STAFFING NEWS
Ms. Haley Przibilla and Mr. Leith Gourlay have been in short term Senior Leader positions for three weeks whilst others have been on LSL. Mr. Ben McDonald and Mr. Ben Caruso have backfilled as Year 10 Coordinator and Special Needs Coordinator, whilst Haley and Leith have been in their new roles.

We welcome Ms. Chris Walters (Business Manager) back from extended sick leave. We are glad to have her back and wish her good health for the rest of the year.

We sincerely thank the SSO team for managing so well during her absence and in particular, Ms. Amy Hughes and Mrs. Carol Smith for the excellent finance support provided during this time.

Ms. Liz Selby was on LSI in Weeks One and Two and Ms. Sharon Harrison is replacing Mr. Trevor Bray, who is on LSI for the term.

Mr. Kym Dayman has been appointed as Numeracy Improvement Coordinator for Term 3 and his major task is to develop a Strategic Plan for embedding numeracy across all areas of the school, using the data available to us (NAPLAN, student achievement reports).

I thank Ms. Cathy Trenouth, Mr. Shaun Walsh and other members of the Leadership for backfilling for me whilst I have been on LSI.

STAFFING FOR 2014
We welcome Mrs. Raelene Creed as a permanent staff member to our school in 2014, along with Ms. Sharon Creagan, who has won a permanent position as an English/SOSE Teacher.

Ms. Kirrily Minnican, from Streaky Bay Area School, has won the Deputy Principal position (beginning 2014). Ms. Cathy Trenouth, our current Deputy Principal, is retiring from her position at the end of the year. Cathy will however, be a part time Timetable Consultant and Project Officer with us in 2014.

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Our Therapy Dog programme is now ready to begin, as both dogs (Polly and Jak) have successfully completed their formal training. Initially the program will focus on identified students, who will be working with Nicola Ridley, the instructor and dog trainer, to learn about dog care and management in a school setting. The program will be further enhanced through the development of accredited courses for students working with the Therapy Dogs and undertaking any necessary training. These programmes will be designed by Ms. Haley Przibilla (Special Needs Coordinator) and Mr. Jeff Glass (Counsellor/Alternate Programmes Coordinator), in consultation with Nicola Ridley.

PERFORMING ARTS

Many thanks to Ms. Zara Lehmann, Mr. Dave Cavaioolo, Ms. Megan Dienelt and our Performing Arts Students for their excellent showcases last term. It makes us very proud of our school and our very talented students. We sincerely thank their teachers for their hard work and effort to nurture this talent.

PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSITIONS

Term 3 is a busy time for primary school transition visits at Willunga High School. We have many Year 7 students from our feeder primary schools visiting us, where they have the opportunity to experience our wide range of curriculum offerings. Transition visits ensure that students coming to us in Year 8 feel comfortable and confident in the Willunga High School environment. It also provides Year 7 students with an opportunity to meet teachers, students and school staff.

YEAR 9 NETBALLERS

Congratulations to the Year 9 Girls Netball Team, which recently won its way into the Grand Final. This is a real accomplishment, as it is the first time the team has competed in Division A. Well done to the team and their coach, Ms. Megan Dienelt, for her efforts and expertise in coaching this team. We are very proud of them and wish them all the best for the final.

Janelle Reimann—Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

COURSE COUNSELLING

Course Counselling is under way, with online enrolment into courses taking place from Week 3 until Week 7. This is a process that allows 24/7 access to course information, student achievement data via school reports, pathway information links and the enrolment process. A letter has gone home explaining the process and providing log in details to access the online resource. Students will be given time during identified lesson time to access the website for enrolment purposes. They will also be encouraged to do this at home with their parents, so that discussions can occur as to the best possible course to suit the student’s pathway.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 7th August

WHS Resource Centre, starting at 6:30pm.

Course Counselling Parent Interviews: the interview process will be different this year, as each year level will have different days for the interview, rather than having a single day for this purpose. A decision was made to use a panel of counsellors to conduct the interviews, rather than Home Group Teachers, as it was felt that more expert information could be provided. Parents need to book their interview appointment times online, a much more efficient process as they will immediately know what time has been allocated.

Parent Interviews will be 15 minutes in length and will be managed by a panel of teachers, beginning at 12:00pm and finishing at 7:00pm.

