

# Life in the Wilderness

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## On The National Stage

[Belinda Arnfield, Principal](#)

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As this is our final newsletter for Term 1, I am reflecting on nine weeks of rich learning, with one still to come. It has been gratifying to return to some of our pre-COVID-19 traditions in 2023—such as the Grooves on the Green concert last week on Memorial Lawn, as well as seeing girls take up opportunities outside of the school gates.

This week, two groups of students have represented Wilderness School on the national stage, competing in interstate finals.

Twenty of our rowers flew to Perth for the Australian Rowing Championships, held at the Champion Lakes course. Following a successful Head of the River regatta – where we took home three gold trophies and seven medals in the minor placings – this national regatta is a great chance for our Intermediate and Senior rowers to test themselves against the best crews around Australia.

Wilderness has entered a range of boats to compete, including some composite crews with Fremantle Rowing Club. We had a great start to the regatta when our two Senior pairs placed fourth and fifth respectively in the A final, while the bigger boats raced later in the week with the goal of booking a place in the weekend finals. Our two entries in the Schoolgirl's Coxed Four recorded the fastest qualifying times in the heats, and the Under

19 Women's Eight came second to reach today's semi-final. We also have a single sculler competing today, along with the Under 17 Women's Eight who begin their campaign later this afternoon.

Meanwhile, our Argo-22 SUBS in School team (who were victorious at last year's state final) have been competing in the national final in Penrith. I am very proud to announce that this afternoon, they won their division in the ROV Development Class to be named National Champions. Out of the ten possible awards, they won seven—Best Sea Trial, Best Engineered CAD, Best Manufactured, Best Engineered, Best Graphic Design, Best Team Marketing and Best Team Trade Display. Congratulations to **Diya Anup Kumar, Olivia Lai, Emily Nguyen and Madi Chau** (Year 10) and their teacher Mr Thomas Keller on this exceptional achievement.

Interest in SUBS in Schools has continued to increase over the past few years at Wilderness; there are 36 Year 9 girls who will participate in this year's state competition. SUBS in Schools enables girls to tackle practical applications of manufacturing and engineering necessary to create and produce technology, as well as graphic design, marketing and enterprise skills which are required to establish and sell a product. This gives students a taste of several emerging industries they may choose to pursue beyond school. The recent news about submarine manufacturing in South Australia means girls may have a significant career consideration close to home.

In recent months, we have proudly celebrated several of our old scholars who have found great success in STEM careers. In a previous newsletter, I wrote about Bridget Smart (2017), a mathematician who has been awarded the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship to study at Oxford University. Coco Wong (2008) is currently working at Tesla in San Francisco, a company developing the future technology of our roadways. Phiala Shanahan (2007) has recently been in the media to discuss her remarkable career, during which she became the youngest ever Professor of Physics at the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Soon, many of our current girls may join these old scholars in the STEM field as professional peers. For this reason, it is crucial to provide opportunities, like SUBS in Schools, to pique their interest in the field and facilitate practical experiences.

There is an aspect which links these two interstate opportunities together: they both encourage our girls to develop a strong sense of teamwork, whether it is to engineer a submarine below the water, or to move a quadruple scull above the surface. When students participate in interstate challenges like these, they operate outside of their typical routine; a strong bond must be developed ahead of time so that they can rely on each other throughout these experiences.

We are eager to facilitate opportunities for more of our girls to work as a team and participate in their areas of interest as the year goes on. For now, it is almost time for our

girls to take a two-week break, before another term full of activity and learning.

I wish all families a wonderful holiday break, whether you are resting at home or travelling for a vacation. We will look forward to meeting the girls again after the break on **Wednesday 26 April** to begin Term 2.

Students will be dismissed at 1.05pm next **Thursday 6 April**, following the annual Easter service.

## Road Safety Update

Many of you would be aware of the distressing incident which occurred at the pedestrian crossing outside of Marryatville High School last week, which resulted in one critically injured student and another in a serious condition. Our thoughts are with these students, their families and the entire Marryatville High School community at this difficult time.

Such awful incidents are a stark reminder to us about the importance of safety, especially considering that many of our staff and students enter the School by crossing an arterial roadway. With the prevalence of so many electronic devices, please remind your daughters to be vigilant when crossing Hawkers Road or Northcote Terrace to access the school grounds – to look up from their phones and remove their headphones/ear buds before crossing the road – to avoid distraction from their surroundings and potential danger.

As drivers, please be careful when dropping off and picking up students. We particularly request that parents do not attempt U-turns on Hawkers Road near the School, to prioritise the safety of both pedestrians and other vehicles. We hope that all parents will model responsible road usage to our students, and show respect and safety to fellow parents, staff and Senior students on the roads.









EARLY LEARNING

## An ELC Where Everyone Belongs

**Rebecca Williamson, Assistant Head of Junior School – Early Years**

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Last Friday 24 March, we concluded Harmony Week with an invitation for the girls to dress in clothing of cultural significance or in the colour orange. There was such a positive atmosphere in the ELC as the girls wore their clothes with confidence and pride. There was certainly a sense that 'Everyone Belongs'.

