



CHRISTIES BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

DIARY DATES

24 May 2017

Open night 6.00-7.30pm
all welcome

26 May 2017

Career Expo – Year 11 and Year 12

29 May - 2 June 2017

Reconciliation Week

12 June 2017

Queen's Birthday

13 June - 21 June 2017

'Grow Up Smiling' Dental Check-up

19 June 2017

Governing Council Meeting

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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

To parents, caregivers, students and community,

Communication with our community is an important priority and some action has been occurring to drive some improvements in this area. You might have noticed a change in the presentation of this newsletter. Over the past couple of months we have been working with a design company to refresh our current range of stationery and communication tools, and the school newsletter is one of the first items to be completed. We hope you agree the new format is an improvement and that you value the news and information provided. Our aim is to produce a newsletter

about every three weeks and have it made available to the community through a range of methods – post, email and online. If you would like to receive your copy via email, please ensure your current email address is provided to the student services team.

The school website is the next priority, to improve the quality and frequency of information available online. In addition, plans are well underway for launching a school app that will make immediate communication to mobile devices quick and easy. Facebook has also become a successful information sharing tool, so if you haven't checked that out, please 'like' us at facebook.com/christies.beach.high.school.

NAPLAN

This has been an important period for Year 9 students as they participate in the annual NAPLAN testing. The information received from these tests helps us to provide targeted support for students to build upon strengths and develop improvements where needed. It has been great to see the high increase in participation and the exceptionally positive approach students have had towards this process. We congratulate all Year 9 students for their mature and positive approach. When results are available later in the year we will work closely with all families to identify next steps in the learning journey.

DREAM BIG FESTIVAL

We are all excited about the Dream Big Festival and congratulate Emily Ferry (Year 10) and Holly Frith (Year 9) who presented the opening speech at the opening ceremony on 18 May at Adelaide Oval on behalf of all students in South Australia. This opportunity was available to students statewide and Emily and Holly were chosen due to their fantastic public speaking abilities and for their exemplary English skills. The girls have written a mature and insightful speech which focuses on the importance of the Arts in schools and our everyday lives. We are extremely proud of the girls and we know the positive light cast upon our school as a result will be amazing.

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STUDENT VOICE

Bec Walker & Jordyn Maitland



Jayden Phillips

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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CURRICULUM REVIEW

A large team of staff have commenced a review of the school's curriculum and timetable structure to ensure we are meeting the needs of our students in as many ways as possible. This is an opportunity to redesign the school day and the learning that occurs across all subjects and year levels. Discussion points include; length of the school day, starting and finishing times, length of learning blocks, times for breaks and most importantly, the diversity of curriculum. The voice of students and families is an important and vital part of this review process so we will be seeking your thoughts through Governing Council and Student Voice representatives over coming weeks. If you have specific ideas please feel welcome to share them directly with me via email or phone and I will ensure your thoughts contribute to the discussions. Our timeline is aimed at having the renewed curriculum and school structure published for all students and families at the beginning of Term 3 so that course selection processes can commence soon after.

I look forward to seeing you at the Open Night on Wednesday 24 May. Please come along and have a look around at how our school operates and hear some exciting plans for the future. Tell your friends and any others you know considering the best learning place for their children. Christies Beach High School aspires to being the first choice school for everyone in our community.

Graham Clark
Principal

TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

On Thursday 13 April the Young Mums and their children, supported by Aunty Catherine from Taikurrendi attended the Wooden Playground in Port Noarlunga for a Teddy Bear's picnic.

The students and their children had a fantastic day in the sunshine engaging in water play, sand play and utilising the age appropriate equipment. Students then enjoyed a healthy shared lunch and the children loved the Easter Egg hunt. Once again, this community activity offered an opportunity for students to strengthen attachment through play. Thank you to Taikurrendi for a wonderful day.

Delmarie Brownridge
Parenting Program



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The chilly mornings and lovely days indicate that winter is on its way and Term 2 has begun. We have had a lovely start to the term with students focussed in classes, some wonderful excursions taking place and the Dream Big Festival Opening recently.

A Curriculum Review is currently underway and a core team of staff are involved in this process. It is exciting to hear ideas, thoughts and reasoning as to why some changes within our curriculum need to occur and what this will look like. Education is an ever moving feast so it is important we give the young people who attend Christies Beach High School the opportunity to learn in a current model with clear pathways offered.

Student and parent voice is vital in this process and consultation will occur within this term regarding some of the recommendations the Curriculum Review team will be making.

Wearing the school uniform helps the school provide a safe environment for students as well as making cost effective, durable attire available to every student. There have been a number of students not wearing uniform to school which causes unnecessary conflict and stress. Should you need support in providing the correct uniform for your young person please get in contact with us at the school.

At Christies Beach High School, we encourage our young people to choose nutritious food and drinks to support their learning. For this reason, we do not permit energy drinks or soft drinks to be brought onto school property. Should a student bring these onto school grounds they will be confiscated. Thank you for your support regarding this.

