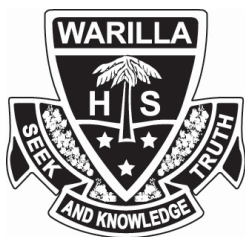


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# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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**September 2007**

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Many of my 'baby-boomer' colleagues have celebrated their 50th birthday's this year - some are even a fraction older. While reflecting on this venerable milestone, many lamented the negative impact of some technologies. This brought to mind the following story that I thought I might share with you:

## The Stranger

*A few years after I was born, my Dad met a stranger who was new to our small town. From the beginning, Dad was fascinated with this enchanting newcomer and soon invited him to live with our family. The stranger was quickly accepted and was around from then on.*

*As I grew up, I never questioned his place in my family. In my young mind, he had a special niche. My parents were complementary instructors: Mom taught me good from evil, and Dad taught me to obey. But the stranger..... he was our storyteller. He would keep us spellbound for hours on end with adventures, mysteries and comedies. If I wanted to know anything about politics, history or science, he always knew the answers about the past, understood the present and even seemed able to predict the future! He took my family to the first major league ball game. He made me laugh, and he made me cry. The stranger never*

*stopped talking, but dad didn't seem to mind.*

*Sometimes, Mom would get up quietly while the rest of us were shushing each other to listen to what he had to say, and she would go the kitchen for peace and quiet. (I wonder now if she ever prayed for the stranger to leave.)*

*Dad ruled our household with certain moral convictions, but the stranger never felt obligated to honour them. Profanity, for example, was not allowed in our home..... Not from us, our friends or any visitors. Our longtime visitor, however, got away with four-letter words that burned my ears and made my dad squirm and made my mother blush.*

*My dad didn't permit the liberal use of alcohol. But the stranger encouraged us to try it on a regular basis. He made cigarettes look cool, cigars manly and pipes distinguished. He talked freely (much too freely!) about sex. His comments were sometimes blatant, sometimes suggestive, and generally embarrassing.*

*I now know that my early concepts about relationships were influenced strongly by the stranger. Time after time, he opposed the values of my parents, yet he was seldom rebuked..... And NEVER asked to leave.*

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**'Warilla High School - Student Centred, Outcomes Driven'**

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*More than fifty years have passed since the stranger moved in with our family. He has blended right in and is not nearly as fascinating as he was at first. Still, if you could walk into my parents' den today, you would still find him sitting over in his corner, waiting for someone to listen to him talk and watch him draw his pictures. His name? ....*

**We just call him, "TV".**

**He has a younger sister now. We call her "Computer".**

Food for thought .....

□ As you would be aware, Year 12 have recently completed their Trial HSC examinations. The post-trial period is crucial to improved performance. Students should be assessing teacher feedback and making the relevant changes to technique and understanding that will lead to improved outcomes. The HSC begins on October 18th so this 'window of opportunity' should be maximised.

□ Year 11 curriculum lines for 2008 have been developed and derived from student choices made earlier this term. The lines are nicely balanced and include UAI; Non-UAI and VET courses, allowing students to determine a suitable pathway and pattern of subjects to suit their particular needs and career objectives. As always, it is impossible to cater for every possible combination of subjects but I am very satisfied that Mr Ashby and his team have developed a suitable response that caters for student demand.

□ Likewise, Year 9 elective choices have taken place and I am hopeful that all stu-

dents will have their preferred subjects available with the parameters set by both the Department of Education and Training and Board of Studies.

□ On a rather sour note, the school was the victim of a graffiti attack in mid-August. These cowards, under the cloak of darkness, sprayed offensive commentaries on walls and engaged in the senseless defacing of other areas. The School Security Unit and Police have several positive 'leads' and they anticipate charges will be laid, soon.

□ Warilla High School's pre-eminence on the sporting field continues. The Girls Open Rugby campaign continues to gather momentum as the girls defeated Matraville Sports High school to progress to the semi-final stage of this state competition. Likewise, our girls touch team made the final 10 of the State while our Rugby League sides brought much credit to themselves in their respective competitions. When you add the outstanding winning streak of the Open Boys' Soccer side, the future of sport at Warilla High School seems assured!

