PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I hope that the Christmas - New Year period was a positive time for all and those who were fortunate to have a break had a pleasant and happy holiday. I welcome all to the 2017 school year, particularly those new to our school and encourage all our students to commence their studies with a real desire and commitment to achieve their very best. It is very pleasing to see that the school term has commenced smoothly with students settling quickly to their learning programs and, in this regard, I want to thank the Leadership Team and all school staff who worked hard both at the end of last year and during the school holidays to ensure such a positive start.

I am again looking forward to a very positive and productive year in a school in which all students have the opportunity to experience real success through a very broad range of quality educational programs.

2016 Year 12 Results

Last year’s Year 12 results demonstrated that with application and effort students can, as is the tradition at the school, achieve highly. I congratulate the 2016 class on their achievements. I want to particularly acknowledge our top students; Corey Roberts (91.95) and Kayla Von Zieden (90.80) on their excellent Year 12 results. A fine effort from both students and reflective of a very productive and focused year. More than 89% of our students completed their SACE, nearly 96% of grades were C and above, with 58.62% of grades being in the B and A range, the best result in the last 5 years and a pattern of continual improvement over that time.

This also reflects a growing realisation amongst students that simply “getting a passing grade” is not good enough, particularly when they want to gain entry into a tertiary institution. In 2016, Year 12 students, at Balaklava High School, were competing against more than 15,000 students throughout this state alone, with about 12,000 of those seeking to gain an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) to enable them to gain entry into a tertiary course. This will be very similar this year! For students to be genuinely competitive they must strive to reach their potential, give their best efforts, be prepared to be challenged to extend their learning and understanding, seek and act on feedback and work diligently throughout the year.

I expect to see the Class of 2017 aim to do so and be rewarded with wonderful results at the year’s end. Achieving a very successful SACE outcome is the result of hard work, not just in the final year of secondary school, but over the duration of a student’s high school life. For all students, I encourage you to rise to the learning challenges set and seek to make the most of your secondary school life.

Facilities Developments / Performing Arts / STEM Works

It is very exciting to see the significant progress of the new performing arts space and school canteen. We are well on track to see it completed by
mid-way through the year and it will provide a very contemporary, state-of-the-art performance and learning space which will fantastically serve the school, and broader community, for a great many years to come.

The Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, (STEM) building development project announced last year is still progressing in the concept development phase. A concept proposal has been devised, which incorporates an extension and alterations to the old Science building and some modifications to the new Science facility. Currently the STEM Works group in Adelaide are reviewing the concept and when finally approved the formal design phase will commence.

This $2.5 million development will also provide the school with very contemporary, 21st Century learning spaces which will well support the delivery of quality STEM programs in the school. It is expected that all STEM building works will be completed by the end of 2018.

New Staff

This year we welcome a number of new staff to the school. I welcome Gunther Schapel, our new Maths, Numeracy, ICT Curriculum Leader, Amanda Wheeler, who will be teaching Maths and delivering programs in the Enhanced Learning Hub (ELH), Shari Bray, teaching Geography and Tourism, Cerys Howson has been appointed as our Special Class teacher and Shirley Lands who will be supporting in the school’s Special Class. I welcome them to the school and look forward to working closely with them as, together, we continue working to improve the learning experiences and outcomes for our students.

Pupil Free Day

The Pupil Free day for this term will occur on Wednesday 8th March (Week 6) and continue the school’s, and the Lower Mid North (LMN) Educational Partnership’s commitment to Visible Learning with a specific focus on the provision of, “feedback that makes learning visible.” Up to 130 staff from 15 sites across the LMN Partnership will be attending the day.

To briefly recap, Visible Learning is a school change model of professional learning and development founded on the research work of Professor John Hattie. As a result of this approach educational sites, unrelentingly focus on the development of reflective teacher practices in which they continually monitor their effectiveness as educators and seek to adapt and develop their teaching practices to be more impactful. Visible Learning sites embed ongoing feedback to students from their teachers and from students to their teachers. This is an essential aspect, for both staff and students, in clarifying performance, reflecting on learning growth and determining what is needed to achieve more highly. Visible Learning sites also focus on the development of growth mindsets, in which students and staff, embrace the idea that we are all capable of learning growth and improvement and that with application and effort, growth in all areas can follow. Visible Learning sites are also characterised by the development of “assessment capable” learners who aspire to improve their understanding and level of achievement, who readily seek and act on feedback and who demonstrate a consistent preparedness to “have a go” even when the learning requirements are challenging and difficult.

