As we see the conclusion of Term 3, many students are heading toward the completion of SACE units in both Year 11 & 12. We hope to see a huge turnout at our annual Achievement Day, which will be held on Thursday 11th December (week 9). As usual the day will celebrate a range of student achievements across all year levels and will culminate with a community lunch and watching the Year 12s leave in a limousine. We hope to see all families attend and will provide transport to and from this important event. The school has been consulting with families to establish our School to Community Partnership Agreement. We have employed a film maker Rowan who has videoed the opinions of students, regarding their future goals and dreams. The idea is that staff, students and parents all commit to working together so that these dreams can be fulfilled, and supported by all. If you haven’t seen the video, you can visit our new website at: www.warriappendi.sa.edu.au, where you can also see other footage of school philosophy, programmes and activities.

As you may be aware, Warriappendi is about to begin building a Trade Skill Centre which will consist of a commercial kitchen and café facility. There will be demolition of some older buildings and the builders will hopefully begin work in February 2015. We are also extending the staff room so that the room currently called teacher preparation will be an extra classroom.

Student led conferences have occurred again this term and provided another opportunity for students to talk with parents and teachers, demonstrating their learning and setting future goals. Well done and thanks to all who participated. Chris
Mural Project
This term Carclew Youth Arts organisation gave us a grant to employ visual artist/illustrator Donna Gynell to work with us on a new mural. The mural will include parts of our much loved serpent (painted in 2003 and looking faded) but will also celebrate our seniors as mentors and leaders. The mural will promote student identity and culture with the junior students. It will also give a new face to the school as it will be one of the first things that people will see when they enter the grounds.

Dallveena, Britney and junior boys painting back grounds

Bushwalking  This term has seen an intrepid bunch of young bushwalkers head out to explore a variety of bushland settings. We have visited Mt. Lofty Summit, Waterfall Gully, Shepherd’s Hill Recreation Park, Belair National Park, Morialta and Hallet Cove Conservation Park. We start the sessions by preparing healthy salad rolls in the kitchen, then pack our backpacks with fruit and water before heading off in the van. We have seen a vast array of wildlife including birds, koalas, crabs, dolphins, spiders and lizards. The boys love cooling off in the nearest waterfall if the temperature is over 10°. I’d like to acknowledge the respect for the environment that the students show; they always take food wrappers back to school and never litter. They also act as great ambassadors for Warriappendi School by saying hello to people we meet on the tracks and using respectful language. Although they prefer the descents to the ascents we have managed to climb all the mountains (hills?) we have come across.

Chillin at Mt Lofty!

Nice warm water?
Term 3 health curriculum has seen the junior students in years 8 and 9 looking at healthy lifestyles and how we can alter our diets to suit the needs of our growing bodies. In recent weeks we have done work on the food groups, the importance of water and designing a new snack menu for our canteen.

Senior students in years 10, 11 and 12 have been working towards achieving their provide first aid certificate. This qualification is a fantastic asset to have for people seeking employment in the future and for general first aid skills. All seniors have the opportunity to achieve this qualification and should understand how valuable it is and how fortunate they are to be able to get free of charge while at school. Student are going really well with the course and are demonstrating their understanding while working through the 13 practical tasks and workbook questions.

Health promotion has been a big topic for our students over the last couple of months. All students groups have worked towards creating their own and I look forward to sharing these with you at home once they are complete. A small group of students were extremely lucky to be involved with an anti-smoking program with Nunkuwarrin Yunti. Keep your eyes open for our awesome students who are featured in their new range of posters and other health promotion items!

The end of term health day this term will see the males visit SHine for a tour and then participation in the Men’s Health Day, while the female students will spend a session talking about wellbeing. The recreational activity to finish off the day will be aquatic activities at the Marion Aquatic Centre.
Hospitality

The start of term 3 saw the introduction of the certificate I in Hospitality. This is a pilot course that will have a home with our new Trade Training Centre that will begin construction early next year. The certificate I will be a stepping stone for students to complete their certificate II in Hospitality and eventually the certificate III in Hospitality. Students are completing 7 units relating to communication in the workplace, hygiene, work health and safety, simple dishes, cultural awareness and customer service. The course is not only a great way for students to learn skills in the kitchen but to also earn an industry recognised qualification and SACE points.
Senior School Update

Term 3 is not called the Premiership Quarter for nothing as it is a time of high energy and intensity. Senior students feel the pressure of the end of year approaching and for some, this is a motivator to keep up their attendance and hard work. For others this can be confronting and overwhelming and it is very important that students keep talking openly and maturely to their support people, whether they be caregivers or teachers, so that they are supported to make choices that will help them.

Well done to Shane Weetra and Fred Salerno for having successful work experience placements in the field of tyre fitting. They are now in excellent positions to approach employers for further opportunities in a career area they are interested in.

Michaela McLaughlin-Liddle continues to succeed in her School-based Traineeship with QANTAS as well as maintaining consistent effort with the rest of her studies.

To all students who have goals for work experience, traineeships and/or developing their skills for employment please remember Nicola is here Tuesdays at 1:30pm to work on resumes and interview preparation.

And finally, to the Year 12 students— you are on the home stretch. Keep up the hard work, talk to your support people, attend every day and don’t lose sight of your goal to complete school this year. It will all be worth it in the end!
Meanwhile in HOME GROUP CHALLENGE students have been working on creating mascots. Here Dallveena and Schamona are working on Wirrinirna’s (Yellow) papier mache dingo.

This term in ART we have been looking at hands and how they have been used across various cultures to create Art. Here are the senior girls making some striking hands of their own.