Yours in Education  
John Hambly

## STOP PRESS

Congratulations to the Open Girls Rugby Union team who defeated Grenfell High 25-7 last Tuesday and now play for the State Title this Sunday, 9 September, against Mitchell High School from Blacktown at T G Milner Field, Eastwood. Kick off is 1.30 pm.

PLEASE COME ALONG IF YOU CAN AND  
SUPPORT OUR TEAM TO WIN THEIR  
THIRD CONSECUTIVE STATE TITLE!!!

# School Newsletters are also available for viewing on the School's Website

## IMPORTANT DATES

### September

10	Year 10 Yearly Exams Week	21	Years 10,11 & 12 Girls 3rd HPV Vaccination
11	<b>P&amp;C Meeting</b> in Library, 7.30 pm		
14	Snr RCG Course in Library	27	Year 12 Graduation
17	Year 12 Textiles Technology Ex-cursion to Sydney	28	Last day of term 3
18	Year 11 Preliminary Exams commence - run over Weeks 10 & 11	<b>October</b>	
		15	Students & Staff Return - Term 4
		18	HSC Exams commence

## FAMILY MATTERS

Next Meeting: 31st October 2007

Held: In Library

Time: 9.30am - 10.30am

Invitation to parents / carers of Year 5 and Year 6 students thinking of attending Warilla High School in Year7, 2008 or Year 7, 2009.

An informal get together with other parents to give our children the best start to High School.

If interested telephone Marion Moore on 42 963 055 - Warilla High School

## SELF ESTEEM FOR FAMILIES

Centrecare will be holding this course  
at Warilla High School in Term 4, 2007.

Dates: Friday 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November 2007

Times: 10.00am - 12.30pm

If interested telephone Marion Moore at Warilla High School on 42 963 055

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# What is PBIS?

Mid June a team of 6 staff members attended a 2-day training seminar to learn about a new initiative called Positive Behaviour Interventions and Support, which has been working very effectively in the Western Sydney Region.

This program acknowledges the systems already operating in schools that work successfully to create a functional, positive school community where there is respect for each other and a focus on learning, but also appreciates that all systems need an overhaul and finetuning from time to time. It is not intended to be a quick fix and it is expected that the process will evolve over a 3-5 year period.

Initially the focus is on school-wide systems that govern behaviours around playgrounds, the canteen, bus travel and everywhere that the whole student body interacts. We were reminded that we often assume that everyone understands the rules that have been put in place in the same way, but this may not be the case. PBIS encourages specific teaching of skills so that everyone has a consistent approach to what is expected.

The first step in implementing this program has been to survey everyone on staff to discover what they think is working well or poorly and just what issues need to be addressed in priority order. Not surprisingly, the staff team at Warilla High overwhelmingly agree that many of our systems are fair and effective already, but there is still room for improvement and some behaviours that need attention. We are at the stage of gathering data on specific areas identified by staff and will then devise strategies to address the issues.

This is an exciting process that allows us to celebrate the success we have achieved while keeping in mind that all systems need regular evaluation to maintain their relevance and effectiveness.

**Warilla High PBIS Team**

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# BOOK WEEK IN THE LIBRARY

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Book Week was celebrated in the Library with a display of the Children's Book Council short listed books, and a quiz which could be answered from the displayed books.

The display was greatly enhanced by artwork from Mrs Jervis's Year 9 art group who painted a curtain to drape across the entry door. People entering felt that they were moving into a new world...one that they could READiscover (the Book Week theme). The art group also decorated a fantastic book which was the centrepiece of the short list display.

Many students entered the quiz competition and won a canteen voucher for their efforts. The major prize of a Beach Street gift voucher was won by Chloe Arnold of Year 7 for her neat, correct entry.

The Young Adult Book of the Year Award went to Margo Lanagan for her book 'Red Spikes', with honour book awards going to D M Cornish for Monster Blood Tatoo and Ursula Dubosarsky for The Red Shoe.

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# Polish Program 2007



During early August, 42 students from Years 10 and 11 were given a unique opportunity to fine tune their interview skills during the Polish Program which ran for a whole day and was repeated over eight days.

Our students were joined by others from Oak Flats, Lake Illawarra and Albion Park High Schools making a total of 164 students participating from the four schools.

