Principal’s Welcome

Welcome to Term 3 and to the new look newsletter. The launch of our new logo which can be seen at the top left hand corner was developed following extensive consultation with the Governing Council, students, staff and school community, beginning midway through 2015 and continuing during Term 1 this year. This culminated in the development of the new student uniform, school signage and school map which was revealed at the public launch at the Year 7 transition Open Night last week.

General upgrades to the school have commenced with the painting of the entrance foyers and brickwork in the main teaching block, the technical block, art and kitchen areas and the Gym doors. The colours reflect the beginning of the school in the 70’s and include orange, lime green, peacock blue and yellow. This has refreshed key areas across the school, providing focal points as well as a practical application with ease of direction for contractors, and students when entering the buildings. The feedback received so far has been very positive.

The new school sign and lighting at the school’s entrance supports the new look and reminds us that Stuart High has a place that is an integral part of the Whyalla Stuart landscape. The new logo is proudly displayed alongside the lettering which lights up at night.

A new sign showing where the buildings are located is also a feature of improving the look of the school.

Many people need to be recognised not least the present school community who have wholeheartedly embraced the changes and have provided positive feedback in a number of ways. There is an air of excitement and new found positive spirit pervading the school and this was very evident at the launch night.

The term has commenced with many other activities across our classes as well.

Jeanette Conroy
Principal

GOVERNING COUNCIL

The Governing Council members from 2015 and 2016 are to be congratulated for their courage and determination of seeing the process to re-brand the school through to its final conclusion.

The current council members have approved the Whyalla wide school closure day on September 5th, 2016. Approval has also been given for Tuesday, September 6th as an Alliance School closure day. This is when all staff from the three high schools meet for professional development around the Australian Curriculum.

We are still actively recruiting for new members to join the council where you can have your say in aspects of ongoing developments across the school.

NAIDOC AWARD ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Tamy Pond, Stuart High School’s ASETO who has won the NAIDOC Community Member of the Year award at the ceremony held at the Middleback Theatre during NAIDOC week celebrations. Tamy works tirelessly supporting the Aboriginal students and their families to ensure they experience success at school.

She is also well known for the other roles that she undertakes in the community with great enthusiasm and commitment which has been recognised with this award. The school is very fortunate to have such a committed person on our staff.

Jeanette Conroy
Principal

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Pride / Perseverance / Pathways / Possibilities
WHYALLA STUART COLLECTIVE IMPACT PROJECT EVENT

On Thursday 21st July Stuart High School hosted a very successful community event held in the school’s Gym.

This was organised by the Whyalla Collective Impact Project under the guidance of the School’s Ministry Group. Various service agencies supported the afternoon. These included Beyond Bank, OPAL, Housing SA, along with a Jumping Castle, face painting, colouring activities and a Stuart High School table.

Food was available through a very popular BBQ cooked by members from Bunyarra Christian Centre. The Coffee Van provided free coffees for the first 300 customers.

It was estimated that over 500 people attended the event. Stuart High School surveyed the visitors on their preference for a logo for the Collective Impact group. People were also asked which activities they want to see happening in the Whyalla Stuart area. By popular vote the Collective Impact Project will have a new name and logo by which it will be easily identified in the future.

A big thank you to everyone who helped set up for the event and to clean up afterward. The help was much appreciated.

STUART HIGH LIGHTS UP

This is the sign that now welcomes everyone to the school. It clearly makes a statement identifying Stuart High School is open for business. The sign displays the new logo and the ‘swoosh’ which has been spoken about representing Mt Laura, a landmark that can be clearly seen from the back of the school. The sign lights up at night with ‘Stuart’ being presented in its trademark red colour. The sign instils a sense of pride every time it is noticed or commented on.

The Open Night was a huge success with many parents and students attending along with the invited guests. A special thank you to Lyn Breuer who gave an inspiring speech with a message for students about reaching for their dreams and not letting anything stand in their way. In particular Lyn made reference to being proud about Whyalla and all that the city has to offer especially in providing opportunities for future pathways and success.

Ms Conroy outlined the process used to get to this point with launching the new look for the school. She reinforced the message that full consultation commenced in 2015 across all sectors of the school, beginning with the Governing Council, students, staff and wider community. The emphasis was always to retain what was the best from the previous logo but to update it to reflect educational approaches today. She mentioned that the old logo was no longer compliant with DECD requirements and as a result needed to be updated.

The final process was a vote taken across the entire Stuart school community from 11 different designs. The connection with John McDouall Stuart clearly relates to the new values adopted by the school. The logo reflects perseverance that was required to make the journey across the centre of Australia—huge achievement in its time. It took six attempts by McDouall Stuart before he successfully crossed Australia and reached the top end. He discovered and mapped a number of water holes during his journeys and opened the way for the overland telegraph to be established.

