PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank the school community for your support and the staff for their commitment to our school priorities in improving the learning outcomes of our students.

This term we have focused on celebrating the many accomplishments and achievements of our students. The Year 12 Graduation and Awards Evening was held on Wednesday 25 November. It was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge the achievement of our Year 12 Graduates in completing their SACE and also to recognise and celebrate the achievement, creativity, talent and leadership of our Years 8-12 students across all three campuses. The winners of the awards will be published in our 2015 Year Book.

The Year 10 students have been involved in presenting their Personal Learning Plan to a panel and in the last week of term our Year 8 and 9 students will be involved in Round Table Presentations where they will present their years’ work to a panel of teachers, peers and parents or caregivers.

Last week our annual Special Education Campus Concert was held at the school and it was fantastic to have so many of our parents and caregivers join us. It was a lot of fun.

Presentation Assemblies will be held in the last week of term to celebrate the academic achievement of our students in the Girls’ and Co-Education Campuses and to farewell our School Leavers in the Special Education Campus. On the last day we will hold a very special whole school assembly to present the final acts of the Roma’s Got Talent competition and to present the Excellence, Community and

I would like to thank the staff who are completing their contact positions with us, and make special mention of Carol McIaughlin, who is retiring, Delia Krcmarov and Jovan Vujinovic who are leaving to take up positions in other schools. We thank them for their dedication to our school over the years and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

I wish you a safe and happy holiday.

Sandy Richardson
Principal

CURRICULUM REPORT

The last few weeks of our year have continued to be busy and productive. Our year 11 students have started their year 12 Studies with excitement and purpose. Our younger students are completing final assignments and preparing and delivering their Round Table discussions. Our teachers are continuing their collaborative planning of units of work in readiness for next year’s classes.

Our Middle Years’ teachers were delighted to receive some extremely positive feedback from the International Baccalaureate Organisation this week. Our school and many others across the world were invited to submit units of work to be evaluated for a Quality Curriculum Program. Roma Mitchell Secondary College was congratulated on “the significant progress made in a short time implementing the IB Middle Years conceptual framework.” Among other positive feedback it was noted that our teachers demonstrated their abilities to implement a variety of strategies to differentiate learning and offer opportunities for a diverse range of learners” The feedback in the report will help us prepare for a major evaluation of our teaching and learning, to take place in March next year.

Our teachers are also finalising Term Four reports and these will be sent home in the last week of term. All students will receive a draft timetable of their subjects for 2016 by the end of term and their 2015 Roma Mitchell Secondary College Yearbook will be given out on the last day of term. Year 12 students can pick their Yearbook up after lunch on Friday 11 December from their Campus front office. I wish you all a relaxing and fun holiday with your families. Please don’t hesitate to contact me on 81614600 if you have any queries or concerns.

Karen Fitzpatrick
Deputy Principal

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EDUCATION

We would like to welcome and acknowledge the support from our tutors, Stirling and Mark to the Aboriginal Education Team in Term 4. They have been supporting our students in Years 8, 9 10 and 11 throughout the term.

In Week 3 a group of our students had the opportunity to attend the Tauondi College Open Day. The students were able to find out information about support services and information about future pathways ranging from animal handling to hospitality. Students also had the opportunity to participate in valuable cultural activities including spear throwing and weaving. Students commented on how much they enjoyed themselves and appreciated the opportunity to attend such a significant community event.

Students Jayden Tong and Craig Sansbury taking part in the spear throwing at the Tauondi College Open Day in Week 3.

In Term 4 Year 9 and 10 students have participated in AIME sessions at UniSA Mawson Lakes. The final session on Friday of Week 5 was a celebration for all of the students who have been involved with the program.

Special mention and congratulations to Year 10 student, Tayla Haining who was successful in obtaining an Arts Internship with AIME and has recently had more of her art work selected to be used on AIME merchandise.
Tayla’s Artwork chosen by AIME for her Internship earlier this year.