Students were coached by the Polish Team, from the Tasmanian based Beacon Foundation. Hanna, Lisa and Mitch did a wonderful job in taking our students through a variety of seminars which helped their confidence, and aimed to give them 'the edge' at an interview.

Congratulations to our participating students, reports from the Program organisers were excellent for Warilla High School. Our students' attitude, enthusiasm and maturity throughout the Program were a credit to them.

The event was supported by Oak Flats Bowling and Recreation Club, Albion Park RSL, Warilla Bowls & Recreation Club and Shellharbour Workers Club. These organisations donated the venues, provided lunch for students and business representatives each day and also assisted with accommodation for our visiting Polish Team.

Our sincere thanks to those Clubs for their support over the eight day Program. Warilla High School also wishes to thank the members of the business community who gave up their time to meet our students during the Program.



## Thank You to our Sponsors



Albion Park RSL



Shellharbour  
Workers Club

## Vocational Education and Yr 11 Workplacement News

Yr 12 Vocational Education students are at the end of their courses and are finalising competencies at this time. It is important for all units of work to be successfully completed for all elements if students wish to gain the highest level of achievement available. These are then recognised when students enrol at TAFE so all students are encouraged to ensure that they seek information, if needed, from their course teachers to ensure all required work has been documented.

Yr 12 students who have chosen to complete the optional HSC exams in any of their VET courses are encouraged to be revising all the core work and relevant electives for their courses. Students are encouraged to use their notes, resources here at school and also on the internet to prepare for this important part of their course. The exam timetables should be carefully checked for times and dates for all exams and students who chose to complete the exam are required to attend.

Yr 11 students have recently undertaken workplacement for the required hours for completion of the Preliminary course. I am pleased to report that for most of the students it was a most rewarding and encouraging opportunity. One student, in the Hospitality framework, was offered an apprenticeship from his workplacement enterprise which was an indication of the skills and interest shown by him whilst there. Congratulations to ALL the students who undertook the experience with the desire to go out and see what was involved in that business.

Unfortunately it did not prove possible for me to acknowledge the host employers prior to their involvement with our Yr 11 students. Although it is now after the students have been at the workplaces I would still like to encourage the Warilla High School community to patronize these employers who willingly hosted and

worked with our students. Please thank them if you have the opportunity.

K & S Wellard Construction  
Bobbi's Gourmet Burgers  
Kiama Golf Club Brasserie  
Dash Coffee on the Go  
Port Kembla Golf Club  
Tandoori Junction  
Cosmic Café  
Novotel Northbeach  
Shellharbour Ice Creamery Café  
The Big Rig Café  
The Noodle Box  
Panorama House  
Buildem Carpenters and Builders  
AVA Automotive Repairs  
Wilsons Bikes - Warrawong  
D & P Automotive

Emeralds Restaurant  
Gourmet on Globe  
Pop-in Café  
Illawarra Yacht Club Ltd  
Branches Restaurant  
It-So-Wel (Italian Social Welfare)  
Ocean Beach Restaurant  
Knights Tavern, Kiama Leagues Club  
Oak Flats Bowling and Recreation Club  
Shellharbour Workers Club  
Shellharbour Private Hospital  
Les Barnett Electrical Service  
Simpson Welding Products  
Mainteck Services Pty Ltd  
VH Auto Wreckers  
Thomas & Coffey Limited

**S. Potts Head Teacher VET**

## POSITION VACANT: CASUAL CANTEEN ASSISTANT

Warilla High School Canteen is a P&C run canteen that provides a 'healthy food' range of lunches to the students and staff. The canteen is open during both morning and afternoon breaks each day.

At present the canteen has two full time supervisors who work alternate weeks. They are supported by a number of parent volunteer helpers. A position is being created for a casual canteen assistant. This position will involve working 3 hours per day, 3 days per week. The successful applicant would also be expected to be available to work full days as required to cover absences of the full time supervisors.

Duties will include food preparation, customer service, assisting with purchasing, stock control and organising volunteer workers.

Remuneration will be in line with award conditions (currently \$16.44 per hour). On the job training will be provided. The completion of Canteen Operations in School TAFE course would be an advantage. (This course can be accessed on line).

