PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

These past few weeks have been action packed and highlighted our school’s commitment to ‘inspiring students to pursue personal and academic excellence’. Students have participated in NAIDOC Celebration Activities, Year 10 and 11 exams, Work Readiness programs, industry visits and work experience, flash-mob performances, excursions, aerobics competitions and were successful on the sporting field. A special highlight would have to be the Evening of Dance in our beautiful new performance space. This was a wonderful event showcasing an outstanding repertoire of dance routines and highly polished performances. Please enjoy the collection of photographs of this performance and our sporting achievements in this newsletter.

STEM Grant

It is with pleasure I announce our school successfully applied for the Specialist Interest Schools program and has received a $50,000 grant for STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics) specialisation. These funds will support further expansion of subject offerings, resource leadership and enhance collaboration of new programs with our local primary schools. We are currently re-developing old classrooms to become STEM laboratories for our specialised robotics, engineering, scaletrix and programming subjects. Our school continues to be recognised as a leader in this field and is actively seeking innovative ways to increase opportunities for students.

Staffing News

This term five staff members were nominated for the SA Excellence in Public Education Awards in recognition of their commitment to our students and school. We would like to wish Joyce Chen, Scott Dirix, Yvette Riley, Sue Shepherd and Ruby Wilson all the best in the next stage of the award process. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you I will be taking long service leave for Term 3 and subsequently a few leadership changes will take place. Steve Clark will step into the Principal role and will be supported by Mark Hodgson (Deputy Principal), Sue Shepherd (Assistant Principal, Student Well-being) along with continuing team members: Paul Hudson (Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Senior School), Yvette Riley (Assistant Principal, STEM and Gifted Programs), Veronika Jeske (Assistant Principal, Supportive Programs) and Roslyn Warren (Business Manager). I encourage you to maintain communication with these leaders to ensure continued improvement and success for our school.

On a final note I wish you all a happy and safe holiday!

Jacqui van Ruiten
Principal
In Week 10 the SEHS Aboriginal Support Team ran our NAIDOC week assembly and activities for years 8 & 9. The assembly focussed largely on the Recognise Campaign and the Aboriginal musician Archie Roach who was made a Member of Australia in 2015 for his 25 years in the music industry and making audiences aware of the Stolen Generation.

Dylan Rout performed a fantastic rendition of *Took The Children Away* on the day, and we had some excellent special guests including the *Minya Sapphires* from Elizabeth Vale Primary School, and comedian *Josh Warrior* who had staff and students captivated and in hysterics (largely at the expense of Mr. Hodgson, Mr. Clark and Mr. Dirix's Chicken Dancing).

The year 8's and 9's then undertook an Aboriginal Art project that involved dot painting, basket weaving, and Aboriginal canvas painting. The students were fantastically engaged, respectful and well behaved and we hope they enjoyed the day as much as the staff did.

We would like to thank our special guests, hard working staff and excellent students for making it a memorable day.

Scott Dirix
Alternate Learning Programs Coordinator / ATSI Coordinator
EVENING OF DANCE
Music leaves ‘The Hill’

After over 40 years of Music on the Hill, on the 16th June 2015 demolition has begun. Many memories will never leave us, but the building is going!
Long live the new Creative ARTS Centre!

Edgell Zajac
Music Manager

YEAR 10 DANCE

On the 2nd June 2015 Mrs Weston's year 10 Dance class participated in a dance workshop with three profession Dancers from Australian Dance Theatre (ADT); Scott Ewen, Jake McLarnon and Zoe Dunwoodie. They worked on technique, composition and learned some repertoire from ADT's current project ‘Be Yourself.’ This was a beneficial experience for the students and they had a wonderful time.
Yr 8/9 Futsal Soccer

What a busy term it has been for futsal soccer which started with the Northern Zone Lightning Carnival and ended with the State Finals at West Beach.

We had 5 teams competing in the Northern Zone Carnival against schools from across the zone, Christian schools and country schools from as far away as Port Pirie. Our teams consisted of one year 9 boys’ team, two year 8 boys’ teams, one year 8 girls’ team and one year 9 girls’ team. All our teams competed in the spirit of sport that we expect from Salisbury East students, play hard and fair and respect the opposition and umpire.

Our Year 9 boys finished top of their pool and played against Fremont in the Semi going down in a penalty shootout, not to say they were very disappointed. The year 9 girls’ team played without a coach all day finishing top of their pool and then defeating Temple in a close game 1-0 to claim the trophy. It was great to see many parents and older siblings come and watch our chargers play and provide them with support and encouragement.

As a reward for their victory the year 9 girls’ were invited to attend the State finals at West Beach. They played admirably finishing third in their pool of 6 teams and ended up finishing 8th overall. The busy week of sport in and out of school finally caught up with many of them. But we have many successes to look forward to in coming years.

Many thanks must go to the students who helped out with setting up, umpiring and coaching on the day: Brea Prior, Matt Veprek, Jaxen Hill, Bailey Wake, Michael Georgiou and Miss Abell.
Year 8/9 9-a-side Footy

On Wednesday the 17th June, a group of year 8s and 9s went to play football against schools in the Northern Zone at Ridley Reserve, Elizabeth. The teams included: Craigmore, Temple College, Salisbury and Gawler.

Unfortunately, we did not get the numbers to have 2 full teams in the boy’s competition, but the boys that attended tried very hard. The final match was between the two Salisbury East teams. It was a very exciting affair with only a few points separating the two teams.

The girls did even better in their competition being undefeated until the grand final, where they just fell short and were defeated by Temple. They were led by Bella and Olivia, and they even had a war chant to go with their outstanding play. I’d like to further congratulate these girls for their efforts as they organised themselves and coached themselves all day. Well done girls!

Thanks must go to Tyson Horne for being a very able coach and assistant for the boys throughout the day. It was an outstanding day with everyone enjoying the football and even better, the team spirit.

Nick Cousins

FINANCE NEWS

Reminder that 2015 Materials & Services Charges are now overdue. A third Statement with ‘Final Notice’ will be sent out at the end of Term 2. We request that if you have not made payment or entered into an Instalment Plan please contact the school so that payment arrangements can be made. Please remember that any outstanding fees are legally recoverable. Those families with instalment plans / direct debit in place please continue with your agreements.

Payments can be made by:

- Cash/Credit Card/Cheque (made payable to SEHS) at the front office
- Bizgate online via the school website (www.sehs.sa.edu.au)
- Direct Debit (form enclosed)
- Centrepay

If you believe you are entitled to School Card you MUST fill out a form EACH year (cut-off date will be 10 November) and submit it to the school or to the School Card Section as soon as possible. If you do not submit a School Card Form you are liable to pay the M&S charges.

Forms and details are available at the Front Office.

Vicki Steel, Finance Officer

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