In the lead up to this special day, the Mamie girls engaged in rich learning about diversity by reading *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox and discussing the importance of recognising and appreciating our similarities and differences. They painted their hands orange and placed them together on a heart in recognition that everyone belongs in our ELC.

In preparation for the day, the Annie girls read and reflected on the book *Shades of People* by Shelly Rotner. This is where they explored the notion of skin as a covering, like wrapping paper. The girls then used paints to match the colour closest to their skin tone, or mixed colours to make the shade they felt was most closely matched.

On the day, the girls joined the Junior School for a special assembly and later on the girls from both Houses played together as a whole ELC group, which they thoroughly enjoyed. The Annie girls also created a wonderful piece of artwork by walking together with painted feet to demonstrate their commitment to inclusivity and everyone belonging together.

Continuing on from Harmony Week, the Annie House girls reflected on the idea of belonging by discussing and drawing who belongs in their families. This learning also

builds upon our 'Wonder of Me' project, which you can see proudly displayed on the walls of both of the Houses.

The learning from this week will continue in the heart and minds of the girls and their teachers as we ensure that 'Everyone Belongs'.

We wish you a wonderful holiday and look forward to Term 2 together.

## Class Representatives

We are still looking for a few more parents to volunteer as 2023 Class Representatives - one each for Mamies and Annies. Please [let us know](#) if you are interested.









JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Junior School Celebrates Harmony Day

[Liz McCarthy, Head of Junior School](#)

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We have had a purposeful, fun-filled and connected few weeks in our Junior School, with a number of significant events taking place. Our Parent Teacher Interviews were held in Week 8 and were a valuable opportunity for our parents and class teachers to come together to discuss individual girls' learning, wellbeing and social development, as well as to plan the next steps for growth across these areas. While we hold these conversations in Term 1, we always stress to our parent community the importance of making time to speak to their daughters' teachers – should the need arise – at any point throughout the year. Our teachers will do the same. A strong and connected partnership between home and school is key in ensuring each girl's learning journey is successful, rich and steeped in relationship.

### NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and Year 5 girls concluded their NAPLAN testing window last Friday, completing standardised assessments in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Mathematics. The NAPLAN provides valuable data for us as a school to analyse and inform our teaching and learning practices, as well as from one part of how we track learning data for individual students over time. We look forward to receiving and then distributing the results to our families in the coming months.



## Harmony Day

Our ELC and Junior School Harmony Day celebrations were a wonderful success last Friday 24 March. Girls were invited to wear either orange or something that was culturally significant to them on this day. Gathering together for our assembly first thing in the morning was both a joyous and colourful sight. Girls wore the most beautiful outfits, inspired by their culture or sharing the message of Harmony Day. This was enhanced by the thoughtful and well-prepared assembly item shared by our Year 6 Citizenship Committee. After singing our Harmony Day song, 'Everyone Belongs', as a whole Junior School, classes combined for a rotation of Harmony Day activities. Girls engaged in activities related to cultural food, family heritage, designing logos, henna hand painting and cultural dancing—just to name a few. The day's celebrations concluded with a Junior School House team picnic lunch.

## Sports Day

Our Junior School Sports Day is fast approaching in Week 10, commencing at the Park Lands at 8.30am for our Years 3 – 6 girls, with our Reception to Year 2 girls joining us at 10.30am. A wonderful rotation of athletic events and team games is planned, with the day concluding after presentations at approximately 1.30pm. Dismissal for all girls is from the Park Lands at this time; however, should you require OSHC, please book your daughter in with [Camp Australia](#) for care from 1.30pm – 6.00pm.

Thank you all for a successful Term 1 and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a safe, peaceful and enjoyable term break.

## Year 4 Discovers the Hidden World of Composting

Please enjoy this reflection from Year 4 Teacher **Ms Celine Zammit** about the Year 4 classes' composting incursion:

Can an apple core turn into a carrot? Through the magic of composting, it can! On Thursday 16 March, Year 4 girls enjoyed participating in a play explaining the magic of compost and the wonders of the hidden world under the soil. In the play, the girls wore costumes and interacted using a script to re-enact food scraps being converted to healthy soil with the help of worms and mycelium and the elements of nature like water, sunshine and manure.

Year 4 also explored healthy soil using the power of our imagination. The girls held a handful of invisible soil in their hands and were amazed to discover that in their handful of soil, there is more microscopic life than there are humans living on Earth! We then pretended that the circular mat on the floor was this handful of soil, and we lifted the different layers of fabric and used a UV light to see the objects representing mycelium

and small creatures living inside the layers.

The Year 4 girls were excited to share their learning about Composting and the Hidden World with students from Renaissance International School in Saigon through a Round Square schools collaboration. The Year 4 girls wrote recounts, annotated photographs and even produced a video to showcase their learning.