**Apply in writing to:** **Mr Robert Ashby, Deputy Principal,**  
**Warilla High School**  
**PO Box 396 Warilla NSW 2528**

*Applications close Friday 21st September 2007*



## Y-Curate

The Year 11 Visual Arts class has been involved this year in an innovative program offered by the Wollongong City Art Gallery. (WCG) Part of the senior curriculum requires the students to examine the role of the curator in creating exhibitions of artworks in a gallery setting. WCG took a very practical approach, inviting students from 4 local high schools to build an exhibition around a selected artwork and giving them access to the entire collection to mount it.

Our students were assigned 'Lambing' by Rosalie Gascoigne, an unusual work constructed from recycled materials such as torn lino and sheets of plywood. Taking a focus on interpretations of the Australian landscape, they selected a wide range of different works from a black and white photo by Max Dupain through paintings by well-known artists such as Sidney Nolan, to the large sculpture by Jeff Thompson made from reassembled oil drums shown in the accompanying photo.



The students had the rare experience of going into the gallery to hang the works on the wall, actually fetching them from the storerooms and organising their placement, a very "hands-on" opportunity which allowed them full ownership of the whole exhibition. It has made the role of the art gallery in bringing art into the community real for them and given them a direct experience of art they will never forget.

The exhibition opened on 10th August alongside the selection from Smith's Hill High School and closes on 23rd September when Edmund Rice and St Mary's High Schools will take over with their exhibitions.

The students are proud of their achievement and invite everyone to visit our Wollongong City Gallery and enjoy these works from the collection, as they have.

Karen Wilmott

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## **‘ANOTHER FIRST FOR WARILLA HIGH’**

On Tuesday evening, 28th August, Warilla High School was asked to present to the Wests Illawarra Club Board its CDSE Category 1 proposal for an extension of the schools Values Education Program focusing on Community Service and Student Volunteering. This was some ‘history in the making’ as no previous application had ever been personally made to the Board. In a unique and innovative approach Warilla High School was seeking \$25000 to enable up to 50 Year 10 and Year 11 students the opportunity to undertake a 40 week training program with various local community based associations such as Surf Clubs, State Emergency Services, Rural Bush Fire Brigade, Wires, Meals on Wheels, RSL ..... Funds being sought would pay for students to be formally trained and kitted out in the uniform and equipment required.



The presentation team consisted of Year 11 students Krystle Marsh and Matthew Robson who worked hard to produce an outstanding power point presentation of what was happening in the school at present in the area of Community Service and Student Volunteering through the eyes of student volunteers, staff, parents and local dignitaries including Senator



Ferravanti-Wells, Pat O’Shae - Illawarra Red Cross Co-ordinator and Tony Villa from the St Vincent de Paul Society. Other members of the Presentation Team included our Principal, Mr John Hambly and Student Services Head, Teacher Bob Pastor.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the school has been successful in its application and Wests Illawarra Club will commit \$25000 to run a pilot program which we hope will become a pilot model for other schools to follow. At the same time I would like to congratulate Ms Kellie Marsh on her appointment as the Coordinator of this new cutting edge direction in Values Education.

## **FINDING YOURSELF AS A PERSON ON THE HODDLES WALK**

Celebrating ‘Going with the Flow’ is an innovative Student Services Program that uses an outdoor education and practical ‘hands on’ environmental approach to helping students build self-confidence, self worth and self esteem by taking them out of their normal environments and placing them in one that is unfamiliar. Using positive risk taking and personal self reflective activities in this environment, well-known facilitator of this

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program Mr John Brown, has had tremendous success in building students lives and enhancing their success both in and out of the school.

Last Friday 11 Years 7-10 boys and girls undertook the, at times challenging, 9 km 'Hoddles Walk' from the top of Saddleback Mountain to Foxground and return. This track is historically significant as it was the old 'butter' track from the Highlands to the Coast. It is now somewhat difficult to imagine horses travelling along the track we walked. There were plenty of places along the way to explore and ponder the meaning of life.

Participating students were: Year 7 - Daniel Darkes and Adam Seaby; Year 8 - Sheridan Brown, Jessica Hemingway and Melanie Jones; Year 9 - Melec Amac and Jasmin Hall; Year 10 - Kate Condran, Jessi Kirwan, Shona Nicol and Hannah Robson

I congratulate them on firstly completing this track successfully and secondly learning valuable life's lessons of celebrating 'Going With The Flow'. I would also like to thank Caitlan Barton, Student Mentor and Karen Fuller from Access Community Group, John Hambly and John Berry for allowing the excursion to happen.

