8/9 GIRLS KNOCKOUT FOOTBALL

In week 5, the 8/9 girls football side travelled to Port Augusta to play in the first round of the state wide knockout competition.

Our two opposition teams for the day were scheduled to be Samaritan College and Port Augusta Secondary School. After an incident between Port Augusta and Samaritan in game one, the organisers for the day decided to withdraw Port Augusta and ruled that the winner of Samaritan and Whyalla High School game would advance.

The Whyalla High School side consisted of - Shaniah Kingi (Captain), Phyllis Noble (Vice Captain), Caitlin Hector, Kaitlyn Kimberly, Renee Copley, Amalia Evans, Amiee Kruger, Zoe Papadontas, Hannah Ewbank, Amy Leevers, Madison Grant, Tullie Harris, Lilian Attard, Sienna Cabban, Rylea Kelly, Ricki Pedulla and Lucy Cole.

In the first quarter, the Samaritan side played some solid team football and caught our girls off guard. We held strong defensively but struggled to move the ball past the centre of the ground. Samaritan led at quarter time by two goals.

In the second quarter, the girls battled their way back into the game and started to run and carry the football. Tullie Harris got plenty of the football after moving into the midfield and Amy Leevers rucked strongly to give our players first use of the footy. The scores were even at half time.

The third quarter saw the Whyalla High girls take control of the game but missed opportunities in front of goal. The girls had multiple near misses including three shots that hit the post. Hannah Ewbank provided plenty of run and carry and Lucy Cole and Ricki Pedulla were dangerous up forward providing multiple scoring opportunities. Whyalla High led by 8 points going into the final quarter.

The final quarter was back and forth with both sides looking tired. Kaitlyn Kimberly provided plenty of voice and was rock solid in defence. Shaniah Kingi moved to the forward and set up plenty of scoring opportunities while Amalia Evans did a fantastic job moving the ball forward and chasing hard when the ball was turned over. Whyalla High kicked 3 goals in the final quarter to run away with an 18 point win.

WHHS - 5.8   38          Samaritan - 3.2    20
Goal Kickers - Tullie Harris 2, Amy Leevers 1, Ricki Pedulla 1, Lucy Cole 1
Best Players - Tullie Harris, Amy Leevers, Hannah Ewbank, Shaniah Kingi, Amalia Evans, Kaitlyn Kimberly

Whyalla High School girls did a fantastic job in representing the school. They move onto the next round and are waiting to see who we will play against. The next round will take place in term 3 and the girls are excited about the challenge that awaits them.

David Fargher
8/9 Girls Football Coach
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Can I please say thank you on behalf of the staff for your overwhelming support and understanding last Thursday. I was able to send 24 staff members to Max Litchfield’s funeral, as only a small number of students remained at school for our alternative program.

Also staff were extremely grateful for the opportunity to attend the funeral and support Chanele, Chad and Evie. Chanele would also like to pass on her thanks and gratitude for the messages of support and kindness she has been shown.

Reports
Staff are currently writing the first semester written reports. These reports will include grades achieved in all subject areas. They will also give parents a clear understanding of how your child’s learning and engagement is progressing. Written reports will be posted home in the last week of the term. If you have not received your child’s report by the middle of the school holidays, please make contact with the school.

Term three will see the next round of parent teacher interviews. Please make use of these interview times to keep up to date with your child’s learning.

Year 7 Transition Visits
By the end of this week nearly all the primary schools in Whyalla would have visited us for their first transition visit. The visits have been extremely positive, and our enrolment numbers are looking very good for 2017.

If you know of any families that are looking to enrol their child in Whyalla would have visited us for their first transition visit. The visits have been extremely positive, and our enrolment numbers are looking very good for 2017.

If you know of any families that are looking to enrol their child for 2017 please encourage them to make contact with Sean Sheedy on 8645 8844.

Social Media
Social Media is an extremely effective way to deliver information about events happening at the school. When used properly, it is beneficial for students, staff, parents and the wider community. Can I please remind all users of our school Facebook page that posting inappropriate and disrespectful comments is not acceptable. If you have any issues that you would like to discuss please ring and make an appointment to see myself, Jenna Hewlett or a member of the leadership team.