## Year 1 Day Trip

Early in March, our Year 1s enjoyed a wonderful beach trip, and our Year 1 Teacher **Ms Brenna Bence** reported what they got up to:

On the first day of March, a bus full of very excited Year 1s headed to Kingston Reserve for a fun day at the beach. Our day was based on the children's picture book, Magic Beach by Alison Lester. This rhyming story is beautifully illustrated and includes swimming, surfing and splashing and a variety of beach activities. As the sun tried to peek out from behind the clouds, the Year 1s built sandcastles, explored rockpools, created story stones and experienced a fabulous autumn day along the waterfront.

My favourite part of our day excursion was rock rambling, because I found four crabs and I got to hold them. – **Monica**

On our day trip to the beach, I loved being on the bus, recess and lunch because I could be with my friends and eat. – **Sibella**

I loved building a sandcastle with my friends. We decorated it with shells. – **Catherine**

I drew a starfish, mermaid, sandcastle and a boat on my story stones. – **Ayra**

The teacher found a really small crab and a big crab. I picked it up and it bit me on the pinky finger! – **Mia**

I liked finding shells and sea bugs. In one of the shells was a little crab. I got my shoes wet when we were rock hopping. – **Amore**

## Class Representatives

We are pleased to confirm the following parents who have volunteered as the 2023 Class Representatives:

- **Reception** – Kate Pulford (Alexandra's mum) and Debra Fairbank (Indianna's mum)
- **Year 1** – Andrew Vanlint (Lottie's dad) and Sarah Naseem (Naba's mum)
- **Year 2** – My Trang Ha (Emily's mum) and Alice Nassery (Lara's mum)
- **Year 3** – Laura Carrocci (Florence's mum) and Fiona Lee (Aria's mum)
- **Year 4** – Tanya Vallat (Rachael's mum) \*We are still looking for one more parent to volunteer!
- **Year 5** – Laura Carrocci (Serafina's mum) and Polly Tembel (Virginia's mum)
- **Year 6** – Melanie Maughan (Amelia's mum), Amra Sabou (Ruby's mum), Xiuyu Yu (Hedy's mum), Cleo Cooper (Scarlet's mum) and Maggie Johannsen (Olivia's mum).

Class Representative contact details are available on each class list located on SEQTA Engage. Please look out for invitations to events sent from them via email and in your year level WhatsApp groups. If you are not in the group and wish to be added, please contact the appropriate parents above.

We are pleased to share class events already in action:

## From the Reception Class Representatives

Please see the attached [events calendar](#) for the year, and please save the dates in your diary.

**Kate Pulford**

Reception Class Representative

## From the Year 3 Class Representatives

Fiona Lee (Aria's Mum, 3B) and Laura Carrocci (Florence's Mum, 3M) are your Year 3 Class Representatives for 2023. We would like to invite all Year 3 parents and their daughters to the following events:

**Sunday 7 May:** Bounce at Greenacres, 10.00am to 12.00pm noon for an informal session.

Please ensure you [book for the Greenacres site](#) and kindly advise Fiona on 0404192326 when you have done so.

**Sunday 13 June:** Little Picassos art class. Time and booking link to be provided in due course.

**Term 4 Date TBD:** Uni Loop walk and Brunch at The Lion.

Please feel free to approach Fiona or Laura with any queries or concerns you may have.

**Fiona Lee and Laura Carrocci**  
Year 3 Class Representatives

## **From the Year 5 Class Representatives**

**Term 2:**

**Family Morning**

**Sunday 28 May**

**9.00am**

Meet at Cnr Mackinnon Pde and Jerningham St, North Adelaide

Walk/Run/Ride the Uni Loop track followed by breakfast at The Old Lion.

RSVP [via email](#) no later than **Sunday 30 April** so that the table booking can be made.

**Term 3 and 4:**

**Save the Date!**

- **Sunday 30 July:** Dad and Daughter Day Out
- **Sunday 12 November:** End of Year Drinks

**Here are also some free and fun events in our local community:**

- **8.00am every Saturday:** Nantu Wama Park Run, LeFevre Park, North Adelaide.  
Walk, jog or run 5km. [More information can be found here.](#)
- **Saturday 13 May:** Meander Market, Jerningham St, North Adelaide.
- **Sunday 14 May:** Mother's Day Classic. [Find out more and register for the Wilderness team.](#)



We hope to see you there.

**Laura Carrocci and Polly Tembal**  
Year 5 Class Representatives













MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Visiting the French Film Festival

[Rhianon Giles, Head of Middle School](#)

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### French Film Festival Excursion

On Tuesday 28 March, the Year 8 French cohort had the opportunity to travel to the Palace Nova Eastend Cinemas. The benefit of this was to extend their knowledge and vocabulary of the French language by watching the private screening of *Ride Above*, as part of the annual French film festival.

The film is about a young girl named Zoé who dreams of becoming a jockey and forms a deep bond with a young horse. Zoé's career is tragically disrupted when a storm approaches her home and her horse, by the name of Beautiful Intrigue, is frightened by the torrential events of it. This leads to the horse fatally paralysing Zoé due to shock, confining her to a wheelchair. Due to her disability, Zoé feels as though she has failed to fulfill her parents' dream when she is 'not' able to ride lifelong.

