Deputy Head Prefect, Jessica Read & Prefect, Aylish Knowler-Pook attending Kapunda’s ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

PARENT/CAREGIVER-STUDENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

All students were issued with written reports at the end of Term 1 and to complement the information provided at that point, we have scheduled two nights of interviews for next week:

- **Tuesday, May 6** at Kapunda High School, 4-7pm
- **Wednesday, May 7** at Roseworthy Primary School, 4.30-7pm.

I would particularly encourage families in the Roseworthy, Wasleys and greater Gawler areas to take advantage of the Wednesday evening session. If there isn't sufficient ‘take-up’ we may need to review the location of our second night for future years which seems a pity as I know those who have attended at Roseworthy in recent years have really valued not having to travel so far.

If you have any difficulties using the online booking system, please contact our Administration staff on 85662203 and they will make your appointments for you.
YEAR 12 HOLIDAY STUDY SESSIONS

Success at Year 12 doesn’t come by chance and in recent years we have put in place a number of initiatives to maximise final year achievement.

During the recent holidays, a number of staff co-ordinated holiday sessions here at school – giving the students the opportunity to ‘catch-up’ on work from Term 1, get a ‘head-start’ on Term 2 and have access to specialist support on on-going assessment tasks. Congratulations to the students who took advantage of this - I’m sure you will be rewarded for your efforts. Thank you to the teachers - not only for the tuition in holiday time but also the superb lunches provided!

Our school once more supported a number of students to attend holiday seminars at the Adelaide Tuition Centre. The feedback was very positive and gave students an opportunity to revise and consolidate work from Term 1 and gain some insight into the forthcoming topics. Presenters often included examiners and markers.

NICK AND SARAH MEET PRINCE WILLIAM

In the final weeks of the school term I was invited to nominate two senior students to attend the reception at the Playford Civic Centre on Wednesday, April 23 for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

I was delighted to nominate our Head Prefects, Nick Madra and Sarah McLean and if you watched the television coverage, you would have seen the Duke of Cambridge, Prince William, chatting to the two of them for several minutes.

Only a small number of schools across the state were invited to send representatives to this reception and it is a credit to our school and its fine reputation that we were selected.

ADVANCE NOTICE: PUPIL FREE DAYS

At the Governing Council meeting this week, our Governing Council approved the following pupil free days/school closures for the remainder of 2015:

- Monday, May 19   Pupil Free Day
- Monday, July 21  Pupil Free day
- Monday, September 8 School Closure - Royal Adelaide Show
- Tuesday, September 9  Pupil Free Day

Apart from our work on implementing the Australian Curriculum, staff will also be updating their First Aid qualifications on one of the days.

STAFFING CHANGES

Welcome to Rachael Norde who is teaching Workplace Practices and Community Studies in Kristin Hodge’s absence this term. Kristin has taken long service leave.

Shani Robinson will be the English/Arts/Year 8 Co-ordinator for the remainder of the year following Victoria Newbold’s decision to focus on classroom teaching and leadership of the vocal group. I would like to acknowledge the excellent work that Victoria has done in her areas of responsibility in recent years - particularly highlighting her work with the Year 7 to 8 transition programme. Her availability, support and reassurance to parents, as their children have negotiated the move from primary to secondary, has been greatly valued.

Kristen Masters
Principal

Year 9 students, Sharna Grant and Logan McInerney preparing for the Kapunda 500 - 498 (see page 6)
On the last Friday of Term 1, students of our School donated a gold coin for the privilege of wearing casual clothes to school instead of school uniform. This is just one of the activities that students actively participate in to raise money for worthwhile causes.

From the money raised they were able to generously donate $500 to the Kapunda High School Centenary Foundation.

The presentation was made by prefects Nick Modra and Jessica Read who were pleased to represent the Student Representative Council.

Treasurer, Mr Clyde Hazel, gratefully accepted the donation on behalf of the Centenary Foundation and took the opportunity to speak about the work of the Foundation in helping Kapunda High School students transition from school to further education and training through scholarships and education grants.

Said Mr Hazel, ‘Since its commencement in 2007, the Foundation has facilitated almost $50,000 in grant money for 24 former Kapunda High School students’.

Three students who benefited from grants distributed earlier this year, Jasmine Hornby, Ashleigh Beck and Kimberly Platten also attended the presentation assembly and spoke to students about the university courses they are now undertaking, in the fields of nursing, optometry and primary school teaching. They all expressed appreciation for the help they had received from the Foundation. Over $16,000 was distributed to ten students in February of this year.

