

## Principal's Update



### OUTSTANDING STUDENT PERFORMANCES

It has been my privilege to attend a number of outstanding student events over the last two weeks and in particular I wanted to acknowledge three of them. My feelings of pride for the staff and students involved in putting these events together is enormous.

#### **Year 12 Health Fundraiser for the Cancer Council – Trivia Night**

As part of their Year 12 Health course students are required to organise a fundraising activity to support a charity of their choosing. Olivia, Melissa, Maliah and Gabriela teamed up to organise a trivia night to raise money for the Cancer Council. I cannot speak highly enough of the girls' outstanding organisational skills and persistence in working through all of the obstacles and challenges they faced. Ultimately they produced an outstanding trivia night that was attended by well over 80 staff, students and families. They even went to the trouble of organising a professional quiz master so they could concentrate on running the novelty activities and selling the food and drinks. Luckily we had the quiz queen Ms McLaren on our table otherwise we would have not been able to answer more than half of the questions! Thank you to the very generous sponsors who provided prizes for the gift hampers. Overall the girls managed to raise \$1800 for the Cancer Council. This amount included the money raised from the trivia night, the selling of Cadbury chocolates, donation boxes placed at the Adelaide Casino and organising a Go Fund Me page. Overall, the girls committed colossal amounts of their personal time and energy for an extremely important cause. This is an outstanding achievement and something to be immensely proud of.



#### **Year 8-12 End of Semester Dance Performance**

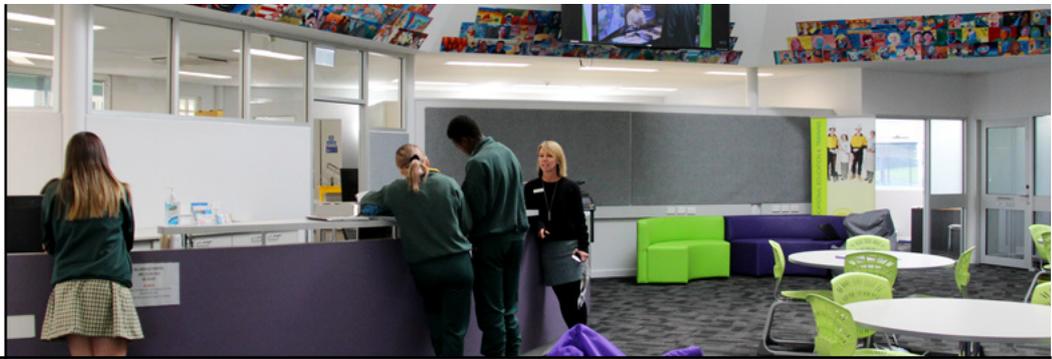
Once again the Dance teachers and students performed to sell-out crowds over two nights to present the end of semester Dance Performance. The quality of the performances, choreography and costuming was outstanding. These events are some of my favourite activities to attend throughout the year and I am always left in awe of the stunning dance talent we have at this school. To see well over 150 dancers showcased during the evening is amazing. If you are yet to see one of these performances I encourage you to make a booking when the semester 2 event is advertised – it is certainly time and money well spent.



**Year 10-11 Performing Arts Production – ‘How the West was Warped’**

Under the directorship of Buddy Dawson, the Year 10-11 Performing Arts students put on a hugely entertaining production of ‘How the West was Warped’. There were many strong performances that showcased the acting, dancing and singing skills of these talented students. It was a very funny performance and I regularly found myself laughing at the corny jokes and antics of the cast. The costuming was superb and the sets and props were simple, but very effective. The stage coach pulled by the little horse on wheels was hilarious. The choice of music to represent the different situations being portrayed on stage was inspired. A very enjoyable two hours spent at the theatre! Congratulations to everyone who made a contribution to this very successful production.





### THE HUB OPENS ITS DOORS

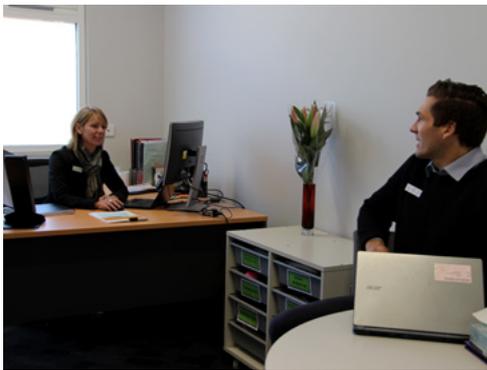
After four months of construction the newly renovated Hub recently opened its doors to staff and students. This new facility brings together two key student support areas to the same location – Student Services (including the Sick Room) and Wellbeing / Vocational Education. The Hub is a ‘one-stop shop’ for most student related matters and includes:

- Student services (i.e. sign in, sign out, attendance, DayMap, first aid)
- Student Wellbeing Assistant Principal
- Student Wellbeing Leaders
- Defence School Mentor
- Vocational Education and Training Coordinator
- Apprenticeship Officer
- Student Mentoring
- Meeting rooms for consultations/appointments with outside agencies and services

Please note that all face-to-face financial transactions continue via the Payment Window in the Front Office building.

### STAFF NEWS

After 35 years in education and with the last 18 months being at Golden Grove High School in the role of Assistant Principal - Wellbeing, Sue Grunwald has made the decision to call ‘time’ on her educational career. Sue will finish her teaching at the end of this term, before having 4 weeks of long service leave at the beginning of Term 3 during which she will travel with her husband to the Cook Islands and New Zealand. Sue will then officially retire and is looking forward to getting settled in her new house and spending a lot more time with her grandchildren. The school thanks Sue for her excellent leadership of the Wellbeing Team and wishes her all the best for her retirement. The selection process for identifying Sue’s replacement is nearing its conclusion and the successful applicant should be known soon.



Also, it is with much happiness I let the school community know that Kirsty Wallis and Matt Ujhelyi welcomed their baby daughter to the world a couple of weeks ago. Mother and baby are both doing extremely well and we wish Kirsty and Matt all the best, being first time parents. This is a very exciting time in their lives. Kirsty will be on maternity leave for the remainder of 2019. Josh Davis takes over as the acting Humanities Coordinator and Lizzy Farrier has accepted the role of leading the Environmental Action Team for the rest of the year.

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Principal