



# Adelaide Secondary School of English

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## Newsletter

## Term 2, 2023



This term we say goodbye to 118 students who will be transitioning to mainstream high schools. Many of these students have been studying at Adelaide Secondary School of

English (ASSoE) for more than a year and are now ready to commence their high school journey at their local zone school.

These students have had time to reflect on their experiences at ASSoE and on how much their literacy and numeracy skills have improved. COVID-19 had an impact on many students and in particular, on their ability to engage in face to face learning in Australia. However, having families once again attend graduation assembly this term will always remain a positive memory and a lovely way to celebrate the end of their learning journey at ASSoE.

Apart from visits to their new schools, a Transition forum for exiting students was organised by the Student Wellbeing team. 12 former students were invited to ASSoE to share their thoughts and to provide some tips on how to be successful in their new high schools.



In term 2, students had opportunities to participate in a range of whole school events and celebrations such as the Reconciliation Week BBQ, organised by the Student Representative Council (SRC), and our Refugee Week and student achievement assembly.

Our guest speaker was Sabiha Shaikh, who spoke of her experiences of moving to a new country.

Several students were finalists in the Refugee Week poster competition, organised by the Australian Migrant Resource Centre, with their work being displayed at the Adelaide Festival Centre Gallery. We also had SRC members participate in a leadership workshop facilitated by the Australian Refugee Association during



Refugee Week.

A highlight of our Reconciliation Week activities was the launch of our ASSoE acknowledgement of country video clip, featuring several students speaking in their first language and acknowledging Aboriginal Australians as the first care-takers of the land, seas, skies and rivers of Australia. Some students also had the opportunity to compete in the Multicultural Power Cup football carnival as part of Reconciliation week activities.

In closing, I would like to remind families that as of term 3 the new mobile phone policy and procedures will be introduced at ASSoE, a copy of which was sent to all families. This means that students will need to have phones and digital devices off and away during the school day in the classroom lockers provided, and families will need to contact the school via the Front Office should they need to give a message to their children.

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Principal*



### School Representative Council (SRC)

Helen Connolly, Commissioner for Children and Young People visited the school in week 4 to talk to the SRC and ask questions such as what an ideal school day would look like and what they miss about school in their home country. She also asked about what students liked to do in their spare time and what was important to them. She will use this information to advocate for young people from non-English speaking backgrounds.



## Cultural Workshop

On 14<sup>th</sup> June, sixteen African students attended a workshop organised by Ms Catherine Troup, who is the Cultural Liaison Project Officer for African Women's Federation of SA (AWFOSA). The workshop focused on Young Women's Health. It was a great opportunity for the students to connect with the AWFOSA and African culture, and learn about the health issues affecting them. The students viewed videos, made bracelets and participated in writing and drawing activities. The girls found the workshop very useful and provided positive feedback for the presenters. AWFOSA also donated a book to the school library.

Ms Fandi Ji (Master of Social Work Student)



## Recycling

In Term 2 as part of their community service project, students in classes 11AA2 and 15AA2 wanted to improve the school's awareness of recycling and reducing the recyclable waste going to landfill from the ASSoE. To educate themselves on how to reduce waste, students went to the local Material Recovery Facility to learn about how the contents of the kerbside recycling bins are sorted and recycled. While at the plant, students learnt about correct recycling methods and how to appropriately recycle daily household plastics, glasses and metals. The excursion was informative, fun and a great experience for the students!

Ms Sunitha McCarey



## Our Graduation Celebration

On Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, our class travelled by bus to Chinatown where we enjoyed an interesting experience tasting Uyghur food and Chinese herbal and milk tea at Urumqi.

Before lunch, we strolled and browsed through the Central Markets and luckily met a kind Lebanese lady who offered us all a sample of Turkish delight. Gratefully, those who chose to buy some also received a discount when purchasing. At lunch, since the food was extremely spicy for some of us, we consumed 11 litres of water. Interestingly, the waitress who served us had been a student at ASSoE in 2019. It really was delightful communicating with each other at two large round tables. Therefore, we are very thankful to Miss Fandi for her efforts in organising the delicious meal for us and for joining us on this special occasion. As well, it was lovely having Jamie, our pre-service teacher, with us.

