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Almost there - Principal's Report

It's hard to believe we are so close to the end of the 2016. The year has flown by - three terms down, one (short but busy) term to go.

Term 3 was packed with events at Woodville High School:

- We had a **Short Term visit** from Indulkana in week 4 and quite a few students coming for 2-week **Trial visits**.
- Students from **Saint Mary's College** came to learn some Pitjantjatjara in preparation for a trip to Oak Valley, as well as sharing some malu wipu (roo tails) and damper prepared by Dan Bleby and the Pitjantjatjara language classes. We also had Saint Mary's students working with Wiltja classes for a week as part of their Service Learning volunteering.
- All year 10 students, three year 9s, Mike and Belinda had a successful **Leadership Camp** at Deep Creek run by the YMCA.
- The year 10s doing Certificate 2 in **Conservation and Land Management** did lots of great work around Woodville High School and at Cleland Wildlife Park.
- Year 9s and 10s had some interesting days at the University of South Australia for the **Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience** (AIME).
- A small group of students travelled to the APY Lands to compete in the **Ernabella Dance and Sports** competitions
- **Basketball and rugby** carnivals and knockout matches for boys and girls.
- Some of the year 10 students continued their involvement in the

Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) with the Adelaide Football Club, working towards their Certificate 2 in Business.

- **Student conferences** with teachers and youth workers to discuss Wiltja School and Boarding reports
- Our termly **staff versus students sports** match - the students getting their third victory in a row, this time in volleyball.

There are still plenty of exciting things happening next term:

- The **Wiltja Graduation Dinner** in week 6
- A **trip to Vietnam** for students doing the 'Gold' Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- A **trip to China** for students in the Port Adelaide Football Club's Aboriginal AFL Academy
- **Work Experience** for year 10 students
- Two more **Short Term visits**
- **Driver Education** - Year 10s studying to get their Learner's Permits (Ls), year 11s continuing their driving lessons and year 12s finishing the requirements for their Provisional Licences (Ps).
- **YEAR 12 STUDENTS FINISHING!!!**

We hope we can make it another great term. Keep trying hard, stay positive and make the most of your learning time.

Daniel Lasscock

Acting Principal

Leadership Camp

This year's Wiltja Leadership Camp was once again held in the Deep Creek Conservation Park. A group of 12 students, including Belinda and myself, participated in a three day camp where we carried all of our own food, clothes, tents and cooking equipment on a grueling hike. The weather was fine so we didn't need to compete with wind or rain but, with it still being winter, it was very cold.

Our first day saw us leave Wiltja Boarding early in the morning and drive to Aaron picnic area in Deep Creek. We loaded up our packs and headed on the first part of the hike to the Trig camp site. The hike took us considerably longer than we anticipated and we arrived just as it was getting dark. After a quick demonstration, the students did a great job of setting up their tents and preparing to cook their evening meals. Before, camp students had organised their menus and done their shopping.

Around the fire, we quickly set down to preparing our meals. Meals consisted of pasta bolognese, stir fry or tuna pasta. Most of the students had never cooked on a Trangia camp stove but everyone was successful in preparing delicious meals and filling our cold, empty stomachs. Tired out after a long day, we all went off to bed and were quickly snoring our way through a freezing cold night.

On waking the next day, we quickly packed up our tents, packed our backpacks and headed off for the biggest walking day of the camp. We walked first to the Deep Creek Waterfall and had a break while watching the water course down the face of the huge rocks. We then moved on to Tapanappa campsite for lunch. The first half of the hike was about 7kms up and down hills. After lunch, we moved on another 8 to 9kms to Stringybark campsite where we again set up camp, had dinner and happily went to bed cold and exhausted.

