

Warrawong High School

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From the Principal

We held a very successful Year 7 Parent Forum on Tuesday 16 June. I am extremely pleased with the number of parents who were able to attend during the 2:00pm – 3:00pm time slot. All agreed that they would like to be involved in future meetings of this nature and felt that the afternoon timing worked well for them.

Some great ideas and feedback from parents regarding communication, reporting and school policies will guide school improvement in the future. The next Parent Forum meeting will be held on **Tuesday 28 July between 2:00pm and 3:00pm**. This meeting is open to all parents of the school. Information will be sent out closer to the date and I encourage as many parents as possible to attend the meeting to hear about the work of the school and have input into the type of education your child receives at Warrawong High School.

Schools are very dynamic places to work in and as a result we often see staff leave to go into positions at different schools. The end of this term sees Julie Holloway take up an appointment at Warilla High School in a Student Learning Support Officer role. Julie has provided great support to the students at Warrawong High School and has made a real difference to their Education. We also farewell and congratulate Melissa Cairns as she moves into a promotion position as Head Teacher Support at Kanahooka High School. Mr Boscuro will take up Melissa's former position as Head Teacher Learning and Engagement as a 3 year tenure.

Year 10 into Year 11 Subject Selections

Mrs Coursey and Mr Morris are currently working our program for Year 10 into Year 11 Subject Selections which involves a Speed Career Day, IN2UNI workshops, faculty presentations, course counselling sessions, a parent and student information night and finally, the online subject selections.

The parent and student information evening will be held on **Wednesday 5 August at 6pm** in the School Hall. It is important that all students and their parents attend the information evening to ensure they understand the requirements for the HSC years and the subject selection process.

Mr R Coleman
Principal

Questacon 2015

On Monday 15th June Years 7, 8 and 10 were presented a 2 hour workshop by Questacon.

The program developed for secondary school students is designed to create awareness in technology, engineering and design thinking for science students.

During the day 7S, 8S and 10.1 Science students were immersed in activities that encouraged creativity with technology to develop inventive creations.

The hands on workshops involved students working in groups using an interactive program with tablets. The Bridge Building exercise allowed them to manipulate strength, materials, costs and design in the development of a load bearing bridge.

Once they had completed the levels it was time to build a platform with specific design features. The student groups used materials such as tape, string and paper to build their platforms. Each design was tested for strength and creativity. The students had a wonderful time getting to put together their ideas.

Free workshops at the Innovation Centre presented by Questacon are available in the next school holidays. For further information contact Questacon Smart Skills on 1800 889 995



Mrs Weir
Science Faculty



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The Winds Four Corners

Classes 4, 3L and 2W from the IEC have been working hard in the garden re-modelling the former labyrinth garden into a compass garden. The compass garden represents the four points of the compass and four corners of the world that the student community of WHS has come from. Class 4 in particular have spent many periods digging up the former garden and relaying the beds for the new garden. The students of Class 4 will be graduating at the end of Term 2 so we want to thank them for all their hard work in the garden. Many of the students will be staying on and attending WHS so we wish them much luck and hope they will continue to be involved with the garden.



Rugby 7's Gala Day - Kiama



On Thursday 21st of May, the junior girl's rugby team grabbed their boots and were off for the rugby 7's gala day at Kiama show ground. With the sun out and a slight breeze it was a perfect day for rugby. The girls had a few hours before their first game and spent their time wisely preparing and training for the games ahead. Not only did they practise their rucks, line outs and scrums, they also spent some time watching other games to get a deeper understanding of the great and ancient art of rugby.

After a suspenseful few hours leading up to their first game it was now time for kick off. With one last huddle and word of advice they ran out onto the field to face Warrawee High School. The girls were first to kick off, meaning they were straight on the defence. However the spectators were given a good laugh as the first opponent ran in to hit up the ball and with a loud scream of fear stopped running, only to be put flat on her back by the solid Warrawong defence. The girls went on to dominate the game, winning 4 tries to 1 and sending Warrawee High School back to Goulbourn with their tails between their legs.

For their second and final game the girls would face Nowra Anglican College in what turned out to be the performance of the day. The Warrawong girls absolutely dominated from start to end and put on a super performance for all to see. The girls won 7 tries to nil with the try of the match going to Serena Etita who basically carried an opponent in one arm and the ball in the other for 30 meters to the score a try. So dominant was their performance that the referee had to ask the Warrawong girls to "go easy" as he thought it was too one sided.

Unfortunately, although they were undefeated the girls came in second on points difference to Holy Spirit. I could not have been prouder of the girls and their performance. The one week transition from rugby league to rugby union was a tough ask, however they worked hard and pulled it off. Great job girls! Keep your ears open for a possible show down with Holy Spirit in a winner takes all finale.

Mr J Edmunds
Teacher/Coach

Year 11 Geography Camp - Killalea

Our Year11 Geographers visited Killalea State Park over the last two days of Term 1 to undertake their Mandatory fieldwork.

