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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

December

5	Valedictory & Stage 2 Subject Awards Adelaide Town Hall
7	Yr 8/9 Lessons Conclude Yr 7 Parent Evening
8	Yr 7 Orientation Day Yr 8/9 Celebration Day at the zoo
9	PUPIL FREE DAY
12 - 16	Yr 8/9 Special Program Week
13	Reports & Year Book Issued (2.00pm – 2.30pm)
15	Reports on Daymap
16	LAST DAY OF TERM DISMISS 1.15 pm

TERM 4 HAPPENINGS

Who can believe that the 2017 school year is almost over. This has been an amazing term with so many events it hard to know where to start. The term started with a STEM works meeting to approve the plans for our \$2.5 million upgrade and refurbishment. 2017 will see the gutting of the old photography area and the building of a new flexible Innovation Hub where students will be able to engage in collaborative problem based learning using a range of technologies to solve real world issues.

Next up was the Year 12 Farewell and Good Luck Assembly where we acknowledged the hard work of our Year 12 students. You might think that after years of being a principal, that I would tire of these annual milestones but I don't. In fact I counted that I have participated in an excess of 33 such celebrations as a mum, teacher and leader. Every year I am inspired and motivated by the young people who are leaving school to continue their journey into the world beyond. We fare-welled the class of 2016 and wished them all the best but mostly we thanked them for being great role models and the way they have learnt to "juggle" life so far.

For a change of tune we then welcomed eight teachers and leaders from WA (Port Hedland Senior High School and Warwick High School) for a day to see and hear about STEM and Ignite curriculum.

Then it was time for the Arts to take centre stage with the Year 12 Art Show demonstrating the creative talents of this years students, next up was the Junior Band Night proving yet again that we have amazing musicians at APHS and sensational teachers. This was closely followed by the Dance Production at Hopgood Theatre where our dancers performed a sophisticated and compelling series of connected dances thrilling the audience. This was topped off with two Year 9 Drama productions which were also highly entertaining.

Now you understand why the term has disappeared with so many outstanding events signaling the end of the school year.

Liz Mead

School will be closed from 1.15pm 16th December 2016 and will not re-open until Monday 23rd January 2017



FAREWELL FROM LIZ MEAD

As you all know I am retiring at the end of the year and I would like to take

this opportunity to thank everyone for the support that you have given me over the last seven years.

It has been a privilege being principal of such a great school and I truly believe that APHS is a school of choice. It is the collective hard work of teachers, students and families that enables me to say this with conviction.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and I wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Liz Mead



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BITTONTI PRINTMAKING AWARDS

Bittondi Printmakers Association Inc regularly and actively collaborates with Aberfoyle Park High School on projects such as printmaking exchanges and exhibitions. This year Bittondi have initiated a range of printmaking awards, chosen by Bittondi members that recognise students for their efforts and successes in printmaking.

Mr Geoff Gibbons and Ms Amanda Hassett from Bittondi visited the school on Friday 18th November to acknowledge our winning students.

“Merit Awards” were given to our Year 10 winners Aidan Berry and Ben Wallas. Year 11 winners were Ethel Creedon who received the “The “Encouragement Award” an Associate Membership at Bittondi and Jade Teigeler who received the “Bittondi Award” an Associate Membership at Bittondi and a voucher of \$75 from Premier Art Supplies.



We would like to sincerely thank the Bittondi Printmakers for their support of printmaking in the Visual Arts at our school. Congratulations to all printmaking students for your work this year – the work you have produced is highly personal and technically proficient. For further details visit: <http://www.bittondiprints.com.au>

YEAR 12 ART SHOW PRIZE WINNER



Kayla Twining received the Principals’ Award for Stage 2 Visual Arts 2016. Ms Mead presented the award to Kayla at the opening of the exhibition for Stage 2 Visual Arts students and their parents.

Jenny Palmer & Kate Toop



IGNITE ASSEMBLY



The Ignite assembly, held on Tuesday 14th November was actually the first time that all the Ignite students had gathered in one place and in such a close-knit way, so there were many unfamiliar faces to be seen. However, this was one of the very reasons why this assembly came to be: to forge much-needed connections between students that were part of the same experience. A distinct sense of unity seemed to settle naturally over the students at the assembly; everyone knew that they had advice to either give or receive, and did so comfortably.

As 3rd year Ignites and the hosts of the assembly, it felt really nice offering genuine guidance to our juniors about their futures through our own experiences, thoughts and values – the sincerity in the words spoken by my classmates while representing the 3rd year cohort was palpable and unique to each of them. We hope the younger students feel inspired and prepared for the years ahead from our efforts.

Rachel Min
3rd Year Ignite
student



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Olivia Warren, a Year 9 Music student who has recently been awarded the Australian Music Examinations Board’s Grade 4 Performance Award.