For a brief introduction to the concept of fixed and growth mindsets follow the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUWhn_TJTrnU

The school’s focus on Visible Learning since 2014 has produced some very positive outcomes, with a 10% growth in students passing all subjects, a 4.31% growth in passing grades, and a 2.98% increase in the number of A and B grades being achieved. It is very pleasing to see such growth and I look forward to seeing it continuing.

Governing Council AGM

The Governing Council is an important component of the school’s decision-making and consultative processes and provides an opportunity for parents to both be much more strongly involved in school operations and to gain a much deeper understanding of how the school functions.

The school’s AGM will take place on Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 7.00pm in the Community Library. Please consider nominating for the Council which has a crucial role in ensuring that the school is meeting the educational needs of the community. There are currently two vacancies and should you wish to nominate there is a nomination slip for Governing Council attached to this newsletter.

In conclusion I again welcome all back to the 2017 school year and look forward to another successful and positive year.

Mark Healy

DEPUTY’S REPORT

I would like to welcome all our new students, especially the Year 8s as they embark on their journey through secondary schooling. As parents one of the best ways to support your child through high school will be to communicate regularly with your child’s homegroup teacher. If there are important things we should know about your child such as an illness, a death in the family, family breakdown and out of school commitments please inform us through your child’s homegroup teacher.

Welcome back to all our returning students. I wish everyone a productive and successful year, particularly our Year 12 students who will need to rise to the challenge of the year ahead. We will be challenging students this year to understand their own learning and to understand how they can develop
and improve their learning through the Visible Learning platform.

I look forward to continuing to build on my role as Deputy Principal and have been excited about the start of a new year which brings with it fresh beginnings. I want to welcome back all staff, including new staff members and hope that they are able to settle in to their new environment quickly. I want to thank all our staff who have returned to school re-energised and ready for the year ahead. We have had a smooth start to the year helped by excellent communication and a commitment to working together as a team. We have a dynamic set of leaders and teachers who are committed to achieving high educational outcomes for the students at Balaklava High School.

Middle School Transition Scholarship

Thank you to all the Year 7 students who applied for the transition scholarship. The process included an interview of the short-listed applicants occurring while they were here on transition last year. I would like to thank Lucy Edwards and Luke Mensforth for helping me with the selection process. The successful applicants are Lloyd Spurling and Taylor White from Balaklava Primary School. The school will pay the school fees (or equivalent) for these two students over the next two years. The middle school scholarship recipients will represent the school at various events throughout the next two years.

Timetable and Change of Subjects

I would like to thank the Timetabling Team, in particular Carena Brookes for supporting the development of the 2017 timetable. We worked together over several months building the timetable and the majority of students have a complete timetable program. Students at Year 10, 11 and 12 have the opportunity of reviewing the subjects they have selected and changing subjects (if the timetable permits) for the next two weeks. There will be no movement in or out of subjects after Monday 19th February. Please discuss this with your child and determine whether they are in the best course for them and make any changes required prior to this date. Aisling Flynn and I have worked this week to get all the Enhanced Learning Hub programs on the timetable and these will be operational from next week onwards. Students accessing these programs will come out of their regular classes and be supported by a number of staff who will be able to meet their individual needs.

Camps and Excursions

Many Coordinators and teachers are busy organising camps. The Student Council go away on a planning camp from Sunday 5th February. They will organise their goals for the year and nominate students to committees across the school. Student Council roles will be clarified and many will be involved with the development of policies and representing a student voice within the school.

Next week Carena Brookes is organising an excursion for Wednesday 8th February for students undertaking the Research Project to improve their research capabilities.

The Year 8s are going on camp in Week 3 to Woodhouse where they will get to know each other and their homegroup teachers in an informal, fun setting. They will undertake team building activities which will hopefully enable them to develop new friendships and encourage them to work together as a cohesive cohort over the next five years.

Induction Ceremony for Student Council and House Captains

I would like to thank Joshua La Grutta, Luke Clark and Alison Schahinger for their commitment to being support teachers of the Student Council. Many students have nominated to take up the challenge of student leadership, which is very pleasing. The students who have committed to the Student Council need to be actively engaged in the planning, organisation and implementation of programs and decisions that the Council develop. Students have also nominated for House Captains and votes for the final positions were held this week.

