

## Principal's Message

Welcome to the mid term newsletter and despite being early in the year, many changes are underway. We are currently changing the meeting structure at school by putting a greater focus on training and development into fortnightly staff meetings. Our focus this term will be on the school's Aboriginal Education Initiatives, Focusing on Numeracy Skills (prior to Naplan) and further training in the schools Laptop Programs. Next term our focus will be on quality teaching initiatives.

We also have some substantial staff changes occurring. After a wonderful career as our Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts, Mrs Caz Jarvis will be taking some leave prior to retiring. This will take effect in Week 6 with Mrs Karen Unicomb relieving as Head Teacher initially and Ms Janine Neden later in the year. Caz has been an extraordinary teacher who has never lost her passion for teaching. She has lead and developed a healthy and thriving faculty and ensured that visual and performing arts are a prominent force in the school. Congratulations Caz on a job well done. You will be missed by the whole school community and our best wishes for an exciting life after teaching.

Interviews are currently underway to select teachers for HSIE and English/Drama positions. I will inform you of our new teachers in the next newsletter.

Welcome also Jacqueline Brown to our School Administration and Support Staff, who was successful at obtaining her position at Warilla High School through interview.

The laptop rollout process for the current Year 9 students will commence very late this term. It is a lengthy process to commission these computers and students will receive them in Term 2.

I remind parents of students in Year 10 who received laptops in 2009 that any repairs to damaged computers is at the family's expense. There are no spare laptops or parts at the school and while Adam Toole our Technical Support Officer can do his best, major repairs are the responsibility of students and their families.

I am hoping for some stability with buses after a bumpy start to the year. Recently bus routes have been changed and these have been put on display around the school. A summary of the new routes and times is also in this newsletter.

We have also put footpath markings outside the school indicating permanent spots where buses will collect students daily.

At our next P & C meeting on 9 March our Deputy Principal and leader of the School Literacy Team, Mr Alan McInnes will

be discussing our whole school literacy initiatives in 2010. He will also give some informative feedback about NAPLAN. I invite you all to attend the meeting which starts promptly at 7.30 pm.

On Tuesday 16 March we will also be holding our "Welcome to Warilla High School Afternoon" for Year 7 students and their parents. This will commence at 2.00 pm and finish at approximately 3.00 pm.

So read on folks, and enjoy the life and busy times at Warilla High.

Glenn Isemonger  
Principal

### Media Access Permission

At times the school may wish to reproduce samples of students work or a photo of a student in the school newsletter, promotional material or in the media (local newspapers, TV). If you **DO NOT** wish images of your child or their work to appear in school publications or other local media could you please contact the Administration Office at school to place your child's name on a register. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

## Coming Events

### Week 7A

Monday 8 March	Junior Boys Cricket Hassett Cup against Keira at Wiseman Park
Tuesday 9 March	<b>P &amp; C Meeting 7.30pm in Library</b>
Wednesday 10 March	SRC Induction P1 & P2 in the Hall Senior Boys Cricket Davidson Shield Knockout at Dalton Park Fairy Meadow ED Excursion to Lake Illawarra
Thursday 11 March	Yr 8 Rock Concert in the Hall P1
Friday 12 March	Yr 10 English Literacy Practice Exam P3 & P4 – Assessment Task Yr 8 Visual Arts Field Trip to Lake Illawarra SRC Worlds Greatest Shave 1 <sup>st</sup> Break in the Quad

## Coming Events (Continued)

### Week 8B

Monday 15 March	Yr 11 Aboriginal Studies Excursion Yr 12 English Excursion to Wollongong HS to see Steven Herrick South Coast Golf at Kiama Golf Club
Tuesday 16 March	Yr 7 Parent Afternoon Tea Support Unit Music Excursion to Science Centre at Fairy Meadow
Wednesday 17 March	Yr 11 Aboriginal Studies Excursion Yr 8 Gifted & Talented Excursion to Just Imagine at Wollongong City Gallery Yr 11 & Yr 12 Visual Arts Excursion to the National Gallery in Canberra Open Boys Soccer vs Kiama HS at Barrack Oval
Thursday 18 March	School Cross Country
Friday 19 March	Open boys Futsal Soccer Regional Championships at Berkeley Netball Stadium

## Aspire

There is an old saying that goes "ambition never gets anywhere until it forms a partnership with work". This is true of this week's 'high flyers' who are demonstrating a wonderful work ethic and exceptional integrity.

