

# Warrawong High School

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## Support Unit Ski Trip

On the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September, 14 students from the support unit attended Mt Selwyn to learn how to ski. Each student participated in essential life skills whilst staying in the house we rented in Adaminaby.

We got up early on Wednesday to hit the slopes with the day beginning with a 2 hour lesson. By the end of the day everyone was catching the chair lift up the mountain on their own and skiing down the slopes.



Unfortunately, on Thursday there was not enough snow to operate the lifts so we took a tour through the Yarrangobilly Caves and

swam in the thermal pools. Every student commented on how enjoyable the excursion was and Mr Nordstrom and Miss Cutajar want to congratulate you all for your exemplary behaviour.



## Southern Stars 2013

Congratulations to the 16 students from Warrawong High School who participated in this year's Southern Stars performance. The dancers were highly committed, taking time out of their lunch breaks and staying back after school to learn three dances.

Show week was exhausting with full day rehearsals on Wednesday and Thursday and two performances each on Friday and Saturday but it was worth the hard effort with everyone performing fantastically! The students looked amazing in their costumes sewn by Linda Donley and Sue Hayes so thanks again!

Well done to our dancers: Vanessa Trajkovska, Rhiannon Gregorio, Ashley Saveska, Edlyn Townsend, Kaitlyn Gaiter, Jennifer Saveska, Chloe Radiceska-Garrett, Stella Ciza, Courtney Donley, Dakota Nolan, Sara Velva, Samantha Hayes, Jessica Gil, Ciarne Valentine, Bryannan Staffiero and Tame Ravarua.

Great job also to Mr Harrison who was the guitarist in the sensational orchestra!

Miss Cutajar

It's

# WAGGI

Time!

27 November, 2013

Gala Cinema, 6.00pm

Tickets available from WHS Front Office

Cost \$1



**WAGGI FILM FESTIVAL**

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## OUR EXCURSION TO THE AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM

Last Friday IEC classes 3L and 4 travelled to Sydney to visit the Australian Museum.

On Friday morning I woke up at 7:53. I looked at my watch.

"7:53, just 7:53, I can sleep ten more minutes." Ten seconds later I jumped out of bed and shouted, "Oh No, 7:53!! I have to be at the station." So because I'd got up later, I missed the bus. My homestay dad wasn't in Wollongong so I could only get to the station by taxi! The good thing was I arrived at Wollongong Station at 8:14. I was a lucky boy!!

We arrived in Sydney about 10 o'clock. After morning tea in Hyde



Park we visited the Australian Museum. We saw many dinosaur fossils and exhibits about Indigenous Australians. I gained a lot of knowledge such

as how they drew pictures and how to make fire.

I think the most interesting thing was the big dinosaur. I've never seen anything like that before. It was very cool!

Then we went to have lunch, McDonald's of course! When we'd finished lunch we visited the ANZAC Memorial. Here we learned many things about the history of Australia's wars.

On this excursion I learned many new things about nature and history. It was a really interesting day and I will always remember it.



Siben Li

## Dragonflies



Class 4 of the IEC have completed another four beautiful and colourful dragonfly mosaics for the Permaculture garden. The dragon fly has many symbolic meanings including self-realization and the opening of one's eyes and focusing on living 'IN' the moment. This ability lets you live your life without regrets like the dragonfly. Class 4

graduated from the IEC at the end of term 3 and will make their journey on to different high schools including six students who will be staying on at WHS. We wish them much luck for the future and thank them for their hard work and beautiful contribution to our school garden. We hope the message of the dragonfly travels with them on their journey.

M. Schettino



## We are the Champions Grade Sport Report

The Southern Illawarra Zone Grade Sport finals were held late last term with Warrawong High entering a total of 4 teams. The sides that made it into the finals included the following:

Senior Boys Soccer, Senior Girls Touch, Senior Boys Basketball and Open Girls Newcombe ball.

It is an outstanding achievement for all these teams



to have made it into the grade finals however it is an even greater achievement for the following teams that won the final and have been crowned Grade champions in their respective sport:

Senior Girls Touch

Senior Boys Soccer

### SENIOR GIRLS TOUCH TEAM



### OPEN GIRLS NEWCOMBE BALL



### SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL



### SENIOR BOYS SOCCER



I would like to congratulate all of the above-mentioned teams along with their coaches on a great year of sport.

