

**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
CLOSURE DAY**

Friday
11th September 2020

**STUDENT FREE
DAY**

Friday
18th September 2020

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STUART HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Pride/Perseverance/Pathways/Possibilities

Principal's News

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our Open night was well attended and staff and students proudly demonstrated what our school has to offer. The fact that this was the final Open Night for SHS was not lost on all of us and added poignancy, as well as determination to make 2021 the best year yet as we begin the transition to the New Whyalla School in 2022.

You will get a taste of Open Night in features in this newsletter including a recipe for Lemon Slice made by the Food and Hospitality students. I was transported back to my childhood when Auntie Val made this slice and on the days after visits to her it would appear in my recess box. It's a family favourite!

The following week we all had more insight into the New Whyalla High School facility and how amazing it will be and the announcement of Tricia Richman as founding Principal. Once again students from our school participated in a forum and information session and came back full of excitement.

Year 7 students from our feeder primary schools have visited our school over the last few weeks as they commence their transition to Year 8. Our year 10 students have attended Edward John Eyre High School as they commence their transition to Year 11.

Things are gearing up for Operation Flinders with the Pre Operation Flinders Errappa Camp occurring in week 6. Our lads are in the process of completing paperwork and being fitted for walking boots. We are very grateful for the Whyalla community, DCP and SAPOL support making all this possible.

Stuart Student in the Spotlight!

Welcome to the sixth instalment of Stuart Student in the Spotlight. This is a newsletter feature where I chat with students to find out what is important to them. For this installment I chatted with Indya Collier.

Q. Good Morning Indy, tell me how you would describe your year so far?

A. My year so far has been interesting, full of excitement, I have been 'chucked in the "learning pit" a couple of times.

Q. You have a great collection of hats. I understand each one tells a story?

A. Yes they do. My white one brings back memories of my year 7 graduation last year. My red one brings back memories from Primary School. My Pink one brings back memories of fun times I have had with my grandparents and younger sister.

Q. Favourite food?

A. Mexican and Lasagna

Q. Favourite memory?

A. Memories for Primary School last year and lessons with Mr Genovese.

Q. Favourite colour?

A. Pink, black, red and purple

Q. I rode a push bike to school and have memories of carrying food I had made in Home Ec on the back of my bike and it fell off or got wet. I noticed you ride to school every day, do you have any good biking stories?

A. No nothing like yours!

Q. What are your thoughts on the new school?

A. Oh, I have never really thought of this until now. All of the high schools will be together and everyone will need to get along. The year 12's and year 8's will need to help the year 7's.

Q. Do you have any advice for the class of 2021?

A. Everyone here is kind, nurturing and they work with you on your interests and help you to get what you need to be successful.

Thank you Indya for everything you do for our school.

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

Windcheater \$40

Dress \$55

Shorts \$25

Black Pants \$40

Black Pants \$40

Intersport Whyalla



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Reading Stamina Challenge

Reading is a major focus of the school's improvement plan this year. Another is the Berry Street concept of stamina for learning. As a result of these priorities we have provided more digital and non digital reading materials for students to access in class and on their laptops. We have combined these ideas to promote a Reading Stamina Challenge. Last term all year levels took part in a reading stamina sprint. We began with all students completing an online reading placement test that gave each student a lexile score. This is a measure of the level of text that students find comfortable to read. The digital books can be accessed free from home.

Accessing the digital books

1. Go to <http://netserver.stuarths.sa.edu.au/students.html>
2. Go to the student web page and select the Literacy Pro button
3. Enter student login and password details
 4. If you have not completed the test then click on the left hand Literacy Pro button under My Zone. Find where it indicates to sit the test in the top right corner and click on the test button.
5. If you have completed the test then you have a digital library available to you. Click on the Literacy Pro LIBRARY button and select a story.
6. When you finish it you can do the Quiz to start improving your lexile score.

Year 9 English

Both Year 9 English classes are competing in a Reading Stamina Challenge this term. The aim is to read short stories online, answer quizzes and win a pizza party. The class that has the most quiz points by the end of term will win. So, if your child is in year 9, encourage them to score as many points as they can.

Mr Greenbank and Miss Lucas.

GFG Program

On Tuesday, 4th August, the GFG Alliance invited students participating in their school program for an excursion to one of their mines. Participants from Stuart High School, Whyalla High and Samaritan College boarded a big bus after taking all the required Covid 19 precautions.

On arrival at Iron Duke, students spent a few hours enjoying and valuing the scientific knowledge and the STEM applications on display. They listened to explanations from experts about the mine, how and where explosives are placed, how to extract the raw materials and what happens to them afterwards.

Students were surprised at the sheer size of the machinery the mine uses including diggers, crushers, concentrators and dump trucks. Meeting with and talking to many young enthusiastic employees was the highlight of the day. Students realised there is high potential for them to get a job in the mining sector that could suit their different interests. People with an interest in science can work in labs to determine the quality and the quantity of the materials to be extracted while others with a passion for driving can be truck drivers.

