory of files ... all completely free and available to use 24 hours a day, seven days a week, our servers never shut down.

This is an incredible offer our school provides our students to undertake their studies. Few schools across the region have invested in the technology we have at SEHS to support our students’ with their schooling and learning.

David Hamdorf (Tech Co-ordinator)