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DIARY DATES

Monday 10th March

- Adelaide Cup Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 11th March

- Cyber Bullying Session Y11-10.50am
- Grounds, Facilities and Services Committee 6.15pm

Wednesday 12th March

- Y8 Immunisation Information Session - 11.35am

Friday 14th March

- Y12 OED Camp

Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th March

- Y12 PE Aquatics

Tuesday 18th March

- Campus Open Evening 4-7.30pm
Students dismissed 1.05pm

Wednesday 19th March

- Y11 RAP Presentation - 9.00am

Thursday 20th March

- GG ICT Ref Group 6.00pm

Thursday 20th - Friday 21st March

- Y11 OED Surf Camp

Monday 24th - Wednesday 26th March

- Y9 EXCEL Camp

Tuesday 25th March

- Finance Committee Meeting 6.30pm

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Principal's Column

Paul Wilson | Principal

Dear Parents and caregivers

We are again experiencing a spate of issues related to the use of social networking. I thought that for my communication with you in this newsletter we would re-print some material and advice that we shared with you last year about our on-line world today and about staying safe on-line.

We are now over half way through Term 1 and there has been lots happening, there are many stories in our newsletter this month to inform you about the things that have been keeping us busy and the students learning so far this year.

Our On-line World

The 21st century has seen the advent of a totally new and innovative form of social networking in our society, especially amongst our young people. Gone are the days of meeting at the milk bar or going for a walk, run or bike ride to chat. The new way for our young people to network, is through texting, twittering and the use of networking websites such as Facebook. I am informed that the number of text messages sent daily exceeds the population of the planet.

An amazing fact is that social networking websites make up at least five of the top sixteen websites worldwide; examples of these are YouTube, Twitter, Facebook, Blogspot and My Space. They are an excellent way to communicate with people of all ages – our learning anywhere, anytime approaches means that we very much support our students being globally connected. We support our students in using the internet to learn and to research and to find information.

The internet offers an exciting world of experiences for children and the whole family. It can be entertaining, educational and rewarding. As with all things, there are negative aspects to electronic forms of communication. Using the internet also involves risks and challenges. Children

might be exposed to content that is sexually explicit, violent, prohibited or even illegal. They may also experience cyber bullying or be at risk from contact by strangers. Children may - unknowingly or deliberately - share personal information without realising they may be subject to identity theft, or that they are leaving behind content that might not reflect well on them in the future.

Schools like parents are scrambling to come up with ways to address the adverse impact. Our young people are so proficient with IT that there is little chance that us 'oldies' know what they are up to all of the time, even though we may think we have a handle on it.

A number of parents have contacted us again this year concerned about student access to the internet and social networking sites. At school we block some websites and we educate our students about the acceptable use of the internet and mobile communication devices. We educate our students about cyber safety. We believe that cyber safety is best addressed when we work in conjunction with our families.

Protecting our children and young people from harm is just as important on-line as it is in the real world. As a parent or carer, you can play an important role in helping our young people have safe and positive experiences on-line.

Facebook have introduced an on-line service to report bullying and harassment – we encourage our students and families to use it. There are also excellent resources available for all of us to use to cope with this new phenomenon. I would encourage all parents to access the following websites for tips www.cybersmart.gov.au and www.staysmartonline.gov.au.

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Diary dates continued..

Wednesday 26th March

- VISTA Athletics Carnival

Friday 28th March

- **Student Free Day**

Monday 31st March - Tuesday 1st April

- Y11 OED Surf Camp

Wednesday 2nd April

- Governing Council Meeting 7.00pm

Thursday 3rd - Friday 4th April

- Y12 OED Aquatics

Thursday 3rd April

- Y10,11 & 12 ATSI Tour of Opportunity

Wednesday 9th April

- SSSSA Athletics Carnival

Friday 11th April

- Last day Term 1
- Students Dismissed 2.10pm
- Reports posted home

By taking an active role in talking with our young people about the risks and answering their questions or concerns about something that they find on the Internet we can help them stay safer on-line. Further information is provided in this newsletter to help our students stay safe on-line.

