POWER CUP

The ninth Aboriginal Power Cup carnival took place on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 May with over 400 students from 41 schools converging on Alberton Oval to play in the program’s annual football carnival.

The theme for the Aboriginal Power Cup for 2016 is Powerful Futures - Your Future, Yours for the Taking. This theme encourages students to understand that the world is what you make it and it’s up to you to take your future into your own hands and take the next step from school and straight into employment or further education.

Since commencing in 2008, the Aboriginal Power Cup has grown almost fourfold in the level of participation from students and aligned schools and Whyalla High School is proud to be involved.

Three year 10 Whyalla High students were involved in this year’s Aboriginal Power Cup - Ashlyn Warren, Ethann Wilson and Tayla Hart-Aluni.

Our girls football team, teamed up with Port Pirie whilst our boys football team, teamed up with Port Augusta. Both boys and girls teams played well. The finalists for the boys’ was Mawson Lakes High School and girls finalist team was Christies Beach High School. The final was played in the curtain raiser at Saturday’s Round 9 game between Port Adelaide and West Coast at the Adelaide Oval. All students took part in the cultural dance prior to the match.

All Aboriginal Power Cup participants are required to develop a design for their groups guernsey which is to be worn during matches. This year the design developed by Tayla Hart-Aluni was chosen and this was the guernsey worn by the Whyalla participants. Congratulations Tayla.

Other awards were present to:
- Curriculum Excellence - Riverland Academy
- Solid Team Spirit - Immanuel College
- Student Leadership - Tanysha Hoffmann from Riverland Academy
- Staff Leadership - Murray Bridge Academy Staff
- Best War Cry - Christies Beach High School
- Best MAC Video - Christies Beach High School
- Best overall Guernsey Design - Ceduna Area School
- Best APC Polo Design - Nykeilah Hullah from the Riverland Academy.

Lorraine Haseldine
ASETO
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This newsletter brings us half way through term two. We have had a very busy start to the term with NAPLAN testing, camps, Knock Out Sports and Year 7 Transition visits. Congratulations to Ms Imogen Knight for winning the Learning Support Coordinator position, while Mrs Chanele Litchfield is on leave.

Thank you to Ms Daisy Keating who is now teaching year 8 and year 10 English and HASS classes, so that Imogen can teach in the Learning Centre.

Welcome to two new staff members, Mr Riley Sanders as a curriculum SSO and Mr Tim Curwood who is working as one of our groundspeople.

NAPLAN

During week two all year 9 students completed their final NAPLAN testing. The students all tried hard and we were very pleased with their efforts and behaviour. The year 10 Student Voice members offered their support to the year 9’s during NAPLAN week by making them fruit platters each day and cooking them a BBQ at the conclusion of the testing.

Air Conditioner Upgrade

I am very pleased to inform you that the air conditioning in our school hall has been replaced over the past two weeks. This now provides a very comfortable space for students in both warmer and cooler weather.

I am sure that the musical cast will be very grateful for the upgrade, during their many hours of rehearsals in the coming months.

Camps

The start of the term has been extremely busy in terms of camps. In week two the first year 8 camp went to Adelaide. In week three the year 10’s attended their Tertiary Pathways Tour in Adelaide and in week four, the second year 8 camp had their Urban Experience in Adelaide.

Next week we have our annual year 9 Melbourne Cultural Tour and in week seven the year 10’s have their second Outdoor Ed camp.

We have had very positive feedback from community members about the behaviour of WHS while on camp. This makes me very proud to say I am Principal of the school. Following are a couple of comments.

"Dear Tricia

I felt compelled to write to you to let you know how proud Whyalla High School should be of a group of students who visited Adelaide last week.

I was on the bus on my way home from work. All seats on the bus were full when a number of Whyalla High School students got on to the bus. The students, who had to stand, were well behaved and courteous to all passengers on the bus. They showed great initiative and team work helping passengers get off a full bus as it was difficult to get to the door with students filling the aisle.

