Week 10  Term 2 – Wednesday 1st July 2015

Rural Reconnect

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In the last newsletter, I reminded families that this week reports would be sent home. In the R to 6 section of the school, these reports will be full written reports. Students in years 7 to 12 will receive a written summary report with grades. Comments in the year 7 to 12 reports will be provided by subject teachers where student performance is below the expected ‘C’ grading in relation to the achievement standard for their year level, or for students with an achievement below their term 1 achievement. If you would like to discuss your child’s report, please contact the school to arrange either a face to face meeting time or a phone conversation with the teacher/s.

This Monday, Amy Harding and I presented our school journey on using data to inform improvement planning from the whole school level, to the classroom level. This presentation was to over 65 leaders at a Literacy Leaders Network Day in Adelaide. Feedback on the day was very positive. The leaders enjoyed hearing about our journey over the last 2 and a half years and about our continuing work in becoming a data literate school. Requests have been made to share our Whole School Literacy Agreement and the data sheet structure we provide for teachers. Amy and I also had the opportunity to hear the way Salisbury High School have used data with students to drive learning improvement across their school. Both Amy and I believe that this is a direction we should explore at Ardrossan Area School.

On a Southern Yorke Peninsula (SYP) Partnership level there is much ongoing work in relation to Numeracy and Literacy Results Plus. All sites in the partnership have been sharing and interrogating some data sets and providing information on the whole school agreements, processes and assessments they use in their sites to drive and inform improvement in numeracy and literacy. The intent is to identify best practice across the partnership to inform decisions at both the partnership and site level. It is exciting work, and I am finding my 0.4 time allocation to the project beneficial for both the Partnership and for Ardrossan Area School.

The SYP Partnership will undergo an external review in week 2 of term 3. I believe that this review will contribute to the work that the partnership is already doing in relation to numeracy and literacy improvement by supporting leaders to identify the leverage points for improvement. It will also assist AAS in preparing for our external site review in week 5 of term 4.

Congratulations to Archer Rowntree, Bradley Stone, Daniel Holdsworth, Mollie Rowntree and Mitch Stone who participated in the Yorke Peninsula SAPSASA Hockey Team. The boys’ team came second overall with 6 wins out of 9 games. The girls’ team came 7th overall with 3 wins and 2 draws. Fergus Rowntree officiated as an umpire during the week. Congratulations also to Jasmine Biddle who represented AAS in SAPSASA Soccer. Jasmine’s team had 3 wins, 4 losses & a draw.

I would like to remind all families that school concludes at 2pm this Friday 3rd July. I wish all students an enjoyable and safe break, and I encourage all Year 12 students to use some of this time to study and get ahead with major assignments/projects.

Regards

Karen Bond
Principal
SAPSASA

SAPSASA Hockey & Soccer was held in week 9.

Fergus (SAPSASA Umpire), Mollie, Archer, Bradley, Daniel & Mitch all participated in Hockey

Jasmine participated in Soccer

Congratulations to Archer & Bradley on making the Under 12 State SAPSASA team. They will play in Perth 2nd – 8th August. Well done boys!

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Rural Reconnect – University of SA Program

Brodie, Lesley, Seb, Courtney, Georgia and Kayla attended the Rural Reconnect program at the University of South Australia. This program is available to rural schools all over the state. It offers teenagers from years 10 - 12 an opportunity to have an insight of the university lifestyle. On the first day, we arrived at Mawson Lakes, had lunch and then got straight into our first activity which was Smart Basketball. Following this was the Planetarium and then a soldering activity. We travelled back to our accommodation for a Barbecue tea and to settle in for the night.

The next day we travelled to the City West Campus which is where students study Architecture, Business and Design. Our first activity was in the School of Business room. This was fun and we won the activity. We then had a tour of the Art, Architecture & Design and made badges in the Art room. The next stop was City East. City East had great activities including the nursing unit. Highlights included; a lady put on a great performance as an elderly patient and designing our own moisturiser. We had a campus tour and went back to the accommodation. That night we went out for tea and went to the movies to see Jurassic World.

On the last day, we went to Magill Campus. Courses at Magill include Journalism and Arts. We were able to record ourselves in a radio broadcast situation and also read the news. We then went to the Music room and watched some videos which were made by previous students. We had lunch prior to our return home.

