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Principal:
Mr Rob Knight
Good afternoon everyone,

It is lovely to see the warmer weather of Spring emerging. Spring also indicates that the end of Term 3 is almost upon us.

**Principal Announcement:**

It gives me great pleasure to announce that I have formally accepted the position of Principal at our school for the next 5 years. Over the past 9 months, I have worked closely with our staff, students, Partnership Schools, DECD and the School Board to develop a Transformational Plan for the school. This has been an extremely important piece of work that I am now privileged to lead over the next few years. This is a very special school and we have so many talented students and staff. My goal is help move the school from being a good to a great school that is regarded as a high performing place of learning. In doing so, my focus is firmly on improving engagement, wellbeing and learning outcomes for our students and on creating a school culture that is underpinned by success for all. I look forward for being a part of the of local school community.

**Year 12 Students:**

This is a particularly demanding time of the year for our Year 12 students. Final assignment work is well underway and all students are juggling the completion of multiple assignments. It is extremely important that the students dedicate themselves to their studies over the next 6 weeks. Sacrifices should be made and social, work and sporting commitments need to minimised in order for students to maximise their grades at the end of the year. Extra hard work and effort now will reap great rewards for students seeking to enter University, TAFE or the workforce at the end of the year. We wish all our Year 12 students well over the coming weeks.

**SAASTA Academy:**

I am very pleased to announce that our school has formally been accepted as a South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy for 2016. This important accreditation recognises the outstanding success of our current school ATSI program. As a SAASTA Academy School, our ATSI students will be further supported to successfully complete their SACE Certificate and in doing so, they will gain access to a range of new subjects and learning opportunities. Our goal is to ensure their every ATSI successfully completes their SACE and subsequently gains entry into University, TAFE or fulltime employment/apprenticeship training.

**Staffing News:**

It has again been a busy term as we have further developed our staff profile. A number of new internal positions have been appointed this term including:

- Year 12 Manager - Leah Donnellan
- Year 8 Manager - Kimberly Walker
- Supported Learning Manager - Sam Trotter
- Assist Student Counsellor - Helen Venetsanos

External selection panels are also underway for a number of other positions at present including:

- Student Counsellor
- Deputy Principal, Special Interest Music
- Head of The Arts, Head of iSaM, Head of Humanities
- Coordinator of Music
- Coordinator of Flexible Learning Options (FLO)
- SSO3, School Operations and Data Management
- SSO2, IT technical Officer x 2
- SSO2, Laboratory and Work Health and Safety Officer

We also welcome the following staff to our school:

- Kaajal Chand - Supported Learning (replacing Ken Thompson LSL)
- David Monaghan - Term 4 Humanities (replacing Steve Hughes LSL)
- Kirsty Faulkner - Term 4, Wk 1-5 HPE
- Nicole Bayliss - Special Education Support
- Niki MacKinlay - Special Education Support
2016 Subject Counselling:

We are well underway with the construction of our curriculum for 2016. Thank you to all the parents and students who attended our recent Career Expo evening and Subject Selection day. We were delighted with the response to these events and around 90% of all Year 8-12 students have selected their subjects for next year. Pleasingly, I anticipate around 36 Year 12 (Stage 2) and 40 Year 11 (Stage 1) subjects will be available for our students to study at Playford International College in 2016. In addition, our Year 8-10 curriculum will contain approximately 50 Specialist Academy or Elective subjects. These new curriculum options for next year have proved extremely popular with our students and our new curriculum will completely transform how teachers teach and how students learn within our school over the next few years.

Transformational Plan:

DECD has now endorsed the official change of name for our school to Playford International College from the beginning of 2016. The last stage in this process is for the Surveyor General’s Department and the DECD CEO to sign off on this recommendation. We hope to hear an announcement about this shortly.

Our school Uniform Committee has been busy designing a new school uniform and its ideas were formally presented to the School Board on Wednesday evening. As part of the consultation process, all parents, staff and students will be given the opportunity to vote on their preferred design. Please keep an eye out for information regarding this if you wish to have your vote recorded.

We are also expecting to receive design options for our new school logo within the next few weeks. This logo design is very important as it will form a symbol of our school that reflects our past whilst positioning us for the future. Again, parents, staff and students will be given the opportunity to vote on our new logo design in the coming weeks.

