

Warrawong High School

*Creating opportunities,
achieving success*

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to 2016

I would like to welcome all students, parents and community members to the 2016 school year. At Warrawong High School we had a fantastic year in 2015 where we achieved so many great things across the entire school.

We continue with our main focus of making a real difference to the learning outcomes of all students through individualised and collective programs to ensure that our students get a year's learning out of a year's teaching. Our school believes in providing effective and meaningful professional learning for all staff to keep them at the forefront of the teaching profession. We also recognise the vital contribution that our administrative and support staff provide to our school. Local community connections provide our students with a range of opportunities to enhance their learning so we look forward to continuing these relationships with our partner primary schools, University of Wollongong, Bluescope and many other businesses and agencies.

This year we have a number of new teachers to the school including: Ms Julia Ray (Head Teacher Equity and Engagement); Mr Joe Gander (Science Teacher); Mr Marc Gunner (Science Teacher); Mr Troy Koglin (Science Teacher); Mr Daniel Mendygral (HSIE Teacher); Ms Linda Lucas (TAS Teacher); Mr Jack Doyle (Support Teacher); Ms Penni Laidlaw (Support Teacher); Ms Amy Chapman (English Teacher) and Ms Diana Herbert (Teacher Librarian).

There was an error in the calendar that I sent out at the beginning of the year. The last day of Term 1 is actually **Friday 8 April**.

2015 HSC

63 students completed their HSC in 2015 which saw some significant improvements in performance when compared to previous years. The school achieved some good results in English Standard, Mathematics and Music 1.

Some of the top performing students include: Ulima Curraacan; Dimitar Ivanovski; Kaell Jorge; Daneal Kuiper; Melissa Lazarevska; Anna Ngyuen; Alex Stojcevski and Dylan John Webb.

Congratulations to all of our 2015 Yr12 students and their teachers on their achievements. We wish you all well with your future endeavours and would love to hear your stories and adventures in the future.

Behaviour Management System

Mr Hughes (Deputy Principal) led the evaluation of our Welfare and Discipline System throughout 2015 and the resulting renewed Behaviour Management System is being implemented this year. All year groups have had meetings with their Year Adviser and respective Deputy Principal to go through these expectations and procedures.

Our school's Values Platform underpins these procedures and all other programs we run. The Values Platform sets out our expectations and what we stand for at Warrawong High School and, is aligned to the three Permaculture ethics of: Earth Care, People Care and Fair Share. It has clear statements of student rights and responsibilities so that they are active and responsible school citizens. The Values Platform is displayed in every classroom and the student diary.



Primary Transition Programs

Mr Sovrano continues as our Primary Transitions Coordinator in 2016 and I am sure he will do an equally great, if not better, job than last year.

We held a morning tea for our Community of Schools Principals, Assistant Principals and Stage 3 Coordinators to launch our Primary Transition Programs on Tuesday 2 February.

Our first major event this year is our Open Afternoon which will be held on **Wednesday 2 March** from 3:00pm – 6:00pm. More information will be distributed to primary schools and parents in the coming weeks.

P&C Meetings

Warrawong High School values the input from parents on the work we do for their children and therefore we do advertise our P&C meetings which occur every month. While the P&C is not the only way for parents to be involved in the school we do run these meetings at a convenient time of 2:00pm to 3:00pm on the third Tuesday of every month.

This is an opportunity for parents to come and hear about the great things we are doing at Warrawong High School, have some afternoon tea and then pick your child up when school finishes. Our first meeting for 2016 is on **Tuesday 16 February** in our Staff Common Room. It would great to see as many parents as we can who can be available at this time.

Dates to Remember

- **Feb 16** – P&C Meeting 2:00pm – 3:00pm
- **Feb 19** – Year 7 Immunisations
- **Feb 22** – School Photos
- **Mar 1** – SRC Induction Assembly
- **Mar 2** – Open Afternoon 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Rick Coleman

“Better Late Than Never”



During Term 2 2014, two former IEC students put their artistic and visual literacy skills into action and participated in the **Wombat Publisher's Illustrator Competition**. Students were given the opportunity to submit a design for children's author Aleesah Darlison's upcoming children's book titled **Zoo Ball**, a cute story about young Ned and his family who visit the zoo and cause havoc in the animal enclosures with a bouncing ball.



Last term, (more than a year later) notification was received that both students, Fern Sutiyanwan and Yen Truong were successful with their designs, each winning a \$50 voucher to purchase books online. Their designs and names were also printed in the Zoo Ball book and they will each receive 2 copies. The book launch is scheduled for 1 April, 2016. Students were alerted to this competition through the Premier's Reading Challenge and regular visits to the Warrawong Community Library.

A reminder Year 7-9 students wishing to register for this year's PRC need to see Ms Tiernan in the school library before the end of March.

Ms Dus
IEC PRC Coordinator

Warrawong "Peace" Winners

During the last term, seven IEC students were recognized for their success in the Teacher's Federation competition - the **Sam Lewis Peace and Environment Awards**.

These talented students represented the theme **"Peace for a better world"** via different mediums with results as follows ;

- Maher Al Aabdullah (\$25), PowerPoint
- Yaman Al Ahmad (\$25), poster design
- Jerold Sadia (\$25), poster design
- Aya Al Arnoos (\$25), poem & essay
- Nadine Et Tash (2nd Place \$100), PPP
- Nge Reh (2nd Place \$100), poster
- **Saw Mo (1st Place \$150), poster**

All the students were presented with their special certificates and cheques at the end-of-year IEC assembly. Well done to all those students.

Ms Dus
IEC G&T coordinator

"Fishy Tails" for 2016



Terms 1 and 4 this year will see our school's Project Neptune and the IEC fishing program get that extra boost with the funding support from the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust. Up to 20 students from the HS and 10 students from the IEC will have the opportunity to use brand new telescopic fishing rods and have bait and tackle provided. Those lucky WHS students will also have the opportunity to put into practice the sustainable practices during the school's annual deep sea charter. WHS's Best Female Angler, Sauda Birindwa, has been asked to contribute a small item about her DSC adventure for the next parent bulletin. Watch-out for that one. In the meantime, any interested students wishing to have a go at fishing this term need to see Ms Allnut in the PE Dept asap.

Ms Dus
Project Neptune Coordinator



NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2016 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students*: dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

- *The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.*

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child's name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student's information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Upcoming Events

16 February	P & C Meeting 2pm to 3pm
19 February	Year 7 Immunisations
22 February	School Photos
29 February	School Photos Catch Up
1 March	SRC Induction Assembly
2 March	Open Afternoon 3pm to 6pm

Community Notices



FSC WIN Network Senior Boys Academy

For boys aged 13 - 16 years

Monday nights 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Ian McLennan Park, Kembla Grange



**13 - 16
years**

Summer Term:
Monday 15 February -
Monday 11 April
(8 Weeks)

Summer Term Cost \$160

**Registrations
Now Open**

Coaches:
Noel Spencer
Jason Spencer

**Training
Kit - \$40**



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