

Principal's News

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

TERM DATES 2021

Term 1

27th January to 9th April

Term 2

27th April to 2nd July

Term 3

19th July to
24th September

Term 4

11th October to
10th December

Stuart High School

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Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community members

Welcome to our families new to Stuart High School and to our continuing students and families. We have had a positive start to the year and it was great to meet many of you at our Welcome Evening in week 2. Parent and family support and encouragement is important in helping our students to achieve at school. It was also an opportunity to showcase our brand new Basketball Court and seating, with lovely fast growing trees. In addition, all of our main buildings will be carpeted by the end of term.

A number of new staff have joined us this year. David Drummond is our new music teacher, and Stella Salagaras replaces Chantelle Lucas (English, History, Women's Studies) who has taken up the position of Assistant Principal at EJEHS. Elaine Nay is teaching English and History. Bec Marks is the new Personal Assistant to the Principal, Ellen Cumerlato is working in Administration and Finance, and Brooke Nolan is Classroom Support (Complex Needs).

The Governing Council AGM was held on Tuesday 23rd February. The members for 2021 are Leslie Maxwell, Leanne Middleton, Kerry Johnston, Trina Holland, Bronwyn Vlachoulis and Tammy-Lee Smith. At the meeting the new Mobile Phone and Personal Devices Policy was approved. This policy is in line with the DfE revised policy and is consistent with the approach that will be taken at the new Whyalla Secondary College. It is designed to ensure our students are focussed and ready to learn without any distractions.

It is pleasing to see so many students wearing correct uniform. As the cooler weather approaches please ensure your child has the jumper ready to wear. As always, if you need assistance with uniform please contact our front office staff or your child's Care-Group teacher. The school uniform policy is included in this newsletter for your reference.

We look forward to teaching and learning with your students as we make this the best Stuart High School year ever.

Kind regards

Sue Burtenshaw
Principal





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SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

Principal:

Sue Burtenshaw

Deputy Principal:

Stephen Walker

Senior Leader

Literacy:

Allan Greenbank

Student

Wellbeing Leader:

Ashlee Pontt

Data for

Improvement:

Chris Hale

Uniform Prices

Polo Top \$35

Windcheater \$40

Dress \$55

Shorts \$25

Black Pants \$40

Intersport Whyalla

Black Shorts \$25

Term 1 DIARY DATES

Assembly

Friday 12th March

WASSAC Camp

Monday 15th March -

Tuesday 16th March

Outdoor Education Camp

Tuesday 9th March—

Thursday 11th March

Last Day of Term 1

Friday 9th April

Early Dismissal 2:30pm

Improving literacy skills at Stuart High School

FREE for you to use at home.

Our school is using the Reading Plus program to help your student become a better reader. This program is designed to turn good readers into university ready readers, improve average readers to adult levels and build up others to the level they should be at. Reading Plus helps students develop the skills they need to be proficient readers and lifelong learners. Through regular Reading Plus practice, reading will become easier, comprehension will increase, and students will make meaningful connections between what they are reading and what they are learning. To learn more about Reading Plus, visit www.readingplus.com.

Your student can complete Reading Plus assignments outside of school on a computer or tablet that has Internet access. Assignments in each program can be completed in any order, but please remind your student that reading lessons (SeeReader) are the most important assignments. The program will keep track of assignments completed each week as well as your student's progress toward the overall lesson goals. Weekly assignments reset every Sunday night at 11:59 p.m., so students can work on completing weekly assignments over the weekend. Encourage your child to do additional work in Reading Plus if he or she completes the weekly assignment.

When students work from home on Reading Plus please make sure they receive no assistance from anyone else. No hints at all. The program teaches them and their reading needs.

Year 8s use Reading Plus as part of the SIPe (School Improvement Program electronic learning) cup and all progress counts as points toward an end of term pizza party and winning the official cup. Each term points start fresh.

Year 9 and 10 have access to the program and can use it as they wish at school or home, to prepare for higher levels of learning.

Please contact Allan Greenbank at SHS if you need help or have any questions.

