FROM THE PRINCIPAL

End of Term 2 2012
Time once again, has flown by. Term 2 draws to a close. Semester 1 has finished and Semester 2 has already begun. Our Year 12 students have only one more term left of school and for them next term is a very important one. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow from young adolescents to adults. Hopefully they will achieve the rewards of their hard work, the support they received from their parents and from the excellent teaching programs provided by their teachers. We wish them all well as they move through the final stage of their school life.

Reports: End of Semester reports will be sent home over the school holidays. This report is a combination of the grade achieved in Term 1 and Term 2, giving them a final semester grade. For Year 11 students they need to achieve a C grade or better in English, Mathematics and their PLP to progress into Year 12. Parents will be receiving a letter if students have not been successful in these areas and hopefully, together we can put in place some strategies to ensure their success.

Staffing Term 3:
David Tamlyn and Shantel Wreford continue at Willunga High School until the end of the year.

National Broadband Network: We continue our innovative and exciting journey in harnessing the power of the NBN enabled technology. We are improving our computing infrastructure with new wireless points and improved switches and other technological improvements, which will allow us to have a much faster access. Speed is important, but it is more important to use it wisely for learning. We participated in a training experience with the Ideaslab Personnel and 43 staff are giving up their personal time to participate in an online learning experience. This will allow them to work on developing new curriculum and learning experiences using the technology available to us, aligning and working on the National Curriculum in their faculty areas. A great opportunity and one that will allow us to explore new territory and take some risks in our own learning journey.

Our journey is being documented and I was privileged to present our Experience Southern Area Leaders at our District Day. We also had a three page article published in the Australian Educator Journal, putting us on the map with our innovative approach to teaching and learning through the utilisation of technology.

Diary Dates
16 Jul Start of Term 3
1 Aug Parent Evening Course Counselling
6 Aug Governing Council Meeting 7pm
6-8 Aug Year 12 Exams
9 Aug Principals Tour 9.30am—10.30am
17 Aug Pupil Free Day - Yr 12 Formal
6 Sep Principals Tour 9.30am—10.30am
10 Sep Governing Council Meeting 7pm
12 Sep Pupil Free Day (Show Day)
21 Sep School Concludes 2pm

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)
**Facilities:** All of our new buildings are now operational and it has also been fantastic to upgrade all of our signage. As you walk through the gates you are greeted with some very modern signs which show your location and where you need to go.

The Trade Training Centre has been in use this semester with students participating in Certificate 1 Hospitality (front and back of house). This facility will be officially opened in Term 3 and will be the venue to open all the other TTCs across the Southern Area. It will be a symbolic opening for the other 7 sites with TTC facilities and we are delighted to host this event. We have begun the process of applying for a Capital Works Assistance Program loan to build a new gymnasium to cater for our increasing numbers and to renovate our current gym and transform it into a Performing Arts Centre.

I will keep you informed of our progress. Our numbers continue to grow and we envisage that we will have over 200 Year 8 students for the 2013 school year. This will result in an application being put forward to build some more classrooms. We have made provision for this to occur.

**Janelle Reimann**
**Principal**

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**AROUND THE SCHOOL.....**

**National Reconciliation Week**
Is held annually from 27th May to 3rd of June. It is a time to celebrate and build on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians. Preceded by National Sorry Day on 26 May, National Reconciliation Week is framed by two key events in Australia’s history. Firstly recognising and changing laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to be included in the census, and secondly the Mabo decision, which recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have a special relationship with the land. This paved the way for land rights known as native title. Students from Willunga High attended the Southern Reconciliation Event on Thursday 31st May 2012 at Ramsey Place, Noarlunga Centre.

Festivities included a BBQ, face painting, art and craft, weaving, drumming and music workshops as well as live entertainment. We hope our students embraced National Reconciliation Week as an ideal time for everyone to join the reconciliation conversation and reflect on our shared histories, contributions and achievements.

**Janine Anninos**
On behalf of the Aboriginal Education Team

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**Year 10 Health Excursion**
On Tuesday 15th of May the Year 10 Health class participated in an excursion to several venues in the South which offer Health Services to people who live in area. Many of these exist to provide support specifically to young people. The excursion was an integral part of the Stage 1 Health course in which students are working to achieve 10 points to go toward their SACE Certificate. The class visited Aldinga GP Plus, the Aldinga VOLT, Noarlunga Headspace, Southern Shine, The Second Story, Beach Road, Christies Beach. All indications were that students enjoyed the outing and found it very useful and informative for the assignments they are working on and for their life in general.

