

Warrawong High School

*Creating opportunities,
achieving success*

From the Principal

Opportunity to meet your child's teachers at the Parent Teacher Afternoon

Very soon parents will receive Semester One reports and an invite to Parent Teacher afternoon on Tuesday, June 26th between 2.30 and 6.30pm. Parents are urged to come along and talk to teachers about their child's progress. By showing interest and checking with teachers, children get the message that parents are serious about them doing well at school. It is an opportunity to get feedback on progress and ideas about how to help with school work at home. Parents should bring along the Semester One report.

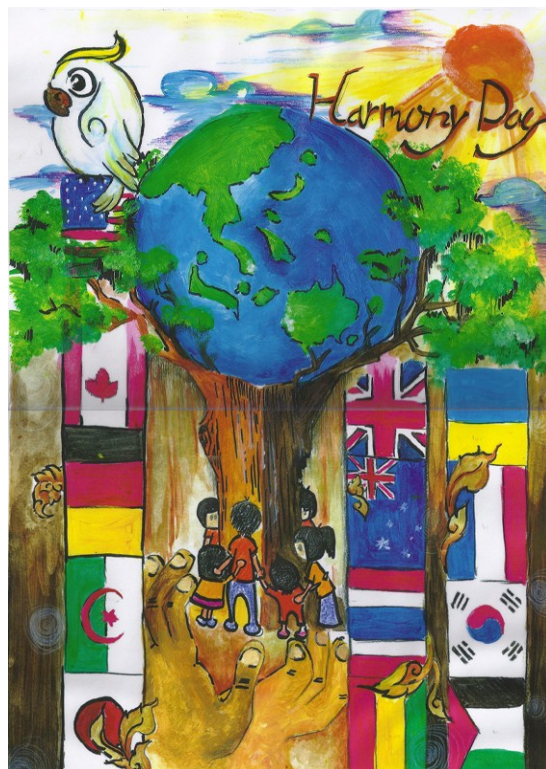
Harmony Rewards Warrawong's State Winner

Warrawong High celebrates Harmony Day every year in March. Harmony Day is about promoting an understanding, appreciation and celebration of diversity. It is also an opportunity to challenge prejudices and discrimination and is an initiative moving forward together for an inclusive society.

At Warrawong High "every day is Harmony Day".

On Thursday 14 June at NSW Parliament House in Sydney, Intensive English Centre student Saisiporn (Min) Chuenpongsa explained her winning poster design (pictured above) to a packed appreciative audience including Parliamentary dignitaries and families of regional winners from all over NSW at a prize award ceremony (see Min's speech attached). As the Illawarra and South Coast regional and the overall NSW winner Min won a total of \$650 for herself and \$250 for the School. Min's artwork won for the best representation of the

theme "It's up to you and me". Min's mum, grandparents and teacher were absolutely thrilled and very proud of her efforts. Congratulations Min !



Ms Dus
(IEC teacher)



Senior State Winner Min Chuenpongsa with MP Laurie Ferguson (L) and Ernie Friedlander

WAGGI FILM FESTIVAL

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Extract from Min's speech at the Awards ceremony:

"I came to Australia less than a year ago from Thailand and I have painted the world showing both my old and new homes.

For me every day is Harmony Day and my painting shows the day starting with a beautiful sunrise, being woken by a cockatoo. The bottom of the painting shows the hands of our parents and grandparents supporting the tree like roots and the tree in turn supporting our earthly home. It's UP TO YOU AND ME to nurture this tree so that it supports our world and our homes.

In my painting there is a connection between all living things and between indigenous and Non-indigenous people – shown by the different coloured hands. The school I attend, Warrawong High on the South Coast, boasts over 60 different nationalities and is a great example of how many different cultures can come together in an harmonious and happy environment. I have many friends there and I have included some of my friend's national flags in my painting.

To bring my painting to life I have built up layers of acrylic paint to give it texture and instead of a signature I've used a Thai inspired leaf design showing the link between Thailand and Australia."

A Slice of iPiE

We are at the mid-point of this year's exciting building projects for the iPiE Trade Training Centre at each of the 3 schools. In the subject areas immediately affected, living with the building has been a big ask, but the professionalism of the staff involved and the consideration shown by the building teams has made the huge undertaking as painless as possible. Our thanks go to all those inconvenienced and no doubt we will look back on these months and be able to tell stories of 'remember when...? And we will have new facilities to enjoy in the years to come.