The Aboriginal Education Team has been busy visiting Year 7 students who will be starting at Roma Mitchell Secondary College in 2016. In Week 6 13 students attended our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Transition Day. Students enjoyed creating a personalized key ring in a Systems Technology lesson and making healthy hamburgers in a Food Technology lesson held in the Commercial Kitchen. Thanks to Ms. Warnes and Ms. Overell for giving the Year 7 students the opportunity to experience two different elective subjects on the day. We are looking forward to seeing our Year 7 students again in 2016.

In Week 7 we celebrated the achievements of our Year 12 students and on behalf of the Aboriginal Education Team we would like to wish Kaitlin, Tiare, Shannon, Aidan and Bek all the very best with their careers and further study that they plan to undertake in the future.

An event that students attended in Week 7 was the Career Walk held at Kaurna Plains School. Students who attended the day and were able to gain valuable information regarding future pathways as well as participate in a range of activities arranged by each of the training providers. Some of the activities involved industries such as Construction, Hair and Beauty, Emergency Services, Health Sciences, Automotive, Land Management and Conservation and Hospitality.

Our Aboriginal Parent meeting will be held on Tuesday of Week 9 starting at 5pm. We look forward to celebrating the hard work of our students, families and staff throughout 2015 at this event.

Sarah Afshin Pour
Aboriginal Education Co-ordinator

SPECIAL EDUCATION CAMPUS

On 13 November we held our Special Education Campus Leavers Dinner at the Mawson Lakes Hotel and Function Centre. The event was exceptionally well supported by all members of the school community and the facilities certainly added to the sense of occasion. Conversations about the event had dominated the conversations of our senior students for a number of weeks. The journey of every student during their time at Roma Mitchell Secondary College was told through a collage of photographs that were expertly crafted into a power point by Paul Simpson. Many students were mesmerized by the images of their growth and enthusiastically shared stories and memories with their caregivers. The venue also offered the students the opportunity to mingle with their peers and show off their carefully chosen clothes and impressive dance moves. The speeches by Vicky Quan and Nathaniel Stanley were both well written and impressively presented. Both speeches delivered a message of appreciation and fond memories coupled with a genuine sense of achievement. I would like to express my thanks to the staff who freely gave their time to organise this key date in our calendar. The students truly entered into the spirit of the evening and contributed significantly to the sense of occasion. Whilst there is always a degree of
sadness at these events as we begin the series of farewells which mark the end of the high school years there is also a sense of celebration. For many of the students it was an occasion to thank those around them for support and also share their anticipation of the next chapter as they prepare for their chosen post-school options.

Term four is always a busy time of year as we prepare to farewell our leavers and prepare for the new challenges and beginnings of the following year. Amidst all of this change it is important that we remember to celebrate both the individual and collective achievements of a remarkable group of young people. During the graduation evening on 25 November we were given the opportunity to celebrate the individual achievements of students who have excelled in the fields of progress, endeavour and citizenship. During the closing weeks of the year we will also be distributing medals from both the ‘Premier’s Be Active Challenge’ and the ‘Premier's Reading Challenge’. Whilst participation is in itself the reward we were especially pleased to have our student’s achievements recognised by the Premier’s office.

On Wednesday 25 November a very successful Graduation and Awards evening was held. During the evening awards were presented to our year 12 students. On behalf of the Roma Mitchell Secondary College community I would like to thank the year 12 class of 2015 for their contribution to the school and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

As this is our final newsletter of the year I would like to thank all of the students from special education classes across all three campuses for their excellent contributions to our end of year concert which included a diverse array of performances, presentations, and stunning artwork. Our last community event of the year will be the Leavers Assembly which will be held on 10 December at 1:45pm. All parents/caregivers are welcome to attend as we celebrate the achievements of our class of 2016 and wish them the best for the next stage of the journey. Finally I would like to wish all of our students and their caregivers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Andrew Gilsenan-Reed
Head of Campus

CO-EDUCATION CAMPUS SENIOR YEARS

It has been an exciting and busy term 4 for year 10, 11 and 12 students. I am really proud of how students have approached their learning in a positive manner and have been really amazing in their achievements, including academic success, sport and service to the school.

