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Port Lincoln High School's Aboriginal Education Newsletter // Term 4, 2020 Edition 4

AP & AET Statement

Dear parents/caregivers,

Term 4, the end to 2020's schooling rollercoaster and what a cracker it has been. Firstly, staff, students and families need to be acknowledged for all of their hard work, determination and resilience for jumping the many hurdles we were given.

This term our year 12 students finally completed their SACE with some going on to traineeships, full time and part time work and applying for university, whilst others are taking a "well needed break". Although parents could not attend the Graduation Ceremony,



Aboriginal Education staff were there in full support. I for one was and still am over the moon.

We also had a big couple of weeks with year 11's completing their compulsory SACE Stage 2 Research Project and are waiting to hear some very pleasing results.

On Tuesday 3rd November we hosted another successful Wangangooridi Family Gathering at the Clontarf Academy. We shared a lunch and discussed NAIDOC week activities and information about upcoming events in the school. However, our standout feature was the exhibition and sharing of the work from the Aboriginal Art Program. Students, staff and families joined in proud conversation about their artwork.



Week 5 was NAIDOC week and in recognition and celebration of this important week, the Aboriginal Education Team ran daily lunchtime activities with students and staff. These were inclusive of, canvas bookmark art with Mallee Miller and Annette Kelson, a colouring in competition with Nicole Carter and cooking with Native Australian Ingredients with Kesby Turner-Wiebreck and Nicole Carter. Unfortunately, due to the hot weather policy and COVID restrictions we had to postpone our bush medicine workshop with Nanna Mary (twice) until a later date.



The team would like to wish all families a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to a happy 2021.

Kesby Turner-Wiebreck
Aboriginal Education Teacher

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Clontarf

On Tuesday November 10th, the Port Lincoln Clontarf Academy held its second Awards Night to celebrate the success of our Clontarf Foundation members. The event was held in our Academy Room at Port Lincoln High School, and was well attended by the boys, their families, school staff and several special guests, including: **Mr Matthew Morgan** (*Chief Executive Officer, City of Port Lincoln*), **Ms Rowena Fox** (*Education Director, Department for Education*), **Mr Ian Taylor** (*SA Regional Manager, Clontarf Foundation*), **Mr Eddie Hocking** (*Employment Officer, Clontarf Foundation*) and representatives from our valued Clontarf Foundation partners, **Kmart** and **Bunnings**



The evening commenced with guests enjoying a tasty meal of pork and gravy rolls with coleslaw, provided by Clontarf staff and volunteers. Plenty

of people arrived early to enjoy the delicious food and each other's company before the night formally began.

The awards were presented to several Clontarf students for their outstanding efforts and achievements at our Academy throughout 2020. Year 9 student Nathaniel Hirschausen-Burk passed the MC baton onto Year 8 Dre Vlassco. Dre should be congratulated on a great job throughout the night; he made his family and his community proud.



A highlight of the night was hearing Danielle Hirschausen (mother of Nathaniel) speak from a parent's point-of-view on the Clontarf program. She spoke about how it has benefitted Nathaniel, how he enjoys every aspect of his schooling whilst being a key

member of our Academy. The speech was very heartfelt, and we greatly appreciated Danielle's kind words.

We encouraged each award recipient to deliver a quick speech after receiving their award. As we all know, it is a daunting thought to have to speak in front of a packed room; our boys did an incredible job of thanking their families and teachers in what has been a difficult year (to say the least).



The awards presented recognised the boys' achievements in the fields of attendance, leadership, well-being, sport, education and employment. Congratulations to all recipients and their families on this wonderful recognition.

Mr Matthew Stokes & Mr Derick Wanganeen
Clontarf Academy

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Workabout

Our Barista Students enjoyed learning the Barista Skill Set at TAFE. I would like to thank the AB-ED team for the continuous support in my absence and a big thank you to Kirsty Parker from TAFE Hospitality, we hope you enjoyed your time and we look forward to working with you in 2021.



Workabout centre would like to say well done to the many young people who applied for Employment this term and gained positions in our community ranging from Retail, Fishing Industry, Traineeships in Health and Banking and the many others our students applied for.

Year 12 post-school support

We know it is a very busy time of year for year 12 students. To help make your school to work transition just a little bit easier, you can register now for post-school support and chose when you would like us to contact you.

It may be now, after exams or even in January? It is as simple as going to the link below, supplying a few details and choosing when you would like to be contacted..... And that's it! Our team will do the rest.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VZTLMG7>

You can also contact your local Workabout Centre Coordinator at any time.

If you are interested in any programs, services or just have a question about how The Workabout Centre can support you, do not hesitate to contact Jolene Miller on:

Email: jolene.miller@sa.gov.au or

phone 0418 651 280.