I wanted to let you know that the young people from Whyalla High School last Thursday afternoon on the bus to West Beach were a credit to their school. Please let them know that their great behaviour didn’t go unnoticed.

Kind regards

Kylie"  received on May 29

We also received a phone call on May 18 from Stephanie who, along with her husband, were on their way back from Adelaide and stopped off at the Tin Man. She wanted to congratulate the school for how neat and tidy our students were and what a polite group of students. They moved out of any walkways to let people through and were well behaved when standing outside. She just wanted to pass on her congratulations to the school.

Visitors to the School

This term we have had numerous visitors to our school. On Tuesday May 24, two members from the Department of Premier of Cabinet had a tour of our school and then met with our school leaders. They were very interested to hear about the impact of the current Arrium situation on our staff and students. Our school leaders did an exceptional job of hosting these visitors. They are true role models for the students at Whyalla High School.

On Wednesday May 25, 13 staff from Salisbury High School spent time observing in our classrooms. They were very keen to learn about how we plan, program and teach students in a middle school setting.

Today we have Minister Susan Close visiting the school. She has asked to see our new classrooms and is keen to speak with our school leaders about education in Whyalla.

Pupil Free Day

Governing Council have approved our second Pupil Free Day for the year on Tuesday June 14. Staff will spend the day learning more about Australian Curriculum and Differentiating the curriculum to meet all student needs.

Year 7 Transition Visits

Primary Schools have begun their half day visits this term. Mr Sean Sheedy is our Transition coordinator this year. If you know of any families that are looking to enrol their child for 2017, please encourage them to make contact with Sean on 8645 8844.

Tricia Richman

Principal
TRANSITION UNDERWAY

Over the next five weeks there will be transition half day visits for the different primary schools around Whyalla.

The aim of these visits is to have the primary school students ease their nerves about coming to high school, expose the students to different core and experiential subjects and to familiarise themselves with Whyalla High. Ultimately having these days will enable a smooth transition process from primary school to high school.

If any families have any questions about transition or would like to know more please feel free to contact me at the school.

Sean Sheedy
Transition Coordinator

MUSICAL REHEARSALS

Rehearsals are going well for our 2016’s musical The Addams Family. Below and right are a couple of pictures of students in the midst of rehearsals. Performances will be held on 26, 27 & 28 October in our Performing Arts Centre.

Emma Hunter
Musical Director

GOVERNING COUNCIL

The next Governing Council meeting is Monday June 6 at 7.00pm.

They still have spaces available on the council if there are any parents interested in joining. If you have further enquiries about the role of Governing Council, feel free to ring the principal.

Emma Hunter
HASS Coordinator

CAMP GALLIPOLI

During the holidays, Ms Hewlett and I had the pleasure of taking three students to Camp Gallipoli.

Camp Gallipoli was held at the Adelaide Showgrounds and focused on educating people about the experiences of soldiers during World War One and acknowledging their sacrifices.

On the first day, we watched documentaries and short films about the ANZACs. We learnt, in particular, about the Battle of Pozieres, which is approaching its 100 year anniversary. Kasey Pettiford, Zoe Papadontas and Natalia Lock represented Whyalla High School in the flag ceremony, which recognised the involvement of all the countries who fought in World War One.

We were delighted to watch a concert by X Factor contestant Louise Adams before settling in for the night. Part of the experience was sleeping outside, as that is how the ANZACs would have slept. We made it through the cold night to watch the dawn service in the morning. We then travelled to Adelaide and watched the ANZAC Day march before travelling home.

The students were exemplary and learnt a great deal about the experiences of the ANZACs and their participation in, what was supposed to be, the war to end all wars.

EDDIE HUGHES VISIT

In week one, State MP Eddie Hughes came in to speak to our year nine and ten students about what it was like to be a State MP.