Student News:

It has been a particularly successful term for our students on many levels. I would particularly like to congratulate the following staff and students on their success this term:

- Pedal Prix Program
- Ice Factor
- Beacon Foundation – Student Pathways Program
- Primary School Transition Program
- Student Debating Competition
- Special Education Sports Carnival
- Arts Showcase
- STEM Challenge
- Festival of Music
- Maths Olympics
- Year 8 Roundtable Presentations

Student Reports:

Full Student Reports will again be sent home at the end of this term. Please read these carefully and have a conversation with your child about their successes and challenges. From your discussion, use this as an opportunity to recognise and congratulate your child on any improvements made, big or small. Also, help them to set new goals for next term so that they return to school with areas of their learning to focus on. Parents, who are actively involved in their child’s learning, provide the best support framework necessary for students to achieve success throughout their schooling.

End of Term:

Term 3 will finish one hour earlier than normal (2.15pm) on Friday, 25th September. Term 4 commences on Monday, 12th October. Please enjoy a safe and relaxing break with your children over the holiday period.

Quote of the Week:

“A feeble body weakens the mind”
Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Regards,
Rob Knight
Principal
A highlight of the Music Performance Calendar was the Arts Showcase. All 10 of our ensembles featured in this multi-arts production at the Shedley Theatre on Monday August 17, and I extend my appreciation and congratulations to all the students who performed to such a high standard, and to all the FECHS and Instrumental staff for their outstanding level of commitment and work in preparing students for this very important school event.

Congratulations to the Stage Band, Classical Guitar Ensemble, 'Double Treble', Tiana Marius, Taneesha Sparnon and Joe Manirakiza for their stunning performances at the Festival Theatre for the SA Primary Schools Festival of Music. Feedback has been extremely positive from both members of the public and organisers of the event.

The Vocal Ensemble, Guitar Duo 'Double Treble', soloists Taneesha Sparnon, Joe Manirakiza, Jamie Groom, and Aroha Schultz performed for the Shedley Theatre's 50th Anniversary celebrations launch on Tuesday August 18. This event was attended by the Mayor of Playford, Glenn Docherty, members of the Playford council and the local community. Channel Nine News crew was there to report on the event, and the guitar duet was included in the live cross during the weather report.

Our students were also invited to perform at the Shedley's 50th Anniversary Premiere Cocktail Event on Friday, August 21. A huge thankyou is extended to Hieu Tran, Mathew Allen, Jamie Groom, Taneesha Sparnon and Joe Manirakiza for their fantastic performances on the night.

Congratulations and many thanks to Mat Allen who provided entertainment at the Careers Night held on Wednesday August 26th and also for the Feeder School Transition Expo held on Thursday September 3rd.

Stage 2 Music students are now preparing intensely for their final external marking by the SACE Board on their performance units in week 10 of this term. We wish them all the best for this extremely important assessment.

Janice Leahy
Deputy Principal: Head of Music
**MUSIC PERFORMANCE CALENDAR**

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French Cooking Experience

Great things can come of mistakes, just ask the Tatin sisters! Due to an unfortunate mistake, they were credited with inventing one of the now most famous French dessert – an upside down apple tart.

The Year 9 French class joined Ms Bal’s Home Ec class to create this easy to make yet delicious iconic French dessert. Students enjoyed the cooking process while being given the opportunity to bond with another group.

The classes used apples, but any fruit in season will do. The only rule, the tart must be served warm with cream or, even better, ice cream. Why not try it at home?

Recipe (modified from http://www.jamieoliver.com/recipes/fruit-recipes/the-world-famous-tarte-tatin/#4lDE3Dtjm0tzzQMO.97)

Serves 6

**Ingredients**
- plain flour, for dusting
- 500 g puff pastry (home-made or purchased)
- 5 small eating apples, approximately 800g, a mixture of sweet and acidic varieties
- 100 g golden caster sugar
- 100 ml water
- 1 vanilla pod, halved lengthways, seeds scraped out (vanilla essence will also do)
- 50 g butter, cubed

Preheat your oven to 190˚C. Dust a clean surface and a rolling pin with flour and roll out your puff pastry until it’s just over 0.5cm thick. Put the pastry to one side for now. Peel your apples, then halve them horizontally and use a teaspoon to get rid of the seeds and core. If you are in a rush, cut the apples in smaller pieces for a faster cooking time.

