From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

The Future Planning Expo was well attended last night. This event launches our subject preference selection process for 2017. To further this process, we have Subject Preference Selection interviews which will be held next week on Wednesday and Thursday from 2:00 – 6:00 pm in the library. At these meetings we will have a member of the counselling team available to help you and your child make subject choices. This is a great opportunity to get one on one advice. In advance of these meetings, please have a look at the school website, in the curriculum section and look at the “Selecting your subject” page and the descriptors for each of the subjects in order to make some preliminary selections.

Thank you to the many people who supported the Expo. This includes the many students who volunteered to speak, lead tours, model the uniform, help with the free sausage sizzle, help set up and clear up and bake for the free supper. Thank you to the members of the Governing Council for their help with the registration tent and to staff who presented what is very valuable information to students and parents.

A new innovation this year was the staff vs student debate. This was extremely entertaining. Unfortunately the staff won the debate on the topic “Should corporal punishment be re-introduced into schools”, in the negative. Perhaps students should choose the topic next year!

School Services Officer’s Week

This week is SSO week. It is a good time to reflect on the value of this group’s role in schools.

The group is involved in administration (finance, reception, student services), grounds, agricultural support, laboratory assistance in science, library assistance, class room learning, IT, supporting students with disabilities and technology support. These roles are indispensable, and we commented at a small celebration at morning tea about life in schools without SSOs – unthinkable!

So a public thank you to this group of staff who add great value to our school.

Deputy Principal Position

Nadia Mills has recently been appointed as the Deputy Principal for the remainder of the year. This completes the executive leadership team of myself (Acting Principal), Nadia (Acting Deputy Principal) and Kirralee Baldock (Acting Assistant Principal). Nadia has a nominal responsibility for years 10 - 12 and Kirralee for Years 8 - 9. These positions continue until the end of the year, when all positions will be filled as tenured positions.

Drones at RHS

We conducted our second drone course yesterday. This is a step into the adoption of these “vehicles” as a new form of technology into the school and is a small sample of what might be possible with proposed $2.5 STEM facility to be provided at RHS. However, it is important that we view these new “clean” technologies not as ends in themselves, but as tools to advance the skills of problem solving, creativity and enterprise, in preparing themselves for their futures in a very dynamic world.

David Crouch, Principal

Week 4, Term 3
Friday, August 19
2016

Upcoming events

Week 4
Fri 19/8 Interschool Debating Loxton

Week 5
Bookweek
Wed 24/8 Dress up as a Book Character
Thur 25/8 Wear it Purple Day to support Diversity and Pride
Fri 26/8 Student Free Day

From the Library

Children’s book week will be celebrated next week at school with a number of activities in the library including competitions, lunch time photo booth, scavenger hunt and speed dating about books in several English classes. The festivities will culminate on Wednesday when staff and students can dress up and come as a book character or bring a prop eg. a hat, glasses etc. There will be a prize for the best dressed or best prop for students. The Premiers Reading Challenge Reading for the challenge is fast approaching with the closing date September 9th. Students can obtain their Student Reading Record from the library or online from the RHS library website and hand it into me any time before the September 9th. Only 3 weeks left to finish reading 12 books.

Ms Smith, Teacher Librarian