
PARENT NEWSLETTER



Phone: 42963055 Fax: 42972817
Email: warilla-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Website: www.warilla-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

PRINCIPAL: Mr J Hambly
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mr R Ashby
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mr A McInnes

May 2007

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope the Easter break was both relaxing and enjoyable and that the rigors of this term will be something to positively embrace.

Also a special welcome and congratulations to two new appointments to our staff. They are:

- Mr Alan McInnes who replaces Mr Bruce Tapp as Deputy Principal. Alan was formerly Deputy Principal at Kanahooka High School.

- Mr Ian Morris who has been appointed as our Head Teacher PD/Health/PE. Ian comes to us from Vincentia High School.

I am very pleased to announce that Warilla High School has been recognised with awards for excellence in the Illawarra and South East Region in the following categories:

- * School Community Partnerships, and
- * Leadership

We also received a highly commended citation in the promotion of public education category.

These acknowledgements are significant and reflect the time, effort, care and professionalism with which staff of this school dis-

charge their responsibility.

It is fitting that these awards will be presented during Education Week, which is a time when the outstanding achievements of public education are highlighted.

I have also included the following speech by Shane Maloney. I'm sure it will strike a chord with you, as it did with me.

This speech was given by Victorian Crime Writer, Shane Maloney, to an assembly of boys at Scotch College, Melbourne, in August 2001. He had been invited to conduct some workshops on writing and then to speak to the larger assembly.

ADDRESS TO SCOTCH COLLEGE

Shane Maloney

When I first received an enquiry about my availability to come and talk at this school, I was naturally reluctant.

After all, this school has little to recommend it in the eyes of the wider community. Historically it has been simply a machine for the transmission of inherited privilege. (At the height of the Great Depression, for example, when many Australian families hardly knew where their next meal was coming from, Scotch College was the largest private school in the British Empire).

'Warilla High School - Student Centred, Outcomes Driven'

It is a place where boys from middle class backgrounds are sent to improve their material prospects and to reproduce the values of their class, or where the boys of insecure parents are sent to fulfil the distorted ambitions of their fathers.

When I think of Scotch College, what comes immediately to mind are the values and actions of its most prominent Old Boys.

I think of the scene I saw on television after Scotch Old Boy, Jeff Kennett, used his power and his philosophy to close down the only high school in the state specifically dedicated to the education of young Aboriginal people. How students from that school came here and stood at the gates and how your Principal went out and told them to go away.

I think of your Old Boy, David Kemp, the federal education minister, giving millions of dolloars of public money to enhance the marketability of schools like this one - justifying his actions with statistics and arguments that he refuses to apply to the needs of the 70% of Australian families who CHOOSE to educate their children in the democratic and equitable environment of government schools.

I think, too, of the newspaper reports of the violent behaviour of some of your students - and the quick readiness with which these boys were defended and excused in the courts by their adult class allies.

For these reasons, I was initiallly reluctant to come here.

On the other hand, I thought, "Well, all this is hardly the fault of the current crop of students".

It is not your fault, after all, that your families decided to institutionalise you.

It is not your fault that your mothers and fathers elected to place you in the emotionally distorting and educationally deficient environment of an all-boys school.

It is not your fault that your parents lacked sufficient confidence in your personal maturity and ability to respond to the opportunities offered by government school education - and Australia has one of the best systems in the world, by the way, despite the relentless propaganda to the contrary by the vested interest of the private school lobby.

Right now, you are the victims. Later, of course, society will be your victim, and will suffer from the attitudes with which you are indoctrinated here.

But who knows? Just as prison does not always break the spirit of all who are incarcerated there, perhaps you will not turn out to be a burden to society.

Perhaps when you leave here, some of you will even manage to contribute to the well-being of this country.

I certainly hope so.

But just to hedge my bets, I will be donating part of my fee today to the campaign for public education.

Good luck with your studies and thanks for having me.

