

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It with mixed emotions that I write this edition of our Bay Bulletin. My long term colleague and staunch supporter of Warners Bay High, **Mr Ian Graham**, has announced his retirement. Whilst I am sure retirement will bring Ian and his family more opportunities to spend precious time together, he will be sorely missed as a colleague and friend. Ian has asked that I let all ex-Eleebana students and families know that an afternoon of farewells and celebrations is scheduled for Friday 12 December, commencing at 2:45pm under the COLA at Eleebana Primary School. Please pass this information on to as many 'ex-Eleebanians' as possible. Thank you!

On another note, already we are starting to hear of the outstanding results of our exiting Year 12, 2014 students.

Congratulations to: **Elise Jensen** who was nominated for **Onstage** (Drama) and **Encore** (Music) HSC Performances.

Sabina Gomboso – whose Major Textiles Project was chosen for the 2015 "Textstyle" Exhibition. Well done Sabina and her teacher **Ms Parker-Kennedy**.

Caitlin Reeves whose Body of Work was selected for **ArtExpress** "My softly suffused chiaroscuro" is to be exhibited in the drawing section. Well done Caitlin and the CAPA staff, in particular Caitlin's teacher **Ms Pfister**.

Whilst not an HSC success, congratulations to **William Stever** and **Kahlia Schmidt** whose photographic works have been nominated as finalists for the **2014 National Moran Contemporary Photographic Competition**. Well done William and Kahlia. (William also won the Year 10 competition

previously). The winning student in the Years 9-10 section receives a \$3000 prize as does the school. The winning student in the Years 11-12 section receives \$5000 and so does the school! Fingers crossed! Well done William and Kahlia.

Congratulations to the following students who have excelled in their chosen sports: **Jye Pastourmoglou** (7), swimming for Lake Macquarie **at the International Children's Games**; **Reilly Peters** (7) playing basketball for the **NSW Special Olympics** in the Melbourne National Games; **Rachel Jeffs** (10) who will travel to Singapore to play netball in the **International Youth Sports Challenge**; and **Jessica Potts** (10) who will also play netball in the **International Youth Sports Challenge** in Singapore in December.

Congratulations also to **Brandon Gellatly** (11) who was successful in obtaining a Local Sporting Champion grant of \$500 for the **NSW State Age Short Course Championships**. This grant was presented to Brandon by Jill Hall, Federal Member for Shortland (the photograph appears later in the Bulletin). Well done Brandon!

Congratulations also to **Emma Carr** (8). Emma, whose Ice Skating photo appears to the left, was this year's recipient of the **Lake Macquarie Sports Award - Female Encouragement**. With the help of the **Simone Moore Scholarship**, Emma has spent every school holiday this year training or competing interstate and overseas in her sport of figure skating. At 13, Emma has just reached the entry age for Junior International competition. After competing



in qualifying events this year, Emma has reached the benchmark for representing Australia at international events, and has achieved a national ranking of fourth. Ice Skating Australia's High Performance selection panel have invited Emma to be part of the international pool. Well done Emma!

In relation to school competitions, **congratulations to Emily Free** (8) who was a state finalist in the **Wool4skool 2014** competition where she received an Honourable Mention. WOW. Well done Emily!

Congratulations to Callam Lang (8) who was selected in the **NSW All Schools Team for Cross Country** and competed in Albany, Western Australia in August. What an honour Callam – well done!

My **congratulations** also go to **Maya Freeman** (7) who, in the **CHS Trampolining**, received a Gold Medal for the Single Mini Tramp, Silver for Tumbling and was placed 4th in the Trampoline and 5th in the Double Mini Tramp. This gave Maya an overall place of 2nd in NSW. An excellent effort. Congratulations Maya!

Still on school activities, **congratulations** to **Lachlan Hill** (8) who has been selected in the **Northern NSW Football Team** to compete in the 2014 FFA NTC Challenge that will take place in Canberra in early December. Good luck Lachlan and well done!

On another sphere, may I **congratulate Ryan Mahony** (9) for his commitment as **Youth Ambassador for the Relay for Life and the Cancer Council**. Ryan gave inspirational speeches, as part of his role as Youth Ambassador to assemblies at Macquarie College, Belmont and Whitebridge High. Well done Ryan!

Whilst I am saying **congratulations and well-done**, may I thank our captains **Ellen Richards and Drew Worthington** for their stirring speeches during the recent Remembrance Day Ceremonies. I also wish to acknowledge and thank **Sarah O'Keefe** who gave an address (under very difficult circumstances) for the Boolaroo RSL service at the Cenotaph Speers Point and acknowledge the stoic efforts of **Alex Brennan and Shannon Simm** who formed part of the catafalque party.

Thank you! You each made us very proud!

Focusing now on the 2014 University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science results – congratulations to **Luke Andrews** (7) who achieved a Credit, **Harrison Nash** (8) who received a Distinction and **Jemma Lawrence** (9) who received a High Distinction. What outstanding results from these talented students. Well done!

Just in case you hear it "via the grapevine"; I have been nominated to receive the 2014 John Laing Professional Development Award through the NSW Forum of the Principals Australia Institute (PAI). I am one of six recipients across NSW Government, Independent, Catholic and Private primary and secondary schools to receive our Award in Sydney on 24 November. The Award recognises the work that I have done in the NSW Secondary Principals' Council in Principal Support and Professional Learning. I am honoured to have been nominated.

Related to those "extra" responsibilities I have as a Principal, I have been successful in my application to work for NSW DEC as

a Principal, School Leadership Officer one day per week for the next two years. I work as a PSL on Mondays, but I am based in our school. I provide support, advice and professional learning for colleague principals in our local and extended area which spans to Tamworth.

