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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Term four is often the most hectic term in secondary schools and this year is by no means an exception. In addition to our regular teaching and learning our students have engaged in a wide range of activities including the SEAL camp to Melbourne, First Lego League Competition, High Impact Programs (about employability skills) and the Concept to Creation Expo to name but a few.

This term is also a time for reflection, looking back on our achievements, our challenges and planning for future improvements and successes. As we work toward shaping plans for the new school year we also wish to seek community feedback to assist in this planning and invite parents and caregivers to participate in our 2015 survey located on our school website at https://www.sehs.sa.edu.au/2015-parent-opinion-survey

This survey should take 15 minutes to complete and will close on 4/12/15. We thank our families in anticipation of their support and comments.

For our Year 12s Term 4 is a time of high anticipation and conflicting emotions. Excitement at the prospect of completing and leaving school, sadness at leaving their friends and nervousness for the uncertainty and change that lies ahead but also elation at the possibility of adventure, freedom and independence. During these past few weeks we have celebrated with our Year 12 students at both our Whole School Farewell assembly and their Graduation Celebration and acknowledged their successes and achievements. They have worked diligently to complete their final tasks and exams and now look forward to their last school milestone with their Formal celebrations on Tuesday 17th November. We are confident that the Class of 2015 is well equipped to be successful in their future and wish them every success with their endeavours!

In addition to our student activities our school has recently hosted a special visit from Jayne Johnston, DECD Chief Education Officer. Jayne (pictured below) genuinely enjoyed the opportunity to tour our facilities and to observe our students showcasing diverse STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning activities. She recently shared ……

Please extend our thanks to the student leaders, presenters, performers and staff for taking the time to showcase the wonderful opportunities, programs and initiatives offered at Salisbury East HS. We were impressed with the students ability to explain and articulate areas of learning and communicate with us their future aspirations.

We are currently preparing for many activities to mark the end of the school year, including the official opening of the new Creative Arts Centre, arrival of the Ritsumeikan Junior High School Study Tour from Japan, Year 6 Headstart visits from neighbouring Primary Schools, Year 7-8 Transition Day, Year 10 Mock interviews and the Year 8-11 Awards Assembly. All families are welcome to join our end of year celebration on Friday 27th November and are requested to meet at the front office at 9:50am. Please phone the school on 8258 2070 if you plan attending (for seating purposes).

Despite all of these activities and the disruption of different year levels finishing their studies at varying times it is important for students to maintain their focus, continue to attend school, complete their final assessment tasks and finish strongly!

Jacqui van Ruiten
Principal

NEWS & EVENTS

Important Dates

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Jayne Johnston (above) with students

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YEAR 12 AWARD & GRADUATION CEREMONY

Long Tan Leadership Award to Connor Weste

Arts Award Winners Aaron Lloyd & Kristen Thiele

NASSSA Youth Action Team Award to Dale Davis

VET Award to Chelsea Hammond

VET Award to Tamara Walsh

STEM Award to Kenneth Jacks
Caltex All Rounder Award to James Kennedy

2014 DUX Winner Kellie Murfitt

Phil Larkin Award (music) to Jessica McGuire

Principal's Award to Angel Duran

Governing Council Award to Emmanuel Zingoyake
CHINA TRIP 2015

What kind of feeling would it be to stand on top of the Great Wall or wander over the Emperor’s private summer palace? How cool is it to be taught by the local Chinese to make traditional kites and dumplings? And one of the many unforgettable experiences would definitely be living with Chinese and celebrate the Moon Festival, one of the biggest events of the year. Yes! A group of 9 students with two teachers, Mr Hodgson and Ms Chen, went to China for 14 days and experienced it all during the last school holidays. We probably need a day to tell you this exciting trip we had. However, let us give you a snapshot with a couple of students’ comments and pictures. If you want to know more about our journey or are interested in going on the next school China Trip, please don’t hesitate to contact Ms Chen (joyce.chen216@schools.sa.edu.au).

Definitely one of the highlights from the trip was being able to see and walk on the Great Wall of China. It is one of the 7 landmarks of the world! Words can’t even describe how big and amazing it is and pictures don’t even come close to being able to take in the true beauty of the wall. – Jasmin Dalakis

The most memorable part of China for me was when we went on the boat tour at night in Shanghai along the river that separates the two halves of the city. All the skyscrapers lit up were amazing for everyone, even the locals. – Alicia Sudgen
YEAR 12 FAREWELL
BREAKFAST & ASSEMBLY
What is citizenship to ME?