To create movement in her body, her parents hire a physiotherapist to help her fully recover and gain strength. She takes up swimming and strongly struggles with internal self-negativity. However, with support from her family, she is able to succeed in a race and save her parents' business.

Not only did this tear-jerking film help the students extend their French language, but it also taught them the important moral to never give up on their dreams. The students



were able to pick up certain commonly used phrases in the movie that they could use in real life. It also gave them insight on the pronunciation of specific words and a look into the French culture.

## Year 7 Enlighten Program

Please enjoy this report from **Kaitlyn Vallat** about the Year 7 Enlighten program on Wednesday 29 March:

Our Year 7 Enlighten program was spectacular. We were introduced to Emma, who shared many important challenges in her life and opened herself to us. In our first activity, we got a piece of paper and wrote down any worries, insecurities or concerns we had. Then we were able to rip, throw and squash the paper before it was put into a suitcase that would be taken away. The purpose was to visualise us eliminating anything negative in our lives. The paper activity certainly broke the ice and made us more comfortable with Emma.

Next, we were supplied with a notebook and decorations; working in small groups, we were able to design our own journal. We were given important symbols, such as crowns and butterflies that symbolised queens, princesses and growth. This was a fun way for us to express our creativity whilst also building our collaboration and social skills. The journal was to be used throughout the day and continued at home.

Emma talked about friendships and how it is okay if they change. She taught us ways to resolve friendship fights in a healthy way, which we recorded in our journal. In groups of seven, we passed our journals around; in every journal you received, you would write something nice about that person. This was a way of showing how much we value each other. Some girls got emotional at this stage, since there were some really heartfelt messages.

After watching a video about gratitude, we were told to write a letter to someone we are grateful for. I chose my cousin and wrote about how close we are and how we always have each other's back. In the video, after writing their letter, they read it to the person, so we had the option to give

the letter to our special person. Emma went through many ways that we could show gratitude and explained that people who show gratitude are often happier than those who don't. We then did a meditation session to calm ourselves.

We talked about body image and how people photoshop photos to change their appearance. We were told that we should be comfortable in our own skin and that there is nothing we need to change. Emma then showed us a packing list containing important things such as food, a growth mindset and our beauty sleep.

Throughout the day, we were also given affirmation cards with a phrase to read aloud together. Affirmation cards encourage positive thoughts. To finish the day, we formed a circle and linked arms. We wore a purple bracelet with a crown and butterfly on our left wrist, then made a pledge together about all the things we learned. This was a really good way to end the day on a positive note and I am sure all of us will have an improved opinion of ourselves. Our Year 7 Enlighten program was a marvellous experience that I am sure none of us will forget. Thank you to Emma for making it such a fun day.

## Community Service

**Bella Pasin** (Year 8) spent the long weekend volunteering at the Ukrainian café at WOMADelaide to raise money for the Ukrainian Crisis Appeal. What a worthy cause!

## Year 7 Camp

During Weeks 5 and 6, the Year 7 students travelled to the Coorong for their Year 7 aquatics-themed Outdoor Education camp. Both staff and students were grateful that both weeks had mild weather conditions for students to enjoy and immerse themselves in the aquatic activities. The week consisted of developing many water-based skills through kayaking at Tintinara Lake, sailing with Meningie Sailing Club and surfing with Charlies Surf School at Robe. Students also spent a night at 42 Mile crossing, learning about a sense of place and the ecosystem and waterways of the Coorong environment. Throughout the week, students formed new relationships and strengthened existing ones with their Form groups and Form teacher.

**Rosie Smith**

Teacher of Outdoor Education

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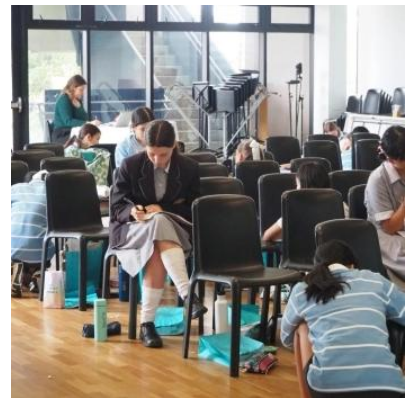
- **Year 7** – Jen Guest (Saskia's mum), Joanna Lydeamore (Edie's mum) and Edwina Sutton (Beatrice's mum)
- **Year 8** – Andrew Perry (Madeline's dad) and Polly Tembel (Margot's mum)
- **Year 9** – Amir Raza (Zoha's dad) \*We are still looking for one more parent volunteer!

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## Road Safety

A recent tragic event in a school zone has been extensively covered in the media. It is a reminder to us all to consider the safety of pedestrians around schools. We ask that girls and families cross the roads at the designated, monitored school crossings before and after school.

We ask all road users to obey the road rules and to be aware of their surroundings. One of the first lessons in a defensive driving course is to anticipate the mistakes of others and it is a valuable lesson for anyone using roads. Middle and Senior School Form teachers have been discussing this with their students throughout the week and we encourage you to continue the conversation at home to keep our community safe.







