

Warrawong High School

*Creating opportunities,
achieving success*

From the Principal

This is the final week for our current Yr12 group. Their graduation ceremony is this Wednesday and the Yr12 formal is on Thursday evening. Preparations so far indicate both will be an outstanding success. Year 12 parents in particular are encouraged to come along to the graduation assembly as this is a most important event in the life of every one of these students. Yr12 are currently preparing for their HSC exams which start early next term and we wish every one of them the very best.

Staffing

Some of our teaching staff are appointed via interview and this requires a community representative to be part of the panel. We are seeking to expand the number of parents available to work on these panels. If you are interested please feel free to contact myself the school.

School Zone Road Rules

After a recent traffic review of the school and its surrounding precinct a series of recommendations have been made by local council, the RMS, and local Police regarding our use of the schools Flagstaff Rd entrance. These include; a wider footpath, parent drop off areas, the service buses stopping on the Western side of the exit/entry laneway, increased signage and more regular police patrols.

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 and parking zones. Also another reminder to parents that all visitors to the school must not use the Cowper St entrance unless they are picking up a sick child.

School Plan

A new school plan is currently being formed for the next 3 years 2015-2017. This plan will outline the schools strategic directions and priorities. We are currently in a collaborative period of gathering staff and parent input and analysing our previous school data. Once completed this plan will be available on our school website.

Facility Upgrade

The school has just agreed to an upgrade of the school's gymnasium. This includes a new drainage system, replacing some elements of the roof and adding 'whirly birds', internal painting and a new timber floor. We believe these upgrades will improve the quality of the programs we offer our students. The school car park has also recently been upgraded to accommodate to a growing student population

Mr B Hughes
Relieving Principal

UFO's Land in Support

The Support faculty was recently invaded by a fleet of UFOs. The ships came in a variety of shapes and colours as did their alien occupants. The project was part of the Support 9-10 English class science fiction theme.



Tarne Ravarua



Clayton McAndrew



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SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

There is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and road rules in the vicinity of a school. There are NO APOLOGIES for issuing infringement notices to offenders. Parking dangerously, blocking sight lines, blocking buses and crossings puts children's lives at risk. Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school:



NO STOPPING

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.

(Penalty: exceeds \$304 + two demerit points)



NO PARKING

You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers. You must stay within three metres of our vehicle. You must not stop for more than two minutes.

(Penalty: exceeds \$169 + two demerit points)



BUS ZONE

You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a public bus.

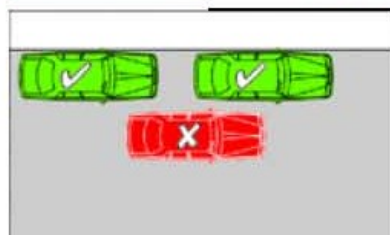
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CHILDREN'S CROSSING

You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing

(Penalty: exceeds \$405 + two demerit points)



DOUBLE PARKING

You must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another car that is parked at the side of the road to wait or pick up or drop off passengers.

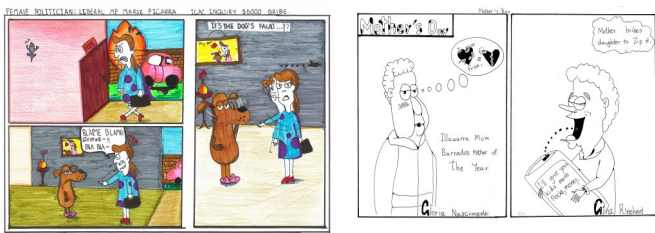
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THE COST OF TAKING YOUR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOU

Another Win For Warrawong

Year 10 student Tyson Frigo along with IEC students Fern Sutyawan and Sirichai Rittimas were amongst the "Top 20" finalists in the Illawarra Mercury's recent design competition for "budding cartoonists and caricaturists" and had their artworks on display at the Wollongong Art Gallery for two weeks.