Keep up the good work, keep safe and see you in 2021.

Jolene Miller
Workabout Coordinator



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SAASTA

Hi,

After the year we have endured it would be unusual to not have one final twist. Due to the Covid-19 outbreak in Adelaide and the vulnerability of our students the 2020 SAASTA Shield/Power Cup was cancelled. This was hugely disappointing for all our students as this carnival had been seen as the reward for all the hard work over the course of the year. However, on a more positive note, in week 5 our students were visited by some distinguished guests. Travis Dodd a former Australian/Adelaide United player and Stefan Cali current MetroStars player and the SAASTA soccer head coach visited our students to up skill them in all things



Back Row, Gemma Fowler, Travis Dodd, Mary-Jane Retallick, Skye Retallick, N'ky Carbine, Lara McGlashan, Stefan Cali. Front row, Tyson Pratt, Sabrina Burgoyne, Kiana Stafford and Cooper Miller.

soccer. This was a highly enjoyable experience for all students and staff.

In preparation for 2021, all interested SAASTA applicants are encouraged to get in contact with Boyd West (Port Lincoln High School SAASTA Coordinator) before the 27th of November to begin the formal application process. All current SAASTA students are to ensure that if interested they have applied for their chosen certificate III (Only offered to students in year 11 and 12 in 2021).

For any inquires please contact Boyd West via 86836000 or boyd.west150@schools.sa.edu.au.

Boyd West
SAASTA Coordinator

Aboriginal Art Program

Our Art Connect Retreat at Dutton Bay Woolshed was rewarding and thought provoking. The students themselves funded the trip as a result of their award winning collaborative artwork "Vortex" being used by the Aboriginal Entrepreneurship Hub in Adelaide.



During the Art Connect Retreat we met Elder and celebrated artist **Sandra Saunders** at her studio in Wangary. **Sandra Saunders is a Ngarrindjeri artist and activist. She played a major role in the protesting over the Hindmarsh Island Bridge controversy. She has exhibited her art widely and works as a sculptor and painter using mixed media. Sandra Saunders has been a previous Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Director and had a successful career assisting Aboriginal people in the public service of South Australia.**

We met and connected through discussion with **Scott Cane** at his home near Mena. The conversations flowed easily and a lovely morning tea was devoured. **Scott Cane is an Australian archaeologist and anthropologist. He has lived long periods of time with the desert people of Australia, including some**

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of the last hunter-gatherers. He is the author of *Pila Nguru: The Spinifex People*. He appeared in the 2013 ABC TV documentary, *First Footprints* and authored the accompanying book of the same title.



Jacqui Giles and Laska the dog were our hosts at the Dutton Bay Woolshed. Jacqui shared the history of the buildings in the Woolshed Museum with honesty and passion. Jacqui created a beautiful atmosphere (complete with candles) for our evening meal (so yummy) in the Woolshed Café and Gallery. We might even hold an exhibition there one day!

Believe it or not, we had time to create art and some families may see these when the holidays begin. We planned some new artworks and discussed ideas for

the future based on the time we spent with Sandra, Scott and Jacqui.



The weather was not as kind as we would have liked but the hostel was cosy and there were many songs sung and delicious food eaten.

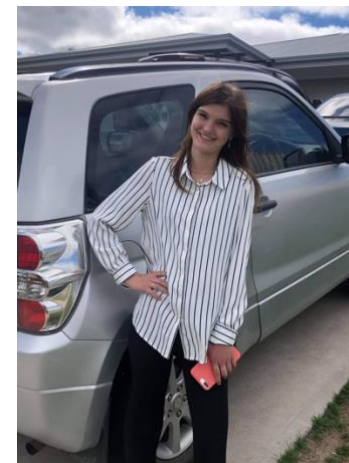
Wanda Jarvis
Visual Arts Teacher

ASETO update

We had three contenders from the High School applying for the ANZ Aboriginal Traineeship, they were Gemma Fowler, Mary-Jane Retallick & Jakoda Skinn-Buzzacott. With assistance & support from myself and Jolene Miller (Workabout), we made sure our Students were dressed for success and interview

ready. All three interviewed very well with great feedback from The ANZ Bank Manager, but there could only be one successful applicant and that was Mary-Jane Retallick. Well done to MJ.

"Being my second interview, I was still terrified to go in. I was getting hot and cold flushes, but once I started talking it felt like I couldn't stop. I felt very excited knowing that I got to try out something new" ~ Mary-Jane Retallick.



We also need to congratulate Gavrhianna Kelly & Cheyla Smith who completed their Family Wellbeing Certificate Course at TAFE this term. Well done to both girls and our awesome TAFE Lecturer Robyn Pedler; she has been amazing with our students.

Nicole Carter
ASETO