DIARY DATES

PE Week Mon 21 Nov to Fri 25 Nov
White Ribbon Day Fri 25 Nov
Casual Clothes Day Fri 25 Nov
Wear Footy Colours Fri 25 Nov
Governing Council Meeting/Dinner Mon 28 Nov
Presentation Night Thur 1 Dec
Pupil Free Day Fri 2 Dec
Recycling Week Mon 5 Dec to Fri 9 Dec
Transition Day Mon 12 Dec
Year 9 Activities Day Tues 13 Dec
Year 10 Activities Day Wed 14 Dec
Year 10 Formal Wed 14 Dec
Year 8 Activities Day Thur 15 Dec
Last Day Term 4 Fri 16 Dec
2.15 dismissal

TERM DATES 2016

Term 1 Feb 1 - April 15
Term 2 May 2 - July 8
Term 3 July 25 - Sept 30
Term 4 Oct 17 - Dec 16

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NEWSLETTER
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This newsletter finds us over half way through term 4. The first five weeks of term have been extremely busy for staff and students.

Already we have had our Parent Information Night, the musical performances and teams playing in state finals in Adelaide for Knock Out sport. Term 4 is also jam packed with a range of fun, exciting and engaging learning experiences for the students.

Staff Update
I am very pleased to be able to announce that Ms Emma Green has won an ongoing position at Whyalla High School teaching English and HASS and Mr Meiles Manser has also won a position teaching Maths, Science and STEM. Congratulations to both Emma and Meiles, your hard work and dedication to Whyalla High School is a credit to you both.

I have also been given the privilege of being appointed Principal of Whyalla High School for the next three years. I am very honoured and excited to accept this position and look forward to being a part of the ongoing success and improvement of providing engaging educational opportunities for the students at Whyalla High School. There are many panels and HR appointments taking place at present. As staffing is finalised over the next few weeks, I will be able to announce many more staff appointments for 2017.

Subject Selection for 2017
This week all year 8 and 9 students have been engaged in the subject selection process for next year. Please ensure that you have discussed subject selections with your child and have signed their selection form. This information shapes and forms the curriculum that Whyalla High School offers next year. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please make contact with your child’s care group teacher.

Enrolments for 2017
I am very excited to announce that our total enrolment number for 2017 is 504 students.

With the huge intake of 190 year 8’s next year we have hit the 500 mark.

I now have the rewarding challenge of allocating every classroom space in the school and working out how to ensure the entire school can fit in the hall for whole school events and assemblies.

Musical
I would like to congratulate and thank Ms Emma Hunter and the cast and crew of our Addams Family Musical who performed in week two. I was very pleased and proud to see the students come to life on stage presenting five amazing shows over three days.

All aspects of the musical had significantly improved this year. The back drop, sets, choreography, acting and singing were all simply fantastic. The hard work, dedication and commitment from both staff and students to the musical was just brilliant.

Can I also say good luck to Emma Hunter and musical cast members that are also involved in the Whyalla Players ‘Mary Poppins’ performances over the next week.

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Partnership with SAPOL
Over the past 12 months in particular, Whyalla High School has developed a very positive working relationship with SAPOL. I would like to acknowledge and thank Mr Don Gapp for leading this very powerful initiative.

SAPOL are being supportive in assisting the school with students illegal behaviour, but more importantly they are presenting powerful presentations to our students around topics such as cyber safety and domestic violence.

On Friday November 25, the entire school will be recognising White Ribbon Day by creating a white ribbon on the school oval. Every student from the school will be involved in this activity as well as primary students from Whyalla Town and Saint Teresa’s. SAPOL staff will be in attendance and support the whole school event.

PE Week
Next week the school will be celebrating PE Week. Sean Sheedy, with the support of teaching staff, has organised a fun filled week where students are able to engage in a range of different PE activities. We have activities such as gym sessions, dance classes, cricket tournaments, netball and tennis on offer for the students.

Friday will be a casual clothes day for students where they get to wear their favourite footy colours to school.

Pupil Free Day
The final Pupil Free Day for 2016 will be on Friday December 2 (week 7). Staff will be spending the day reviewing the 2016 school year and making plans and decisions around curriculum delivery in 2017.

Presentation Night
This year our annual Presentation Night will be held on Thursday December 1 at the Middleback Arts Centre. Over the next week, parents will receive a letter if their child has won an award for 2016. Tickets will be available from Students Services from Monday November 21. This is a very special night for the school as it celebrates and recognises the hard work of many of our students.

Transition Day
Monday December 12 is Transition Day for 2017.

All year 7 students enrolling at Whyalla High School spend the day with us, to experience a day as a year 8.

On that day our year 8 students spend the day as year 9’s and our year 9 students spend the day as year 10’s.

Our year 10 students spend both the Monday and Tuesday of week 9 at Edward John Eyre High School.

Year 10 Formal
The year 10 Formal/Dinner is being held on Wednesday December 14 in the school hall.

Tricia Richman
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Following is more photos from our musical ‘The Addams Family’
STEM STUDENTS

During Week 3, five of our year 10 students presented their STEM innovation projects to a panel of judges at UniSA.

Two group projects were developed over the last three months as part of a school competition. One group of students used mathematics and computing technologies to investigate the funding and logistics of running a major event at the Whyalla foreshore.

The second group used electronics and computer coding to design a prototype collision detector that could activate in the event of a major crash.

The projects were completed independently of teachers, and the students needed to meet a series of submission deadlines to score competition points and meet the criteria of the course. Only two of the original four schools in the competition made it to the final panel and we are proud to say that our year 10s finished a close second to the year 11 team from Edward John Eyre High School, catching up several points over the course of the judging.

Anthony Birch

WHYALLA HIGH SCHOOL 2017
MATERIALS AND SERVICES CHARGES

The Materials and Services Charges will be $305.00 for 2017.

The school community is invited to attend the next Governing Council meeting to be held on Monday November 28 where this charge will be discussed prior to approval being sought. In lieu of attendance at the meeting, parents/caregivers/students can express their views by writing to the Chairperson of the Governing Council prior to the meeting.

MIDDLEBACK ARTS CENTRE - NOV. 18-23, 2016
Tickets on sale at Theatre Box Office, online or phone 8644 7300.
PLUS a unique package: THE MARY POPPINS EXPERIENCE
This special ticket offers pre-performance reading, a copy of the official full-colour souvenir program signed by featured cast members, a personal limited edition copy of the show’s official marketing poster and a guided tour backstage after each performance revealing how everything happens to bring the magic to life.

MARY POPPINS MUSICAL

Just a reminder to go and see Ms Hunter perform on stage, she has the leading role in the Whyalla Players Musical for 2016 ‘Mary Poppins’.

RESPECT  INCLUSION  RELATIONSHIPS  LEARNING ACHIEVEMENT
30 YEAR REUNION
A 30 year school reunion was held in Whyalla recently. The group of past students reminisced and remembered their time spent at Whyalla High School while having a tour of the school.

Thank you Mrs Clayton
During the school holidays, Amelia Clayton brought a cake into musical rehearsals for all to share. This special cake was made and iced by her mum. As you can see it looked too good to eat. THANK YOU SO MUCH MRS CLAYTON

BANGARRA DANCE GROUP
Whyalla High School Aboriginal students attended an Indigenous Youth Workshop at the D’Faces venue on Monday 7 November.
At the workshop the dancers showed our students a number of different dances. Our students were encouraged to join in and experience Aboriginal dance. All students enjoyed this experience.
Lorraine Haseldine