

Warrawong High School

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An Excursion to the Australian Maritime Museum

On Tuesday Class 3 and 4 IEC students went to Sydney to visit the Australian Maritime Museum because we are studying the maritime history of Australia.



We went to Sydney by train. On arriving in Central station we walked through China Town to the museum. It was a warm day.

We visited the *Endeavour*, a replica of Captain Cook's ship, as well as visiting two other vessels: a destroyer and a submarine. We had a guided tour of the *Endeavour*.

Of course, the guide talked for a long time but we learned a lot about the ship. We saw many interesting things; especially the crew's toilet on the bow. It looked very dangerous. The mess, where the sailors ate, was very nice. However, the ladders were hard to climb up. The sailors had very little room to sleep in their hammocks compared to Captain Cook's quarters.



After visiting the *Endeavour* we visited the destroyer, the *Vampire*, and the submarine, the



Onslow. The destroyer is much more modern than the *Endeavour*. The submarine was interesting but there wasn't much room to

move around.

It was a tiring yet interesting day. We enjoyed it very much.

Class 4, IEC.

Careers Expo 2013

Over 60 students from Years 10 and 12 attended the Illawarra Coal Regional Careers Expo on 15th May to find information about employers and a wide variety of jobs as well as TAFE, universities, private training providers and help agencies.



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2nd Intake Selective Entry Test

There will be another selective entry test on Tuesday 4th June 2013 for those students who missed the initial test in February. If your child would like to attend the selective test please phone Warrawong High School for an application form. The test will be held on Tuesday the 4th June from 8.45am-11am. Students will need to be dropped at the Administration Office before 8.45 am and picked up from the Administration Office at 11am. Offers for positions in the 2014 selective class will be mailed directly to parents approximately 5 weeks after the test.

Any queries regarding the selective class or test may be directed to Sandra Horsley (G & T co-ordinator)

Thanks
Sandra Horsley
G & T Co-ordinator

60 seconds with Sandra...

Featuring Anne Owen

1. What's your star sign?

Capricorn

2. How old are you?

56

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

Johnny Depp

4. What's your favourite movie?

To kill a Mockingbird

5. What's your favourite TV show?

Looney Tunes – The Bug's bunny Show

6. Any nicknames & why?

Annie get your gun

7. What sports teams do you follow?

St George Illawarra Dragons & The Wollongong Hawks

8. Tell us an interesting fact about yourself –

My Mother was one of the first teachers at Warrawong High School.

9. What's your favourite song?

Led Zeppelin's immigrant song

10. What's your first memory? Throwing rocks at Seagulls with my Aunt & Uncle, but I love animals and I'd never do that now.

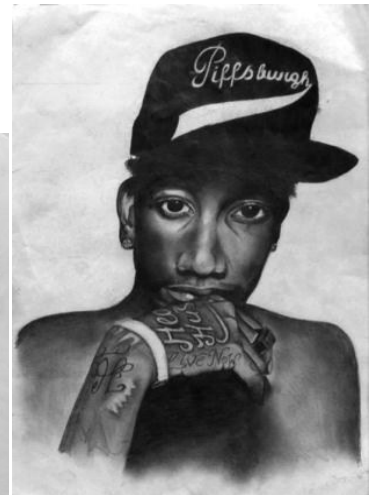


Students shine in Art Competition

Two of our Visual Arts students were successful in winning an art completion run by Paragon Tech an Audio and IT solutions company. They came in 1st and 2nd place over many other local high schools. Meri was the winner and landed herself an Apple Ipad and Tyson in a close second and was a strong contender for first place wins a JB Hi Fi voucher for \$100. Both students have achieved outstanding and fine results in these beautifully rendered drawings.



Meri Ivanovska Yr 2 1st place
"Age of Innocence"



Tyson Frigo Yr 9 2nd place
"Contemplation"

Iridescence, Elegance and Harmony



Following on with the tradition of the last few years, Class 4 of the IEC has been working in the Permaculture garden and on a Garden Art Project. They have made four beautiful dragonfly mosaics to add to the growing collection of art in the school garden. They will be placed on the base of a beautiful Japanese inspired hand carved wooden gateway to the garden. The iridescence and

elegance of the dragonfly symbolises many things including living in the moment, self-realization, change, mental and emotional maturity, and the understanding of the deeper meaning of life. Class 4 graduates from the WIEC at the end of Term 2 so we thank them for their wonderful contribution to the school garden and hope they take the power of the symbolism of the dragonfly with them in their future lives.



