I would like to welcome our new Year 11 students and their parents to the Senior Campus family. Year 11 has made a great start to the senior years after a very successful transition week in Term 4 2015. Also welcome back to Year 12. They have hit the ground running. With a term of Year 12 already under their belt they have an excellent understanding of the rigours of Year 12. There are many exciting challenges ahead.

2016 has started and the holidays are a distant memory. It has been a sad start to 2016 for our Senior Campus community with the passing of Eddie Kweka – Year 12 2015. These times bring out the real sense of community and caring in our school. Eddie will be missed by all those who knew him.

Any new year brings changes to staff and 2016 is no exception. I would like to welcome Jerryn Biles (Special Ed), Damien Wood (TAS), Nathan Jones (PDHPE), Rob Lockett (English), Graham Black (HT HSIE) and in a temporary capacity John Setz (Maths) and Rose Davis-Nel (English). The enthusiasm they have brought to Senior Campus augers well for the year ahead.

Senior Campus would also like to welcome Suzie Foran to the team as she will be the deputy for Year 11 2016. Marisha Blanco will continue as the deputy principal for Year 12. Year 11 Year advisors are Gaylene Lemon and Damian Wood with the Year 12 Year Advisors being Lisa Wilson and Mitchell Paterson. 2016 has also seen changes to our executive. Bonita Stevens (HT Special Ed) has returned to Senior Campus after two years at South, Rebecca May has taken on HT PDHPE/Skilled/College Sport, Jessica Schulte has been appointed Head Teacher Administration and Graham Black has joined us as HT HSIE.

I would like to congratulate Year 12 2015 on the results they have achieved in the HSC and especially our dux for 2015 Elijah Stanger-Jones. The 2015 cohort more than doubled the number of Band 6s from the previous year and we also saw a large increase in Band 5s. The PDHPE results were impressive with some great personal bests. Congratulations should go to all students and staff. Well done.
Congratulations also go to our Vice Captain Amberlilly Gordon. Amberlilly has won the prestigious Nanga Mia award for Outstanding Achievement in Performing and Visual Arts - a great achievement. We are very proud of Amberlilly especially as this is the second year in a row that this State award has come to Senior Campus.

The annual Senior Campus Swimming Carnival was a very successful day. The day started with the Year 12 boat race. There was a variety of crafts that entered the race, but the most successful boat was manned by Abbie Merritt, Jonte Board, Ashleigh Willis, Cameron Astill and Aiden Shields.

For the competitive swimming events, there were three records broken. Two of these were by Olivia Watmore for 50m breaststroke and 50m backstroke. The other record was broken by Billy Munn for the 50m breaststroke.

The age champions were:

16 yr Boys: Billy Munn
16 yr Girls: no swimmers
17yr Boys: Jarrod White
17yr Girls: Olivia Watmore
18yr Boys: Connor Stewart
18yr Girls: Ashleigh Williams
For the first time in a number of years the Champion House was Yaradaroo (Green) with 376 points, followed by Briganera (Red) 259, Macoolari (Blue) 237 and Parayong (Yellow) 165.

The carnival finished with touch football, volleyball, water hockey and the water slide. Well done to all participants on a great day.

The P&C meet on the first Monday of every month at 6pm in the boardroom in A block. The next meeting will be the AGM in March. They would love to see new members, especially from our new Year 11 cohort, to help continue the great work they do.

We are looking forward to a great 2016 and if the first couple of weeks are any indication, 2016 will meet those expectations. Welcome back everyone.

Andrew Jones
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