Firstly, there have been some great things happening in English. In Year 9 Ashleigh Hermes, Eleanor Burden and Maddison Silk are to be commended for their excellent narrative work and reading. In Year 10, well done Jessica Pinney and Tom Donohoe for your excellent application and class work. Your teacher is very impressed with your work.

In Year 11, Erin Ulin has been working exceptionally well and Jessica Thomas and Rachel Barber have shown excellent application in Advanced English. Also, well done Sarah Verhoeven of Year 12 Drama for maintaining an excellent log book of your activities.

In our Technology and Food Technology classes there has also been some great work. In Year 7 Joshua Devall and Kyle Williams have made excellent progress this year. Chantell Cvetanoski, Smantha Dalmazzo and Emily Buckingham of Year 8 Food Technology have been trying to do their best and their teacher is impressed. In Year 10 Food Technology, Mehmet Amac, Benjamin Carney and Jarrad Worboyes are to be congratulated for their enthusiastic approach to everything they undertake. In Year 11 Food Technology, Courtney Parker, Daniel Dupille, Kiana Bullock and Alexander Velovski deserve a big rap for the diligence and perseverance they have shown in their class work. Keep it up. While Mark Willoughby, Robert Madeddu, Kristen Lewry and Brogan Harrison are to be commended for their wonderful attitude and punctuality with their first Year 11 Hospitality Assessment task. Brogan has also been doing exceptionally well in her Exploring Early Childhood class. Well done.

Finally I want to thank a bunch of students for their exceptional honesty. In recent days we have had several wallets and student folders handed in to the office as lost property. It is nice to know that we have students with such high integrity. Well done Brayden Conyers of Year 10, Katrina Hughes, Amy Brady and Amanda Castles of Year 8 and Brody Hawkins, Dakota Szutowicz and Jayden Lidbury of Year 7.

So congratulations to all of our 'high flyers' on a job well done! Best wishes.

Glenn Isemonger  
Principal

## Student Administration

### Reminder Absentee Notices

When providing explanations for school absences, parents are responsible for providing valid reasons for their child's absence. The school is unable to justify an absence based on a broad explanation, ie: "Family Reasons" or "Personal Reasons". As these notes relate to the fulfilling of requirements under the Education Act 1990, absentee notes become a legal document once tendered to the school, and the principal has the responsibility of validating these notes. As a result, the school is **unable** to accept the above reasons as a valid reason for student absences. These absences will be marked down as UNJUSTIFIED absences until an appropriate reason has been given.

2.2.4 The Principals may decline to accept as satisfactory an explanation for an absence. The parent must be notified that the explanation has not been accepted and a reason for the decision provided.

2.2.5 The Principal may request a medical certificate or other documentation where the absences explained as being due to sickness are frequent or prolonged.

**"NSW DET: Student Attendance In Government Schools: PROCEDURES"**

Stephen Kershaw  
Head Teacher Administration

## Support Services

### Special Provisions for School Certificate and Higher School Certificate

Under certain circumstances the Board of Studies may provide special conditions for candidates sitting these examinations. The special provisions are diverse, covering medical, psychological, physical and learning difficulties. There are many conditions with which special provisions can assist. For example if your child has learning difficulties with reading or writing; medical problems such as diabetes; medical problems that require medication at special times of the day; psychological problems such as anxiety or; physical disabilities such as colour blindness, deafness or muscular problems, he or she can apply.

If you feel that your child may require the use of special provisions, or you wish to find out more, please contact Ros Gaynor, Support Teacher Learning Assistance, during school hours on 42963055 to discuss the matter further. (Applications for special provisions must be lodged by the end of this term.)

Ros Gaynor  
Support Teacher Learning Assistance

## Library

I have just been informed of a wonderful resource that is available to members of the school community. The Shellharbour Library subscribes to the World Book Web Public Library edition which is a number one reference site for schools. This site includes World Book Online for Kids, World Book Online Info Finder, and the World Book Online Reference Centre. Their subscription allows them to give Shellharbour Library members free access to this valuable resource from their home computer 365 days per year 24 hours a day. Please encourage your children to join the Shellharbour Library - library membership is free. Once they are members they can access the World Book Web (and many other valuable online resources) by using their library card barcode and following these simple steps:

1. Go to the library's website:  
[www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au)
2. From the Libraries & Museum option, select New Online E-Resources including World Book
3. Click on World Book Web. Type in the Login/ID and password details and click Go.

Maria Bryant  
Librarian

## Careers

### Year 12 Discovery Day 2010 at the University of Wollongong

Over 5,500 students from 134 high schools flocked to the University of Wollongong from 1 February to 5 February for the annual Discovery Day – University of Wollongong's largest undergraduate recruitment event.

