



Christies Beach
High School

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Mon 20 Feb

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Youth Week

Thu 13 Apr

Middle School PI Day
Last Day Term 1

Mon 1 May

First Day Term 2

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From the Principal

Dear Students, Parents and Caregivers

As this is our first newsletter for the year I take the opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all new students and families joining our school for 2017. We all hope the year ahead is successful and that school life becomes a positive and happy experience.

We also welcome a number of new staff to our team this year. The following people bring vast experience and new ideas to our school and we look forward to working with each of them.

- Kirri Minnican - Deputy Principal
- Amanda Bennett - Assistant Principal, Middle School
- Gemma Viselli - Student Counsellor
- Sarah Brooker - Maths/Science
- Rick Foster - Flexible Learning Program
- Gordon Grieve - Tech Studies
- Hannah Knight - Special Options
- Kathy Lampard - Special Options
- Madeleine Melios - Special Options
- Tim Pols - Tech Studies
- Natalie Reinboth - Maths/Science
- Amy Rowe - Special Options
- Marcus Sheehan - Physics/Chemistry
- Henry South - Music

Our immediate priorities for the year have been focusing on getting the conditions for learning right. This means placing high importance on supporting all students to be ready for learning, organised, on time and in the right place at the right time. This has resulted in quick follow up of absence, monitoring student movement between lessons and applying consistent expectations across the whole school.

We are also keen to improve communications with the community, and have made a commitment to aim for more frequent newsletters and have recently relaunched the school Facebook page. Facebook will be a place we share important information about school events and new items, so I encourage you to 'like' the page to receive immediate notification as items are posted. Check us out at facebook.com/christies.beach.high.school.



**Government
of South Australia**

Department for Education
and Child Development

Year 8 camp

We are happy to confirm that we are in the final stages of organising the Year 8 camp to be held in Week 8, Term 1.

The camp will be held at Woodhouse Activity Centre, located in the beautiful Piccadilly Valley. This is an opportunity for our Year 8 students to participate in fun, exciting and challenging team building activities, while building strong working relationships with their peers and teachers.

A letter will be sent home early Week 3 to give you more detailed information including the cost and payment options.

We hope you will support your child to participate in this experience.

Ilana Heapy
Leader Year 8



Student uniform has been promoted positively from the first day of the year and the response has been fabulous by the majority of students and families. I thank you for your support in ensuring uniform compliance each day. The impact this has on representation of school pride and identity is powerful, as many visitors to school and community members have commented already. If you have difficulty meeting uniform requirements, please talk to staff in Student Services who have a range of ways to support you.

In addition to the major works this year to build a new Special Options school and create an exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) facility we were pleased to hear last week of the announcement our school will receive a \$250,000 grant to install solar panels and convert to LED lighting. This will generate considerable savings in energy use and promote the use of renewable energy in our community. All of these projects will commence within this year so we look forward to exciting activity in coming months.

The year ahead presents exciting opportunities for all community members to be involved in whole school change that leads to learning improvements and successful pathways for young people in our care. One way of being directly involved as parents and caregivers is to nominate for Governing Council. The Annual General Meeting is on next Monday night and I extend a welcome to any interested parents to come along and hear about some of the forward thinking for our school's ongoing improvement.

Please enjoy reading the information in this newsletter and if you have any questions or would like to meet for a conversation, please feel welcome to contact me through the school office for an appointment.

Graham Clark
Principal

Welcome from the Deputy Principal

Welcome to 2017. I am extremely excited to be the Deputy Principal of Christies Beach High School this year. I am deeply passionate about young people and their learning and am looking forward to being a part of the journey of change we are currently embarking upon.

I have come from Willunga High School, where I was Deputy for three years and before that I was in Streaky Bay, on the far west coast. Both places enabled me different, exciting and rewarding opportunities. Now I am here and I can't wait for those opportunities to continue.

Within my role this year I will be focussing predominately on a curriculum that meets all students' needs. I will be working with staff and students regarding this and would love to have your input, as parents and caregivers, too. I will ensure you get this opportunity throughout the year. Christies Beach High School has the potential to offer a range of subjects that will meet the needs of all and enable all aspirations to be fulfilled. I will work tirelessly to make sure this happens.