Centenary Foundation committee members Mr Frank Ware, who is a major donor, and Secretary, Anne Hornsey were also present to represent the Foundation.

During the holidays, on 25 April, members of the SRC had the pleasure of attending and representing the school at the dawn services in Freeling and Kapunda.

We joined in the marches, which in Freeling went from the Post Office to the edge of the War Memorial area. We also had the privilege of laying wreaths down beside the War Memorial statues in both Freeling and Kapunda.

It was an honour being able to see and even meet some of the men and women in our military, and also to be able to pay our respects to the ones who aren’t here today.

James Spaan
Year 8 SRC
On the last day of Term 1, I headed down to Belair on a bus with forty other students aged between 14 and 17. With us were seven team leaders and the RYPEN co-ordinator. I was in the pink team with three other people and our team leader, Samantha Mitchell. Sam attended Kapunda High School in 2005-2009. On this camp we learnt many skills and made plenty of new friends.

On the first night we were shown our dorms and figured out who would be room mates, were put into teams and launched straight into the traditions of the RYPEN camp.

On the first night, a man from South Africa spoke to us about his journey as a refugee and now as a citizen of Australia. He told us how, even though things were hard, with persistence and determination he never gave up and now he and his brothers and sister have a better life. Next came a woman who was in her thirties who had Down Syndrome. She also told us her story about persistence and determination. Without this she wouldn’t have been writing children’s books and going to TAFE, and she never would have been signed with a movie company. She told us that her disability does not define her and with her head in the right space she can do anything she wants. That was it for the night and may I say, it was very inspiring. We sat down at our assigned seats, had dinner and began to make new friends.

The next two days were two of the best days of my life! They have changed my attitude and the way I look at life.

In groups we learned about team work and conflict, and healthy ways to resolve conflict. We also had a man from the Sammy D Foundation speak to us. This was very moving and touched each and every person in the room. It was in fact Sammy’s dad and to see more about this you can search for the Sammy D Foundation online. We also had people from the Rotary Club talk to us about all the different organisations and fundraisers they hold. Two girls also spoke about their student exchange that Rotary had sponsored.

The RYPEN camp was one of the best experiences I have ever had and I wish I could do it again. It makes you stop and think, changes your attitude and makes you grateful for what you have. I met many new people and made lifelong friends, it was a great weekend and I would recommend it to anyone!

Madelin Rose

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**Year 11 Camp Information**

Year 11 Camp occurs over a three day period between 13 and 15 May. Half the cohort of students will attend on the Tuesday/Wednesday and the other half Wednesday/Thursday. Normal lessons will run for students not on camp on Tuesday and Thursday, and study period will be provided for camp non-attenders.

This is not an opportunity for students who are not going on camp to have three days off as they will miss valuable, small group class time.

Penny Hanks
Year 11 Manager
His Excellency Rear-Admiral Kevin Scarce, Governor of South Australia, was pleased to welcome South Australian members of the Country Education Foundation of Australia to Government House in mid April.

Governor Scarce, who, with Mrs Scarce, hosted a reception to acknowledge the fine work done by the Country Education Foundation and its members in South Australia.

Over sixty members, donors and recipients, along with the national body Chief Executive Officer Sarah Taylor, attended the reception and were pleased to hear Governor Scarce’s words of support for local foundations.

Chairman of the Kapunda High School Centenary Foundation Barry Vogt, Secretary Anne Hornsey, Treasurer Clyde Hazel along with Principal, Kristen Masters and Centenary Foundation Scholarship winner Clayton Jericho, who is now into his fourth year of support from the Foundation, attended the function.

There are currently six South Australian Country Education Foundations and members from Torrens Valley, Eudunda, Kapunda and Kangaroo Island enjoyed the Governor’s hospitality and an opportunity to view the staterooms under the guidance of Government House staff who imparted information on the extensive history of this significant South Australian building.

The Country Education Foundation of Australia (CEFA) covers Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia and the Northern Territory where over forty Education Foundations provide financial assistance to students transitioning from secondary education into tertiary education and vocational training. CEFA has provided hundreds of scholarships and grants to deserving students who are all from country areas.

Governor Scarce acknowledged the plight of many students from rural areas who struggle to fulfil their ambitions and dreams because of the added burden of relocation expenses, long-distance travel and lack of family support when moving away from home. He commended the work of local education foundations and praised the success of a number of students present who had benefited from support from their local foundation, and were now giving back to their local communities.
Once again, the Kapunda 500-498 race was held on the last day of Term 1. This year’s enthusiastic entrants had to negotiate water over the road, soft edges, cyclists, road works with Mr Dibb giving a mathematical quiz and Mr Tye’s Birthday Road Block where drivers needed to answer a question and blow up a balloon before moving on.