Year 9 RSL Trip

On Friday 29th of June 2015, we went to the R.S.L. When we arrived we were greeted by Mr. Kavanagh. He told us about his old war stories from the Vietnam War. He was a scout in the 3rd battalion. I was interested in the rifles and our faces were painted in camo. We got to try some of the food from ration packs.

Lloyd Hobbs

Last week, our class went to visit the R.S.L in Ardrossan. We met some Vietnam Veterans; two of which were soldiers in the 2nd and 3rd battalions and the other was a chopper gunner. Their names were Kevin Kavanagh, Robert Klopp and Sarge. They showed us all the weight they carried and their guns and different bullet sizes that they used. Also, they showed us all the food they ate and the tools they used to cook and clean. We were all painted in camouflage.

Charles Dixon

Last Friday we went to the Ardrossan R.S.L and had a tour of all the old ration packs, guns and clothes. It was a fun experience with lots of activities like trying out the gear and putting on camouflage paint. Some of the men at the R.S.L told us stories of when they served. They had plenty of pictures and real war weapons to help explain and tell the story in detail. First we went inside and had a look at all the clothing like the chest plates, pants, t-shirts, jackets and helmets. The chest plate and helmets were extremely heavy for their size and especially because they would have been wearing them all the time and running in them. Then they showed a corporal jacket that not even we could fit into; showing how young the people in war were.

After that we were taken outside and shown the old army ration pack and food that they would have eaten in the war time. It contained food like bully beef, rice pudding, tea and some tinned cheese.

Corey Masters

Last Friday, the year 9 class walked to the Ardrossan R.S.L to learn about the people and equipment in WW1. Sarge showed us some of the clothes that were worn. For example one of the pieces of clothing was a vest that had two plates in it, one at the front, and one at the back; both were bullet proof. Then Kevin Kavanagh showed us some of the bullets that went with the guns, and then he showed us the guns. Next, Kevin showed us some face paint which was used when they were hiding in the bush. Everyone had to put some on; the only bad thing was that it was near impossible to get it off. After this, Sarge took us outside and set up a sleeping area and a little fire. He heated up some tea with a eucalypt leaf. Then he cooked some baked beans, bully beef, and for dessert was rice cream pudding. By the time we did all this, we got to go back inside for the last time and have a proper look around; or try to get the face paint off with steaming hot water.

Kimberley Davey
Reception
K Hocking

Jay Younger – for excellent effort when learning to read new digraphs

Angus LeFeuvre – for excellent sounding out when reading and for progressing through his oxford words

Year 1
K Eglinton

Ashlee Clifford – for showing lots of enthusiasm during the assembly presentation

Dylan Chapman – for a consistently high effort in PE

Year 2/3
J LeFeuvre

Sofie Haynes – for showing respect and using her manners at all times

Jacob Turner – for making good choices with his behaviour at break times

Abigail Hicks – for creative Art work

Thomas Williams – being a good role model with his Reception buddy in reading

Year 3/4
P Clark

Laticia Wilson – for trying her best to understand volume in Mathematics

Corey Haynes – for a fantastic effort during procedure writing

Year 5/6
A Nixon

Roger Bowden – for excellent results in Maths when learning 24 hour time

Alanna Herd – for showing great enthusiasm and energy in choir lessons

Band Camp
On Sunday the 14th June, Shayna, Leah, Taliah, Courtney, Georgia & Alanna went to Port Hughes for the 2015 Instrumental Music Country Camp. There were lots of students from other schools. After the welcome talk, we went back to our dorms to set up our instruments for the first practice.

The next day we practised for most of the day, but when we had a break, we took the opportunity to walk to the jetty.

On the last day we packed up, had our last practice at camp and went to the Moonta Town Hall for a rehearsal. Following the rehearsal we headed to the lolly shop! We returned to the town hall and performed our concert. It was lots of fun and we can’t wait until next year’s camp!

By Alanna Herd, Year 6

23rd June, 10 students from Years 8, 9 and 10 attended a World Vision seminar in Kadina. The students learnt about world poverty and how they can make a difference. Since then, a committee has been formed to organise the 40 hour famine at our school. The students will provide further information in the newsletter at the beginning of next term.

Leonie Peterson, SRC Coordinator