

# Warrawong High School

Creating opportunities,  
achieving success

## SOUTHERN STARS 2012



Southern Stars came to a conclusion after the performances on 31<sup>st</sup> August and 1<sup>st</sup> September at the WIN Entertainment Centre. Warrawong High School had 12 girls in the dance troupe this year who each put in a fantastic effort, training after school and during lunch times. The girls looked amazing in their boxing outfits as they danced to Kelly Clarkson's 'Stronger' and the two finales, 'Edge of Glory' and 'When Love Takes Over'. Well done to Alexie Baszanowski, Sarah Fletcher, Ann-Marie Dredge, Courtney Da Gama, Dakota Nolan, Tanaya Hesse, Samantha Rodrigues, Jessica Talevska, Kayla Sterchow, Katelyn Shimwell, Stella Ciza and Angela Stojcevska. And a big thank-you for the flowers and chocolates!

Miss Cutajar

## Desert or Dessert?



Support juniors studied deserts as part of the HSIE syllabus. Each student built a desert oasis diorama including a water hole, sand dunes, palm trees, Bedouin tribesmen and their camels.



Kurtis Morrison

Support MCs created their own desert scene with lizards and snakes. They

**WAGGI FILM FESTIVAL**

Proudly supported by **BLUESCOPE STEEL**

studied desert wildlife survival including shelter and camouflage.



Clayton  
McAndrew  
and Dylan  
Ray

In keeping with the desert theme the juniors performed a play centred on an archaeological expedition in the Arabian desert. Intrepid explorers led by Professor Dylan Ray braved the desert heat in search of a lost ancient treasure.



### Support Damsel in Distress

Tiffany Haigh from Year 9/10 Support class displays a medieval style dress. Tiffany is also wearing a medieval headdress which was made by the 9/10 support girls.

## Trade Roadshow

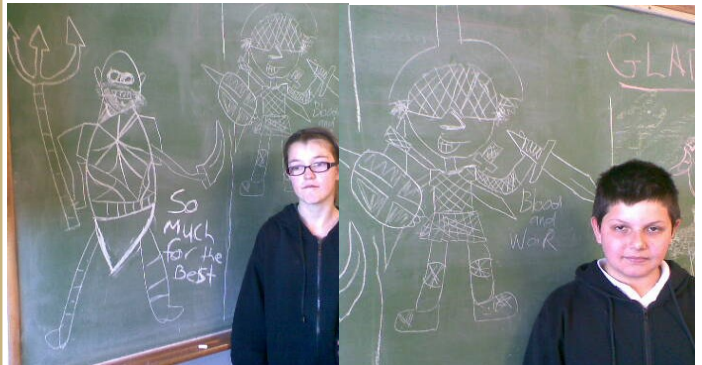
On Thursday 30th August, 25 students from Years 9 & 10 attended the Trades Roadshow, a hands-on introduction to a number of trades. Some of the industries showcased were: Automotive, Carpentry, Hairdressing, Horticulture, Hospitality, Painting and Decorating, Plumbing, Tiling and Welding as well as careers in Maritime and Nursing.

Students were given the opportunity to make pancakes, pot plants, weld pipes, make wooden candle holders, cut tiles, lay bricks and take each other's blood pressure. Participating in this event gave students a better idea of apprenticeships available and encouraged them to seek employment in a trade when leaving school.

Thanks to Mark Nicholl from the Illawarra Senior College for organising this event.

## 7.5 Roman Graffiti

7.5 have been studying Ancient Rome and had particularly enjoyed the work on Gladiators. They were fascinated to learn that graffiti was around two and a half thousand years ago, and that in fact the young people of today did not invent it. The students took great delight in trying out some Gladiator graffiti, luckily it was on the blackboard!



Coraleigh Hogan

Matthew Saskulokisi

THE 7S GIFTED & TALENTED EXPO  
IS BEING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY 12/12/12  
AT  
6 PM - 8 PM  
WARRAWONG HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE  
PROVIDED  
PLEASE PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR  
CALENDAR IF YOUR CHILD IS IN THE 7.S  
CLASS.  
THE EXPO HIGHLIGHTS STUDENTS WORK  
OVER THE PAST YEAR.  
MRS HORSLEY

## National Tree Planting Day

On Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August, students from Warrawong High School took part in a belated National Tree Planting Day. All four classes from the IEC and 7S and 8S Science participated in the terracing of the embankment under the canteen cola and in the planting of over 50 native trees, shrubs and grasses as well as working on general maintenance of the school Permaculture Garden. All who participated enjoyed the day immensely. Special thanks go out to those students who

worked in the garden all day: Jaydan Clifford, Clayton McAndrew, Keiara Lewis and especially to the hard working team from the IEC: Partee



Thongkhaolan, Jack Chakkaphan, Paul Lu, Mustafa Al Temeemi and Sarawut Promchai. Thanks also go out to Dan Deighton, Aaron Sorensen, Ruth Cooke, Barbara Weir, Sandra Horsley, Wendy Berry and Maria Schettino.

