

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Welcome to Semester 2

We finished Semester 1 at the end of week 8 – what a semester! We began semester 2 this week – and so far all is going well! Students are engaging with their new teachers and experiencing new subjects. We are looking forward to a more settled semester 2.

Please note that there is a Pupil Free Day on Monday 27 July to replace the one that was cancelled early in term 2.

#### **Retirement of Trevor Barnes**

Trevor Barnes, who has been a Maths teacher at Nuriootpa High School for the past  $21\frac{1}{2}$  years is retiring at the end of this term. He has worked as a teacher for  $45\frac{1}{2}$  years. Trevor has been sharing many wonderful stories with us about his career. His Year 8 Home Group want him to stay for another  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years until they graduate!

We will miss Trevor and we wish him well in his retirement.

#### Staffing Update for Semester 2, 2020

- Leanne Kitson is working 0.8 in the Gawler Education Office as a Special Educator for the remainder of this year
- Shaun O'Neil returns term 3
- Georgiana Quintal will not return this year
- Heidi Dunn (0.6) and Blake King (0.4) are returning for semester 2 to backfill changes in time for some staff

#### Staffing Update for 2021

- We welcome back Jenelle Draper as Assistant Principal: Inclusive Education and John Barkley, as Design and Technology Faculty Leader for the next 5 years beginning 2021. It is great to have them continuing their valued leadership in the school
- The following positions have been advertised for 5 years beginning 2021:
  - FLC Senior Leader
  - Health and Personal Development Faculty Leader
- Other positions to be advertised soon are:
  - Humanities and Social Sciences and Languages Faculty Leader
  - Disability Unit and Special Class Faculty Leader
- We have also begun some work on staffing for 2021 and 2022

#### **COMING EVENTS**

3/7 2.15pm Dismissal

20/7 School Resumes

- Term 3

27/7 Student Free Day Staff Training & Development

3/8 Y10 Vaccinations

4/8 4pm Finance Mtg 7pm Governing Council Mtg

12/8 4.30-7.00 Curriculum Expo

### UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Every Thursday from
8.30 - 11.00am
1.00 - 3.45pm
Our full uniform can be viewed by visiting the school website www.nurihs.sa.edu.au

#### From the Principal - continued

#### Well Done Awards

Recently a staff member approached me and asked if we could reinstitute the school's Well Done Awards. This has provided a very positive process with students gaining awards for a range of 'Well Done' achievements. The purpose of these awards is to motivate students to continue to make progress with their learning, including their commitment and attitude.

It has been overwhelming to see the response of the peers of the recipients as I present these awards during class time. For one Year 11 student, he had not received an award since Year 6 and a Year 10 student had not received an award since Year 2. Some of the student work that has been shared is of an outstanding nature. This has included folios, sculptures and models as well as positive attitude and commitment to learning.

#### **Zoom Assembly**

Last week we had our first whole school assembly via Zoom through Teams. The SRC students led the assembly and shared the outstanding work that they are leading – please refer to their report. I had the opportunity to talk with the students about the Well Done Awards and the impact of COVID19 on our lives. I shared with them that I was the first principal to have an online whole school assembly at Nuriootpa High school and how they could share that experience with their families in years to come!

#### Year 7 Facilities Update

- We are currently engaged in Design Meetings to try to get to the 60% Design Phase. Faculty staff involved have been busy providing the next level of detail.
- Once we get to 60% Design Phase, DPTI becomes involved with their Construction Advisers.
- Once design and detail is 95 100% achieved, it will go to tender and we are hoping to know the outcome of the tender process by the end of October.

Current issues being looked at include stormwater, gas supply to Hospitality, bell upgrade, security upgrade, Hearing Loop System and the need to be compliant with the DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) in each of the new and refurbished areas. The current start date for the build is now December with a predicted finish date in late October, 2021.

#### Year 7 Curriculum

Leaders have begun the conversation about what does the Year 7 curriculum look like? Will it have the same time allocations as the current Year 8s? Will we look at time allocation across the 2 year levels of Years 7 and 8? Currently there is a working party preparing some options for us to consider.

#### **Facilities**

- Windows in Admin Building the department gave us a grant to replace these. Work will commence soon.
- Ramps into the male and female staff toilets and to one staff room door these will be built in the July school holidays.
- Ceilings in male and female staff toilets in admin building will be replaced in July school holidays.
- A 10km/h speed sign has been installed at the entrance to the Penrice Road Staff Carpark in response to an identified hazard.
- No Dogs Allowed Signs have been installed on the ovals this means that the local council will monitor dogs on our premises.

