

Warrawong High School

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Year 6 Orientation Day

Welcome to all of our future Year 7 students and their parents to Warrawong High School for this year's Year 6 Orientation Day.

I am sure the students will have a great time with some hands-on experiences in classrooms over the day. As well as this, parents will be provided with relevant information about how Warrawong High School works to better prepare their child for their first day of Year 7 on Thursday 28th January 2016.

Thank you to Mr Trent Sovrano for his fantastic work as our Primary Transition Coordinator this year and for his organisation of today's event. Thank you also to all staff who have contributed to the organisation of the day and delivering taster lessons.

School Community Events

Term 4 has been an extremely busy, yet productive term, with many major school and/or community events.

Two of our students recently won major awards within the Illawarra. Nora Altayan (Year 11) received this year's Victor Chang Science Award for our school and was presented with the award at ceremony held at Figtree High School. Shaima Haddara (Year 10) received the Throsby Active Citizen Award from Stephen Jones (MP). The ceremony was held for students and their families at the office of Stephen Jones.

The Kia Orana program was run this year for our Cook Islands students led by some of our community members and supported some of our staff. The program culminated in a Polynesian feast and performances at our school last week. It was fantastic to see our students proudly display some of their cultural dances and share some

traditional foods. We hope to see this program continue into 2016.

The annual community of schools WACKI Film Festival was held on Wednesday 18th November at the Gala Cinema in Warrawong. We should extend our thanks to the cinema who provide the venue and without it, the WACKI Film Festival wouldn't be the event that it is.

Similarly, the organisational skills of Ms Woods and Ms Habicki have made the WACKI Film Festival the showcase event for the community of schools. Thanks also go to the many teachers across the CoS which includes: Warrawong High School, Cringila Public School, Kemblawarra Public School, Lake Heights Public School, Warrawong Public School and Five Islands Senior College.

This year's Carnivale (held on Tuesday 1 December) was a great opportunity for staff and students to come together and celebrate being a part of Warrawong High School. A huge thank you to Ms Cutajar for her organisation and to all staff for their contribution to making the day so successful.

Celebration of Careers

The completion of 2015 sees two long serving members of staff celebrate their careers and leaving Warrawong High School for the greener pastures of post-education life.

Mr David Jirsa (Head Teacher Mathematics) and Mr Steve Watts (Head Teacher HSIE) have led their respective faculties for many years at Warrawong High and have served both staff and students (some who may now be our parents??) well during their time here. They have both had extensive careers in education spanning a number of different schools.

On behalf of the Warrawong High School community I would like to congratulate them both and thank them for their contribution to the school.



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School Achievement

2015 has been a particularly busy year and a steep learning curve for our entire staff. This is the year that the multitude of education reform have impacted on our school including the formulation of our new 3 year plan and the implementation of the Performance and Development Framework for our teachers.

I am extremely proud to tell people that I am Principal of Warrawong High School and share stories of all of the great things our staff are doing in the classroom and across the whole school. We have a fantastic leadership team made up of our

Head Teachers and led by our equally great Deputy Principals (Mr Hughes and Mr Morris). With the dedication & innovative thinking of this group of individuals, Warrawong High School is an outstanding provider of Quality Education for your child.

Dates to Remember

- **Dec 4** – Yrs7-9 Incentive Excursion
- **Dec 11** – Annual Presentation Day
- **Dec 11** – Yearly Reports Issued
- **Dec 16** – HSC Results Released

2016

- **Jan 28** – Yrs 7, 11 and 12 commence Term 1
- **Jan 29**—Yrs 8, 9 and 10 commence Term 1

I would like to wish all parents, staff and students a merry Christmas and safe holidays.

Rick Coleman
Principal

Project Kasparov Chess Update 2015

“Kings of the Castle” have met !



This time last year our new Principal Mr. Coleman was introduced to WHS's Lunch- Time Chess Competition Champion – **Kyle Sturgess**.

Will Kyle regain his title of “King of the Castle” for 2015 ?

The annual friendly lunch time affair is into its 25th year with approximately 40 students having entered. Due to our school's success in the inter-school competitions, the start of the lunch time competition was postponed to Term 4 but will still be completed by term's end.

In previous years a Round-Robin style draw was used, but this year, apart from Round 1, the competition draw will be on a “Knockout” basis. All students who entered will receive a merit for “Having a Go”. Other prizes will be awarded to students as they are KO'ed in subsequent rounds. Some of our local businesses have been approached to provide the major prizes for our semi-finalists. Stay tuned for results.

Country HS Knockout Comp (Terms 2-4)

It has been 10 years since our school has reached the finals of the NSW Junior Chess League Competition.

This year both the WHS and IEC teams were amongst 23 other South Coast regional schools. Teams from as far away as Moss Vale, Vincentia, Nowra, Narooma and Queanbeyan all competed.