Year 12 Final Assembly, Excursion to Greenhill’s Adventure Park, Graduation & Awards Evening

A whole school assembly was held on Friday 30 October to officially farewell and wish year 12 students well in their exams and in the completion of all other assigned tasks. Year 12 Prefects and SRC students were also acknowledged for their work throughout the year. After the assembly the year 12 students chose to visit the Greenhill’s Adventure Park at Victor Harbor, so that they could engage in a range of physical activities to mark the occasion. This was an informal event that was organised to involve all students in a more relaxed activity.

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Campus Assembly

A campus assembly was held on 4 November to provide information to year 10 and 11 students and celebrate their achievements. Year 11 SRC students Christian Lysandrou and Kira Parkin hosted this assembly. The program for the assembly included:

- Kaurna Acknowledgement by year 10 student, Zak Pink
- School Choir students Laura Booth, Amber Carter, Caitlyn Chandler and Charlotte Coley performing the National Anthem
- Senior School report presented by Pepe Bouzalas
- Music item Playing Stiches by Sea Mendas performed by year 11 students Jessic Rowe, Emma Talabini, Laura Booth and Shari Tolcher
- Sports report provided by Phil Hernes
- Music item Hey ya by Outcast performed by year 11 students Logan Muldoon and Chloe Dziego

PLP Round Table Discussions

Year 10 students completed their Personal Learning Plan (PLP) round table discussion task on Friday 13 November. The PLP subject supports our student’s plan for their future, including the subjects they will study in years 11 and 12. Students discussed their work and reflections on learning’s with confidence to teachers and parents.
I would like to thank the students, staff and parents who participated in this valuable curriculum activity.

**Mid Term Snapshot Grades**

Our weekly pastoral care lessons provide students with the opportunity to consolidate their learning. Recently our students received their mid term snapshot grades and then worked with their care group and subject teachers to discuss and develop strategies to improve their end of term grades.

**Year 11 Exams and Year 11 to Year 12 Transition Program**

Year 11 students have completed their end of year exams and teachers provided the opportunity to review assessment tasks and exams. Year 11 students commenced year 12 on Monday 30 November. Students will benefit greatly from having an additional two weeks to complete their year 12 courses. It gives students a head start for the challenge of year 12. To support students in this transition from year 11 to year 12 a whole day excursion was organised on Friday 27 November for students to visit University SA, Mawson Lakes Campus. Students participated in year 12 matters and study skills seminars. Reza Ali Bakhsh (2014 graduate) was invited and provided inspirational information about managing year 12. In the afternoon students were involved in team building activities and campus tours. Feedback received from evaluation forms completed by students at the end of the day was very positive, including comments about how the seminars and activities were really useful and relevant.

Providing opportunities for students to develop their capabilities so that they are successful in gaining employment, training or entry into University or TAFE is important. Thank you to parents for providing ongoing support throughout the year. The partnership between home and school continues to make a positive difference in the learning outcomes for students.

**Pepe Bouzalas**
**Head of Senior Years**
**Co-Education Campus**

**CO-EDUCATION CAMPUS MIDDLE YEARS**

**Middle School Assembly**

Last Wednesday we had our Middle School assembly for this term. At this assembly Year 9 student Abbie Mortimer introduced each of the items and the highlights included:

- A music item by Shari Tolcher and Year 8 Co-Education student Mollie Gill who performed "Payphone".
- Mr Lindsay and Ms Mangla introduced and presented certificates to award winners in the Australian Maths Competition.
- Mr Phil Hernes presented a pictorial summary of School Sport for 2015.
- Jacob Williams is playing "Megalovania" (mega-love-uh-nia).

**AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION AWARDS**

**WINNERS**

**Year 9**
- **Prudence Award** - Angus Adams
- **Distinction** - Hannah Smith, James Colangelo
- **Credit** - Kye Richardson, Matthew Duggan, Sukhwinder Singh, Dlipreet Singh, Cameron Dziego, Shontell Kerr-Waton, Aatif Sunasra, Hossain Karimi, Khushi Jadhav, Angus Adams, Jackie Thai and James Waldon

**Year 8**
- **Distinction** - Wilondia Kasikile, San Dihn, Vincent Ta
- **Credit** - Ria Ermac, Justin Nguyen, Devansh Patel, Nina-Savannah Iddrisu, Stacie Casoyla, Kira Fitchner, An Le, Winni Wong, Mitchell Price, Jayden Tong, Liam Heffernan

A further 29 students received **Proficiency Awards** and 19 received **Participation Awards**

**Year 7 Transition Day Visit**

On Friday 20 November more than 180 Year 7 students participated in a Transition day visit. On the day students participated in tours of the school, had their photographs taken for ID cards, participated in demonstration lessons, completed a short abstract reasoning test and viewed a performing arts presentation from senior students performing dance, drama and music items. We provided the students with recess and lunch and introduced them to key personnel who will work with them next year. Please see below some of the photographs from the day.
Year 7 Mentor helpers cooking the BBQ lunch for students

Year 7 students participating in different sporting events

Year 9 Aquatics Day at West Lakes Aquatic Centre
On Friday 20 November all of the Year 9 students took part in a visit to West Lakes Aquatic Centre. On the day they participated in a range of different activities that included beach games, kayaking, canoeing, windsurfing and sailing.

Amber Carter and Caitlin Chandler displaying their paddling skills and enjoying the day

Kye Richardson, Jackie Thai, Aatif Sunasra, Christopher Nisbett, Dilpreet Singh, Diana De Paz all displaying their ‘dry land’ technique

Darryl Ashby
Head of Campus

GIRLS’ EDUCATION CAMPUS
On Thursday 19 November all year 9 Girl’s Campus students attended a day of Aquatic instruction at West Lakes Aquatic Centre. The girls were split into groups of seven and engaged in two activities each. The activities included surfing, kayaking, sailing and snorkelling. Throughout the day the girls enjoyed being out and about in the sun while getting to know other students from different schools.

Surfing included learning how to stay balanced on the board and we were taught what to do in case an emergency ever occurred while at the beach and how to protect the people around us and ourselves.

Personally our favourite activity was kayaking. This tested our teamwork skills and upper body strength. We had to form a raft with the fellow kayakers. While doing this we discussed the reasons why people form rafts and how to stay safe if we were ever to go on a kayaking trip with friends.

Although we did not get to participate in sailing the other students said that it was lots of fun and they enjoyed learning how to control the boat by raising certain flags and how the wind direction can affect the boat.

Students that engaged in the snorkelling got to see many different types of fish and view the different species living under the water. They were given the opportunity to feed the fish and also get up close to the ducks above the water.
Overall the students learned a lot about safety around the water and how to handle emergencies and different situations that could occur. It was a fun day filled with lots of laughing and smiling. Hopefully the girls get to go back there one day and do it all over again!

Anna White
Year 9 Student

Congratulations to the following student for their awards:

Award of Excellence, Spanish, Year 12: Arissa Robles-Rangel
Award of Merit, Arabic Year 8: Kheiria Sulaiman
Award of Merit, Punjabi Year 9: Sanjampreet Kaur,
Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement, Vietnamese, Year 12: Hien Thu Thi Nguyen

Congratulations to all these students for their hard work throughout 2015.

The School of Languages now offers 26 languages for students to study in after school lessons in a range of schools around the metropolitan area. At Roma Mitchell there have been classes in Hindi, Arabic, and Vietnamese and in some years Persian has been offered.

