Welcome back to the 2015 school year.

Congratulations to our Year 12 students on completing the HSC last year. There were some outstanding results and students have been making plans as the offers of university have been sent out, TAFE is open and positions vacant being applied for. Over 50% of the students have been offered positions at university, and others have been successful in gaining permanent employment and training. We wish them well in all the adventures that they have set off on.

Congratulations to our students who were recognised at the 2014 Presentation Day. Thank you to the many individuals and groups who are so generous in their support of recognising our students. Amongst the many awards the following students achieved the highest point score for their year with participation and excellence in sport, school community and academia.

Year 7  Marie Knight
Year 8  Jessica Pereira
Year 9  Grace Kelly  Kate Robinson
Year 10  Clare Hunt
Year 11  Melissa Causer  Kate Kelly
Year 12  Henry Hunt
Student of the Year  Clare Hunt

House Shields were awarded to the following:

Sports  Lehane
School Community  McNamara
Academia  McNamara
Champion House  McNamara

It was a wonderful day of celebrating our students’ many achievements and was topped off with some real talent and lots of laughs in the SRC Henry has Talent quest.

To our new year, with all our students back on Thursday we started the year with an assembly, where new students were welcomed into their houses and the many students who gained over 30 points were recognised. For those students in Years 9 - 12 this year they received swimming bags and caps in their house colours. The Year 8 students received a USB and swimming cap. From now on, the award will match the year group, so next year, the Year 8s as year 9 will receive the bag. 50 students gained over 30 points last year, an increase yet again on the previous years. It is terrific to see so many students actively engaged in school life.

Staff enthusiastically returned to school on Tuesday completing mandatory training and focusing on the set directions. Miss Natalie Howard has joined us from Quandialla Central School and will be working with the English/ history faculty.

Students have received their personalised timetables; copies of the generic year timetable are available from the web site.

If you have any questions or concerns about your student’s progress or aspects of school life, please contact the school; we are always ready to help as we can. For more information check our webpage or the school app. Alerts have been sent out and those that have the app downloaded are now receiving information about school activities.

Friday 13 February is the swimming carnival. Some of the long distance events will be held prior to the day; next Wednesday during sport and Friday lunchtime. Send the students with hats, rashies, sun screen and drinking water. Join us when you can; it should be a great day.

The P&C is having their first meeting of the year next Tuesday night, 3 February at the new starting time of 7.00pm. Come along and join us in the library.

Margaret Carey
Principal
Canteen Roster

Week commencing 2 February

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This week’s long event will be the 200m freestyle. Please nominate for this before 5pm on Friday. The 100m freestyle will also be run.

Dates for your diary

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Monday 9 February – Meeting in club room at 8pm.
Friday 20 February – First championship night.
Friday 27 February – Second championship night.
Monday 9 March – Meeting in club room at 8pm.
Friday 13 March – Presentation night. Venue to be confirmed.

Timekeeper/raffle roster for 30 January:

Hewen (Lyn), Best (Loy), Brown (swapped with Hughes M&M), Cartwright, Taylor (M&R), Bucknell, Brenner.

P&C NEWS

An invitation is extended to all parents and carers to our first P&C meeting for 2015, to be held in the school library on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm. All welcome.

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The Celebration of Excellence Continues.

Yesterday’s first school assembly saw a celebration of all students that received 30 or more points for their house last year. Students are continuing to strive for excellence and to involve themselves in school life as much as they can. It is great to see new names in the list below and also the number of year 7 students who have already made the cut is a real highlight. Students from Year 8 – 12 were presented with a house swimming bag and swimming cap, while Year 7 received an embossed THLHS USB flash Drive and swimming cap.

The top ten point scorers for 2014 were:

- Clare Hunt 86 points
- Melissa Causer 67 points
- Kate Kelly 67 points
- Finlay Johnson 64.4 points
- Henry Hunt 61.5 points
- Grace Best 60.3 points
- Emily Tognetti 56.8 points
- Ben Kelly 55.5 points
- Vanessa Knight 54.6 points
- Jessica Pereira 53.5 points

The other students who gained over 30 points included:

- Sarah Knight
- Grace Kelly
- Kate Robinson
- Maree Knight
- Hannah Joyce
- Francesca Fenton
- Annie Matthews
- James Day
- Bridget Baker
- Andrew Knight
- Stirling Taylor
- Connor Day
- Madison Knight
- Claire Matthews
- Rachel Causer
- Caitlin Dixon
- Casey Hewen
- Melissa Whatman
- Shannon Best
- Eliza Taylor
- Lindsay Mitton
- Kira Gibson
- Paige Hughes
- Abbey Joyce
- Ryan Baldwin
- Meg Schaefer
- Emma Hughes
- Isabelle Holz
- Ben Holmes
- Hugh Matthews
- Mitchell Stevens
- Ciaran Thomson-Jones
- Kyle Anderson
- Bailie Pursehouse
- Aiden Skinner
- Rachel Timbs
- Cameron McKellar
- Zachary Starr
- Aiden Heatley
- Hamish Starr

Three special awards were also presented to a student from each house who hadn’t quite reached the 30 point mark but who were deemed to be worthy of acknowledgement. These were Heather Walker, Ebony Meier and Zoe Gavin.

Congratulations to all these students.

There are some changes and improvements to our house system this year and this information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks, so watch this space.
Year 7 and their peer mentors jumping for joy at starting the 2015 school year!

Maya, Jade, Karyl Lee, Casey, Mea and Tara, all set for their first day at high school.

Josh, Thomas and Axl catching up. Ebony, Kylie, Taylor and Breannan, excited to be at school.

POTENTIAL EXCURSIONS AND ESTIMATE OF ASSOCIATED COSTS 2015

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