Put the ovenproof pan on a medium heat and add the sugar, water, vanilla seeds and pod. Let the sugar dissolve and cook until the mixture forms a light caramel. Do not be tempted to touch or taste – caramel gives a horrible burn.

Once the caramel looks and smells delicious – it should be a lovely chestnut brown – add your halved apples. Carefully stir everything in the pan and cook for about 5 minutes or until the apples start to soften. Add the cubed butter, then lay the pastry over the top. Quickly and carefully tuck the pastry down right into the edges. Remember not to touch the caramel.

Bake the Tarte Tatin for about 25 to 30 minutes, or until golden. Take it out of the oven. Get a serving plate or board larger than your pan and put an oven glove on to protect the arm holding the board. Put the board or plate on top of the pan, then quickly, and most importantly carefully, turn it out. Put it to one side for a few minutes, so the caramel can cool down, then divide it up and serve with a spoonful of cream or ice cream.

Madame Papineau’s Year 9 French class and Madame Bal’s Year 9 Home Ec class.

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**Year 12 Art Exhibition**

The Year 12 Art Exhibition “Everything is Awesome!” is part of the Stage 2 Art and the Community project. The Art and the Community class have been working hard to complete a folio of art research, designs, artworks and preparations to hold the exhibition. Each person in the art class has a different practical artwork that they have developed over the year through their own ideas in their folio. These artworks will be on display at the exhibition.

We would like to invite parents, students, friends and members of the community to see our artworks and folios. The exhibition is in the Senior Centre at Fremont-Elizabeth City High School and it will be held on Tuesday September 22 from 3.30-5.30. We hope to see you there. Nibbles and soft drinks are provided.

_Susan Thomson_

_Art and the Community Teacher_
The FECHS Arts Showcase was held on Monday August 17 at the Shedley Theatre.

It was absolutely fantastic to see Music, Dance and Drama students working together on stage, along with Media students’ film production highlights, to produce an amazing performance event. A professionally presented Visual Art Exhibition of student work was on show in the foyer, and guests enjoyed delicious hors d’oeuvres served by Food and Hospitality students as they viewed the exhibition.

Featuring on-stage were 10 Music ensembles, 6 Dance items, an entertaining ‘Villain and Damsel in Distress’ theme by Drama students which ran through the production, and a spectacular finale that had everyone smiling and clapping along. Each Music Ensemble performance was enhanced by PowerPoint images created by music students and staff. Stage performances were filmed by Media Studies student, Jesse Norman, and computer operator Matthew Pomeroy expertly managed the media projections.

Support from expert lighting technician Tim (Shedley Theatre), and professional sound technician Darren Scaresbrook, added to the overall professional quality of the production. The backstage crew consisting of Jaiden Gill, Cody Schwartzkopff, Kyle Day, Barry Downs, Joseph Kami, Kyle Osborne and Maison Bellett were highly organised and, under the guidance of Mrs Bec Walker, kept things running to plan.

We were privileged to have a professional film crew take footage of the Showcase which will be featured in the Women’s and Children’s Hospital fundraiser Webathon to be held on Sunday, October 18. Two students from FECHS will have the opportunity to co-host with Richard Wilkins during the Webathon, and talk about the exciting transformational plans for Playford International College in 2016.

The success of the Arts Showcase was due to the hard work by all the students involved and the many hours of preparation by the Music and Arts staff; Ms Miltenoff, Ms Seager, Mrs B Walker, Mr Birch, Mr Bukojemski, Ms Schofield, Ms K Walker, Mr Taylor, Ms Smith, Ms Rana, Ms Rofe, and Ms Thomson. And last but not least, a huge thank you to Hospitality staff, Mr Deguet, Ms Bal, Ms Donnellan, Ms Craker, Ms Green, and Mr Crowhurst. I would like to also thank professional photographer, John Keogh, who took stunning photos of all our performers and art works.

A massive thank you to all staff who attended the Arts Showcase and supported this production on the night.

Janice Leahy
Deputy Principal
Head of Music/Arts Coordinator
This year Fremont-Elizabeth City High School hosted its first ever Careers Night. It was held on Wednesday 26th August in the Senior Centre with Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their families invited.

It was a very interactive night with Senior School FECHS teachers setting up amazing displays to show off the exciting curriculum each SACE subject has to offer. In addition, a number of Adelaide institutions were present in an expo style where students and families could engage in conversations about their direction post high school or planning their study over Years 11 and 12 at FECHS.

