FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The end of the year seems to have arrived so quickly and what a busy year it has been.

- Academic testing for NAPLAN, OLNA, WACE and school examinations
- Primary School ACES Program
- Sporting tours to New Zealand and Gold Coast
- Game of Frames Photographic Exhibition
- River Cruise
- Academic Challenge Days
- Sporting competitions
- The Western Front tour to the UK and France
- The dance production, “Charlie”
- Graduation, and the list goes on

I acknowledge our students for their contribution to the many opportunities available to them, both in and out of the classroom. Their aspiration to be their best has ensured success for students individually and for the College. I also thank parents once again, for your support throughout the year.

This year we say farewell to a number of staff: Adam McGill, David Stivey, Mitchell McPhee, Steve Long, Helen Robertson, Amy Davis, Allan Jennings, Roger Mellor, Stacey Liddle and Alicia James. To all departing staff, I thank you for your efforts in providing amazing opportunities for our students. I wish all departing staff every success in their new schools.

It was my privilege to represent Darling Range Sports College at the recent School Sport WA Awards Night. This prestigious ceremony was hosted at Crown Perth and attended by over 200 people involved in school sport in WA. The ceremony acknowledged the achievements of the School Sport WA representative state teams and it was a pleasure to see a number of our students in attendance and receiving awards. Congratulations to Katie Te Ao, Breanne Alexander, Nicole Ledington and Ula-Mari Time-Cribb. Also acknowledged were the overall champion schools based on participation and competition results. I am very proud to announce that Darling Range Sports College is the Runner-Up Champion School for School Sport WA in 2016. This is an amazing achievement as we were up against many schools who are double our size.

I acknowledge the contribution of our sporting students and the support of parents and staff. In particular, I acknowledge the contribution of the Physical Education team led by Adam McGill and Karly Guadagnin.

Enrolments for 2017 continue to grow. Our Year 7 intake is currently around 190 students with a total school enrolment of 1050 students. Demand for our specialist programs has again been very competitive and I congratulate all students who have been successful in gaining a place in a Program.

Planning for 2017 to 2020 is continuing as we develop our next business plan to guide our strategic direction in coming years. Thank you to all parents who contributed to our school survey. Your input, together with that of students and staff, will inform our planning for the future.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas and holiday break and look forward to seeing you back next year safe and re-charged for a busy 2017.

Peter Noack
Principal
MOVEMBER STAFF FUNDRAISER

The staff at Darling Range Sports College have embraced the "Movember" cause in a big way. The staff have recognised that most of us have some connection with a male who has mental issues, prostate or testicular cancer. We would like to make a difference.

The “MO-RANGERS “ have collectively raised $2,460 this Movember, blowing the target of $1,000 out of the water. The men displayed a variety of scruffy mo's while the ladies coloured their hair blue for the month to add support for this great cause.

A calendar of our participants is available for purchase with all money raised going towards next year’s tally. If you would like to make a purchase and support a wonderful cause, please call John Hillan on 9453 0100.

We would like to thank all of the staff, students and the school community in general for their support and we invite our school parents to become involved next year.

Mrs Hewitt, Mr Hillan, Mrs Guthrie and Mr Geagea

Mr Hillan, Mo-Ranger Coordinator

Ms Caine, Mrs Cunningham, Mrs Rizvi
SOCcer Update

Futsal Competition

The Year 9-11 soccer students headed to ECU recently to compete in the Futsal competition as part of the Play Hard Study Hard program lead by Dr Fadi Ma’ayah. DRSC entered three teams and played against Islamic Catholic College and Safety Bay Senior High School. All three teams were highly competitive on the day, with two teams making their way into the semi-finals and one team into the grand final against Islamic Catholic College. Unfortunately the grand final was lost 5 – 4 after going into extra time. A fantastic effort by all students!

Kenny Lowe Presentation

The Year 9 soccer students were fortunate enough to attend a recent presentation by Kenny Lowe, the current Perth Glory head coach, at Edith Cowan University. Mr Lowe’s presentation was motivating and encouraged the students to strive and work hard to achieve their dream. This was a great opportunity for all students involved.

Netball News

Jessica Anstiss (former student) has been named in the U21 Australian team who will tour Fiji in January 2017. This is in preparation for the World Youth Cup which will be held in the Bahamas. The World Youth Cup is one of the most important competitions in international netball and is on par with The World Cup and Commonwealth Games.

Jess was selected after a recent training camp at the AIS and has been named along side two other WA athletes.

This is a fabulous achievement and sees Jess one step closer to becoming an Australian Diamond.

You can read more on the Netball WA website.
**CHAPLAIN’S CORNER**

**Bike Rescue Program**

Our Bike Rescue Program ran for 10 weeks at the Forrestfield Forum Shopping Centre where several of our students stripped down different bikes such as mountain bikes, BMX, fixie and race bikes. The aim of the program was to work in pairs and sand, paint and re-assemble the bikes for charity and then have the privilege of building their very own custom bike. Special thanks must go to Darren from Dismantle and our very own Mr Honey for helping to make this opportunity a successful one for the students who attended.

**Blokes and Chic Program**

The Blokes and Chic program was on again this term and saw our Year 9 students enjoy the fun and interaction that happens each week in the small group setting. Special thanks must go to our youth worker Kelly Saul who has run the Chic program on her own this term and Mark Barnard who has volunteered his time to help Jason Armstrong, our College Chaplain, to run the Blokes program. We look forward to offering these programs again next year to our Year 7 to 9 students to help build resilience and self-belief.

Special thanks also goes to the Country Women’s Association for funding the program this year.
P&C NEWS

What is the P&C:

• The P&C is a forum for parents and community members who are involved in your school and its activities
• A means to assist with providing upgrades to facilities and equipment for the school
• Brings parents, citizens and school personnel together in close cooperation
• Assist and cooperate with school staff at school events
• Offers support to better the school environment in reasonable and appropriate ways

Please don't think that now your child is in high school the P&C doesn't need you. We do! We welcome members both old and new to be involved in whatever capacity you choose. If you have a special area of talent you would like to share or if you would like to attend our meetings and share your opinion, we would like to hear from you. You may like to consider:

• Coming to our meetings and have a say, share your opinions and vote on decision making
• Becoming a much valued committee member
• Assisting in whole school events and fundraisers
• Share fundraising ideas

If you would like to be involved in the DRSC P&C, please email ganiking@iprimus.com.au.

In 2016, your P&C has been able to support DRSC with the following:

• Running of the school canteen
• Making repairs and upgrades to the canteen
• Organise and run the sausage sizzle at the whole school athletics carnival
• Collaboration with student services to help finance sausage sizzles
• Offer donations towards school events

Some goals we have for 2017 are:

• To further upgrade the canteen building
• To enhance the canteen menu
• To continue collaboration with Student Services to support them where possible with ideas, running of events and financial donations
• To continue fundraising ideas to be able to financially give back to the school and to donate to non-profit organisations

P&C FUNDRAISERS

Dough Raiser Program

When you make a purchase at Bakers Delight Forrestfield, simply mention DRSC by name or by showing a card that is available from the the College's administration and Bakers Delight will donate part proceeds back to the P&C.

That’s Mine Label Program

That’s provides customised labels for your child’s school belongings.

For every order placed, part proceeds will be given back to the P&C.

Here’s what you need to do:

• Go to www.thatsmine.com.au and place your order
• When you are about to checkout and pay, there is an option for you to add your ‘fundraiser code’
• Simple enter 2007