Next year the School of Languages is going to be offering Kirundi and Kaurna for the first time so if there are students at Roma Mitchell Secondary College who would like to study these languages after school we can check to see where it will be offered. Please see Ms Falk in the Co-Education Campus or your student counsellors for the information booklets about School of Languages courses. You can also contact Ms Clelland in the Girls’ Education Campus or go to the School of Languages web site for further information.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION NIGHT

Children's University (CU) is a program that we have been running here at Roma Mitchell Secondary College during Semester 2. It is an extra curricular activity that involves Year 8 students tracking their extra learning outside the structured classroom timetable. It has been an opt in program and currently we have 36 participants across the Co-Educational and Girls’ Education Campus’. 

On Thursday 19 November 3 of our CU participants were involved in a formal Graduation Ceremony at Bonython Hall at Adelaide University along with nearly 100 other students from metropolitan primary and high schools. Emily Luckhurst, Amber Elvin and Alice Uwimana were awarded with the Bronze certificate for earning 30 hours of extra learning. This is a tremendous effort considering that we only started part way through the year. Next year we anticipate that we'll have much larger Roma Mitchell representation. Well done to our CU students!

LANGUAGE AWARDS

On Tuesday evening the School of Languages had a presentation night where students from primary and secondary schools were celebrated for their achievements in their language studies.
For the last newsletter for the year, I thought I might report on the highlights for the year in regards to achievements by the SSP Cycling students, mostly in Secondary School Sport SA (SSSSA) competitions.

The first event for the year was the SSSSA Triathlon championships at West Lakes. In the team category, our three boys Toby Mills swimming, Albert Beauchamp cycling and Braden Porter took out 2nd place in the under 19 competition.

Next up was the SSSSA Time Trial Championships held at Adelaide Raceway. In the under 17 girls competition, Madison Warlow came in 2nd, and Kahlia Dalfsen was 3rd. In the under 19 boys Albert Beauchamp came in 3rd.

Following this was the SSSSA Cycling Tour, 2 days and 4 stages. The best-performed Roma Mitchell student was Matthew Holland. He was wearing the leaders yellow jersey after Stage 3, but found the hills a little tough in Stage 4, dropping back to second overall, still an outstanding result. Another top performance came from Brayden Porter in Stages 3 and 4, which took him to Fourth in C grade. In the battle for champion school, Roma Mitchell was equal fourth, once again a great result.

In the SSSSA Mountain Bike Challenge at Craigburn Farm, the U19 team of Albert Beauchamp, Daniel Chiuchiolo and Braden Porter came in 3rd place in the teams competition, two and a half hours of cross country racing on a grueling, hilly course.

Testing continues to chart our own student’s progress on the indoor bike over 2000 metres and 500 meters. Over the year a number of school records were set. Over 2,000 metres records were set by Sean Boyle (year 8), Braydon Porter (year 10) and Albert Beauchamp (year 11). Over 500 metres records were set by Sean Boyle (year 8), Lei Gu (year 10), Madison Warlow (year 10 girls) and Jaaron Fishlock (year 11). Congratulations to all of the SSP Cyclists, not all have managed to get these rewards, they can all be champions with perseverance.

Megan Butterick
House Co-ordinator

SPORTS NEWS

Specialist Sport Cycling

Talent 4 Tokyo

The Talent Search Campaign is starting for the build up to the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Talent 4 Tokyo aims to identify high school students with the right physiological attributes that are required for success in elite level sport, and provide these students with the opportunity to reach their full potential.

We are proud to announce that Moses Kwead has been selected by SASI and is in the process of training in this elite athlete environment.

Everyone at Roma Mitchell Secondary College wishes him the best.

Dave Gomer
Coach

Talent 4 Tokyo

Gennaro Polvere
PE Teacher
LIBRARY NEWS

The Library team would like to thank all those staff, students and volunteers for supporting the Library this year as we endeavoured to update resources to meet the increasing needs of student learning.