Paul Wilson
Principal

**UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE
PRINCIPAL'S SCHOLARSHIP**

Congratulations to Daniel Sansome our School Dux 2013. Daniel is the recipient of a University of Adelaide Principal's Scholarship to support his undergraduate studies at Adelaide University. We are all very proud of Daniel's outstanding academic achievement last year and we wish him all the best in his studies at Adelaide University.

Paul Wilson
Principal



SPECIAL PROVISION IN ASSESSMENT

The SACE Board have policies and procedures for Special Provisions in Assessment for both school based and external assessment. Generally, if a student has a known medical condition which could impact on their ability to complete an assessment, special provisions can be put in place to ensure a fair and equitable assessment is made.

See SACE website www.sace.sa.edu.au for details or contact me at the school.

Greg Walkom
Senior Leader
Student Achievement and Well-being
Senior School

SOCIAL NETWORKING SAFELY

Some people use social networking sites to threaten, harass or embarrass others. Criminals are also using social networking sites to access personal information and steal identities. Criminals may also attempt to use personal information to facilitate other illegal activities in the real world.

To get the most out of social networking sites you have to submit personal information about yourself. But it is important to remember that social networking sites will often offer you options to control the type of information you share with other users and options to manage the people you want to interact with. It is important to be careful about what personal information you put online and who you accept as your 'friend'.

Here are some steps to help protect you when using social network sites:

- set your online profile to private and be discerning about who you accept as your 'friend'
- protect your accounts with strong passwords
- have a different password for each social networking site so that if one password is stolen, not all of your accounts will be at risk
- think before you post – expect that people other than your friends can see the information you post online
- don't post information that would make you or your family vulnerable – such as your date of birth, address, information about your daily routine, holiday plans, or your children's schools
- don't post photos of you or your family and friends that may be inappropriate – or that your family and friends haven't agreed to being posted
- never click on suspicious links – even if they are from your friends – they may have inadvertently sent them to you
- be wary of strangers – people are not always who they say they are. It's a good idea to limit the number of people you accept as friends
- always type your social networking website address into your browser or use a bookmark.

Enter now!



**Talk to your teacher to enter
+ win prizes for taking part!**

In 2014, the Science Learning Area will provide an opportunity for science students to challenge themselves in the Big Science Competition. This one-hour international competition is open to students of all abilities at three different levels: Junior (Years 7 and 8), Intermediate (Years 9 and 10) and Senior (Years 11 and 12).

Questions test students' critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well as their science knowledge. Each student who takes part will receive a certificate as well as detailed feedback on their performance in the competition. They also go into a draw to win hundreds of iTunes and movie vouchers.

Our school will receive a comprehensive report for each paper level showing how each student performed on each question, the percentage of students in the cohort who answered correctly, and a comparison with the national results. Registrations for the competition will close on Friday of Week 11 (11th April) with a cost of \$7.50 per student. The Big Science Competition will be held in school between 21st and 28th May 2014.

The Big Science Competition is organised by Australian Science Innovations, a non-profit organisation committed to providing high quality science extension programs that inspire, challenge and raise the aspirations of students in science.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY



On Friday February 28 all Year 10 students participated in Clean Up Australia Day. Ten PLP classes all went in different directions from the school. Our class went to the streets and carpark between Hungry Jacks and The BP Service Station. We were surprised that there was so much rubbish in that area. The rubbish had caught in the bushes and in the kerbs. It was mainly take away food wrappers and packaging from surrounding businesses. The highlight for our group was finding a \$20.00 bill! Altogether we brought back a trailer load of rubbish. We felt pleased that we had contributed to the Australia wide Clean Up Campaign. When we arrived back at school we were treated to a sausage sizzle.

Kyle Shotton - Y10



The South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) Road Awareness Program (RAP) is a powerful presentation aimed at educating students in road awareness.

RAP targets license-aged drivers and road users at secondary schools across South Australia.

MFS Firefighters present an emotional, hard-hitting, Road Awareness Program, taking students on a journey to discover the risks drivers choose and the consequences they have no control over. The message is:

'Through Concentration and Commonsense, almost all road crashes are avoidable.'