M. Schettino



Junior Top Blokes Leadership Program entering Warrawong High

Selected Warrawong High participants have been participating in the Top Blokes Foundation's Junior Top Blokes Leadership Program since the beginning of week 4.

This is a 6 week program specifically for young men to explore issues of mental health, risk-taking and social pressures, alcohol and drugs, relationships and online behaviour and consequences. The program will be delivered by youth workers and will be highly interactive, empowering participants to look at their own behaviours and how to better support their mates who may experience hardship.

The Top Blokes Foundation is a youth-led organization that delivers a range of programs for young men aged 14-24 within the Illawarra community. To find out more visit

www.topblokes.org.au or their Facebook page www.facebook.com/topblokesfoundation

Aaron Davis
Head Teacher PDHPE

Thank you Warrawong High!

Year 12 would like to thank the students and staff for their support in the fundraising for their graduation and formal.



A special thanks to Mr Remington for his cooking skills at the barbeque!

Please remember that we will have our final fundraising opportunity at the Athletics carnival . Halal sausage will be available as will cans of soft drinks.

Mrs G Sterjovska

Support Seniors TTW Program

During Term 1, Support Year 12s participated in a Transition to Work program run by House with No Steps. Students were able to meet their peers from schools throughout the Illawarra. They participated in a range of activities designed to inspire teamwork and good will. The program included a trip to Bundeena with ferry ride to Cronulla. Students also participated in a local version of 'The Great Race' which tested map reading, patience, cooperation, stamina and various challenges. Unfortunately Mr Morales' team came last (but we

still think the other teams caught taxis). The program proved very popular with the students.



Bundeena ferry crossing - Hristina Rizovska, Steven Rizovski and Chris Bukalevski

Mr Morales

Warrawong Students Have a Big Day Out!



Mr Kane and Miss Nicole had the pleasure of spending a day out with 23 wonderful students. Ranging in age from year 7 to year 10 the students attended a performance of the Bangarra Dance Company's production of 'Blak' as well as having breakfast by the beach and lunch at Maccas. Miss Nicole and Mr Kane had an easy day as the behaviour of the students was excellent. Special mention to Dominic Joannau who saved a young toddler from falling over a ledge and was congratulated by two very grateful parents. The whole day worked like clockwork and the students can be very proud of themselves. The performance was stimulating and the dancers were exceptional. The show was of special significance to our indigenous students because the Bangarra Dance Company is solely run by young men and women of aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. A magnificent day had by all. Special thanks to Ms Ramsay who supported and advised the organisation of the day.

Inspire 2013 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Inspire - Celebrate – Motivate

On Friday 24th May four of our students, Grace Mutimukeye, Eyrusalem Teddese, Zahra Tavasoli and Halimeh Yousefi were invited to attend a Women's Conference at the Novotel Northbeach Wollongong. It was a day of inspiration, motivation and celebration of women and their achievements in all walks of life.

The four guest speakers were Deborah Thomas, Wendy Gee, Angela Saville and Tshibanda Gracia Ngoy. Each spoke about their experiences, their journeys, their work, their choices and their achievements. One of the speakers was Tshibanda Gracia Ngoy, State Finalist Young Australian of the Year 2013, a commerce and communications degree student at Wollongong University. Gracia Ngoy is also a caseworker for refugee families, a youth motivational speaker and a member of the Illawarra Regional Advisory Council and the NSW



Students from Warrawong High and the IEC representing the school.

Multicultural Youth Network. Gracia, who speaks five languages, arrived in Australia with her family in 2005 after fleeing tribal conflict in the troubled Democratic Republic of Congo.



Warrawong High School students with Tshibanda Gracia Ngoy and students from other schools.