#### **Deadline Policy**

A reminder about the school's **Deadline Policy** for our students. Due dates will be put on Daymap where appropriate. Assignments will either be submitted to teachers or uploaded to Daymap as appropriate. If students need an extension:

- Years 8 and 9 students need to talk with their teacher
- Years 10, 11 and 12 students need to submit an Assignment Extension Request Form signed by their parents at least 3 days prior to the due date.

We are asking for your support in this area.



#### From the Principal - continued

#### COVID19 update

There are still many restrictions that apply to schools. Current restrictions that apply include physical distancing. All adults must continue to follow the density and physical distancing guidelines outlined by SA Health:

- No more than 1 person per 2-square metres in an enclosed space
- Maintain a minimum social distance of 1.5 metres.

AHPPC does not believe that it's appropriate or practical for students and children to maintain physical distancing requirements in classrooms or corridors.

From Monday 29 June, there can be intrastate camps and excursions and all school sport competitions, sports days and carnivals, including inter-school competitions (use of change rooms and shower facilities is not permitted).

Requirements that remain in place:

- It's important that students and staff stay home if they are unwell
- Physical contact (even between students) must be limited. Non-physical greetings should be encouraged
- Parents must continue to physical distance, including at school pick up and drop off
- Interstate and overseas travel remains on hold
- The Snow Trip and Canberra Trip have been cancelled for 2020

#### Years 12s

As we head into Semester 2, we wish our Year 12s every success in their last semester at a secondary school.

**Enjoy Semester 2** 

Gerri Walker Principal

#### From the SRC

Recently the SRC have welcomed 5 new Year 8's, Amber Tamke, Aiden Schutz, Travis Varcoe, Issy Schippan and Max Bentley. Additionally we have had the pleasure of welcoming Dominic Viola, Austin Griggs and Jamie Beeson to our team from the Unit.

Along with welcoming our new members, the SRC has been working on projects including completing the murals in the stadium toilets and working towards our revegetation project. At the end of Term 1 we received a \$2000 grant from the NRM to support our revegetation endeavour of bringing back life into our Blue Gum Woodlands. As a cohort we have begun planning our Revegetation Day, brainstorming



fundraising ideas, and suggesting ways to incorporate this project into the curriculum. Our overarching goal is to develop an ongoing school initiative, whereby there will be a focus on the development of urban greenspace in Nuriootpa.

We are additionally hoping to boost community involvement within this project. It is our hope that members of the school and public will be able to purchase a tree, online, to then be planted by our students. The money raised from this will then be implemented towards formal signage along Murray Street. Furthermore, fundraising this semester will be placed towards further development of the Blue Gum Woodlands such as pathways and seating.

This Friday 26 June, we will be holding a non-uniform day and sausage sizzle to raise money for the Australian Wildlife and Nature Recovery Fund. Each sausage will be \$2.50, or 2 for \$4 and veggie patties will be available!

Lucy Dickinson & Keely Lydeamore 2020 SRC President & Vice President



#### Materials & Services Charge

The Materials and Services Charge for 2020 is \$480 as set by the Governing Council and was due for payment on 7 February. Statements have been posted home and overdue charges need to be paid to avoid debt collection.

- Pay by cash, cheque, Eftpos at the Finance Office, or by credit card over the phone. Finance Office opening hours are 8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday.
- Pay via the school bank account BSB 105-055 Account number 233809740 using your family code or invoice number as the reference.
- Direct Debit click on Direct Debit on the school website to pay from your bank account or credit card. Direct Debit will need to be done for individual students.

Individual payment plans can be negotiated so please contact the Finance Office.

If you are applying for School Card assistance please lodge your forms at the Finance Office or online. School Card forms are available on the schools website or at the Finance Office. Please contact us if you need any assistance.



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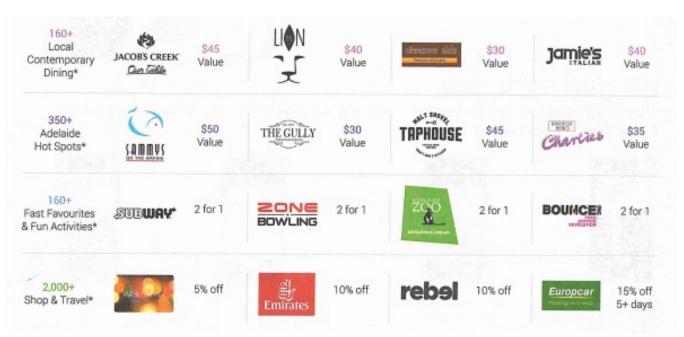
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#### **SACE Update**

We have be very proud of the diligence shown by much of our Year 12 cohort through some very challenging times this year. They have shown resilience, support for each other and great maturity as they have worked with their teachers towards achieving their personal best.