How to Log In:

- Step 1 - Go to login.readingplus.com
- Step 2 - Press the Student Login button
- Step 3 - Enter Site Code: rpstuar2
- Step 4 - Type Username: (e.g. johnsmith) no spaces or hyphens
- Step 5 - Type Password: (ask student or the school for the password)

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

reading  plus®

School Fees and School Card Applications

Payment for school fees is now overdue, please contact Susan on 86490400 if you are having difficulty in finalising payment.

Alternatively, you may be eligible for School Card, the link below will take you directly to the application page:-

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>



Attendance & Absences

Please contact the school on 8649 0400 or via the SkoolLoop App to advise if a student will be late or absent.

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.

Parking in the school carpark is to be used for employees and official visitors only. This is to ensure the safety of all students and is in line with the department's position that traffic movement be kept off all school sites.

Have you changed your address, phone number or email address?

Please let the school know on 8649 0400.

PREMIER'S READING Challenge

What is the Premier's Reading Challenge?

The Challenge is a literacy engagement strategy that requires students to read 12 age appropriate books in a year. Students who complete the challenge receive an annual award.

Who can participate?

All students The Premier's Reading Challenge is open to all students from Reception to year 12 in South Australian government and non-government schools as well as home education students.

What must students do?

Students are required to read **12 books** from the start of the school year until the end of week 7, term 3.

Year 8 and year 9

Students in year 8 and 9 need to read 4 books from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist at an appropriate literacy level. They may read 8 books of their own choice at a similar standard to titles featured on the booklist

Year 10

Students in year 10 need to read 12 books of their own choice at an appropriate literacy level. Books read for the Premier's Reading Challenge can include prescribed texts.

Students with disabilities

Students with disabilities can read books that are at an appropriate literacy level and/or use texts that have been adapted to meet their individual learning and literacy needs. This includes Braille texts, talking books, eBooks, and books on tape, DVD or CD.

Award order:

- First year – Certificate
- Second year – Bronze medal
- Third year – Silver medal
- Fourth year – Gold medal
- Fifth year – Champion medal
- Sixth year – Legend medal
- Seventh year – Hall of Fame medal
- Eighth year onwards – Hall of Fame Reader for Life award reflecting the number of years participated

A Student Reading Record is available from the Resource Centre or by downloading a copy from the PRC website

www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au

Year 8 and Year 10 School Immunisation Program

The free School Immunisation Program (SIP) is being provided to eligible South Australian students:

year 8 students - diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccines

year 10 students - meningococcal B and ACWY vaccines.

Immunisation consent forms have been sent home with students earlier this term. We ask for the forms to be completed, signed and return to the school front office ASAP, even if you do not consent to your child being immunised, the forms are still required to be completed and returned.

We encourage students to return these forms as soon as possible. Spare forms are available from the school front office.

If you have any concerns or questions in regards immunisation, please contact;

Charmaine
Health & Regulatory Support Officer
Whyalla City Council
Phone: 8640 3444

Any other queries can be made to the school on 8649 0400.

For further information click on the following link: [SA Health Tool Kit](#)



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Stuart Student in the Spotlight Tahi Teruki—Year 10

Question: How has the start of the 2021 school been for you?

Answer: It's been good to see my friends again – and music!!!!

Question: What's it like to have Music at SHS again?

Answer: Mr Drummond is an awesome teacher. It's great music is back. I love music.

Everyone loves music. I like Rap, old school jazz and rock, and Speed Rapping. I taught myself to play piano.

Question: Have you written any of your own material?

Answer: Many times. I have a book full at home.

Question: Favourite subjects?

Answer: Music and Maths are my favourite subjects.

Question: You participated in the SHS Operation Flinders exercise last year and won an award. What was it?

Answer: A specially made boomerang for being the positive, happy one in the group. My favourite part was the walking and talks with the leaders.

Question: I know you are a keen scootering and skateboarding person.

Answer: It gives me a thrill and an adrenaline rush. It makes me feel free. The feeling when you land is incredible.

Question: Pets?

Answer: Really big dog. Reaper. He looks like a big scary giant but he is just really friendly.

Miss Burtenshaw: I know. Really big dog! I've met him.

Question: Future career?

Answer: Mechanic. Professional scooter rider! I have already been approached by a sponsor!