Students learn that road safety is their responsibility and get a clear understanding of the consequences of their actions in relation to road safety choices.

Firefighters also address the lasting trauma from injuries and fatalities, including the on-going effects for survivors.

RAP has several road crash survivors who share their stories during the presentation giving the students a personal insight into the immediate and ongoing consequences of poor decision making.

The road crash survivors provide inspiration for students to become responsible drivers.

RAP will be held for Year 11 students on Wednesday 19th March during Lesson 1&2.

Greg Walkom
Senior Leader
Student Achievement and Well-being
Senior School

YEAR 8 BOYS VISTA ZONE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS 2014



In week 4, we travelled to Mars stadium to compete in a Year 8 Boys and Girls Basketball Carnival.

The carnival involved a large range of schools from within the North-Eastern area and it was only the second year this event had been running.

Both the girls and boys teams were very successful on the day. The girls finishing 3rd after losing only one game by 2 points and the boys finishing undefeated and taking out first place for the day.

A fantastic effort put in by all players to achieve this success and a great start to the year.

A special mention to Blake Thompson and Taylah Pitfield, who were our best and fairest winners for the carnival. Congratulations to all.

Matt Sharpe

Basketball Coach

2014 SSSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL E GRADE COMPETITION AT MARION SWIM CENTRE

On Tuesday of Week 5 our swim team consisting of 40 students travelled to the Marion Swim Centre to compete in the 'E' grade state-wide swim meet. This is an event we have previously won 2 years ago and despite a couple of absent swimmers, we had a strong team and were confident of doing well again. As the competition progressed the GGHS students performed especially well, with a significant number of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, as the relays began, we were sitting in 2nd place overall.

It was at this stage of the competition that we began to dominate over our closest rival, St Johns who were leading before the relays. Our swimmers performed exceptionally well and the girls team came through to win their event by 40 points, a superb achievement. This result gained GGHS a combined first place by a margin of 20 points, with St Johns holding onto second place.

As always, all of our students represented the Golden Grove Community with pride. A special mention to a number of individuals who made a significant contribution towards the win:

- Gemma Brown – 2 individual first places
- Jess Dobie – 2 individual first places
- Kate Innes – 2 individual first places
- Alice March – 1 individual first, second and third place
- Erin March – 2 individual first places and a second place
- Ethan Owens – 3 individual first places
- Emily Richards – 1 individual first place and 2 second places
- Lucy Richards – 2 individual first places
- Lauren Smith - 1 individual first place and 2 second places
- Taylor Wachtel – 2 individual second places and a third

On behalf of all GGHS students, a big thank you is extended to Mary Lane who helped with the team and has done so for a number of years.

Tim Potter
Sports Coordinator



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1: WILLUNGA W	56.25	(6)
2: PEDARE	51.89	(5)
3: GOLDEN GROVE	49.31	(1)
4: NURIOTPA	59.22	(8)
5: LOWER NORTH	50.25	(3)
6: NURIOTPA	51.43	(4)
7: ST JOHN'S	49.84	(2)
8: MURRAY MALLEE	57.52	(7)



SENIOR LAWN BOWLS CARNIVAL – TERM 1 2014

In Week 5 our senior boys travelled to Para Hills Bowls Club to compete in the annual lawn bowls carnival. All of our students enjoyed learning how to bowl on the greens and were keen to build on the success of the junior team that won in Term 4 last year.

Once again Golden Grove High School brought home the trophy and were crowned North East Vista Premiers. The "crackerjack" team of Chris Kolisnyk, Jed Greer and Aaron Brown won all of their games including the final by the small margin of 2cm. Shot of the day was by Izzy Fuss who managed to master her wide drawing bowl and draw the shot a small distance behind the Jack.

Well done to all involved.

Mr Brian Palmer



HELPFUL WEBSITES

Often the first place people will turn to is the internet. There are many reputable youth and parent friendly websites where you can get information about how you're feeling & explore options for getting help or helping someone you care about.