During the excursion, students learned that getting a job will require them to be independent, self-motivated and having a sense of personal responsibility. These qualities are not hard to develop; they can start practising all of them straight away, with something as simple as setting their alarm every day and getting ready for school.

Mrs Gina Tawfiles





It's not too late to participate in the Premier's Reading challenge but entries close soon on the 4th September 2020. If you are in Year 8-9 you only need to read 4 books from the PRC booklists and 8 of your own choice, Year 10's only need to read 12 books of your own choice.

A Student Reading Record is available from Mrs Barnard Brown in the library. Students who complete the Challenge receive awards from the Premier.

- Certificate** – first year
- Bronze medal** – second year
- Silver medal** – third year
- Gold medal** – fourth year
- Champion medal** – fifth year
- Legend medal** – sixth year
- Hall of Fame medal** – seventh year
- Reader for Life** – eighth year
- Reader for Life bronze** – ninth year
- Reader for Life silver** – tenth year
- Reader for Life gold** – eleventh year
- Reader for Life champion** – twelfth year
- Reader for Life legend** – thirteenth year
- Reader for Life hall of fame** – fourteenth year

Mrs Barnard Brown

Open Night Speech

Hi everyone my name is Haylee,

I am a year 8 at Stuart High School.

I was very nervous about starting High school because it was going to be so different. I did some extra school visits and soon learnt that it wasn't going to be that scary.

The first day of school I was put into my new care group with a new teachers and students that I did not know. This was really scary for me as I sometimes find new things challenging.

I did soon learn that Miss Lucas was really nice and that there were lots of people around to support me.

We were given our lessons and again more new teachers but with support from staff at the school I soon adjusted to my new surroundings.

I was just getting settled when COVID hit the school and I had to change again. With the right adults and students around me I managed to work through the changes.

I am starting to enjoy my time at Stuart High School and even though I have to challenge myself to become more confident.

I can't wait to see what the rest of my time at Stuart High School holds and hope that if you are unsure about where you would like to go to high school, that you think about giving Stuart High School a go.



Open Night Lemon Slice

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup NESTLÉ Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 100g butter
- 200g granita biscuits
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 2 teaspoons finely grated lemon rind

LEMON ICING

Ingredients

- 2 cups pure icing sugar
- 20g butter, softened
- 2 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice

Method

Step 1

Grease a 3cm deep, 15.5cm x 25cm (base) slab pan. Line base and sides with baking paper, extending paper 2cm above edges of pan

Step 2

Place condensed milk and butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until smooth and combined. Remove from heat.

Step 3

Using a food processor, process biscuits until fine crumbs. Transfer to a bowl. Add coconut and lemon rind. Stir to combine. Add hot butter mixture. Mix well to combine. Press mixture over the base of prepared pan. Cover. Refrigerate for 1 1/2 hours or until firm.

Step 4

Make lemon icing: Sift icing sugar into a bowl. Add butter and lemon juice. Beat with a wooden spoon until smooth and combined. Spread icing over slice. Stand at room temperature for 30 minutes or until icing has set. Cut into pieces. Serve.



Miss Manners



Community Pride

Students in 9A, 9B and FLC have taken time from their extended caregroup sessions to focus on awareness, understanding and actioning litter issues at school, in the community and the environment.

Students participated in a Clean Up Stuart High School exercise including the boundary bush lands.

Students were surprised to learn just how much rubbish is left behind by the wider community. I was impressed with the students and their efforts. They demonstrated great pride in their community and the environment.

Miss Trish Jenkins



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Clontarf News

The Academy got off to a flying start in term 3 without any interruptions from COVID thus far.

In our bid to build capacity in our boys, we have been engaged in a number of activities and events in the first two weeks and we have many more exciting activities planned throughout the term.

Something new this term, is the Community Class, which is running in the Clontarf space twice a week. Many of the Academy members have elected to do this class, along with a few of the ATSI girls. Although in its infancy, the class has made a positive start thanks to the efforts of Miss Ashlee Pontt and Miss Kirra Miller. May the class continue to grow and prosper.

The boys have also enjoyed attending the Whyalla Golf Club and learning golf techniques and etiquette with the support of resident golf expert Nathan Nistico.

The boys have also been active in the community supporting the Primary Schools Transition program and facilitating a sports clinic with ATSI students from Nicolson Ave Primary School. Clontarf will be running further sports clinics across a number of the Primary Schools in the coming weeks.

It was an extremely proud moment for the Programme to witness the boys speak at the Stuart High School Open Night. The boys represented the Clontarf programme in such a sensational manner, in front of quite large crowds. The boys all hit the mark with their allocated Clontarf topic and the proof they had done so well, was the applause they received after they finished. A proud moment for the boys, their families, the School and Clontarf. Well Done!!

Kind Regards

Graeme Twaddle and Nathan Nistico



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