Students kayaked through the mangroves, traversed the sand dunes, pushbiked through the State park, stayed overnight in the bunkhouses and were well fed by Mr and Mrs Watts.



A great stay was had by all along with some learning that will be important in the Higher School Certificate

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Refugee Week 2015

The *Refugee Council of Australia* and *Illawarra Multicultural Services* opened the **Official NSW Refugee Council Launch** at Warrawong High School on 12th June 2015.

It was a prestigious event, with Janice Peterson from SBS television MCing the program.



A number of special guests attended including Paul Power (CEO Refugee Council of Australia). Both the Warrawong High School music group and 'The Diamonds' (ex-IEC students attending Keira High School) performed several musical items which the audience loved.



This was the first time the event had been held outside of Sydney and a tribute to Warrawong High School's long history as a thriving multicultural hub. The launch highlighted Warrawong High School's commitment to cultural diversity within our school and our local community.





Principal Rick Coleman and school Captains Emerald Paterson and Adam Ryan welcomed guests to Warrawong High School. Ex IEC Student Abdul Mahmoud spoke about the challenges and successes he has experienced since arriving in Australia.

**Mr Stackhouse & Mr Brankovic
Intensive English Centre**

Chicks Hatch in Support Unit

For the past four weeks Autism 2 have been lovingly caring for a batch of fertilised chicken eggs.

On Friday, 19th June, all of their hard work paid off and "Nugget", the first of the chicks, hatched. These chicks will be hand raised by Autism 2 and then placed in the schools chicken pen.

Autism 2 hope to generate income from the sale of the eggs.

A big thank you to Mr Nordstrom and the support unit students have worked tirelessly to fox proof their new home.

Stay tuned as more eggs are expected to hatch early term 3.



**Ms St Ledger
Teacher Support Unit**

Koori Camp News

Last term a group of Koori students from Warrawong High School (WHS) attended a camp at Killalea State Park. A smorgasbord of activities was offered with the students taking part in kayaking on the Minnamurra River, bushwalking, traditional spear making, Koori dance and performance, artefact examination and boomerang and spear throwing. All this was made possible by the great staff from Illawarra Environmental Education Centre (IEEC) working with staff and parents from Warrawong High School to make this annual event possible.

Special thanks go out to Mr Watts (WHS), Mr Anderson (IEEC). Mrs Cooper (WHS P&C) who volunteered her time, Mr Shaw (WHS), Mr Oczos (WHS) and Shady the manager of the camp site.

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IN2UNI Unique Experience Day 2015

On the 11th June 52 students from Years 9 and 10 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 life at university and getting involved in a range of activities and taster sessions. 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 copy



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data Census



Education & Communities

Public Schools NSW

Warrawong High School is currently participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data Census on school students with disability.

This data will be used to assist in the development of learning and support structures to meet the education needs of students with disability. Please find below a copy of the 2015 Privacy Policy from the NCCD for your information. If you have any questions about the data collection please do not hesitate to contact Mrs L Ramsay, Head Teacher Student Wellbeing, on 4274 0707.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Notification for Parents and Carers

From 2015, all Government and non-Government schools across Australia are required to participate annually in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD).

All Australian schools will collect data on their students who are receiving adjustments to meet additional learning and support needs in accordance with their obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*. This data will be provided to the Australian Government to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the education needs of students with disability.

The data provided to the Australian Government by the NSW Department of Education and Communities is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

General information about the national data collection can be found on the Australian Government Department of Education and Training website at <http://education.gov.au/fact-sheets-nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>.

Privacy Protection

The NSW Department of Education and Communities follows the requirements of the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* and the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002*. Schools will collect, record, store and use data about individual students in line with these requirements. Data security and protection is a priority and students' personal details will be kept confidential.

Under Clause 52 of the Commonwealth *Australian Education Regulation 2013*, data collected by the NSW Department of Education and Communities for the NCCD must be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. This includes the number of students at each level of education, the number in each category of disability and the number at each level of adjustment. The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

The Australian Government Department of Education and Training follows the requirements of the Commonwealth *Privacy Act 1988* when handling any data provided by NSW Department of Education and Communities in connection with the national data collection. A privacy notice has been developed to by the Australian Government to provide students, parents and carers with important privacy information in relation to the data collection. This notice is available on the department's website at <http://education.gov.au/notices>



Mrs B Coursey
Careers Advisor

Upcoming Events

Day date month	Event
26 June	Senior Merit Excursion
26 June	Last Day of Term
14 July	Year 12 Trial HSC Exams commence
28 July	Parent Forum 2pm to 3pm
5 August	Year 10 into Year 11 Subject Selection Evening

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.



The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) provides free English Language learning to eligible migrants.

To see if you are eligible please ring 4229 0155.

The AMEP is funded by the Australian Government.

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