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DISABILITY UNIT CO-ORDINATORS REPORT

As we come to the end of a great year in the Special Education Unit at Nuriootpa High School, let us celebrate some of the many achievements from 2017.

The introduction of various ability Maths and Literacy classes has seen an improvement in both of these areas for many of our students. Students are gaining confidence in their abilities whilst learning new skills.

The fantastic year 7 transition program lead by Ms Burton has seen our new Year 8's settled in and ready for High School.

The introduction of the Wushka Reading Scheme has assisted many students. They are now reading at a higher level and have improved their comprehension skills.

Continued involvement in a wide range of extra curricula activities for our students including pedal pux, camps and choir has been fantastic for student's individual interests.

Congratulations to the following students on their Service Awards: Domenic Viola (Choir), Kaleb Scott, Kiara Diotallevi, Joseph Munro (School Environs), Craig Shipway (SRC), Bradley Thomson (Transition Program) and Laura James who won the Barossa Co-op Mural Competition.

Eight of our Year 12's graduated High School to some sort of employment, whether open or supported. Well done to those students. Congratulations to Peta Roberts on winning the Barossa Enterprise Award for her outstanding commitment to her TAFE studies (Certificate 3 Allied Health).

It is with some sadness that we farewell Mr Conway who is moving to Greenock Primary for a year teaching the Year 5's and also Ms. Lisa Minopoulos who has been an invaluable asset to our Unit. We wish them both well in their new endeavours.

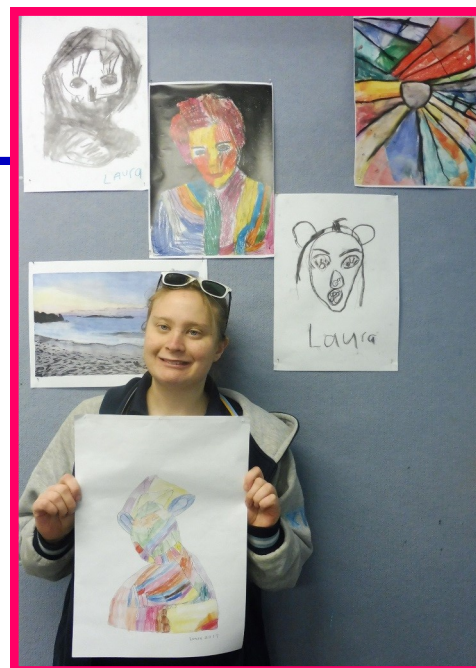
My thanks to the teaching and SSO staff for their ongoing commitment, dedication and passion to the students in the unit, often using their own time to ensure the students are achieving to their fullest potential.

We will start 2018 with 40 students in the Unit which is our limit, and look forward to welcoming our new Year 8's and watching them grow as they become more familiar with life at High School. The 2018 school year commences on Monday 29 January.

I wish everyone a safe and happy summer break and send the compliments of the festive season to all.

Peter Shute

Special Education Co-ordinator



Hello to all the Parents and Caregivers of the Unit students

I have enjoyed Semester Two this year. The students in all my classes have worked very hard to achieve my expectations of them both academically and socially. It was really good to see the year 12's graduate this term. They have become amazing adults, all waiting to make their mark on this world in some way. The classes have not been the same missing the usual banter in the mornings about general topics of interest or the way they would question educational tasks with a form of certainty that the argument they were giving was the only correct one.

The other students have worked well often completing work to a good standard. Most of our younger students have matured over this year. My maths and history classes have really started to act in a very mature way when dealing with their work or each other.

I have mixed emotions about announcing that I will be going to Greenock Primary School for a year. I will miss the students and staff of Nuriootpa High School but I am looking forward to having a year within a primary school setting. It will only be for a year so I should be back in 2019.

I hope you all have a safe and great Christmas.

Kind Regards

Bill Conway



BUSHGARDENS



LIBRARY





As part of our study of Food in different countries, we made 'lolly sushi' using rice bubbles, marshmallows and lollies....Yum....all gone!

We went on an excursion to the Whispering Wall, Big Rocking Horse and saw the Herbig Family Tree at Springton on the way home. The weather fined up for us, naps on the bus on the way home, a lovely day.
Sandy Maddock



Unit 2





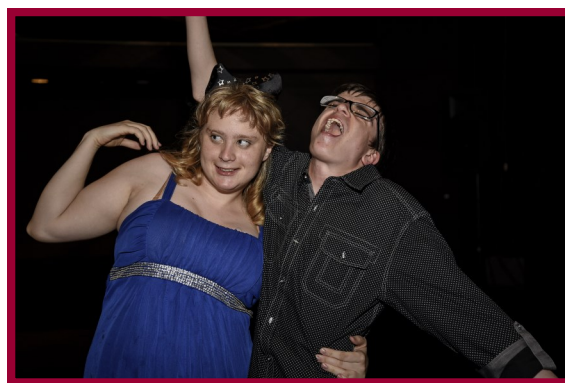


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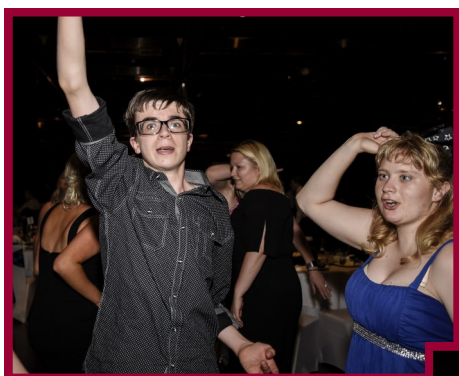


