LEADERSHIP DAY FOR INTERACT STUDENTS

On Tuesday, 4 August members of the Murray Bridge High School Interact Club, together with the school’s SAAC (Student Action and Advisory Committee) visited Adelaide to view both Government House and Parliament House. As leadership has been a focus for the Interact students this year the idea was for them to see (and experience) leadership at the highest level in the State.

Starting with a tour of Government House the students were in awe at not only the house and its furnishings but also the personal touches of the Governor and his wife. The tour guide ensured the students had a good understanding of the role of the Governor and a little knowledge about the history of South Australia and Government House itself.

From there the students crossed the road to experience Parliament House. Met by our local member, Adrian Pederick, we were firstly taken to Old Parliament House to hear a little about the history of parliament in South Australia as well as the role of our local member. We were then given the opportunity to sit in both the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council as Adrian explained the role of the two houses in the decision making process.

A trip to the Parliamentary Library completed a very informative tour. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the tour guide at Government House, and Adrian and his staff for helping us to organise the day and to show us around.

It gave us a clearer view about some aspects of leadership within the State.

That night the Interact students hosted the members of the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge for dinner in the school cafeteria. The Rotarians were able to enjoy an excellent meal prepared and served by the Year 12 Food and Hospitality students under the watchful eye of staff members Ruth Hicks and Roxanne Rowland. Following the meal the Rotarians moved to the Drama Workshop where they experienced the first public performance of Murray Bridge High School’s entry into the 2009 Rock Eisteddfod. Due to the size of the stage it was not possible for the students to perform with the magnificent sets that have been designed and painted by staff, students and helpers. However the elegant costumes designed and made by staff and students added to the colour of the production.

Members of the Interact Club would like to acknowledge the assistance given for the evening by the many people involved. To the Hospitality class for the meal, the school SSO’s for preparing the venue, Zara Lehmann, Leah Waye and Alex Kalloniatis for taking the time to work with the Rock Eisteddfod students on the evening (as well as all the students involved in the Rock Eisteddfod) we certainly appreciate your willingness to give up your time to assist us.

Finally to the members of the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge for their support of the Interact Club and for being prepared to work with us and to assist us, we say a very big thank you and look forward to working with you during President Peter McCulloch’s Rotary year. Tuesday, 4 August 2009 will certainly be a day that the members of the Interact Club can say they experienced many different avenues of leadership all in one day.


Above - Top: Adrian Pederick MP with students (back) Franziska Weitkamp, Renay Persello, (front) Caitlin Hobbs and Floyd Rehn in the House of Assembly. Middle: Krystall Gillespie, Kaitlyn Pfeiffer and Felicity Fulcher perform at the Rotary Club Dinner. Bottom: Jo Clark (teacher) with Xiuting Ren and Christine Xiao looking at a Chinese tapestry at Government House.
SUBJECT SELECTIONS FOR 2010 - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

By Lynton Hall, A/Deputy Principal

The process for Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 students to choose their subjects for next year is now beginning. On Monday 17th August, each student will have received the following:
- Curriculum Prospectus
- Subject Selection Sheet
- Information Sheet

In home classes in Year 10 and Year 11 students will have received a booklet containing information about the VET (Vocational Education and Training) courses on offer in this region in 2010. Between 17th - 20th August, students should work with parents/caregivers, Home Class teachers and subject teachers to make their subject selections for next year. Please speak at length with your child about the subjects they would like to study next year and assist them with filling out their subject selection sheet.

Completed subject selection sheets must be returned to Home Class teachers by Thursday 27th August. During the week commencing Monday August 17th, parents and caregivers will have received a letter from the school.

Included in this letter will be a notice containing further information about Subject Selection and Course Counselling for 2010.

TRUANCY

On occasions, students at our school have made the poor decision not to attend one or more scheduled lessons during the school day and have not had a valid reason for missing the lesson or lessons. This has involved a very small number of students. It is not acceptable practice at Murray Bridge High School.

Included in the letter that you have received will be a notice which will clarify the process that the school will follow with students who are truant from lessons or school. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with this process.

ROCK EISTEDDFOD CHALLENGE
ADELAIDE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
THURSDAY, 27 AUGUST 2009

The count down is on, with less than two weeks to go till the Adelaide Rock Eisteddfod Challenge held at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on Thursday 27 August. If you missed out on purchasing tickets at school, you still have the opportunity to purchase them through Ticketek at the same price of $35.00 (GST exempt). Please note the show now starts at 6:30pm (NOT 7pm)

- Event Adelaide Rock Eisteddfod Challenge and J-Rock
- Make sure you buy tickets for Thursday 27 August (Wednesday 26 is J-Rock only)
- You can either purchase them online, over the phone or at a Ticketek outlet (see website for list of outlets).
- Ticketek Call Centre 132 849.
- Tickets will be available at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre on the night, however we highly recommend that you pre-purchase them as it may sell out!
- Our students have worked very hard in preparation for this event and are looking forward to the big night. Please come along and support your student.
- We would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, parents and students for all the time and effort and the many hours that has been put into making costumes, sets and attending rehearsals. It is very much appreciated. We thank Tracy Bellamy, Sharon Binney, Phil Bond, Ruth Burr, Jo Clark, Sam Cozens, Phil Fitzsimons, Sean Hickey, Ruth Hicks, Deb Johns, Sandeep Kaur, Merilyn Klem, Darryl Klose, Melanie Koolmahie, Deb Lang, Sue Lord, Helen MacKay, Jane McLoughlin, Nina Miles, Arny Musager, Deb Nutty, Supriya Panjwani, Helen Partridge, Graham Peake, Ruth Shakes, Adam Sullivan, Lyn Watkins, Lyall Willis and Xing-mei Zhou.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, 27/9/09 – Rock Eisteddfod - Adelaide Entertainment Centre
Wednesday and Thursday, 2/9/09 and 3/9/09 – Subject Counselling 1.30 - 8.30pm
Friday, 4/9/09 – School Closure (Show Day)