

# Stuart High School Newsletter

We work together in a safe, caring and enjoyable environment to achieve successful educational outcomes for all students.

**CARE~RESPECT~ENJOYMENT~WORKING WITH OTHERS~SAFETY = SUCCESS**



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## **DIARY DATES**

### **GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

3rd Tuesday of each month  
Staff Room

#### **Next meetings**

**18th August &  
15th September**  
7.00—8.30pm  
Supper provided

### **PARENT OPEN NIGHT**

**12th August**  
6—8.00pm  
Refreshments provided

### **TERM DATES 2015**

**Term 3 -**  
20 July to 25 September  
**Term 4 -**  
12 Oct to 11 December

### **STAFF LEADERSHIP**

#### **Principal:**

Jeanette Conroy

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Brett Spangenberg

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## *Principal's Welcome*

**W**elcome to the first newsletter for term 3. It promises to be a very busy term starting with the planned Parent Information Evening on Wednesday 12th August. We are inviting parents and caregivers to be involved in workshops that show what your children learn at school. Please leave the date free to find out how learning is interesting and worthwhile for our students.

By now mid year reports have been sent home for parents and carers to see the progress their child is making. Schools are required to report using the A-E coding and teachers have spent time commenting on every learning area that evidences the grade earned for that subject. In addition the teachers have commented on behaviours and dispositions about the way students have approached each subject. This includes noting students' abilities to be organised, meet deadlines, and readiness for learning. For some subjects teachers have also requested an interview.

I note in reading every report the high number of days absent for some students which means that a valid report cannot be written. This also means that students have missed valuable learning time particularly where the introduction of concepts is concerned. Equally students have not been able to complete assignments which has affected their overall grade. One cannot help wonder how much better some students can do if they increase their attendance.

*Jeanette Conroy*  
*Principal*



## **GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Are you interested in finding out more about how the school runs?

Are you interested in helping the school to make good decisions about events, financial responsibility and future planning?

Then becoming a Governing Council member is for you! Meetings occur usually twice a term. There are people who can help with transport if needed. Each meeting is catered with light refreshments. Many members are learning about how to run meetings, take minutes and contribute at all levels. Training is available if you want to learn how to participate in a council meeting and learn more about what Governing Council members do. This provides an invaluable opportunity if you wish to extend your skills, gain new knowledge and be an active member of the school community.

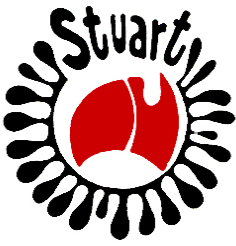
What are you waiting for?

### **PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT**

The parent open night is planned for Wednesday 12th August from 6—8pm. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend to find out more about the curriculum that children learn in school today. The evening promises to be exciting with 'hands on' activities being presented where adults can take part and have some fun in Science, Maths, Food and Nutrition and ICT.

School tours will also take place displaying the facilities that are on offer.

Parents can also enjoy a 'hot potato' with a variety of fillings as refreshments will be available from 6.00pm. Please join the staff and students on 12th August.



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## **PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

**5th October**  
**Labour Day**

**SCHOOL  
HOLIDAYS**  
**28th Sept—9th Oct**

**TERM 4**  
**Commences**  
**Monday 12th Oct**

**Whyalla**  
**Aboriginal**  
**Education Expo**

**16th September**  
**4—7pm**  
**Bunyarra Centre**

**Whyalla Wide**  
**School Closure**  
**7th September**

**Review Night**  
**2nd December**

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## **CAREERS EXPO**

A successful Careers Expo was held on 25th June in the Gym on a very cold day. A huge thank you to Tamy Pond who organised the event which saw a large turnout of exhibitors that provided very valuable information for students seeking ideas or confirmation about their career choices.

The school is highly appreciative of UniSA that provided four stalls around general information, Nursing, Social Work and Education. CEG Employment Group proved popular with information for Traineeships and the Simulator. TAFESA came with Business Studies and Hair and Beauty information while D'Faces provided ideas about the Arts. Other contributors included Army Cadets, Student Pathways Team, VET Foundations along with the Swear By Safety Campaign through One Steel. An information table had brochures and pamphlets from CAVPOWER along with other organisations who were not present on the day.

We thank all the contributors for setting up displays and taking time to talk with students about future opportunities and how their subject choices could impact on their potential pathways.

Students from all year levels took their time to view the material displayed and talk with the adults about their interests and support needed to make good choices.

The day culminated with an interview by Southern Cross News where Jeanette Conroy, Tamy Pond, Hayley Puckeridge and Colby Baker talked about what the day had meant for them. It was highlighted how helpful attending such events support students to think about their futures and where they can seek information when considering what they may pursue as a career or pathway.

## **RECONCILIATION EVENT**

Stuart High School celebrated Reconciliation with a four day event that saw a number of activities occurring over the week. The activities included a talk about rock carvings and information about Red Gorge presented with thanks by Lesley Maxwell.

Fun activities also featured throughout the week especially in the final event on the last day where students booked into a series of activities. Every student and staff member used paint on their hands to place a hand print on a very long piece of material as a symbol of unity and diversity. It represents a coming together of the Stuart High School community in a visual format. The large canvas will be displayed in the main block as a reminder of our commitment to Reconciliation.

Tamy Pond was the brains behind the events which also included a photo booth, card games, beading, a jumpy castle, drawings using Aboriginal animal symbols, stories and a karaoke which proved to be very popular.

It was impressive seeing the students relaxed and enjoying each others' company where they helped and supported one another in the spirit of Reconciliation. Thanks to several students who willingly volunteered to do jobs to help during the day.

**WHYALLA**  
**ABORIGINAL**  
**EDUCATION EXPO**

**Wednesday**  
**16th September**  
**4.00 — 7.00pm**  
**Bunyarra Centre**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**