Last week the students wowed me. Graham Clark and I were cooking a sausage sizzle for the students and the manners that were displayed were exceptional. Students were polite, offered to help and demonstrated kindness. How lucky I am to work here!!!

Please feel free to make an appointment or call to discuss any ideas, positive stories or concerns.

Warm wishes

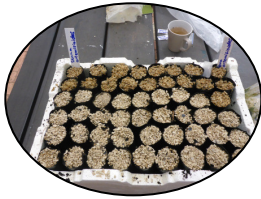
Kirri Minnican
Deputy Principal



Today you are **YOU**,
that is **TRUER** than true.
There is **NO ONE** alive
who is **YOUER** than **YOU!**



Vegetable garden
before weeding



Tubing



Team meeting: Mr Duke,
Teana, Bec and Chloe



Jasmine and Ethan



Aquaponics herb
garden at the ELC

YEA (Youth Environmental Activists) news

In the early months of 2017 the group known as the YEA (Youth Environmental Activists) got together for a two day working bee.

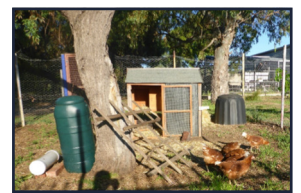
Over these two days they began the process of refurbishing the vegetable garden beds and cleaning out the chicken coop, resulting in six new pet chickens! The group also participated in tubing, a process of filling tubes with soil and adding a small amount of seeds to promote growth. The pet lizards, Bert and Rango, had a great time interacting with the group and enjoying some fresh strawberries. Within three weeks progress is already evident in the new and improved vegie gardens and the vegies will be ready to harvest in no time.



Vegetable garden
after weeding

YEA: working as a team of young activists to educate ourselves and encouraging others to be eco-friendly.

On the evening of Thursday, 9 February, a group of eight environmentally conscious students and three staff gathered at the Environmental Learning Centre (ELC) for a 'sleep-out'. The group saw this as an important opportunity for students to connect, to discuss and share information and to develop team work skills in a supportive environment.



CBHS chickens

As the siren sounded to end the school day, students and staff gathered to spend time unwinding by interacting with some of the Environmental Learning Centre animals. This including feeding Bert, the sleepy lizard, moving Rango, the bearded dragon lizard, into his outside playpen and taking the turtle for a walk.

Together we cooked a group meal that included bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwiches and we participated in a formal meeting to discuss issues and activities for 2017. This included trialling new recycling stations, how to promote sustainability to students new to CBHS, creating times to care for the school chickens and promoting the opportunity for two to three students to join the Youth Environmental Council of South Australia.

The next morning the students participated in a short beach walk along the coastal dunes of Southport Beach. The main theme was about conservation strategies and observing dune erosion. A discussion then followed about how the YEA could help the area rejuvenate.

All who participated are looking forward to 2017 and promoting CBHS as a school that cares for the environment.



Southport sand dune erosion

YEA students

Special Options

Swimming has got off to a great start this year. Students attending this popular curriculum activity are able to learn a range of skills in water safety and swimming by experienced DECD instructors.

Our students range in ability from beginner to advanced and all have the opportunity to develop confidence and strength in the water whilst having fun.

Teresa Goodridge
Teacher Special Options



Ben



Sarah



Liam

Breakfast Club

FREE breakfast for students every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

7:30am - 8:25am
2G08

cereal, toast, fruit, eggs,
Milo

Volunteers needed - must have a DCSI clearance and be willing to attend 'Response to abuse and neglect' training.

Margaret Rankine
Breakfast Club
Co-ordinator



Work experience with Defence SA

There are a number of opportunities for students aged 15+ to participate in work experience with Defence in SA. These include:

- Air Force Indigenous Youth Program, 21-23 March 2017 at RAAF Base Edinburgh
- Air Force Familiarisation Program, 27-30 March at RAAF Base Edinburgh
- Air Force Familiarisation Program, 22-25 May at RAAF Base Edinburgh
- Air Force Familiarisation Program, 21-24 August at RAAF Base Edinburgh
- Air Force Familiarisation Program, 30 Oct-2 Nov at RAAF Base Edinburgh

All work experience opportunities are advertised on the Defence Work Experience Program website <http://www.defence.gov.au/workexperience/> and students should apply online for any placement that they are interested in.

