Nelson wins the PAC Headmaster’s Award

KADINAS Nelson Ellis was presented the 2014 Headmaster's Award at the Prince Alfred College year 12 valedictory dinner on Thursday, October 23. The dinner was attended by 160 students and their families. Each student was presented to the 400-plus crowd and received mementos of their time at the school.

The prestigious Headmaster’s Award is for the year 12 student who best illustrates the character of a “Princes Man” who, through his own individual knowledge and skills, has made a significant contribution to the general community and the world.

During his three years at PAC, Nelson’s achievements include captain of Cotton House, boarding house prefect, editor of the Borealis, Herald, First XVIII football player, working voluntarily with younger dyslexic students, helping a boarder with learning difficulties, Cancer Council SA youth ambassador, co-captain of the boarders’ cricket side and an Auskick-coach.

Headmaster Bradley Fenner said he was very pleased to present the award to Nelson and wished him all the best for the future.

“Nelson has been a wonderful example to his peers, both in the day school and within the boarding community at Prince Alfred College,” Mr Fenner said.

“He has been a true leader and represented himself, his family and his college with pride, maturity and humility.”

HEADMASTER’S AWARD... Prince Alfred College headmaster Bradley Fenner congratulates Nelson Ellis on his award.

PHOTO: Festival City Photography

Royal visit to Wallaroo

WALLAROO Primary School students were treated to a visit from Christmas pageant royalty on Monday, October 27. The Credit Union Christmas Pageant royal family, along with Jolly the Elf and ‘Angles the Reindeer, entertained junior primary students with songs and stories.

Queen Gemma Young said Wallaroo was the start of a regional tour which also included Port Augusta, Whyalla, Port Pirie, Cowell, Cleve and Port Lincoln before returning to Adelaide. She was looking forward to sharing the magic of Christmas with everyone.

“Being the pageant queen is a great opportunity to share the magic of Christmas with everyone,” she said.

“I feel really honoured to be in this position and be part of pageant.”

King Ryan Holman was a clown in last year’s pageant and has been spreading the Christmas cheer in his new role as pageant king.

“The pageant is an event for the whole state and as part of the tour we get to go out and share the joy with all the people who might not be able to get there,” he said.

Buthera’s Rock adapted for stage

Gallagher Bassett supporting Regional Business to navigate the new Workers Compensation Scheme

Gallagher Bassett’s entry into South Australia has made a significant impact in the state’s Workers Compensation Scheme. The need for competition in claims management was seen as key factor to reverse the historically poor performance of the scheme. On entering the South Australia’s Workers Compensation Scheme in early 2013, General Manager, Paul Easter, made a commitment that Gallagher Bassett would make a difference to the performance of the Scheme.

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Nevertheless, the scheme has a long way to go, with a new Return to Work Act and service reforms underpinning significant changes, now scheduled for 2015.

Paul Easter said “We have demonstrated how Gallagher Bassett’s approach delivers better results under the existing legislation and we intend to apply similar effort to support the scheme reform. Gallagher Bassett has been instrumental in guiding its clients through change in Victoria, New South Wales and now South Australia. We look forward to working with employers in 2015 to make this change clear and easy for them.”

Gallagher Bassett understands that keeping abreast of change puts significant resourcing pressures on a business. To assist regional business, Gallagher Bassett has confirmed a series of state wide workshops, developed specifically to support employers through the 2015 changes. The aim of the workshops is to bring employers to a level where they are confident to engage in the new legislation and effectively manage their workers compensation claims in this new environment. Gallagher Bassett Account Managers will remain in regional areas directly following the workshops to work with employers one on one.

In addition, Gallagher Bassett will be providing an Employers Regional Hotline directly following the workshops to provide regional employers access to the most current information and support for the new legislation and service reforms.

Invitations for the events will be distributed in January through the local press, Regional Development Boards and to Gallagher Bassett clients direct.

To discuss signing your business to Gallagher Bassett before the 14th November 2014 please contact Jamal Wegener on 08 8394 4753.

Gallagher Bassett – Return to Work and Service Reform Workshops

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Additional Workshops will be scheduled in subject to demand in both city and regional areas.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER... Monochrome birds, back: Hannah Halls, Lucan Mann, Marcus Moore, Lianna Wray, Katelyn Moore, Keely Hobbs. (all birds)


PAGEANT VISITORS... Credit Union Christmas Pageant royal family members Princess Danielle Borg, King Ryan Holman, Queen Gemma Young and Prince Andrew Saul entertained Wallaroo Primary School students including Maddison Szentor, Bodhi Simmonds and Malaki Turner on Monday, October 27.

LEADING MAN... Derrick Webb as lead character Buthera.

NARUNGGA Dreaming story Buthera’s Rock has been adapted for stage by Moonta Area School students.

The play’s performance at the end of last term by Moonta’s years 3/4 class was the culmination of school captain Kayla Masters’ year 12 research project.

The project involved collaboration between Kayla, Narungga language teacher Annette Butler, Mrs Crosby and the years 3/4 students.

After an introduction to the story, the younger students discussed the moral lessons it portrayed and worked as a group to transform it into a script, adding dialogue and actions.

With the guidance of Eddie O’Loughlin, the group enjoyed a day trip to Yorke Peninsula’s Aboriginal lands, where they traversed a sandy, rugged track lined with giant wombat holes. Stopping at Buthera’s Rock, the students sketched the landscape and listened to the story again.

In the weeks following, they auditioned for parts, designed and decorated sets, organised costumes, painted a backdrop, made props and practised their lines and actions.

When all was complete, a variety of audiences enjoyed Buthera’s Rock over three days. “The students took great pride in all aspects of their play and worked hard to develop their characters,” Mrs Crosby said.

“The final performances were colourful and entertaining.”