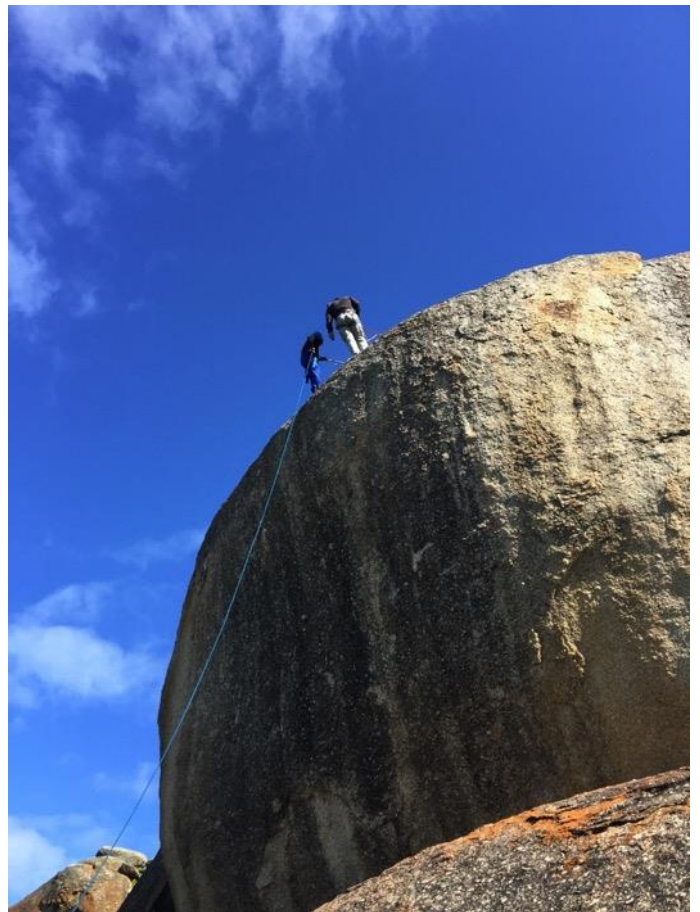


Leadership Camp *continues*

The last day of camp was much less tiring but still challenging and exciting. We cleaned and packed up all of our equipment and drove to The Bluff near Victor Harbor where we would spend a few hours abseiling down a huge rock face. Students overcame their fear to show strength and bravery as they made their way by rope down the rock face and the feelings of success were very satisfying for those who were able to achieve this goal. They can now look back when they are having a hard time and tell themselves how strong they are and see how small their fears and worries really are compared to what they overcame on camp.

We moved on to Victor Harbor and played some teamwork and communication games before we had lunch and drove back to Wiltja Boarding. All of the students were able to reflect on the ways they demonstrated and developed their own leadership skills on camp and how they can now take those skills into their everyday lives. Importantly, they learnt they can be strong young leaders at school and at home.

Mike Haynes
Deputy Principal



Girls' Rugby Carnival

On Monday 29 August (Week 6) the following students played at the West Beach all-girls rugby carnival;

Rhianna Stuart 9.3
Jessica Day 9.3
Isabella Koko 9.3
Brittney Edwards 9.3
Amanda Azariah 9.4
Kaycie Gearen 9.4
Kiara Priest 9.4
Emily Hodgson-Derrington 9.4
Ruby Jenkins 9.5
Briana Hartwell 9.6
Ella Mott 9.7
Peshwah Fielding 10.6
Bonita Morris 10.6
Letisha Kulyuru 10.6
Tanella West 10.6

It was round robin, full tackle rugby in which the girls had to get their "Hulk on". It was a fun day and all the girls played really well. We didn't win any trophies but we did get a lot of good experience for next time.

Well done to all the girls played! We look forward to seeing you compete in future carnivals soon.

Michael Morrison
Rugby Team Organiser



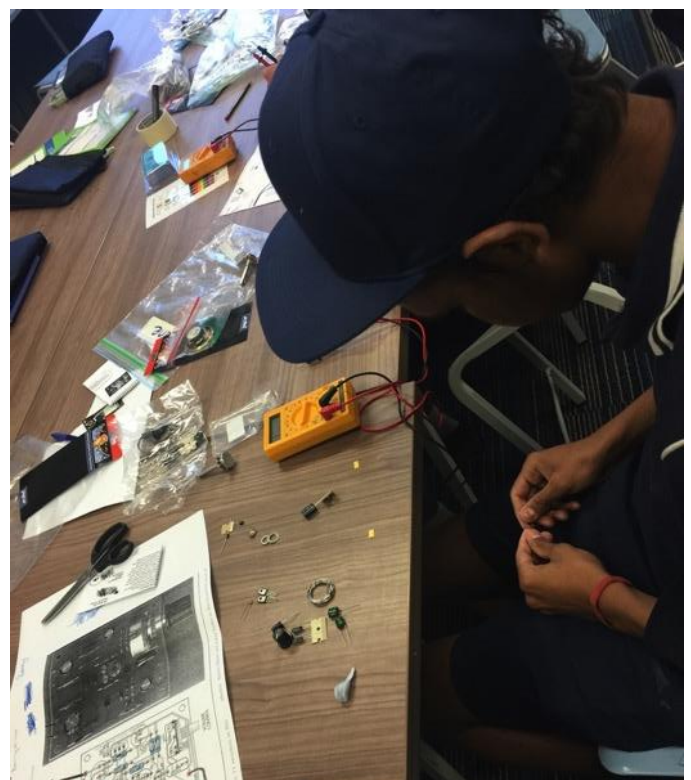
Year 9 Technology Studies: Wired for Sound

This term, in the year 9 Electives with Mr. Daniel Lee-Justine, the boys had to master two, normally distinct Tech. Studies disciplines; Woodwork and Electronics. Their major assignment this term was to build a portable speaker that could be plugged into a smart device. This meant that they not only had to build the electronic "brain" that brought all the vital components to life, but also the wooden housing for it. This required our young men to master the basics of circuit building, soldering, using cutting and drilling machinery and tools as well as the art of assemblage.