AIME

Our Koori students have been included in the University of Wollongong's AIME program. Aboriginal Indigenous Mentoring gives them a great opportunity to work with Indigenous Uni students and have a look at University life. Students involved are - Daneal Kuiper, Keiren Worthington, Taleigha Worthington, Korey Kuiper, Cynthia Thomas, Dominic Symons, Cody Tonkin, Brittany Constable, Summer Carson, Reanna McCauley and April Mackie. Their first "experience" was on Friday 17th May. Upcoming experiences will take place on Friday June 14, Friday July 19 and Thursday October 24.

Our school is very fortunate to also be included in AIME's "Outreach" Program where Indigenous Mentors visit the school to work with our Koori kids. This will start on Monday June 3.

Our school has recognised RECONCILIATION WEEK in a special presentation on Thursday's assembly and a Reconciliation Breakfast was held on Friday 31.

in the spirit of Reconciliation

Mr Watts

Warrawong High Celebrates National Sorry Day



National Sorry Day is recognised Australia-wide and held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the chance to

come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities.

On Thursday 30th May, the year 12 students of Warrawong High school showed their support of



National sorry day, by donating a "Kangaroo PAW" plant to Keiren and Summer on behalf of the



Indigenous students. The plant is a symbol of our commitment to this historical day and as this tree grows each year it will remind us of the growing support, understanding and opportunities that this day creates for the stolen generation.

Further Acknowledgements were made by Mr Watts providing a BBQ breakfast on Friday 31st.

Top in his Field



Bradley Mooy (left) and Jarrod Wilson will compete in the Youth National Championships later this month.
Picture: DAVE TEASE

Year 8 student Bradley Mooy, is currently ranked in the top 10 nationally and is regarded as one of Australia's top young archers. He recently fired his state record at the Jim Scott Memorial Clout event in Wollongong, and is set to compete in the upcoming National Competition from June 30th to July 6th. We wish him well.

SPEED CAREERING

On the 30th May, all Year 10 participated in a Speed Careering program which showcased to the students a wide range of career opportunities. It consisted of guests from nine 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 construction, Nursing and Aged Care, Real Estate, Child care and apprenticeships. It was an enjoyable and worthwhile experience for Year 10 and gave them food for thought in regard to options for their future.

Speaking for the Planet, World Environment Day Event , Jannali High School 2013, 5th June 2013



Courtney DaGama and Kiara Jorge recently attended Speaking for the Planet, a World Environment Day public speaking event, at Jannali High School in South Sydney, which was in aid of giving students a forum to discuss ideas about sustainable living and a sustainable future for our planet.

The students, represented a range of schools from the Sutherland Shire, and surrounding areas including Engadine High School, Hoxton Park High School, Sydney Montessori School, Port Hacking High School, Lucas Heights High School and Jannali High School.

The Day was broken into 3 main sessions, firstly prepared speeches, where students put forward

quirky ideas and plans for the future. These ideas ranged from everyone keeping chickens and a cow to training monkeys and birds to collect litter around the streets, and more importantly raised a number of questions such as, if we cover our farming land with concrete and housing estates, how can Sydney be sustainable?



The students also encouraged everyone to consider the food miles of the food we eat – demanding a commitment to buying locally produced food and checking the labels when shopping to see exactly where the product has come from.

As the day progressed the students then met together in mixed groups to create an impact statement for the planet. Our students met with students from Port Hacking High School and Jannali High



School, and worked collaboratively to design a short message that was to be broadcast on the local radio station in the Sutherland Shire.

We finished up the day with a group of students who had volunteered to give an impromptu speech based on food equity or the lack of it around the world. Again students put forward a range of ideas, however, it basically came down to wanting to create awareness about where your food comes from and how responsibly you use and share your food.

The event highlighted how passionate and articulate young people are, especially when they are considering the prospect of living on planet earth in the future.

Winter warming recipe idea,

Utilising 2 veggies ready to harvest now from the garden.