The winning team were: Year 9 students, Brianna Reid and Lilly Rogers with Year 11 students, Elana Selleck and Keegan Bell.

The runner-up team were: Year 12 students, Sarah McLean, Nick Modra, Charles Mace & Aylish Knowler-Pook who received trophies for their effort.

The Casual Day crowd also enjoyed a delicious BBQ held by the SRC.

For three days this week, Year 12 Physical Education students were on camp at the West Lakes Aquatic Centre for their practical component, Kayaking.

**NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an annual event for schools since 2008. On Tuesday 13, Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 May, students will undertake the 2014 NAPLAN tests.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four domains of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN assesses skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time, through the school curriculum.

NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how individual students are progressing in numeracy and literacy skills against national standards for all Australian children. All students are encouraged to participate in the tests. Students with disability may qualify for special provisions that reflect the support normally provided to them in the classroom.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later this year. Parents can use this information to monitor how their child is progressing and to identify any areas of concern. Parents may also wish to use their child’s results to discuss progress with teachers. More information is available at www.naplan.edu.au.

**Student Material Required**

During the tests, each student will need to have:

- A calculator
- 2B or HB pencils
- An eraser
- A sharpener
- A quiet activity to go on with if they finish early
On April 10, most of the Year 11 students attended the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Day. This was an informative, educational, eye-opening and at times confrontational and emotional day for the students (and staff). The feedback about this learning opportunity was really positive and students indicated that they found the event provided information that was relevant and valuable to their current situations as learner and provisional licence drivers or passengers.

Whilst the statistics for 'P' Platers were sometimes shocking, it is good to know that our cohort took with them some strong and memorable messages from the day.

The following is a compilation of students’ own reflections:

• Drive safely - don’t take risks
• Think before you hop into a car or drive
• Your life - your choices
• Drink driving is a stupid thing to do
• Be aware of yourself, others and your surroundings
• Don’t drive unless you’re ready
• Driving involves navigating lots of hazards
• Always cover the brake - you never know what will happen, so be safe. Drive carefully.

• Be responsible at all times
• Don’t drive if you may still have alcohol in your system
• Make right choices
• Never do anything ‘just this once’ - it only takes one time to mess up
• You are just as responsible for others on the road as you are for yourself
• Don’t drink and drive - it’s not worth the risk

Thank you to all the RYDA staff and especially to the Rotary Volunteers and guest speakers on the day. The messages were powerful and greatly impacted students’ understanding of the risks and responsibilities of driving.

Thank you also to the students, who acted with maturity and represented Kapunda High well.

The following day, Year 11 students celebrated ‘making it through’ Term One! We enjoyed bacon and egg sandwiches cooked by Home Group teachers and reflected on how quickly this first term of Senior School had flown by. I challenged students to spend some time over the holidays considering their first progressive report results, and ask themselves if they had fulfilled their own personal goals this term.

Term Two will be busy. Some important dates are:

• Week 2 (6 & 7 May) - Parent Teacher Interviews
• Week 3 (13/14/15 May) - Year 11 Camp (Students will soon be notified which one night camp they will attend)
• Week 8 – End of Semester One (All Year 11 subjects end and new subjects begin in Week 10)
• Week 9 – Australian Business Week/Work Experience or Compulsory Subject catch up week (Students will choose which option they would like to participate in. In some cases, where compulsory subject passing requirements have not been met, this week will be used to ‘catch up’). More information will be provided in coming weeks.

The final eight weeks of Semester One will, no doubt, be busy and challenging. I encourage students to be committed to achieving the best results they can and use study and homework time effectively. The hard work in these next weeks will positively impact results and ultimately lead to more opportunities in the future.

Your life – your choices.

Penny Hanks
Year 11 Manager
Thinking of uni study?

Come along to the Tertiary Information Evening if you are
• a student or parent
• a gap year student
• an adult applicant

Tuesday 13 May, 7:30–8:30pm
Faith Lutheran School, Tanunda

No registration required.

Attention years 10 and 11
So you want to be a doctor?

The RDWA will help get you there.

medSPACE Ready: Medicine is a free residential workshop 8-10 July 2014 in Adelaide for rural high school students wanting to study medicine.

Over the three days get a taste of student life - visit the universities, learn about the courses and how to apply.

If your dream is to be a doctor, we can help you make it a reality. Contact RDWA 08 8234 8277 or attraction@ruraldoc.com.au or ask your school career counsellor for more information.

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