(by Shane Maloney)

Yours in Education
John Hambly

IMPORTANT DATES

May

3	Year 11 Marine Studies Excursion	18	Zone Cross Country
7	Part Year 7 and Part Year 8 - Author Visit Pd 1 and 2	21	Year 9 Half Yearly Exams Week
	Year 10 Half Yearly Exams Week	22	Year 10, 11 and 12 - Girls Vaccination - HPV
8	Year 7 and Year 8 - SNAP Test		Year 11 Music HSC Workshop - Wollongong
	Year 11 PDHPE and SLR, selected Years 9 and 10 PASS - 'Human Bodies' Excursion	23	Australasian Schools Mathematics Competition
9	Year 10 and Year 12 Careers Expo - Unanderra	24	Year 11 Marine Studies Scuba Excursion
10	Australasian Schools Science Competition	28	Year 7 and Year 8 Half Yearly Exams Week
	Some Support Unit students - Taronga Zoo Excursion	31	Year 11 Marine Studies Scuba Excursion
	Year 11 Marine Studies Scuba Excursion	June	
11	Year 7 Scoliosis spinal checks	1	Year 10 'Pledge Day'
14	EDUCATION WEEK	5	SCHOOL PHOTOS
	Year 11 Half Yearly Exams Week	6	Year 10 Music/Drama/Sport Science Excursion to Circus Oz
17	Year 11 Marine Studies Scuba Excursion	11	Queen's Birthday Holiday

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Students are from Italy, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, and Brazil.

They arrive in July for a few months and they participate as one of the family.

**For more information
Call Southern Cross
Cultural Exchange
on 1800 500 501**

LEARN TO DRIVE WITH EXCEL DRIVING SCHOOL

We focus on safety and student satisfaction.
Learn to drive in a secure environment with a patient instructor who will take the stress out of learning to drive.

Call Gordon or Suzy on:

0408 209 486 (Mobile) 4296 5523 (Business)

Only \$39 per hour

Workplacement for Year 12 Vocational Students

Warilla High School students completing a Vocational Course as part of their subjects, are required to undertake a period of 35 hours at a Host Employer. Workplacement is being conducted over two weeks from 30 April to 11 May. During this time students experience the 'world of work' at an entry level and experience many of the requirements of the host employers business/organisation. A member of staff of the employer is made available to assist the student and to answer any questions.

A special thank you to the employers listed below who are hosting Warilla High School Year 12 Students:

Shellharbour City Council	Wollongong Golf Course	BlueScope Steel
Shellharbour Workers Club	Warilla Primary School	TAFE NSW Institute
Dwyers Mazda	IPC Employment	The Illawarra ITeC
Shellharbour Links	Bunnings Frame and Truss	Branches Restaurant
Oak Flats Bowling Club	Ocean Beach Restaurant	Cake Biz
Mountainview Restaurant	Lysanders Café	The Green Frog Café
Cozzie's on the Corner	Coffee Corner	Dash Coffee on the Go
Oak Flats Newsagency	Albion Park RSL Memorial Club	
Warrigal Care - Joan Pearce Hostel	Chilis Texas Grill - Shellharbour	
Shellharbour Country Kitchen	Hog's Breath Café - Shellharbour	
Shellharbour Ice Creamery Café		

It would be appreciated and also supportive of our students that you consider these companies/organisations should you require any of their services.

If you have a business and would like to assist with this valuable learning experience by being a host employer please contact Mrs Potts at the school.

313 Arts, Media & Entertainment Careers Excursion

Students from Years 10, 11 and 12 were invited to attend the studios of 313 in Coniston to learn more about Careers in the music industry. The group attended three workshops throughout the morning entitled Music, Television Production and Multimedia. Students were given an indication of what skills they need to have in order to be successful in those industry specific areas.

The emphasis of the workshops was practical and hands on by design and involved the areas of camera, sound, lighting, recording and design. The excursion gave our

students an insight into the extent of knowledge needed for careers in this creative industry. Many thanks to the staff of 313 for providing this opportunity for our students.

Mrs Brookes
Careers Adviser



SRC LEADERSHIP DAY

Our SRC Reps had a very successful team building and planning day at Killalea State Park on Tuesday 20th March. The day began with some of Mr Berry's co-operation games, such as Mummy Wrapping (making a Mummy of your partner with toilet paper – an amazing amount of skill displayed by a couple of our wrappers!), team tennis-ball juggling (certainly shows strengths and weaknesses!) and blind-fold obstacle course (only a couple of minor injuries sustained). There was a lot of laughter – particularly when blindfolded reps discovered ants on the handrails of the steps had run onto their arms and were rather disgruntled about being there. *cont.*

The planning session began with an examination of the responses from a survey of Years 7, 8 and 9, held last year. We identified five areas of priority. These are: B-Block toilets; a zebra crossing outside the school; canteen food - variety and cost; school uniform; and shelter and seating. After our barbeque lunch, we divided into five teams and had some in-depth planning time to achieve some goals in these priority areas. We all came away with some great ideas and a good knowledge of how we were going to start to work on our project.