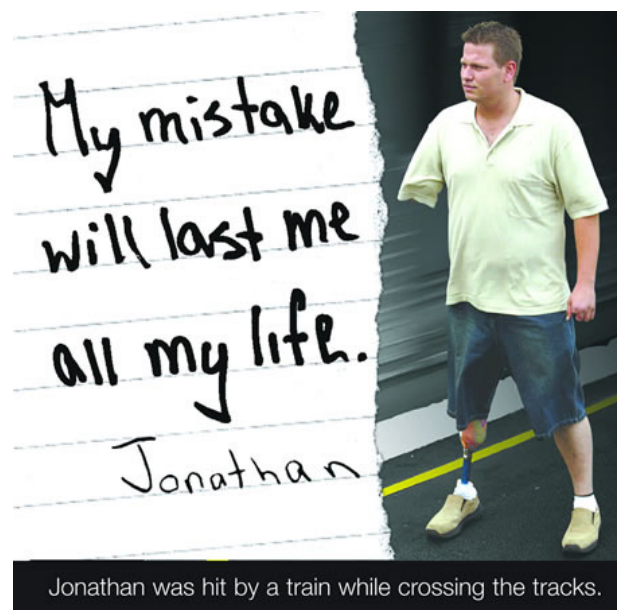
## **RAIL SAFETY TALK BY JONATHAN BENINCA**

In 1999, Jonathan Beninca was a healthy 19 year old who enjoyed all the usual things young people do like sport, socializing and partying.

After a night of drinking with his mates he realized he'd missed the last train and started walking home along the tracks in Sydney's south. His next recollection was waking up in hospital, minus his right arm and a leg and middle and index finger.

While his dangerous short cut changed his life forever, Jonathan now works as a powerful and highly articulate speaker for CityRail. Jonathan was spoke to all students in Years 7-10 to provided them with a high-impact real life story that involved dangerous risk taking around train lines that resulted in a serious injury.

Jonathan provided a very interesting personalized presentation about the consequences of dangerous risk taking around train lines and trains, the impact his injuries had on him and how injuries and deaths affect train drivers and rail staff in the aftermath of an accident like his. Warilla High School would like to thank Jonathan for his excellent presentation.



Jonathan was hit by a train while crossing the tracks.



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## SEMESTER ONE GOOD REPORTS BBQ's

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Earlier this term two BBQ's were held to recognise and celebrate excellent student achievement in the Semester One Reports. Part of the Warilla High School Positive Initiatives Program, the school is proud to acknowledge this achievement through a celebratory BBQ and Certificate Presentation.



### YEAR 7

Chelsea BARNES, Jessica BEENCKE, Matthew BILLETT, Cody BOOTHMAN, Isabella BRATJANSKAK, Cassandra DESCALZO, Matthew DRUERY, Nicole EADES, Luke EDWARDS, Lauren FAIRWEATHER, Maddison FOWLER, Zachary HILTON, Bianca HOLZ, Haydn HOLZ, Dayna HOPWOOD, Josie-May IORIANNI, Ruby JACKSON, Allira JOHNS, Sophie KING, Jarrod LUCK, Tihan MARLEY, Jordan NOLAN, Amy PECK, Jessica SAULT and Christopher WALSH

### YEAR 8

Ben ALHOVIRTA, Alicia BAINBRIDGE, Eleanna BALLI, Rachel BARBER, Talia BENAVENTE, Sarah BOESMI, Rikeya CONSTABLE, Jessica CORRALES, Jade CRAIG, Monica DAMIAN, Ebony ELGEY, Zoe ELKERTON, Alma HASANOVIC, Taelar HATTENFELS, Kristen LEWRY, Nathan MCANDREW, Laura NEALON, Honi PERRIN DE GRAAFF, Laura SAMPSON, Arlee SHEPHARD, Naomi TALBOT, Rachel THORNTON, Daniel TOSKOVSKI, Anita VASILEVSKA and Damon WALE