This scholarship is awarded to a Music Performance examination candidate who gains an A+ grading and whom the AMEB South Australian adjudicators deem the best overall performer at Grade 4 Level across all instruments in the state for 2016. As the recipient of this award, Olivia will present a solo flute performance in the University of Adelaide’s Scott Theatre Annual Award winners concert in December.

Fabulous effort Olivia!

Vicki Holland

LOST PROPERTY

Have you lost anything this year at school?

Student Services have a large collection of lost, misplaced and mislaid items including clothing and a range of other things. Please call in and see if they have something that belongs to you.

Sue Goodman



2016 JUNIOR BAND NIGHT

On November 14th the APHS Year 8, 9 and 10 Bands presented our Junior Band Night in the Donald Horne Theatre of the school's Performing Arts Centre. This concert was well attended and enjoyed by family and friends, and is an opportunity for the Music Faculty to showcase the learning that Year 8, 9 and 10 Specialist Music students have achieved in their class ensembles during the second semester. It highlights the incredible technical and musical improvement our students make as they progress through the school's strong and vibrant, practically-based Middle School Music curriculum.

This year we again presented 2 mini-concerts due to the swelling number of Middle School students involved in Specialist Music at APHS. Firstly, the massive 80-piece Year 8 Band, which united Specialist Music students from 801, 802, 101 and 102, presented an incredibly polished program, including "The Might of Hercules", "Hawaii Five-O" and "Apache", to a packed house of family members. This was the Year 8 Band's first public performance and Mr Reece and I are both incredibly proud of the amazing work and standard achieved by this cohort in 2016. It was fabulous to be able to share that learning with the parents and school community. Congratulations to all the Year 8 Specialist Music students for a job well done. We hope your families enjoyed the fruits of your practice.

The Year 9 and 10 Bands followed in the second mini-concert, presenting a 45 minute program to their families and friends. Many of these students were also involved in co-curricular ensemble performances in the Term 3 Elder Hall Music Showcase, and we congratulate them on the vast amount of repertoire they therefore learn and perform to such a high standard in second semester. The Year 9 Band opened the program with four works of contrasting style and international flavour: "Mexican Fiesta", "Spirit Of The Wolf", "God Help The Outcasts" and "Jump, Jive and Wail". The Year 10 Band finished the concert with "Spy Chase", "The Legend of Castle Armagh" and the fun medley, "Shrek Dance Party". We look forward to working with all the Specialist Music students continuing in 2017 and will present their achievements to the school community again in 2017 at the Semester 1 Band Night and St Augustine's Church concerts.

We would like to make special mention of Satsuki Shono, a Japanese International student, and Ruth Externbrink, a German exchange student who presented a fabulous trombone duet as well as performing with the Year 10 Band at the Junior Band Night. Both girls also performed within the APHS Big Band and APHS Concert Band at the Elder Hall Music Showcase in August. We thank both girls for their outstanding efforts and congratulate them for contributing so positively to the Music Department during their time at APHS. We will miss their fabulous trombone playing and wish them safe journeys home.



SERVICE TO MUSIC AWARDS

At the recent Year 12 Final Assembly we congratulated and celebrated the achievements of some Year 12 Music students. These students received Service to Music Awards in recognition of their significant contributions to the APHS Music Program through involvement in one or more of our co-curricular music ensembles, sectional leadership and mentoring of younger musicians during their years at APHS. Ensemble rehearsals, tutorials, performances and individual practice all take place outside of normal scheduled lesson times and it is the commitment, dedication, persistence, teamwork and leadership that these students have demonstrated that helps maintain the high performance standards of our school's premier music ensembles, as showcased at this year's Elder Hall Music Showcase in August.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate these students on the many successful performances they have presented at other music concerts over the past 5 years, and want them all to know how proud we are of all their musical achievements.

I feel delighted to have had the opportunity to work with such a well-rounded, good-humoured group of young people, and thank them for their music and friendship, and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Vicki Holland

WORLD CHALLENGE



On Saturday 26th November our students departed for a four week adventure in Peninsular Malaysia. They will be experiencing the wonderful food, culture and sights of Malaysia, but also challenging themselves to run the budget, make decisions, volunteer in a community project and complete a five day trek.

This year's community project will be at Kiritarsh Home for disabled children and adults in the Bukit Berunting area where we will be supporting the staff of the home by helping with daily chores, homework and facilitating enrichment activities such as arts and crafts.

In order to prepare for our community project on Friday November 18th, the team was lucky enough to be able to visit Minda home at Brighton in order to learn from the staff and clients.

On the day, we participated in their monthly coffee club event, running the photo booth, socializing and dancing with the residents, before we began gathering some ideas for arts, crafts and music activities.