Congratulations to our Year 12's who have submitted their **Research Project** for submission to the SACE Board! These will now be externally marked and moderated for grade confirmation. Students will be feeling a great sense of relief and will enjoy the extra study time to focus on their other subjects in the final leg of their SACE studies. Just over one term to go!

There are some students still finishing off their **Research Project**. Unless an individual plan has been discussed with the student and their parent/caregiver, we are aiming to have these completed by the end of term. Those who haven't submitted their completed Research Project assessment types by the end of term, will be expected to attend the RP **Catch-Up** session in the Holidays. Individual letters to advise parents/caregivers will be sent home in coming days.

Other subjects offering Holiday Sessions to support students to achieve their best are outlined in the table below.

Week 1 Holiday Sessions						
Monday 6 July	Tuesday 7July	Wednesday 8 July	Thursday 9 July	Friday 10 July		
Barkley <b>Electronics</b> Prac Exam (Pre- planned Time Assess- ment - 9-12)	Chancellor RP & PLP Catch up (9-3)	Gambell Physics (10am-1pm) Hoffmann/Hall	Turnbull Maths Methods (9 - 1)			
Hoffmann/Hall <b>Visual</b> <b>Art</b> (9-3)	Eccles English (10am-1pm)	Visual Art (9-3)				

Week 2 Holiday Sessions						
Monday 13 July	Tuesday 14 July	Wednesday 15 July	Thursday 16 July	Friday 17 July		
Wyten English Lit (10-12/1)	Chancellor RP & PLP Catch up (9 – 3)	Searson – Spec Maths (10 - 1)	Rohde <b>English</b> 10-1pm	Rohde/Porteous Psychology 9am-12pm		
Lacey Phys Ed (10-12)		Magarey – <b>Biology</b> (10-1)	Hoffmann/Hall <b>Vis-</b> <b>ual Art</b> (9-3)			

Our **Year 11's** have had their timetable change and so begin new SACE subjects. It is a great time to reflect on their Semester One achievements; what they did well and are proud of as well as areas for improvement, so that their Semester Two results reflect their best efforts. Good luck in your new subjects Year 11's – you are one step closer to Stage 2 and school completion!

Finally, Year 10's undertook their first SACE subject this past semester; Personal Learning Plan (PLP). Most have had their results submitted to the SACE Board for grade confirmation. Congratulations to these students! There are still some students finishing off and they will be withdrawn from Student Development Sessions and some classes until they successfully complete this compulsory subject. To support them to begin their SACE students well, PLP Catch up Holiday Sessions will also be required to be attended. Letters will be sent to parents/caregivers in coming days to advise.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Penny Chancellor Assistant Principal - SACE/VET



#### Nuriootpa High Propagation Of Native Plants For Pinery Fire Revegetation Projects

For the third year running, Nuriootpa High students have propagated native plant seedlings for distribution to landholders who were affected by the 2015 Pinery bushfire.

Over the 2019/2020 season, Year 8 and 9 Agriculture students have successfully propagated almost 1100 seed-lings! Trees grown included the Drooping Sheoak, Mallee Box, Black Box, Hop Bush, Fragrant Saltbush and a range of wattle species. Nuriootpa High is one of three local schools taking part in the Pinery Fire Revegetation Project in 2020, which is an initiative co-ordinated by Natural Resources Adelaide and Mount Lofty Ranges, and supported by Trees for Life. The schools projects, along with other growers, have grown approximately 8,000 trees for the giveaway which helps local landholders revegetate their land after the devastating fire.

The students are thoroughly enjoying learning about native tree propagation techniques, the importance of native trees to our environment, and love the fact that they are helping their local community with the recovery process.

The seedlings were recently collected by David Hughes from Gawler Natural Resource Management, for distribution from their Freeling facility.



Pictured above - some of Year 8 agriculture students who were involved in the project

Josh Bottrall Agriculture and Horticulture Coordinator

#### Farewell Bert

Bert Hermsen has been a bus driver for the school for the last 12 years and is retiring on Friday 26 June.

Gerri Walker, Principal and Julie Flatman, Bus Coordinator recently presented Bert with a gift and certificate for his service.

We say a big THANK YOU to Bert for his service to our students and school and wish him all the best in his retirement.

Ann-Marie Ward - Business Manager





#### What's Been Happening in the Unit

#### Cooking time in the Unit

To celebrate Mother's Day, Ms Dayman's seniors class baked a variety of delicious macadamia biscuits to gift to some very special mum's across the school commu-

nity and at home. Sustainable wrapping materials were used to present the biscuits and we shared important discussions around the different types of 'mothers' that exist in society today.