### YEAR 9

Sammantha ANGELOSKA, Tyson ARAPALI, Ryan BURGESS, Anneliese DOBBIE, Emma FARNELL, Bradley FERRARO, Melissa GALIATSATOS, Mitchell GREEN, Steven GRUEVSKI, Hannah GULABOVSKA, Michael HOBOURN, Andrew JOVANSKI, Victoria KOLEVSKI, Danielle MANGOS, Sasha MARKOVIC, Jacqueline MARTIN, Lauren MOULTON, Tahlia NASH, Emily NIETNER, Jacqueline O'CONNOR,



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Cindy OUTEIRO, April PALMER, Kristy RADFORD, Reece STURGES, Alyssa WORBOYES and Nathan ZAMPA

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### **YEAR 10**

Joseph ANGWIN, Christopher BAILEY, Stylianos BALLI, Hayley BARBER, Amanda BECK, Mitchell GREEN, Tiana HAKKENBROCK, Lara HANDLEY, Rebecca JOHNSTON, Adriana MAZEVSKI, Christopher MURRAY, Justine NORRIS, Taya ROTHERHAM, Teneisha TRETHEWEY and Laura WORTHY

### **YEAR 11**

Jasmine ARNOLD, Melissa BARBER, Michelle BILLETT, Elliot DAVISON, Sandra DIMECH, David DRAGOVIC, Rachael DUNSTAN, Vanessa GEEVES, Amanda KUPRONOW, Connie LEONG, Monik MACKANDER, Krystle MARSH, Amy MATHESON, Lisa McLENNAN, Kate NEALON, Jaime O'SULLIVAN, Jack PETIQUIN, Robert PETKOVSKI, Ranui RICE, Matthew ROBSON, Dannielle SILARSKI, Nikolce STOJCEVSKI, Casey TAYLOR and Kylie WEBB

### **YEAR 12**

Nathan ACKROYD, Jack ANGWIN, Christopher AVERY, Adam BESCOS, Jeniffer BOZINOVSKA, Peter BRAMLEY, Andrea BURAZOR, Belinda CALLEJA, Christopher CODY, Ryan COOK, Hollie DAVIS, Christine DOWNTON, Christine DRAGOVIC, Carlie EADES, Daniel FERRARO, Alex FOARD, Jessica FULLER, Kevin GAMBLE, Caroline HARTCHER, Leon HEALY, Anita JANSEN VAN RENSBURG, Andrew JONES, Marina KOCOVSKA, Stephanie KOLEVSKI, Andrew LAI, Patrick LEONG, Leizel MACKANDER, Jessica OUTEIRO, Nathan PERRETTA, Shannon POWELL, Karly SKINNER, Jamie STEVOSKI, Kayla STRATTON, Kristina TOLOLESKA, Todd UNICOMB, Rachel WADE, Russell WILLETTS, Samuel ZABOYAK, Ashley ZAMPA

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## GIRLS OPEN RUGBY UNION

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Warilla High School Girls Open Rugby Union team played Matraville Sports High School in the quarter semi final of the NSW CHS Richard Shaw Shield knockout on the 22nd of August 2007.

Warilla were successful in moving into the next round with a result of 22-10. Best on field was Emma Henderson with her aggression in attack and brutal defence not allowing any of the Matraville girls past. Other talent on field included Caroline Hartcher, the experienced fullback, slicing through Matraville all over the park and rookies, Cherise Lomas and Kate McKinley, stepped up from the under 15's to help out the Warilla team because of Trial HSC exams and the flu taking it's toll on the Warilla High line up.

They were up for the challenge and the experience of playing will keep the team in good stead for the next few years with the younger ones filtering into the team. Hayley Bartlett, captain and half back, did well to lead her team around the park, barking out orders and showing the way when others tired.

The whole team showed great determination and heart. It is wonderful to coach such an enthusiastic young team, the girls are learning the basics and putting it into practice and it makes it a great rugby sight to see. The girls are improving with every game, gaining more confidence and are hoping to make the final on the 9th September to defend their State Title won consecutively in the past 2 years.

A special note should be made for the parents who support the girls and turned out to watch the game in pretty miserable weather; it really was a great turn out for a high school rugby union match.