The aim of Discovery Days is to provide an opportunity for Year 12 students to experience, first hand, what university life is like for a day. For the 28 students who attended from our school, the day gave them an insight into student's life including services and facilities on campus, subject selection, as well as the experience of attending classes in their areas of interest.

Participating schools were from the Illawarra, Southern Sydney, South Western Sydney, South Coast, Goulburn, Southern Highlands, ACT and many rural schools over the five day period.

All faculties and services of the University were involved in special presentations for the event, and our students had a great day.

Students who were unable to attend the Discovery Day this year will have another opportunity to talk to faculty representatives from The University of Wollongong at the Illawarra Credit Union Careers Expo on 4 and 5 May, so make sure you join us then.

Karen Brookes  
Careers Adviser

## Year 7

Year 7 have been working hard and have settled well into the Warilla High School routine. Many students have already received their 5 merits to earn them a spot at the Royal Easter Show excursion later this term. Some of these students include

Georgia Hilton, Aaron Hunter, Kori Tzaneros, Christine Charalambous, Joshua Devall, Joe Love, Amelia Frisch and Tahnee Bowden. There are too many to mention them all. I am so proud of the way **all** Year 7 are striving to impress their teachers and obtain these merits. Notes about the arrangements for the show and costs etc will be sent home with students later in the term.

The Year 7 Afternoon Tea is on Tuesday 16 March at 2.00pm in the school hall. Please return the yellow note to let us know if you are attending or not. This will help us determine numbers for catering. I am looking forward to chatting with you all there. If you can't make the event please feel free to contact me at school if you have any worries about your children.

A few Year 7 students still need to bring in their blue 'Computer Acceptable Usage Policy' form. These need to be signed by the student and their carer. Please encourage your children to do so as we cannot provide them access to the Warilla High School computer network until they do. Some students are missing out on valuable computer time at school because of this.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 16 March!

Mrs Maria Bryant  
Year 7 Year Adviser

## SRC News

### 2010 SRC Members

Listed below are the SRC members for 2010:

**Year 12:** Tyson Arapali, Anneliese Dobbie, Melissa Galiatsatos, Brenna Hamilton and Danielle Mangos

**Year 11:** Eleanna Balli, Zayne Burgess, Nicole MacKander, Danny Petrovski, and Daniel Toskovski

**Year 10:** Jason Clark, Tarleaha Brown, Sophie King, Jake Roe and Eryn-Maree Taylor

**Year 9:** Jamie Toskovski, Corey Belsito, Jelena Stanojlovic, Maddison Silk

**Year 8:** Analise Stewart, Dane Hodder, Matthew Bright, and Montannah Murray

**Year 7:** Jye Brooker, Joshua Devall, Claire Griffin, and Tayla Lees

The School website will be updated sometime in Term 2 with all of our profiles.

### Calling all Journalists and Photographers- A Chance To Have Your Say In The Illawarra Mercury!

I am looking for anyone who has a passion for writing. If you think you would make a great journalist then I need you. By submitting your name you will be able to write an article about an issue that concerns you that will be printed in the Illawarra Mercury! I also need photographers; your photos will also be printed in the newspaper! It would be great for your resume. Anyone interested should submit their details to Melissa Galiatsatos (Year 12 SRC), Miss Nelson or Mr Hawkins (Science staffroom). Thank you.

### Your Say

Don't forget, if you see something in the school that you want to change, or if there is some activity or competition that you want the school to participate in, or if you have had a great idea, come and see the SRC.

### Warilla High's Greatest Shave and Colour

Now to the last article in this fortnights SRC news. Warilla High's Greatest Shave and Colour will be held on Friday 12 March (this Friday) at long break. The show will be held in the quad, with a perimeter set up around the dais. There will be hairspray booths where you can get your hair coloured for a donation of \$2. About 60 people have given expressions of interest to colour their hair, though everyone is welcome to get their hair done too. There should be some very colourful hair styles walking around. To all those shavers, if you haven't brought your note in, best be quick. No note, no shave (this is so no angry parents yell at us). I thank all of you on behalf of Warilla High School; what you are doing is very brave.

The SRC will be running a bucket drive on this Thursday's assembly. This is where the bulk of the money will hopefully be raised for the Leukaemia Foundation. **The more money we raise, the more teachers who will shave.** We have 6 people that are shaving instead of the intended 10; I will set my limit to \$1000. Having said that, I will deduct \$100 for each shaver, so now we only have to raise \$400 for me to shave. I would like to thank Mr Hawkins and Mr Cairncross for their willingness to shave their heads for \$500. Saving the best until last, if anyone has ever wanted to see a female head teacher shave it all off, Mrs Potts has volunteered to shave her head if we raise \$1000! (i.e. if everyone in the school brings in \$1 donation, that's about \$1200). There is also a bucket in the canteen area which will be available for students and teachers to throw in their change! So be generous and make a donation to the Leukaemia Foundation.