## ANCIENT HISTORY EXCURSION

September 5 was a great day for Year 12 Ancient History's excursion to Sydney University. After a speedy train trip, we caught a bus up to the uni, and shared a hands-on archaeology workshop handling artifacts that were thousands of years old. Then we visited the Nicholson Museum, which contained hundreds of fascinating items like mummified feet and hands! We even saw a Lego model of Rome's Colosseum. Lunch in the Broadway Shops was yummy, and then it was back onto the train.

Congratulations to this Year 12 class – proud ambassadors of Warrawong High!

Mrs Broadwood



Heading for the Museum. Class group [left – right]: Dina Alsaidalani, Kristal Tubridy, Cristian Molina, Nikolina Trajceski, Anita Stankoska and Kelly Nicholson



From top left. Unwrapped mummified ancient head from Nicholson Museum. Dina plays tour guide. Lego Colosseum.

## Year 11 and 12 incentive excursion: Darling Harbour 2012

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of August, Mrs Sterjovska and Mrs Acev took a group of 27 students to Darling Harbour. It was a beautiful day!

The students and teachers caught a train from Wollongong. Mohamad kept them entertained on the train with stories and snacks. The incentive excursion gave the students a rewarding opportunity to gain knowledge in travelling skills,

and appreciation of our capital city Sydney. The students were able to admire the structures and buildings around Darling harbour as well as an opportunity to do a little bit of shopping in the markets. Blake was extra lucky to win an ipad



Blake, Mrs Acev, Christian and Cristian

Klimentina, Merve, Teresa Kristina

We celebrated the end of the day by indulging in crispy creams before heading back and arriving to a miserable and raining Wollongong!

*By Mrs Sterjovska*

## TXXXC

The school has begun a school wide program to improve writing skills, beginning with Years 7 and 8. The TXXXC program wants to give students a better way of writing paragraphs in all their subjects. TXXXC stands for-

- T** – Topic Sentence
- X** – eXplain
- X** – eXtend
- X** - eXample
- C** – Concluding Sentence

Each letter stands for what you should do when writing a “good” paragraph and the order to do it in. It means a paragraph will probably have five sentences. Many of our students are unsure about how to write paragraphs and this should help them.

If your children are in Year 7 or 8 ask them what TXXXC is. If they don't remember you can remind them.

If you want any more information about this, please

contact me at the school.

Peter McCall  
HT Teaching and Learning

## Annual WACKI Film Festival

The film festival continues to take shape and on behalf of the school, I would like to personally acknowledge the contribution of two local businesses. Bluescope Steel have donated \$20,000 and the Gala Cinema have given us free use of the theatre; both are major contributions and our whole school community is greatly appreciative of their support.

## 8.S Habitat Day

The 8.S elective class will be hosting their Habitat Day on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2012.

Students have been working on their habitat projects throughout the year and will be presenting their research to the local primary school children.

There will be permaculture garden tours and sausage sizzle lunch after the presentations.

Selected students will then be installing their habitat boxes into these primary schools at a later date.

Parents of 8.S students are welcome to attend the day to view their children's work over the past year.

Mrs Horsley

Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator

## 60 seconds with Sandra... Featuring Lyn Ramsay

1. What's your star sign?

Gemini

2. How old are you?

21 ++

3. What celebrity would you most like to invite for dinner?

Jamie Oliver, so he can cook for me.

4. What's your favourite movie?

Love Story

5. What's your favourite TV show?

Masterchef

6. Any nicknames & why?

Rambo, guess.....

7. What sports teams do you follow?

NRL – The Sharks

8. Tell us an interesting fact about yourself

I've just had a great holiday in Europe

9. What's your favourite song?

The Beatles – Blackbird

10. What's your first memory?

When my younger brother was born, my Dad made me vegemite soup – ask me about it sometime!



### ***Attention all year 12 students.***

In 2009 the Digital Education Revolution NSW Program rolled out the Lenovo IdeaPad S10e 'Red' laptop to all Year 9 Students under the Commonwealth Government's National Secondary Schools Computer Fund (NSSCF) initiative. Since then these students have used these laptops in the classroom and at home for educational purposes.

#### **Under the Digital Education Revolution – NSW Policy guidelines, 1.9:**

Ownership of laptops will be formally transferred to students who have completed Year 12 starting in 2012. Laptops remain the property of NSW Department of Education and Training until transfer takes place.