I congratulate all students who have taken up a leadership role in the student body this year and wish them every success as they undertake their role.

The Induction Ceremony will take place on Thursday 9th February at 12:30pm in the BHS Gymnasium. All parents are invited to attend.

Kerry Williams

**YEAR 8 MEET & GREET**

**Wednesday 8th February 2017**

4:30-5:00pm Year 8 Information Session (S5-6)

5:00-5:30pm Homegroup/Classroom Tours

5:30-6:00pm Meet and greet Year 8 teachers (Home Ec.)

We would like to invite parents and caregivers of our new students to attend our meet and greet afternoon. You will have an opportunity to hear information regarding extra curricula policy, Middle School Certificate, bullying and harassment procedures, PRIDE points, Electronic devices policy and daily organisation.

You will have an opportunity to visit classrooms and meet their teachers. This is an opportunity for informal chats with teachers and to look at your child’s work. The school will provide tea, coffee and biscuits at 5:30pm. During this time you can mix and mingle with the Year 8 teachers. At this time you may also ask any questions that you may have.

If you cannot attend at the beginning of the session, you will be welcome to join in the program at any time. We look forward to meeting you all!

Lucy Edwards, Year 8 Coordinator

**QUICK & EASY STATIONERY ORDERING - QKR**

It is now possible to order all stationery supplies at the school on QKR. The same process applies as
ordering your lunch through QKR. When the main menu appears, under “School Payments”, choose the Stationery option, then choose the day that you wish to collect them. Select the items that you wish to purchase and enter quantity and “add to cart”. Once ordering is complete, go to checkout to confirm and pay. This can be done at any time of the day and will be bagged and ready to collect by the student at the Bookroom at recess time (not before school) on the day that you have chosen. Waiting time to get items is reduced and no more scouring for change to cover the cost of books, stationery etc. Give it a go and see how easy it can be!

SPECIALIST MUSIC NEWS

Anastacia Kearns

Congratulations to Anastacia for two wonderful performances over the holidays. Anastacia was invited to represent our school as a vocal soloist for the Tour Down Under, Lyndoch event on Jan 18. Anastacia performed several songs as part of their entertainment, relishing the experience! She was also invited to perform as a soloist at the Balaklava Community Carols By Candlelight on Dec 18 last year, giving a beautiful rendition of The Holly and the Ivy, backed by a live orchestra. We are very proud of Anastacia. Well done!

Specialist Music Program begins next week

Information and Application forms have been distributed at school this week with permission forms due back on Friday Feb 3rd. Classes will begin on Monday Feb 6th. Some classes will be scheduled on Fridays this term as well. We look forward to welcoming new students to the program and continuing to build our excellence in music at BHS. If you have any questions or concerns please free to contact me.

Mrs Melanie Evans
Specialist Music Teacher
0427796970 melanie@evansconsulting.com.au

SPORT NEWS

Term 1 is a huge term for swimming and athletics, at both a local and regional level. This year’s Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 10th February (week 2). We encourage as many family and friends to attend as possible to support their children. We are also calling for nominations for parents to be part of the Staff/Parent Combined relay team that will take on a variety of students for a novelty event. Contact me at the school if you are keen! The program for the day is attached within this newsletter.

On the 20th February (Monday Week 4), the best swimmers selected from our swimming carnival will compete for Balaklava High School in the regional Interschool event. This year, the carnival will be held in Clare and will start at 5pm. Again, we look forward to your attendance and support.

In week 5, our best swimmers selected from our Interschool team will compete at the Marion Aquatics Centre. This year, we will be swimming independently as we have decided to break away from the Lower North team set-up. With an excess of schools joining the Lower North team, we felt that staying within the Lower North team would limit opportunities to our students to make the team.

Our Athletics Day will be held on the 9th March (Thursday week 6) with Interschool Athletics this year being held in Riverton on the 23rd March (Thursday week 8). A bus has been hired for Interschool Athletics and for all students selected, a cost of approximately $12.50 will need to be paid to the school.

On Monday 10th April, selected students from our school will compete at SANTOS Stadium in Adelaide. We are still a part of the Lower North team in Athletics and will join forces with Riverton District High School and Burra Community School.

