Principal’s Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4 at Woniora Road. Hopefully, everyone had an enjoyable holiday and is ready for a busy term. This term, we welcome several new students to the school due to the creation of the fifth classroom. To all our new students, parents, and carers, a warm welcome to Woniora Road School and we look forward to working closely with you.

Last term was filled with exciting events and programs. One particularly special event was the school being honoured by a visit from a 24-strong delegation from China. This group of school educational professionals from the Chinese city of Tianjin came to our school looking for ideas and inspiration on ways to improve mental health education in their own schools. It was a great opportunity to share what our school is all about and develop an international relationship with similar schools in China.

Also, last term there was a focus on the arts, with several students participating in the photography program which included a visit to the Australian Centre of Photography, and their own photos going on display at The Seaview Gallery in Dulwich Hill.

The students also engaged in poetry writing as part of our White Ribbon and Respectful Relationships Campaign. You may note as you enter the school that the students have begun a mural dedicated to the themes of White Ribbon, such as harmony and peace.

This term our Year 10s may be relieved that they do not have to sit the School Certificate exam as it has been replaced by the Record of School Achievement.

Speaking of exams, the HSC exams began this week and will last until week 5. To all our Year 12 students, best of luck.

The school gym is now fully equipped to handle the fitness program and we will also be continuing the radio program, the photography program, the ever-popular food technology program, music, horticulture, and volunteering at the Fairmont Aged Care Centre.

New for this term is a drama program, and like the photography program, we are privileged to have the generous support of a professional in the industry who will be coming in to the school each week and sharing her expertise with us.

Also, the school has received a grant for an Artist in Residence program with Shopfront, so we look forward to continue working with them.

As always, I hope everyone has a great term.

Regards,

Craig Smith
Principal
On Wednesday the 15th of August, several of our male students visited SDEHS to participate in the Olympic Boys Day In excursion. During the day, they had lessons in fencing, created artworks using spray paint, and played sports like basketball and rugby. Additionally, fierce rivalries were created at table tennis, foosball, and air hockey tables, and they tested their knowledge by answering trivia questions. A variety of delicious foods were provided by SDEHS for lunch, which everyone seemed to enjoy. Unfortunately, due to the timing of our train ride home we had to leave early, but overall it was a very enjoyable day with plenty to see and do.

The Girls Day In will be on the 19th of October.
Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri
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**November 2012**

Fitness | HSC S&C Exam | Drama | Volunteer- | Horticulture
5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9

**December 2012**

Fitness | TAFE Tasters | SDEHS Presentation Day | School Formal | SDEHS Yr 10 Presentation Day
3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7

Fitness | ESSA Tests | ESSA Tests | SDEHS Yr 12 Presentation Day | Volunteer- | Horticulture
12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16

Fitness | Drama | Maths Study Day
19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23

Fitness | School Camp | School Camp | School Camp
26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30

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**A Visit from China: Student Report by Michael Miranda**

In August some teachers from China came to visit our school and look at all the classes and programs we do.

Riley, James and I made a speech to present to them. The teachers from China came in two groups. They couldn’t speak English but they had a translator.

The speeches were about what we thought about the school. Joe introduced us before we would speak. We discussed our ambitions and goals for the future.

Each group stayed about an hour. There were more than ten teachers per group and they were all adults. This all took place in one afternoon. They listened to us the whole time. The weather was cold and rainy but I still enjoyed it. They presented us with a Chinese good luck charm as a gift.
Drama Program

This term, the school is establishing a drama program which will run each Thursday. A celebrated award-winning Australian actress, Zoe Carides, will be coming into the school each week to assist with the running of the program. Zoe has starred in several films, including Death in Brunswick, Gino, Brilliant Lies, The Kiss and Police Rescue. She has also had several television roles and in 2005 starred in the Sydney Theatre Company’s stage show Influence, for which she was awarded the Helpmann Award. Obviously, we are thrilled to have Zoe coming in and working with the students.

We will be looking to study the texts that are usually included in the HSC syllabus, such as works by Shakespeare and All My Sons by Arthur Miller. Exploring the dramatic elements of these texts and performing the roles of particular characters will give students a particular familiarity and insight into the texts when it comes time to study them during their HSC years.

Participating students will also be coached in both using and interpreting different styles and techniques of communicating. They will be given professional advice about and the opportunity to practice things such as written and spoken language (including word play and irony), body language, and avoiding mixed messages.

Shopfront - Artist in Schools

This term, the school won an ‘Extended School Residency’ grant from the Creative Education Partnerships: Artist In Schools program. This means that artists from Shopfront Theatre will visit the school once a week for two terms to help students create works of digital art. The theme of the project will be ‘Journeys’.

The finished product will be a series of creative walking tours presented in an audio-visual format. Each student will film a journey of their own, incorporating their own footsteps, stories, challenges, and, ultimately, perspective into the film.

In creating these pieces, students will engage with several different mediums, developing their skills in music, digital media, spoken word, and visual art.

Photography Club

During Term 3, Woniora Road School began its photography program with the aid of the National renowned landscape photographer Kurt Sorenson. The students initially looked at different types of art photography and the works of significant photographers, including a visit to the Australian Centre for Photography in Paddington to view the Highjacked exhibition.

Following this visit, the students set about producing some of their own works, experimenting with different forms of both digital and traditional photography. The students applied theories of composition and light to produce some engaging and eye-catching photographs centered around the theme of identity. Some of these works were presented at the Seaview Gallery at Dulwich Hill Visual Arts School.
2012 Woniora Mural

2012 Woniora Poetry & Art Installation
Respecting Friends

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Loving
Exciting life
My strongest supporter
Helped me lovingly
Loved always
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Never give up
Always encouraging
Very proud
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So confident –

Karly Fonteyn
Year 9

Fall

He was standing his ground
when a piercing scream did not move the
bloody spoilsport.

At the end of his tether
another scream furiously cursed.

Dark with fury
it spliced the air and cracked the twilight.
A long silence followed
as his face crumbled.

Marlon Kilbey
Year 8

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