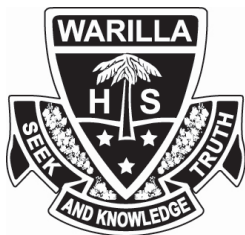

PARENT NEWSLETTER



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SEPTEMBER 2008

- Recent meetings with the Regional Director linked all 40 ISER Secondary Principals via Interactive Whiteboard Connected Classroom Technology.

Areas of discussion were Engagement of Students and Retention Strategies. With the imminent increase of the minimum leaving age from 15 to 16 (or 17), these areas will have increased priority in education planning in the coming years. This is of particular importance in the Illawarra with its high rate of youth unemployment.

- The planning for 2009 Curriculum is well under way with Year 11 subject selections almost finalised and Years 8 and 9 elective choices currently being undertaken.
- Year 12 are in the final countdown stages of their HSC courses with Trial exams having finished in Week 6 and subjects with Practical/Project components having submitted their major works for marking. I had the pleasure of observing some of the Individual Drama Presentations and the quality was outstanding. Similarly some of the Major Works in Design and Technology, on display in the library for marking, were of the highest quality.
- Warilla High's 'Southern Stars' representatives have had their chance to put all of their practice into actual performance. Once again, the overall production was incredible and the Warilla High contingent brought great credit to the school. Congratulations to all the students involved and to the teachers, Janine Neden and Dian Masters, who have worked so hard at getting the performances up to the standard exhibited.
- The attendance rate at Thursday afternoon Sport is declining and I ask parents not to make appointments etc on these afternoons as Sport is a compulsory part of the curriculum. Also, students are not to arrange to be picked up from school before Thursday Sport. This must be arranged through the front office with permission from a member of the School Executive. These procedures are necessary for legal reasons and are in line with our responsibility for 'duty of care', to ensure the safety of all students.

Yours in Education
B Ashby
Acting Principal

'Warilla High School - Student Centred, Outcomes Driven'

IMPORTANT DATES

September		September cont...	
8-12	Yr 10 Yearly Exams Week	19	Yr 12 VET Metals Excursion to Klama
8	Yr 11 PDHPE First Aid Crse	22-23	Yr 10 HSIE Canberra Excursion
9	P&C Meeting in Library - 7.30 pm	25	Yr 12 Graduation - 10 am
10	Yr 11 Marine Studies Excn	26	Last day of Term 3
15	Year 10 English - Speaking Assessment Task	October	
15-24	Yr 11 Preliminary Exams	13	STUDENTS AND STAFF RETURN
16-18	Support Unit Excursion to the Blue Mountains	27	Final Dose HPV (Yr7-10) & 2nd Dose Hep B Yr 7)

SKILLS WEEK 2008

Years 7, 8 and 9

Wednesday 10th December - Wednesday 17th December

Year 9 have already received their information booklets and Years 7 and 8 will be issued this week. Selection forms will be processed in order of return.

NB: All payments for activities must be finalised in the first 3 weeks of Term 4.

FINAL VACCINATIONS FOR 2008 - MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER

- **FINAL DOSE HPV - CERVICAL CANCER VACCINE - YEARS 7 - 10**
- **2ND DOSE HEP B - YEAR 7**

SOUTHERN STARS 2008

This year Southern Stars was held at the WEC over four days, 27th August to 30th August 2008. The Warilla High School Dance Troupe participated in the performance titled "This Life" following the life of a student called Evan.

We were extremely fortunate to have been in the first puzzle piece which was choreographed by Mrs Benitta Mitchell from Lake Illawarra High School. The music that we danced to was "Nobody's Perfect" by Hannah Montana and our dance was very well received. Other schools in our section were Lake Illawarra High School, Keira Technology High School, Corrimal High School and Bulli High School.

Our students made many friendships and totally enjoyed the spectacular. The dance troupe were very well behaved and a credit to the school.

The students involved were:

Year 7	Yasemin Ali, Liana Baulch, Elena Bryant, Tamara Burchell, Megan Davies, Brittney Gibb, Kyla Hakkenbrock, Shaye Hanson, Ashleigh Hermes, Melissa Holland, Holly Kane, Meg Keeling, Holli McDonald, Zoe Phelps, Shenae Reed, Maddison Silk, Claudia Trueman, Maddin Woods
Year 8	Taylah Lonergan, Jessica Pinney, Kiana Rice, Bonni Wathen, Teneel Whiteman, Shyanne Wilson
Year 9	Eleanna Balli, Talia Benavente, Rebecca Davey, Keisha McIntosh, Courtney Redmond, Alison Russell, Laura Sampson
Year 10	Hayley Bedford

Ms Neden and Mrs Masters



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – why your child should go to school

Why must I send my child to school?