Question: Being a foodie myself I am always interested to know about students' cooking adventures. Do you cook?

Answer: I cook sometimes for my family. Me and my sister would play "My Kitchen Rules" and get Mum to try the food. I like to cook scrambled eggs and spaghetti bolognese.

Question: Favourite SSO? – (Miss Fiona came up with this question!)

Answer: Despite what Fiona says – I like them all.

Question: Thoughts on the new Whyalla Secondary College?

Answer: Sounds pretty good. I am keen to go there and meet new and old friends and learn as much as I can.



Teach for Australia!

The Teach For Australia program has been operating successfully interstate for 10 years. In 2021 the department started a pilot of the program in selected regional South Australian schools, Stuart High School one of the schools taking part in the program.

The employment-based pilot program allows talented graduates and professionals with subject specialist expertise and experience to teach in a hard-to-staff regional or rural school while completing their Masters teaching qualification. We're excited to introduce one of the first three aspiring educators confirmed for the pilot:

David Drummond, a Bachelor of Music graduate, will bring his experience working as a musician and band manager to music students at Stuart High School in Whyalla.

Find out more about the program here: www.education.sa.gov.au/teach-australia-pilot-program



Clontarf 2021

Hi everyone, and welcome to the start of a new year! We are very excited to get back under way with our programme, continuing to build strong relationships with the lads and meeting the new crew of year 8's for 2021. We have a lot of fun and exciting activities and events planned for this year which we hope will help make school a positive and fun journey for our young men.

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So far this year the boys have participated in afternoon activities such as golf, fishing & basketball matches. We also went on a site tour to the new school where the boys got to see first hand what the new facilities will look like in 2022, including the brand new Clontarf room which we are all excited about! On Friday of week 4, our year 9 & 10 boys travelled down to Arno Bay for the day to participate in a footy match against Port Augusta and Port Lincoln Clontarf Academies.

It was a good day out for the boys, catching up with fellow Clontarf members from across the state and everyone played in the Clontarf spirit which is always great to see.

Last, but certainly not least, we are excited to announce the appointment of two new staff members for our Whyalla Clontarf Academy. Brendon Jackson and Manny Gonzalez have joined our team. Both of them are local Aboriginal men who will bring their unique skill sets which will add more positive relationships with our boys and their families. Brendon will be based at Stuart High School and Manny will be based at Whyalla High School. Peter Rolfe has accepted a position as Director of the Ocean View Clontarf Academy and has moved back to his home town of Adelaide. We thank Peter for all his hard work in Whyalla over the last two years and wish him all the best in the future (luckily the boys will still be able to catch up with him on camps).

We are excited for 2021 and we cannot wait for what the year has installed for our boys and we look forward to updating you on what we have been up to, soon.

Graeme, Brendon & Nathan

DAILY MENU

ORDERS MUST BE IN BY 9.15AM



HOT FOOD

Hot Dog Plain (with buttes)	\$4.00
Hot Dog (Sauce)	\$4.00
Hot Dog (Cheese & Sauce)	\$4.80
Hot Dog (Becco, Cheese, Sauce)	\$6.00
Cheeseburger	\$6.50
(Cheese, Tomato, Sauce)	
Hamburger	\$8.50
(Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese, Sauce)	
Chicken Devil Fillet Burger	\$7.50
(Lettuce, Tomato, Mayo)	
Egg & Bacon Roll	\$6.00
Egg, Bacon & Cheese Roll	\$6.50
Roast Beef & Gravy Roll	\$6.80
Hot Roast Chicken, Mayo Roll	\$6.80
Pie	\$4.80
Sausage Roll	\$4.80
Party	\$4.80
Chicken Nuggets	\$0.80
Dim Sims	\$1.00
Hot Chips - Tray with Gravy	\$6.50
Hot Chips - bucket	\$4.00
Hot Chips & Gravy Roll	\$6.50