SENIOR SCHOOL

## A Unified Senior School

[Ben Manifold, Head of Senior School](#)

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As we head towards the end of Term 1, the girls have been busy completing assessment tasks and representing the School with pride in the co-curricular arena. I was proud of the way our senior teams performed in the annual Summer Intercol against Seymour College. The sportsmanship, spirit, commitment and grit shown by the Wilderness teams when they came up against stronger Seymour opposition spoke volumes.

Last week, it was wonderful to see so many parents at the Grooves on the Green concert on Memorial Lawn. The weather was perfect and it was fantastic to have this concert back in the annual Music calendar. Well done to all the performers and Music staff for their commitment and dedication. Next term, the Music Department will head off to Mount Gambier for Generations in Jazz, which has not been able to occur for over three years due to COVID-19. I know the girls involved are excited to take part in this amazing festival of music.

This week, the Student Representative Council (SRC) have held Unity Week, starting with a fun assembly on Monday morning. While girls can often get caught up in schoolwork, extra-curricular activities and busy day-to-day events, it is important to stop and acknowledge how powerful collaboration can be and to support others in their personal quests. Well done to the SRC Executive for their range of fun group activities held during lunchtime, which were enjoyed by all in attendance.

## Congratulations

**Devika Mukherjee** (Year 12) was recently named captain of the SA Schools Debating Team. This is Devika's third year as a member of this team and to be named captain is a wonderful honour.

**Yiyao (Sherri) Shi** (Year 10) has been selected to represent SA high school students on this year's South Australian Student Representative Council (SA SRC). A partnership between the Commissioner for Children and Young People and the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) supported by the National Indigenous Youth Education Coalition (NIYEC), the SA SRC is a body of over 160 students in Years 10, 11 and 12 from across the state, working together to create genuine, student-led change within their own communities.

## Year 11 Geography Excursion

Last Thursday, our Year 11 Geography class visited Mount Lofty, Cleland, Stirling and Crafrers to conduct fieldwork research on the bushfire preparedness of the Adelaide Hills, in preparation for a major summative assessment task.

## Road Safety

The distressing incident that occurred at the pedestrian crossing outside of Marryatville High School last week serves as a stark reminder to us about the importance of safety, especially considering that many staff and students enter the School by crossing Northcote and Robe Terrace. All Senior School girls are reminded that they must cross at the pedestrian crossing at all times and carefully check both ways before stepping out onto the road. Parents driving around the School are asked to be vigilant and not complete U-turns on Hawkers Road close to the pedestrian crossing.

## End of Term

Please note that on next **Thursday 6 April**, school will finish at 1.05pm. Girls will be free to leave school for the Easter and term break.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Next week, you will receive your daughter's Term 1 Report, which will provide an interim progress report as to her academic progress so far.

Parent Teacher Interviews for both the Middle and Senior School will take place at the beginning of Term 2. You will have the opportunity to book interviews on **Wednesday 26**

**April and Tuesday 2 May from 3.45pm to 8.30pm** to meet with your daughter's teachers.

An email with information about how to log in and book will be sent next week.

Term 2 will start on **Wednesday 26 April** due to the ANZAC Day public holiday on **Tuesday 25 April**.

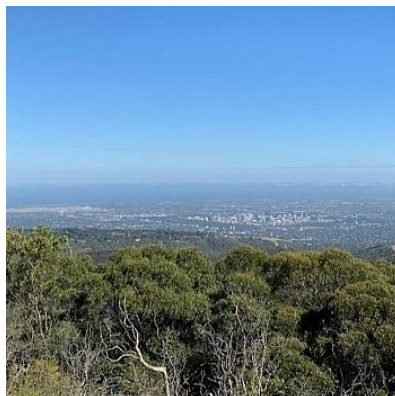
I take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and happy term break after what has been a busy term.

## Class Representatives

We are pleased to confirm the following parents who have volunteered as the 2023 Class Representatives:

- **Year 10** – Ollie Kratounis (Alessandra's mum), Michelle Sanders (Annabel's mum) and Joanne Cardone (Olivia's mum)
- **Year 11** – Sarah Abbott (Isabella's mum) and Anya Rinaldi (Lyla's mum) \*We are still looking for one more parent volunteer!
- **Year 12** – Nicole Nott (Olympia's mum), Naomi Fahey Quick (Eliza's mum), Rachel Southon (Isabel's mum) and Melanie Michael (Sophia's mum).

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BOARDING

## What's On in the Boarding House

[Renee Coventry, Head of Boarding](#)

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Over the weekend, many girls were able to get out and get involved in the various activities offered in the House—including baking, sewing, mini golf and Tree Climb. The autumn weather and rain didn't dampen the spirits for girls heading out and about for activities this weekend. Thanks to our Boarding House staff – Cass, Abbey and Michelle – for overseeing activities this weekend.