These laptops will be unlocked and reimaged with Microsoft and Adobe software for Students personal use.

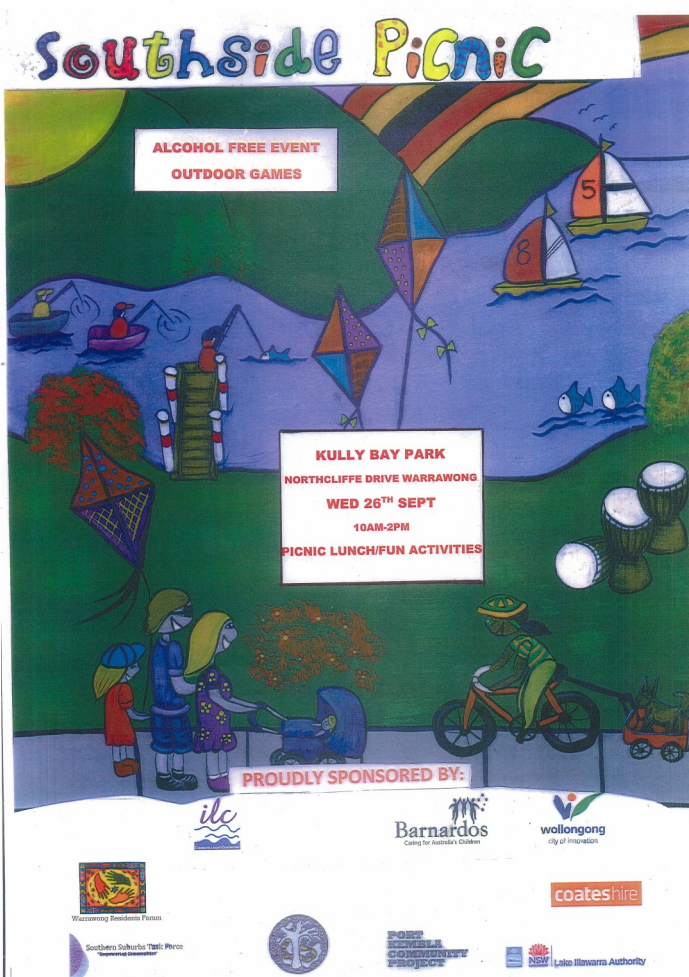
With the level of security and locked down settings on the laptop, the students will have to present their laptop to the school TSO, Mr Brown, who will go through the 'unlock' process which must occur while the laptop is logged on to the school network. After the unlocking process the software contained on the graduating DER laptop will include the following:

- Win7 Ultimate Operating System (SP1);
- Microsoft Office 2010 Professional Student Edition (SP1);
- Microsoft Antivirus; and
- Adobe Web Premium (inc. Acrobat X Pro).

The Year 12 DER Laptop Graduation package is available for all Year 12 Students from Mr Brown who is located in the Maths Faculty in Room 149.

### ***School Fees***

Parents are reminded that fees for 2012 are now overdue. Our school now has epos facilities for all student payments including school fees. Please contact the school if you are unsure about what is owed. Also please contact the school if you have any type of financial difficulty so we can make arrangements.



### **LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF !**

As Marcel Proust, a late 19<sup>th</sup> century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in February 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.



Have you heard of the Peoples Truck?

Each November, in conjunction with the i98 Camp Quality Convoy, McMahon's Transport donates a B-Double truck to the people of the Illawarra.

For a small donation your name can be sign written on the side of the truck for 12 months. 100% of the money raised is donated to Camp Quality, a wonderful charity that provides fun programs to children and their families affected by cancer.

In 2011, our first year, \$43,276.20 was raised.

This is a unique way to participate in the convoy.

For more information or to donate simply follow this link: <http://www.mycampquality.org.au/peoplestruck>

Contact: Nicole McMahon 0438 343 683  
Carmal Burgess (02) 4256 8884

Please note: McMahon's Transport meets all promotional and administration costs involved in the organisation of the Peoples Truck.



**KEIRAVILLE COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL**

**Celebrates 60 Years  
1952 to 2012**

We are trying to contact past associates of Keiraville Community Preschool. We know children from our preschool have joined your school community and would like to put a request in your newsletter.

#### Memory Sharing

We are recording the memories of our preschool community members, collecting them and sharing

them in our newsletter. If we have enough responses we may produce a booklet for all to share. Please email or send in memories and include the dates that you were associated with the preschool.

### Engraved Pavers

You are invited to participate in this unique opportunity to have your name as a permanent part of Keiraville Community Preschool.

For as little as \$30.00 your name or message will be engraved into a paver that will then be laid permanently in our outdoor play space.

