

# Warrawong High School

*Creating opportunities,  
achieving success*

## Festive Wishes

From all of the staff we wish all of our students a great holiday and to all families, the very best for the festive season. For students the last day of term will be Wednesday 18 December. For 2014 there will be a staff development day on January 28. For 2013, then Yr 7, 11, 12 will start school on Wed 29th and Yr 8, 9, 10 will start on Thurs 30

## F1 in Schools comes to Illawarra

On 29 November 2013 the exciting F1 in Schools program was launched in the Illawarra for the first time.

Warrawong High School will be the Hub School and linked schools to the hub will be Figtree High School, Edmund Rice College and Cedars



Christian College to compete in the Illawarra regional challenge in 2014.

Year after year Australian Schools stand on the winner's podium and again last week Australia collected not only the solid crystal Bernie Ecclestone F1 in Schools World Trophy but also a total of 5 awards including Engadine High School's

team, Motion Racing Team which won the best Team Display and were finalists in best verbal presentation, held in Texas.

Students as young as 10 are designing, testing and making miniature F1 cars capable of 100km/h.

But it is not about fast cars. F1 in Schools is a holistic action learning program which focuses on developing long term employability skills. Students learn leadership, team building, project management, business planning, public speaking, marketing, collaboration, computer aided drafting, writing and presentation skills.

Many students engaged in this program have been offered employment by industry before completing their studies, others are pursued by universities with competing scholarships... and one has even been head hunted into the real world of Formula1 racing as an aerodynamics engineer.

This is a great program and I am thrilled to have helped introduce F1 in Schools for the first time in the Illawarra, and to see the passion and commitment from schools here to get their students involved next year and beyond.

David Wilson

## Another Win For Warrawong MP Stephen Jones Congratulates WIEC Student

Earlier in the year local Member for Parliament **Mr. Stephen Jones** attended the IEC Graduation Day ceremony during Education Week. The theme for Education Week was "**Celebrating Stories**".

With all of the media coverage recently concerning the treatment of refugees it was timely to hear from



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someone with first-hand experience of life in a refugee camp.

IEC student **Maurice Aloeginou** recounted the story of living on the edge of existence in an environment where life is cheap and the environment takes a back seat. His insights provided a personal view of what happens when respect for the environment is lost, and showed how, even in the direst of circumstances, protection of the environment remains a basic human need.



Maurice's compelling story was entered in this year's **ABC Heywire** competition and won **Runner-Up** out of 15 entries "**Telling It Like It Is**". Congratulations Maurice on this significant achievement.

**Ms Dus**

## Yearly Reports

Yearly reports are being distributed to students on Tuesday Dec. 18. We urge all parents to read their child's report very carefully. Teachers spend a considerable amount of time finalising reports and choosing comments which clarify where your child is up to with regard to school work. It is essential that parents discuss reports with their son or daughter.

## Presentation Day on Dec.17

The school extends an invitation to all parents and families of our students. This is a very important ceremony in the life of the school and a chance for all students involved to gain recognition for their talent, hard work and dedication. It is great for the students to have their parents as part of the crowd and we urge all parents to be part of the audience to see what your students have achieved.

## TAFE STUDENT GRADUATION

Keriman Rakipi in Year 12 completed the Certificate 111 in Health Services Assistance (Nursing) at Shellharbour TAFE as part of her HSC studies. The course consisted of both theory and clinical placements.

The graduation ceremony was held at Shellharbour TAFE on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November where students from schools all over the Illawarra were awarded

their certificates on the completion of the course. The Certificate 111 qualification allows students to gain immediate employment in nursing as well as allowing them to articulate to courses at Diploma or Degree level.

Congratulations to Keriman.



Keriman with her TAFE teacher, June Anderson.



Keriman's proud mother attended the graduation ceremony.

## SUPPORT UNIT AT THE MINI OLYMPICS

Six students attended Beaton Park Leisure Centre on the 7<sup>th</sup> November to compete at the Mini Olympics athletics carnival. There were hundreds of competitors from various support units across the Illawarra who were tough competitors for our students from Warrawong High.

Congratulations to our competitors Hayden Byrnes, Dylan Ray-Blair, Bryce Muffalo, Riley Humphries and our medal winners:

Curtis Pocock: 1<sup>st</sup> 800m, 3<sup>rd</sup> Long jump

Dawn Watkins: 1<sup>st</sup> 400m, 1<sup>st</sup> Long Jump, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200m, 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m





## IN2UNI UNIQUE EXPERIENCE DAY 2013

On the 5<sup>th</sup> November 30 students from Years 9 participated in the University of Wollongong's IN2UNI UNique Experience Day. Students spent a whole day as guests of the university exploring the campus, finding out about how to get into uni and getting involved in lots of fun workshops and activities. Students also attended a 'taster' session to find out more information about the area of study that interests them. Students were very positive about the experience and for many it opened their eyes to what university is all about and what they might go on to study at UOW in the future.



### IEC Excursion to Canberra

By Evelyn Li

On Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October I went to Canberra for an overnight excursion with the IEC students and teachers. It was so exciting and interesting. On the first day the weather was



very good. We met at Wollongong station. After getting on the bus I watched a movie with Ivy and ate a lollipop! The bus was noisy but very funny. Just like class 4L!