### Head of the River

We had a number of boarders representing Wilderness at Head of the River. There were so many girls who were eager to participate in the cheer squad, with more than 25 making the trip to West Lakes. Spirits were high as the girls chanted, waved and splashed the exhausted but elated rowers as they finished racing. Our Second VIII came fourth in their final, and the First VIII claimed second place, with admirable efforts across the board. It was fantastic to see the school morale shared by the staff, parents and students who contributed to the day. Congratulations to all the rowers and rowing families who made it through the season.

It was also inspiring for our girls to meet and hear Molly Goodman speak at Sunday's awards lunch. Molly graduated from Wilderness in 2010 and was a boarder from Year 8 to Year 12. She is a national champion, a dual Olympian and a world champion after winning the 2017 world title in a coxless four. She stroked the Australian VIII to victory in

the Remenham Challenge Cup at the 2018 Henley Royal Regatta and the Australian Women's VIII at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics. Our eight boarders, who have dedicated time and effort to rowing this season, certainly have a role model to aspire to in Molly.

With so much interest in rowing in our younger years, I am sure that Wilderness Boarding will continue to have a strong presence in the rowing club for years to come.

## BOUNCE with St Peters

Our Middle School boarders joined boys from St Peter's College for an afternoon at BOUNCE. It is wonderful for our younger girls to have opportunities to build connections with other boarding schools in Adelaide and we look forward to similar events with girls' schools and Prince Alfred College in Term 2.





SPORT

## All Eyes on Intercol

[Ashleigh Young, Director of Sport and Recreation](#)

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The annual Summer Intercol versus Seymour has been in full swing across the last week. In what has been a tight tussle between the two schools, Wilderness has won the Intercol Swimming, Rowing and Basketball trophies, whilst Seymour has taken out the Premier League Tennis, A Grade Water Polo and A Grade Volleyball. At the time of publishing, the A Grade Touch Football and Overall Summer Intercol Trophy are still in contention. The event is always a great showing of school spirit between the two schools, and we look forward to the remaining fixtures. Please see below for detailed results:

- **Water Polo B-Grade:** Wilderness (3) Defeated by Seymour (14)
- **Water Polo A-grade:** Wilderness (2) Defeated by Seymour (13)
- **Tennis Premier League:** Wilderness (0) Defeated by Seymour (12)
- **Basketball Senior A:** Wilderness (30) Defeated Seymour (25)
- **Basketball Senior B:** Wilderness (25) Defeated by Seymour (34)
- **Basketball Senior C:** Wilderness (4) Defeated by Seymour (54)
- **Basketball Middle A:** Wilderness (17) Defeated by Seymour (19)



- **Basketball** Middle B: Wilderness (8) Defeated by Seymour (40)
- **Basketball** Middle C: Wilderness (26) Defeated Seymour (23)
- **Volleyball** Senior A: Wilderness (0) Defeated by Seymour (3).

## IGSSA (Independent Girls School Sport Association) Swimming Carnival

The IGSSA Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday 14 March at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre. After what had been a big month of swimming, our girls hit the water again. Competitive all throughout the day against tough opposition, the girls finished in third place behind Immanuel College and St Peter's Girls School. A special congratulations to the Under 14s, who won their age group overall.

## South Australian State Age Swimming Championships

Over the March long weekend, the South Australian State Age Swimming Championships were held

at the SA Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Marion. The following Wilderness girls qualified to attend with their respective swimming clubs: **Arabella Bahr** (Year 11), **Holly Munro** (Year 10), **Lucy Beaumont** (Year 10), **Isabella Beaumont** (Year 9), **Asta Mickan** (Year 9), **Charlise Green** (Year 9), **Katarina Czechowicz** (Year 9), **Rose Franz** (Year 9), **Isabella Dolan** (Year 7) and **Matilda Burns** (Year 7).

All the girls swam really well and recorded many personal best times (PBs).

Charlise won a silver medal in 14-year-old girls 50m Breaststroke and a bronze medal in 100m breaststroke.

Arabella won gold medals in 16-year-old girls 400m individual medley, 200m individual medley, 200m butterfly and 200m freestyle and silver medals in 100m butterfly, 800m freestyle and 400m freestyle.

Isabella Beaumont won gold medals in 13-year-old girls 100m backstroke, 50m backstroke and 50m freestyle; silver medals in 200m backstroke, 100m breaststroke, 100m freestyle and 50m butterfly; and a bronze medal in 50m breaststroke.

Arabella, Isabella and Charlise will represent their clubs at the National Age Championships in Brisbane over Easter.

## SAPSASA Swimming North Adelaide District Carnival

On Thursday 30 March, a team of Wilderness students travelled to the Norwood Pool for the SAPSASA Swimming North Adelaide District Day. In wet and wintry conditions, our girls performed extremely well in their races and have put themselves in contention to represent the district at the State Championships in May. Well done to everyone who swam on the day; please see below for the girls who placed in their age groups.

