Start of Term 1 2013:
Welcome back to another school year. It has been hectic with a large number of new staff and students. A special welcome to our 206 Year 8 students and all of the new students who have transferred to our school.

We welcome the following staff:
Zara Lehmann (Arts Coordinator), Patricia Brennan (Art/Cultural Studies), Greg Wilcocks (Maths/Science/ICT), Shantel Wreford (PE/Health), Alice Nicholls (Maths & Science), Stephanie Caminiti (Maths & Science), David Low (Maths & Science), Raelene Creed (Maths & Science), Kade Lawson (PE & Health), Stephen Nicholls (Maths & Science), Julianne Bates (FLO/Art), John Griffen (FLO) and Rebequa Aitken.

Our Year Level Leaders for 2013 are: Tim Zammit (Year 8), Caleb Macrow (Year 9) and Leith Gourlay (Year 10) and Phil Boyle (Year 11 & 12).

BUS PASSES
All students must have a bus pass to travel on a school bus and be dressed in school uniform. Each child will be given a pick up and drop off spot. Students will need to present the bus pass on entry into the bus.

If students wish to change buses for any reason they must have: “A note in their diary with this request” signed by a parent and they will be issued with a temporary bus pass (from either Senior School Admin or Middle School Admin). Changing of buses is not automatic as buses are FULL and we need to keep all of our students safe. Students will NOT be given a bus pass for football practice or part time work as buses are very full.

At the beginning of the year all students will be issued with a temporary bus pass (on a key tag). When the photos are taken the ID card will then have their bus route on it and they will then use this ID card as their bus pass, just like they would on public transport.

♦ Students will then use this bus pass the next year until the new ID cards are issued.

♦ If students and their families move then we can change the ID card with a sticker.

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)

239 Main Road, Willunga SA 5172

Phone (08) 8556 2105
Fax (08) 8556 2243
Email info@whs.sa.edu.au
Web www.whs.sa.edu.au

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
CATASTROPHIC WEATHER:
On CATASTROPHIC WEATHER days NO DECD buses will operate to Willunga High School or associated primary schools.

How this will happen:
• CFS will issue a Catastrophic Warning (via Website, Radio or Television News).
• The school will then send an SMS to parents to let them know of the condition if we are notified prior to 4 p.m. Otherwise an SMS will still be sent home warning that there may be a Catastrophic Weather Day and for parents to be alerted to take action (as we do not have access to your SMS numbers afterhours).
• School buses will NOT run on this Catastrophic Weather Day.
• Parents will then decide on the appropriate measures to take regarding their children (keep children home, take other actions or transport them to school).
• School will run as normal.

BUS ELIGIBILITY
• Students who are ZONED to the school and who live more than 5 km from the school have an automatic right to ride to school on an assigned school bus.
• Students who wish to be an INELIGIBLE traveller (this means that you have bypassed your zoned school either at High School or Primary School) – you must apply to District Office Noarlunga House for permission. This will be judged on an individual basis.

All buses have CCTV – please be aware of this!
DECD policy is that all seat belts must be worn at all times!

National Broadband Network and Learning at Willunga High School.
We were very fortunate to participate in a cutting edge professional development program for staff funded by NBN co. This resulted in a report of our outcomes and some fantastic videos. I encourage you to visit the following site and view the videos and findings www.nbnco.com.au/educationreport. It is really worth a look and you will see some fantastic footage of teachers talking about learning in their classrooms and how it has been transformed through the use of technology.

Janelle Reimann ~ Principal

2013 M&S Fees
Just a reminder that School Card 2013 application forms are available from the Finance Office or can be accessed via www.decd.sa.gov.au/goldbook (follow the links to download the forms).

Fee payments by instalments must be arranged prior to the due date of 12/4/2013, this can be done by contacting the Finance Office. We wish to thank all those families who have used our internet banking facility, the response has been very encouraging. To families who are coping with financial difficulties, please call us to discuss options available to you. Amy & Carol ~ Finance Office.

GOVERNING COUNCIL AND AGM
Annual General Meeting: this will be held at Willunga High School on 18th February at 7:00 p.m. in the Recourse 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 the school 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 closes at 3:00pm on Friday February 15th 2013
If you would like to nominate for this committee please complete the form and return to school as soon as possible.

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.

GOVERNING COUNCIL NOMINATION

I wish to nominate for the Governing Council for 2013/14. I understand that this is a two year tenure.
Name: 
__________________________________________
Signed: 
__________________________________________
Date: 
__________________________________________
I have student/s in the following year levels: 
__________________________________________
This nomination form needs to be returned to Front Office or Homegroup teacher by 3.00 p.m. February 15th 2013