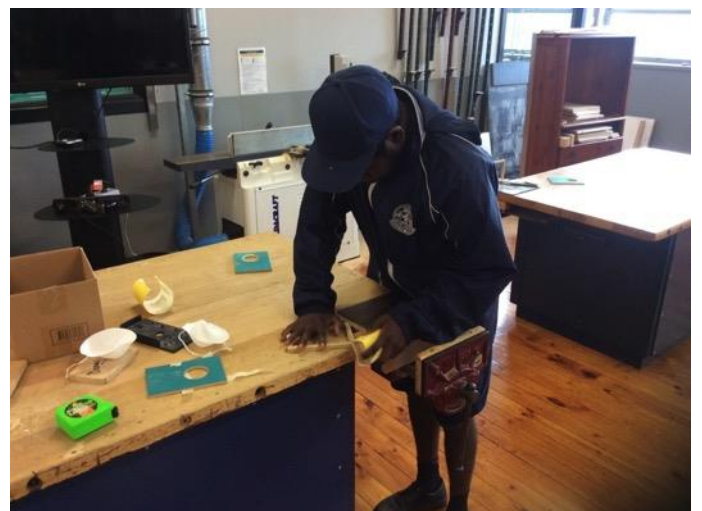
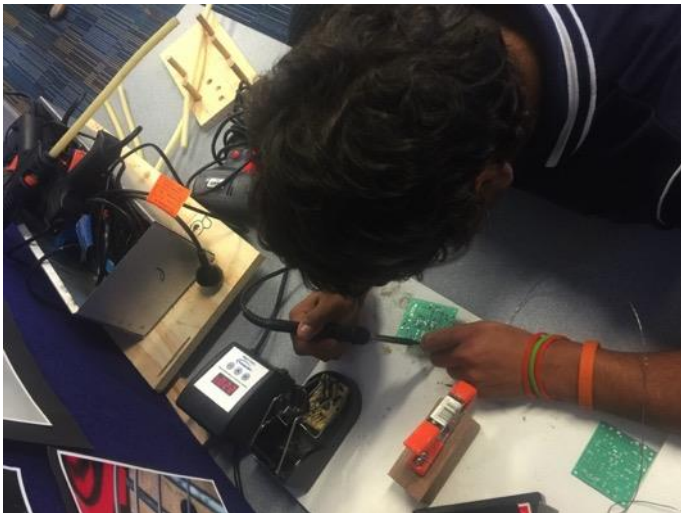
The boys worked very well on the practical components, completing most of the assignment's main objectives. There is still a little more that each student needs to do before having a completed speaker of their own and we should see these little finished boxes of amplification early next term.

Here are some pictures of the boys at various stages of their speaker construction.

Michael Morrison
Support Teacher



9 Tech. Studies *Photos*



Year 9 Church Visit

On Tuesday 16 August, the 9 Humanities class visited the Cheltenham Baptist Church. We were invited by a former Wiltja Boarding Youth Worker, Vicki Woods, who runs the church with her husband and church minister, Steve Woods. This visit was an extension of last term's Humanities topic 'Comparing Religions' and gave all students the opportunity to learn a little more about the Christian faith.

After Steve made all visiting staff, including Kay Sosnowski, and students coffees and hot chocolates, we were all invited to discuss 'faith' and 'God'. We were asked, "If you could ask God a question, what would it be?" Everyone wrote their question on a piece of paper and Vicki, as well as WHS Chaplin, Cuong, who came along to support our excursion, took turns in answering each question from a Christian perspective. The answers gave many students and staff pause for thought and self-examination.

After a tour of the church, which had many rooms as well as special places for particular types of worship and ceremonies, the students enjoyed some play time with the church's pool and foosball tables.

Many thanks to Vicki, Steve and Cuong for a very enjoyable excursion. Here are some pictures from our time at the Cheltenham Baptist Church.

Michael Morrison
9 Humanities Teacher



Transition Class: Science in the Garden

On Tuesday morning, we went to the garden with the Transition class. It was fun to put all the straw in the chicken house. I was kicking the straw on the ground and all the chickens were running around scared. They all rushed in the little door of their house to be safe. I had straw in my shoes and it was itchy so I flung my feet and shoes off and I had all the straw falling out of my shoes. The girls cleaned the water trays for the chickens. We then went to harvest flowers and plants for the chickens and they were happy to eat the flowers for lunch. We also raked a garden bed and pulled out all the old plants and flowers and planted garlic.

Sometimes we cook in the garden and yesterday morning we went to the garden and made lilli pilli jam. We had to climb up on a ladder to pick lilli pilli berries. They were way up high in the tree. We then used a saw to cut the low branches of the tree so it was easier to climb and reach the berries. We put the branches in wheelbarrows and cut them into small sticks to put into the mulching machine. Brian rang us after kapti (cup-a-tea) and when we went back to the garden we saw the lilli pilli jam was ready to eat with bread, cream, butter and the jam it was yummy. I had two rolls with lilli pilli jam and it had seeds in it and I spat the seeds from my mouth.

We had a great time there doing stuff in the garden. I wonder what we are going to make next time.

Ian Coombes

Pipalyatjara student

