

Principal's News

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

OPEN NIGHT
29th July 2020

**SCHOOL
CLOSURE DAY**

Friday
11th September 2020

**STUDENT FREE
DAY**

Friday
18th September 2020

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

At the commencement of this term we were navigating a path between learning at home and learning at school and meetings were only possible via Zoom or Microsoft teams. Now at the end of term all students are learning at school and many more meetings are becoming face to face. It has been an interesting journey for all of us.

Behind the scenes we have been preparing to launch our new online reporting system via Daymap and by the time you read this you will be able to access your child's term 2 report through the Parent Portal. Hard copies of reports can be requested if necessary.

The lifting of restrictions this week with regard to parent gatherings at school is welcome news. This week we held a "Cook out" family BBQ for our ATSI families to coincide with a "Big Day Out" and sleepover for the Clontarf lads. All families are invited to our Open Night on Wednesday 29th July when we traditionally extend an invitation to our year 7 transition families to join us.

In week three next term a range of meetings will be held to update our community about the New Whyalla High School. At this stage there will be meetings for Governing Councils, staff and students. More details will become available at the start of term 3.

On the 5th of June [Student Free Day] all staff participated in Berry Street Education Model training followed by Learning design for teachers and developing student Positive Behaviour Approaches for SSOs. Further Berry Street Education training will occur in terms 3 and 4.

GFG is again offering another program for young people in Whyalla. Stuart High School's successful applicants are Jake Langley, Nick Murphy, Seth Compton, Chanelle Smith and Darryl Hallett.

I am very pleased to announce work will commence on our quadrangle upgrade during the holidays. As you are aware this is long awaited. We can't wait to use the new basketball court and surrounds. Work should be completed by the end of term 3 2020.

Congratulations Ms Tammy Smith and Ms Tamy Pond who both recently achieved a significant service milestone working with the Department for Education. They both received service recognition certificates acknowledging 20 years with our department.

Looking forward to the opportunities that lie ahead next term for families to once again be able to gather at school for events. Hope to see as many of you as possible at our Open Night in week 2.

Kind regards

Sue Burtenshaw

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Principal:

Sue Burtenshaw

Deputy Principal:

Stephen Walker

Senior Leader Literacy:

Allan Greenbank

Student Wellbeing

Leader:

Ashlee Pontt

Data for Improvement:

Chris Hale

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

Uniform Prices

Polo Top \$35

Hooded Jacket \$40

Windcheater \$40

Dress \$55

Shorts \$25

Black Pants \$40

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Intersport Whyalla



SIPe cup news

An important focus for our school, as reflected in the **School Improvement Plan (SIP)**, is making sure that literacy and numeracy is embedded into the teaching process and that teachers are using strategies recommended by the Department for Education that produce results for all students.

In addition to this, we provide an important event in the lives of Year 8s at our school in a focused block of time looking specifically at literacy and

numeracy skills. We call this time the SIPe cup – which stands for School Improvement Plan electronic. The 'cup' part signifies that it is a competition between the two Care Groups. The teachers and students use several online learning environments that meet the specific learning needs of the students. The Maths teachers have also picked up on the idea and have incorporated SIPe cup activities into Maths lessons.

At the start of the year, the middle of the year and the end of the year, students sit a diagnostic assessment which measures progress. They receive interviews to discuss progress and achievements. Parents receive letters home indicating achievement and progress and students receive certificates to acknowledge when they have jumped year levels.

Along the way, students complete activities to mastery level and, as they do, earn points for the Care Group. Term one saw 8B claim the inaugural giving of the SIPe cup along with a pizza party as a class prize. This winning class for this term was 8A. They will now receive the cup, to keep in their Care Group room for term three, and a pizza party. Congratulations 8A!

News just in.

Many students completed their mid year diagnostic assessment this morning and are going home with wonderful news of positive growth – some have jumped many year levels. A letter will go home early next term with your Year 8 child's results. Meanwhile, you may want to ask them how they went.

