

# Warrawong High School

*Creating opportunities,  
achieving success*

## Principals Report

### 2014 HSC

The HSC exams commenced on Monday 13 October for our Year 12 students. Mr Hughes and myself spoke to the group before their first exam to wish them well on behalf of the school and their teachers. We presented them with a floral arrangement of Australian natives. Thank you to Mrs Cesare for organising these.

The great news for our students is that approximately 10 students have been successful in gaining early entry into the University of Wollongong for courses in 2015. Thank you to Mrs Coursey our Careers Adviser for working with students and staff to complete these Early Entry applications.

### Year 11

All Year 11 students have begun their HSC courses this term in their subjects. Mr Morris met with the year group to issue them with their assessment booklets on Tuesday 14 October. Any student who was absent on the day will be followed up to be given this information.

At the meeting Mr Morris also outlined some important Board of Studies information about completion of course work and assessment tasks. More year meetings will be held throughout their HSC course to keep students up to date with their responsibilities in successfully completing the HSC.

### Semester 2 Assessment and Reporting

Term 4 is an important term for our students in Years 7-10 as they will be working towards their end of year grades and reports. All students are encouraged to maintain a high standard of work ethics and complete all set classwork, homework and assessments so that they can achieve the best possible results.

### General Assistant

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our new permanent General Assistant, Mr David Robson, to the school. I would also like to thank Brian Pollard and Richard Karton who have been in relieving General Assistant roles this year. Richard will continue in his role for 2 days a fortnight for the remainder of this term.

**Rick Coleman**  
Principal

## Dragon Boat Paddling for Sport Term 4

One dragon boat has been booked for WHS students from Thursday week 5, November 6 as the Illawarra Dragon Boat Club volunteers are currently racing in the USA.

Any students wishing to have a go at this amazing sport can still do so. The cost for this term's sport will be \$20. See Ms Dus or Ms Allnut in the Sports Dept. as soon as possible as there are limited places available.



**Josette Dus**  
Teacher



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## Annual ASPECT Artists with Autism Exhibition

The Autism Class at Warrawong High School were invited to participate in an annual exhibition hosted by a local organisation called Autism Spectrum Australia (ASPECT). The Autism class worked on their own individual art skills depicting their favourite "Fantasy" characters. Their art work evolved over a period of 6 weeks, in which time they created their own fantasy painting. They overcome some personal challenges, such as inhibition, uncertainty & lack of confidence. The students were all very proud of their completed art pieces which went on display for a whole weekend at the North Wollongong surf Club in August 2014. A special guest artist with Autism called Tim Sharp commended their great work and was very impressed by their efforts.



**Melissa Cairns**  
Teacher

## Year 11 VET Cafe

Year 11 Hospitality students have started to run a café as part of their VET Food & Beverage course. Ms Ella & Ms Tull have been busy instructing students in the skills of a Barista and ensuring they have industry style experience to prove competency for their HSC.



## Reminder

A friendly reminder that students are not permitted to enter or depart the school through the gated entrance on Cowper Street. Students should enter and depart through the Flagstaff Road entrance. To assist with this procedure, parents/carers are asked not to enter the Cowper Street gates to drop off or pick up students. Please note that students who drive to school must park outside of the school grounds.

## Warrawong High School I-Track Program

The I-Track program started in Term 2, 2014 with nine Year 10 students with the support of Warrawong High School's Mr. Pearson and Amy Williamson and Daniel Brankovic, Smith Family Learning for Life Coordinators at Warrawong High School.

I-Track is an online mentoring program that aims to support students who are beginning to formulate their post-school plans. It matches students from year 10 with corporate and community volunteer mentors to increase students' potential for a successful transition from high school to further education or work. Mentors and students interact through regular weekly online chat sessions of about 60 minutes using The Smith Family's secure IGNITE website. Students that participated were: Adam Leskiewicz, Roukaya Ali, Moeroa Kore, Clayton McAndrew, Alex Usiogope Rubibi, Tyga Bar, Vince Y-Jai Capetta, Espoire Rubibi and Keely Webb. Thank you to the students and Warrawong High School Staff for supporting this Partnership Program.



**Neil Pearson**  
**I-Track Co-ordinator**

## Wollongong City Council Youth Services

Wollongong City Council Youth services team operate a Youth Project at the Warrawong community centre on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons between 3:30-6pm for young people between the ages of 12-18 years. We provide a supervised recreational drop in space where young people have the opportunity to enjoy a range of social activities including a pool table, foosball, Computers with internet access and an Xbox. We also offer referral services and homework tutoring. We are currently looking to increase the numbers of young people attending the community centre and look forward to seeing more students from Warrawong High School accessing this service

**Edward Jurkiewicz**  
**Youth Development Worker WCC**

## Project Kasparov - Chess News

The chess season at WHS is almost at an end for 2014. The 2 inter-schools chess competitions and one-day junior chess tournament have now been completed and a full report will be included with the next parent newsletter.

