

TERM DATES 2020

Term 1
28th January to 9th April

Term 2
27th April to 3rd July

Term 3
20th July to 25th
September

Term 4
12th October to 11th
December

SCHOOL TIMES

Monday

9am to 3.30pm

Tuesday

9am to 3.30pm

Wednesday

9am to 3.30pm

Thursday

10am to 3.30pm

Friday

9am to 3.30pm

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STUART HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Pride/Perseverance/Pathways/Possibilities

Principal's News

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to the 2020 school year. We are six weeks into a new year of learning and students have already begun to create their 2020 story. Students, staff and families have also settled well into the new Alliance timetable and we appreciate the way in which students and families have responded to the updated uniform policy.

Our 'Back to School' Welcome Evening for our students and families was held on Tuesday the 2nd of February followed by the Governing Council Annual general meeting and elections. Thankyou to those who were in attendance.

The following teaching staff are new to our school this year: Ms Chantelle Lucas, Mr Chris Cordingley and Ms Catharine Watson. Ms Libby Searle is a new member of our SSO team and Ms Kirra Miller has joined our ATSI team as ASETO.

A reminder that Monday 23rd March is our first Pupil Free day for 2020. All staff will be involved in Berry Street Education Model training – BSEM. The BSEM is a program that strengthens the art of teaching and encourages teachers to reconnect with our passion for the cultivation of children and young people. Three of our staff were trained in this program last year and as a result some of the strategies are already being implemented this year.

This work underpins our Site Improvement Plan goals for 2020 – Increase and maintain achievement in numeracy and increase and maintain achievement in reading.

As always we appreciate the importance of working in partnership with parents and caregivers and the value add that is afforded to your

child's learning. We will do our very best to communicate with you along the way and we hope you will do the same.

I hope you enjoyed the long weekend and no doubt for some of you the Port Power match at Bennett Oval. Our students enjoyed the opportunity to meet some of the players at an Assembly on the day before the match and Crows fans engaged in some friendly rivalry.

I spent the some of the weekend enjoying the Whyalla waters with friends from Adelaide. We caught some crabs and squid and ate well! Our students are indeed fortunate to have a great outdoor environment on their doorstep.

Kind regards

Sue Burtenshaw
Principal

*Be the change
you want to see
in the world*

DIARY DATES

School Assembly

Friday 13th March 8:45am
Friday 27th March 8:45am

WASSAC

Monday 16th March

Year 9 Outdoor Ed Camp

Wednesday 18th March to
Friday 20th March

STUDENT FREE DAY
Monday
23rd March

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Principal:

Sue Burtenshaw

Deputy Principal:

Stephen Walker

Senior Leader:

Allan Greenbank

Student Wellbeing Leader:

Ashlee Pontt

Data for Improvement:

Chris Hale

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Week One

In 2020 in week one, it was decided that the beginning of formal lessons would be postponed to help the students ease back into their learning and to strengthen the relationships between care groups. Group dynamics were a major focus, as was knowing our students, both new and old, and how they learn best.

Subject teachers were given the opportunity to have a quick 'meet and greet' with their classes, where they could introduce themselves and their subject in preparation for week two and the beginning of formal lessons.

This was an incredibly important process, particularly for our new year 8 students who have transitioned to high school. Their care group teachers were also new to the school, so it was an opportunity for them to get to know the school together.

We have received feedback from our teachers and will be fine tuning the process for 2021.

Ms Ashlee Pontt

Student Well-being Leader

Cross Site VET offerings

Students in Year 10 at Stuart High and Whyalla High this year have had the opportunity to commence certificated studies overseen by TAFE. Students travel twice a week to Edward John Eyre High School in our school bus. We have students in two lines of study – some are doing Hospitality and others are doing Furniture Construction.

These courses are fully accredited and can give rise to further study and qualification in the industry. Additionally, this practical course work gives students further insight in to the world of work, and can give them an edge when seeking employment in that sector.

We look forward to seeing our students completing these courses and adding valuable material to their Personal Portfolios.