When I am out of the school as a PSL Mr Neil Best is Co-Principal on Mondays and for this term Mr Ken White is acting Deputy Principal Mondays. This is an innovative and exciting model, developed jointly by the Department of Communities and Training, the NSW Secondary Principals Council (NSWSPC) and the NSW Primary Principals Association (NSW PPA) to support and build the capacity of principals in our increasingly complex environment.

School Planning for the **next** three years. Currently we are commencing the analysis of data and the achievements related to our current 2011-2014 School Plan. As is our custom, we will publish our achievements for the 2014 academic year in February once all our HSC data has been received. However, as we review our achievements we are collecting ideas in terms of our strategic directions for the school for the next three years.

To ensure our school community has input into the plan, I am seeking your feedback. The last page of this Bulletin is a tear-off sheet where you are asked to identify three things that the school does well and three things we could do better in relation to our current focus areas of Academic, Cultural and Technological Achievements. I am also asking for your thoughts as to where you would like to "see the school" in three years' time. Your vision for our future is important. Please respond on either the tear-off sheet and have your young person bring it to the front office (no names required) or complete the same survey via a link on our school app. The link is a Google doc. survey.

New Staff and Retirements

Recently we farewelled **Ms Christine Carr** (Drama/CAPA) who has now retired. We wish her a wonderful retirement. **Ms Susan Dobbie** has also retired and we welcome **Ms Michelle Fraser** as Head Teacher, English. We wish Ms Dobbie a wonderful retirement as well. In the front office we have farewelled **Ms Lyn Panek and Ms Lyn Parker** both of whom have been outstanding members of our ancillary team. We wish all of our outgoing staff a healthy and happy retirement. We welcome **Ms Barbara Sait and Ms Denese Beesely** to our front office SASS team as permanent members of our support team.

New Staff 2015

We look forward to working with **Ms Sophie George**, (PD/H/PE) replacing **Ms Sardelic**; **Mr Nicholas Campbell**, (Maths) replacing **Mr Mathieson**; **Ms Ashleigh Dixon** (English) additional position; **Ms John Poulius** (History) replacing **Ms Vaughan**. I anticipate a few more changes before the start of next year. Already we know **Ms Helen Winter** (HT History is taking 12 months leave. Ms Winter will be replaced by **Ms Alison Corliss**, as Acting Head Teacher History. **Mr Stephen Munday** (HT TAS) will be taking leave in term 1, 2015 and he will be replaced by **Mr Leigh Ford** as Acting Head Teacher TAS. **Ms Farmer** is on leave and is being currently replaced by **Mrs Donna Pfister** as Acting Head Teacher CAPA.

We welcome **Mr Michael Murdoch** and **Mr Ben Pickering** (both Science teachers) as Year Advisers for Year 7, 2015.

On October 17, the Combined Christian Churches had a working bee at the school. I sincerely thank the 20-30 workers, many of whom were ex-parents or ex-students of the school, for giving up 5 hours of their day to paint, weed and gurney areas of the school to make our school cleaner and tidier. Thank you in particular to Lynden Kealey for co-ordinating the event.



Finally, whilst we publish our academic successes in our "Achievements booklet in February each year, may I share with you a snippet of what you will see in terms of our Numeracy, National Partnerships Project?

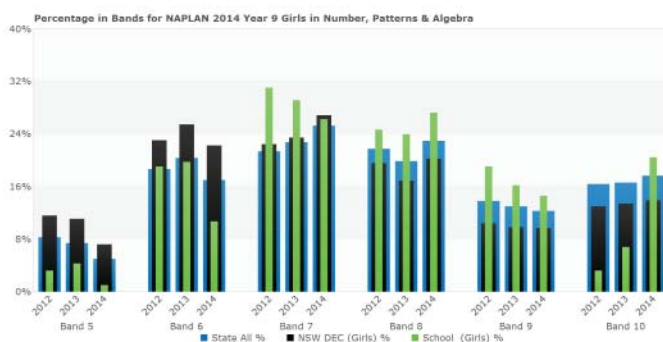
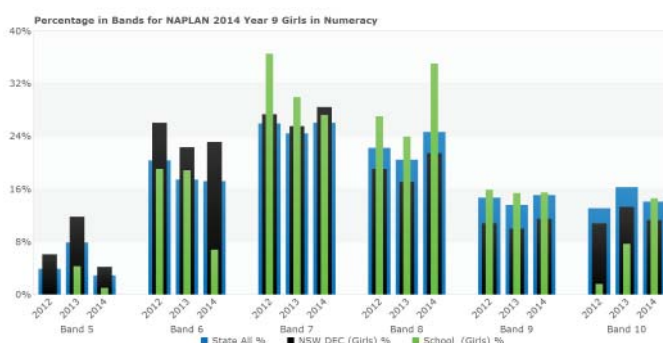
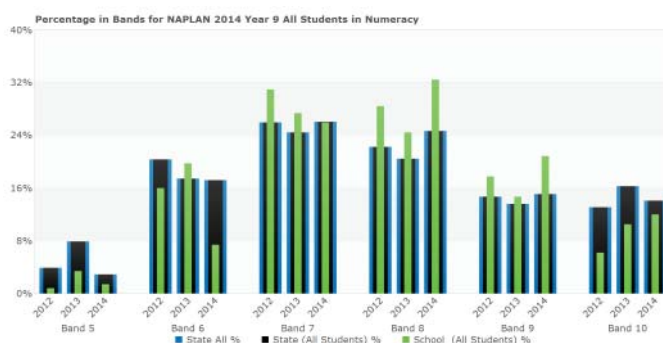
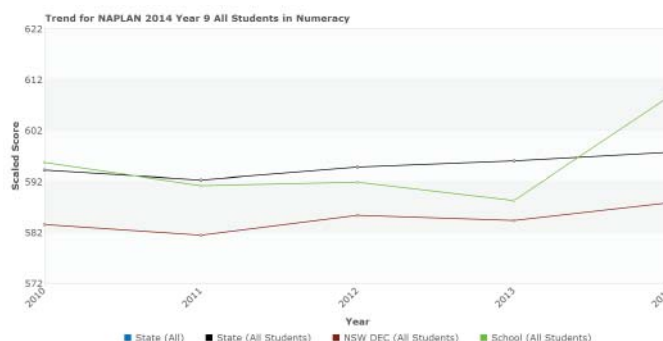
In July 2013 we received funding through the National Partnerships Project to review our Numeracy outcomes. We found, through NAPLAN analysis, some of our Year 9 students were not progressing to the same level as other Year 9 students across Australia. Through extensive analysis and discussion with students in focus groups, we developed a multi-pronged approach to lift numeracy outcomes as indicated through NAPLAN tests. We commenced a range of initiatives of both Year 7 and Year 8 students in Numeracy resulting in some exciting results in the 2014 NAPLAN tests.