Mrs Hing and Mr Berry would like to congratulate the SRC for their enthusiasm, good humour and hard work on the day. Our school will greatly benefit from their efforts.



Guess who's mummified!

‘GIRLS DAY OUT’ - December 2006

On Monday 11th December 2006, a group of Year 9 girls were chosen to attend a ‘Girls Day Out’ at Western Suburbs Leagues Club. The girls were exceptionally well behaved and benefited greatly on the day by being given useful information about hair and makeup as well as etiquette and table decoration.

We were lucky enough to be given all this at no charge to the girls as a result of the efforts of Wendy Gee from Wave FM, who organised free transport to and from the venue, makeup artists and hairdressers, a florist and on top of all that, a wonderful morning tea as well as lunch, all of this provided by the Club (again at no cost).

In addition we had Neryl East from Wollongong Council talking to the girls about achieving their goals. A very interesting and entertaining talk.

To top it all off, Wendy Gee also organised prizes and special gifts for each girl, overwhelming us with her generosity.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the girls for their excellent behaviour. I would also like to thank Wendy Gee from Wave FM for her efforts in organising such an enjoyable and memorable day, as well as all the organisations who gave up their time and services at no cost.

A big thank you also to Mrs Cuthbert and Mrs Brookes for helping supervise on the day.

Finally I would also like to take this opportunity to thank staff and students as well as their families for supporting me in my role as Supervisor of Girls.

After 12 years in the job, I felt it was time to pass on this role to someone else. It has been an interesting, enjoyable, emotional and enlightening journey and I have enjoyed every minute.

Congratulations to Mrs McNamara who has taken up the position.

Thanking you
Patty Rotziokos

YEAR 8 HSIE WORLD VISION GUEST SPEAKER



On Wednesday 4th April, as part of the Year 8 HSIE curriculum, World Vision's Youth Relationship Officer, Ms Simone Brown, gave a presentation to all Year 8 students.

The presentation explored some of the issues related to global change and global inequalities facing many underprivileged children of the developing countries. In particular she focused on the United Nations' 8 Millennium Development Goals. These goals are to:

- eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
- achieve universal primary education
- promote gender equality and empower women
- reduce child mortality
- improve maternal health
- combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases
- ensure environmental sustainability
- develop a global partnership for development

Warilla High has a great record of supporting the activities of World Vision and as such the students were asked, if possible, to make a gold coin donation. The total money raised was over \$125 and all monies will go directly to World Vision's 'Make Poverty History' campaign. Thank you to all the students who donated to this worthwhile cause.

Kathryn Boyle
HSIE Teacher

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL LIAISON POLICER OFFICER

By way of introduction my name is Kerry Mura and I am a Senior Constable of Police. I have been in this area for the last 10 years and have recently been appointed as one of 40 new School Liaison Police Officer within NSW and one of two in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven areas.

I have 23 schools that I attend and one of these schools is Warilla High School. The aim of creating these positions is to reduce violence and anti-social youth behaviour through a range of school intervention strategies, educational programs and local relationships which model respect and responsibility.

I will be endeavouring to achieve this aim by delivering crime prevention workshops and other educational programs to create awareness and prevent crime, by identifying problem student groups or individuals and then work with the school and their families to ensure the offending behaviour is addressed in a constructive way and by creating a positive rapport with school students and a positive understanding of the Police role in the community

Over last term I visited Warilla High School on a regular basis talking to staff and students on various issues and I will continue to regularly visit this school over the rest of the year. I will also be posting articles in the newsletter at various times throughout the year in relation to youth issues and crime.

Before the last day of Term One I spoke to the school about Cyber Bullying. Cyber Bullying is the use of computers and other electronic communication systems, such as mobile phones to stalk, intimidate or harass another student. This is occurring by students sending obscene or threatening mail or text messages and by placing messages on message boards in chat rooms which contain defamatory, embarrassing or personal information about other students.