Potato & Leek Soup

¼ cup olive oil
1 brown onion

- 1 clove garlic
- 4 medium (about 700g) peeled potatoes (desiree, pink eye or Pontiac work best) cut into 2cm cubes
- 2 leeks pale section only, washed, dried thinly sliced.
- 5 cups vegetable stock
- 3 thick slices day old bread, crusts removed, cut into 2cm cubes
- ½ cup thickened cream
- 2tbs finely chopped fresh chives
- Pinch of salt if necessary.



Method

1. Heat 1tbs of oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook, stirring for 5 minutes or until the onion softens. Add the potato and leek and cook, stirring for 5 minutes or until leek softens.
2. Add the stock and bring to boil. Reduce heat to medium and gently boil uncovered for 20 minutes or until potato is soft. Remove from heat and set aside for 10 minutes to cool.
3. Meanwhile, preheat oven to 180°C. Place bread on roasting pan. Drizzle with remaining oil and toss until bread is evenly coated. Toast in preheated oven, shaking pan occasionally, for 10 minutes or until crisp. Remove croutons and set aside.
4. Transfer one third of the potato mixture to the jug of a blender and blend until smooth. Transfer to a clean saucepan, repeat in 2 more batches with remaining potato mixture.
5. Place soup over medium heat. Add cream and stir to combine. Cook, stirring for 5 minutes or until hot. Taste and season with salt if required.
6. Ladle the soup among serving bowls, sprinkle with chives and top with croutons. Serve immediately.

Persuasive Writing Competition

Last term, all Year 7 and 8 students participated in the Community of Schools Persuasive Writing competition run through PDHPE lessons. The topic

this year was “Sun Protection is essential in



everyday lives”. The finalists from our school were Courtney Da Gama, Samantha Rodrigues and Olivia Carvalho from Year 8 and Ciarne Valentine and Gia Ntallaris from Year 7. The presentation assembly was held late May at Port Kembla Public school. Congratulations to Olivia who was



announced as the overall winner of the Stage 4 competition.

Savage Stone Age!!

The Support MC class has completed their Flintstones cars as part of this year's Stone Age topic. The trick was to find any real similarities between the Flintstones and the actual Stone Age. Apart from the animal hide tuxedos there hasn't been much luck...But the cars still look cool!



MCC Class



Jonathon Horan

IN2UNI MENTORING



As part of the IN2UNI Program this year, students from the University of Wollongong are tutoring our Year 12 students in English and Mathematics. They also act as mentors to assist with Early Application and other access programs. The students from UOW, Cameron and Sarah come on Wednesday afternoons when Year 12 students stay back for an hour to work with them. The program is proving very beneficial to our students



History Workshops

Our class 8H2 had two medieval workshops with our local expert Mr Morales. First we looked at replica medieval weapons and armour which we were able to try out. Our class battle with crossbows and swords was fun. Next we looked at how catapults worked and what they slung over the castle



walls during sieges. We're glad we were the lucky ones chosen for this and hope there's more. Bradley Mooy and Hayden Morgan.



Careers Day

Hosted by Illawarra Coal (BHP Billiton)

On Tuesday June 4th as part of the Learning for Life Program with The Smith Family, Year 9 and 10



students from Warrawong High School are invited to a Careers Day to help broaden their ideas of future careers options and learn about key industry areas as well as how to present themselves to employers in an interview. The day was held at the Innovation Campus, Illawarra Coal Offices, Fairy Meadow. Students found the day very worthwhile and also enjoyed the free pizza lunch. Thankyou to Illawarra Coal and the Smith Family for hosting our students.





New Parent Communication Method at WHS

Warrawong High School uses an administration system called Sentral. Within this system is a facility for two way absence notifications. This

means that parents can be notified when their child is absent from school with an SMS text message to their mobile. The system will then allow parents to reply to the message to explain the absence, which will be recorded against the student's attendance record.

SMS notification messages will be sent out on a regular basis by Warrawong High School to one residential parent of a student when they are marked absent. It would be appreciated if you could reply with a short text message advising the reason for your child's absence as is required under the Education Act and School Student Attendance Policy. It is not necessary to send in a note if you reply to our SMS. It is important to note that this return message should not include anything other than the reason for absence as it is an automated service.

Ms Ella's little monsters(8.4) made Little Monsters



Students comments about this unit.