Students, in particular the girls, have outperformed other students across Australia in the top two bands of academic achievement. The following graphs give you an outline of the data which validates the programs we have commenced and will continue for students as they move through Years 7 and 8. Thank you to **Ms Dal Zotto** (DP Curriculum), **Mr Furner** (HT Maths) and the Mathematics' faculty for their commitment to analysing student data and developing the program to improve student learning in numeracy. We are certainly proud and excited about what the students have achieved through our intervention programs.

To finish, we have lots of wonderful things happening in our

school for students. Thank you to parents for keeping me informed of student successes which are not part of our school organised activities but nevertheless contribute to the positive atmosphere of success within our school. I look forward to sharing more achievements and successes with you in our next Bulletin.

Dr Sharon Parkes
Principal



Awards Presentations

2014

9:15 am - 11:00 am in MPC

(Please be seated by 9.00am)

Year 11

Tuesday, 16 December, 2014

Year 10

Thursday, 11 December, 2014

Year 9

Tuesday, 9 December, 2014

Year 8

Friday, 12 December, 2014

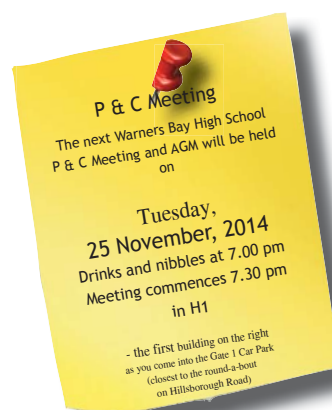
Year 7

Monday, 15 December, 2014

All students are reminded full school uniform - formal shirt, black shoes and TIES are to be worn to Presentation Ceremonies.

Any queries please contact

Ms Lynne Sherwood (Year 11)
Ms Rachel Noonan (Years 9-10)
Mr Andrew Glazebrook (Years 7-8)



WARNERS BAY HIGH SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Warners Bay High School P&C Association will be our last meeting for the year. It will be held in room H1 on Tuesday, 25 November at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. At 7.00pm we will again start with some social time where everyone can talk over a drink and something to eat.

Parent support makes it easier for the P&C to achieve its objective of supporting the Principal and Staff in the delivery of a high quality education for all those attending the school. This enables each student to achieve their personal best educational outcome. Fund raising through the operation of the school canteen enables us to provide additional teaching aids, facilities and equipment for the benefit of all students.

The Canteen handed over another \$10,000 to the P&C at our last meeting. This makes a total of \$60,000 for the year. This has enabled the P&C to donate \$56,000 to the school to support the faculties and provide additional resources for our kids. I would like to again thank **Wendy** and **Marj** for their management of the Canteen, but the success of the canteen would not be possible without the dedication of our volunteers. The P&C would like to thank the volunteers for the great job they do. It is the volunteers that keep the Canteen open and running smoothly.

We are continuing our monthly meeting presentations at our last meeting with a presentation on **'Triple E'** by **Ms Peta O'Keefe**. Why not come to a meeting and use the opportunity to get additional information on school programs and get to know the Principal, some of the school executive and other parents in the relaxed atmosphere of a P&C meeting.

We look forward to your continued support and hope to see you at our next meeting.

Phillip Jones
President.



Term Four is a time of great activity in the CAPA Faculty. Our annual school Soiree event was a huge success with students from each Music class performing for family and friends. It is a much anticipated event and as always the staff and students worked tirelessly to achieve a wonderful performance evening for all. The **Senior Musician of the Year** is always announced at this time of the year and this year it was presented to not one but two students. Congratulations to **Morgan Lewis** and **Drew Worthington**, our **SMOTY's** for 2015.



Thank you to **Mrs Natalie Fairhall**, **Mr Ashley Forbes** and **Mr Chris English** for all of the time and effort that they have put in to make this event a success. It is very much appreciated.

We have had Three nominations for HSC Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) Showcase events in the Creative and Performing Arts. Congratulations to **Elise Jensen** who was nominated for both **Onstage** in Drama and **Encore** for Music. This is a wonderful achievement for Elise and her Drama teacher **Mrs Sandra Monk** and her Music teacher **Mr Ashley Forbes**.