It is against the law to use a mobile phone or computer to harass, menace or cause someone offence. I have explained to the students at Warilla High School that it is a privilege to have a mobile phone or computer and they should be used in the way they were intended and not to commit crimes.

As a community we have an obligation to prevent crimes from happening. As parents it is important to be aware of how your children are using these devices and report any misuse of these devices where a crime has occurred. These reports will be then



investigated by tracing the source and action taken against the person committing these offences.

I will be visiting the school on a regular basis once a week to speak to teachers, students and parents. If anyone wishes to discuss a matter with me involving their child you can contact Mr Pastor and he will arrange a time for you to meet with me.

I am looking forward to working with your children and the staff at Warilla High School and look forward to keeping your children safe.



Careers Expo 2007 for Students & Parents

Students from Years 10 and 12 have been encouraged to attend the Expo on Wednesday 9 May. Parents are also welcome to attend the Public Session on Tuesday 8 May from 5.00 pm – 7.30 pm.

This opportunity to 'ask the experts' about career choices is unique and should be taken advantage of by students. The Expo will be attended by 125 different organisations that will have on hand information about employment and courses. Some exhibitors, such as TAFE NSW, also provide hands on experiences for students.

Industry and career areas on exhibition include apprenticeships, animal care, automotive, aviation, business, creative arts, education, electrical, finance, health, hospitality, journalism, law, manufacturing, mining, policing & defence, retail, science, sport, social work, universities and many more.

YEAR 7 PARENT/ TEACHER AFTERNOON TEA

A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to attend on Tuesday 20th March.

It was very pleasing to see over 300 parents and family members in attendance. Many parents and teachers felt that this was a valuable way to “break the ice” for parents of Year 7 and make them feel welcome at the school.

S Connell
Co-Ordinator



STUDENT WELFARE HUB HIGHLIGHTS

- Our new partnership with Angel Personnel has provided five Warilla High School students - Brent McCracken, Liam Talbot, Jack Walsh (Year 12), Mykila Curtis and Stacey Peters (Year 10), with a unique opportunity to participate in the highly successful 'Youth Pathfinder Program' featured prominently in the Mercury just before Christmas.
- Jacinta Kennedy (Year 12) being a finalist and a great ambassador for Warilla High in the 2007 Zonta Award for Young Women in Public Affairs.
- The formalisation of our highly successful partnership with Shellharbour Aboriginal Community Youth Association (SACYA) to enhance Koori student education outcomes. A reminder that the Koori Homework / Study Centre will start up again this Term on Wednesday, 2nd May. All students are most welcome to attend.
- The appointment of Senior Constable Kerryn Mura as School Liaison Police Officer and her pro-active and positive work at Warilla High School in the areas of road, pedestrian and bicycle safety. Recently Kerryn featured in a Lake Times article following a Formal Assembly presentation on Cyber Bulling and Positive Youth Policing, aimed at breaking down some of the negative stereotypes between young people and the Police. Kerryn has a shop front presence at Warilla High School each Tuesday (9.30am – 11.00am) and is available to students, parents and staff. Appointments can be made through Bob Pastor (Head Teacher Student Services).
- The ongoing extension of the Warilla High School / St Vincent de Paul Society Youth Program during 2007. In a unique partnership, St Vincent de Paul are funding Ms Kellie Marsh as a Youth Support Worker in our school. Kellie will continue to co-ordinate the highly successful Warilla High School / Vinnies Youth Referral Program and the school's Community Service, Volunteering and Charitable Fundraising Initiatives.
- Over 80 students being recognised and presented with Certificates for Citizenship, Community Service, School Leadership, Sport, Academic and the Arts at a recent School Formal Assembly held in March.
- Warilla High School announced as the winning 2007 Illawarra Region Red Cross Calling School (for the 3rd year running, raising a record school total of \$8,600).
- The great work being undertaken by Mrs Shixiastes (Learning Support Team Co-

ordinator) and the Learning Support Team in supporting staff with referred students to ensure they have the opportunity to gain the full benefits of quality teaching and learning on offer at Warilla High School.