- **Grace Tully** (Year 6): 100m Freestyle (First), 50m Freestyle (First), 50m Backstroke (First)
- **Ivy Dowd** (Year 6): 100m Freestyle (Second), 50m Backstroke (First), 50m Breaststroke (First)
- **Scarlet Cooper** (Year 6): 50m Butterfly (First), 50m Breaststroke (Second)
- **Emilia Varricchio** (Year 5): 50m Freestyle (First), 50m Butterfly (First), 50m Breaststroke (Second)
- **Addison Munt** (Year 6): 50m Freestyle (Third), 50m Butterfly (Third)
- **Ariana Ng** (Year 6): 50m Butterfly (First), 50m Freestyle (Second)
- **Emma Burns** (Year 5): 50m Backstroke (Second), 50m Butterfly (Second)
- **Mitakshi Gupta** (Year 4): 50m Butterfly (First)
- **Chloe Knox** (Year 5): 50m Breaststroke (First)
- **Alana Munt** (Year 5): 50m Freestyle (Second), 50m Breaststroke (Third), 50m Butterfly (Third).

## School Sport SA Knockout Touch Football

On Wednesday 22 March of Week 8, the Senior Touch Football team played in Round 1 of the School Sport SA Knockout Touch Football Competition. After being undefeated in their weekly competition, the girls were eager to continue their winning ways. They played three games across the day against Kildare College, Golden Grove High School and Temple College. Winning all the games comfortably, the girls are now through to the finals day.











MUSIC

## Grooves on the Green

[Anna Lenartowicz, Head of Music](#)

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On Thursday 23 March, 220 students from the Junior, Middle and Senior Schools performed in Grooves on the Green. This event was the students' first chance to showcase their work for the year, and needless to say, this was a night to remember!

Junior Band's 'Popcorn Prelude' was a crowd favourite with every section getting a chance to pop in this piece. There were features from the flutes, clarinets and saxophones to the trumpets, horn, trombones, basses and percussion.

Concert Band paid homage to the biggest pop concert Adelaide has seen in recent history, with their version of Ed Sheeran's No. 1 hit 'Shape of You'.

**Victoria Phan** (Year 11) stunned with the solo violin arrangement of 'Nessun Dorma', with the Senior String Orchestra accompanying her. Following this, they performed the toe-tapping song 'Vivaldiana', composed by Peter Martin.

Concluding the concert was the Senior Choir, which is the School's largest ensemble with 89 students across Years 7 – 12; it is at the heart of our vibrant choral program. They performed 'Together', composed by Australian band, King & Country, and American artists, Tori Kelly and Kirk Franklin. Composed in the heart of the COVID-19 pandemic, the tune explores uniting people together and how acts of kindness change the scope of our futures.

"If we are able to unite and support each other... be a neighbour to someone, serve



someone, reach out to someone... how might those acts of kindness change the scope of our futures... together?"

The Senior Choir dedicated their performance in loving memory of Mr Gavin Haydn, as the date marked the first anniversary of his passing. Mr Haydn was always willing to serve others, reaching out in whatever capacity possible to help those around him, and always led with kindness.

We must acknowledge and thank the Music staff and ensemble directors for their tireless work throughout the term in preparing our girls to such a high standard, and to the countless others who assisted in bringing this event to life.

**Eva Barrett**

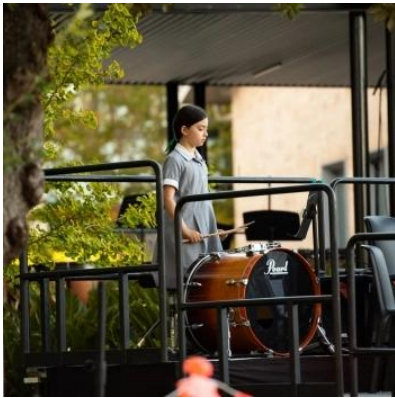
Year 12 Music SRC Representative

## AMEB Awards

A huge congratulations to **Sonali Jesudason** (Year 10) for being selected as the recipient of the AMEB (Australian Musical Examinations Board) Saxophone Grade 6 Prize for 2022. This prestigious prize has been awarded based on Sonali's outstanding achievement across 2022 and will be formally presented at the upcoming AMEB SA and NT Awards Ceremony on Saturday 15 April in Elder Hall.

This award is the second consecutive honour for Sonali, who won the same prize last year when she completed Grade 5 AMEB. Congratulations is also given to her saxophone tutor, Mr Damien Hurn.









CAREERS CORNER

## Careers Corner

[Caroline Palmer, Careers Counsellor](#)

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### Important Dates

#### **Saturday 1 April to Sunday 2 April**

Career Expo

10.00am - 4.00pm

Adelaide Convention Centre – free entry

Representatives from local and interstate universities will be in attendance (including James Cook University, Monash, University of Sydney, University of New South Wales and Bond University, to name a few). Students are encouraged to visit the Convention Centre on Sunday.