Caitlin Reeves has also been nominated for **ARTEXPRESS** in the category of drawing. Caitlin is an outstanding drawer and this is a wonderful acknowledgment of her talent. Congratulations to her teacher also, **Mrs Donna Pfister**.

Our School Bands and our ensembles have been very busy this term with participation in the **Hunter Region Bandfest** and **Eleebana Spring Fair**. A big thank you to the Music staff for their continual provision of time and energy that allows our students to participate in such wonderful events.



Once again the Photographic and Digital Media students have excelled in **The National Moran Photographic Prize** with **William Stever**, Year 11 and **Khalia Schmidt**, Year 10 gaining finalist positions. Well done!

Our **Artist of the Month** for October is Cassidy Young of Year 9 and for November it is **Abbey McNulty** of Year 8. Congratulations to these two young artists. It is a very wide field that we have to choose from which speaks volumes about the talent of these two students.



Don't forget our annual Talent Quest/ MADD Night for Semester Two is on Wednesday, 26 November. It will be a fantastic evening, a wonderful art exhibition and a hotly contested talent competition.

Trudy Farmer
Head Teacher
CAPA



LANGUAGE 2014

JAPANESE WORKSHOP

On Thursday, 13 November our Year 9 Japanese elective class participated in a workshop with the amazing Shingo Usami, a Japanese teacher and actor who is well known within the NSW Japanese teaching fraternity. He is an enthusiastic and vibrant teacher who delivers humorous and dynamic lessons. Our Year 9 students played language games ("Please Miss can we do this in class?"), learnt about nutritional lunch boxes ("Miss, what's a rabbit apple and an octopus sausage?") and created the ideal obento that they then "promoted" at the Obento Expo! It was music to a Japanese teacher's ears to hear the amount of Japanese flying around the room! Year 9 unanimously agreed the day-long workshop was wonderfully worthwhile



OVERSEAS EXCURSIONS 2015

The Language teachers are currently preparing for the Japan Trip 2015 and the French Trip 2015. Fifty lucky students have already been issued with invitations to participate in both trips that take place in September next year.

CREPE DAY

Once again, Patrice the Crepe Master, will be visiting our school and making hundreds of crepes on demand for our elective French students. Students get the opportunity to order their crepe in French and then tell their French teacher how *delicieux* it is as they devour them!



FRENCH AND JAPANESE FOOD IN THE NEWCASTLE AREA

Many of our students are keen to sample food from France and Japan. Below we have listed a few places in Newcastle that might be interesting to check out.

Kitami	Beaumont Street, Hamilton Small cozy eatery that sells noodle bowls, takoyaki, oyakodonburi.
Kitami	Young Street, Carrington (connected to the other Kitami) Little Japanese supermarket that sells Pocky, edamame, yakisoba sauce, melon soda AND chicken teriyaki obentou and ramen noodles.

Café Inu	Cowper Street, Carrington Friendly café. The menu is interesting with a Japanese touch.
Asadon	179 King St, Newcastle. Another small but cute eatery that includes katsu curry rice, tempura, karaage, gyozza and sushi on its menu.
Daiso	Discount variety store at Glendale Supercentre that sells some Japanese lollies, soft drinks and occasionally yakisoba sauce.
Pork Ewe Deli	Maitland Road, Mayfield. Lovely deli that sells French cheeses, pates.
Coco Monde	Darby St, Newcastle. Café and chocolateria with French vintage décor. Sells macarons, gateaux, handcrafted chocolates.
Le Passe Temps	Hunter St, Newcastle Restaurant serving authentic French cuisine. Serves delicious baguettes during the day.
Ma Belle Patisserie	Tudor St, Hamilton.
Ma Petit Belle Patisserie	Glebe Road, The Junction.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Jacob Carlin** from our Year 10 Japanese elective class who has been selected as a Rotary Exchange Student for 2015. Jacob will spend 12 months in **Gifu Prefecture** being homestay, attending school and learning Japanese. We know he will benefit from this wonderful opportunity of living in another culture and being immersed in another language! Ganbatte ne!!

THE LAST WORD FOREIGN LANGUAGE FILM COMPETITION.

This is the first year of this exciting film competition open to any students in the Hunter Region. It is the only event of its kind in the area and the films have to be made in a foreign language. There are great prizes open to films and also to individual actors, actresses and editors. Warners Bay High School has entered two films, both in French and we are awaiting the judges' verdict. The awards will be announced at the premier screening of the festival to be held at Tower Cinemas on Friday, 21 November. Year 8 and Year 10 French students will be representing the school at the event and enjoying some delicious French cuisine afterwards.

SPEAKING IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE.

At this time of the year all the Year 7 language students are required to give a speech in their chosen language. Public speaking is not an easy task at the best of times but having to do this in a foreign language is challenging. Congratulations to all the students who gave fine self-introduction speeches in front of their classmates. In Japan we would say **Omedeto gozaimasu** or in France **Félicitations**.

Language Staff.

CAREERS

As usual, Term 4 has proven to be a very busy time for our Careers Faculty. Here are some of our major events that have either happened or are coming up soon.

The Quality Learning Expo which took place during Week 6 was a great success with over 240 Year 10 students involved in authentic assessment interviews. Members of the local community, student executive and staff were extremely impressed by the quality of student responses and many commented on the high level of preparation and maturity displayed by our Year 10 students.

A group of 35 Year 9 students participated in the Try-a-Skill excursion recently. This event takes place at the Newcastle Jockey Club where students get the opportunity to talk with apprentices and employers and ask questions relating to a wide range of trades and careers. Our students enjoyed the hands-on approach which is such a feature of this event.