See Mrs Henry for support if you are interested.

Amanda Henry
Leader Student Pathways and Career Development

Brainstorm Productions

Verbal Combat

On Wednesday, 15 March, Brainstorm Productions will be presenting their wellbeing program 'Verbal Combat' for Year 8 and 9 students.

Words are powerful. Words can hurt and cyber bullying is devastating. Verbal Combat is a live theatre program that follows three friends who learn that their online words can last forever. The desire to fit in and be liked is strong and when one friend starts to post witty, but mean, rumours to get more online likes, the play takes a cruel twist. All too soon, the posts are wreaking havoc in all their lives and the characters quickly discover that there is no easy way out. Verbal Combat is essential learning that addresses the dire consequences of cyber bullying and will help students understand that their digital footprints are hard to erase and so are their mistakes.

Verbal Combat is part of our student wellbeing curriculum and the program has been developed in consultation with teachers and psychologists, as well as real-life student experiences. The methodology of the program is safe, supportive and nonjudgmental and designed to provide students with positive and useful tools that they can use in their everyday lives.

More than 350,000 Australian students have already benefited from Brainstorm Productions multi award-winning educational theatre programs over the past twelve months. Their programs cater to the specific wellbeing needs of students, helping to create a healthy and harmonious school environment. If you would like to know more about Brainstorm Productions, visit their website at www.brainstormproductions.edu.au.

Iilana Heapy, Leader Mathematics and Numeracy

Invitation: an opportunity to be a star!

All students are invited to be a part of the CBHS new look 'Arts presentations in 2017 and beyond'.

Plans are in the making for students to be inaugural members in extracurricular involvement in the creating of both on and off stage roles in some new and revitalised performance presentations.

One of these activities will be the introduction of musical theatre. 'A Show' will be created where all areas of the arts are represented.

Musicals have always been popular and very much in tune with one of the pathways we would like the Arts to head here at CBHS. Whether it be a more traditional musical type, such as Grease, or a rock opera such as Zombie Prom, our plan is to begin the process for students and our school community.

Whether you want to be onstage performing in the bands, a lead character, vocalist or cast member, we will have a spot for you in our 2017 performances.

Yes, we will need off stage creators and organisers, too. Whether your interest is in creating or providing costume, hair/makeup, props and sets, stage management and tech and stage hands, publicity or design – we would be very excited to have you and your skills and enthusiasm on board.

An information get together will be held:

Thursday, 16 February 2017
Lunchtime - 12:40pm
Drama Space (PAC)

Bring your enthusiastic self and friends!

Parents and caregivers who wish to offer their time or skills, please feel free to contact the school to register your interest and we will be in touch with you. We would be so happy to have your support.

The Arts Team



Meningococcal study

The licensed meningococcal B vaccine (Bexsero®) is being offered to all Year 10, 11 and 12 students in 2017 by City of Onkaparinga Immunisation Service.

During 2017 - 2018 each participant will:

- Receive two doses of Meningococcal B (Bexsero®) vaccine
- Complete two single page questionnaires (one if in Year 12)
- Have two throat swabs taken (one if in Year 12)
- Receive a \$20 iTunes card after having each throat swab

Immunisation consent packs will be sent home to all eligible students. It is important that you read the information contained in the pack before you provide consent. The student is also required to provide their consent by signing and dating the consent form.

The study aims to determine whether the Meningococcal B vaccine has the additional benefit of preventing the spread of the meningococcus bacteria from person to person.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact City of Onkaparinga Immunisation Service or the Immunisation Section, SA Health, Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 5:00pm on 1300 232 272. All parents / legal guardians are requested to complete, sign, date and return the consent form, even if you do not consent for the student to be part of the study.

If you do not receive a Meningococcal B Vaccine Herd Immunity Study pack and you think your child may be eligible, please ask at the school office.

Forms are due back by Friday, 3 March 2017.

Wendy Hosking
SSO

Student Counsellors

We have two student counsellors at Christies Beach High School.