**Yours in sport  
Josh McCarthy**

## CANBERRA, HERE WE COME!



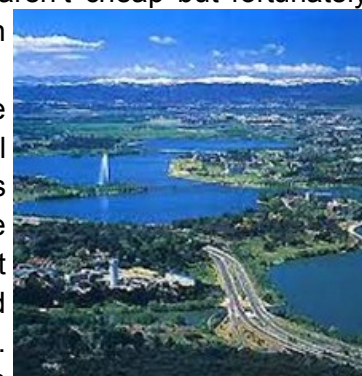
Fifty-four lucky IEC students will be travelling to Canberra at the end of October to undertake an

overnight educational tour of the national capital. Our students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. We'll be visiting Parliament House but unfortunately Parliament won't be sitting that day. However, we were lucky to meet our federal member for Throsby, Stephen Jones, at our Graduation



Ceremony this year. We'll also be visiting the Australian War Memorial where there is a new exhibit about Australia in Afghanistan. This should be of great interest to a large number of our students. On the second day we'll be learning about our political system at the Museum of Democracy as well as exploring scientific concepts at Questacon. What's more, this year Canberra is celebrating 100 years since its founding so it's an exciting year to visit our federal capital.

Overnight excursions aren't cheap but fortunately the Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.



To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. This rebate, which is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion, is greatly appreciated since it significantly helps to reduce costs. Look out for our reports on the excursion in the next edition.

**Mrs Laidlaw**



## Out of the Classroom and into the Council

Students from Warrawong High School are taking their lessons out of the classroom and helping Wollongong City Council plan for the future of Warrawong. On Tuesday October 15 students met with Wollongong City Lord Mayor Councillor



Gordon Bradbery OAM, and Council staff to run through an assignment that will have them developing a creative project for the town centre.

The idea of the project is to inspire students to look at how town centre spaces can be used and perceived, and is a key part of Council's Warrawong Town Centre Master Plan Implementation Strategy. It is hoped the work will inspire a new generation of town planners, and perhaps some future Council initiatives.

The students were treated to Morning Tea on Level 9 of the Council building, which offers the best views in town. The Lord Mayor was then kind enough to give the students a personal tour of the Council Chambers, the Lord Mayors private office and the Councillors facilities. This was a rare opportunity that the students certainly appreciated. The group then walked the Blue Mile incorporating the Lighthouse, Harbour and historic North Beach



Pavilion to get some hands on experience as to how Local Government facilitates community change and maximises public space



# Warrawong High School

## CARNIVAL

**Food**

**RIDES- \$20 TO OFFICE BY 19.11.13**

**Games**

**COMPETITIONS**

### TUESDAY

## 19th NOVEMBER

Sponsored by WHS Student Representative Council

## Yr 6-7 Orientation Day

The year 6-7 Orientation Day will be held at Warrawong High School on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of December. Primary students attending Warrawong High School in 2014 are encouraged to attend this day. Students will participate in a range of high school activities that will help them to prepare for high school life.

**Mrs B Weir**



## Project Neptune 2013

### Major Sponsor

WHS's fishing program has proven to be a popular sport with students on Thursday afternoons. For the



past 16 years, students have been learning the finer points of fishing, including how to fish sustainably, and many a whopper has been caught.

Last Thursday, NSW Department of

Primary Industries Fishing Education Officer Stephen Thurston (pictured above) along with Fishcare volunteer Andrew Connor (pictured below) provided an update for WHS and IEC students on



Fishing Rules and Regulations. A big thank you to the NSW DPI for their expertise and for

donating 6 rods to the IEC refugee students wishing to learn how to fish. Prizes will be awarded at the end of year to WHS's "Best Male and Female" anglers.

A reminder WHS's annual Deep Sea Charter is scheduled for week 8 this term.

In the meantime, may you catch that big one.

**Ms Dus**

### 7.S Expo Night 2013

The year 7 selective class held their annual expo night on Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> September. This event highlights the culmination of extension projects in all key learning areas. The projects are then presented to parents and staff on the night. Thank you to all staff and students who participated in the expo this year. Highlights included the musical interlude, medusa interview and the "Let's get physical" short film.

**Sandra Horsley**  
**Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator**

## New Sport for WHS in 2013

The Illawarra Dragon Boat Club, located alongside



the Illawarra Yacht Club on Northcliff Drive in Warrawong, has kindly invited WHS students to partake in Dragon Boat Rowing during sport time on Thursday afternoons.



This is the second term that WHS has taken up the challenge.

Up to 6 volunteers from the DBRC make themselves available to coach WHS students each week. Two dragon boats are available and at this stage only one boat has been booked. Albion Park HS have booked the other boat. The cost to the students is \$4 each week.

