From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

We are witness this week to many great things in the school. One is the Musical, ‘Back to the 80’s’. There are many direct learning benefits in this production, including - the technical skills in performance, such as stage craft, projection, lighting and sound. Students also learn teamwork, confidence, persistence and collaboration. These skills are transferable to other contexts such as public speaking, presentations, job interviews and operating as part of a team in work and other circumstances.

However of equal or greater value is the forum that such activities provide for students to shine. For many this is their thing! This is a thing they are good at and gives them their sense of mastery. It is also a great bonding experience for students (and staff) and builds a sense of belonging. Students are learning the skills of performance in front of an audience, confidence, projection, teamwork and collaboration. Well done to all involved.

SAPOL Presentation

SAPOL visited this week and presented a seminar on the legal ramifications of the mis-use of social media.

Hosting a Japanese Student

We are again hosting students from Hachioji School in Japan for 10 days in the second week of term three. Keryn French (coordinator) is still in need of 2 more host families. If there are parents who are willing to help this would be very much appreciated. Please contact Wayne Elliott by phoning the school on 85866974.

David Crouch
Principal

Science and Engineering Challenge

On Monday 22 year 10 students competed in the Science and Engineering Challenge organised by the University of Newcastle. This is the first time it has been held in the Riverland. The students worked in teams of four on various activities such as building a hovercraft, an earthquake proof tower, a bionic hand and a Mars Rover to name a few. The students took on all the challenges with great enthusiasm and showed great team work, problem solving and leadership skills.

Renmark placed 3rd in the competition behind Loxton and Waikerie which was a fantastic effort. A special mention to the Mars Rover group, Indy, Jaspar, Adam and Bryce who won their event. Many thanks to Rotary Clubs from the region that subsidised and organised the event. The event was very successful, and may possibly be an annual event.

Ryan Diepgrond
Physics Teacher

Students meeting the challenge

Week 7, Term 2
Friday, June 24
2016

Upcoming events

Week 9
Year 11 Exams (all week)

Week 10
ABW (all week)
Year 12 Exams (all week)

Thur 7/7 VET Come and Try Day
Fri 8/7 Last Day of Term 2
2.30 Departure

ABW

Australian Business Week is a fantastic program for all Year 11s. Many students say it is ‘the best week at school ever’. It involves managing a simulated business across eight trading quarters. Students are required to run the financials, create a trade display including developing the marketing materials, produce an advertising video, prepare an annual report and deliver this to shareholders. There is an aspect of this program to engage every student. A wide range of skills are required including business skills, graphic design, multi-media and construction. It is challenging and becomes frenetic but it is also fun and a great learning opportunity. It can potentially result in 10 SACE credits. Because there are no scheduled lessons, some students believe that this week is optional. This is not the case and all students are expected to attend school on every day during this week.

David Crouch
Principal
Student Pathways

In the coming week, as students begin discussions about their future pathways we will publish a series of short articles from the Federal Government Australian Jobs 2016.

In 2016, the Australian labour market is markedly different from that experienced by workers in past decades.

The Australian Jobs 2016 publication presents an overview of the current labour market and highlights the major changes which have occurred, including those changes to industries and occupations. It is designed to meet the needs of a range of users, such as people exploring careers, those supporting people into employment and students who want a better understanding of the labour market.

Workers with a mix of technical skills and interpersonal aptitudes will have the best prospects for meaningful work. Jobs involving creativity, complex judgement, advanced reasoning, social interaction and emotional intelligence are likely to grow in the decades ahead, and are less likely to be affected by advances in automation and artificial intelligence.

The report presents six examples of new jobs that may be created in the coming years including:

- Big data analysts
- Complex decision support analysts
- Remote controlled vehicle operators
- Customer experience experts
- Personalised preventative health helpers
- Online chaperones (managing risks with identity theft, reputational damage, social media bullying and internet fraud).

Year 9 Learning in the Landscape

Over the course of the term, Year 9 HASS and Science classes have been participating in a hands on integrated unit named "Learning in the Landscape". This unit has involved students participating in many field trips to Bookmark Creek, McCormick Centre and Banrock Station. There is a strong focus on wetland health and sustainability where students have gained knowledge from a series of field work studies. This included water quality testing, a macro-invertebrate study, field sketching and quadrat and transect data collection. With these experiences students came up with a mock council proposal to redevelop the Bookmark Creek area.

Ashley Lindner
Year 9 Hass / Science

Dental Assistant Traineeships

SA Dental Service is offering more than 20 Dental Assistant Traineeship positions at Clinics across the state.

The 12 month Traineeship contract includes on the job training and attendance at TAFE where you will gain a Certificate 3 in Dental Assistance while earning $20,710 – $31,978 a year.

Apply now:
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- have finished year 11.

You may qualify for a Traineeship.

Applications open 1/7/16 – 29/7/16 for the February 2017 intake

For more information visit [www.sahealthcareers.com.au](http://www.sahealthcareers.com.au) Search Job Number: 594236 at this website from 1-29 July to apply.

From Pammy

From Pammy – PCW

As I am writing I can hear the rain on my office roof and I just love the sound and know that the earth is loving all the refreshing rain. I was supposed to be cooking the egg and bacon muffin breakfast this morning but decided it was too wet and cold, so reluctantly I had to cancel it. There is always next week. When you receive this, the amazing school production “Back to the 80’s” will be over. I have been doing the props this year and have to say that it is a pretty big task but want to thank my people (ha ha) Jarryd, Katelin, Yuri, Jordan and Katerina. They went above and beyond in all they did showing leadership, commitment and dedication to the school production. Thank you so much for being amazing and helping to make it so many memories. It was so worth it. I hope all of the families and friends of the RHS community and beyond, who were able to go, enjoyed the performance and had a great time. Keep smiling and be kind to each other.

Pammy
Your PCW