All the hard work in the kitchen has paid off for Ms Dayman's Thursday Foodies crew who were able to purchase a bench mixer and an XXL Air Fryer for their weekly cooking program. Each week a team of 6 dedicated students and some incredible SSO's - Mrs Grigg and Mrs Skarsktrom, plan, shop, prepare and cook over 60 meals for the school community.



Firm favourites have included Vietnamese Spring Rolls and Sausage Rolls. Money raised also goes towards helping cover the cost of the Unit camp in November as West Beach Caravan Park.

On Monday 15 June, while the Teachers had One Plan Review Meetings, the Disability Unit and Special Class students enjoyed a combined Activity Day.

These activities included sensory jar and stress ball making, kite designing, team building, co-ordination and balance activities. Drone flying was a highlight along with the shared sausage sizzle for lunch.



Austin, Ethan, Jake, Candice, Kate, Alex, Aiden and Logan

Mrs. Tsakiris and Mrs. Skarstrom assisting students Hayden, Jamie, Thomas, Matilda, Riley and Bethany to make sensory jars





#### **Unit Activities - continued**

Grace playing with the new mirror toy





Ethan enjoyed making stress balls with Sarah

Students enjoying team building skills with Mr Hall

Pictured below -

The Life Skills class have been honing their woodwork and metalwork skills by making some complex puzzles













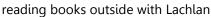
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#### **Unit Activities - continued**

Repainting the entrance sign to the Blue Gums Reserve

Below Josh peeling potatoes for cooking and



















Grace enjoying sensory play with shaving cream and food colouring, while Bailey experiments in Science





#### From the Flexible Learning Centre (FLC)

Students and staff at the FLC have continued to persist and achieve successes throughout Term 2, with a wider range of accredited engagement opportunities on offer. Some of the restrictions from the Covid-19 pandemic have meant that the team has had to come up with alternative learning programs and activities.

It has been wonderful to see many of our students return so positively after our lengthy break. Special congratulations to our Year 11 student, Drae Bennett who was recently successful in receiving the Kicking Goals scholarship.

In Weeks 5 and 6 Reconciliation Week ('In This Together') was celebrated. Special thanks to Brooke, our ASETO, Rose, NHS Pastoral Care Worker and Kiara, our Year 12 student, for organising the art and cooking activities that students and staff were able to take part in.

In Week 4 Senior Constable Randal came to the FLC to talk with students about Road Safety, with a number of our students either recently obtaining their Learner's Permit or intending on sitting the Getting Your L's test at TAFE.

In Week 6 the FLC welcomed Tara, who is doing weekly art thera-

py sessions with some of our students on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Tara is also leading the newest FLC mural project and this project will continue in Term 3.

The FLC was very fortunate in obtaining a short-term crisis grant of \$8000 from Salesforce and this will be spent on buying laptops. The FLC students and staff are very grateful for this generous amount of funding.

Foundation Barossa have also been extremely helpful in finding donations that assisted our students when Covid-19 initially affected the Barossa area at the end of March. A number of our students have received laptops that have been kind-

ly donated by local organisations and individuals. Again, the FLC are extremely grateful for the generosity of our local community and wish to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who have supported the students and staff of the FLC.

Sarah Afshin Pour FLC Coordinator







#### Stage 1 Visual Art

Students presented their final artworks in the NHS gallery at the end of Semester 1. They explored a range of mediums, techniques and concepts to create their own individual work. Students work is from the Sculpture and Printmaking course or the Drawing and Painting course.









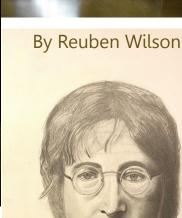
















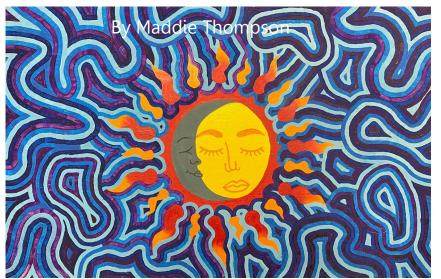


By Dylan Conway

#### Stage 1 Visual Art











By Malia Lyons









## COMMUNITY NOTICES



#### FOR SALE COOL ROOM

Our Canteen has purchased a new Cool room and we are looking to dispose of our old Cool room.

#### **Details:**

2.5m Long X 2m Wide X 2m High with 'drop in' style evaporator/condenser unit (condensing unit currently not working).

Has 2 double glazed display doors and large hinged main door. Could be used as cool room/freezer room. Room is dismantled & ready to go.  $$1500.00\ O.N.O$ .

Expressions of Interest close 3.30pm Friday 24 July
Email: annmarie.ward850@schools.sa.edu.au
Enquiries to: Ann-Marie Ward, Business Manager Ph: 8562 2022

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