Middle School (Years 8-9): Gemma Viselli

Senior School (Years 10-12): Kathryn Harrison

The counsellors work together to manage student welfare and counselling issues for all members of the school community. Expected outcomes of these positions include:

- the students are able to access counselling and support services to ensure successful participation in learning
- counselling and support structures are provided to all, in the areas of courses and careers, harassment, conflict resolution, grief and loss, and other personal issues that affect successful participation in teaching and learning
- effective liaison with outside agencies to provide support where there is a need
- staff are supported with strategies and provided with information needed to work effectively with students
- processes for moving students into and out of the school, are supportive and effective
- there are special programs in place addressing the needs of students at risk

Making appointments

For students

- in person during school time (come to office)
- through Student Services
- direct email: kathryn.harrison885@schools.sa.edu.au or gemma.viselli379@schools.sa.edu.au

For non-students

- through Student Services or phone (08) 8329 9777
- direct email: kathryn.harrison885@schools.sa.edu.au or gemma.viselli379@schools.sa.edu.au

In an emergency

- Kids Helpline 1800 551 800
- Crisis Care 131 611
- Youth Healthline 1300 131 719
- Parent Helpline 1300 364 100
- Lifeline 131 114

Kathryn Harrison
Gemma Viselli
Student Counsellors

Canteen under new management

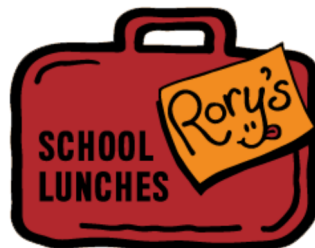
Welcome back to school everyone. Have you tried the canteen, now operated by Rory's School Lunches? A wide range of healthy, tasty options are available.



Check out some of the food you can expect to see this year at rorys.com.au/menus and scroll down to find Christies Beach High School. Orders can also be placed and paid for online for pick up during the day using the Rory's App.

The canteen is open Monday to Friday before school, at recess and at lunchtime.

EFTPOS is available with no minimum spend.



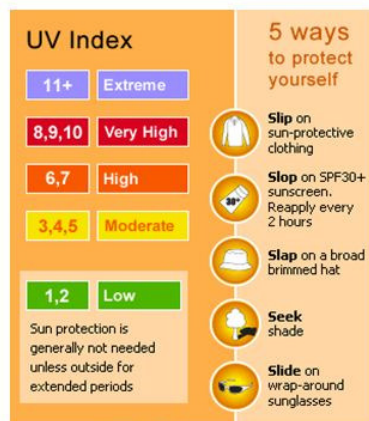
Sun Smart

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world.

The SunSmart UV Alert is a tool that indicates the hours when sun protection is needed on any given day. The times are issued daily by the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) when the UV Index is forecast to reach 3 or above. When a SunSmart UV Alert is issued sun protection measures are recommended during the times indicated.

Please be aware of the UV index and apply the steps listed to reduce your risk of skin damage.

Adam Thompson WHS Committee



Student Support Services

Young people who need extra help are often referred to the Student Support Services team by their teacher. Student Support Services include social workers, behaviour support coaches, psychologists, special educators, speech pathologists and provide support to children and teachers.

If your child's teacher feels that your child is having difficulties they may engage with the Student Support Services team. Your teacher will discuss this with you and obtain your consent before making a formal request for support is made for your child.

For more information, speak with your school or visit www.decd.sa.gov.au

Governing Council

Welcome one and all to 2017 school year.

I had a great surprise walking through the school this week to see nearly every student in school uniform; they all looked like they belonged to a cohesive group of smartly dressed students. I must congratulate all parents and caregivers for being supportive of the school uniform policy. The Governing Council is very supportive of this policy as a sense of belonging is so important in developing minds.

Another focus area for the Governing Council is the cooperation of students working together towards a common goal, so any sort of put down is not helpful. Bullying is not acceptable in any work environment and especially not in our school community. We at the Governing Council are working with the staff, supporting their actions to reduce any sort of negative behaviours.

If these topics are of interest to you, or you would like to see what goes on at the Governing Council at your school, please attend a meeting. We would love to see you there. We have regular meetings twice a term on a Monday night at 6:00pm. The next is the AGM on Monday, 20 February.

