

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

SPORT'S DAY

Tuesday Week 6
3rd March
8.40—3.10pm

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st Tuesday of each month
Staff Room
17th March
7.00—8.30pm
Supper provided

TERM DATES 2015

Term 1 -
27 January to 10 April
Term 2 -
27 April to 3 July
Term 3 -
20 July to 25 September
Term 4 -
12 Oct to 11 December

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Principal's Welcome

Welcome to the second newsletter for this term. It has been a very busy time for everyone at school with staff and students establishing routines and getting used to the new learning that comes with beginning a new school year.

The student enrolments have increased with students attending from as far away as Ceduna, some from interstate, Port Augusta and Adelaide. Some students have settled more easily than others but all students are learning quickly that consequences apply for inappropriate behaviour and non-compliance with our school expectations. Equally, the rewards are there for those who are willing to learn, actively engage in classroom activities and more importantly form positive relationships with staff and other students in keeping with the values of respect, working together, enjoyment and keeping safe to experience success.

The Student Representative Council is up and running and is being guided by Douglas Jackson and Ellen Lyall. The group is keen to explore ways to improve the grounds and corridors at Stuart High School. This is in keeping with the vision being developed for the school that includes clearing vegetation to raise the school's visibility and improved signage. Some students are excited about establishing a 'photo wall' showing the great work that students are doing across science, maths, art, PE, literacy, numeracy, tech and ICT.

To this end support from the community is vital and the meetings that I have had with parents so far have been very informative and supportive. I encourage parents to approach the staff if there are any issues before they become bigger than they need to be. It is best to talk things through to assist with understanding any concerns. Douglas Jackson, Brett Spangenberg and myself are available for any discussions.

Please contact the front office to make an appointment.



GOVERNING COUNCIL

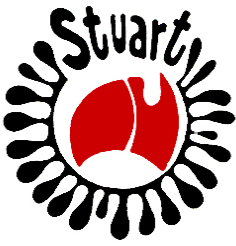
The Stuart High School Governing Council AGM was held on Tuesday 17th February 2015. Three staff members were present along with the outgoing chairperson Bob Kesby and Community representatives Lyn Ringland and Leon Crowhurst. This leaves all positions vacant. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the outgoing members for all the work they have done in making decisions and supporting the vision for the school during their term of office. In particular best wishes are passed onto Bob for improved health in 2015.

Out of 183 notes sent to families, 10 responses were received. Eight of these stated that they were not able to be on the council or able to assist in the school. Two of the responses indicated interest in supporting the school.

The Council received three nominations from Robyn Grillett, Karen Travers and Mandy Ingram and these have been accepted. This means that there are still five positions to be filled as per the Constitution. So if you are a parent with time to spare on the 1st Tuesday of each month then you are welcome to be nominated to become a member of the Governing Council. We would like to see some dads putting their hand up as well. Three people have nominated for the two available community representative positions so the first task of the new council will be to oversee a vote for these representatives. The position of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer will also need to be finalised.

Please consider putting your hand up for this vital undertaking to support guiding the school in the future. There are exciting developments being proposed which need your input and decisions.

Jeanette Conroy
Principal



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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

**Adelaide Cup Day
Monday
9th March**

EASTER

**Good Friday
3rd April**

**Easter Monday
6th April**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

13th—24th April

**TERM 2
Commences
Monday 27th April**

**SAASTA
CARNIVAL
10th March
Port Augusta**

**CELEBRATIONS
HARMONY DAY
20th March**

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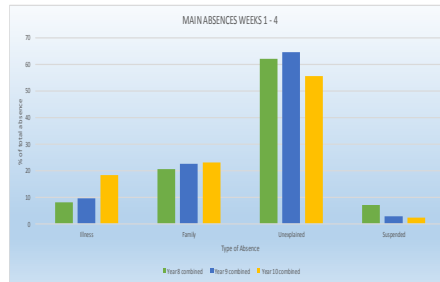
ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

It has been pleasing to see that the majority of students are attending full time without having time off for a range of reasons. However, there is a number of students where the family has not provided a reason for a single or extended absence.

Figure 1 below provides a graphic picture of the percentage of total absences divided into respective categories combined across the three year levels.

- ◇ *Illness* category indicates that a reason has been provided by parents for an absence.
- ◇ *Family* category shows that the absence is explained as a legitimate reason by the family.
- ◇ *Unexplained* means that the school has not been informed of a reason for the absence.
- ◇ *Suspended* indicates the percentage suspensions out of total absences.

Figure 1.



Teachers are obliged to call home to find out why students are away. The school would appreciate being kept informed when your child is not able to attend and being provided with a reason why. Where possible if an absence is ongoing then we can work together to ensure your child does not miss out on the important learning that occurs with regular attendance.

BREAKFAST CLUB

- Where:** Aboriginal Education Room
When: Every morning 8am to Care Group
Who: Everyone is welcome, Secondary & Primary students
What: Cereal, toast, fresh fruit, yoghurt, fruit juice
How: Just turn up

Thanks to Tamy Pond and all the volunteers who support the Breakfast Club every school day.

COMMUNITY DRUG & ALCOHOL SERVICES

Kelli Grimm from the Community Drug and Alcohol Services will be speaking to the combined Year 8 and 9 Care Groups.

Kelli will talk about drug related issues and the need for early intervention. She will also outline the programme Mission Australia offers to support young people.

This will be an introductory talk that may lead to further involvement with Kelli and Mission Australia.

Wednesday 4th March 2015

8:50 am

For additional information contact

Mission Australia
80B Essington Lewis Ave
Whyalla
Phone: 08 86456900

Douglas Jackson
Student Counsellor.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brad Stubing who has won the position of Year Level Manager and Aboriginal Education teacher. Brad will be working with staff, teachers and SSO's around year level issues, and the implementation of Cultural Competence in classrooms.