Lastly I was lucky enough to sit in on the Sammy D Foundation presentation to the Year 10 cohort last week. It was thought provoking, gut wrenching and real. It made me reflect on how blessed I am to work with young people every day and how everyone has the right to feel safe.

Kirri Minnican
Deputy Principal

STUDENT VOICE

Late last term a small group of Student Voice representatives went to a Community Enthusiasts' Workshop held at the Aldinga Beach Library.

The workshop was designed to equip young people with the tools, examples and inspirations to get community initiatives happening. Our students were attentive throughout the day and engaged positively with community members during an informal interview, focused on uncovering community assets. It was a fantastic day and we are excited about exploring ways to extend our community links and involvement at Christies Beach High School.

Gemma Viselli
School Counsellor



Jordyn Maitland



Jarrad Leslie-Wilson



Sauna Shields & Jeszalyne Hewitt

NEW DENTAL SERVICE TO BE OFFERED TO STUDENTS

Christies Beach High School, in partnership with Dental Outreach's 'Grow-up Smiling' program is proud to offer students access to an onsite dental check-up at *no out of pocket expense* during July this year.

Affectionately known as 'GuS', the independently run schools dental program is one of the largest and most successful children's dental programs in South Australia.

Check-ups are scheduled to be performed at the school by selected local Dentists/Oral Health Therapists; each of whom have relevant professional training, clearances and equipment required to perform high quality dental services in a school setting.

Important dates/deadlines for the program are listed below:

Week 2 Information pack sent home with students.

Week 4 Deadline to complete and return the below forms to your child's Care Group teacher.

- Patient Details and Consent
- Patient Information Form
- CDBS Bulk Billing Patient Consent Form

Week 7 and 8 Initial dental check-ups (to be performed at school) - parents/caregivers welcome to attend!

Follow-up treatment for relevant students (to be performed at school) will occur later in the term. (Please note: Dental Outreach will be contacting parents/caregivers to obtain verbal consent *prior* to any follow-up treatment being undertaken.)

Dental Outreach has won significant recognition since its inception, including being named the first recipient of the 2013 & 2016 Wrigley's Australian Dental Association Foundation PRINCIPLES IN ACTION Community Service Award for its voluntary work for regional and remote communities throughout South Australia, and is proud to offer its services to your school.

Please refer to the website www.growupsmiling.com.au for more information, or contact Gemma Viselli or Kathryn Harrison at Christies Beach High School.

STATE RUGBY COMPETITION RESULTS

Christies Beach High School has had success in the State Rugby School Competition which is run by Rugby League SA. Both the U/18s and U/15s managed to finish second in the Southern Division, Teir A competition after winning three out of four games during the preliminary rounds. This ensured both teams qualified to make the State Rugby School Finals round.

On Friday 5th May student representatives from both teams made the journey to Dry Creek Reserve to play in the finals. The U/15s had an excellent win in the first match against Banksia Park which gave them a spot in the Grand Final against Wirreanda Secondary School. Although the boys played hard, they were unable to win resulting in second place. An excellent effort and congratulations to the U/15s for finishing second at the State Rugby Finals.

The U/18s ended up finishing third in the state after some highly competitive games during the preliminary rounds. Although there were prospects of finishing first, unfortunately the U/18s did not manage to get a full team together for the Finals. An excellent effort for those players that did make the journey who appreciated the chance to play the other schools in some modified games.

There were some exceptional efforts from Christies Beach High School students which caught the eyes of the U/15s state selection scouts. Jayden Phillips, Bailey Short, Clinton Calyun, Jayke Baxter and Zac Short were recognised as stand out players for our school.

Danielle Palmer
Sports Co-ordinator



Jayden Phillips, Clinton Calyun & Trae Wibrow

RSPCA TOWEL AND BLANKET DONATIONS

Do you have any towels or blankets that you don't use?

The Year 8 Alternative Studies students, through their 'Happiness Project', have organised to collect and donate towels and blankets to the Lonsdale RSPCA. Please drop off any clean used items (or new!) to the WAVE Centre in 9G01 by the end of week 6. THANKS!

Sara DiMauro
Year 8 WAVE Centre

AUSTRALIAN SCOOTER ASSOCIATION NATIONAL COMPETITION

Jackson McKay (Year 12) is a highly skilled scooter rider who has had a lot of success whilst competing at both a state and national level. Last year he won the U/16 Australian Scooter Association (ASA) national title when competing in Queensland. This year he moved up into the Open Division where the competition is harder and the competitors are stronger.

On Sunday 30 April, Jackson competed for the Open Division ASA titles in Melbourne. He put down a flawless first run which resulted in a decent score – placing him in the top end of the leadership table. His second run started strong but hit a turn for the worse when Jackson suffered a severe cramp in his hand and was therefore unable to finish the run. Fortunately, due to his solid first run effort, Jackson managed to place third overall. An outstanding effort and an excellent result.