Congratulations are in order to the following students who made it into the final stages of our annual lunchtime chess competition: Kyle Sturgess, Spy Chaengsawang, Dom Joannou, and Thomas Jacques. Who will be this year's King of the Castle ?

The semis will be played in Ms Dus' room 34 in the IEC and the grand final will be a best of 3 matches. One of the matches will be played on the school's concrete chess court in the small quad and spectators are most welcome to attend. The presentation of prizes will take place on assembly in week 5 at this stage. Good luck to all the boys.

The last Community Chess opportunity for our chess players will be the Spring Tournament scheduled for Sunday 2 November. See the end of this newsletter or Ms Dus for more details.



**Josette Dus**  
**Teacher**

## Protecting Children is Everyone's Business

National Child Protection Week 2014 was launched by their Excellencies The Governor General, Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove at an afternoon tea at Admiralty House on Friday 5th September.

At the event, a National Play Your Part Award was presented by the Governor General. This was to Wollongong City Council for their Child Friendly Cities Initiatives.

We congratulate the students from Warrawong High School & Warrawong Public School who were chosen to represent their schools, peers and city. The students engaged in meaningful conversations with various dignitaries and were polite, articulate and respectful at all times.



## Science Synopsis

Term 4 started with a BANG, as Mr Boscoscuro re-acquainted both himself and his year 10 Science class with the Chemistry topic, undertaking a wide range of chemical reactions. The classroom at times looked like Professor Snape's Potions subject, only with slightly more singed hair. Such experiments heralded the arrival of 3 wonderful prac students from the University of Wollongong. Mr Gunner, Mr Chism and Miss Doyle, who are in the final stages of the wonderful journey of discovery that is a Graduate Diploma of Education.

The Science Faculty's involvement with the Permaculture Garden continues, with the 7S class progressing the longitudinal study of plant growth and biological interactions within the plant and animal community of the growing garden. The SRC has also utilised the garden in the Kids Teaching Kids program.

The Warrawong High School SRC team were all involved in the teaching of the current Stage 1 and 2 students of Warrawong Primary School, focusing upon the benefits of the garden and the management techniques employed to ensure it is always growing well and looking it's best.

As a final note, both Mrs Weir and Mr Boscoscuro wish their Biology and Chemistry classes the very best of luck in their HSC exams and hope that all the students are rewarded for the hard work they have put into their High School education in the last 6 years. Well done and all the best.

**Steve Leake**  
Teacher

## 60 Seconds with Miss Nicole.....

Miss Nicole is one of our awesome SLSO's at Warrawong High. She has worked at WHS for almost 7 years and has helped countless students with assignments, assessments and homework as well as being a wonderful role model for many.....

*What's your star sign?*

Virgo

*How old are you?*

29

*What celebrity would you most like to invite for dinner?*

Jamie Oliver, and he can cook for me.

*What's your favourite movie?*

Lord of the Rings

*What's your favourite TV show?*

Prison Break

*Any nicknames & why?*

Nic, for obvious reasons

*What sports teams do you follow?*

None

*Tell us an interesting fact about yourself*

I have 3 chickens, 2 ducks, 2 dogs, 2 snakes, fish & a bird as pets

*What's your favourite song?*

Pina Colada

*What's your favourite childhood memory?*

Every Christmas Eve we'd go to my Oma's house and before we could open our presents we had to sing a Christmas Carol.





**Congratulations to following students who achieved merits:**

### Bronze

Grace Barnett Yr 7, Khaya Malinga Yr 7,  
Bailey Stojcevski Yr 8, Alexandra Goreska Yr 9,  
Dylan Peaston Yr 9

### Silver

Patrick Fitzgerald Yr 7, Jazmine O'Neil Yr 7,  
Bryce Maffullo Yr 8, Jordan Talevski Yr 10

### Gold

Finn Woolley Yr 9, Melissa Lazarevska Yr 11

## Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men!

- Adolescent boys – they seem to disappear into another world where they barely communicate, and where fast cars, alcohol and drugs are constant temptations.
- Will they survive to become good men?
- How can parents and schools understand and help them through this difficult and dangerous time?