Rachelle Carey  
Coach







### IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS:

- **Tuesday 11 September**      **P&C Meeting - 7.30 pm**  
    **in School Library**
  
- **Friday 21st September**      **Year 10, 11 and 12**  
    **girls 2nd or 3rd dose of the**  
    **HPV Vaccine**



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# SUPPORT UNIT SNOW TRIP

WOW! What an exciting trip the Support Unit had this year to Smiggin Holes. 13 students, 3 mentors from Years 10 and 11 and 4 staff made the journey to the 'Winter Wonderland'. Plenty of snow, blue skies and overnight snowfalls ensured some amazing skiing opportunities. What makes a trip like this so special is watching a group of students become independent, interacting positively with each other and experiencing something they would not ordinarily have access to.

A special thank you to Forrest Perrin De Graaff, Leah Werner and Rhys Burton for their mentoring support and Miss Dedini, Mrs Hutchison and Mrs Neaves for their incredible hard work. Thank you also to Mrs Mowbray for her excellent organisation prior to the trip. Without the efforts of these individuals, the camp would not have been the success that it was!

Special mention must go to our fantastic students. In particular Tiffany Churchill, Josh Balmer, Josh Meier, Brendon Tease and Luke Loader for their tremendous determination in both learning to ski and helping in the lodge with everyday duties.

Ian McDonald  
Head Teacher Support





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# ***ERREA Cup Open Boys Soccer Team***

## ***A Soccer Odyssey***

This year the Warilla High Open Boys Soccer Team has distinguished themselves in what has become a standout year of sporting successes and achievements at Warilla High School. This team is the first soccer team to have made the final 8 in NSW, from a total of 360 entries state-wide. I have written a game by game summary, outlining this team's Soccer Odyssey:-

### **Game 1: (Preliminary Round) – Warilla High 2 def Oak Flats 1 (Home – Barrack Oval).**

This was a hard fought match, as both teams found their way in the first game of the competition. The shackles were broken late in the first half as midfielder, Goran Nikolovski, went one on one with the keeper and score. Looking set for a win, an unfortunate defensive error gave Oak Flats a penalty shot at goal, which they converted. Scores stayed 1-1 until full time, this resulted in Golden Goal extra time. Our confidence was still up, and Chad Keating scored the golden goal winner within just a few minutes of extra time. This put our team into round one of the ERREA Cup.

### **Game 2: (Round 1) – Warilla High 4 def Albion Park High 3 (Home – Barrack Oval)**

This was another hard fought match with our cross city rivals Albion Park High. Having two of our best (Daniel Ferraro and Matt Hoppo) missing, we knew it was going to be tough work against the team that knocked us out of the competition, in the corresponding game, last year. Albion Park started well and scored the first goal. Warilla countered with Chad Keating 1-1, Albion Park scored again 2-1. Warilla, via Peter Henderson, replied 2-2. Albion Park got another 3-2. With 15 minutes on the clock, and injuries to both teams, the game appeared to be out of reach. Our coach Mr Petreski makes crucial substitutions, which immediately changed the course of the game. Shannon Boesmi scored for Warilla 3-3. With minutes left on the clock Ben Stratton scored the final goal for a 4-3 Warilla victory.

### **Game 3: (Round 2) – Warilla 10 def Kanahooka 0 (Away – Kanahooka)**

Warilla found form after two hard fought successes, and put all other teams on notice with a comprehensive 10-0 win. Ben Stratton scores a milestone of 5 goals in one match. Goran Nikolovski strikes and scores a screamer from 25 metres out, Jason Milosevski, Chad Keating, Jason Jovanovski and Daniel Ferraro also scored goals.





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**Game 4: (Round 3) – Warilla 4 def Shoalhaven 0 (Away – Shoalhaven)**

The game started tight with both teams showing signs of nerves early on. Chad Keating capitalises on a half chance and opens the scoring for Warilla 1-0. This lifts the team and we shift up a gear, with Daniel Ferraro and Trent Sovrano scoring one each, 3-0. Chad Keating caps off a memorable game by scoring his second for a decisive 4-0 victory.