SALICES & EXTRAS

Tomato & BBQ Sauce	\$0.20
Mayonnaise	\$0.20
Cheese	\$0.50
Gravy	\$1.00

TOASTED SANDWICHES

Cheese	\$4.50
Ham & Cheese	\$5.00
Ham, Cheese, Tomato	\$5.50

SANDWICHES, ROLLS, WRAPS

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Chicken, Lettuce, Mayo	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00
Egg, Lettuce, Mayo	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$7.00
Chicken & Salad	\$6.50	\$7.50	\$8.50
Ham & Salad	\$6.50	\$7.50	\$8.50
Tuna & Salad	\$6.50	\$7.50	\$8.50
Cheese & Salad	\$6.50	\$7.50	\$8.50
Ham, Cheese	\$4.50	\$5.50	
Meatwurst, Cheese	\$4.50	\$5.50	
Vegete	\$4.00	\$5.00	
Plain with Butter	\$1.00	\$1.50	

SALAD BOWLS

(Salad - Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot)	
Chicken, Ham, Salad	\$6.50
Chicken, Salad	\$6.20
Ham, Salad	\$6.50
Cheese, Salad	\$6.50

SNACKS

PACKET OF CHIPS	\$2.80
(Chicken, Salt & Vinegar, Original, BBQ)	
Chocolate Bar	\$2.00
(Snickers, Mars, Crunchie, Cherry Ripe)	
Mixed Lolly Bag	\$2.00
Donut (Chocolate or Sprinkle)	\$4.00

DRINKS

Water	\$2.00
Orange Juice	\$4.00
Apple & Blackcurrant	\$4.00
Apple Juice	\$4.00
Big M Milk - Chic & Strawberry	\$2.50

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Prices as at 08/11/2019 and subject to change

Hey there!

Just popping in to check you have downloaded our school app?

Stay in the loop with Skool Loop.



- ✓ Events
- ✓ Notices
- ✓ Instant school messages
- ✓ Book interviews
- ✓ Absentee
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Permission Slips



Simple free download: In Google play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' & choose our school once installed.

AQUACULTURE NEWS

Our Aquaculture class conducted some random sampling of fish last week. The sampling process is important in Aquaculture so that the health status of aquatic animals can be monitored. Not only that but random sampling process ensures that fish are graded and sorted according to their body mass and length. This minimises levels of cannibalism especially among predatory fish like Barramundi.

This week, the students were involved in the sampling process of our cultured Barramundi. The fish were anaesthetised and the students measured the length and mass of 6 fish taken at random. The activity was carried out in groups of two and we ensured that stress levels were minimised at all times. Our data indicates that the biggest fish stands at about 40cm and weighs 1.2kg while our smallest fish are around 30cm, weighing 680g.

It is amazing how fast our fish have grown in these past 9 months. They were once 5cm fingerlings!! Our students Zeke, Zain, Miranda and Shaylea ensured that the fish were safely returned to their tanks after the sampling.



Harvesting Barramundi

Anesthetising the Barramundi



Measuring the length of Barramundi



Measuring the length of Barramundi



Weighing the Barramundi

8B Horticulture Class



Collecting the eggs



Gardening



Picking grapes



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Stuart High's Blast from the Past, Steve Beaty!

I was one of the founding students of SHS, starting first year at Long Street after the school was flooded just prior to opening – that was fun times.

I completed year 12 in 1977 and went straight to Uni SA on Nicolson Ave (SAIT back in the day) and my first real job after graduating in 1982 was a position as electrical engineer with a Telecoms company in PNG – that was 5 years of intense fun.

Since coming back to Adelaide in 1988 I have worked in aviation, rail, roads, water and environmental industries as engineer and for the last 25 years as a project manager, project director and construction manager. I started my own company IPMG in 1995 and it still goes today. Married with 5 adult children and 2 granddaughters, I am now into semi-retirement and lecture part time at Torrens University Australia in the city teaching masters degree in project management to international students – the fun times just keep on giving.



Attached photo was from 1976 for a photography assignment.

Student Advisory Committee

Ms Pontt and I are happy to announce the commencement of the Student Advisory Committee (S.A.C) for 2021.

For those new to our school the S.A.C. is a student lead action team that aims to address the needs of the students at Stuart High School that are raised through care group meetings.

