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These assessments we regularly do with students. The results of students who did the Year 7 test will be compared to the test they do this year in Year 9 to show progress over the past two years. The test dates are 12th, 13th and 14th of May. A ‘catch-up’ day will be provided for those students who are unable to sit the test on the test days. Reports will be provided in July. We will be working with each student to analyse their results and will use these to develop learning plans and set goals.

THEY OPPORTUNITIES CELEBRATES ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL TERM!

By Travis Wiese, Student Counsellor and Youth Opportunities trainer

Murray Bridge High School, in partnership with Youth Opportunities SA, has successfully run the Personal Leadership Programme for 33 Year 10 students throughout Term 1. This program is conducted for one day per week over the course of the term in an adult learning environment. Each Tuesday and Thursday, these students have been attending Murray Bridge TAFE to experience the many beneficial aspects of the program. Students initially apply to participate in the program through an interview, with successful applicants establishing goals relating to how they wish to grow and develop as an individual and a leader throughout the program.

Students then set about achieving their goals utilising stories and lessons conveyed via animated DVD lessons and facilitated discussion. While this is occurring within the group, individual students are taken out to receive one to one coaching to specifically tailor the program principles to the goals they have for their lives.

Students commence the program in many cases shy and inward and emerge as more confident and outgoing young adults. Many are bursting with promise, but lacking in direction, and come away with skills and desire to harness their ability and fulfil their potential.

The term culminated in the graduations held during Week 11, attended by the families and friends of the 33 graduates. The graduations were also attended by Murray Bridge High School staff and members of the community including Mr Sam Cozens from Murray Bridge Rotary Club. Rotary have been a staunch supporter of the Youth Opportunities Program, offering significant financial support, without which all of these students would not have been able to experience the growth and development brought forth by the program.

On behalf of the school and the students, our sincere thanks go out to the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge for this support.

Thinking of uni or TAFE?

University & TAFE Tertiary Information Evening for parents
Unity College
Wednesday 13 May 2009, 7.30 - 9 pm
All welcome. No registration required.

www.satac.edu.au/tie

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By Barb Quast, English/Literacy Coordinator and Ann Ruckert, Maths/Numeracy Coordinator

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WALA PERFORMANCE

On Wednesday, 8 April 2009 our school was fortunate enough to have a visiting performance by a Ghanian group called WALA.

With enthusiasm and talent they presented their captivating work 'The Spirit of Ghana'. This performance was available to all students at Murray Bridge High School.

WALA showcase a dynamic fusion of drumming, percussion and soaring vocal harmonies. With twenty hand made African drums, flutes and stunning costumes WALA engaged the students and teachers in a call and response song, invited them to try out different instruments and to join them in dance.

WALA means 'life' in their local language and the perfection of their name became clear as they exploded into a breathtaking celebration of the Ghanian spirit.

The performers in action.

Above: Geraldine Napier and Achol Deng danced to the beat.

Left: Staff and students joined the performers on stage. L-R: Mr Bobby Dillion, Geraldine Napier, Kyrra Collett and Jayden Wohfeil.

The students and teachers enjoyed every moment of this performance and look forward to future opportunities such as this.

BY ZARA LEHMAN, Arts Coordinator