Staff connections across the iPiE schools continue and this is leading to our students also making connections. The TAS/Textiles teachers of Year 11 have piloted a Connected Classroom hook-up



twice, and plan to connect the students again early next term to share a textiles demonstration by a felting expert who will present to the students from the three schools concurrently. A joint workshop with another textiles artist is planned for Term 4.

The Visual Arts teachers of Year 12 are again sharing expertise and resources this year, swapping Trials exam scripts and there are plans to use the Connected Classrooms to look at the progress in each other's Major Works.

Science (hosted again by Illawarra Sports HS) plans another enrichment day for Stage 6 (Physics)

later this year. The SRC leaders at each of the schools have also been in touch and plans are underway to organise a group student leadership meeting across the iPiE schools.

The Accomplished Teachers group will meet this term at Figtree HS, for their planned session on Interview Skills, and the Beginning Teachers meetings, looking at NSW Institute of Teachers first (and subsequent) accreditation, will be offered at Warrawong HS across Terms 3 and 4.

Thanks must go to the staff involved in the organisation of these events. They don't just happen and we are grateful for the commitment of an increasing number of enthusiastic staff across the iPiE schools.

Karen O'Malley
(iPiE Co-ordinator)

Creating a strong sense of school identity

Warrawong High School is a uniform school and it is essential that all students wear our uniform. With the cold weather now upon us, all parents are reminded to check winter uniform. In particular, we need all students to have warm, school coloured tops – black school jacket or plain black sloppy joe. Beanies are not to be worn. Joggers are the minimum standard accepted for shoes. A copy of the current uniform policy has been posted with the student reports. Uniform is now recorded on our new school report format and from the beginning of term 3, regular uniform blitzes will occur. Parents of students who do not follow the uniform policy will be notified. Any parent who has any concerns or questions about the winter uniform should contact Ms Ramsay at school.

School Development Day

Term 3 will start for students on Tuesday July 17th. Teachers will start the day before with a School Development Day. Staff use these days to develop teaching skills and work on new programs. School development days are pupil free and parents are asked to make alternative arrangements for the supervision of their son/daughter. Parent support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Free After School Coaching

For Year 11 and 12 students there are opportunities for coaching sessions in specific subjects. These sessions need to be organised beforehand with their teachers. This can happen before or after school at the time most convenient for the students and the teacher. The sessions usually last one hour.

Year 7 School Folder

For your child's future, it is important to carefully keep school reports, merits, academic certificates and any other awards. To help families store such documents safely our school will be providing a folder for each Year 7 student. Please store this in a safe place and use it for the rest of your child's high school career.

8S History Medieval Assignments



Trinity Lewis
Medieval Castle



Dylan Pitt
Thumbscrews



Kyle Wray-McCallum
Catapult



Meleke Erkilic
Medieval Doll



Layla Ugur
Medieval Sword



Dakota Nolan
Medieval Castle



Chloe Loseby
Medieval Shield

What's Happening in Year 9

It has been an action packed first half of the year for year 9 with a number of school activities having great attendance rates from our year 9 students. The school athletics and Cross Country carnivals had a large number of students from year 9 participating and turning the day into a great school event.

Term 1 saw our first Incentive excursion take place. A trip to the Easter show was a great reward for the well deserving students of year 9 and was thoroughly enjoyed by all that attended. The second incentive excursion is scheduled for week 10 of term 2 with Laser Skirmish being the activity. I am sure this will be another highly enjoyable reward for the students of year 9 that are working consistently well in all of their subjects. All students of year 9 should strive to achieve an invitation on one of these excursions through some consistent application in all of their classes.

A number of sporting teams have been filled with our year 9 students and have included both Boys and Girls Rugby League Gala day teams as well as a number of Grade sport teams including Boys and Girls Touch football, Soccer and Netball.

Year 9 Reports overall were impressive with some great achievements from quite a few individuals. A few students have room for improvement which I am sure they can achieve by the end of term four for our yearly reports.

Josh McCarthy
Yr 9 Year Advisor

Free Homework Centre At School

Warrawong High School has a free homework centre. The centre is open from 3pm to 4:30pm each Monday and Wednesday afternoons in the School Library. There are at least two teachers in attendance during this time. They will be able to assist students with homework and study. Students will be able to access computers in the library as well as doing written homework and study. There is also free afternoon tea. The Homework Centre is supported by the National Partnerships Scheme. Take advantage of this opportunity.