At 11:45 we arrived in Canberra. After lunch we went to the Questacon Science Centre. I did a lot of interesting science experiments and some of us went on the Free Fall!

After that we went to Parliament House. It is very luxurious and tidy. We saw a lot of portraits of the Prime Ministers and visited the two houses of parliament.



At 5:30 we went to the Eagle Hawk Holiday Park. The teachers organised our cabins and we unpacked. After dinner we had free time. Many

people played ball games but it was too cold for me. In the evening my cabin had a party! We talked, ate nice food, listened to music, danced and watched a

movie. That was such fun. We slept very late but not very well because it was freezing!

On Friday the weather was good but a little cold. We visited the Museum of Democracy which is in the Old Parliament House. We sat in the House of Representatives and listened to some history. Two students dressed up as Speakers of the House. Next we toured the embassies and after lunch we visited the Australian War Memorial. It was very impressive. I took some photos and bought some postcards.



On the way home all the students fell asleep, probably because we had not slept much the night before! When I think about the trip it makes me very happy. It was unforgettable!

### Luna park

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of October, Year 10 Commerce along with Mr Fangupo attended a commerce workshop at Luna Park. We learnt about Luna Park as a business and what has happened to the business over the years like a fire that killed 7 park goers and how the park was shut down for noise complaints. After the workshop we were free to

explore the park. The boys stayed on the dodgem cars but took a break to ride the carousel a fair few times while the girl struggled with the big slide at Coney Island. At the end of the day, we headed home smiling from ear to ear while Mr Fangupo went home with a sore neck thanks to Michael and the dodgem cars



### INTEGRATION WEEK

Where am I?

Where is my classroom?

Feeling alone at the door,

Waiting for someone to help me move!

Too much homework

What should I do?

Class time too long,

Feeling bad,

Noise On,

I am sad

Homework On,

Good students,

Noisy students,

Make new friends,

Fabulous!

By Class 4L

Class 4L in the IEC recently had an observation week to learn about their high school for next year

### ***Business Studies students get money smart!***

Eighteen Year 12 students have achieved a Certificate 1 in Financial Services as part of The Smith Family's Learning for Life Program based at Warrawong High.

This course is designed to empower students to take control of their money and make it work for

them. It will help them avoid getting into debt, to recognise scams and establish excellent savings habits that they can use throughout their lives. On top of this they receive an accredited qualification to add to their resume.

Funded by Illawarra Coal, the Certificate 1 in Financial Services course has been delivered by The Smith Family in Warrawong High, Dapto High and Corrimal High in 2013. The course will be delivered again in 2014.



Congratulations to Stefan Dimovski, Alexander Smileski, Brooke Fernandez, Chris Cugalj, Luke Jones, Richard Petreski, Anafoli Masima, Sarah Fletcher, Kristine Hoang, Robert Niven, Annmarie Dredge, Valentina Gorgieski, Yimu Vakaura, Ammgad Altalyan, Cindy Sousa, Jove Micevski, Violeta Laboska and Rumeysa Ongel (not all pictured here).

### ***WANTED "OARSOME 4-SOME" STUDENTS!***



Actually... twenty awesome WHS students are needed to represent our school in the upcoming 2014 Chinese New Year Dragon Boat Racing Festival in Darling Harbour.

The DBR day is scheduled for Term 1, Week 2, Saturday 8 February, 2014.

Students will be required to do training Thursdays weeks 9 & 10 this term and weeks 1 & 2 in term 1 at \$4 a session.

Student registration is \$20. Any students interested need to see Mr. Fangupo or Ms Dus as soon as possible.





## More Dragonflies

At the end of term 4 classes 4L and 4C of the IEC will be graduating and moving on to high school. Both classes have been working in the school Permaculture garden while they have been at WHS. Class 4L has been working hard in the food forests and vegetable gardens while Class 4C has



been making dragonfly mosaics for the garden. Students from both classes had a lot of fun working on the garden projects. We wish both classes much luck for the future and thank them for the beautiful contribution they have made to the garden and for all their hard work.

M.Schettino

## Barista Training



Students in Years 9, 10 and 11 have been offered the opportunity to undertake practical hands on Barista Training in the new commercial kitchen at school. Ms Allnutt is delivering training in understanding the different types of coffee based drinks as well as the basics of coffee grinding,

coffee making, milk frothing and coffee art.



## Year 11 Hospitality outdo themselves again

Year 11 hospitality catered for the F1 in schools program and provided a wonderful banquet and excellent service as usual. Their pride in their service was noticed by many of the guest and the students went beyond what was expected of them. Keep up the great standard of work and I am looking forward to working with you in 2014. Congratulations on a job well done! Ms Ella





## Upcoming Events

<b>Day date month</b>	<b>event</b>
Mon 9th Dec	Permaculture Excursion
Fri 13th Dec	Koori Incentive Excursion Jamberoo
Tue 17th Dec	Presentation Day
Wed 18th Dec	Gold Excursion
Wed 18th Dec	Last Day od school for students
Wed 29th Jan 2014	Year 7/11/12 return
Thur 30th Jan 2014	Year 8/9/10 return

## Community Notices

## Wanted Shoes for Overseas

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Ms Ella

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