From weeding old books to purchasing new books, enlightening displays and upgrading our Library system Oliver to accommodate databases. These databases include access to World Book, Clickview and Symbaloo. Please go online and search for Symbaloo; you will be surprised how it can save you time and organise your life and the best thing is that it is free!

Please ensure that all textbooks are returned before the end of term, so that they will be available for next year’s students to borrow at the beginning of Term 1 2016. Keen readers are still able to borrow novels for their holiday reading.

Next Thursday, 10 December at Lunchtime, Mr Evans will be reading Christmas stories from around the world. Our last display for the year is based around the ‘History of the Christmas Tree’ and students helped build a Christmas tree with books.

Season greetings to all and have a safe and happy holiday.

“To build up a library is to create a life. It’s never just a random collection of books.”
Carlos Maria Dominguez

Peter Evans
Teacher Librarian

FINANCE NEWS

2016 Materials & Services Fee Paying Day/School Card/Instalment Applications

When: Monday 25 January 2016 10:00am – 6:00pm
Where: Roma Mitchell Secondary College, Co-Education Student Services Building 7 (Red Building).

Services Available
Payment Options: Via Cash, Cheque or Credit Card, Direct Debit
Instalment Applications: Materials and Services Charges/Uniform can be arranged to be paid by instalments. School Card: School Card applications for 2016 can be filled out and lodged on this day. Please remember that School Card must be applied for each year.

Totally Schoolwear
Totally Schoolwear will be closed from 12pm on 19 December 2016 and will reopen on 4 January 2016.

Shop 24, Clovercrest Plaza, 429 Montague Road, Modbury North, SA, 5092
Phone: 8396 6465
Opening times: Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm and Saturday's 9am to 12noon.

Rachael Wieland
Business Manager

YOURTUTOR

At Roma Mitchell Secondary College we have a homework support program known as “YourTutor”, where students have access to free online tutoring, after school. This online only service is provided by Yourtutor (yourtutor.com.au), and our school is sponsoring this program for 2015 and 2016.

Parents have said it can be stressful trying to help with their child’s homework, whether it is Maths, English, or Science. With ‘YourTutor’, a little help for your child is only a click away. All tutors are teachers or university experts are thoroughly screened and trained to ensure only the best make it into the network. There is a strict and ‘no answers’ policy, students are taught to think for themselves.
Students can also access SkillsBuilder, which offers thousands of practice questions in Maths, Science and English.

No appointments are needed, and no travel is necessary. Your child simply logs in online and gets help when they are stuck. Students can connect live to a tutor 3pm - 10pm, Sunday – Friday, or upload a writing draft for feedback within 24 hours, any time.

Yourtutor will be open during the Christmas school holidays for students to access. This will be very beneficial for our current Year 9 students who are working on their Personal Project and the Year 12 students who are working on their assignments and investigations.

Opening hours over the Christmas break may vary.

Hung Doan
Senior Leader

CONTACT INFORMATION

The school office is open between 8.30am and 4.00pm each school day. Our friendly staff will help you with any questions or queries.

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CHANGES TO ADELAIDE METRO PUBLIC TRANSPORT ACROSS METROPOLITAN ADELAIDE

On 26 January 2016, the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) and service providers will be making changes to Adelaide Metro public transport services in the metropolitan area.

Some dedicated and regular bus services will be affected and therefore it is important that students obtain information regarding these changes from the Adelaide Metro website at www.adelaidemetro.com.au from early January 2016.

As part of the changes, DPTI will once again conduct a public awareness campaign closer to the implementation date. This will include media advertising including radio traffic reports, information from the Adelaide Metro website and the roll out of detailed customer information through timetables and kerbside information at affected bus stops and tram stations.

Information will also be available via the Adelaide Metro InfoLine 1300 311 108 and the Adelaide Metro Info Centres at the corner of Currie and King William Streets and the Adelaide Railway Station, North Terrace, open 7 days a week.