**Lyn Rowe** - Health Teacher

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**Aspiring Leaders National Summit 2012**
Steele Ward was selected as a delegate to the 2012 National Aspiring Leaders’ Summit. This event has been created for young Australians who are committed to making a difference in their community.

**Steele with dad Wayne in the Southern Messenger**

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Namatijira Production
On Thursday 11th of May, students attended a theatre performance called “Namatjira” at Her Majesty’s Theatre. The production told the poignant story of Albert Namatjira’s life, from a small boy born in the bush and raised in a Lutheran Mission, to becoming a world-renowned Aboriginal artist and the first Indigenous person to be given Australian Citizenship. It highlighted the challenges of being caught between two cultures.

During his great friendship with Rex Battarbee, the man who taught him to paint, many stories were shared and a spiritual connection was made through art and country.

The students who attended really embraced the story and found the messages really thought provoking. Here’s what some had to say. Jayden said “I thought it was well set out and I gained a lot of knowledge. It made me feel like I want to paint more.” Freya said “I hadn’t heard the story before, and it was a bit sad at times. It made me feel proud of where I come from. It gave me inspiration to paint. Chilali said “I liked it because it was interesting. Some parts were funny. It was different the way it was presented”

Netball Fleurieu Cup
On Tuesday, May 22nd Willunga High School competed in the Netball Fleurieu Cup, which is the first elimination round of knockout netball for the year. The carnival was held at Victor Harbor and included the following schools; Victor Harbor, Eastern Fleurieu, Upper South East, Seaview High School and Mt Compass.

Our school entered teams in three divisions: Year 8/9, 10 and Open and has spent the past term training once a week for the competition. This is the first year we have had Willunga High Netball uniforms for both the Open and Year 8/9 teams and the students represented the school with pride in the new gear. Minimal rain on the day meant the teams could play a high level of netball, which was reflected in the scores for all teams, winning comfortably and undefeated in all three divisions.
School Murals:
In 2011, Willunga High School began offering the Supersized Art subject. Thomas Hall, Penny Babaniotis, Evangeline McAllan, Bianca Van Zyl and Jake Jones were some of the students who undertook this course. They were required to design and construct a mural each to be hung somewhere in the school. These murals were related to the areas in which they now hang. As a result of the course, Willunga High School students will soon see new murals popping up around the school each year.

Jake Jones Yr 12 Student
Lyn Rowe & Megan Dienelt Counsellors

World Vision Global Leaders
On the 18th of May, a group of students in Year 10 & 12 went to the World Vision Global Leaders Convention. On our arrival, we were entertained by two MC’s who appeared as celebrity chefs. They then split us up into groups for a game, where we had to represent a country and work as a team to produce cardboard cut-outs of food. This exercise made us form a network and also showed us that people are greedy. In each round of the game, ideally, no-one should have been eliminated, but this did not happen. After the game, they brought us back into the auditorium and showed us a video of a little girl, Burtukan, who has a vision to share with us all. After all of her chores, she runs a make-believe cafe, Cafe Share, where all of her friends imagine they have enough to eat and sharing is what life is all about. At Cafe Share, equality is everything, but that’s just a vision. Things aren’t right in the world. Fifty percent of Ethiopian children under five have stunted growth from hunger. As a result of this, Willunga High School is doing something real, and taking part in the 40 Hour Famine from the 27th to the 29th of August. Forty dollars helps to feed a family of five for a month, so come on, what will YOU give up for those who have not yet given up?

Shannon Anderson
Yr 10 Student

Lions Special Offer for Winter
The Willunga and Districts Lions club is offering FREE site and entry fees for their monthly Car Boot Sale during the winter months of June, July and August. The market is held on the second Sunday of each month at the Lions sale yards, Strout Park, corner of Binney and Strout Roads, Willunga. Starting at 8.30am for buyers but vendors can set up from 7.30am. A Lions sausage sizzle is available with hot and cold drinks. No book-ings are required and more information is available from Anne Binns 8556 2489 or email lionsbootsale@gmail.com

Did you Know?
It is an expectation that all students will wear school uniform. There will be NO exemption from wearing of uniform except for religious or medical reasons. NO thongs or ugg boots

Governing Council
Meeting Dates
Term 3
6 August, 10 September
Term 4
29 October, 3 December
The Governing Council meeting will be held in the Resource Centre at 7pm, all welcome

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