The students learnt a lot about the role of State MPs and what they do on a day to day basis. They also had the opportunity to ask questions and learn about what the government is currently working on.
STUDENTS WORK HARD AT NETBALL CARNIVAL

The following Year 10 students worked hard in the canteen at the Spencer Gulf Netball Carnival which was held on Sunday May 22, Casey Pettiford, Francil Colorito, Shaylee O’Breza, William McKenna, Cameron Spirat, Chelsea Ingram, Chloe Hudson, Jarrod Wallace and Jordan Grillett.

All students involved modelled the school values well and worked hard in the canteen, serving customers, making coffees, cleaning up the BBQ area and restocking fridges from 8.30am until 4.30pm. As a thank you and recognition for their efforts, Whyalla Netball Association’s president Marlene Kenny presented a cheque to Whyalla High students Kasey and Francil which will go towards their year 10 formal.

This is an example of the relationships Whyalla High has developed in the community over time. A big well done to everyone involved.

Sean Sheedy
HPE Coordinator

8/9 BOYS ADVANCE TO THE NEXT ROUND

Whyalla High played Samaritan College and Port Augusta Secondary in Port Augusta on Wednesday June 1 in the 8/9 boys football competition.

The team consisted of Daniel Arbon, Kobe Buckley, Corey Datson, Nicholas Gale, Blaike Giddings, Bailey Grillett, Jayden Guyer, Luke Hage, Ben Havelberg, Liam Heron, Jake Hickey, Steven Jackson, Jai Newsham, Reece O’Callaghan, Tyson Richman, Leroy Risborg, Adam Rogers, Macorhin Rosalia, Harrison Sweeney, Liam Vasey, Ryan Winders and Max Zbierski.

The boys have been training hard for approximately 5 weeks with 2-3 sessions per week and the way the boys played that day, this definitely showed.

The boys totally dominated the first game against Samaritan College, tackling hard, running in numbers and playing with exceptional teamwork.

Final Score
Whyalla High 16-10 109 to Samaritan College 0-1 1 point.

Goal Kickers:
Steven 3, Adam 3, Tyson 2, Jake 2, Ryan 1, Corey 1, Jayden 1, Leroy 1, Bailey 1, Reece 1.

Best Players:
Adam Rogers, Steven Jackson, Reece O’Callaghan, Harrison Sweeney and Jake Hickey.

Second game was very similar to the first one with Whyalla High dominating from start to finish. They wasted a few chances but you couldn’t fault their team work and effort.

Final Score:
Whyalla High 14-12 96 to Port Augusta 0-0

Goal Kickers:
Steven 4, Reece 3, Jake 2, Adam 2, Macorhin 1, Kobe 1, Tyson 1.

Best Players:
Jake Hickey, Reece O’Callaghan, Liam Vasey, Leroy Risborg and Stevie Jackson.

A big thank you to Cordel Lines and Keane Lowry who ran water and Shane Scarman who was our runner.

Mr Sean Sheedy
8/9 Boys Coach

BULLYING & HARASSMENT

I am becoming increasingly concerned with the rise of incidents which can generally be classified as classist harassment.

It is a form of bullying where those who have, intimidate, harass and belittle those who do not. I am aware that it has been prevalent for many years but when I see it directly impacting the health and mental wellbeing of some students then it’s time to raise the concerns directly with you.

It is a very covert form of harassment and is extremely difficult to monitor and address. One significant factor associated with this form of harassment is that it is often encouraged and modelled in the home environment.

I have spoken to a number of groups about harassing behaviours and will need to continue to speak to classes in an attempt to encourage respectful relationships. There is a great deal of current research highlighting the lack of empathy amongst youth; empathy begins at home and starts will tolerance and respectful language.

I encourage each parent and caregiver to tackle disrespectful comments from their children, to model and encourage tolerance and empathy and to expect exemplary behaviour.

Don Gapp
Senior Leader

ONLINE PAYMENTS

For parents paying on line - please make sure that the invoice number is listed and/or the student name.

Payments are coming through with no name or invoice number meaning that the school cannot trace who has paid.