### 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Picnic Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October

11am to 3.00pm

BYO, No food for sale,

Free tea & coffee

2pm Official Celebration Ceremony : Birthday cake cutting, Plaque unveiling,

Please let us know any suggestions you have for ways to celebrate this milestone.

Please phone or email for a paver order form or to share your memories.

42296442 [office@kcps.org.au](mailto:office@kcps.org.au)

### **Dear Parents & Carers,**

As you may know, in 2010 the Labor Government commissioned a review into the way schools are funded.

The review, led by businessman David Gonski, found that schools with similar needs often end up with different amounts of government funding.

It said the government needs to make sure additional investment gets to the schools and students who need it, do more to get great teachers into our schools, and keep improving our education performance.

The Review recommends a new way of funding schools. It would mean each student at every school would be funded on a consistent basis with extra money going to schools for disadvantaged students and schools that need it most.

This Labor Government is committed to improving

education for all students and will make sure that any new system will deliver the best results for our schools and will be responding to the Report very soon.

If you would like further information on the School Funding Review, or to register your comments, please visit <http://www.schoolfunding.gov.au> or contact me at [Stephen.Jones.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Stephen.Jones.MP@aph.gov.au)

As always I am ready to assist with any federal government matters and can be reached on 4262 6122.

Stephen Jones MP  
Federal Member for Throsby

## September Holidays at Circus Monoxide.

This September Holidays Circus Monoxide is holding it's very popular "A Day at the Circus" Workshops. For a whole day you can try being in the circus! Have a go at juggling or tumbling, sit on the trapeze or walking on stilts. For five hours (with breaks for lunch and morning and afternoon tea) you will try a wide variety skills and do things you never thought you could...

Workshops will be held in both weeks of the holidays and are expected to fill up so get in quick to avoid disappointment!

To book your place contact  
[info@circusmonoxide.com.au](mailto:info@circusmonoxide.com.au) call us on 4285 0066  
or check out the website  
[www.circusmonoxide.com.au](http://www.circusmonoxide.com.au)

## Access to Warrawong Public School by High School Students

We remind parents that high school students who are picking up younger brothers and sisters are not allowed on primary school grounds until 3.00pm. This is particularly the case on Tuesday and Thursday when school finishes early.

## Damage to School Property by Students

When a student damages school property, the school is within its rights to ask parents for compensation. The final decision on compensation depends on the circumstances with cases where the damage was deliberate, obviously attracting more serious and expensive consequences. If this situation arises, we encourage parents to ensure that their son or daughter pays for the damage.

## Warrawong is a uniform school

We are continuing to push very hard for every student to be in full school uniform. This includes school uniform as the outer top layer and shoes that meet OHS standards. Most parents strongly support this view and as a school staff we are particularly happy with the recent improvements.

## School Zone Road Rules

Police will be targeting school zones in the coming months and they have asked that everyone be reminded about observing the road rules. These include speed restrictions at the start and end of school, parking zones and wearing a helmet if you are using a bicycle.

## School Driveway Traffic

All parents are asked to please drop students off at the top of the school gate on Cowper St unless it is raining. This will help to greatly improve student safety along our school driveway.

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## Upcoming Events

Day date month	event
Wednesday 19th September	Year 12 Graduation
Friday 21st September	Last Day of Term
Monday 8th October	First day of Term 4
Monday 15th October	HSC Exams Start

## 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.

### Are you, or do you know, a male teenager with High Functioning Autism or Asperger's Syndrome?

**If so, we would love to talk to you!**

Researchers at the University of Wollongong are looking for adolescents with High Functioning Autism (HFA) or Asperger's Syndrome (AS), and their families, to participate in a study aiming to understand the experiences of HFA/AS during adolescence.

### Who can be involved?

To be eligible for the study families must have a family member with HFA or AS who is:

Male

In school years 7-10

Has an older brother without a formal diagnosis on the Autism Spectrum

### What should I do if I want more information about this study?

If you would like more information, please contact Liz Cridland via email ([ekc977@uowmail.edu.au](mailto:ekc977@uowmail.edu.au)) or phone (42213693 or 0403101137).

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of how this research is conducted you can conduct the Secretary of the University of Wollongong Human Research Ethics Committee of 0242 214457.

**YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST!**



## Politics in the pub

### Guest Speakers:

**Stephen Jones**  
Federal Member for THROSBY

**Angelo Gavrielatos**  
Federal President, Australian Education Union

&  
**Pam Smith**  
Assistant Secretary, Independent Education Union

**Lets talk about Gonski & equitable  
education funding for the future**

**6.30pm Thursday 6 September  
at the Berkeley Hotel 7 Devon Road Berkeley**

Enquiries:  
[simon.zulian@aph.gov.au](mailto:simon.zulian@aph.gov.au) or 4262 6122



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