Tyson Arapali  
School Leader

### School Bus Routes to and from Warilla High School

**7.50 (S/S)** Shellharbour Hotel – Warilla High – **BUS 3** - Via Wollongong (R) Addison - Wattle (L) Baragoot to 1<sup>st</sup> roundabout – return Baragoot (R) Wattle (L) Parklands (R) Ocean Beach Drive (LAST PICK-UP OCEAN BEACH ROAD) to School 8.03

**7.47 (S/S)** Shellcove – Warilla High – **BUS 4** - Via Brindabella (R) Cove (L) Southern Cross to 1<sup>st</sup> roundabout – return Southern Cross (L) Cove to School 8.02

**8.05 (S/S)** Shellharbour Square – Flinders – Warilla High **BUS 5** - Via (L) Lamerton (R) Benson (L) College (L) 2<sup>nd</sup> Glider (R) Tuan (L) Pioneer (L) Brunderee (R) Wattle – LAST PICK UP WATTLE/URANA - to School 8.20

**7.50 (S/S)** Pioneer/Brunderee – Warilla High – **BUS 6** - Via Brunderee (R) Baragoot (L) Whittaker (L) Seymour (L) Willinga (L) Brunderee (R) Baragoot – LAST PICK UP BARAGOOT/CURALO PL - to School 8.07

**7.30 (S/S)** Dunmore – Shellcove – Flinders – Warilla High School – **BUS 7** - Shellharbour Road (R) Southern Cross – LAST PICK UP TASMAN DRIVE – to School 7.50

**7.45 (S/S)** Lakewood/Garnet – Warilla High – **BUS 8** - Via Garnet (R) Cosgrove (R) Alcorn (L) Lakewood (R) Munmorah (R) Jindabyne – LAST PICK UP IN JINDABYNE ROAD – to School 8.05

**All afternoon buses will be the same number as the morning and will follow the same route for the return except for:-**

**2.48 (S/S)** Warilla High School – Flinders - Blackbutt – Barrack Heights Public – **BUS 5** 1<sup>st</sup> STOP WATTLE/URANA WAY – Via Kerross (R) Shellharbour Rd (R) Ocean Beach Dr (L) Parklands (R) Wattle (L) Brunderee (R) Pioneer (R) Tuan (L) Glider (R) College (R) Glider (L) Wallaroo (L) Wattle (R) Carrington (R) Loftus (L) Lindsay (L) Captain cook Dr to Barrack Hts Public 3.05

### Literacy Puzzle

#### WORD SMITH

Using all the letters in the grid find as many words as you can, including one nine-letter word, of five letters or more. In making a word, each letter can only be used once and every word must contain the centre letter. Proper nouns are not allowed.

L	L	Y
A	R	T
E	W	I

Answer to last puzzle: You are out of order

#### School Reunion for Years 10, 11 and 12 from 1988-1990

Date: Saturday 27 March 2010  
Venue: Oak Flats Bowling Club  
Time: 6.00pm till late  
Cost: Will advise  
RSVP: ASAP to Belinda Miller/Marley on **0431511825**

Albion Park Show Society is welcoming any Year 10 or older girls to be part of the Debutante Ball on 28 May 2010. Enquiries contact either Lexie Mayo 42562112 or Marilyn Connelly 42563140, a meeting will be held on the 21 March at 7.30pm at the Albion Park Showground HACC Centre rooms.

Have you ever wanted to have a go at BMX racing?  
Feel the thrills of having a go at the newest Olympic Sport.

Well here is your chance.

Southlake BMX Club located in the CROOME ROAD SPORTING COMPLEX, CROOME ROAD, ALBION PARK

Is having a FREE Come and Try Day

Saturday 13 March 2010

From 10am to 1pm

We have riders ranging in age from 4 yrs to 55 yrs so anyone can come and have a go.

For safety reasons all participants must wear long pants, long sleeved top, shoes and socks.

Please bring a road worthy bike with working brakes.

Helmets and gloves will be available to use or you can bring your own.

All riders also need to bring a drink.

For attending the day kids will receive a BMX Australia Showbag.

For all enquiries contact

Neale Bagnall - 0414364090 or Andrea Dallinger - 0418245268