FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This newsletter is the last for the year. What a busy term 4 and year we have had.

Staff Update
I am very pleased to be able to announce that Ms Jenna Hewlett has won the position of Deputy Principal for term 1 in 2017, Mr Don Gapp will be Senior Leader again in 2017, Ms Emma Green has won the HASS Coordinator position, Dianna Pickert has won the Modified Differentiated Learning Coordinator position and Ms Emma Hunter is our new Arts Coordinator for 2017.

I am saddened to be saying goodbye to Ms Chenele Litchfield who will be taking up a position at Seacliff Primary School, Ms Amanda Bennett who is going to Christies Beach High, Ms Mellisa John moving across to John Pirie Secondary, Mrs Seema Deo is taking maternity leave and moving to Adelaide, Ms Lauren Smith is moving down to Yorketown, Ms Minka Lock will be teaching at Tatachilla Lutheran College, Ms Samantha Griguel is off to Aberfoyle Park High, Mr Christian Riebeling will be teaching at Henley High, Ms Imogen Knight is taking leave for 2017, Mrs Paula Zbierski is moving across to EJEHS and Mr Simon Raneberg is leaving us as well. I wish them all the best for their future. I would like to send our best wishes to Mrs Reshniel Chandra and Ms Kira Zippel who are taking maternity leave next year.

I welcome Mr Tyson Hartley - Year 8 English/HASS, Ms Patricia Di Fiore - Year 8 Maths/Science, Ms Rebecca Brooks - Year 9 Maths/Science, Ms Kate McKinna - Year 9 English/HASS, Ms Eloisa Oria - Year 9 Maths/Science, Ms Pritika Priya - Year 10 Maths/Science (Semester 1), Ms Mairead Hayes - Year 10 English/HASS, Ms Melissa Kober - Home Ec and Mr Jacob Ellidge - PE, who join our staff in 2017.

Presentation Night
This year our annual Presentation Night was held on Thursday December 1 at the Middleback Arts Centre. This was a very special night for the school as it celebrated and recognised the hard work of many of our students. I would like to congratulate all of the academic prize winners and the following special award winners:

- ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award - Emily Gloede
- Caltex Best All Rounder - Georgia O'Bona
- Whyalla City Council Community Service Award - Ethan Lowry
- Uni SA Whyalla Campus Award for Academic Achievement - Harry Dunn
- Apex Bob Messenger Award - Mark Dugan
- Onesteel/Arrium Excellence in Mathematics & Science Award - Sam Custance & Emily Gloede
- TAFE SA Award for Consistency - Hayden Walsh-Smith
- Eddie Hughes MP Excellence in Literacy & Numeracy - Hira Eagles & Tayla Rotherham
- Pro Co Stage Sound Award for Excellence in Dramatic Arts - Monique Coetzee
- Pro Co Stage Sound Award for Service to Music - Kaden Noble
- Pro Co Stage Sound Award for Excellence in Backstage Theatre/Lighting - Zackaree Kendall-King
- CEG Award for Excellence in PLP - Franci Colorito
- Intersport Award for Excellence in Sport - Philip Cash
- Rowan Ramsey MP School Community Award - Christine Rehn
- Fletcher Pool Supplies Award for Excellence in Arts - Emily Gloede & Shayelee O'Breza
- McMullen Builders Award for Excellence in Design & Technology - Benjamin Prior
- One Stop Carpets Excellence in Humanities Award - Brianna Doody-Hass
- Whyalla Players Award For Encouragement in Performing Arts - Cameron Spirat
- Mind Matters Award - Harold Flam & Brittany Rudd
- BAQ Electrical Services Work Experience Achievement Award - Courtney Higgins
- Anything Cars White Card Award - Billy Bartel
- Rotary Club of Whyalla Most Improved Award - Jordan Grillett
- Scholz Transport Award for Most Improved in Literacy or Numeracy in Year 8 - Sophie Schooling and in Year 9 - Aidan Marshall
- Minister of Education Volunteer Award - Helen Polkinghorne
- Whyalla Mt Laura Lions Club Principal's Choice Award - Lorraine Haseldine
- Whyalla Mt Laura VET Hospitality Award - Angielyn Aran

Congratulations to you all and well done!

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Achievements for 2016
Over the course of the year, Whyalla High School has achieved many things which we are proud of. The list includes:

- Opening four new classrooms for our current year 9 students.
- Asbestos removal and new cladding on the outside of both triple block classrooms.
- The development of a workshop based STEM classroom, which has strengthened and encouraged cross-curricula learning.
- An increase in our student NAPLAN and PAT literacy and numeracy data.
- Excellent results for our current VET students.
- Our annual sports day, which for the first time included a senior team from EJEHS.
- Exceptional participation in the various knock out sports competitions, with an amazing state final win by our year 10 girls basketball team earlier this term.
- A strengthened and powerful partnership between the school and SAPOL, which was celebrated during this term with our giant white ribbon being created on the school oval to recognise White Ribbon Day.
- Special activities being organised and celebrated for Literacy, Numeracy, Science and PE week.
- Our many school camps, with a particular highlight being the year 9 Cultural Tour to Melbourne and the year 10 Snow Tour.
- Our sensational school musical ‘The Addams Family’.
- The Music Showcase which was held last week, it was a most entertaining evening and showcased the talent of our students.
- Our positive and proactive high school education alliance with Edward John Eyre and Stuart High Schools.

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Focus for 2017
Our focus and direction for Whyalla High School in 2017, is to build on our current achievements, continue to improve our literacy and numeracy data and ensure we relocate our current Art Room to a new and engaging working space.

2017 will be a very exciting year as we welcome 180 new year 8’s, which will bring our total enrolment number to nearly 500 students.

As a new Principal, I would like to thank the Principal of Stuart High School, Ms Jeanette Conroy and the Principal of Edward John Eyre High School, Mr Tim Kloeden for allowing me to join the team and build a really successful working relationship that will continue to link our three schools in creative ways that improve opportunities for young people in Whyalla through high quality public education.

Finally I wish you all a restful, joyful and happy Christmas and hope that you spend this time with family and friends. Thank you all for your support of Whyalla High School throughout 2016 and we look forward to an exciting 2017.

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Correction
In the last newsletter we reported that Amelia Clayton’s mum made this beautiful cake but in fact Amelia made and iced this cake herself.

We apologise to Amelia for making this mistake and well done.

Our school photos will be taken on the Thursday 16th February 2017

For the convenience of our school community, school photos can be ordered and paid for online using a secure online platform. Orders placed online DO NOT require an envelope, cash/cheques or paperwork returned to school.

Envelope Orders: photos can also be purchased in the traditional manner using an envelope, with cash/cheque enclosed.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made online, as this reduces the administration and associated security issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code XM7 313 MPQ. This code can also be found printed on your envelope. Please be aware that:

1. Sibling/Family Photos can be ordered online or via envelope. To ensure a smoothly run photo day, online orders for Sibling/Family Photos will be cut off at 12.00 a.m. the night before our photo day to allow a list of students that require Sibling/Family Photographs taken to be compiled. Sibling photos can still be ordered after the online cut off date by collecting an envelope from the office and returning the envelope on photo day with your payment enclosed.
2. All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography.
3. The online code above may also be used to order sports and other group photos.

All orders placed online will be delivered to the school for collection.