Layal loved it, she feels this unit was much better then Computer Skills - learning to stitch was inspiring from Elizabeth. Jenna's comment was "Ms Ella" told me to never give up trying.

WHS PERMACULTURE AUTUMN 2013

Its been another wonderful start to the autumn season by the students of WHS, with the annual crops planted, compost being prepared, the cultural



food forests fed and pruned, beds weeded & mulched, labyrinth re established, cuttings propagated and the wood fired pizza oven

pumping out organic pizzas.

In a brilliant demonstration of environmental restoration, Dan, Mr Nordstrom and the support unit have been

transforming the slag, coal wash and industrial waste of the south facing banks into a cornucopia of sub tropical fruits, fibre plants and forage. They have been integrating the "weedscape" of coral trees, madira vine and castor oil plants into soil building "chop & drop" material for the bananas, avocado, pecan, custard apple and clumping bamboos.



The engagement mob has finally completed the colourful interpretative signage for Cringila PS (all great things do take time).

In other news the engagement girls have just hosted the visiting Garden Clubs of Robertson, Dapto and Shellharbour. In addition to conducting creative guided tours the girls catered with our organic pizzas and chai tea for the guests. In appreciation, the visiting gardeners presented a mandarin tree and gifted the girls with a donation to their up and coming camp to the Crossing Land Education Centre in Bermagui.

Year 8S science and Mrs Horsley are hard at work building their habitats for the "kids teaching kids" Biodiversity Day in Term 3 when Year 3 from Cringila PS will visit.

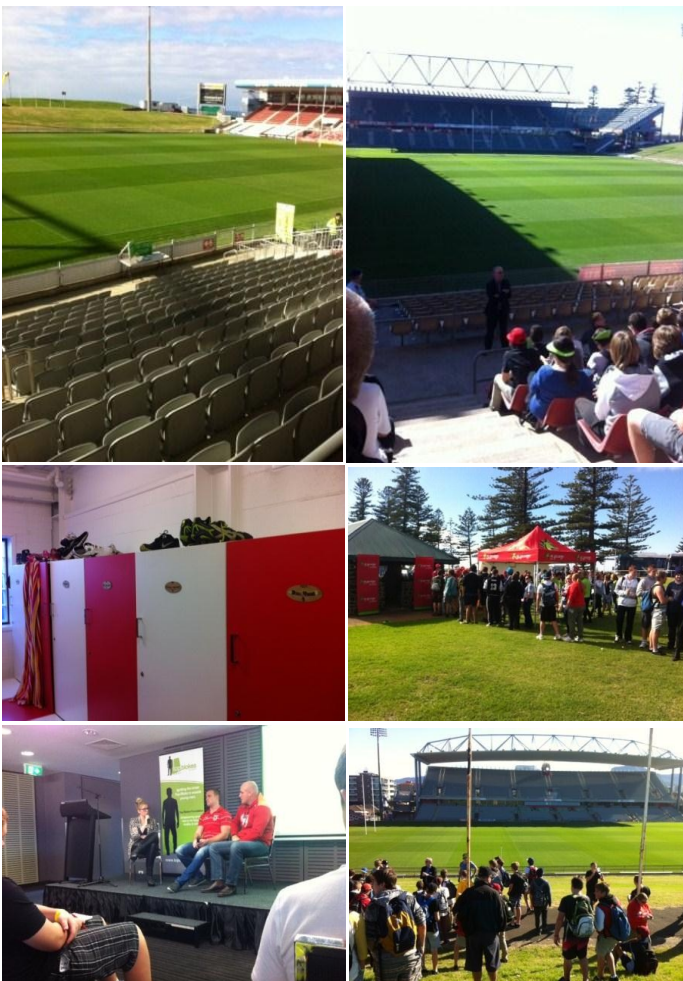
With the passing of the winter solstice, days will



extend and the plants and animals will welcome the sun with a blossoming of growth and joy.