The goal of the S.A.C. in our final year will focus on maintaining projects from previous years and celebrating the history of our school while focusing on a team mantra of "So what? Now what?" around identifying issues and addressing them promptly. Ms. Pontt and I look forward to meeting our new reps and starting a year of student driven action.

Class representatives are still going through their in-class election processes, but we look forward to announcing our full team and Governing Council Rep by our next newsletter.

Mr. Rogers, (S.A.C. Staff Rep)



Woke up late?

That's ok?
Please do one of these three things
before or at the time of the
students arrival:

- Walk inside and tell our friendly office staff
- Write a note
- Ring the school and explain

**All lateness and absences
require a note / phone call**

Traffic Lights / Midterm reports

This week students will have been given a Progress Indicators for each of their subjects. This snapshot provides students and parents with a guide to where they are on track and where there are concerns about progress. The intention is for this to be the starting point for conversations between students, parents, and teachers about the learning in each area.

The Progress Indicators can be accessed from the reports tab on Daymap via <https://daymap.stuarths.sa.edu.au/>
DaymapConnect

If you have not accessed the Daymap Parent Portal before, please contact the office with your e-mail address so we can setup an account or reset your password.





Congratulations

On Friday, 12th February 2021, Stuart High School held an assembly to celebrate the graduation of 3 Year 12 students. These students successfully completed their SACE last year. Unfortunately, the graduation ceremony was deferred due to COVID19 restrictions beyond our control. The Stuart High School family celebrated the students' milestone achievement with their families and Eddie Hughes, Member of Parliament, followed by a morning tea. Congratulations to our 3 students who are a great inspiration to our current cohort and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Gina Tawfiles, Teacher, FLC





Congratulations Year 12 Graduates of 2020



Pictured left to right: Steve Walker (Deputy Principal), Jessica Tapley, Eddie Hughes (Member of Parliament), Braydan Tongue and Elexis Supena, Gina Tawllies (teacher)



THE ORCHARD Community Garden is NOW OPEN THURSDAYS 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Thanks to a keen supporter of HOPE Collective, The Orchard, located on the corner of Bastyan Crescent and Knight Street, will be open every Thursday 5:30pm - 6:30pm. There are huge amounts of fresh and ready to pick oranges, grapefruit and mandarins ready to pick. Garden beds are ready to go. So come along, plant some vegetables and have some fun. If you want to know more, pop into the HOPE Community Hub for chat.



The HOPE Community Playgroup (facilitated by Playgroup SA) is on from 10:00am - 11:30am. This playgroup is particularly for children who may have some ASD behaviours, challenging behaviours, or sensory needs. Please bring a family along, or get in touch with Kristy via email - kristy.mayfield@playgroupsa.com.au

HOPE Community Hub

Open Every Tuesday 10am - 2pm
 Front Building - Whyalla Baptist Church (BUNYARRA)
 157 Nicolson Avenue (Look for the HOPE Banners)



The HOPE Community Hub is a place where you can connect, share life and belong!

The coffee lounge is open every Tuesday from 10am - 2pm, with low cost barista coffee and snacks available. Don't worry if you need a little help, there is a pay it forward system available.

We'd love you just to pop in and say hello.

A Community Connector is available to support families and individuals who might need a little more support. Community Connectors are able to help connect you into hub activities, into a growing range of other community based supports, and to other services.

There's no need to book in, just come along and ask for a Community Connector.

Barista Coffee & Snacks
Community Connectors
Playgroup 10 - 11:30am
Regular Hub Activities
Have Lots of Fun



H.O.P.E. Collective

SMG Chaplaincy Service

- School Chaplaincy commenced in SA Government schools in 1986.
- Schools Ministry Group 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 DfE) and the local church communities.
- The Chaplaincy Service provided through your PCW is a voluntary program offered to school communities.

Visit SMG at <https://smg.asn.au/>

PASTORAL CARE WORKER:

LESLEY MAXWELL

Lesley Maxwell works with the Stuart High School community and is available to support students, staff and parents.

Lesley is on site Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9AM to 12 NOON and can be contacted via email: leslie.maxwell911@schools.sa.edu.au

Tuesday's Lesley attends the HOPE Community Hub Community Members are welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a chat.