Mr. Steve Walker
Deputy Principal

Art Work Shop

On Tuesday the 11th of February students from the Year 9 Art class were involved in an Arts workshop Mizan Zaman that introduced them to Moroccan pattern, craft and music. Students worked with practising Artist Niccy Pallant and Hamza Imad to make a leather artefact using a geometrical pattern made with a 'compass' and leather embossing techniques. Imad played some traditional Sufi Muslim Moroccan music called Gnaowa and wrote each students name in Islam.

Students really enjoyed the experience of working with both artists and creating a leather talisman to take home.

Ms Tammy Smith
Art Teacher



Port Adelaide Football Club Visit

On Friday the 6th March 4 players from the Port Adelaide Football Club visited SHS. The players addressed the whole school and talked about football, fitness, health and career pathways. Students and staff got the opportunity to ask questions of the players. Students were given a signed poster and the opportunity to chat with players and take photos.



Following on from the successful Pilot Program in 2019, there are exciting plans in place for the GFG Foundation Student Program in Whyalla in 2020. Plans include an expansion of student intake by 4 x the amount of students, for Whyalla this will mean a program of 30 students. The success of the Whyalla program will see the roll out of similar programs in Newcastle, NSW.

Announcements from GFG and important partners who will be working together to deliver the new and exciting expanded Student Program are expected in the coming weeks.

The programs are currently planned to run in Term 2 and Term 3 in 2020, taking place one afternoon a week. More information will available in the coming weeks.

Special Education Excursion

On Wednesday the 4th of March students from the Special Education classes travelled to Port Augusta. Students were split into two groups, one group participated in a full day aquatics program delivered by the Port Augusta Aquatic and Adventure Centre and one group participated in an interactive visit to the Arid Lands Botanic Garden.

Group 1: Students were taken through a safety briefing, water craft skills session which included learning survival skills on the water. Students were now ready and eager to head down to the water where they got the opportunity to participate in a range of activities such as kayaking, canoeing and sailing. The weather provided perfect conditions for sailing and everyone enjoyed the experience.

Group 2: Students explored the gardens by walking along the specially marked walking trails learning about Australian botanical history, native Australian bird life and enjoyed views of the Flinders Ranges.

Both groups then came together to enjoy a shared meal, stories, experiences and highlights of the day before travelling home.

Mr Joe Yates and Ms Gina Tawfiles
Special Education Teachers





**Issue 1, Term 1
March 2020**

Uniform Prices

Shorts \$25
Black Pants \$40
Polo Top \$35
Hooded Jacket \$40
Windcheater \$40
Dress \$55

CAR PARK REMINDERS

Please adhere to the 10km/hr speed limit. Student pick up and drop off can be especially busy so please be patient and extra careful at these times. Students are asked to use the crossing provided.

**Have you
changed your
address or phone
number?**

**Please let the
school know on
8649 0400.**



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SIPe Cup

**Improving literacy and
numeracy skills at
Stuart High School**

Year 8 SIPe cup

Year 8 Care Groups are currently engaged in a battle to see which group can win the SIPe cup for literacy and numeracy each term. SIPe stands for School Improvement Plan electronic learning. Our school is currently using online programs to assist in improving the literacy and numeracy skills of Year 8 students. These programs are available to Year 8 students from home too, free of charge! They are IXL, Lexia and Reading Plus. The results of students using these programs last year was impressive gains. Reading Plus, Lexia and IXL have literacy components that helps students develop the skills they need to be proficient readers and lifelong learners. Through regular Reading Plus practice, reading will become easier, comprehension, vocabulary and fluency will increase, and students will make meaningful connections between what they are reading and what they are learning. IXL has the added benefit of having numeracy components and is being used by Maths teachers in conjunction with the SIPe cup. Points gained in Maths will contribute toward which Care Group wins the cup each term. Each Year 8 caregiver has received a letter home explaining more about these programs and how to access them from home.

To earn points toward the SIPe cup students can complete IXL, Lexia and Reading Plus assignments outside of school on a computer or tablet that has internet access. The programs will keep track of goals accomplished each week as well as your student's progress toward the overall lesson goals. Weekly assignments in Reading Plus reset every Sunday night at 11:59 p.m., so students can work on completing weekly assignments over the weekend. Parents can also check student work and progress to see how much they have grown in these areas.