THANKYOU

A huge thank you to all the staff, students and community members who made our Year 7 transition and Open Night a great success. The presence of Councillors Claire McLaughlin, Rick Santucci and Robert Schmitz was most welcome.

Thank you to Paul and Dani from Signarama for all the hard work undertaken to get the art and design work ready on time.

Thank you to the Canteen ladies who prepared all the food and the young students who acted as waiters.

A special ‘thank you’ to Brett Spangenberg who organised and facilitated the evening so the event ran smoothly.

Thank you to the front office staff who helped to set up the venue so people were able to enjoy the refreshments.

Thanks goes to the teachers and SSO’s who had great displays and activities as part of the school tours.

Lastly thanks goes Lyn Breuer who launched the school’s new look and providing an inspiring speech for our students to hear.

The efforts of many made the evening one of celebration and success.
THE DUSTY FEET MOB VISITS FOR NAIDOC WEEK

The Dusty Feet Mob paid a surprise visit to Stuart High School during NAIDOC Week and put on a great performance. The Whyalla Stuart Primary School joined with the high school as part of the audience and many audience members ended up doing an impromptu dance as well. This provided a great photo opportunity with lots of the children joining in. The highlight was the singing and dancing to ‘We are Australian’ with everyone trying to do the movements led by the dancers. A wonderful experience was had by all.

Other celebrations during NAIDOC Week included activities held in the Gym. A variety of events were on offer including the ever popular painted hand print banner and a photo booth. Some students chose to make bracelets from beads, play board games and challenge each other with strategy games. The day was organised by Tamy Pond and provided the opportunity for all students and staff to focus on diversity and tolerance.

The final assembly for the term also celebrated individual successes and the power of diversity within our school community.

YEAR 9 NAPLAN RESULTS

The 2016 NAPLAN results from the Year 9 test that the students did in May will be available for posting home in the coming week. All schools receive these results about this time of year. Analysis of combined data helps to inform the school where the students performed well and areas that need improvement. Staff will look at this data as part of professional development and to assist with planning strategies to either extend student's learning or look at intervention strategies for individual success.

STUART UNIFORM

The school has adopted a uniform style that now extends to include pants and shorts embroidered with the Stuart High Logo. The polo top was designed after consulting with the Governing Council members, staff and student representatives. The hooded jacket was chosen after students voiced their opinion for the ‘hoodie’ in preference to a school jumper.

There is a 6 month changeover period where students can finish the year wearing the current uniform which gives families time to save up for the summer tops over the remainder of the year in readiness for full implementation in 2017.

The decision to include pants and shorts supports families with a ‘one stop shop’ approach when buying the uniform. Students were asked to conform to the old uniform of black pants or jeans, this just means that from next year all students will be wearing the same type of clothing.

Families are able to request payment by instalments over a period of time. There is very little difference between the old uniform prices and the new.

- **Polo Top** $35
- **Jacket** $40
- **Pants** $40
- **Shorts** $25

The products are a good quality and should withstand repeated washes. As with any new product these can be reviewed over time to see how they withstand the treatment of daily life.

Feedback from a number of sources indicate that the uniform looks smart, is easily identified with the school and is comfortable to wear.

DIARY DATES

22nd—26th August
Year 10 camp
Adelaide

31st August—2nd September
FLC Basketball Camp in Port Pirie

8th September
Services Expo
9.00—1.00pm
ICAN initiative

WHYALLA SHOW

20th—21st August
Come along to the Stuart High School stall for the famous Smoked Salmon and baked goodies!
We have the cheapest canned drinks as well.
Any parents who would love to volunteer a small bit of their time will be most welcome.
Contact Brett Spangenberg for details.

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**DIARY DATES**

**Proposed Sport’s Day**
16th September
Details still being finalised

**Knockout Basketball**
20th September
Year 10’s

22nd September
Year 8’s & Year 9’s

**REVIEW NIGHT**
7th December
Middleback
Arts Centre

**Last Day of Term 3**
30th October
Students finish at 2.00pm

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**NAPLAN Online**

**Getting Ready for 2017**

The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period. This change will provide each child with a more personalised learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child’s teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in August 2016. This trial is not a ‘test’ of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial. As a part of the trial Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 students will undertake to online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully.

This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into the final changes at a state wide level.

Stuart High Year 9 students will be asked to take part over the coming weeks. All teachers have taken part in training on how to administer the tests. There will be options around the way students are able to answer the questions and they will have more control as they progress through the test. We anticipate that all our Year 9 students will take part in this trial. Any questions can be directed to the principal by contacting the school on 86490400.

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**Elements retained from old polo shirt design**

- Pride
- Perseverance
- Pathways
- Possibilities

Colby is modelling the new uniform with explanation of each aspect of the design and reference to aspects transferred from the previous uniform.

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