They are scheduled as follows:

- Wednesday, 14th August: Year 12 students planning to undertake VET Courses.
- Wednesday, 21st August: Year 8 students going into Year 9 and Year 9 students going into Year 10.
- Wednesday, 28th August: Year 10 students going into Year 11
- Wednesday, 4th September: Year 11 students going into Year 12

NOTE: When scheduled, there will be no formal lessons on that day for that particular Year level. Students attending only for their scheduled interview.

Marie Milne
Senior Leader, Senior School

YEAR 12 FORMAL

Every year the Year 12 Formal is high on the agenda of our final year students! The date for this year’s formal is drawing closer - Friday August 23rd. This is the Friday of the Student Free Day, so hopefully the students will make use of the day away from school to finalise their preparations.

This year’s formal is being held at the Stamford Grand Hotel and runs from 7:00pm until 11:30pm. Staff will be on duty during that time.

The Year 12 students have formed their own Formal Committee, and have chosen decorations for the event, including chair covers, balloons and an elegant colour scheme. Students are also working on a seating plan and the all-important song list, which they have requested I do not contribute to!

The students have decided to have a buffet style meal. At this point of time ticket sales are progressing well, however, I will be more ‘relaxed’ when 120 tickets are sold.

Should you have any question relating to the Year 12 Formal, please make contact with me at the school, on 8556 2105.

Phil Boyle—Senior Leader
Year 11/12 Manager
CONGRATULATIONS
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Many of our students are achieving great things outside of school. We would like to be informed of these success stories for our newsletters, so we can share our students pride.
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WILLUNGA RAIDERS
Willunga High School Ice Hockey Team, the Willunga Raiders, who won the Division 2 Ice Factor Challenge Cup, defeating Temple College Titans 1-0 in the Grand Final. The captain Tom Brown, scored the winning goal in the last 30 seconds. Well done to this team.

SEEKING A DRIVERS LICENCE OR PERMIT FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS
Prospective applicants for a licence or permit have a number of options for satisfying evidence of address requirements.
These include
• Bank statements,
• Utility bills
• Electoral enrolment confirmation
• Rental agreements
• Certain government correspondence

Previously, an acceptable evidence of address would have been a document or letter from the students education facility, personally signed by the Principal, confirming their address.

CONGRATULATIONS
Kurtis Wooldridge – Wright , Trent Ormsby and Joel Astle represented Willunga High School in the U18 Schoolboy Rugby National Championships in Sydney. Their team won 2 of their 3 games. Congratulations boys and well done! We are proud of your achievements and we look forward to another triumph next year!

EXEMPTIONS FROM SCHOOL
Just a reminder that if you are planning a family holiday during term time, then an exemption form must be completed. These are available through Student Reception. Attached to this exemption form, must be a written note (from the parent/caregiver), outlining the reason for the absence and the dates absent. Thank you for your support in this.

U18 SCHOOLBOY RUGBY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Kurtis Wooldridge – Wright, Trent Ormsby and Joel Astle represented Willunga High School in the U18 Schoolboy Rugby National Championships in Sydney.

PARENT INFORMATION
A partnership approach to reducing bullying is valued at Willunga High School to ensure our school environment is friendly and free from bullying behaviours.

All children are capable of bullying at some time and it is important for parents to respond in a calm and helpful manner when this occurs.
Talk with your children if they are bullying others.

To encourage children not to bully others, parents can:
• Talk with your children about what is acceptable behaviour and what is not.
• Work together with your family to establish rules and expectations about how to treat each other.
• Encourage and provide opportunities for your children to openly discuss bullying issues with the family.
• Discuss friendships and help your children make friends by encouraging them to interact with other children at school, at home or in the neighbourhood
• Invite other children over for visits and help your children make their guests feel welcome
• Encourage your children to share their things with other children they feel would enjoy them too.

Improve your children’s self-esteem by encouraging them to have a go at new activities and thinking about their abilities in a realistic way.

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Kurtis Wooldridge – Wright Willunga High School Yr11

Kurtis Wooldridge-Wright, Trent Ormsby, and Joel Astle represented Willunga High School in the U18 2013 Schoolboy Rugby National Championships in Sydney.