The Careers office has been a hub of activity during recess and lunch times with the processing of TVET application forms for 2015 courses. Over 100 students have been offered positions in TAFE-delivered Vocational and Educational (TVET) courses for 2015. Year 11 students who are continuing with their TVET course in Year 12 need to have completed and submitted a Continuation Form to be eligible in 2015.

Later this term, Year 8 students will complete tax file application forms. Students will be given a letter and form by their roll call teacher, explaining the benefits of obtaining a tax file number and the process involved. Students will need to supply their birth certificate number for the purposes of filling in a TFN form.

Year 10 students will have the opportunity to experience life on campus at Newcastle University and Hunter Institute (Glendale and Belmont campuses) in early December. Students will have guided tours of the campuses and will have the opportunity to ask questions about the various courses on offer. This excursion is part of our Tertiary Awareness Program.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Careers faculty if you have any questions or concerns.

Mr White, Ms Sommer, Ms Lavis and Ms Dorsett
Careers



Congratulations to the 15 students who successfully completed their Construction Induction Certificate early this term. This was our third round of students and it is proving to be a highly popular qualification as over 50 students have completed this qualification in 2014. Congratulations also go to the 30 senior students who successfully completed their Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) course



MyEDiary



Our electronic diary has arrived!

MyEDiary is a fantastic and sophisticated communication tool aimed at working collaboratively between school and home to provide students with an effective study and homework timetable.

Invitations for MyEDiary have been sent via email to parents and carers of Year 12 students 2015 who have returned their information notes. Students have also received invitations via their DEC **school email address**. Students can log their own homework and tasks. Teachers are starting to use the EDiary to upload homework, so log in and see what's happening for different classes. A mobile friendly version of the EDiary will appear on your phone when you sign in to the MyEDiary website at:
www.warnersbayhs.myediary.com.au.

MyEDiary Main Features:

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Your school diary is now accessible anywhere, anytime.

- 100% web-based – requiring a username and password for secure access
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- Be notified of upcoming school events.

Donna Pfister
MyEDiary Co-ordinator
CAPA Faculty.

Year 12 Students 2015

Have You Checked Out Your New eDiary?



View homework assigned to you by your teachers, school events, announcements or enter notes and other reminders.

The first step is to activate your account. You may have already been emailed an invitation with an activation link. You will need to click on this activation link to create your account (Check your Junk Folder incase your invitation landed there).

➡ What Happens If I Didn't Receive An Invite ?

- Ask an EDiary Administrator for another invitation

➡ Where Is MyEDiary Located ?

- Your eDiary web address is: www.warnersbayhs.myediary.com.au

➡ Who Can I Ask For Help ?

- eDiary administrator at the school is:
Mrs Pfister: donna.pfister@det.nsw.edu.au
Or email support@myediary.com.au (for technical issues ONLY)

TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER !

Lets get organised early!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Call your local coordinator today on: 0429406126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!

EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

On Monday, 27 October Year 12 Earth and Environmental Science students attended a presentation by Marianne Bonnay from the Division of Resources and Minerals. This presentation centred on Geology and Plate Tectonics, the characteristics and behaviours of plate boundaries and the rocks and minerals associated with them. Mrs Bonnay provided a diversity of wonderful resources for the presentation including stereomicroscopes for specimen viewing and a range of slides that exhibited the minerals of different rocks.



Mrs Bonnay's enthusiasm and knowledge captured the imagination and interest of the students. Her presentation was excellent and featured a range of samples from different continents representing different tectonic environments. This is a relationship that Warners Bay High School hopes to continue into the future.

Michael Ryan
Earth and Environmental Science
Teacher.



EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE



On Friday, 24 October Dr. Geoff Deluliis came to Warners Bay High School to present information to senior students about the nature and practice of Biology and Chemistry. Dr. Deluliis works as a Chemical Proteomics Researcher at the School of Health and Medicine at the University of Newcastle. He is involved in *Scientists in Schools*, a partnership created to get working scientists in contact with school students to give them a taste of what it's like to work as a scientist. Dr. Deluliis' presentation focused on majoring in Biology and Chemistry and how to apply

that at a tertiary level. He addressed Biotechnology and Science Degrees and course programs, his own research and career, and experimental design.



Students found the presentation to be very interesting, especially given Dr. Deluliis' research which has focused on human spermatozoa and more recently on breast cancer. The students also involved themselves in a discussion at the end, the quality of which impressed Dr. Deluliis. He commented that the students' level of questioning surpassed his expectations. He and the students expressed a desire for this partnership to continue and visits with Dr. Deluliis are planned for the future.

Michael Ryan
Earth and Environmental Science Teacher.



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6 November 2014

Workshops for parents and supervisors of learner drivers

An important component of the Graduated Licence scheme is that all learner drivers complete a minimum of 120 hours supervised on-road driving experience prior to presenting for their provisional P licence.

The Roads and Maritime Services is holding a **FREE** two hour workshop in the **Lake Macquarie** area to offer practical advice to parents and supervisors on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers. These workshops provide information about:

- Understanding the new laws for L and P licence holders
- Completing the Learner Driver Log Book
- Understanding the benefits of supervised on-road driving experience
- Supervising learner drivers

WEA Hunter on behalf of the RMS will be conducting the workshops as follows:

Day: Wednesday
Date: 3 December 2014
Venue: Belmont Library – Meeting Room
Address: 19 Earnest Street Belmont
Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

It would be appreciated if you could bring the workshop to the attention of your staff and parent organisation.

Please find attached a small advertisement for inclusion in your school newsletter if possible.