Danielle Palmer
Sports Co-ordinator



Jackson McKay

STAGE 1 ESSENTIAL ENGLISH

'Pay it Forward'

As a class we watched the film 'Pay it Forward'. It is based on the concept that if we do good deeds for others in need, in return they will pass on the good deed to other people and keep the cycle going. One good deed might not seem like much, but if everyone did something good for someone else, then the cycle of generosity and kindness can spark us to become better people.

Our class decided we would 'Pay it Forward'. We decided to split into two separate groups; one is organising a BBQ to sell sausages, meat patties and cans of soft drinks and the second group is organising a 'Bring a Can Week' where students and staff bring a can of food. These cans will be donated to **Fred's Van, Mobile Food Service in South Australia**, where they give 550 meals to homeless people a week. The profits made from the BBQ will be equally divided between the charities: Smith Family, Fred Hollows Foundation, Mercy Ships and Médecins Sans Frontières, also known as Doctors Without Borders.

The fundraising events will be held in week 5.

BBQ will be held on Tuesday 30 May

'Bring a Can Week' will run from Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June

Please support our 'Pay it Forward'.

**Caleb on behalf of Karen Zilm's
Stage 1 English class.**

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

7.30am - 8.25am, 2G08

Cereal, toast, fruit, eggs and 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**



**CHRISTIES BEACH
HIGH SCHOOL**

OPEN NIGHT WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2017 6.00 - 7.30PM

Christies Beach High School offers a diverse curriculum and wide range of academic and vocational pathways that encourage students to strive for personal excellence in an engaging and stimulating learning environment. Tour the school and see active displays of learning areas. Students will be on hand to share their experiences.

Enjoy a free barbecue followed by the Principal's address at 6.30pm.

All welcome - especially current and future students and families.

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or visit www.cbhs.sa.edu.au.



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FLEXIBLE LEARNING CULTURAL CONNECTIONS EXCURSION

On the last day of Term 1, a group of our Flexible Learning students had the opportunity to participate in an excursion as part of the Cultural Connections program.

The students visited a range of local sites, including Port Willunga and Silver Sands Beach where they followed part of the Tjilbruke Trail. Students then went to a property in Tatachilla where there had a cook-up of kangaroo tails as well as a BBQ, and participated in some additional cultural activities where they made necklaces out of local materials and did some wood carving.

The Cultural Connections program provides the opportunity for the Aboriginal students in our Flexible Learning programs to explore places of cultural significance, build connections with each other and within the local community and learn about themselves and their culture.

We would like to acknowledge and thank Allan Sumner from Aboriginal Contemporary Arts and Dave Sjoberg from Flinders University for their support.

Lucie Walker
Assistant Principal Flexible Learning



SAMMY D FOUNDATION VISIT

In 2008, Adelaide teenager Sam Davis fell victim of a violent and unprovoked one-punch assault that cost him his life. Sam's death is part of an alarming trend in our society around alcohol and drug fuelled violence. The Foundation was founded with the ultimate aim of preventing such a tragedy from ever happening again.

Through education and awareness programs on drug and alcohol related youth violence, the Sammy D Foundation offers advice and support to people of all ages, equipping them with knowledge needed to keep safe whilst still enjoying their life journey.

Wednesday 3 May saw a very moving presentation from Neil Davis, the father of Sam Davis. Neil presented the Year 10 students with his story of losing his son. The Sammy D Foundation visits schools promoting strategies to avoid violent situations, in addition to raising awareness of the effects of drugs and alcohol on the developing brain and bodies of young adults.

Our Year 10 students participated in the IMPACT and PARTY WISE programs. If parents are interested, there are pamphlets of information regarding the PARTY WISE presentation at Student Services.

It was wonderful to see the student engaging with the presentations. Both Neil and Jessie, the presenters, commented the excellent audience skills and sensitive questioning of our students. Well done to all!

www.sammydfoundation.org.au

Kathryn Harrison
Senior School Counsellor

MATHS NEWS

This term students in Years 8-10 are developing their knowledge in the mathematical concept of algebra. Many students find this topic challenging. The teachers have worked hard to develop and deliver activities which are hands on and give students the opportunity to see algebra in real life context.

The Maths faculty is working towards having a Mathematical event for middle school students, which ties into the Australian Curriculum each term. This term Year 8 students are doing a class presentation to show how algebra is used in different occupations. This is the first time some of our students have presented in front of peers and teachers. In Term 1 middle school students participated in Pi Day - 14 March (3.14). Students discovered and conducted a proof of the concept of Pi, π . $\pi = \text{circumference} \div \text{diameter of a circle}$. Students were all given a Pi biscuit for participating and prizes were given to the best poster and most accurate proof.

Iilana Heapy
Maths Leader