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Peter Steffe was fortunate enough to be selected in the SANFL State under 18 Squad and was then selected in the team where he played all 5 games in the NAB AFL National Competition. The team went on to win all of their games and became the 2013 U/18s National Champions making history as it is the first time SA has won the U/18 competition in its current format. Peter has also represented the state as an U/18 Basketballer.

AROUND THE SCHOOL

RECOGNITION DAY

During the final week of Term Two, a new Willunga High School tradition began, with the inaugural Middle School “Recognition Day” breakfast held in the Trade Training Centre. The purpose of this event was to recognise the positive contribution many of our Year 8 students have made to the school community and to foster a sense of pride amongst our student cohort.

Invitations to this event were extended to students who have shown great commitment and had not received consequences under the school’s behaviour management strategies.

The session began with a speech from our Principal, Mrs. Janelle Reimann. In her address, she outlined the positive contribution made by the cohort and the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead for these students. Students were then treated to a magnificent gourmet breakfast feast prepared by Ms. Louise Megaw’s Home Economics class. Students had the opportunity to mingle and share their experiences of their first semester at high school. Staff enjoyed the experience of dissecting the unique experiences of students in their high school journey.

Hopefully this new tradition will support our commitment as a school for our students to continue to strive for success. In the next semester, another ‘Recognition Day’ will be held to acknowledge to efforts of those students who are positively contributing to our school community.

Thanks must go to Ms. Louise Megaw and her Home Economics class, the invited students and the many parents who supported the process.

Please feel free to provide any suggestions and/or feedback in order to improve our next ‘Recognition Day’.

Mr. Tim Zammit
Year 8 Coordinator

STUDENTS FOCUSING ON CAREER OPTIONS

Teacher/Year 8 Coordinator, Tim Zammit, is working with groups of 15 male students in Year 9 each year on a skill based program to help with their school engagement.

Tim Zammit introduced the Men@Work program last year to encourage boys to think about career options sooner rather than later.

Students who take part in the program are identified by teachers and the final list is decided by the Middle-School Leadership Team.

While the curriculum is based on future skills from the Federal Government’s Employability Skills Frame-work, it also includes main stream schooling skills.

Students are also assessed with an A-E grade based on theory and practical components.

The program also allows the boys to take part in work experience, which is their responsibility to organise and is also assessed.

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VET OUTDOOR RECREATION KAYAK EXPEDITION

In Term Two this year, the VET Outdoor Recreation students participated in the kayaking component of the course. To prepare for the 3 day Coorong camp, students were involved with a skills training day at Victor Harbor, and theory sessions to prepare food and equipment.

The Victor Harbor Aquatic Centre ran an excellent program for our students. The training day allowed students to feel comfortable paddling the kayaks, as well as the important skill of exiting a kayaking when it is inverted.

During the course of the three camps, students paddled in the pristine Coorong environment, prepared and cooked their own meals, searched and found some cockles (some even ate them), caught and cooked a shark and a salmon.

Visiting the Coorong is a special experience. We encountered echidnas, emus, pelicans, seals and kangaroos. The Coorong has a long Aboriginal history and we saw evidence of many middens. These are places where the Ngarrindjeri people collected and ate cockles and other shellfish over thousands of years.

Many thanks to the parents who assisted with transport to and from Hindmarsh Island.

Stephen Moore– Outdoor Rec Teacher
VET OUTDOOR RECREATION KAYAK EXPEDITION

What the students had to say

Kristen – it was a good opportunity to get to know everyone and to see a different side of them out of school

Mason - The kayak trip provided a great way to get some exercise and explore the Coorong, it was fun to be able to hang out with my friends outside of school and be able to do something you don’t get to do every day

Todd – The camp was good and the shark and cockles were nice. I got away from my annoying brother for three days. I wish I went for more paddles in the kayaks.

Lincoln – I thoroughly enjoyed the riveting experience of seeing what my respectable classmates’ attitudes and personalities were like out of school and in the spectacular Coorong

Joel – I enjoyed socialising with new people who have now become good friends and experiencing the Coorong environment

Indra – I enjoyed going to the beach where I caught my biggest salmon ever

Liam – it was a great experience for me and I learnt that kayaking isn’t as easy as I thought

Matt – the camp was great even though we didn’t catch any fish but I loved everything else about it. Catching cockles was great and I got so many I had to put some back.

Megan – it was great to see that we could survive without technology for a few days