The law states that all children between the ages of six to fifteen years of age are required to attend school regularly (Education Act 1990). It is the responsibility of parents to make sure that their children attend school every day and to explain all absences from school.

Must I send my child to school every day?

YES unless...

- your child is too sick to go to school
- your child has been injured
- your child has to go to a special religious ceremony
- your child has an infectious illness (eg. Mumps or measles.)
- there is a serious family situation which requires their involvement.

Must my child attend sport?

YES. Sport is compulsory and participation at some level is expected of every student in Years 7 to 11. Sport and other exercise help physical development of children.

Why is regular attendance so important?

Attending school every day makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children. If students miss the basic skills in the early years of school, they may have problems later on in school life.

Regular attendance at school will help your child succeed in later life. Unsatisfactory school attendance may affect the awarding of both the School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate (HSC).

Please do not keep your child away from school for things such as birthdays, minding other children, or hair cuts. Always try to make children's appointments with people like dentists or doctors before or after school.

How do I notify the school of my child's absence?

It is important to let the school know when your child will be away and why your child was absent. The parent or caregiver should provide written or verbal notification to the school explaining the absence. An absence booklet is available to all families that states the information required by the school and is available from the front office or the Head Teacher Administration.

Students who will be absent for only part of a school day are required to obtain a PTL (Permission to Leave). Students need to present themselves to the Teacher in Charge

at the table in the glassed area outside the Deputy's office, before school commences on the day with a note from parents explaining the issue and detailing the required information (name, academic year, date, time absent and parent contact details).

If students require this pass for anything other than a medical appointment, the Teacher in charge, along with the Sports Organiser on a Thursday will, on most occasions, make contact with parents.

Support your child's success at school by getting them there!

SEMESTER ONE GOOD REPORTS BBQ's

Earlier this term 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.



**Congratulations to
all the students and
a special thank you
to our BBQ crew!**

GOOD REPORTS BBQ'S Cont



New Course Opportunities for Yr 9 Students

I am pleased to announce that students in Year 9, 2009 will be the first students at Warilla High with the opportunity to undertake courses directly linked to their future career paths. We are now able to offer Year 9 students Vocational Training in Business Services- enabling them to gain skills in working in an office situation as a junior

or continuing on to complete a Certificate II in Business Services in the senior years of schooling. Work placement, an opportunity to gain 'real-life' experiences, will also be a component of the course.

Additionally, we are offering the students a new course- R3- Right person, Right job, Right reason. This course will be a general work education course, encouraging and enabling the students to gain or improve the skills needed to make that transition from school to work. Both of these courses will be a component of the School Certificate course offered to Warilla High School students in 2009. I look forward to reporting more on the success of these courses next year.

S Potts
Head Teacher VET

SPORTS ABSENCES

We ask for your co-operation with attendance at Thursday afternoon sport.

Please do not make out of school appointments on Thursday afternoons. Sport is an integral part of the curriculum and students are required to have a minimum 85% attendance.

In the event of wet weather or if a student has a medical reason for not participating in sport, there are alternative arrangements organised for students at school.

If a student feels sick on the way to Sport they should report back to school or to the teacher in charge of their Sport and parents will be contacted if necessary. Students must not decide to go home by themselves.

NB: At no time should a student use their mobile phone to contact a parent to arrange to be picked up. These arrangements can only be made through the front office.

UNIFORM

School uniforms must be worn every day. Under no circumstances are students allowed to wear thongs to school. This is a safety issue. If students have foot injuries and are unable to wear enclosed footwear they should remain at home. Work can be organised through the student's year adviser.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS 2008

21 students represented Warilla High at Regional Athletics in Canberra recently.

Congratulations to:

Michelle Vowles 1st Under 14 Discus

Karra-Lee Nolan 2nd 90m Hurdles

Blake James 1st Boys Under 15 800m 1st 1500m 1st 3000m
2nd 400m Blake was the Under 15 Age Champion

Ben Stratton 1st 100m 2nd 200m 1st Long Jump 1st Triple Jump
Ben was also the Age Champion for the 16 Boys

Michelle, Karra-Lee, Blake and Ben now represent South Coast at the NSW CHS Athletics at Olympic Park, Homebush on 4th, 5th and 6th September. Good Luck!

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