A reminder that for students to be eligible to represent the school (or the Lower North) they must fulfil the requirements of the school’s Extra-Curricular Policy. I look forward to your support with all things sport this year at Balaklava High School.

We would like to congratulate our newly elected House captains for 2017.

Senior Walter Captains
Tayla Williams Bradley Davey (Vice)
Jacob Van Dijk

Junior Walter Captains
Jack Heaslip Chloe Lamond (Vice)

Senior Ross Captains
Amy Langdon Alisha Barker (Vice)

Junior Ross Captains
Matt Freebairn Lucy Dixon (Vice)

Senior James Captains
Shyleigh Cullen Anastacia Kearns (Vice)

Junior James Captains
Nik Sumner Tamika Gregory (Vice)

Senior Keith Captains
Madison Bond Rachel Dunstan (Vice)

Junior Keith Captains
Isaac Pepe Cody Redpath (Vice)

Michael Brooks

BUS TRANSPORT

Due to the growing numbers on all the buses we may be unable to allow students to access the buses to attend sporting practices this year. We will have more information in the next few weeks but students and parents should not rely on the buses to get students to sports practices.
YEAR 8 CAMP 2016

In Week 3, Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th of February, our Year 8 students and their homegroup teachers will be heading to Woodhouse for camp. Camp is an amazing opportunity for students to make new friends and bond as a larger group. This time away is also a fantastic opportunity for staff and support workers to build relationships with our new students.

We will leave after morning homegroup on Wednesday and be back in time for the buses on Friday afternoon. Please ensure all Year 8 students are wearing casual clothes that are sun smart and are wearing sensible closed in shoes.

Feel free to contact the school if you have any questions and keep an eye out for photos and stories in the next newsletter!

Miss Lucy Edwards
Year 8 Camp Organiser & Year 8 Coordinator

IMMUNISATIONS

Year 8 Immunisations for Chickenpox, the Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough booster, and human papillomavirus will be held here at school later this year.

Also this year the new Meningococcal B immunisations for Years 10, 11 and 12 will also take place.

Forms will be distributed to students next week with the expectation that they be returned within a couple of days. If you don’t consent for this to happen, please still fill in the form ticking this box.

SCHOOL PHOTOS—24TH FEB 2017

School photo envelopes will be handed out in the next few days. All forms need to be brought back on photo day even if you are not ordering any photos. Please send money and envelopes with your child ONLY ON THE DAY. We do not hold change here for photos, this is done entirely with Academy Photographers.

COMMUNITY NEWS

AUSTSWIM SWIMMING COURSE

AUSTSWIM is offering a Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course in Peterborough on the 18th and 19th of February 2017

The AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course is the entry level requirement for those ready to commence a career in the aquatic industry as an AUSTSWIM Teacher. Secondary school students as young as 16 years of age can undertake the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety course and on successful completion of all AUSTSWIM course requirements gain 10 Stage 2 SACE points. The accredited training course also appears on the recognised VET training list. Please see front office at BHS for enrolment forms.

YEAR 8 MEET & GREET EVENING

WED 8th FEB 4:30-6PM in S/56

STUDENT COUNCIL & HOUSE CAPTAIN INDUCTION

THURS 9th FEB 12:30PM, BHS GYM
MEMO TO ALL PARENTS / GUARDIANS
RE: GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

This year’s Governing Council AGM will be held on Wednesday 1st March 2017 starting at 7.00pm in the Community Library. The first meeting of the new Governing Council will follow the AGM.

Each year a number of Governing Councillors conclude their term of office. Our constitution states that all councillors serve a two-year term of office after which time they either choose to retire or seek re-election and as a result this year we have a number of vacancies.

I would encourage you to consider nominating for the Governing Council, and in so doing take a more active role in contributing to the Balaklava High School community.

Below is a nomination form for those wishing to be involved in the Balaklava High School Governing Council.

Should you be interested in nominating, or renominating, could you please return this form by Friday 24th February 2017.

Thankyou for your continuing support of the school.

Mark Healy
Friday 3rd February

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Balaklava High School
Governing Council Nomination Form

I...........................................................................................................(full name)
of.....................................................................................................(address)

nominate as a member of the Balaklava High School Governing Council and hereby declare that:

• I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors
• I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed my membership of Balaklava High School Governing Council will cease.

Signed............................................................................Date

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