Bookings are essential and all enquiries can be directed to any of our friendly Administration Staff at WEA Hunter on 4925 4200.

Thank you for your assistance.
Yours sincerely

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WEA Hunter
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SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

School Accounts for students have recently been posted home. We have had a lot of enquiries regarding some of the invoicing on the accounts due to the new finance system.

Excursions: The new finance system, which we are currently trialling with 228 other schools across the state, allows us to “upload” or “invoice” certain student groups for an excursion. After the excursion has been finalised, all students who did not attend but have been invoiced, will then be “withdrawn” from this excursion and the invoice cancelled.

Also, please note that payment for excursions cannot be taken without the permission note signed by the parent/carer.

Fees in Advance / Refunds: Refunds can now be processed by “unmatching” the amount paid on a particular excursion/fee and “rematching” the amount against an unpaid fee or excursion. This eliminates the necessity for a refund cheque to be processed and posted home to the parent. Although this is still a choice available. “Unmatched” fees can also sit against the student as “fees in advance” until certain times that the parent wished to use that money against an excursion or fee.

Any further enquiries regarding accounts can be made by phoning our admin staff on 49549488.

Thank you

Julie Cupitt - School Admin Manager



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SPORTING CHAMPION GRANT

Brandon Gellatly is the recipient of a “Local Sporting Champion” Grant. These are distributed through Jill Hall’s (Member for Shortland) office to support students who participate at State or National level. Brandon has represented WBHS many times in swimming and water polo and been very successful in all carnivals.

Mr M Davy
Head Teacher PDHPE



LIBRARY NEWS



The library continues to be a flexible learning space with a huge variety of events. We have been an exhibition space for the HSC major works from the TAS department, a showcase for Triple E presentations and we've had chess presentations and Principal's Reading Challenge lunches to name a few. In the library we have to be good at moving furniture!



Our School Chess Champion, Aditya Deshpande in Year 7, was presented with the chess trophy late last term. It is great to know we have young students coming through as so many of our chess team were in Year 12 this year.

We had some skilful woodwork and metalwork projects in the library for HSC marking for quite a while, giving me ideas about maybe commissioning some mobile shelving and tables. This term's junior PRC lunch saw many happy students discussing books, enjoying some festive fare and a few lucky participants winning books and Christmas novelties. It's great to continue to have Dr Parkes and Ms Dal Zotto supporting this program. Thank you to Mrs Clarke who does such a great job with the organisation.



The new Year 12 students are already utilising the quiet study area in the library to good effect. Anyone who is doing research for major projects should let the teacher librarians know about topics so we can provide support.

Finally we should have e-books available from the library from the end of the year - just in time for holiday reading. Ask Ms Moss for details in a couple of weeks.

Happy reading,
Ms E. Moss
Teacher Librarian

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SOCIAL SCIENCE - SOCIETY AND CULTURE HSC PIP DAY

On Friday, 7 November twelve students from the incoming Year 12 Society and Culture class travelled to Sydney for the HSC Personal Interest Project Day.

The Personal Interest Project enables students to demonstrate the development of their interests, research skills and personal experiences concerning the interactions between persons, societies, cultures and environments across time.

In particular the students will be able to demonstrate the development and application of social and cultural research methodologies in completing their PIPs.

The Project Day involved looking at the PIP components, the processes of social and cultural research, the characteristics of quantitative and qualitative methodologies, and the ethics around voluntary participation and informed consent. Student's came away from the Project Day with a better understanding of the expectations of their HSC major work.

Donna Weston
Teacher Social Science





Well done to our Year 7 Technology students 2014. You have produced outstanding designs this year.



Congratulations to Emily Free Year 8

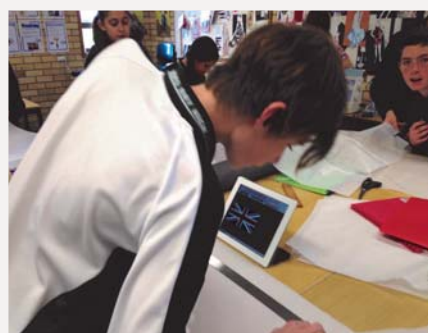
Emily gained a NSW state Honourable Mention in the Wool 4 Skool fashion design competition.



From the fashion files.....

iPads in Textiles and Technology classes

Thank you to the WBHS P and C for generously funding iPads for the teaching and learning programs in Technology and Textiles and Design classes.



The devices have been used for online learning, apps such as quizlet, kahoot -it , ebooks to view exemplar HSC scripts, design inspiration, sketching programs and idea generation.

Congratulation to HSC Textiles and Design Student 2014

—Sabina Gomboso.

Sabina has been selected to exhibit her Major Textiles Project in the 2015 Texstyle Exhibition. The exhibition showcases works of excellence from the 2014 HSC students who have completed the Textiles and Design course. The exhibition will be included in The Expertise Events exhibition program at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, Sydney as part of The Stitches and Craft Show from 5 - 9 March, 2015.



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STUDENT WELFARE

ASTHMA PLANS

Asthma Action Plans should be updated regularly with your GP in conjunction with an asthma review. Students with asthma need their plans to be reviewed every 12 months by their GP and a copy should be provided to the school. It is the responsibility of families to ensure schools have reliable and up-to-date information about your child with asthma so that school staff can be made aware of the needs of your child.

Each child with asthma must have their ventolin and a spacer if needed in the front pocket of their bag. For students with a severe case of asthma, an appointment with the Head Teacher Welfare is required.