The range of institutions present really did show students the broad range of exciting opportunities after high school and that they are achievable for all. The University of SA, University of Adelaide, Flinders University, TAFE, the ADF, VET and Foundations Studies were all great and helped ensure it was a very valuable night for all of those that attended.

Thanks to all staff that helped set up their faculties displays, cook the free sausage sizzle and the Senior School Team for setting up the venue.

All the best for the future senior students.

Tim Kloeden
Assistant Principal
Senior School & SACE Improvement
Throughout the year STEM students along with teacher Mr Green have been focusing on their very own Concept 2 Creation challenges. After class discussions, they were divided into groups to take one of the two challenges that were chosen for this year.

The Holden Volt team consisted of class mates Jacinta Forlani, Willem Green and Damien Purling, their challenge for the year was to re-design the base of a scalextric car to improve weight and speed. While going through the process they had to re-design the scalextric vehicle’s base on CAD and have it printed on the 3D printer. They also had to test the vehicles on the scalextric track with the help of the C2C engineer Christina. They had problems with the scalextric as the box was faulty. This caused the track to stop working and slow down the process of their work.

The SWAT team was made up of Lachlan Hall, Max Chapel, Sarah Walters, Kittatam Saisaard, Mitchell McGlone, Raymond, Van-Beuschem, Daniel Strimboulis, Cainen Garrett-Millman, Shanae Croser and Chelsea Fisher. This team has been busy focusing on building an electronic boat that can be remotely controlled and will be able to go out into a stream and collect water samples. They had to construct a design for their boat, set the wiring up that connected the pumps, fan, receiver, and also the LED lights that are all connected to a controller able to activate the desired functions at the required time.

With the help of engineer Ron, who has been volunteering to come out and help the team overcome any problems, the boat is coming along nicely.

Community News

WATER. THE ORIGINAL COOL DRINK.

We know that plain tap water as a drink is healthy and free and important for our bodies to function, but what other healthy drinks can we try?

Some ideas include:-

- Add slices of cucumber or mint leaves to water jugs for a different flavour
- Plain milk contains calcium which is good for teeth and bones and important for growing children
- Add ice or straws to water for crunch and fun

For more ideas visit: www.playford.sa.gov.au/opal
Community News

CARNIVAL IN THE NORTH

GOOD MENTAL HEALTH RULES
A FREE community event celebrating Mental Health Week.

Carnival in the North showcases the talents and achievement of people with mental illness in our community.

Playford Civic Centre
10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth
Wednesday 7 October 2015
11am - 2pm

Come and experience: sumo wrestling, mindful activities, interactive stalls, lunch and much more

GUEST PRESENTERS: Reality TV Renovators Ryan and Marlee

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE

All babies, children and young people under 18 years are welcome to attend the School Dental Service. Dental care is FREE for most school-aged children and ALL preschool children.

SA Dental Service participates in the Child Dental Benefits Schedule. A small fee may apply for children who are not eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

To locate your local School Dental Clinic, or for more information about the Child Dental Benefits Schedule, please phone 8222 8222 or visit www.sadental.sa.gov.au

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS @ THE LIBRARY

Kite Making
(presented by Active Education)
Let’s go fly a kite....
Date: Tuesday 6 October
Time: 1:30pm-2:30pm
Location: Stretton Centre Library
Ages: 8-12 years

Learn Calligraphy
(presented by Confucius Institute)
Date: Wednesday 30 September
Time: 10:30am-11:30am
Location: Elizabeth Civic Centre Library
Ages: 9 years +

Bedtime Story Time
Date: Thursday 1 October
Time: 6pm-7pm
Location: Stretton Centre Library
Ages: Open
There will be a movie ticket prize
*T&C's playford.sa.gov.au

Family Movie Night
The movie will be rated PG
All those intending on attending MUST book in (adults included)
Date: Thursday 8 October
Time: Please arrive by 5.45pm (movie starts at 6pm)
Location: Elizabeth Civic Centre Library
Age: Open

September 2015
Places are limited. Bookings are required for all sessions.
Children must be supervised by a parent/guardian at all sessions.
Bookings open 11 September
To book phone 8256 0334 or visit playford.sa.gov.au/library
Playford Civic Centre Library, 10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth
Stretton Centre, 307 Peachey Road, Munno Para