Homework Help Online

Parents and carers can access age-appropriate material to help with your child's homework assignments at the Teaching and Learning Exchange:

www.tale.edu.au/tale/live/index.jsp

Information ranges from ages 4-9 which includes pages to help you follow your child's early learning and to help you talk with teachers about your child's progress to Beyond School, which includes links to TAFE, university and other further learning opportunities such as apprenticeships and traineeships.

The content of each age group area is organised into these sections:

- What they learn
- Helping your child learn

About stages of learning

From the navigation bar you can also access links to educational organisations and news.

The site also includes a Jargon Buster, a selection of translated documents and links to DET parent newsletters such as the Click! technology guide and School Parent's magazine.

Speed Carreering

On the 31st May, all Year 10 participated in a Speed Carreering program which showcased to the students a wide range of career opportunities. It consisted of guests from eight different occupations representing various trades and professions. They were allocated seven minutes to talk with each group of students about their specific role and about careers and job requirements in their industry.

The job areas included the NSW Police, Hairdressing and Beauty, Carpentry and Building,

Nursing and Aged Care, IT and Games Design, Retail and Hospitality, HR and Marketing as well as Child care. It was an enjoyable and worthwhile experience for Year 10 and gave them food for thought in regard to options for their future.

Rebecca Hasiuk and Jove Micevski did an excellent job of compering the event.



Support Seniors at Gladiator School

Those about to die salute you.... The support gladiators crossed swords again however the Emperor was not merciful and most did not survive... Mr Morales



Steven
Salonius v
Chris Cassius



Deart Domitius
v Alan Aurelius



Jess Julia



Albert Nero Watkins

Billy Balbus v
Chris CassiusMohamed,
Thomas, Chris,
and Billy await
their fate

Girls excel at Rugby League Gala Day

On Tuesday 19th June a group of 9 girls participated in a Rugby League Gala Day at Croome Road, Albion Park. We played two games and won both, smashing Kanahooka 40-0 and beating Kiama 16-6 in a thrilling match. Congratulations to the following students for their excellent efforts: Jessica Gil, Bryannan Staffiero, Chelsea Sullivan, Chloe Radiceska, Brooke Smith, Porohu Manuela, Amazing Phillips and Brittany Constable, who scored 5 tries and completed 6 conversions. Courtney Sullivan was voted Best and Fairest by the girls for scoring 3 tries and stepping up as a year 7 player to tackle year 9 and 10 girls. Well done to all players!

Miss Cutajar

School Fees 2012

An invoice has been sent to all families. All parents

are urged to support the school by organising the prompt payment of school fees. Fees can be paid by eftpos, cash, cheque or instalments. Our student assistance scheme is available to help needy students in Years 7 to 10.

Homework Diaries

Students are given homework and assignments in every subject and to do well at school, they must complete all of this work and also make time to study for tests. To succeed, students must be organised and this means using a homework diary. Parents should ensure that their son/daughter uses a homework diary to record all schoolwork. Further, by checking the diary regularly, parents can see whether their son/daughter is doing everything possible to be successful at school.

Making the most of Your Child's Schooling

For your child to be successful at school it is important that parents are positive and supportive in their attitude towards school and about the teachers and the importance of going to school every day. If parents have any reservations about doing this I would encourage you to make an appointment with your child's teacher, the Counsellor or the Principal to talk through any issues or concerns that you may have. We can only be successful if we work together towards that common goal.

Lew Edgar

Home School Liaison Officer

Safety and the School

School Driveway : unless it is absolutely necessary, parents are asked to not use the school driveway during the peak periods at the beginning and end of school day. This cause congestion and leads to safety issues with students moving on foot. If possible, students should be dropped off on the street at either of the two main school entrances.

Mobile phones : these should not be brought to school as they cause safety concerns and become an unnecessary distraction. If one is brought to school, it is the students' responsibility to ensure the phone is secure and turned off all day. Students are not allowed to use them in class or during breaks. Depending on the circumstances,

parents should note that use of a phone will incur discipline measures such as detention and confiscation.

Driver safety around the school : parents are reminded to follow local traffic and parking signs around the school. Police and council rangers are doing random patrols and fining drivers who disregarding these notices.

KOORI FAMILY LUNCH DAY

On Wednesday, 6th June 2012, five families from our Indigenous Community braved the terrible conditions and joined students and staff for lunch at our outdoor kitchen.

The pizza oven was fired up by Mr Aaron Sorenson, and Ms Anna Kinnear and her band of wonderful student helpers prepared delicious pizza's for everyone.