ANAPHYLAXIS

An ASCIA Action Plan for anaphylaxis must be completed by your family GP for every child with anaphylaxis. Schools must be provided with a copy of this plan and an appointment made to ensure an effective and reliable Crisis Management Plan is in place. All school staff will be made aware of your child's condition and are trained in the use of an Epi-pen.

It is the responsibility of families to provide the school with a copy of the child's plan. An Epi-pen must be in the front pocket of the bag of each child with anaphylaxis with their name and expiry date along with another epi-pen in the Front Office. Families must ensure that all epi-pens which have expired are replaced and an up-dated plan is provided every 12 months.

Joanne Riley
Head Teacher Student Welfare.

School Ties

School Ties are for sale at the School Office for those students / parents who need to make an urgent purchase outside Uniform Shop hours.

School ties must be worn to all formal assemblies and on excursions where students are expected to wear their uniform.

\$20 cash, cheque or credit card only - no EFTPOS available.

Girls ties are now available for \$7.

Cheques to made out to Daylight Sportswear Pty Ltd.

Thank you.

Asthma care plan for schools

CONFIDENTIAL: Staff are trained in asthma first aid (see overleaf) and can provide routine asthma medication as authorised in this care plan by the treating doctor. Please advise staff in writing of any changes to this plan.

To be completed by the treating doctor and parent/guardian, for supervising staff and emergency medical personnel.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY



Photo of student

(optional)

Student's name:

Date of birth:

Managing an asthma attack

Staff are trained in asthma first aid (see overleaf). Please write down anything different this student might need if they have an asthma attack:

Daily asthma management

This student's usual asthma signs

- ☐ Cough
- ☐ Wheeze
- ☐ Difficulty breathing

Other
(please describe)

Frequency and severity

- ☐ Daily/most days
- ☐ Frequently (more than 5 x per year)
- ☐ Occasionally (less than 5 x per year)

Other
(please detail)

Known triggers for this student's asthma (eg exercise*, colds/flu, smoke) — please detail:

Does this student usually tell an adult if s/he is having trouble breathing?

Does this student need help to take asthma medication?

Does this student use a mask with a spacer?

*Does this student need their blue reliever puffer medication before exercise?

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Medication Plan —

If this student needs asthma medication, please detail below and make sure the medication and spacer/mask are supplied to staff.

Name of medication and colour	Dose/number of puffs	Time required

Parent/guardian

I have read, understood and agreed with this care plan and any attachments listed. I approve the release of this information to staff and emergency medical personnel. I will notify the staff in writing if there are any changes to these instructions. I understand staff will seek emergency medical help as needed and that I am responsible for payment of any emergency medical costs.

Name

Signature

Date / /

Name of doctor

Address

Phone

Signature

Date / /

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ACTION PLAN FOR Anaphylaxis

For use with EpiPen® Adrenaline Autoinjectors

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Photo

Confirmed allergens:

Asthma Yes ☐ No ☐

Family/emergency contact name(s):

Work Ph: _____

Home Ph: _____

Mobile Ph: _____

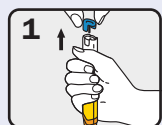
Plan prepared by:

Dr: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

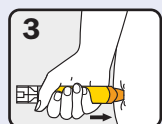
How to give EpiPen®



Form fist around EpiPen® and PULL OFF BLUE SAFETY RELEASE.



PLACE ORANGE END against outer mid-thigh (with or without clothing).



PUSH DOWN HARD until a click is heard or felt and hold in place for 10 seconds.

REMOVE EpiPen®. Massage injection site for 10 seconds.

Instructions are also on the device label and at:
www.allergy.org.au/anaphylaxis

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MILD TO MODERATE ALLERGIC REACTION

- Swelling of lips, face, eyes
- Hives or welts
- Tingling mouth
- Abdominal pain, vomiting (these are signs of a severe allergic reaction to insects)

ACTION

- **For insect allergy, flick out sting if visible. Do not remove ticks.**
- Stay with person and call for help
- Locate EpiPen® or EpiPen® Jr
- Give other medications (if prescribed)
- Dose:
- Phone family/emergency contact

Mild to moderate allergic reactions may or may not precede anaphylaxis

Watch for any one of the following signs of anaphylaxis

ANAPHYLAXIS (SEVERE ALLERGIC REACTION)

- Difficult/noisy breathing
- Swelling of tongue
- Swelling/tightness in throat
- Difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
- Wheeze or persistent cough
- Persistent dizziness or collapse
- Pale and floppy (young children)

ACTION

- 1 Lay person flat. Do not allow them to stand or walk. If breathing is difficult allow them to sit.**
- 2 Give EpiPen® or EpiPen® Jr**
- 3 Phone ambulance* 000 (AU), 111 (NZ), 112 (mobile)**
- 4 Phone family/emergency contact**
- 5 Further adrenaline doses may be given if no response after 5 minutes (if another adrenaline autoinjector is available)**

If in doubt, give adrenaline autoinjector

Commence CPR at any time if person is unresponsive and not breathing normally. If uncertain whether it is asthma or anaphylaxis, give adrenaline autoinjector FIRST, then asthma reliever.

EpiPen® is generally prescribed for adults and children over 5 years.

EpiPen® Jr is generally prescribed for children aged 1-5 years.

*Medical observation in hospital for at least 4 hours is recommended after anaphylaxis.

Additional information _____

Note: This is a medical document that can only be completed and signed by the patient's treating medical doctor and cannot be altered without their permission.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

In order to maintain an accurate record of student attendance we must rely upon all students and their parents/carers to follow correct procedure.