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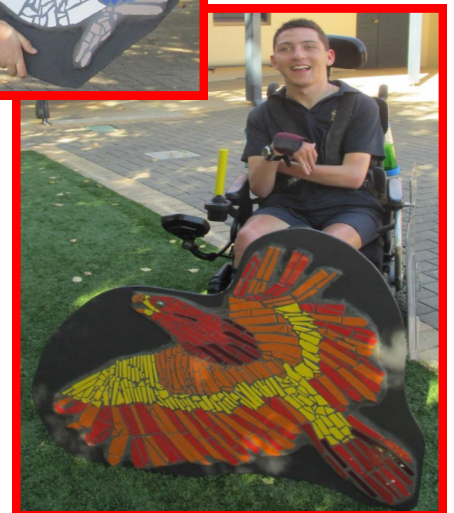
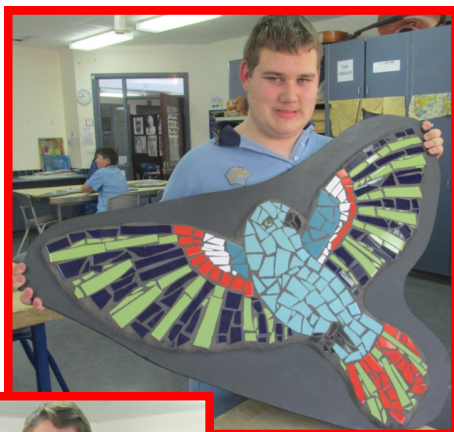


LEARNING UNIT MOSAIC



Congratulations to all students in the Visual Art Learning Unit Class 2017 on the completion of a group of mosaics titled "The Birds" recently installed in the south facing wall outside the Learning Unit. This group of colourful mosaics have been the result of hard work and a team effort by students, assisted by dedicated SSO staff. Their creative designs, skilful construction and expressive use of colour have produced these wonderful, lively mosaics. Students have had to learn and apply many skills in the creation and construction of their mosaics. These include designing techniques, colour selection, tile cutting and placement, managing tools and equipment, correct gluing techniques & grouting. These mosaics are a credit to all the Learning Unit students and staff whom have shown that with creativity, dedication and teamwork amazing things can be achieved. I would like to thank Marion Skarstrom, Lisa Minopoulos, Rachael Shute, Lindy Grigg, Shelley Mik & Leah Zimmermann for their ongoing support, team work, dedication and care towards each student and their work.

Ann Winters - Visual Art teacher



The year has ended very quickly!

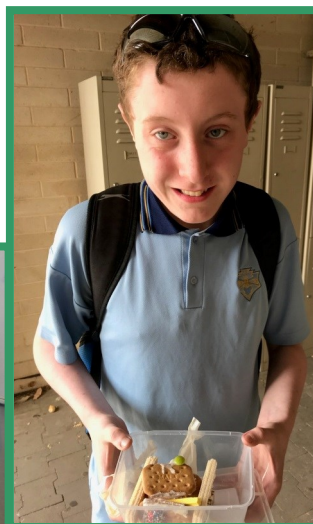
This term has been a busy one. Many students have finished up their Research Project work which they should be very proud of. A great achievement.

We have enjoyed helping Trent, the school gardener, with various jobs including weeding, pruning, tidying up and other tasks. The class were always very keen to work with Trent and have been very helpful in maintaining our school grounds.



The Unit 3 class enjoyed an excursion to the Connections Coffee Shop to experience being a customer and enjoying a light lunch. Several students have done work experience here during the year, so they were happy to return as a customer.

In literacy, we have been looking at Procedure writing. A regular task has been putting recipe instructions in the correct order. We then followed the recipes to make popcorn, chocolate brownies, cheese muffins and gingerbread houses. Everyone did a great job of these!



**Thanks for an enjoyable term!
I wish everyone a great Christmas, and hope you have a safe and relaxing holiday time with family and friends.
Leanne.**





NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL

During terms 2, 3 and 4 of 2017 I have been working in the NHS Disability Unit taking classes for Leanne Kitson. I have enjoyed the opportunity to get to know students better and work with them in developing their skills in Literacy, Business and Enterprise, and Research Project.

Research Project was the greatest challenge but also one of the most rewarding classes. We saw a couple of students create an excellent Research Project while almost all students at this stage have developed a solid and workable project they can be proud of. Our students face challenges with writing and composition which can be adjusted for and to some degree written evidence can be replaced with photographic evidence, but at the end of the day students have to consistently put in the effort to get a result. Our disability students are generally very good at this. They know they have to keep at things to get the job done and this is a real life skill for our learners.

I especially want to thank the SSO's I have worked with for their support and their readiness to learn something new. I have appreciated their insights and support. It is great to see Leanne back on deck.

I wish all the staff, students and families I have worked with a Blessed Christmas.
I hope to see some of
you next year at NHS.
Sincerely,
Stephen Radke



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

January School Holidays
Resource Centre

Monday 22 January 9:00am—3:00pm

Tuesday 23 January 9:00am—3:00pm

Wednesday 24 January 1:00pm—6:00pm

Term 1 Week 1 2018
Uniform Shop

Monday 29 January 8:30am—11:35am

I have enjoyed working with the staff, students and families of the Learning Unit during this successful and productive year.

It has been great to see the students flourish and I look forward to a fantastic year in 2018.

Regards

Tara Burton