Welcome back to all of our students!

Welcome to another year! 2011 was a very busy year and 2012 is already looking to be just as exciting! It was heartening to see the smiling faces of our students on their return to school - they looked happy, healthy and relaxed. We have an ever increasing number of students which is very heartening. We start the year with 190 Year 8’s, 185 Year 9’s, 176 Year 10’s, 130 Year 11’s and 100 Year 12’s. For those new to the school – welcome and for those returning it is wonderful to see you again!

Staffing: Firstly we welcome our new staff, those who are new to their positions, and those returning to us: Rob Love (SACE Coordinator), Jeff Glass (VET Coordinator), Lyn Rowe (Counsellor), Ros Lean (English/Literacy Coordinator), Marie Milne (Assistant Principal Senior School), Jude Boyle (E-Learning/Data Coordinator), Avril Dargie (Home Ec), Caleb Macrow (Maths/Science/Year 8 Coordinator), Greg Willcocks (Science) John Griffin (FLO), Jess Abell (PE/Health), Shantel Wreford (Home Ec), (Andrew Gaunt (Maths/Science Year 9 Coordinator), Tim Zammit (SOSE/English/Middle School), Paul Dowling (Maths/Science/Middle School), Chris Duncan (Art/Cultural Studies). Dave McLeod on LSL for Term 1.

SSO Team: Welcome back to: Carol Smith, Amy Hughes, Manaza Shorrock, Lathish Namath, Alex Kear, Michele Small, Louise Fechner, Joel Garrett (Grounds part time). Special Ed team: Kylee Brown, Bethany Brown, Hayley Wiedermann, Deb Hoey, Kym Davis and our Christian Pastoral Support Worker, Rachel Orken.

Year Level Coordinators: Year 8: Caleb Macrow, Year 9: Andrew Gaunt, Year 10: Leith Gourlay, Year 11: Phil Boyle, Year 12: Chris Duncan.

Our Goals for 2012: Consistent practice by all regarding behaviour, yard and facility use, speaking with a common voice, implementation of e-learning and cyber safety through digital citizenship and responsible use, breaking down all of the barriers and blockages to us moving forward and the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. At the same time, accommodating of our growing numbers the continued development of our public profile and a focus on learning for staff and students.

What is unique about 2012? besides ......NO MORE FENCES .... Yippee!!!! We will be focusing on the following:

- Completion of all buildings and we are looking forward to the grass growing and students moving into the new Music facility.
- Developing a future plan on the redesign and use of our facilities (more classrooms, possibility of a special class and application for a loan to build a new purpose built gymnasium and remodelling of the Performing Arts area)
- Final completion of all new Trade Training Centre, new music area, redesign of Tech Studies to accommodate CNC lathe, building of a D2C shed, redevelopment of the Fashion Design and Child Studies area in Art, redevelopment of outside learning areas (Art) as well as shade and seating areas in the yard and more play areas.
- Four 10 week school terms: We are changing assessment process in Term 1 to include a short report at the end of this term and a longer written report at the end of the semester.

Computers: The HELP DESK has been relocated to the library and will be staffed from 8 am until 4 pm each day for staff and student convenience. This will allow staff and students opportunities to have their computer issues dealt with effectively and efficiently. Feedback is already extremely positive. We are also

INTERNET BANKING
Families wishing to pay via Internet Banking, the a/c details are:
Bank: Bank SA
BSB: 105 108
A/c 394002140
A/c Name: Willunga High School
Ref: Student ID (must be supplied)
GOVERNING COUNCIL AND AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Governing Council of Willunga High School is on February 20th at 7.00 p.m. in the Resource Centre (main building, entry through the side door). The Governing Council is the main forum for decision making in the school and parents play an integral role in deciding the direction of the school now and into the future.

If you would like to know how a school works and have some real say in its direction I encourage you to apply to become a member of the Governing Council.

Nominations close at 3.00 p.m. on Friday February 17th. If you would like to nominate for this committee please complete the form and return to school as soon as possible. There are five vacancies in 2012.

If you do not want to nominate but you would still like to come to the Annual General Meeting we would be very pleased to see you. At the AGM the Annual Reports are presented for the school as well as the financial reports.

I look forward to seeing you on this evening. Corinne Garrett Chairperson

GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION

I wish to nominate for the Governing Council for 2012/13. I understand that this is a two year tenure:

Name: ____________________________

Signed: __________________________

Date: ____________________________

I have student/s in the following year/s:

_______________________HG_______________________
_______________________HG_______________________
_______________________HG_______________________

The nomination form needs to be returned to Front Office or Home Group teacher by 3.00 pm Friday 17th February 2012.

SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING TRIP

What? Skiing and Snowboarding Trip
Where? Mount Hotham, Victoria
Participants?
Year 10, 11 and 12 students
PLUS FAMILY MEMBERS AND OLD SCHOLARS

Year 8/9 students may participate if accompanied by an adult family member

Cost? $1050 for students ($1180 for others)

We understand snow trips are costly, and the trip will only proceed if enough participants have paid a non-refundable deposit of $150 by Friday 23rd August. An installment schedule is planned for the balance to be paid a month before departure.

Stephen Moore Outdoor Education Teacher

STUDENT SAFETY

Your child’s well-being is of paramount importance to us. With over 900 students and 15 school buses entering and leaving the school during the day, we all need to adopt a stringent approach to safe movement practices. To assist in this, we have established protocols regarding the movement of students into and out of the school grounds before school and at the end of the school day.

MOVEMENT INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Between the hours of 8:15am and 8:55am and 3:00pm and 3:30pm, there is to be no pedestrian movement through the main school gate. This is due to the movement of our 15 school buses. During this time, all access to the school grounds must be made through the gate nearest the Tech Studies building. A new entry gate will be installed during this year.

VEHICLES ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Cars are not permitted in the bus bay area during the morning or after school bus drop off times. Students brought to the school by parents/caregivers should be dropped at the gate nearest the Tech Studies building. The area directly in front of the school is sign posted as a No Stopping zone.

Shaun Walsh
Middle School Assistant Principal

WILLUNGA FOOTBALL CLUB

Junior Colts training (U14’s) Starts Mon 27th Feb @ 4.30pm, all new players welcome! Contact Scott Peek (Coach) Ph: 0434 007 429

JAMAERAW SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

New classes available in Jazz & Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop, Afro Jazz, Acting & Singing. Suitable from ages 4-18 years www.jamaeraw.org contact Tori on perform@jamaeraw.org

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN U18 YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM TRIALS

Starts Sunday 19th Feb at Max Basheer Reserve @ 6.00pm – 8.30pm.
Contact: Tim Stewart Ph:0423 250 614

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