Enjoy your student's literacy and numeracy improvements and developments. We are already seeing the rewards in school as students progress and earn certificates.

Mr Allan Greenbank
Senior Leader
Literacy Learner Improvement



Welcome back to another exciting year of learning and student driven actions. We have a new Student Advisory Committee team that we are excited to introduce.

The new S.A.C. team includes....

8A:

TALEAH SMITH
JADE DIEPGROND

8B:

LAUHLAN ABINETT-BOSTOCK,
GRACE STEWART

9A:

MEGAN NEWCOMBE-BOOTHEY
PAMELA MAYS

9B:

NATHAN BRODIE
CALE BUSWELL

10A:

KIARRA CUSTANCE
EMILY MACNEIL

10B:

GABRIELLE-ERIN MORRIS
CHLOE SEELEY

FLC:

IGNATIUS CHAMPION-HUNTER

We are still in the process of nominating a Governing Council Rep from within the committee. Voting will begin soon. The S.A.C. team are also excited to announce that we will be working with our site Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander team to create an ATSI rep position for the committee with a focus on addressing Indigenous Student Voices in the school.

Mr Cameron Rogers
(S.A.C. Staff Liaison)

**PASTORAL CARE WORKER:
LESLEY MAXWELL**



Hi, I'm Lesley Maxwell and I'm excited to be part of the Stuart High community.

I've grown up in Whyalla and brought up my 4 children (now adults) here.

I had a career in nursing prior to commencing work at one of the local churches a number of years ago. I've been a volunteer at the school through the breakfast program for the last 3 years and am also very involved with the HOPE Collective.

I'm available to support students, staff and parents. I look forward to getting to know people and supporting them in any way I can.

Schools Ministry Group (SMG) coordinate and facilitate Chaplaincy Services in government schools across South Australia.

- School Chaplaincy commenced in SA Government schools in 1986.
- SMG partners with schools, local churches, state and federal governments to deliver Chaplaincy Services through the engagement of a Pastoral Care Worker.
- SMG works collaboratively with these partners in the recruitment, supervision and ongoing professional development of PCW's to ensure the placement of high quality workers who are well equipped to support young people and strengthen communities.
- Pastoral Care Workers are funded from two main sources - the National School Chaplaincy Program (administered by DECD) and the local church communities.
- The Chaplaincy Service provided through your PCW is a voluntary program offered to school communities.

**The Whyalla Photography Group
In conjunction with**



**Whyalla
Youth Photography
Competition**

Theme is 'Connected'

*Entries close noon 27th March
Presentations—Wednesday April 15 at 7pm*

*Sections: Under 12 years
13-17 years*

*Prizes for both sections will be
1st place—\$100
2nd place- \$50
Merit certificates.*

Check out our [Facebook page](#)
Whyalla Youth Photography Competition
for more information, forms and conditions



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**EMOTION
COACHING
CHILDREN
THROUGH
SEPARATION**



**10:30am - 1:00pm Thursday 12/3/2020
HOPE Community Hub - 157 Nicolson Avenue**

Whether it's relationship breakdown, divorce, death or moving, our children go through a huge range of emotions, challenges and changes in separation. Through emotion coaching, we can support them and build resilience, helping them feel loved and connected.

Tea, coffee and food will be available through the Hub café.

For enquiries and bookings, contact;
James Lee - 8649 0817
james.lee@ucsa.org.au



*This is a HOPE Community Hub activity,
facilitated by Uniting Country SA*



DISABILITY POLICY AND PROGRAMS PARENT FORUM

COUNTRY PARENTS

We are planning on holding more forums for parents of children with disability in the country.

If you live in the country and would like to attend one in your region let us know.

Where do you live, what do you want to know about?

Would you like to be a parent representative on the planning committee?

How can we support you?

We would like to hear from you. Send us an email at **Education.ParentForumConference@sa.gov.au** or have a look at the Special Education Resource Unit website **web.seru.sa.edu.au** to see what has been happening at the parent forums.