WHS did extremely well in reaching R6 (of 7) and scored the away game against Bateman's Bay, our most distant opponents. A very big thank you to Mr. Mijakovski for transporting the team in what proved to be a mammoth 10 hour round trip. Fortunately, our team came home with a convincing win defeating BB (3½: ½).

In the finals, our team drew (2:2) with Dapto HS (see picture) but lost on a technicality. In the event of a draw only the top 3 boards are considered. Board 4 comes into contention if the top 3 boards are on a draw (1½:1½). Congratulations to the following students who were all a part of the success of the team; Spy Chaengsawang, Kyle Sturgess, Dom Joannou, Caleb Cai, Kiara Jorge, Jaiydn Gripton and Res. Thomas Jacques.



Illawarra HS Round Robin Competition

One game remaining for both the WHS and IEC teams against Edmund Rice College. This is a home match and will be played during sport time Thursday 26 November. Final results TBA.



Ms Dus

Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is a free, traveling exhibition that tells the story of Australia's involvement in World War One and our subsequent century of service.

This once-in-a-lifetime event will be staged at the University of Wollongong Sports Hub from 11 – 20 January 2016. It's an ideal summer holiday activity for families in the Illawarra region.

Over 40,000 Australians have already been through the Experience in Albury-Wodonga, Tasmania and Ballarat and the response has been overwhelmingly positive with locals saying it is "brilliant", "amazing", "a must see" and a "mammoth task executed perfectly".

Visitors can walk through recreated First World War environments, featuring innovative displays and interactive elements which showcase over 200 artefacts from the Australian War Memorial, the majority never before seen by the public.

Entry to the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is free, but booking is essential as places are limited. Find out dates, locations and booking details at www.spiritofanzac.gov.au.

School Based Trainees with Mission Australia meet The Aster Group



Year 10 students, Dylan Peaston and Chris Smith recently commenced School Based Traineeships with Mission Australia, Bellambi. This involves paid work out of school one day/week and training in Retail and Warehousing.

On October 28th the students were invited to West Illawarra to meet the sponsor of the program, The Aster Group, who generously donated a grant this year, which allowed Mission Australia to provide the School Based Traineeship Program to two of our year 10 students. The boys were delighted to meet and thank The Aster Group and join them for morning tea.

A promotional banner for 'CHOICES DAY' at TAFE Illawarra. The background is a blue-tinted photo of a young man with blonde hair looking out over a body of water while holding a telephone receiver. The text 'Inspiring a better future' is written in a white, cursive font in the upper left. At the bottom left, 'CHOICES DAY SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER' is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom right, the 'TAFE ILLAWARRA' logo is displayed, featuring a stylized 'A' inside a circle with the text 'A BETTER FUTURE' and 'MADE BY TAFE NSW' around it.

Project Neptune

WHS's Fishing Program since 1998

The aim of Project Neptune is to foster an improved understanding and appreciation of the environment and to encourage the development of fishing practices that are ecologically sustainable. All undersize fish are released.

Term 4's Fishing for Sport program got off to a marvellous start with involvement and backing from the community.



The DPI (Department of Primary Industry) Education Officer Stephen Thurston, along with recently retired Former IEC Head Teacher and current *Fish Care* volunteer Bob King, kicked things off by explaining the Rules and Regulations applicable to fishing.

In the past only students who had their own tackle were able to participate in the sport, however for the first time, Project Neptune has been able to draw on funds from the *Recreational Fishing Trust*.



Students who are interested in fishing are invited to join the sport group and try out the school's new telescopic rods. Bait is also made available due to the generosity of long time sponsor *Leisure Coast Bait & Tackle* in Corrimal. This year the annual deep sea charter, normally scheduled for December, has been postponed to Term 1, 2016.



All students participating in the sport receive invaluable information on the fishing rules and regulations, best fishing practices, species identification and more. Each student also receives a 2015 Saltwater Fishing Guide, a fish measuring sticker and a current tide chart. Prizes will be awarded to WHS's Best Anglers in 2016.

Any interested students in joining the sport next term please see Ms Allnut in the PE Department.

***Yours in Fishing
Ms Dus (Project Neptune Coordinator)***

STUDENTS CLEAN UP AT THE MINI OLYMPICS!

On Thursday 22nd October, 9 students from the Bayview Education Centre participated in an athletics carnival with over 300 students from various Support Units in the Illawarra.

Congratulations to Paul Bowtell-Hunter, Gerald Jackson, Bryce Maffulo, Jessica Wilson, Jerry Richter-Nguyen and a special mention to the following medal winners:

Dylan Ray-Blair-2nd long jump
Maya Jindi-1st vortex throw
Dawn Watkins-3rd 100m, 3rd 50m, 3rd 200m
Jarrod Nelson-Giatras-2nd 100m, 3rd vortex throw

***Ms M Cutajar
Teacher Support***





BYOD

WARRAWONG HIGH SCHOOL

What is BYOD?



BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) is a strategy whereby students will be able to bring a familiar personal device to school to use as their primary technological device. The school will provide the ability to connect compatible devices to a filtered internet service.

Warrawong High School recognises the need to prepare students for a rapidly changing world where technology plays an increasing role in students' everyday lives. All students are asked to bring their own devices to school.

Based on data from student surveys, parent surveys and student focus groups, Warrawong High School has chosen an open BYOD model that brings many benefits to student learning.

While students and their families are free to choose a device that best suits them it is recommended that they meet the features listed below. Parents should also bear in mind that students in years 10 to 12 will require more advanced devices.

Features every parent should consider

Some of the most important things to look for in any device.



HIGH PERFORMANCE

- Go for **4GB of RAM** or above and a **fast processor** such as the newest Intel® Atom™ Quad Core or Intel® Core™ i3 and above.



BATTERY LIFE TO LAST A TYPICAL SCHOOL DAY

- Make sure it lasts a typical school day; 6 hours is usual.
- Remember battery life will vary with usage, so go for a longer battery life if possible.



DUAL BAND WI-FI ACCESS

- Make sure it has dual band Wi-Fi (2.4Ghz and 5Ghz) to get the fastest access to the school network.



LIGHTWEIGHT

- Aim for under 1.6 Kg.
- Consider what your individual student is capable of carrying.



RUNS BOTH APPS AND PROGRAMS

- The latest Windows - apps and settings go with you across all devices.
- Able to run programs such as Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop or AutoCad.



USB PORT

- Needed to connect digital peripherals, such as a microscope, a printer, graphics tablet, a musical keyboard, thermometer, light meter, etc.



10" (MINIMUM) SCREEN, TOUCHSCREEN AND KEYBOARD

- A minimum of a 10" screen - larger for creative or technical work.
- A touchscreen for browsing.
- A keyboard for typing assignments.

We also recommend



PEN

- We recommend an active digital pen that supports precise handwriting input for note-taking, sketching and writing maths and science equations.



DURABLE FOR EVERYDAY SCHOOL USE

- Insist on a protective case.
- Look for solid state drives (SSD).



STORAGE

- Go for at least 128GB of storage in laptops and 2-in-1s.
- At least 32GB of storage in tablets is recommended.



FAMILY SAFETY SOFTWARE

- Windows Defender and SmartScreen.
- Windows Family Settings.

There's a device to suit everyone

Every age, every subject and every learning style.



Tablet

Tablets have no physical keyboard and so are best for viewing content, using apps and playing games. Their smaller, lighter form factor means they are often used by very young students. Tablets are also a great ancillary device for older students who want to read content, conduct simple web research and play games on the move.

Laptop

Laptops or Notebooks range from the ultra-lightweight devices to powerful rugged devices to suit the toughest of school environments. Powerful laptops can run the more demanding educational programs and are good for students who want to write code, edit videos and create games, as well as manage their schoolwork in a single device.

Laptop with touch

Laptops with a touch screen as well as the keyboard are very versatile, making them ideal for diverse student learning styles and tasks. With plenty of power for running full programs and a touch screen for visualisation and kinaesthetic learning, they are great for multimedia and visual arts students. Some laptops have the option for a pen, increasing the potential of the device further.

2-in-1 with touch and digital pen

2-in-1 devices are laptops where you can remove the keyboard, making them a great investment for school. With the addition of a digital pen, students can take handwritten notes, spontaneously capture and sketch out brainstorm ideas, write mathematically and input character based writing such as Chinese. The flexibility of this style of device gives students the option to study whilst lying on the floor or even in bed.

Free Software for Students



As part of the Department of Education's Enterprise agreement with Microsoft and Adobe, students can download and install a range of FREE software on to their personally owned device.

Adobe Creative Suite

Adobe CS6 is a set of software applications that empower students to work with digital media such as photos, movies and websites. These are professional tools used widely in industry.

As part of CS6, the following software will be available to download:

- Presenter
- Captivate
- Photoshop Elements
- Premier Elements
- InDesign



Microsoft Office

Students can download the full suite of Microsoft Office applications for use on their personal or student BYOD devices.

These complete applications will complement the provision of access to Microsoft Office 365 available to students.

Specifically, student are entitled to the full Microsoft Office suite of software and mobile apps for Windows PCs, Apple Mac computers, tablets including iPad, and mobile phone devices. That is, OneNote, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Publisher and more. This software and mobile apps can be used on up to 15 devices owned or used by students at no charge, as long as they are a student.



For more information visit

www.warrawong-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/

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