### Celia Lashlie

After 15 years as the first female prison officer, Celia knows what can happen when boys make the wrong choices. She also knows what it's like to be a parent – she raised a son on her own and feared for his survival. During the recent Good Man Project she talked to 180 classes of boys throughout. The result was a significant insight into the minds of teenage boys and what they are feeling in this period of their lives. There are challenging suggestions for parents if they want to see their sons become the good men they want them to be. Celia is a great speaker and her talk gives parents food for thought and plenty of hints to work with their teenage sons. *All parents will find something valuable in this talk - regardless of whether they have sons or not.*



### FREE

#### Nowra

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
12:30pm-2:30pm  
Shoalhaven Entertainment  
Centre, Bridge Rd, Nowra

**Book Now**

We use the secure service of Eventbrite.com

### FREE

#### Shellharbour

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
9:30-11:30am  
Centenary Hall, Tongarra rd,  
Albion Park

**Book Now**

We use the secure service of Eventbrite.com

### FREE

#### Wollongong

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October  
6:00pm-8:00pm  
Wollongong Hospital

**Wollongong Fully Booked**

**BOOK NOW**

We use the secure service of Eventbrite.com

**CD's will be available for \$20 at each venue (Cash only)**

*Please arrive early to allow workshops to commence on time.*

**Bookings Essential:** Ph. Donna Forknall: (02) 4254 2700

(Places may be limited) [Donna.forknall@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Donna.forknall@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au)



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Local Health District



# safebook

**YOU**

**THINK**

Think before you post

**FRIENDS**

Only connect with friends

**KIND**

Be kind to others

**PASSWORD**

Don't share your password

**PRIVACY**

Keep your settings private

**HURT**

Don't be hurtful towards others



### PARENTS & TEACHERS

Join Facebook  
Understand how it works  
Teach safety and responsibility  
Privacy - check their settings



### FRIENDS

**DON'T:** Stay silent  
**DO:** Help your friend  
Report the bully  
Tell your parents  
Tell your teacher



### THE BULLY

**DON'T:** Respond  
**DO:** Save what they say  
Unfriend the person  
Block them  
Tell a friend  
Tell your Parents  
Report the person

**TELL • UNFRIEND • BLOCK • REPORT**

This is our reaction to cyber-bullying. We must all play our part! Play yours - email [design@fuzion.ie](mailto:design@fuzion.ie) for a print ready file



Trade & Investment  
Resources & Energy

## 2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight  
16 June 2015



**\$150\***  
**TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS**

**2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM**

<https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/>

\* eligibility criteria apply

### WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A \$150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A \$165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

### AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, here's a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

### HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE** – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER** – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88

EMAIL [fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au)

WEB [www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate](http://www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate)

**APPLY ONLINE NOW!**

# Upcoming Events

## Day date month

13 October to 7 November

21 October @ 2pm

27 October to 31 October

## Event

HSC Exams

P&C Meeting

Years 7, 8 & 9 Exams

# 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.

## Cannabis & Today's Young Person

### FREE WORKSHOP For Parents & Service Providers

This workshop will enable you to address issues concerning cannabis relating to your Young person by equipping you with NEW;

- \*KNOWLEDGE
- \*AWARENESS & UNDERSTANDING
- \*PRACTICAL STRATEGIES

It will EMPOWER you to establish a positive healthy relationship with your teenager by creating:

Please Book Directly using the "Book Now" links  
For more information Phone Di 0401 718 469  
Light lunch provided at both venues

### Monday 13th October For Parents

Venue: Albion Park Youth & Community Care

Russell St, Albion Park (near Swimming Pool)

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

[Book Now](#)

<http://www.trybooking.com/FWZY>

### Wednesday 22nd October Parents & Service Providers

Venue: Warilla Neighbourhood Centre

69 Benaud Cres, Warilla

Time: 12:15 PM to 2:30 PM

[Book Now](#)

<http://www.trybooking.com/FXAB>



Port Kembla Youth Project is conducting  
**TUTORING AND HOMEWORK HELP PROGRAM**  
for Primary and Secondary Students at Port Kembla  
**Enrolment Essential**

Program commencing on  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct to 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2014 for 8 Weeks  
4pm – Junior Program  
5pm – Senior Program

FREE

Sponsored by BlueScopeWin



Phone Marie on 4276 1229 for enrolments

## WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

### JNR CHESS TOURNAMENT 2014 SPRING SUNDAY (Under 18 Year Olds) 7 ROUND SWISS

**WHEN:** 10:00am Sunday 02-Nov-2014 (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  
Phone: (02) 4283 3080  
e-mail: [mazzieri@exemail.com.au](mailto:mazzieri@exemail.com.au)

WOLLONGONG JNR CHESS CLUB  
meets Thursdays 4:00-6:00pm (not school hols)  
Fairy Meadow Community Centre

Our Supporters:



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