- The impressive efforts of the magnificent eight Warilla High School students: Robert Tener (Year12), Rabel Yalson, Kara Newman and Leah Werner (Year 11), Petar Brankovic, Kyarna Cruse and Ryan Rayner (Year 10), who participated in the Illawarra Youth Forum sponsored by Senator Concetta Fieravanti-Wells that focused on Youth Unemployment and Training. Feedback from other students /staff was that these students were described as 'stand-outs'.
- The outstanding efforts of the twelve, Year 9 Links to Learning (LOTE) Program students:- Samantha Angeloska, Murat Cakirgoz, Liam Camarda, Brittany Coric, Samantha Cvetanoski, Ryan Gaetani, James Gosharevski, Hannah Gulabovska, Tressa Jackson, Monica Slaveski, Thomas Svehheimers and Aaron Vairinhos. The Co-ordinator described these students as being one of the best Warilla High School groups to participate in this program. Many students successfully completed their Senior First Aide and undertook Community Volunteering during the holidays.

WHS POSITIVE INITIATIVES PROGRAM

Warilla High School has an extensive student positive initiatives program which aims to recognise and reward students who do their best at school in a variety of areas with a variety of awards. These include the Warilla High School Merit Award Program and the 'Quiet Achievers' Program.

Last Term the following students were recognised and acknowledged for a variety of achievements both in the classroom and the wider school:

Silver Certificate / Sanity \$10 Gift Voucher Awards:-

Year 8 - Rachel Barber (1st), Eleanna Balli (1st), Grace Maguire (1st)

Year 9 - Kelly Kupronow (1st), Lauren McWatters (1st), Emily Nietner (1st), Lara Pecchiari (1st), Jack Petiquin (1st), Arthur Solomon (1st), Chad Steele (1st), Lewis Taylor (1st), Tenay Trethewey (1st), Daniel Trunzo (1st), Samantha Cvetanoski (2nd), Annelise Dobbie (2nd), Shane Hedges (2nd), Cindy Outeiro (2nd), Monik Mackander (3rd)

Year 11 - David Dragovic (1st), Alec Thomas (1st), Nikki Hodder (2nd), Maiquilla Brown (3rd), Emma Hughes (Yr11:3rd)

Gold Merit Certificate/Gold Medallion Awards:-

Year 9 - Samantha Cvetanoski (1st), Anneliese Dobbie (1st), Shane Hedges (1st), Nikki Hodder (1st), Cindy Outeiro (1st)

‘Quiet Achievers’and \$5 Canteen Voucher Awards:-

February

Year 7 - Kiana Rice, Isabella Bratjanscak

Year 8 - Keisha McIntosh, Samuel Trueman

Year 9 - Andrew Jovanovski, Jacqueline O’Connor

Year 10 - Nathan Hattenfels, Matthew Noronha

Year 11 - Jessica Pennimpede, Gerard Barton

Year 12 - Samuel Zaboyak, Adam Bescos

March

Year 7 - Stephanie Sztachanski. Blake Milligan

Year 8 - Samuel Layton, Lindsay Jones

Year 9 - Cindy Outeiro, Kristy Radford

Year 10 - Lauren Wiltshire, Darko Sekuloski

Year 11 - Siang Tiang, Joseph Saffioti

Year 12 - Levi Ayuso, Hollie Davis

‘GOOD LUCK’ – 2007 WESTS ILLAWARRA YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The School has nominated the following students for these awards:-

- Jacqueline Minogue-Lopez (ex Year 12) – Special Principal’s Award
- Elle Sandak (Year 12) – Senior Sports Award
- Sasha Robertson (Year 9) – Junior Sports Award
- Krystle Marsh (Year 11) – Citizenship Award
- Jacinta Kennedy (Year 12) – Citizenship Award
- Kyarna Cruse (Year 10) –Arts Award

Winners will be announced at the prestigious Awards Formal Dinner Presentation which is to be held at the Wests Illawarra Club on June 15th.

SCHOOL SUCCESS RECOGNISED

Warilla High School has been advised that it has been recently selected as the successful recipient of a number of the Illawarra and South East Region's Excellence in Education Awards including:-

- The Commendation Award, Excellence in Promoting Public Education
- Excellence Award, for Excellence in School / Community Partnerships
- Our boss John Hambly, will be presented with an Excellence Award, Excellence in Leadership Demonstrated by a Principal.

