A huge congratulations to all of the 2014 graduates, for all of your hard work and determination. This year the SACE achievers were Dalveena Sumner, Catherine Solomon, Telisha Lindsay and Darby Lee. Shannon Richards and Aaron Anderson also officially finished in 2014 as their results were held over, due to school based traineeship commitments. Well done to all of these students and good luck for 2015 and onwards! It is worth noting that completing SACE at Warriappendi is a significant team effort, with all staff contributing, usually over many years, to the building of student confidence, skill and self drive. The staff commitment to our students is an example of state school best practice and our mandate is clear and simple: attend Warriappendi regularly and we will ensure that you complete SACE.

It is with some sadness for us, and happiness for her, that we say farewell to Sally Shearing who has won the role of Senior School Counsellor at Seaford Secondary College. Sally has been with us for about….years and her dedication to student learning and well-being has been exemplary. We will also miss her dry sense of humour and logical (Maths teacher) approach!

I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas break.

Chris
Achievement day

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Congratulations to the four graduates of 2014 and the two 2013 graduates who successfully submitted their Research Projects. Of the six students, Shannon Richards is in a supervisory role at Woolworths, Aaron Anderson is completing a Certificate II in Horticulture and exploring Carpentry employment options, Telisha Lindsay, Dallveena Sumner and Catherine Solomon are going on to complete their Certificate III in Community Services and Darby Lee is applying for the Centre for Aboriginal Studies of Music. We are very proud of them and hope they will stay connected with us in the future.

Stage 1 SACE subjects involved a variety of literacy and numeracy skills, career development, cultural knowledge and history and personal skills and fitness. Many thanks to Craig Abbott for his creative thinking with PE and his commitment to providing students with the opportunity to participate in excursions and the Power Cup. Student determination with Power Cup improved considerably this year with many students completing all tasks and enjoying the carnival. Aboriginal Studies continues to be a strong subject within the Stage 1 curriculum and it is encouraged that family and other members of the school community support this subject through guest speaker presentations, workshops and excursions. Another successful subject was PLP—where students engaged with guest speakers in order to understand the capabilities and completed work experience in order to build their employability skills. Well done to the students who worked tirelessly with Leila Haq and Donna Gynell to produce an outstanding mural which now is part of the Warriappendi landscape.

Vocational Education and Training continues to grow in leaps and bounds at Warriappendi with the successful introduction of Hospitality as a key industry area in light of the impending Trade Skills Centre. Tara Budarick and Leila Haq have successfully delivered the Certificate I Hospitality and Tara is planning a fantastic Certificate II program for delivery with Pat Davis in 2015. Tara is also continuing to excel in the delivery of a partial Certificate III Community Services program and will be coordinating the VET in 2015. Congratulations Tara for an outstanding year and we look forward to your guidance in 2015! Many thanks to Jan Quinn for her tireless effort with Certificate III Business this year and though this program is not continuing in it's current form in the future we greatly appreciate Jan’s involvement and know she is on hand to offer advice where possible. Another huge success was the completion of the Provide First Aid certificate by 12 students—this certificate relates to many industry areas and is fantastic to have on resumes. Well done to all students and staff!
This is a still shot taken from the video the junior students wrote and recorded in Aboriginal Studies lessons (with the help of promotions and productions manager, Rowan Pullen) to welcome guests to Achievement Day. The junior students used the welcome as an opportunity to acknowledge Kaurna elders, past and present, and their ownership of the land Warriappendi is built on. Students also talked about where they came from—which included:

* Point Pearce, Pt Augusta, Adelaide plains, the West Coast, Flinders Ranges, Raukkan and Kalgoorlie.

And what mob the junior students identified as. Which included...

* Narrunga, Ngarrindjeri, Nawu, Banggarla, Wangkathaa and Andyamathanha.

While acknowledging that at our school and amongst the entire students and staff cohort, there are even more language groups represented that this!