As the second term for the year begins the students, staff and parents can look forward to a number of exciting events in the coming weeks.

Just last week the Outdoor Ed students attended a successful camp based at the Quorn Caravan Park. The Counsellor Doug Jackson and I visited the staff and students at the camp. The students were in high spirits if not a little tired from walking up Dutchman’s Stern. However they had enough energy for a few games of Spotlight and toasting marshmallows over the bonfire. Credit goes to Mr Stubing for the expert organisation and work during the camp. Thanks also to Ms Wade for assisting with the activities during the two days. Mrs Harvey is also thanked for behind the scenes organisation.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Many of the Year 10 students work hard to organise their work experiences which they undertook last week. There have been many positive reports from the businesses and placements about the way students did what was required of them during this time. Some students still need to complete this essential component of their Personal Learning Plan (PLP). A small number of students have indications of future employment resulting from their placement.

Congratulations to Ms Tarna Rowden, Mr Barnard-Brown and Ms Tammy Smith for the follow up with placements and supervision of the students to help them be successful with this important learning.

Jeanette Conroy
SCHOOL UNIFORM

With the change in seasons students are reminded about wearing the school uniform. Appropriate tops are to be worn with black pants or shorts.

Wearing the school uniform assists in identifying where students attend school and instils a sense of pride and belonging.

There are consequences for not wearing the school uniform. These are clearly stated in the Student Information Book.

Students will be given a reminder and a note will be put into their diary. If they persist in wearing the incorrect clothing staff can request children to change their tops either by going home to change or borrowing one from the front office.

Students have been given one week’s grace to begin wearing the school uniform but we are now being vigilant in reminding students to wear the correct clothing.

Our school values are supported through the uniform and by students proudly wearing the school colours. Please support our school by providing the correct school wear. If you need a warmer top these can be purchased from the front office.

STUDENT VOICE

A number of students regularly meet with Mr Jackson and Ms Lyall to discuss and action important topics related to the school.

Recently members from this group ran the assembly to commemorate ANZAC day. Thanks goes to Mr Hewitson for organising the primary school items including the guest speaker, Terry Ledgard. The young singers led by Ms Richardson brought a poignancy to the occasion. The proceedings were assisted by powerful images presented through a power point presentation and a display supported the theme. The students showed excellent audience skills appropriate to the occasion. Congratulations to all involved.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT REVIEW

The staff have been using Monday staff meetings to look at the Behaviour Management Policy and procedures across the school. We have had high numbers of students on take home, internal and external suspension over the first term and at the beginning of second term. Unfortunately it is a small group who repeatedly break the rules which impacts on the teachers’ ability to teach and other students to learn in a safe and orderly environment.

Staff have examined the range of documents that have been developed over a number of years especially related to REBE that has been used more recently. The staff took a decision to use Restorative Justice principles in place of REBE in the future. To this end the leadership are preparing new documents around consistent rules that will be displayed in every classroom once staff have been consulted and the new processes approved.

This means that the Student Behaviour Policy will need to be amended after consultation with the community via Governing Council and with students.

It is an exciting new era based on positive interactions, consistent expectations being developed and implemented along with a strong focus on high expectations for learning. Plans are being developed to support improved delivery of the curriculum so students engage more positively in school activities so suspensions are significantly reduced.
YEAR 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

The Year 9 Outdoor Education class recently completed their major assessment piece of a 3 day / 2 night camp at Quorn in the Flinders Rangers. Students completed a range of tasks including:

- Setting up and packing up tents
- Cooking dinner each night on Trangia Cooking Stoves (Chicken Stir-fry and Spaghetti Bolognaise) and desserts on the camp fire (baked apples and baked bananas stuffed with marshmallows and chocolate)
- Setting up the camp fire and practising camp fire safety
- Completing two bush walks
  - The Dutchman’s Stern Trail Loop, a 10.6km hike that gives amazing views over Quorn and Port Augusta at over 800m above sea level
  - Devils Peak which is a medium-hard 2.6km hike that involves sections of scrambling (using hands to pull self up)

All the students completed the tasks successfully and showed good team work skills.

In their free time students enjoyed multiple games of Storm the Lantern and Spotlight. As well as card games such as spoons.

Highlights of the camp included:

- Seeing a huge eagle soar very close to the group as we reached the peak of Dutchman’s Stern
- Seeing a variety of native and feral animals including a herd of 20 mountain goats scouring a very steep ridge
- Students interacting positively with other park visitors and explaining what the camp was about and what they were learning.

A huge thank you to Mrs Alison Wade for joining the class on camp and Mrs Judy Harvey for her help in organising equipment and food.

Brad Stubing
Outdoor Education Teacher

Reaching the top after a 10.6 km hike. It was fun!

Cooking up a storm for the hungry hikers.

Learning essential survival skills

Safety first when hiking the trail by walking in single file and following the leader.

An experience to remember. We made it!
Stuart High School
Dance Troupe

After School Dance Rehearsals will begin
Tuesday, 19th of May.
They will be held in the hall from 3:20 – 4:00
Everyone welcome!

Last term, in preparation for our first class performance, members of the Year 9 and 10 Dance class visited the Whydale Calisthenics Club to practise in front of the mirrors. They found it very useful to get instant and automatic feedback for their timing and dance technique. On the last day of school the class performed 'Uptown Funk' with rave reviews - Well done!

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please phone 8222 8222 or visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au