Some reputable youth-friendly websites are:

- www.headspace.org.au
- www.eheadspace.org.au
- www.blackdog.org.au
- www.BITEBACK.org.au
- www.reachout.com
- www.ruokday.com.au
- www.youthbeyondblue.com
- www.lifeline.org.au
- www.kidshelp.com.au

Parent Friendly Websites

- www.theothertalk.org.au – talking openly about alcohol and other drugs
- www.thinkuknow.org.au – cyber-safety
- www.boysforward.org.au – Boys in Education
- www.centrecare.org

Belinda Noack
Student Counsellor

SA EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION AWARDS

Share Celebrate Reward

Nominations are now open for the 2014 SA Excellence in Public Education Awards.

For the first time, 2014 will see nominations opened up to all DECD employees, recognising and rewarding the outstanding contributions made by teachers, leaders, support staff and also corporate and services staff from across the state.

Don't miss your chance to nominate an outstanding education professional, care or child protection worker within DECD to recognise and reward their dedicated and inspirational contribution to young South Australians.

To nominate an employee at our school, go to:
www.decd.sa.gov.au/teachingawards

Like us on facebook and follow the progress of the Awards:
www.facebook.com/SATeachingAwards

Nominations close 5pm Thursday 10 April 2014.

For further information contact the Awards team on 08 8226 3079 or email DECD.Recognition@sa.gov.au

SOME TIPS ABOUT STAYING SAFE ON-LINE

- Know what your children are doing on-line - make sure they know how to stay safe and encourage them to tell you if they come across anything suspicious or if anybody says or does something that makes them feel uncomfortable or threatened.
- Get to know the technologies your children are using. This will help you understand the risks and to be able to talk to them about what they are doing online.
- Discuss the risks with your children and agree on some rules for internet use. Post them clearly near your computer.
- Tell your children if they are uncomfortable talking to you they can contact the Cybersmart Online Helpline (Kids Helpline) www.cybersmart.gov.au
- Place the computer in a family area of the home - the family or living room, rather than a bedroom.
- Install an internet content filter. This can be used to restrict what content is viewed and downloaded or the times when they can use the internet.
- Make sure your children know not to share personal information or photos. This includes their full name, mailing address, telephone number, the name of their school, or any information that could allow someone to work out who they are and where they live.
- Report inappropriate, harmful or criminal activities that occur online or via a mobile device to www.thinkuknow.org.au
- Report offensive content to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). You can do this by completing the relevant online form at www.acma.gov.au/hotline or by sending an email to online@acma.gov.au or phone 1800 880 176

YOURTUTOR - YEAR 11 & 12 ON-LINE LEARNING SUPPORT

We are pleased to advise Year 11 & 12 students and families that the highly successful YourTutor assistance for after school tutoring is again available.

Students will be inducted into the tutoring service and receive their login details at school. The on-line homework centre is available wherever a student happens to be after school, using real-time communication with qualified teachers and tutors. Students last year were impressed and pleased with the help they received.

For further information visit www.yourtutor.com.au

YEAR 8 CAMPS



During Week 3 and 5 of Term 1, all Year 8 students and Year 11 Peer Support students had the opportunity to attend a three day camp at Victor Harbor. Students attended with their home group teacher and other staff who teach them staying at the Encounters Conference Centre. In all just over 300 staff and students made the trip to Victor.



The main aim of the camps is for everyone to get to know each other, learn about their new class mates and have a good time whilst undertaking some interesting activities. The Peer Support students ran many of the activities including sessions on cyber bullying and harassment, problem solving and team games for sports day. Students had the opportunity to develop skills in surfing and body boarding at Middleton and spent a fun filled day at Greenhill's Adventure park trying the many activities on offer including mini golf, climbing walls and water slides to name a few. Walks to the bluff, red faces and quizzes rounded off the activities with everyone getting involved.



It is pleasing to report that everyone enjoyed the experience and apart from some very tired students and staff all were better off for their experiences. Our students received very positive feedback from the various organisations that we came in contact with and everyone represented the school well and demonstrated our school values of iCARE.

Mike Meredith
Senior Leader Middle School.

