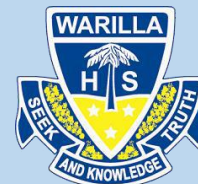


Warilla High School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

In the last newsletter I thanked you for your support of our position as a non-violent school where bullying and harassment have no place in how we conduct ourselves. I am confident this united front between school and home will further strengthen our stance on this socially unacceptable practice. To support this outcome Trent Merrin, the St George Illawarra and NSW State of Origin Rugby League forward attended our assembly on 7 August to lend his weight to the cause. As always, Trent was articulate and made his disdain of gratuitous violence well known. He was also able to give some insights into how this aspect of his work as a professional athlete is conducted. Students were very attentive and I know Trent's message as a former WHS student resonated with them.

Our 2015 organisation is currently taking shape with students deciding on electives for each Stage. This is a particularly important process as we attempt to shape a curriculum that suits students' needs and aspirations as well as being flexible enough to allow innovation and creativity. This process will be enhanced by our Careers Transition Advisory Team whose informed advice will be pivotal in the decision making process, especially in the senior school.

Likewise, our school planning process for 2015-17 has begun. Staff and those parents who attended our last P&C meeting have been briefed on the new protocols surrounding this planning process. One of the fundamental tenants upon which this plan is to be built is the vision we have for the school. This vision articulates the core beliefs that drive our work and includes the notion that:

WHS is committed to excellence for all in a safe, caring and inclusive environment which provides relevant learning activities that will develop independent, self-directed learners who will positively contribute to their local and wider communities. We believe that as a school, we are Student Centred and Outcomes Driven and commit to the notion of equality for all, irrespective of circumstance and that quality teaching and learning practices relevant to a 21st century context will be our mantra.

I invite you to our next P&C meeting at 7pm on 9th September to further explore our vision and other aspects of the new planning regime.

Under the Governments *Local Schools Local Decisions* initiative, schools receive equity related funding on the basis of a Family Education and Occupation Index (FEOI). This gives schools an index against which funding is disbursed. It is critical that our school's information is accurate and up to date so funding we use to support students in a myriad of ways is not lost. To this end, I have written to some families requesting information related to this index. Any information that is provided is confidential but it carries the capacity to improve those Government monies which flow into the school. I would ask for your support in providing this data as soon as is possible.

Finally, our Year 12 cohort are really making the most of the feedback they have received from the Trial HSC so the refinements and adjustments that can make that seminal difference in the examination proper can be put in place. I would like to compliment Year 12 for the manner in which they have gone about this task; their gentle good humour and the respectful relationships they have cultivated with staff. Many believe this group to be one of the more delightful and gifted groups we have had come through in recent times and I have seen nothing in their manner and attitude to contradict this opinion.

With my kind regards

John Hambly
Principal

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Deputies Report

Last newsletter we wrote of the term just starting, and now we are looking at it racing to a close. Last newsletter we also spoke of Year 12 Trials. Well they are finished, marked and returned to students. I hope your student has taken the feedback on board, as it takes a considerable amount of time to write on each student's responses, and the comments are usually suggestions on how to improve or rectify mistakes.

The HSC is fast approaching and preparations are underway to celebrate the graduating year of 2014. Attendance to all classes is vital as staff and students will work together for final preparations for the HSC exams. It is important that students continue to prepare diligently for their remaining assessments. No Year 12 student can claim to have no homework, as they now need to revise and summarise their work from the past 12 months.

Year 12 students have been issued with a copy of their attendance record, which should be rectified prior to graduation. If there are any discrepancies in attendance please contact the school. Attendance is always a factor that prospective employers consider when looking for new recruits and unexplained absences would be viewed poorly.

While scheduled classes will finish for Year 12 at the end of Term 3, their teachers are still available to support students until the time of their HSC exam. It is important to note that all of the school's support structures and personnel, such as school counsellors, welfare staff and all teachers are here to provide assistance and encouragement if it is needed. Sometimes Year 12 students simply need someone to tell them they are on the right track, while at other times they may need more structured support. It is important that students seek assistance if they require it. All the staff at Warilla High School wish Year 12 all the very best with their continued study and hard work. Now is not the time for panic, but for consistent application and revision, as this is often the time that students from other schools lose sight of the importance of studies.