Mr Greenbank on behalf of Miss Lucas and Mr Cordingley



The Student Advisory Committee have been busy this term working on an initiative to address the COVID 19 restrictions of meeting and gathering in large groups. This restriction has seen the exciting creation of the S.A.C News Broadcast replacing our fortnightly assemblies. In this 15 minute show students and staff talk about important information and showcase stories of special projects with our

"care group spotlight" segment. We would like to thank the work of our student reporters Emily MacNeil and Chloe Seeley and a special thank you to Mr. Hale who has supported the S.A.C. through editing and filming for the team.

The S.A.C have also been working on other exciting developments around the school including our school positives drive, keeping shared learning and play areas clean and tidy and encouraging usage and awareness of the library space. We look forward to continuing to improve and showcase more great stories and projects in the future. Enjoy your holidays.

Mr Cameron Rogers

Student Free Day
Professional Development



SALA Program

Thanks to SALA - South Australian Living Artists program we have had the opportunity to host an Artist in Resident throughout this term. This initiative is sponsored by Credit Union SA.

Local Whyalla artist Olivia White has been working with students from our FLC, Year 8 and 9 Art Classes to develop individual oil paintings, which will be exhibited as part of SALA in August. Students have learnt about different techniques to paint with and how to develop a subject for their pieces. It has been an absolute pleasure to have Olivia working with not just students but staff members as well. We hope to continue our connections with her into the future.



SALA



2020 Open Night

Wednesday 29th July 2020

6:00pm to 8:00pm

All Year 7 students and parents/caregivers are invited to meet with staff and students to tour our school facilities and learn more about our school community.

Parent tours from 6:30pm

Light refreshments will be available.

Special Education Class

Students in the special classes have been learning about First Aid and how valuable this knowledge is to people in our community, workplace and even at home. Our Classroom discussions focus on the acronym: **DRSABDC**

DANGERS

RESPONSIVE

SEND

AIRWAY

BREATHING

CPR

DEFIBRILLATOR

Following that discussion, the students watched a video demonstrating how to put someone in the recovery position. Students had the opportunity to work in pairs and practice putting each other into the recovery position.

Joe Yates and Gina Tawfiles

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Clontarf News

With the relaxation of the COVID-19 restrictions this term we have been delighted to be able to run much more activities than first thought during Term 2. This has created a somewhat back to normal feeling for our programme and has kept the boys busy and engaged which is has been great for us to stay relevant in their lives during this testing time.

The boys are back to morning trainings twice a week in the school's gym and participate in a variety of activities including: indoor soccer, golden child, free throw competitions, dodgeball and basketball. It has been great for the boys to get back into the routine of morning trainings to keep them active while their outside of school sporting competitions have been postponed. The boys have continued to participate in Jeremy Head's boxing classes. The turnout has been fantastic and the enthusiasm in the classes is outstanding. Jeremy also gave the students a talk about mental health which was very inspiring, he explained to us how boxing, and fitness in general, is a great way to help alleviate lots of mental and physical challenges we may face during our lives.

Cooking classes have continued throughout the term with Nathan Head from Mint Cafe taking some of the classes. We have been delighted to also have two special guest appearances for our cooking classes, with Carly Manners teaching the boys how to cook Butter Chicken and Sue Burtenshaw showed the boys how to make her world famous Pavlova!

This week we were luckily enough to have Jeremy Edwards from INATT talk to the ATSI boys and girls in the Academy Room about mental health. Jeremy spoke to us about his own personal battle with mental health issues and gave everyone encouragement and advice on how to seek help if they are struggling. It was a very insightful and encouraging talk that captivated all who were in the room and we thank Jeremy for telling us his story.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and assistance, we hope you enjoy the last few weeks of Term 2 and we look forward to hopefully getting back to a full programme next term when further restrictions have been lifted.

Kind Regards

Graeme Twaddle and Nathan Nistico

