From the Principal...

It’s been another busy term at Warriappendi, with a range of exciting learning and other activities which promote the personal development of our students. The focus on student well-being has continued to be strong with Tara’s comprehensive Health curriculum, Tirkandi’s student & family support and the appointment of Sally as our Learning and Well-being Coordinator.

During the term Bendigo Bank, in collaboration with Foodbank and Port Adelaide FC launched the Bendigo Bank Healthy Start Breakfast Club at Warriappendi. Through their generous sponsorship, students are provided with a range of healthy breakfast options to give them a positive start to each school day.

In 2014 we hope that the schools building works will commence. We will be establishing a commercial kitchen and café facility which will allow us to deliver a range of VET Certificate courses to our students and the community.

Congratulation to our five Year 12 students who worked so hard to complete their studies. Blake, Rachel, Jaynaya, Aaron & Shannon all have positive plans for 2014 and on! Good luck with your future and remember to stay in contact!

Chris

2013 Year 12s Blake, Rachel, Jaynaya, Aaron & Shannon!

Girls Sculpture

In term 4 on Wednesdays, Bec from Kumangka came in to do a program with the girls at Warriappendi School. We have designed and started to carve a Hebel Stone Sculpture. We have also spoken about what respecting ourselves and each other means.

By Schamona....

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"The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled." - Plutarch
Target Work

On Thursdays Geoff took Freddie, Rex and I to Target work at Morphettville race course. Our supervisors name was Jason. He instructed us in painting, clearing paths for paving, concreting and paving. We had to wear high ‘vis’ clothing and steel tipped work boots. Some days we got quite dirty but it was all a great experience. I enjoyed Target work as I learnt skills in construction and work, health and safety. This is very beneficial to me as I can use these skills later on in life. Matt

Sport and Recreation (SACE PE)

In sport and rec during 2013 we have done a choice of different activities. These activities have included bowling, 8 ball, trampolining, aquatics, laser skirmish and rock climbing. The classes we made up was years 10 and 11’s. the reason we do sport and recreation is to try new activities and improve our knowledge and skill base. We went to west lakes aquatic centre throughout term 3 and 4. The activities we done while we were there was kayaking, sailing and snorkelling. In sailing we learnt about the parts of the boat and also techniques you need to sail with and into the wind. In snorkelling we swam to the jetty and fed the fish with muscles. In trampolining sessions we went to team trampoline located at the parade Norwood. Whilst we spent a lot of the time jumping around we also learnt a variety of different moves from the instructors. During early October the class went to the Ice Arena , it was my first time on ice after being nervous I got used to skating. It was also enjoyable watching kids falling over. Overall I have enjoyed Sport and recreation as it has given me the opportunity to do a lot of things that I may never have had the chance to do and the group we’ve had has always had a lot of fun doing the activities. Steven

Hoody Project

In term 4 the students at Warriapendi did a subject called hoody project we had to search up our family and where we are from and create designs for jumpers based on our research. We modelled the designs in a fashion show at Tandanya and photo shoots around the city. We had community members such as Uncle Andy, Aunty Jose, Uncle Darren, Jayde and Aunty Dolly come to school to help us with our project. They talked to us about their cultural heritage and life experiences. This was a good project because it was interesting and good to learn about screen printing and culture. A main focus of the project was intercultural understanding which is important because it helps to break down racism in the community. Graham
Mathew came up with some great strategies to support people in unhealthy relationships
- Show you support the victim
- Don’t judge or question them
- Help them find a place to stay if they wanted to get away
- Call the police
- Have a yarn with the person who is being abusive.

Tamara made a comprehensive list of organisations people could contact to get help
- Domestic violence helpline
- Domestic violence crisis service
- Kids helpline
- Police
- Community centers
- Counseling services

Health Update

Term 4 has been very busy with all the health stuff happening around the school. Our curriculum topic for the term was respectful relationships and we learnt a lot about how to help yourselves or others who are involved in a negative relationship. When we have looked at this topic in the past the students were very good at identifying unhealthy relationships and domestic violence situations but needed help with knowing how to take action and ‘draw the line’, this is what the unit focused on this term. We looked at a lot of statistics about domestic violence and the students found it eye-opening to learn just how common domestic violence can be. Two big take home messages were that:

⇒ Violence is not a part of our culture
and
⇒ You don’t need to accept abuse and shouldn’t put up with being in an unhealthy relationship

We were fortunate to wrap up our term with a short session with Ella from the legal services commission. Ella spoke to the whole school on the legal aspects of relationships.

Health promotion topics that were celebrated at school during the term included white ribbon day and ‘movember’. It was great to see the enthusiasm from the students who got behind and supported these events. Congratulations to Mat and Rex who were jointly awarded the Movember trophy for 2013 :)

On our end of term health days the females visited SHine and then enjoyed facials, making Christmas decorations and sumo wrestling. The male students were visited by Jimmy from the Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Council and then onto bowling, laser skirmish and sumo wrestling.

Enjoy your holidays,
Nukkan Ya,