



# 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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**Term 2, ISSUE 4  
JUNE 2016**

## **DIARY DATES**

### **GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Next meeting  
28th June**

**7.00—8.30pm**  
Supper provided

### **TERM DATES 2016**

**Term 2—**  
2nd May—8th July

**Term 3—**  
25th July—30th September

**End of Term  
Friday 8th July  
Students dismissed at  
2.00pm**

### **STAFF LEADERSHIP**

#### **Principal:**

Jeanette Conroy

#### **Deputy Principal:**

Brett Spangenberg

#### **Business Manager:**

Jenna Harkness

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## *Principal's Welcome*

**D**ear Parents, Caregivers and associated community members.

It has been a very busy term so far and is rapidly nearing to an end with only four weeks to the next holidays.

This term Year 9 students sat the NAPLAN test which provides a snapshot at a given point in time of what students know and can do across literacy, and numeracy. Students sat for reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy using a calculator and non calculator tests. We are very pleased with the effort the students put in and the numbers doing the tests indicated increased attendance and participation. Following the tests the students were provided with pizza in recognition of their outstanding behaviour and effort.

Term 2 continues the success from Term 1 with students maintaining the standards in their classrooms evidenced by the level of engagement and the high standard of bookwork being produced. The Year 10's can be particularly proud of their efforts with their Personal Learning Plans (PLP) as they near their final assignments for this subject. If the pass level is anything to go by the majority will do well. Thanks to Ms Clarke and the teachers for the support and encouragement they provide at this critical time.

A number of our students took part in a discussion with Angela Hazebroek about their vision for secondary schooling in the future. By all accounts they acquitted themselves very well in articulating their views and several even provided diagrams of how they thought the ideal school could work. We are very proud in the way they conducted themselves especially when being asked questions by someone they had not met before. Well done to all those involved.

*Jeanette Conroy  
Principal*



### **GOVERNING COUNCIL**

Once again the plea goes out to parents to consider and commit to becoming members of the Governing Council. If you would like to be involved in planning the future direction for the school and also be a member of one of a number of sub-committees then please contact the school either by phoning the front office on 86490400 or leaving a message on our Facebook page. New members are always welcome.

With the Feasibility Study happening right now about the future of secondary education in Whyalla this is a critical time to have a voice in your school. It is proposed that council members from the three high schools visit new and refurbished schools in Adelaide to get some idea of what can be on offer.

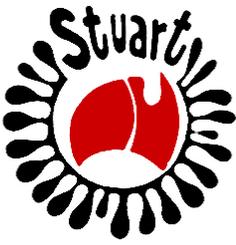
Meetings are currently held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the staff room. However, this is proving to be a bit flexible to accommodate members needs. Snacks are provided at each meeting.

New members are encouraged to join especially if you have a child in Year 8. We thank all the parents who have expressed an interest so far.

### **END OF TERM REPORTS**

Teachers have begun to write the end of term reports which covers Semester 1. Students will receive an A-E grade depending on their achievement in line with the year level work they are doing. The levels represent whether the student is achieving below, at or above the standard expected for the year level.

We urge parents and caregivers to be active in their child's education, to ask questions, find out what your child enjoys, what they are good at and areas where they can improve. This can occur through open communication between the teachers and parents.



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**Whyalla Wide  
School  
Day Closure**

**Monday  
5th September**

All schools across  
Whyalla have  
agreed to this day  
for the annual  
school closure day  
across Whyalla

**SAASTA  
TAFE BLOCK  
Adelaide**

**4th—8th July**

**NAIDOC EVENTS  
6th July**

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## **SAASTA ABORIGINAL POWER CUP 2016**

The 2016 Aboriginal Power Cup (APC) carnival took place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May with over 400 students from 41 schools converging on Alberton Oval to play in the program's annual football carnival and participate in a career expo. The carnival's scoring system is an equal mix of school work, attendance, career counselling and football matches.

The theme for the Aboriginal Power Cup for 2016 is Powerful Futures - Your Future, Yours for the Taking. This theme encourages students to take the next step from school into employment or further education. The students were required to complete a career passport to receive further points for their team.

This year South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy (SAASTA) students from all three High Schools in Whyalla were involved in the lead up to the Aboriginal Power Cup. At the tournament our girls football team was paired with Port Pirie whilst our boys football team was paired with Port Augusta.

Both the boys and girls teams played exceptionally well and new friendships were made. The final was played in the curtain raiser game at Saturday's Round 9 AFL game between Port Adelaide and West Coast at the Adelaide Oval. In addition, all SAASTA students took part in the cultural dance prior to the match and put on a spectacular display.

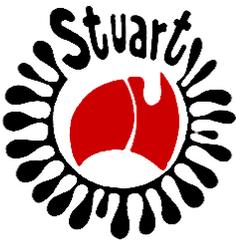


All Aboriginal Power Cup participants are required to develop a design for their groups' Guernsey which is to be worn during matches. This year the design developed by Whyalla High School student Tayla Hart-Aluni was chosen and this was the Guernsey worn by the Whyalla team.



Congratulations to all the students and staff involved in making this a very successful event.

Darryl Wiechmann



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## EVENTS

### **STUART HIGH SCHOOL LAUNCH & OPEN NIGHT**

**3rd August  
5.30pm**

### **SCIENCE CHALLENGE Port Lincoln**

**4th August**

### **SERVICE EXPO Sponsored by ICAN 11th August**

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## YEAR 9 REPORT - TERM 2

The Year 9's have had a busy start to the term undertaking their final NAPLAN tests, we had a large number of students participating in all 4 of the tests and are looking forward to seeing the results of the students' hard work.

