PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Term 1 of the new school year at Salisbury East High School is well underway.

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. Year 12 students have engaged in an Orientation program to support them in developing effective study habits for their challenging year of study and have settled into their new Senior School Centre where they will be able to spend time in private study and at break times. We have welcomed students and their teacher from our Chinese sister school, Huang Dao Number One Middle School for a successful but whirlwind visit.

Successful 2015 Year 12 results

Once again we must congratulate our Year 12 students on outstanding SACE results. For the fifth consecutive year our SACE results continued to improve with numerous outstanding results! 94% of our Year 12 students (76 out of 81) achieved their SACE certificate and requirements (compared to 87% in 2015). This trend also demonstrates that more Year 12 students are staying at school and aspiring to achieve their SACE (despite a declining enrolment). Although the average ATAR score was slightly lower than 2014, over one quarter of our eligible students achieved a very high ATAR score in the 80s and 90s. This cohort also received our best passing grade result with 95.4% achieving a passing grade and 10.4% achieving A-grades. Consequently, over 48% of our Class of 2015 has been successful in gaining a tertiary placement.

We would like to especially acknowledge Angel Duran who achieved our highest ATAR score with an impressive 99.0, along with Kenneth Jacks, Karishma Lal and Casey Mead who achieved scores above 91. Aaron Lloyd, a merit winner for Solo Performance in 2015 also achieved a Merit Certificate for his outstanding result (20/20) in Performance Special Study. Aaron also won the Don Maynard Prize for the top student in the subject each year.

In 2015 we worked to expand our curriculum offerings to provide a wide range of subjects in the SACE, thus guaranteeing academic and vocational pathways.

Over 60 senior students participated in a broad selection of VET programs and traineeships, such as retail, construction, automotive, hospitality and aged care to name a few. 19% of our students who completed their SACE used VET credits and four students completed Cert III qualifications to achieve an ATAR. We are proud of these results and the work we are doing to keep our senior students connected with learning and their preferred pathways.

These improved results are indicative of dedicated and conscientious students working in partnership with teachers who are committed to the best outcomes for their students, going above and beyond more often than not to see them flourish.
SEHS graduate receives top award

 Salisbury East High School graduate Aaron Lloyd was awarded with his Subject Merit at Government House this week.

 The highly talented guitar player received his award on Tuesday, February 9th, for 'exceptional achievement' in SACE Stage 2 Performance Special Study, which he undertook in 2015. Gaining an A+ in the subject and subsequently being placed in the top 5% of students in South Australia, it marked a remarkable double for Aaron as he had previously received a Subject Merit for Solo Performance in 2014.

 Aaron was also the recipient of the prestigious Don Maynard Music Prize, which is given to the top student in the subject each year.

 SEHS music teacher Edgell Zajac said: "Working with Aaron over the past five years has been a highly rewarding experience.

 "His potential was recognised in Year 8 and his dedication to music and ability to listen to feedback, and act on it, has allowed him to achieve the high standard that he has.

 "His Subject Merit Awards this year and in 2014 are very well deserved and we are extremely proud of Aaron.

 "Many congratulations also go to his IMS teacher, Brett Stafford, who worked with Aaron throughout the past five years."

 Aaron was invited back to SEHS to perform two solo items in front of the whole school at an assembly during week 1 of the current term and, after obtaining an ATAR of 81.6, is now preparing to undertake a Bachelor of Music degree at the University of Adelaide.

 He is pictured here with his Subject Merit certificate at the Government House ceremony alongside Salisbury East High School’s Principal, Steve Clark.

 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 joining us at our first meeting for 2016 on 22nd March at 6.30pm.

 Steve Clark, Principal
FINANCE NEWS

THANK YOU to those families who have paid their fees in full, submitted their School Card forms, and all who have made use of the PayWay and Bizgate facilities and are paying off their school fees on an instalment plan.

Invoices for 2016 Materials & Services Charges were posted home mid January. Included with this invoice was a Direct Debit Form, Payment by Instalment Agreement Form, Instructions on Bizgate Online Payment system and a School Card Application Form.

Payment of Materials & Services is due by the end of Term 1, 15th April 2016.

Payment Options: Direct Debit Request
- Bizgate (Internet Banking)
- School Card Application 2016
- Credit Card via telephone/mail
- Cash/Cheque/Money Order/EFTPOS

If you are unable to meet this deadline please contact the finance officer to arrange one of the above options/applications on 8258 2070 or alternatively email the school on dl.1011.info@schools.sa.edu.au. Your request will be treated sensitively and confidentially.

If you believe you are entitled to School Card 2016
- You MUST fill out a form EACH year and submit it to the school.
- You MUST fill out a separate form for EACH SCHOOL your children are attending.

Forms and details available at the Front Office or SEHS website.

Vicki Steel
Finance Officer

Deepest Sympathies from the SEHS Community

Aunty Josie Agius who sadly passed away in December was a highly respected Kaurna Elder within South Australia, nationally and internationally. She was recognised for her commitment to Aboriginal people, especially within education, health and sport.

She was proud of her Aboriginality and took every opportunity to educate anyone who would listen to her about community issues, struggles and successes.

Aunty Josie was inducted into the SA Women's Honour Roll in 2009, and was patron of the 2014 and 2015 NAIDOC SA Awards. She was also the successful winner of the Premier's NAIDOC Award in 2014 for her extraordinary commitment and achievements which have made a significant difference to the lives and welfare of Aboriginal people in South Australia.

Most of all, Aunty Josie was famous throughout the state for her traditional Kaurna Welcomes.

Aunty Josie tirelessly strived for Reconciliation and took pride and pleasure in sharing her reasons for change with people from all races and religions. She will be dearly missed by everyone who has ever come into contact with her or heard her stories.

From the staff and students at Salisbury East High School we send our deepest sympathies to the Agius family and the South Australian Aboriginal community.

Ruby Wilson (ASETO)
YEAR 8 CAMP

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 three groups. All 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.

Students competed against other home groups 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 teamwork 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. Our caterer, El, said that we have the best students that she has even seen, they need to be congratulated for always using good manners and being polite.

*Angela Moses (Year 8 coordinator)*
End of Term 4, I took my Year 9 Chinese class to Madison Park Primary school to give a Chinese drama performance for the whole school in the gym.

The name of the drama is called "The Legend of Chang'e and Hou Yi". We had been preparing for few months, including writing Chinese script, making the props, designing costume and PowerPoint presentation and so on.

The show was quite successful as we received many thank you letters from the school after the visit. It was our first time performing outside the school for the community. I think it was a perfect example of how our students promote language program as well as being a global citizen through their learning.

Throughout this year there will be many cultural events happening which I will be encouraging our students to attend (see info on the right).  

Ms Chen (Chinese Teacher)

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at Salisbury East High School Years 10 - 12

**Tuesday 3:30-6:30pm**

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- Each class has an e-learning space to support learning between lessons
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