Below is a summary of the various celebrations and activities that are planned for Year 12

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

Event	Date/Time	Location
Graduation Practice	Wednesday 17 th September 8:30am	School Hall
'Mystery Day'	Wednesday 17 th September 10:15 – 2:45pm	To be advised
Graduation	Thursday 18 th September from 10am	School Hall
HSC exams	Begins Monday 13 th October last exam for our students - Wednesday 5 th November	School Hall
Sign Out Day	Thursday 6 th November	School Hall and Library
Formal	Thursday 13 th November 6pm	The Chifley, Wollongong

Deputy Principals

Mr Stanizzo & Ms Brook & Ms Hand Year 12 Advisor

Make Online Payments

From the 21st July it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit/debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#)

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called "other", this to cover items not covered in the previous heading. 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner and these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the office staff on 02 4296 3055 or alternately email; warilla-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The Office Staff

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child's health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues, (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the Principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide to the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Coming Events

Week 8A

1 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Preliminary Standard English - Day 1 Assessment Task 3 U/15'3 Girls & Boys Basketball Southern Illawarra Zone Knockout Day at Illawarra Sports High School
2 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Preliminary Standard English – Day 2 Assessment Task 3
3 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccinations Warilla High School Talent Show 6 – 7PM Year 11 Preliminary Standard English – Make up Day Assessment Task 3 Year 12 Major Project Exhibition Library 5 – 6PM South Coast Football (Soccer) Finals Wollongong PCYC 3.30 Girls 5.30 Boys
4 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trades Roadshow – Five Islands Secondary College NSW CHS Athletics (Championships) Kokoda Memorial with Modern History and SRC
5 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NSW CHS Athletics (Championships)

Week 9B

9-12 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Preliminary Exams
9 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street Art Workshop – Coniston Public Speaking Adjudication Warilla Primary School
12 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music HSC Performance Examinations

Week 10A

15-16 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Preliminary Exams
15 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Speaking Adjudication Shell Cove Primary School
17 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 CAP Excursion (HSIE) Minamurra Rainforest Graduation Practice
18 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Graduation

Week 1A

6 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Holiday
8-10 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 Camp

Week 2B

13-17 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Examinations
14 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Night for Crossroads Camp 2014
16 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diverse Drumming Initiative Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre

SHELLHARBOUR SURF LIFESAVING CLUB

REGISTRATIONS

Junior & Senior

Sunday 14th and 21st September

10am-2pm

At Shellharbour Surf Club

Register online prior to attending by following instructions at
www.shellharboursurfclub.com



EFTPOS available

UOW study which aims to improve the health and concentration of adolescents

Do you have a child in years 7 or 8 at High School?

Would they be interested in participating in a research study for 2 days of the school holidays?

If you think they would be interested in participating in our study aimed at reducing adolescent sedentary time please read on.

The Early Start Research Institute at the University of Wollongong is seeking volunteers for a new study examining the acute effects of reduced sitting time on adolescents during a school day.

Adolescents will be compensated for their participation in the study with 2 x \$20 vouchers and parents will be given \$20 for travel costs.

What does the study involve?

- You and your child will visit the University of Wollongong three times.
- On the first visit they will be familiarised with the study and on the second and third visit they will be involved in mimicking a school day in our state of the art whole room calorimeter so that we can measure the energy they expend.
- During the activities your child will wear several activity monitors while in the calorimeter.

If your child fits the following criteria and is interested please contact us:

* Aged 12-15 years

* Does not suffer from: Prader-Willi syndrome, Bardet-Biedl syndrome, diabetes, coeliac disease, PKU or other metabolic disorders, cystic fibrosis, multiple food allergies, significant physical disability or developmental disability eg. restricts age-appropriate play or any other diseases where the primary conditions or syndromes associated with obesity, other chronic disease.