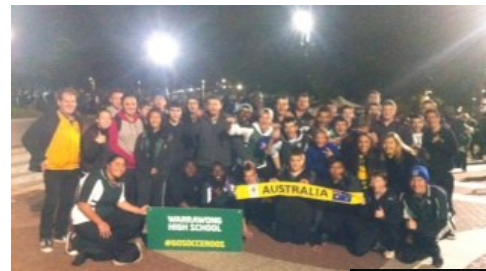
Warrawong High School Has Plenty of Top Blokes

On Tuesday 4th June over 40 boys from Year 9 and 10 went to WIN Stadium Wollongong for the Top Blokes Inspiration Day. The day consisted of guest speakers including Ben Creagh and Michael Weyman from the St. George Illawarra Dragons, Andrew Laurie (Adventurer and Businessman), there were also Youth service providers for students to talk with, a BBQ lunch, prize giveaways and a tour of WIN Stadium. The day was fantastic with plenty of great advice and opportunities to inspire our boys to become Top Blokes.



Warrawong High Help the Socceroos to Qualify for the World Cup

Tuesday the 18th June, 37 students and 5 staff from Warrawong High School hopped on a bus at 3:30pm to make the journey to Stadium Australia, Homebush. The reason – to help Lucas Neill, Tim Cahill and the rest of the Socceroos defeat Iraq and qualify for the 2014 Soccer World Cup in Brazil.



We gathered outside the ground to show our support.

We then assembled on the grass outside the stadium for our on field March Past.



We represented our Warrawong High School in the March Past, cheering on the team as we walked around the beautiful field.

We stood as one to sing the Australian National Anthem



We were on the edge of our seats, cheering, whistling and praying for the Socceroos to score

And then we scored, we had won - We screamed, we sang, we celebrated with the 80,000 plus crowd. "I Go to Rio"

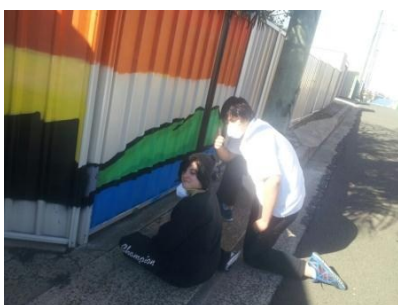


Amer, Alaadin, Mitchell, Darko and Adem, still buzzing after the game!

What a night, what an excursion, what a special occasion in Australia's sporting history to be a part of. We were so lucky to be a part of the best excursion ever. We arrived back at school and 11:45pm, tired, exhausted, sore throats from screaming, happy, exhilarated – we had just witnessed history, we were part of the best excursion ever. A massive thankyou to Ms Carvana, Miss Allnutt, Mr Curley, Mr Karton (our bag carriers!) and Mr Davis for organising the excursion.

Graffiti Art

In partnership with the 'Port Kembla Youth Project' Warrawong High School and 10 of our students have been invited to take part in an aerosol art program which aims to provide skill development and a social outlet whilst connecting a small group of young people within the community. This involves our students



working with an experienced aerosol artist to create an artwork in the Port Kembla area. The project aims to develop young people by not only improving their artistic skills but to further develop skills that help them work within the community as part of a group. The students involved include: Dylan Levy, Georgia Brunt, Letia Piesley, Montana Igano, Summer Carson, Cynthia Thomas, Dominic



Symons and Emma Annikin. The students are supervised each Tuesday afternoon by Miss Nicole.

Brad Hughes
Deputy Principal

Madame Tussauds



On Friday 24th June, 45 students from Years 9 & 10 attended an Incentive Excursion to Darling Harbour and Madame Tussauds in Sydney. Incentive excursions are run each term to reward students for demonstrating commitment to their studies and positive behaviour in



class. All students enjoyed a great day out and took hundreds of photos of the lifelike figures at the wax museum.



Parent Teacher Afternoon

Semester One reports will be out soon. Parent Teacher afternoon on Wednesday, July 24th 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.

School Development Day to Start Term 3

Term 2 will start for students on Tuesday July 15th. 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.

School Fees 2013

An invoice is being sent to all families very soon. 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.

Upcoming Events

Day date month

Fri 28th June

Tue 16th July

Wed 24th July

29th July - 2nd Aug

event

Last day of Term 2

First Student day of Term 3

Parent Teacher Afternoon

Education Week

Community Notices

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