Being a good citizen is very important. A good citizen is normally the type of person who works hard, helps others and respects the law. When reading newspapers or listening to the radio or watching TV, often it is the activities of bad citizens that are publicised. Usually this means that crimes or poor behaviour are reported because they make exciting news. However, we must remember that most people are very good citizens.

When I was in Africa I did not know what the word citizenship meant or if it existed. I was about ten years old when I came to Australia and I still didn’t know what the word citizenship meant but in 2014 when I got my citizenship certificate, I thought it was just a piece of paper that says you are a citizen of a country. Then I looked closely to other people who are much older than me and who did not have their citizenship and I realised that having citizenship means a lot more than just a piece of paper saying that you belong in a certain country or place. Here is what I think makes up C.I.T.I.Z.E.N.S.H.I.P.

Caring is an important trait for all citizens to have. One must care about others, the environment, the well-being of schools, we are a nation built on helping others and looking out for our neighbours. Innovative people are essential to further our ever-developing nation. As a citizen we are expected to find new ways to better our world. We can help design new technologies to solve our energy crisis, compose a new bill to help out our neighbourhoods, or even simply participate in a local fundraiser for charity. A trustworthy person always does the right thing and does not lie or cheat one’s way through life. Because we are granted so many freedoms as citizens, a lot of our nation’s rules are based on the honour system. We do have police and authorities to check occasionally, but for the most part we are independent people, who have independent lives, and who only check in with the government when necessary. A reliable person is a very large key to citizenship.

Living one’s life to inspire is a duty of a citizen. In everything we do we empower others to do better. Through payroll increases, grades, and even personal satisfaction our nation thrives from competition. Even inspiring others to do more good in the world is important. Sometimes the little things that we do for people can make a big difference and those actions will put them in a good mood to do the same thing for someone else. It is a never ending spiral that truly defines citizenship. Citizenship is daring to inspire. Zeal is crucial in any successful nation. It is the devotion, interest, and enthusiasm that each citizen brings to the table that truly creates an important interest in things going on around us and throw ourselves full-heartedly into everything that we do. Citizenship is having zeal.

Being engaged in everyday activities is a citizen’s job. Whether it be a work force, school, college, military, volunteer organization, or a political position it is important to be involved. When it is election season, as citizens, it is our duty to make sure that we are well informed on all of the candidates. On Election Day, we must select the people we feel will be the best for our great nation, not just who posted the most ads to our television. Citizenship is being engaged. A citizen must have of a general sense of nationalism and pride for one’s nation. Citizenship is nationalism.

Service to our country is energetic towards possessing the quality of citizenship. Young men and women can enlist in the military, army, navy to help defend our nation. Even without signing a military commitment citizens can serve their community or local government. Heroic. Being a hero does not mean that one has to pull babies out of burning buildings, serve in seven wars, or anything out of the ordinary. Being a hero means serving one’s community and being available to volunteer one’s time. Men and women who serve in wars are heroes in my eyes because they are the reason I am still alive, but my mother is a hero to me also because without her, I would never have grown up in such a productive and loving environment. Everyone has their own definition of a hero; it is important to be able to be someone’s hero.
FINANCE

URGENT!!! UNPAID SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that debt collection action is being finalised for unpaid 2015 and outstanding previous years school fees.

Please Note: Parents/Caregivers will be responsible for all Court fees as well as the outstanding debt once passed on to DECD Recoveries Team.

Payment Options:
- Direct Debit Request
- Bizgate (Internet Banking)
- School Card Application 2015
- Credit Card via telephone/mail
- Cash/Cheque/Money Order/EFTPOS

Please contact Vicki Steel to arrange one of the above options/applications on 8258 2070.

Parenting SA videos for parents of teens and pre-teens

Parenting SA has recently developed four short videos containing advice and support for parents of teens and pre-teens.

The video topics include: Helping teenagers stay safe online; Teenagers and feelings; Managing conflict with teenagers; Living with teenagers. Each video is complemented by a link to a relevant Parent Easy Guide.

We encourage you to promote these resources in your newsletters using the paragraph below:

“Parenting SA has recently developed four short videos to give parents and carers tips and strategies for living with teens and pre-teens. Topics include: helping teenagers stay safe online; teenagers and feelings; managing conflict with teenagers; and living with teenagers. To watch the videos, go to the Parenting SA website www.parenting.sa.gov.au/videos.htm ”

Contact: Manager, Parenting SA, Diana Skott, telephone 8161 7150