We look forward to doing it all again in Term 3 and hope to see some familiar and some new faces.

Jenny Flowers



Mr S Watts, Ms Glenda Annakin, Mr Roy Buchanan



Koori Kids, friends and support staff



Ms Glenda Annakin, Mrs J Flowers

COS Writing Competition

On Thursday 31st May 2012 students, staff and parents from the Community of Schools met at Warrawong High School to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Stage 1 to Stage 4 Students.

Congratulations to the following students:

Stage 1: Blake Andreini, Sapphire Duffy, Miriam Mowassi, Kyle Pearce, Kia Rosina.



Stage 2: Isobel Mickelson, Dominic Mitchell, Cate Simpson, Sapphire O'Hara Mawson, Samara Waters.



Stage 3 Amy Gordon, Kaylan Saba, Oceana Silvester, Liliana Spiroki, Ciarne Valentine.



Stage 4: Dilara Alevli, Nickiesha Cornett, Tyson Frigo, Kiara Jorge, Samantha Rodrigues.



Students Brave the Outdoors

During Weeks 7 & 8 of term 2, 8 students from Year 11 participated in a TAFE accredited Outdoor Education Camp at Lithgow.

Students braved the cold weather, camped in the great outdoors and participated in many exhilarating outdoor activities such as canyoning, canoeing, abseiling and hiking.

TAFE Camp staff reported that the students from Warrawong High School were "the best group ever".



Thank you for the overwhelming response to the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Please continue to send in your stickers. Last year was a resounding success and our School Library benefited greatly with many new books. As this wonderful initiative finishes at the end of June, we would greatly appreciate any loose stickers or unfinished cards to be left at the school, as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support.

Sandra Cesare
Community Liaison Officer



Coles Sports for Schools has only just started. Last year, we were lucky enough to receive lots of fantastic new sporting equipment. We appreciate your continued support and remind you to keep sending in those coupons.

Sandra Cesare
Community Liaison Officer

Upcoming Events

Day date month	Event
29th June 2012	Last Day of Term 2
16th July 2012	Staff Development Day
17th July 2012	First Day Term 3



Wollongong Touch Assoc.

2012 JUNIOR TOUCH COMPETITION – 4th TERM

START: Wednesday 10th October

VENUE: Thomas Dalton Park, Fairy Meadow

AGE GROUPS: U8, U10, U12, U14 Boys & Girls
SUBJECT TO TEAM NUMBERS – MUST HAVE 4 TEAMS FOR A COMPETITION

COST: \$65 first child, \$55 every other child

REGO: Wednesday 11th July – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 14th July – 10am to 12noon

Wednesday 18th July – 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Saturday 21st July – 10am to 12noon

Team or individual nomination accepted

ALL ENQUIRIES TO:

Junior Director: Ali Day 0413 012 682

Email: benalisigns@optusnet.com.au

Team sponsors required @ \$200.00 per team

Rego sheet available at www.wollongongtouch.asn.au

Check out info on facebook – Wollongong Touch

Junior State Cup to be held at Port Macquarie Feb 2013

Possible cost per child \$350.00 or more

Community Notices

WHS does not receive or accept any paid advertising for Community Notices. Also, we have no way of checking the bona fides of any information received. We encourage parents/caregivers to make all necessary checks prior to involving their children in activities listed.

WOLLONGONG NRE HAWKS

ILLAWARRA BASKETBALL SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASKETBALL CLINIC

ONLY \$50 Junior Hawks Members \$45

Join your friends these school holidays and have some fun during the Wollongong NRE Hawks Illawarra Basketball School Holiday Basketball Clinic! Learn all the skills of basketball and hang out with your favourite basketball superstars from the Wollongong NRE Hawks!

What: Junior Hawks
Where: School Holiday Basketball Clinic
 Illawarra Basketball Stadium (Snakepit)
 Foleys Rd, Gwynneville
When: Tuesday 10 July 2012
 9:30am - 2:30pm
Who: Boys & Girls aged 6 - 14 years

What to bring?
 Sport shoes, a bottle of water, your own lunch & morning tea, a big smile and alot of energy!

What do you get?
 A full day of basketball, the chance to meet your Wollongong Hawks, your own Hawks Camp T-Shirt & a great pack of goodies!

REGISTER TODAY!
 visit hawks.com.au or phone 4229 7722
 or fill in the registration form and send it to the hawks office
 LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE. BOOK EARLY!

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