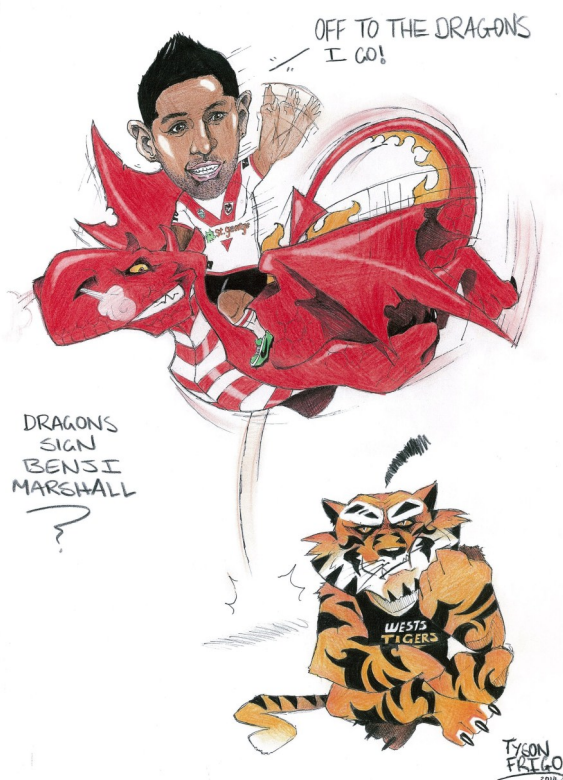
The competition brief was to produce a cartoon or caricature that reflected a popular news topic or personality from an Illawarra Mercury news story during May.



Fern chose to draw a caricature of Liberal politician Marie Ficarra who used her pet schnauzer as an alibi at the ICAC inquiry. Sirichai compared the contrasting styles of two mothers Australia's richest mother - Gina Rinehart and Barnardo's Illawarra "Mother of the Year" Gloria Nascimento.

Tyson drew new Illawarra Dragon Benji Marshall leaving the Tigers.

At the Gallery launch, Tyson walked away with one of the major prizes valued at \$400. Congratulations to all the students on their achievement.



Ms J Dus

Koori Kids Update

On the 22nd of July 2014 the Warrawong High Koori Kids participated in the Naidoc Day touch footy comp with 7 other local high schools. Our team tried their best and had plenty of good games, yet was unsuccessful in taking out any victories

Students from years 9 to 12 have been part of the Aime program which is a dedicated course that aims to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students complete their year 12 HSC. Every few weeks the students would travel to Wollongong University to better understand their identity, their school work and what it means to be successful not only in your community but within yourself. (Shout out to Mr Watts for being our chauffeur!)



Karena Holland & Ashleigh Joyce

Trades Roadshow

On Wednesday 3rd September, 40 students from Years 9 to 12 attended the Trades Roadshow, a hands on introduction to a number of trades held at Five Islands Secondary College.

Some of the industries showcased were:

- Automotive (test drive & monitor performance of Go-Carts)
- Administration
- Bricklaying
- Carpentry and Joinery
- Electro Technology/Refrigeration
- Fitting & Machining/Mechanical Engineering
- Horticulture
- Hospitality (Baking & Barista)
- Marine Operations
- Metal Fabrication & Welding
- Nursing
- Panel Beating & Spray Painting
- Plumbing
- Painting & Decoration/Signage



Mrs B Coursey & Mrs A Andonovski
Careers Advisors

7S Gifted & Talented Evening

This year marked the 10th anniversary of the annual Gifted & Talented evening.

On Tuesday the 9th September, more than 150 parents & family members turned out to support the Warrawong High School Selective Entry Program.

This event highlighted the culmination of cross-curricular extension projects completed by the students over the past 3 terms.



The projects were presented to parents and staff on the night.

Thank you to all staff and students who participated in the Gifted & Talented evening this year and made it such a great success.



Highlights included the musical interlude, the Permaculture Cookbook and the boxing/dance routine.

Mrs S Horsley
Head Teacher, Teaching & Learning
Gifted & Talented Co-Ordinator

Upcoming Events

| Day date month | event |
|----------------|-------------------------|
| 17th September | Year 12 Graduation |
| 19th September | Last Day of Term |
| 7th October | First Day Back - Term 4 |
| 13th October | HSC Begins |

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.



Congratulations to following students who achieved merits:

Bronze

Patrick Fitzgerald Yr 7, Holly James Yr 7,
Samantha Hayes Yr 8, Adam Leskiewicz Yr 9 &
Crystal Bulado Yr 11

Silver

Kiara Jorge Yr 9

Gold

Mikayla Akhurst-Jouannet Yr 7 &
Dylan Tanner Yr 9



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