* Has a Body Mass Index (BMI) which is above the healthy range for their age and gender. Participants who do not meet these inclusion criteria will be asked if they would be willing to participate at a later date if further funding is gained for a study among adolescents with a lower BMI.

If you would like more information, please call Anisse Penning or Anne-Maree Parrish on the study hotline: 4221 5098 or email: acp177@uowmail.edu.au

This study has been approved by the University of Wollongong Human Research Ethics Committee (HE14/069).

Positive Behaviour for Success

Our core value this term has continued to be RESPECT with fortnights broken up into focus areas. Students have been participating in expected behaviour workshops / lessons in extended roll call on Mondays and Wednesdays. Our catch phrases are proving to be popular with students often repeating them and staff are able to quickly cue students to the expected behaviour in the classroom and playground.

Our catch phrases used so far this term are:

“Off and Out of Sight” – putting away mobile phones

“Cop it Sweet” – accepting responsibility for our actions

“Just Do It” – when being asked a reasonable request

“Are you 3rd Party?” and “Getting Nosey” – not to become involved in things staff are addressing

“Do the Right Thing” – putting litter in the bin

Week	Monday	Wednesday
8	Catch Phrase: Right Words, Right Time What is appropriate language?	Catch Phrase: Right Words, Right Time Expanding our vocabulary
9	Catch Phrase: Right Words, Right Time Film: students making the right language choices	PBS Feedback / evaluation session
10	Catch Phrase: Keep Left moving around the school implementation	Catch Phrase: Keep Left moving around the school implementation

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Congratulations to the students who have received rewards of \$30 vouchers, Movie passes, \$5 canteen vouchers and 10 points towards the merit system from our fortnightly Warilla Winner draws on Thursday Assemblies.

Congratulations also to the following staff who made our Top Ten in Term 2 for handing out Warilla Winners: Ms Lloyd, Mrs Woollett, Mr Holland, Mr McDonald, Ms Lever, Mr Banfield, Mr Porter, Ms West, Ms Ritchie and Mrs Ratajkoski.

Southern Stars 2014 “We Believe”

Southern Stars 2014 is on at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre from the 27th August to the 30th August. The 31 students in the dance troupe have been working extremely hard at all the rehearsals and have been fantastic ambassadors for Warilla High. Our school is in the section named ‘Ain’t It Fun’ with Figtree High, Vincentia High, Keira High and Smith’s Hill Selective High. In our section Ryleigh Kelly and Jayne Cosgrove have leading roles, they will be delighting the audience with their theatrical skill as well as their dancing. Also Ben Hayman and Taleah Porter-Renwick will be dancing and holding the large props.

Rachael Holland of Year 10 will be performing with the ISER Company and is proudly representing the school in several dances. Rachael’s commitment to dance as an art form is outstanding and she is to be commended on her efforts.

A big thank you to Kate Brewer and the IA teacher’s for donating their time in making our section’s props for all schools. Ms Brewer has designed and painted the props along with some Year 7 girls and the Industrial Arts teachers have cut the props to size. This has helped our section to have our props all with a similar look. Thankyou to all the teachers who took extra lessons for the teachers involved in Southern Stars.

Thank you to the wider school community for their support of the students involved in this years production.