We also learned about the history of Minda and how societal attitudes towards disability have changed overtime and volunteering opportunities. Overall the day was not only enjoyable, but a great learning experience.

Ilana Nicole

ANZAC SPIRIT COMPETITION 2016

In April this year, Talia Goodliffe entered the South Australian Premier's ANZAC Spirit Competition by completing a 1,500 word report on a soldier who fought in World War I. Congratulations to Talia, as she was chosen as one of the eight students to travel overseas, representing South Australia and more particularly, Aberfoyle Park High School. She travelled to Singapore, Ho Chi Minh, Cu Chi, Vung Tau, Nui Dat, Long Tan, Hoi An, Hanoi, Ha Long Bay and Da Nang.

This is her short report on her trip:

I went into this competition looking for an adventure that I would never be presented with again. Getting the telephone call, telling me that I had won one of eight places to go, was so beyond my comprehension, but filled me with so much excitement. Due to the recent terrorism in France and Belgium, the trip was rescheduled to Vietnam. This meant a lot to me because of my Pa's service in the Vietnam War, half a century ago.

I never anticipated the connection, knowledge and understanding that I gained for Pa and all of the Australians' participation in a war that we should never have entered.

Being so immersed in the culture, the reality of communism and the after-effects of war was intense and confronting, but in the best way possible. No matter what you read or hear, nothing prepares you for how real and raw it feels to stand where our soldiers stood, fought, fell and survived. It opens your eyes and changes your total perspective on everything.

With all that I have learnt, the stories I have been told, the people we met in the circumstances that they were in, good or awful, and everything that we saw first-hand with our own eyes, it has meant that I hug Pa tighter and listen harder, because I get it now. It is a connection I thought I would never have had, and I am so eternally grateful to be honoured with an opportunity to create such a bond with him.



Talia Goodliffe

2016 WORLD JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Marsha Guseva who will be involved in Training and the World Championship for the National Junior and Development Squad at Cape Town, South Africa from the 14th November. Aberfoyle Park High School is very proud of your achievements and we wish you all the best.

MOUNTAIN BIKE COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to our successful mountain bikers



Matthew Fox
1st place winner
U15 boys



Polly Brewster
3rd place winner
U17 girls



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Female Footy

An exciting development for the Ironbank
 Cherry Gardens Football Club!



In 2017 the club will play a Senior's team and Junior team. The Junior team will likely be an U16's however all female players should register their interest so we can determine the level of interest and adjust our plans if needed. If you would like to play, help out, or know someone who is interested, please provide the club with your details so we can keep you informed on upcoming dates and important information.

We will hold a "Come and Try" session for all interested players on December 13th between 5.30pm and 7.30pm. All players, volunteers, parents and anyone interested in female football will be welcome. Kellie Gibson from SANFL will run a basic training session so come and have a go!

Please register your interest at: <https://kelliegibson.wufoo.com/forms/poc17rb1610uf8/>

Our oval is on the corner of Cherry Gardens Road and Ackland Hill Road, Cherry Gardens. There will be a sausage sizzle, a drink for the players and the clubhouse will be open and club officials available to answer any questions.

Please contact and let us know if you are coming along, would like to register or just get more information. Hope to see you there.

Contact details are:

IBCFC Female Football Director - Vanessa Medder on 0410470290

IBCFC Vice President - Don Watton on 0417865044

or email info@ironbankfootball.com.au



COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN, PARTICIPATING IN A RANGE OF DIFFERENT SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND GAMES. LOTS AND LOTS OF FUN!!

ALDINGA RECREATION CENTRE

Get Up - Get Active Sports and Games (includes: Kidz Zumba - 11:15am)

Mon 9 and 16 Jan 2017
 11am - 2pm | Ages 6 - 12
 \$10 per child

SEAFORD RECREATION CENTRE

Get Up - Get Active Sports and Games (includes: Kidz Zumba - 11:15am)

Wed 11 and 18 Jan 2017
 11am - 2pm | Ages 6 - 12
 \$10 per child

HUB RECREATION CENTRE

Get Up - Get Active Sports and Games

Tues 10 and 17 Jan 2017
 11am - 2pm | Ages 6 - 12
 \$10 per child

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

MORE GREAT HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

CASUAL SHOOTING HOOPS

All centres (subject to more details)
 \$5 per hour | All ages

TEEN GYM

All centres

Monday - Friday
 4 - 6pm | Ages 13 - 16
 \$5 per session

JUNIOR BASKETBALL CLINIC

Aldinga Recreation Centre

Mon 9 and 16 Jan 2017
 5 - 6pm | Ages 5 - 12
 \$5 per child

JUNIOR SOCCER CLINIC

Aldinga Recreation Centre

Fri 13 and 20 Jan 2017
 4 - 5pm | All ages
 \$5 per child

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Hub Recreation Centre
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