These prestigious awards will be presented at an Official Ceremony at Queanbeyan Public School on Friday 18th May.

2006 REVIEW OF STUDENT WELFARE AND DISCIPLINE REPORT

An extensive review process was undertaken towards the end of 2006 involving the surveying of staff, students and parents in the areas of Student Welfare and School Discipline. The Review was undertaken by Ian McDonald (Head Teacher Support), Mr Ray Kearin (Teacher), Ms Di O'Brien (Head Teacher Welfare Oak Flats High School) and Allyson James (Student Services Co-ordinator, Shellharbour Education Office).

Survey results were collated and analysed by the team during the early part of 2007 and a subsequent number of recommendations have been made to ensure that the school maintains its prominent position in this area. The Final Report has just been completed and this will be taken to the staff for their consideration and prioritising for future action. The school will then implement the agreed changes.

These reviews are part of the School's 'Quality Control' processes which are undertaken annually. Each year one area of Curriculum and one area of Educational and Management Practice are reviewed. Our Educational and Management Practice review for 2007 will be based on Student Welfare / School Discipline.

I would like to thank all the above named staff and also acknowledge the work and input by Mr John Gonzales in this process.

Bob Pastor
HT Student Services

2007 SCHOOL EXPO

The 2007 School Expo, held on Tuesday 27th March, was a fantastic opportunity for prospective Warilla High School students to view our School and participate in a wide range of fun and educational activities. Hundreds of lucky local families enjoyed the social atmosphere of the day.

Year 6 pupils from the local Primary Schools and their families were entertained by musical performances, art displays, Science experiments, Ancient History mini lessons, face painting, Drama performances, dancers and gymnastics.

One of the special highlights was the opportunity to inspect the new Creative and Performing Arts area which was a buzz of excitement with quality performances and displays.

All who attended had a great time, and as the Principal, Mr Hambly said, "Warilla High School is truly a World Class School!"

Congratulations and thank you to the students and staff who volunteered their time and helped to make the Expo such a success.



EXPO HIGHLIGHTS CONT.



ENGLISH NEWS

Results from Year Seven and Eight Plain Speaking Competition

Year 7

- 1st Steven Westaway
2nd Josie-May Iorianni
3rd Aaron Gallagher

Participants

Jarrad Worboyes
Cassandra Descalzo
Tijana Burazor

Year 8

- 1st Michelle Mendez
2nd Danny Petrovski
3rd Scott Belsito

Participants

Kayla Herrera
Zoe Elkerton
Teegan Kopa
Jessica Hartgrove
Rachel Thornton

Assessments Tasks

- Year 12 ADV -- Term 2 Week 8, Speaking 15%
Year 12 STA -- Term 2 Week 7, Listening Task 15%
-- Term 2 Week 10, Writing Portfolio 10%
Year 11 ADV -- Term 2 Week 7, Reading 10%
-- Term 2 Week 9, Writing 15%
Year 11 STA -- Term 2 Week 7, Reading 10%
-- Term 2 Week 9, Writing 15%

WARILLA HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS



On Tuesday 3rd of April, Warilla High School held its annual Cross Country Carnival at Blackbutt Reserve. The race for line honours turned out to be a very tight contest with only five metres separating Trent Sovrano in first place and Blake James in second. Laura Worthy was the first girl to complete the course.

The majority of competitors were rewarded with an ice block for completing the demanding course. Congratulations to all those students who took part in the event.

The age champions are as follows:

BOYS

12 Years - Jordon Palmer

13 Years - Daniel Toskovski

GIRLS

12 Years - Kayla Smith

13 Years - Jami Catterall

14 Years - Blake James
15 Years - Jacob Helson
16 Years - Trent Sovrano
17 Years - Gerard Barton

14 Years - Rachel Hobson
15 Years - Jessica Schmidt
16 Years - Laura Worthy
17 Years - Vanessa Geeves

SOUTH COAST SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT

Building on the successful School Swimming Carnival and our most successful team to go to Zone in many years the students who went to the Regional Swimming Carnival did the school proud. The following nine swimmers represented Warilla High and the Southern Illawarra Zone at Dapto pool on the 9th March, 2007 with 3 Age Champions, 2 new records and 15 1st placegetters including the 13 Years Girls' Relay. The representatives were...