Year 9 students have been busily working this term in all their subjects. In Mrs. McKenzie and Mrs Khurana's English class the students have been working hard on producing four different types of writing for assessment.

In Maths with Mr. Rogers and Ms Jenkins they have been studying Pythagoras' Theorem and using their knowledge to measure right angle triangles, in which they have just completed a major test and are now looking forward to their next unit of algebra.

In Science the Year 9s have been researching ecosystems and with the help of Mr Wiechmann and Mr Clarke they have developed an understanding of the importance of maintaining our environment.

Outside the curriculum the Year 9's have been working on developing positive relationships with both peers and teachers through Care Group workshops and through the women's group meetings, which aim to foster positive relationships among female students though interactions with positive female role models.

In preparation for Year 10 we have also started to undertake workshops in goal setting and planning to better prepare our students for their first SACE level assignments through the PLP (Personal Leadership Program) next year.

## SCHOOL FEES REMINDER

School fees for 2016 are \$303.

These can be paid at the front office during school hours.

EFTPOS facilities are available for your convenience.

School card forms are also available at the front office. School card needs to be applied for yearly, so please come in and fill in a form if you need to apply for 2016.

## CUTTLEFISH SURVEY

Stuart High School Aquaculture Program volunteered alongside Tony Bramley and his staff to survey Cuttlefish numbers in the Black Point Sanctuary zone within the Upper Spencer Gulf Marine Park. Students have been practicing in the Leisure Centre pool with the assistance of Tony's staff in preparation for the snorkelling activity.

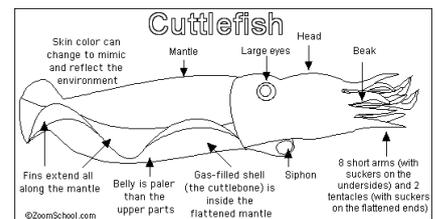
The Certificate 2 in Aquaculture students will be talking to students at Whyalla Stuart Primary School about their adventures and the importance of the ongoing protection and monitoring of this unique cuttlefish spawning ground.

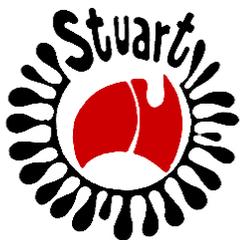
The hands on experience of surveying protected species close to home gives the students confidence to try something new outside of the classroom. Providing the experience of working in tourism and conservation industry related settings can broaden the scope of work opportunities students can look forward to as school leavers.



We would like to give a huge thankyou to Tony and Marlene Bramley for donating their time, equipment

and staff to allow our students an experience they will remember forever, even if it gets a bit cold out there. Thanks also the students on their exemplary behaviour throughout and for Mr Clarke for undertaking the organisation of this exciting opportunity.





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## **EVENTS**

**YEAR 10  
Subject Selection  
18th—19th August**

**WHYALLA  
SHOW  
20th—21st AUGUST**

**FLC  
BASKETBALL  
COMPETITION  
PORT PIRIE  
31st August—  
2nd September**

**SPORTS DAY**  
Postponed to Term 3 in  
negotiation with Whyalla  
Stuart Primary School

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## **MINISTER DR SUSAN CLOSE VISITS**

On Friday 3rd June the Minister for Education Dr Susan Close visited Stuart High School. She was interested in finding out the curriculum offerings at the school and enthusiastically visited the Aquaculture Centre to inspect the Barramundi. Minister Close had positive things to say about the Year 8 suite and the middle school methodology now being used at Stuart High School. It was a privilege to have Minister Close visit our school and show interest in how well we are doing. Thanks to Tamy Pond who was instrumental in getting this visit to happen.



Minister Dr Susan Close (centre) with Tamy Pond (ASET) and Jeanette Conroy (Principal).

## **TRANSITION VISITS**

A number of transition visits have occurred for both Year 7's coming to Stuart High School and Year 10's visiting Edward John Eyre High School.

The Year 7 transition visits have gone very smoothly with large numbers visiting from the local primary schools. Feedback from students and parents include very positive comments. Students have enjoyed the 'hands on' activities especially the cooking and digital media. Most students have been surprised about the range of curriculum offerings that Stuart High has including Aquaculture and Environmental studies alongside digital gaming and 3D design and printing.

We look forward to more transition visits over the next week and trust that they prove to be such a good experience that current Year 7's consider enrolling at Stuart High School.

Many thanks to Brett Spangenberg for the organisation and staff for the timetabled activities.

## **PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS**

Stuart High School is fortunate to have four highly accomplished pre-service teachers from University SA doing their practicum across our classes. These students are in a program which enables them to work in disadvantaged schools. All have had previous careers which means they bring extensive life skills to their experiences.

## **FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

The time is getting closer to the reveal of the new logo and associated re-branding. New uniforms have been designed and ordered and plans for new signage is a step closer to completion. Plans are also underway to hold an official launch with the promise of a special guest to help with the big reveal. It has been a year in the making and it is very exciting to be able to promote Stuart High School as a modernized and re-energised school with much to offer the community.

In the near future a community event is being planned to utilise the school's amenities and show off what the school has to offer to the families and other agencies across Whyalla.

More information will be available soon.

## **UNIFORM SALE**

Current Stuart High uniforms have been **reduced** for a quick sale.

**Hooded Jackets \$20**

**Polo Tops \$15  
Red, White & Black**

There will be a transition period as we replace the old uniform with the new one. For a time students will be able to wear both.

Be quick due to limited sizes.