Anne Linnett, Governing Council Chairperson

Christies Beach High School Governing Council Inc.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday, 20 February 2017 at 6:00pm
Resource Centre, Christies Beach High School

We would like to invite parents/caregivers and interested community members to attend our AGM and to consider nominating for membership to council or to one of our other school committees.

The Governing Council provides an opportunity to participate in school decision making in relation to school improvement and accountability. We hope you can join us.

Graham Clark, Principal

The Smith Family

The Smith Family is proud to continue its support in 2017 for the students of Christies Beach High School through a number of programs.

Learning Club

Does your child need assistance with completing homework?

If so, The Smith Family provides a safe, supportive learning environment for an hour every Monday after school. Volunteer tutors can assist students with their homework and assignments, as well as helping to strengthen students' academic skills. Learning Club runs every Monday from 2:15pm-3:15pm in the Resource Centre.

iTrack

Does your child have an idea of what they want to do when they finish school? Would they like the opportunity to speak to a mentor about their chosen career path?

iTrack is an online mentoring program that will be running at Christies Beach High School in Terms 2 and 3, during school hours. Students will 'chat' to their mentor for an hour a week and the mentor will help with planning for life after school.

Please get in touch with Karl at The Smith Family on 8382 7619 for further info. Places are very limited.

Karl Melvin

Program Coordinator, LFL Morphett Vale | The Smith Family



Work experience opportunity

In 2016 CBHS participated in the Freerange Future Work Experience Program. Freerange Future would like to offer one student from CBHS the opportunity to do work experience within their studio again this year. It will be a mixed program incorporating both graphic design and marketing.

This will initially be by an expression of interest to Mrs Henry and then a panel of teachers will select one student to attend.

This is a great opportunity for a young person who has shown talent in design but perhaps has a broad range of skills or is unsure of what they want to do. The program will give them plenty of opportunity to be creative, will show what it's like to work in the design industry, challenging them on a range of skills including research, presentation and creative thinking.

The student will take on a project that follows a streamlined version of Freerange Future's design methodology and through a combination of mentoring, role playing and self-guided project work, they will design a visual identity for a new, imaginary business. This does not involve any real clients; it's entirely enacted by the team for the student's experience.

Amanda Henry
Leader Student Pathways and Career Development



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Science news

The Science team has been hard at work getting students settled and focused on the year ahead with a challenging year of study.

Our Year 8 students have started the term learning about how to both conduct safe experiments and to be in safe in the class.

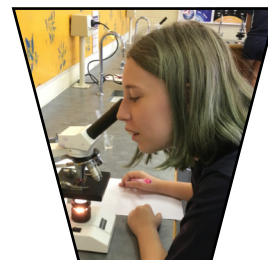
Year 9 students were straight into the work, learning about body systems and ecosystems.

Year 10s started the year by thinking about what they are going to choose for Science next year. This term they are doing Chemistry and are looking forward to engaging experiments.

Kevin McCrohan
Leader Science



Tiffany, Leteisha, Nikkita



Madeline

Numeracy at school and in the home

Numeracy is the capacity to use mathematics in everyday situations at home, at work and for the participation in community life. This involves measuring, estimating and interpreting information presented in graphs, in texts and tables.

At Christies Beach High School we endeavor to support students to learn the mathematical concepts required to be successfully numerate. The Math faculty has worked hard to develop learning opportunities for students to adapt their mathematical learning into real life situations. It is important that this learning is transferred to home.

As parents/caregivers you can provide opportunities to support your teenagers numeracy development through every day experiences. These may include:

- playing board/card/dice games with your teenager. For example: Monopoly, Uno, Blackjack, Yahtzee, Connect Four, etc
- invite your teenager to help prepare a recipe or meal, which requires accurate measurement. Adjusting recipes to cater for smaller or larger numbers
- discuss newspaper articles containing graphs or tables, sports, weather, cars or music
- discuss the family budget or their allowance, money for jobs around the house, saving for something they want
- asking questions: How long do you think it is going to take us to get to? How much do you think this is going to cost? If its 30% off what does that mean? How long will it take you to save up for.....? How many goals does the team need to win?



Numeracy is everyone's business.

Ilana Heapy
Leader Mathematics and Numeracy