**Game 5: (Round 4) – Warilla 2 def Bega 0 (Neutral ground: Bateman's Bay)**

With the winner to go through to the final 16 of the state, much was at stake. The first half was dominated by Warilla, however we could not capitalise and the score remained 0-0. For a short period following half-time Bega was in control, however they too could not find the back of the net. With Warilla ramping up the pressure, Bega were forced to make a defensive error and fouled Ben Stratton inside the box. Daniel Ferraro stepped up and professionally slotted the ball past the keeper and scored, 1-0 to Warilla. With our defence determined to keep the opposition scoreless Jason Jovanovski receives a suspect elbow to the head and receives a bloody nose for his efforts. Once again with all the pressure against Bega, Daniel Ferraro hits an unbelievable volley from outside the box into the bottom corner to seal the victory 2-0. Other outstanding players were Matt Hoppo and Jason Milosevski for their work-horse like efforts.

**Game 6: (Final 16) – Warilla V North Sydney Boys High (Barrack Oval)**

With the team pumped up for a big match in front of a home crowd our boys were ready to achieve what no other Warilla High Soccer team has done before and progress through to the next round. We had to run into a very strong wind at kick off and our defence, led by Jason Jovanovski and supported by Matt Hoppo in the midfield, worked very hard to keep the opposition scoreless in the first half. With a 0-0 score line the match was delicately poised with both teams failing to capitalise on their chances. Running with the wind in the second-half our team looked towards its senior players for leadership. Daniel Ferraro stepped up and unleashed a piercing shot across the keeper to score. Warilla win 1-0. Star players: Daniel Ferraro, Matt Hoppo, Jason Jovanovski, Peta Brankovic, Jason Milosevski and Jamie Necovski.

**Game 7: (Final 8) – Warilla V Kingswood High (Penrith)**

Our boys were in high spirits leading up to this crucial match, however illness and injury would take its toll. Our starting keeper Jamie Necovski was the first to pull out due to an overnight hospital visit and Nikola Ristevski (Yr8) was given the opportunity to keep for his first game with our team. That however was only the start of our trou-

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ble as the flu hit several key players including our captain Matt Hoppo and playmaker Goran Nikolovski amongst others. If this was not enough our talented winger Chad Keating suffered a bloody nose via an accidental head clash early in the first half and could not take any further part in the game. Despite this our boys managed to create several opportunities and kept themselves in the match, although trailing, 1-0 at half-time. The second-half saw our boys come back strong but we were unable to capitalise. Kingswood then scored two more late goals against the run of play to seal their victory 3-0.

The next and final match in this competition is the playoff for the South Coast Regional Finals to take place on Wednesday, 19th of September 2007. Warilla High will play Mulwaree at 7:00 pm in the boys final and Albion Park taking on Moss Vale in the girls playoff at 5:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the venue (Terry Reserve, Albion Park) and are \$2 for Adults and \$1 for Students/Concessions (Team Members and Coaching Staff are exempt). I would like to take this opportunity to invite all interested parties, parents and students, to come and support our team and give them a send-off they deserve.

Finally I would like to thank all the families, supporters and teachers who have travelled with us throughout this remarkable year of sporting success, your efforts have been much appreciated. I would also like to give a heartfelt thank you to all the individual team members, your efforts have been phenomenal this year, well done.

**Team Members:-David Bescos, Petar Brankovic, David Dragovic, Daniel Ferraro, Alexander Garcia, Peter Henderson, Matt Hoppo, Oh (Andy) Hyun Sung, Jason Jovanovski, Chad Keating, Jason Milosevski, Jamie Necovski, Goran Nikolovski, Robert Petkovski, Brad Quintal, Luke Rawson, Nikola Ristevski, Trent Sovrano, Nikolce Stojcevski, Ben Stratton, Joel Vaughan.**

Mr Robert Petreski (Open Boys Soccer Coach 2007)

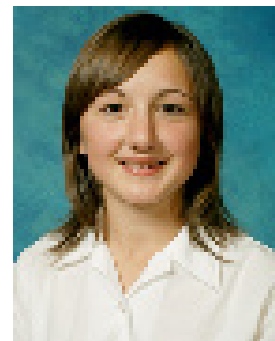






## CONGRATULATIONS!

Naomi Elliott and Suzana Stojcevska on winning the Inaugural Girls Pairs NSW Combined High Schools Lawn Bowls Championship. Naomi also finished 3rd in the State Singles Championship.



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