***Yours in Dance,
Janine Neden***

CAPA



“SPLENDOUR IN THE HALL”TALENT SHOW AND “STICKY BEAK” HSC MAJOR PROJECTS EXHIBITION 2014

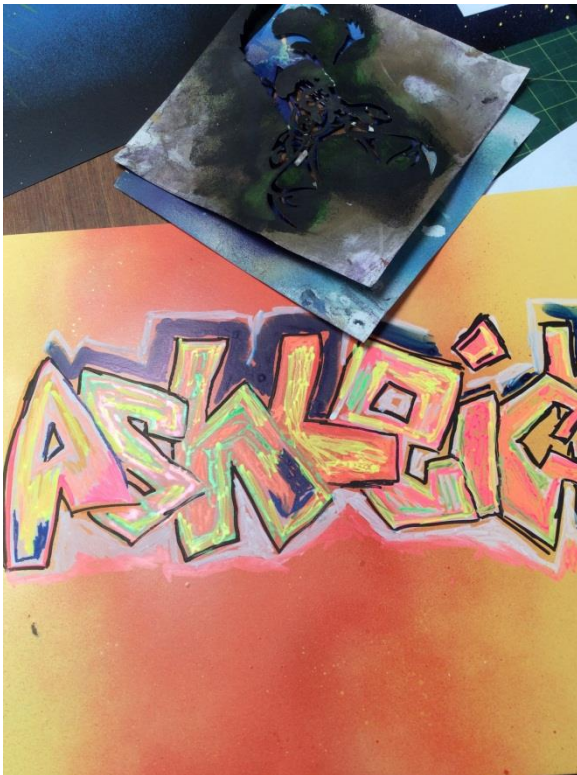
The past couple of weeks have been busy as the Creative and Performing Arts Committee prepare themselves for the “Splendour in the Hall” Talent Show. Auditions for the talent show extended over week 6 and 7 each lunchtime with approximately 25 students sharing their talent. Those students that were successful will be performing at a lunch time concert next Wednesday 3rd September for the students and later in the evening at the Talent Show. Family and Friends are welcome at the performance from 6:00 – 7:30pm.

The HSC students from Visual Arts, Photography and Digital Media and Visual Design have been working hard to complete their Major Projects. Their works will be displayed alongside the Major Projects from Industrial Arts in the Library on Wednesday 3rd

September from 5:00 until 6:30pm. Please feel free to join us for a sausage sizzle on the evening and then make your way over to the “Splendour in the Hall”.

“THINK BIG” Street Art Project 2014

Our Artist in Residence project for 2014 has begun with 26 students from Year 7-11 selected to work with Trina Collins from Anchors Aweigh. Twelve of the designers for the project have already attended a workshop at the Wollongong Studio where they worked with a range of materials including Posca pens, stencilling and Spray Cans. The students enjoyed their day developing skills in preparation for the mural they are planning on the Brian Scott Memorial Centre. Watch this space for more images and developments on the project.



FATHERS DAY BUNNINGS BBQ!

On Sunday 7th September the Creative and Performing Arts Committee will be hosting a BBQ at Shellharbour Bunnings. Please come down and grab a soft drink and sausage sizzle from 9:00am until 5:00pm.

Kate Brewer
CAPA Teacher



Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men!

- Adolescent boys – they seem to disappear into another world where they barely communicate, and where fast cars, alcohol and drugs are constant temptations.
- Will they survive to become good men?
- How can parents and schools understand and help them through this difficult and dangerous time?

Celia Lashlie

After 15 years as the first female prison officer, Celia knows what can happen when boys make the wrong choices. She also knows what it's like to be a parent – she raised a son on her own and feared for his survival. During the recent Good Man Project she talked to 180 classes of boys throughout. The result was a significant insight into the minds of teenage boys and what they are feeling in this period of their lives. There are challenging suggestions for parents if they want to see their sons become the good men they want them to be. Celia is a great speaker and her talk gives parents food for thought and plenty of hints to work with their teenage sons. *All parents will find something valuable in this talk - regardless of whether they have sons or not.*



FREE

Nowra

Tuesday 28th October

12:30pm-2:30pm

Shoalhaven Entertainment
Centre, Bridge Rd, Nowra



Book Now

We use the secure service of trybooking.com

FREE

Shellharbour

Wednesday 29th October

9:30-11:30am

Centenary Hall, Tongarra rd,
Albion Park



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Wollongong

Wednesday 29th October

6:00pm-8:00pm

Wollongong Hospital
Auditorium, Level 8 Block C.



Book Now

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Please arrive early to allow workshops to commence on time.

Bookings Essential: Ph. Donna Forknall: (02) 4254 2700

(Places may be limited) Donna.forknall@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au



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