#### **Tuesday 4 April**

University of New South Wales (UNSW)

8.00am to 9.00am

The Chrysalis

#### **Tuesday 4 April**

James Cook University (JCU)

10.30am to 10.50am

Clarnette Meeting Room

#### **Tuesday 4 April**

Bond University

1.05pm to 1.50pm

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### **Wednesday 5 April**

The University of Melbourne

8.15am to 9.00am – General Session, 9.00am to 10.00am – 1-1 Interviews as requested

M7

## **Inika Weber (2022 Graduate) – Winner of a 2023 UNSW Co-op Scholarship (Bachelor of Renewable Science/Engineering)**

The UNSW Co-op program has been running for 35 years and is Australia's biggest scholarship program of its type, linking students to industry throughout their degree. Scholars undertake internships with sponsor companies at many stages throughout their degree, leading to real industry experience before graduation. Inika Weber (2022) has already been linked to several employees of her sponsor company "Neoen", which she is excited to collaborate with in the future. UNSW interviewed 776 Co-op scholarship applicants, conducted 323 interviews (some students had multiple interviews), and awarded 76 Co-Op scholarships.

During her presentation at Wilderness, Inika mentioned that the Co-op scholarship has already provided her with the opportunity to make new connections within UNSW, such as the higher year students, Head of School and Academic Coordinator. Furthermore, through the monetary benefits of the Co-op scholarship, including a \$5000 accommodation subsidy for UNSW residences, she has been able to move to Sydney and live on campus, which has been an incredible opportunity to meet new people from around Australia and the world. Living in Goldstein College, the smallest of UNSW's Kensington Colleges, has provided opportunities to be involved in college sport, inter-college competitions and other social events. College has a variety of 'officership' roles, to organise and run events aligning with their values, and Inika has been appointed Goldstein's 'Charity Officer' for 2023. She is looking forward to organising charitable events and helping to give back to the community.

Key tips provided by Inika and her Mum, Delene when applying for the Co-op scholarship at UNSW include:

- Although an ATAR above 95 is required, a student's contribution to their local community is highly valued
- Important criteria used to allocate Co-op scholarships included a student's commitment to volunteering, part time work, leadership positions, debating and public speaking experience, serving as an SRC member, Duke of Edinburgh

participation and being a student entrepreneur/small business owner.

## James Cook University (JCU) Visit – March 2023

On Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 March, I was invited to attend the JCU TeacherX information days in Cairns, QLD. Career counsellors from around Australia attended course information sessions on Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science, Marine Biology and Law, to name a few, toured JCU's outstanding facilities and heard from current students. While in Cairns, I met up with Wilderness Old Scholars Jade Yeung (2016, Sixth Year Medicine), Kate Venning and Leah George (2019, Fourth Year Medicine) and Alana Commons and Shania Paranthavithana (2020, Second year Dentistry).

All girls spoke highly of their experiences at JCU and recommend the Dentistry and Medicine programs at JCU. We have called on the experiences of these girls in the past to assist Year 12 students in their university and course investigations; they have all been generous and honest in their provision of information and have offered to keep in contact with the Wilderness community in the future to assist students considering JCU. A JCU representative will be at Wilderness on **Tuesday 4 April** during recess time in the Clarnette Room. Students are encouraged to attend.





## BOARDERS' FASHION PARADE

COMMUNITY

# The Boarders' Fashion Parade is Back!

[Renee Coventry, Head of Boarding](#)

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Following a sell-out event in 2022, we are pleased to announce that tickets are on sale now for the 2023 [Boarders' Fashion Parade](#) on **Friday 12 May** and we would love to see you there!

**Friday 12 May 2023**

**7.00pm to 10.00pm (Doors open at 6.30pm)**

**Wilderness School Gymnasium**

[Buy your tickets now!](#)

Tickets are \$30 per adult (with a complimentary drink on arrival) and \$15 per student (with a complimentary non-alcoholic drink on arrival). Tables of 10 can be purchased for \$250.

This special event will showcase our boarders modelling some of South Australia's best boutique fashion labels, including RM Williams, Bullrush, Binny, Iris & Wool, Yellow Bird, Salubrious Hour, One Rundle, Lonely Goat, Scarlett Bird, Kira Bayliss Clothing and Daisy Says.

The Boarding House aims to raise \$6000 for the Wilderness Bahadure Boarding House in Nepal through this annual event.

During the evening, we have plenty of ways that you can support our fundraising efforts including:

- **Raffle:** Tickets can be purchased from our girls throughout the night – 3 tickets for



\$5

- **Live & Silent Auctions:** Including accommodation and dining vouchers
- **The Neon Bar:** All proceeds from sales at the bar go directly to our fundraising efforts on the night.

Many of our featured brands will also have stalls set up for guests to purchase directly from them throughout the evening.

Ticket sales close on **Thursday 7 May** unless sold out prior.

### Callout for Raffle and Auction Items

Our Boarding House community is calling on the generosity and enthusiasm of our wider Wilderness community to support this year's Fashion Parade. We are seeking donations of auction and raffle items to support our fundraising efforts. This annual event allows us to maintain our commitment to the ongoing support of Nepalese girls who attend the Wilderness Bahadure Boarding School.

Should you wish to donate an item for our raffle or auction, please email Bronwen Pluck by **Monday 24 April**.

