From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Friends,

VET Student of the Year

We wish Matt Turnbull all the best at the presentation dinner for the SA VET Student of the Year Awards at the Entertainment Centre, next Friday night. This follows his success in the Riverland and Mallee section of the Awards. As part of his study in 2015 Matt completed a Certificate III in Horticulture, Certificate III in Animal Studies and Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management, in addition to his SACE studies, part time work and sporting commitments.

Subject Preference Selection

Thank you to all students and parents who have entered their subject choices into ‘Select you Subjects’. This allows us to commence planning for 2017.

Mobile Phones

Following some issues around misuse of mobile phones, staff have renewed their commitment to ensuring that agreed practices are followed. This includes:
- mobile phones must be out of sight at all times, except with the permission of the teacher
- students must have the express permission of the teacher to use the phone each time they are in class.

Consequences for misuse will include a verbal warning followed by confiscation of the phone. The school accepts the responsibility for confiscated phones, but does not accept responsibility for loss or damage at any other time.

We ask for your support in this matter, including by not contacting your children during lesson times, but making contact via the front office.

Community Consultation re Science, Technology, Engineering (Arts) and Mathematics

Do you have expertise in these fields or do you have any ideas that we could consider as we move into a new era of STE(A)M? These ideas may manifest themselves in the proposed facility, but also involve a deeper conversation about the learning value that we add for students – the what and the how we teach, now and into the future. Please call the school if you feel you have something to contribute. We would love to have a conversation with you.

David Crouch,
Principal

Food and Hospitality Year 12

Year 12 Food and Hospitality students completed the major group task this week by catering in small groups for the school community. They had to create a lunchtime food option that would appeal to the audience and could be produced for a suitable price. Students also considered what they had learnt throughout the year as well as the management around making a large amount of food to be served at one time. The foods prepared and cooked were mini pizzas (with a selection of toppings), mini cob loaves and samosas. Over the week all groups learnt a lot about catering and were challenged by the time restraints of having real world customers.

Alison Coleman,
Food and Hospitality Teacher

Upcoming events

Week 7
- Year 10 Work Experience all week
- Mon 5/9 Governing Council Meeting
- Thu 8/9 E Challenge Program
- Fri 9/9 Lincoln College visit
- Sun 11/9 Tournament of the Minus

Week 8
- Mon 12/9 Debating at Walkerlee
- Thu 15/9 E Challenge Program
- Thu 15/9 Defence Force Recruiting
- Fri 16/9 Year 9 KO Cup Volleyball

Week 9
- Tues 20/9 Outdoor Ed Camp
- Wed 21/9 Outdoor Ed Camp
- Thu 22/9 Outdoor Ed Camp
- Fri 23/9 Year 8 Immunisations

Week 10
- Tues 27/9 Connect to University Camp
- Wed 28/9 Connect to University Camp
- Thu 29/9 Connect to University Camp
- Thu 29/9 E Challenge
+ Cert 111 in Micro Business
- Fri 30/9 E Challenge
+ Cert 111 in Micro Business

Weekly Newsletter
Open Boys go down in a thriller!

Last Wednesday both the Open Boys and Girls Volleyball teams took on Loxton High School in the first round of Knock Out Cup Volleyball. The girls played the first game and battled hard. As their confidence increased, they started playing some good volleyball, with strong serving and consistent passing. The girls had a positive attitude and with a little more practice, their skills will become more consistent. The team unfortunately went down 3 sets to 0.

The boys were also missing a few of their regular senior players and were lacking confidence. Once the game had started, this soon disappeared with the boys winning the 1st set. Strong hitting and blocking from the majority of players put doubt in some on the bigger Loxton players’ minds, and the teams were tied at 2 sets all. Both teams were going point for point in the decider, with Loxton finally taking out the 5th set 15 – 13.

Both teams displayed some great volleyball and with the commencement of the Monday night competition and trainings they will be well prepared for Melbourne later in the year.

Aaron Camlin, Sports Coordinator

Speed Dating

In Week 5 on Wednesday Mrs Elliott and Mrs Turk’s Year 10 English classes participated in a ‘speed dating’ activity to celebrate Book Week. Students were positioned in a concentric circle and given 2 minute increments to share information about the novel/s they have been reading as part of the ‘Reading for Enjoyment’ initiative. Students participated in as many as 15 conversations with their peers about different titles, genres and authors of young adult fiction. At the conclusion of their ‘dates’ they created a display made from cloud shaped stickers, sharing their favourite titles. Thanks to Mrs Smith and Renae in the Library for providing students with the fun, engaging experience.

Kerri Turk, Literacy Mentor

Job Opportunities

There are currently 2 job opportunities for school based apprenticeships in the local area. These would suit a year 11 student or possibly a Year 12.

One is an office based Business Administration position and the other is in the Horticulture Industry, based in a large agricultural company. Please see me if interested.

Marina Pater,
Pathways Coordinator

Wear it Purple

Many people wore something purple on Thursday to show their support for diversity and pride.

From Pammy

I hope everyone reading this has had a wonderful week and enjoyed what has been happening in their lives. I was at a meeting recently and came across these rather inspirational sayings and would like to share them with the community.

Nine Ways to Love:
1. Listen without interrupting
2. Speak without accusing
3. Give without sparing
4. Answer without arguing
5. Share without pretending
6. Enjoy without complaint
7. Trust without wavering.
8. Forgive without punishing and lastly
9. Promise without forgetting

That is my goal this week to practice those 9 ways to love and hopefully I will succeed in making my world and the world of those around me, a little bit better. Keep smiling everyone and have a great weekend.

Pammy, PCW