LATE STUDENTS

Students have been informed that they must swipe in with their card or see the office staff for a manual check in whilst waiting for a new one if lost. Students can order a new ID card for \$5 at the front office. Students who arrive late without a note need to bring in a note the next day with a valid reason for their not arriving on time. If a student sleeps in or is late for some other reason relating to lack of organisation or negligence on their part and the absence can therefore not be explained with a valid reason, it will remain an unexplained absence and appear on their report at the end of the semester. Valid reasons include absences due to illness (S) or extracurricular commitments such as sport, funeral, family holidays etc. (L). Students who arrive at school late without "swiping on" are essentially trespassing and will be asked to go to the office straight away. An excessive number of late arrivals without valid reason will result in the school's disciplinary code being enforced.

WHOLE DAY ABSENCES

The same rules apply to removing unexplained absences from the student's record. The reason on the note must be a valid Sick (S) or Leave (L) excuse. A reminder to Years 10 - 12 parents/carers that the achievement of the various school certificates at each year level is placed in jeopardy when attendance falls below the 85% standard.

SCHOOL CLINIC

There have been a number of instances of students calling their parents/carers when sick and not notifying the office. The procedure is that a sick student will present themselves to the office either in person at recess or lunch or via a teacher note from class. The office will then organise a parent/carer pickup whilst the student waits in sick bay.

SCHOOL ABSENCE EXEMPTIONS

Where your student is planning or currently experiencing an absence from school an exemption form can be attained from the office. This is currently being used by students who may have a long-term illness, vacation or playing sport at an elite level. These absences if approved will not appear on their school record.

Any attendance related enquiries can be directed to Mr Husband on the school number.

Head Teacher Administration

The Blackness

The light fades away like the receding tide.
I creep out of my corner.
In the shadows I hide.

In this empty room, I stand now. Alone.
Once it was different.
No mercy was shown.

With just one fowl sweep, their homes were destroyed.
Followed by their owners,
sucked in to the void.

Their haunted screams claw their way through my mind.
What's done is done;
life has no rewind.

Even as I crouch there with my bones chilled,
I pick up the pieces,
and start to rebuild.

With a shuddering squeal my cover is blown.
A light flickers on.
I am not alone.

Her eyes take in my dark spindly limbs.
Hollow with horror,
scared on a whim.

Her muscles are taut, she looks ready to flee
Who's facing death here?
It's not her, it's me.

I meet her wild gaze with a steady stare.
The blackness will come.
I'll see them all there.

Finally she draws herself up off the floor.
Then she reaches out,
and
I feel
no more.

By Jemma Lawrence

SCHOOL DIARY

Nov	24	MADD Night
	25	P&C Christmas Meeting 7pm MADD Night
	26	MADD Night Year 7 For a Day
	27	MADD Night Year 7 For a Day
	28	MADD Night
Dec	3	2015 Year 7 Parent Information Evening
	4	Viral Film Festival
	5	Year 7 Orientation Day
	9	Year 9 Presentation
	11	Year 10 presentation Day
	12	Year 8 Presentation Day Year 10 Crossroads Excursion
	15	Year 7 Presentation Day Year 10 Work Experience starts Reports Issued at 3 pm.
	16	Year 11 Presentation Day
	17	Last day for students
	18	School Development Day Year 12 Recovery Brunch 11 - 1 pm
	27	School Development Day
	28	Years 7,11 and 12 return to school
	29	All Years return to school

Canteen Hours

Open Tuesday 16 December

Closed Wednesday 17 December

UNIFORM SHOP TALK

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Wednesday, 3 December is Parent Information Evening for parents of future Year 7 students. The Uniform Shop will be open from 8.00am until noon. We will then re-open from 5.00pm until around 9.00pm, depending on demand.

ORIENTATION DAY

The Uniform Shop will be open for Orientation, Friday 5 December from 8.00am - 4.00pm.

LAST TRADING DAY.

The last day for the Uniform Shop will be Thursday 11 December from 12.00 - 4.00pm. Extra trading hours in January before school starts will be available.

JANUARY TRADING DAYS.

The Uniform Shop will be open from 20 January to 23 January 8.00am - 2.30pm.

Staff Development Day and first day of school for Years 7,11 and 12 on 27 & 28 January from 8.00am - 4.00pm.

29 January we are open from 12.00 - 4.00pm.

ORDERING AND PAYMENT METHODS

Shop purchases can be paid for with cash or EFTPOS.

Phone orders can be paid for with your credit card.

Online ordering is available with payments being made with your Paypal account. There is a link on the school website which takes you to Daylight Sportswear, an online shop for all Uniform Shop purchases. All orders can be collected from the Uniform Shop by students or carers during normal shop hours.

ORDER COLLECTION

There are many orders which were placed during the sale and online for which payment has been received that are still waiting to be collected from the Uniform Shop. If you are unable to convince your child to come to the shop to collect their uniform and you are unable to get to the shop during normal operating hours, please phone the shop and I will be happy to make other arrangements for collection.

Yvonne Wade

Uniform Shop Manager

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Currently Warners Bay High School measures school achievements in terms of academic, cultural and technology outcomes.

The school, in consultation with the school community, is in the process of analysing outcomes to develop the strategic directions for the next three years. (2015-2018)

This survey seeks to gather ideas from students, staff and parents to form the School Strategic Directions.

Academic Focus

List three things the school is doing well in this area:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

List three things the school could improve in this area:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Cultural Focus

List three things the school is doing well in this area:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

List three things the school could improve in this area:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Technology Focus

List three things the school is doing well in this area:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

List three things the school could improve in this area:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Vision

What vision do you have for the school in 2018?

Thank you,
Dr Sharon Parkes
Principal.
November 2014.

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