Can I also please highlight to parents that if your child is having issues with cyber bullying outside of school hours, we are very limited in how we can help you.

If your child is the victim of cyber bullying you need to raise your concerns with SAPOL. The advice we will also give parents is to keep copies of the messages, block the person who is doing the cyber bullying, deactivate your child’s facebook account and make contact with SAPOL.

Staff
Next term we have Ms Mellisa John returning from her leave. She will be working in year 9 as well as with our Aboriginal students.

I will be continuing in the Acting Principal role for term 3. Over the next few weeks a process will be run to determine who the Acting Deputy Principal will be for next term. As this will be the last newsletter for the term, I wish you all a relaxing mid year holiday break and look forward to working with you all next term.

Tricia Richman
Principal
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YEAR 10 TERTIARY PATHWAYS TOUR

The Tertiary Pathways Tour (TPT) to Adelaide ignited students’ interest in their future directions, and introduced them to the wide variety of future tertiary learning options and career pathways available after secondary school.

The TPT which ran from Tuesday May 17 to Friday May 20 provided seventy four year 10 students with the valuable opportunity to explore and investigate possible future directions and career pathways first hand. Students met and interacted with a wide variety of tertiary education and training organizations, recruiters and industry experts regarding their plans or even ideas for the future. Students received information on important topics including course entry prerequisites, career progression pathways, flexible learning options, and the desired skills and attributes of employees by participating in a range of engaging and educational activities.

Students visited the Regency TAFE campus, the University of Adelaide and Flinders University at Bedford Park Campus. Representatives from each of the tertiary institutions delivered career pathway presentations. These presentations aimed to help students uncover a range of possible pathways by identifying and exploring their own skills, attributes and interests. Numerous university mentors eagerly made themselves available to interact with small groups of students, and answer any questions regarding tertiary education that our students posed.

Students also attended the Adelaide Careers and Employment Expo, which was held at the Wayville Showgrounds and attended by a large number of senior secondary students from all over South Australia. The Careers Expo showcased education institutions from many different professions, and all our students eagerly sought the advice of vendors on topics such as course entry prerequisites, career progression pathways, flexible learning options and more. Students were lucky enough to walk away from the Careers Expo with a wide variety of written resources and some vendor’s contact details which they will be able to refer to when completing their PLP assignments.

Although the primary goal of the TPT was to expose our students to the huge variety of the future pathways available after secondary school, we were also able to relax and enjoy our time together in Adelaide. After an enjoyable dinner on Tuesday night at the New York Bar & Grill, most students excitedly swarmed the candy bar at Marion Shopping Centre’s Greater Union to prepare for our private viewing of the newly released film The Jungle Book. Finally on Thursday night, we travelled to AMF Crossroad for an evening of bowling and laser skirmish. Competitive streaks started to show in both students and teachers as they enthusiastically participated in a game of Laser Skirmish.

I would like to thank every year 10 student that attended the Tertiary Pathways Tour. Students behaved exceptionally well, engaging with each other and members of the wider community with respect and maturity. Our students upheld the Whyalla High School values to a consistently high standard, making this both a successful and memorable experience for all.

Ms Amanda Bennett
Year 10 Coordinator

WHYALLA AGED CARE FACILITY EXCURSION

During week 5 and 6, Miss Grigou’s year 9 Food Technology students have been learning about food requirements for different ages and spent time considering how our diets change as we age. During week 6, the class walked to the Whyalla Aged Care Facility to deliver the morning and afternoon tea that they had made.

The students spent time delivering the cakes and biscuits and chatting with the residents. They made some great relationships and some students were able to visit their grandparents. Some of the students also participated in a game of bingo, an activity enjoyed by all.

The classes then toured the newly renovated kitchen facility to see how food is prepared in bulk for the residents. The students were able to try different levels of vitaminised foods, thickened fluids and softened cakes and biscuits. Many of the students were a bit hesitant but some brave students tried everything.

We would like to thank Gillian from the Whyalla Aged Care Facility who organised the tours and gave the students an interesting and informative experience.

Miss Paige Murphy
Food Technology teacher

ATSI CONFERENCE

On Tuesday April 12, a group of year 9 and 10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attended the Solid Start: Pathways to a Brighter Future Conference at the University of South Australia Whyalla Campus.

