2017 is done and dusted!

Well the 2017 school year has come to a close. Well done to the three year 12 SACE completers - Louisa Wilton, Sharna Myers and Alicia Rigney. All three have worked hard over their journeys at Warriappendi and have achieved their goals, including being the first person in their families to complete SACE. We all look forward to seeing the directions they chose to take for their futures; they are strong young women who will no doubt do well. On a personal note, it is so satisfying seeing young people like these three develop over the course of five years; they entered the school as children and leave as young women. A huge thanks to all staff who have taught, mentored, guided and sometimes growled the girls over the years! Without these teachers, mentors and SSOs year 12 completion would not be possible.

Sadly we say goodbye to three staff members this year. Rowan Pullen has driven our school bus and taught students and staff media for almost four years. He has created some great clips which feature on our YouTube page.

Kamara Green and Sark Webster, our two youth workers employed by MAYFS, will not be returning as MAYFS has been restructured for 2018 and beyond. We appreciate the work they have put in supporting our students—getting them to school, keeping them here and taking them to a variety of appointments. All three will be sorely missed; we thank them sincerely and wish them well for their futures.

Rowan will be replaced in 2018 by Brenton Hole, who will drive the bus and assist with classroom support.

Please note that the bus run for term 1 2018 will be morning pick up only; students will be provided with bus tickets to get home in the afternoons. We are currently looking at the possibility of a pm bus run into the city so students can more easily access buses and trains.

We wish all in our school community a happy Christmas and restful break; and look forward to working with you in 2018.

Dave Basher
Principal
Throughout term four Warriappendi students were fortunate enough to be involved in basketball clinics run by the Adelaide Lightning and 36ers in association with MYSA. Students got the opportunity to develop their basketball skills in sessions whilst also getting an insight into the life of a professional sportsperson. Players spoke of their journey through the ranks and the discipline and commitment required to make it to the top level.

They also spoke of the opportunities sport had provided them, and also the challenges involved in moving interstate or overseas. Basketball sessions involved skill development through a variety of drills and also some games. The clinics culminated in the opportunity to watch a 36ers training session and have a tour of Titanium Security arena.

Basketball with the 36ers & Lightning

Aboriginal studies

Look at first time screen printer Josh showing the others how it’s done! Josh is seeing through to fruition his design that detailed key elements of his identity—including places, culture, people, and language.
During this term, five Junior students (Richard Rigney, Tiffany Norvill, Annaika Dare, Fraser Raggett and Darryl Walker) had the opportunity to participate in a Thinkers Carnival, with special guest, world renown educator Lee Watanabe Crockett. Structured around the Watanabe Crockett’s 6Ds, students received a problem to solve that related to a specific concern.

The students from Warriappendi were tasked with the challenge of designing a device to fight off an invading army using a firing mechanism. The students had the opportunity to participate in teamwork, devise and design a product, then go on to test it. With limited time to complete this task, it was impressive to watch the students work together, challenge themselves, and to produce a working catapult using limited materials. Well done folks!

Art

Art students painted posts in the newly emerging ‘yarning place’ inspired by traditional Yolngu tidaki (digeridoo) cross-hatching techniques from Arnhem land.
This year in Hospitality our year 12 students have been working towards completing their certificate III in Catering Operations. This qualification has been delivered over the course of the year by our trainer Carol from Taunidi College. The course has required the group to work in the Warriappendi Trades Skill Centre every Friday preparing and serving meals for the student cohort along with learning specific cooking and food preparation skills needed to work within the industry. The students also worked on a number of theory based assessments and projects as part of gaining the qualification. In addition to these onsite requirements the students were also required to participate in a range of industry experiences to further develop their catering and service skills. Some of these experiences included catering for 300 people for the ATSI Achievement Day at Lefevre High School, preparing over 90 student lunches for Forbes Primary School and preparing and serving food at Uni SA for Reconciliation Week celebrations.

From this course the students gained points towards their year 12 SACE and gained a qualification and experience that will enable them to be employable within the industry. Well done girls!
Five Minutes with Dave

By Takani Muir

1. Do you like being the principal of Warriappendi? Yes I do, we have such wonderful students and staff.

2. Do you like spending time with the students? Very much so. Although I don’t get to spend much time with them because I only teach 3 lessons a week. I enjoy playing table tennis, although the kids get annoyed because I never lose.

3. What’s the best thing about being principal? Get a big office. ONLY JOKING!!!!!!!. Probably trying to make the school the best place it can be for our young people.

4. What’s your favourite meal in the morning? Porridge with berries.

5. Do you watch the football? Who do you support? Brisbane because I lived there for 3 years. But they haven’t won a match since 1976.

6. What do you like to do when you have time off of work? Surfing and working on renovating my house.

7. Do you have movie nights with your family? Yes actually went to the cinema with my youngest daughter and her partner on Saturday.

HEALTH & WELL BEING

HOLIDAY CONTACT NUMBERS

Christmas can be a hard time for lots of people so look out for each other & seek help if you or someone you love, is in need.

Annie, Nicole & Dylan from MYH—who have been a fantastic support to us over the year—have recommended the following numbers…

Metro Youth Health (MYH) for general health.

Make an appointment or call for a yarn….

Elizabeth: 8255 3477
Angle Park: 8243 5637
Christies Beach: 8326 6053

Kids Helpline for phone counselling/support: 1800 55 1800

Chatterbox after hours support if you’re at risk of homelessness in the North: 0422 155 862

Suicide call back: 1300 659 467.
Our Yarning Place is taking shape. We had 12 beautiful flat bluestone rocks delivered (total weight 9 tonnes!!); 3 native Frangipanis have been planted to provide shade in Summer; and the totems are in and painted. Next step is the paving in the shape of the logo in the middle of the space; more planting, and coloured pinebark. Aliyah has designed some animals that will be cut from steel plate and mounted on the Jarrah posts where they will gently rust.

If you’ve been in the front foyer lately you would have seen a new look. The wall is now painted a nice brown stone textured finish, we have mounted some art, and the school name has been cut out of rusty steel and mounted on the wall.
Warriappendi Kitchen Garden signage

There has been an ongoing project at Warriappendi which has finally been finished. During 2016, Amber Lindsay and a group of students visited Adelaide and Rural Salvage and found the piece of timber shown below, which is spotted gum.

Amber also selected the font shown, and by coordinating with Kaurna Warra Pintyanthi, the Adelaide University group which is providing modern translations from English to Kaurna language, we could have the Kaurna language for Kitchen Garden, or at least the closest approximation. “Wirra Mai-Itya” is shown proudly above the English text, and was lasercut into the surface.
Hurry up and take the photo Rowan my mouth’s hurting.....

Shoosh Sharna you’re making me laugh!!!!

You two both shoosh or this photo will never get taken!!!!