Jaimi Catterall – 50,100 Freestyle, 100 Breaststroke, Backstroke, 13 Years Relay

Mark Elkerton – 50, 100 Freestyle

Zoe Elkerton – 13 Years Relay, 1st in 50, 100, 200, 400 (new record for age) Freestyle, 100 Fly, 200 IM, 2nd in 100 Breaststroke, 13 Years Age Champion
Shaun Iacovelli – 50 Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke.

Blake James – 100 Backstroke, 1st in 50, 100, 200 Freestyle, 200, 400 IM, 2nd in 400 Freestyle, 100 Breaststroke, 3rd in 100 Fly, 14 Years Age Champion
Sophie King – 50, 100, 200 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, 13 Years Relay.

Lara Pecchiari – 50 Freestyle, 100 Breaststroke, Fly, 1st in 100, 200 Freestyle, 100 Backstroke, 2nd in 400 Freestyle (new record for age), 200 IM, 14 Years Age Champion

Laura Worthy – 50, 100, 200 Freestyle, 100 Fly, Breaststroke, Backstroke, 200, 400 IM.

Erin Stone – 13 Years Relay.

Overall the Girls team came 2nd, the Boys team came 9th and the combined team came 4th in the region. While all Combined High School results are not available yet, Zoe Elkerton is to be congratulated on being State Champion in the 200 Freestyle and being selected for the Medley squad.

Congratulations to all the school representatives!

Coming dates:

Zone Sport – Week 3

Zone Cross Country Carnival – 18th May at Kembla Joggers Course

School Athletics Carnival – 23rd May in school grounds

STEELERS SHIELD



On Wednesday 28th March a team of 22 students participated in the Steelers Shield Rugby League Knockout competition at Croome Road Albion Park.

In what was to be a very busy and successful day, the team performed at a very high level. We played 3 pool games against Albion Park High, Bulli High and Figtree High respectively, winning all 3 games.

These wins placed us as the winners of our pool resulting in a semi final berth against Dapto High School. Although tired, the boys played very well and were convincing winners. This was their best game to date and as combinations began to develop the boys were looking like a very good team who were growing in confidence.

After a five minute break following the semi final, the boys then had to play Woonona High in the grand final. Woonona were a big team, but like us, were tired even though they had a longer break before the grand final. Warilla started the game well with some heavy defence, intimidating their larger opponents and setting a trend for the remainder of the game.

Warilla finished with a comprehensive win, 28 – 4, and were well deserved winners of the Steelers Shield. This was the first time Warilla High School had won this competition since it first started 18 years ago.

The boys are to be congratulated, not only on their performances on the day but also their exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship. They were wonderful ambassadors for Warilla High School.

Standout players on the day were Liam Jurd-Walsh, Tony Gaudiosi and Mitchell Lawson.

I would also like to thank the many parents and grandparents who attended on the day offering their unwavering support.

Mr Craig Harrison
Coach

National HPV Vaccination Program

The National Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Program will be conducted in all NSW high schools over a 2 year period commencing April 2007.

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the name given to a group of viruses that cause skin warts, genital warts and some cancers. HPV infection is usually without symptoms and can be transmitted during sex and genital skin-to-skin contact with a person who has the virus.

Two particular types of HPV are responsible for causing up to 80% of cervical cancers (cancer of the cervix) in Australia.

In 2007 HPV vaccine will be offered to all females in Years 10, 11 and 12. In 2008 female students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be offered the vaccine.

A parent information kit has been sent home if your daughter is in Year 10, 11 or 12. It is advisable to read all the information provided, complete the consent form and return it to the school if you wish your daughter to be vaccinated. A course of HPV vaccine is comprised of 3 doses given over a 6 month period. The first dose will be given on Tuesday 22nd May. The remaining 2 doses will be given on 25th June and 21st September.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to your daughter on the day of the clinic. Please ask your daughter for this record. Do not assume your daughter has been vaccinated if you do not receive a Record of Vaccination.

On the reverse side of the Record of Vaccination is a section at the bottom, which reads next dose due. This will inform you when the next vaccination is due. If your daughter is absent on a clinic date please contact your local Public Health Unit for advise on catch-up vaccination. It is important that all three doses of vaccine are administered for complete protection.