This conference was for ATSI students in our region and the conference’s aim was to encourage students to consider becoming health professionals.

To open the conference the Dusty Feet Mob from Port Augusta enriched us with an indigenous story through dance. The students then heard from multiple indigenous speakers who currently work or who are studying to work within a health profession.

The interactive element to the day was that the students experienced different activities specific to certain health careers that were located around the university. The students got a small insight into tasks related to health professions. The later part of the day was dedicated to round table discussions with each of the health professionals. Students engaged in conversations with health professionals in the following fields; Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Medicine, Optometry, Nutrition and Food Science, Nursing, Psychology, Pharmacy and Health Promotion. The University of South Australia put on a wonderful event for the students highlighting what wonderful opportunities the students of our region have and specifically the facilities and the possibilities they have for future pathways in health promotion within Whyalla.

Lorraine Haseldine & Daisy Keating

REMINDER

Just a reminder to include your child’s name and/or reference number when making payments online.
MELBOURNE CULTURE TOUR

In week 7 a group of 23 students and 3 staff travelled to Melbourne as part of the Melbourne Culture Tour.

On our first day in Melbourne, we visited the MCG and National Sports Museum. Mr Sheedy was extremely excited about going around the MCG grounds! After that, we had a tour of Rod Laver Arena and took part in a tennis session. Finally, we went on the Melbourne Star and viewed Melbourne at night. Adam also took the opportunity to perform an interpretive light dance.

On Wednesday, we took a tour of the Arts Centre and learnt about the different theatres and art work on display. Then we went up to the 88th floor of the Eureka Skydeck and saw some amazing sights. In the evening, we went to see a performance of Matilda and most of us loved the person who played Miss Trunchball!

We went to the Jurassic World exhibition at the Melbourne Museum on Thursday, where we took some videos of the different dinosaurs moving around. Unfortunately, the dinosaurs had started to escape from their enclosures so our tour guide had to take us out! Then we did some shopping in the Queen Victoria Markets and CBD.

When we weren’t busy with our tours, we were competing in an Amazing Race, where we tried to find as many examples of street art as we could and find information out about different significant locations.

The week was very busy and involved a lot of walking, but it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We may have all had different highlights, but I think we would all agree that it was a week to remember!

Ms Emma Hunter

YEAR 8 URBAN CAMPS

This term was a highlight for all our year 8 students who travelled to Adelaide for their Urban Experience camp.

This year, students stayed at the Adelaide Shores Caravan Park and enjoyed staying in cabins together. While some students were initially anxious, all the groups quickly gelled together and a number of new friendships emerged as a result.

Our students were excited by the opportunity to use public transport throughout our stay, and quickly learned the protocols for catching buses, trams and trains around the city (and how fun this can be during a slight drizzle of rain). Students enjoyed tours of Adelaide Oval and the Port Adelaide Football Club, with many of our keen sports players spellbound by the history-steeped momentos on display. The museum visits gave students the chance to experience engaging Science and HASS displays on their own terms, choosing items of interest to investigate as we moved along on self-guided tours. Many students tried ice-skating for the first time, and the teachers are pleased to announce that everyone bounced back up from every little accident, with a big smile and no harm done.

Finally, all groups were treated to a session of the Jungle Book or Alice Through the Wonder Glass, a fitting reward for over a term of hard work at Whyalla High School. As busy as we were with these activities, each group even found time for their own opportunities for extra experiences throughout the trips. Mr Lewis and Mrs Percy took their group for a quick tour of Rundle Mall. Mr Birch and Ms Keating’s group met the Torrens River swans and enjoyed a quick scavenger hunt in the botanic gardens. Mr Fargher and Miss Green’s group also enjoyed a stroll through Rundle Mall, as well as a trip to the Adelaide Aquatic Centre.

After all the excitement, there were more than a few sleepy heads on the bus home. We are all so very proud of every student for their behaviour on camp, and are pleased to say we heard nothing but positive comments from people we met along the way. The kindness displayed by all students was a true reflection of the Whyalla High School spirit. Congratulations all who went for being such positive ambassadors for Whyalla High School.

Year 8 Teachers