Back in Gouger Street after we had eaten our lunch,

we bought ice-creams which were wonderfully sweet. As most of us have mixed feelings about leaving the school at the end of this term, this excursion was bittersweet.

Class 3TA2



## Community Service

This term, class 28AA1 and class 12AB2 went to the aged care centre in West Lakes. We went there for our community service.

We chatted with the old people and they were so happy meeting us, and we were so happy meeting them as well.

There was a lot of fun going on.

I felt very happy I went to the aged care centre because it made me learn some new things that I didn't know about Australia and also it made me feel brave about talking to strangers.

Sekou Sheriff (class 28AA1)



## Celebrating Reconciliation Week - 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023



### One and All

During May and June several of our students were fortunate to attend the adventure of their lives on the *One and All*, a replica sailing tall ship, sponsored by various Rotary Clubs. The students sailed in a group of 24 young people, supported by the ship's crew, for seven days either to or from Melbourne and Adelaide. They often sailed in heavy seas, overnight and spent time exploring the coastline of Kangaroo Island. On the boat they worked in teams to operate the ship, including cleaning, cooking, raising or lowering the sails, navigating and other duties. The *One and All* sailing adventure supports young people to develop leadership, practical and teamwork skills and all of the students found the experiences a challenge - including having to cope with sea sickness and being away from their families for the first time. We would like to thank all of the many Rotary clubs around Adelaide who sponsored our students to attend these magnificent journeys. The students who attended the *One and All* trips were:

#### From Adelaide to Melbourne

- Khatirah Gulistani – class 8PT
- Zainab Faizi – class 8PT
- Rohullah Afzali – class 13PT
- Denys Motsarenko – class 34AC
- Kwir Biar – class 35TB

#### From Melbourne to Adelaide

- Esmatullah Giran – class 8PT
- Mohammad Gulistani – class 3TA2
- Naweed Haidary – class 3TA2

### Celebrating IDAHOBIT Day - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023



## Phones off while school's on



The State Government is banning mobile phones in all public high schools.

Adelaide Secondary School of English (ASSoE) has recently developed a *Mobile Phone and Personal Devices Policy* in line with the Department for Education's policy.

As from Term 3, all ASSoE students are required to turn off their devices and then store them in a locker during Homegroup. Devices will be retrieved at the end of the school day. Parents/caregivers are to communicate with students via the Front Office during school hours should the need arise.

A full version of the policy and non-compliance procedures are available on the school's website at [www.adsecenglish.sa.edu.au](http://www.adsecenglish.sa.edu.au)

### Term 3, 2023 Dates

- Monday 24/07/2023  
Student Free Day - NO school
- Tuesday 25/07/2023  
FIRST day of Term 3
- Thursday 31/08/2023  
Governing Council meeting
- Monday 04/09/2023  
School Closure - NO school
- Tuesday 05/09/2023  
Student Free Day - NO school
- Friday 29/09/2023  
Last day of Term 3

### Urrbrae Wetland Excursion

*My Name is Pranav Kumar and I am in class 9 at the Adelaide Secondary School of English. On June 5<sup>th</sup> 2023, we visited Urrbrae Wetland Learning Centre. It was opened to manage floodwater from the Adelaide Hills and give young people ecological and educational opportunities to see how water can be conserved, cleaned and create a place that can provide a healthy natural habitat for native animals.*

*Our instructor guided us through the wetland tour, showing us waste-collecting nets, water-slowing concrete walls, and water-cleaning macroinvertebrates. We also tested the water using various instruments to determine the amount of pollutants in the water. It was an intriguing and educational excursion for us. In the classroom we then constructed an inquiry report to show our findings.*

*Pranav Kumar (class 9AB1)*



### Victor Harbour

Many of our students rarely get an opportunity to leave Adelaide and explore some of the beautiful places within 2 hours drive of the metropolitan area. On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June our Transition and Post-Transition classes boarded coaches and travelled for an adventurous day-trip to Victor Harbor, about 1.5 hours south of Adelaide on the Fleurieu Peninsula. Around 120 students and teachers enjoyed the majestic views of the southern ocean, coastline and rainbows when they hiked to the top of the Bluff, and around the Granite island and the causeway in scenic Victor Harbor. Students also enjoyed hot potato chips on the foreshore for recess and had a memorable celebration for the end of their studies at ASSoE. *Mr Paul Coats*