Correct technique and the ability to row in synch firstly with a partner and then with the remaining paddlers is a real challenge. WHS students are still working on "Oars up" and the count to 10 and back.

Anyone interested in having a go at this fun new sport needs to see Ms Dus ASAP. Two places remain. Life jackets provided.





## Construction students excel at WorldSkills VETiS Construction Regional Competition 2013

A team of four Year 11 VET Construction students from Mr Wilson's class, recently competed in the Illawarra/South Coast Regional VET in Schools Competition against teams from Moss Vale High, Batemans Bay High and Ulladulla High at Warrawong High's new Construction Trade Centre on Wednesday 16th October.



The team had a seven hour timeframe to individually construct a saw horse, commonly used in carpentry.

Warrawong's

team members, Avari Aremaiki, Luke Jones, Phillip Davies and Cody Delangen conducted themselves in an outstanding manner to represent our school for the first time in the Illawarra Regional WorldSkills competition.

The competition finished with **Avari Aremaiki, Warrawong High** coming **first**, **Huan Lobb, Ulladulla High** coming **second**, and **Cody Delangen, Warrawong High** coming **third**. The next stage of the WorldSkills Regional Team selection process will be held this term against Riverina/Murray Region and Macquarie Region called Zone 1.

With winners from Zone 2 (Sydney) and Zone 3 (Mid North Coast), will then form part of the NSW Team to compete in the National WorldSkills Competition to be held in Perth for the first time since 1989.

**Well Done Boys!!** Mr. David Wilson, VET Construction Teacher



Photos courtesy of the Illawarra Mercury

## Support Spears on display.

The juniors made their own Stone Age spears using bamboo, resin and string. The resin was applied around a shaped masonite spear head. During the drying process the resin was textured and finally sanded to give a stone-like look. The end result is quite effective. Now where is that Mammoth? Mr Morales



Support Juniors showing their spears

**Room to let...** Smelly, with a lumpy bed but fully air conditioned.... the Juniors are proud to present their ancestral homes.



Matthew Korte, Stephen Mason, Riley Humphries



Nick Piesley's diorama



## Support Boomerangs

Support 9-10s were pleased to show off their finely crafted boomerangs. It all began with basic timber blanks which were sanded to achieve the correct aerodynamic shape. Students then applied their



artistic skills in a range of personalised Aboriginal artwork. Most importantly, they were tested at the back field. So what do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?.....A stick! Just kidding, they flew brilliantly.

**Mr Morales**



## Support on the High Sea's

Support students travelled to Sydney last month to take in a few sights. These included Captain Cook's



Endeavour ship and the retired Australian destroyer Vampire. The 200 years of advancement in ship design and technology were in stark contrast. Students then braved the city streets, marvelled at the skyscrapers and crowded sidewalks, before reaching the Opera House and Harbour Bridge.



**Mr Morales**



## Upcoming Events

Day date month	event
Monday 11th November	ESSA Test
Tuesday 19th November	Carnivale
Tuesday 26th November	Support Unit Presentation Day
Wednesday 27th November	Wacki Film Festival

## 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.

NEW DAY CHURCH PRESENTS

# WORLDCHANGERS CHRISTMAS MARKET



**NOVEMBER 29th**

Friday evening  
5.30 - 9.00pm  
Contact Anne Simpson  
**Phone: 4226 5022**  
E: womarket@wgongocoo.org  
25 O'Briens Rd, Figtree

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### WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

#### JNR CHESS TOURNAMENT 2013 SPRING SUNDAY (Under 18 Year Olds)

#### 7 ROUND SWISS

**WHEN:** 10:00am Sunday 03-Nov-2013 (10:00am to 4:00pm)

**WHERE:** FAIRY MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE - KEIRA ROOM  
Guest Park - Crn Cambridge Ave and  
Princess Hwy Fairy Meadow  
(Opposite Woolworth)

**Trophy Prizes:** 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> + Age Groups

Games will be rated by NSWJCL

Results will influence qualification to  
NSWJCL Country Championship

Entry Fee: \$10

**Lunch:** Players should bring their own lunch and refreshments.

**Arbiter and Information:** JOHN MAZZIERI  
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WOLLONGONG JNR CHESS CLUB  
meets Thursdays 4:00-6:00pm (not school hols)  
Fairy Meadow Community Centre

**Future SUNDAY TOURNAMENTS**  
SUMMER 23 Feb 2014  
AUTUMN 25 May 2014  
WINTER 31 Aug 2014

Our Supporters:



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