

Warrawong High School

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Harmony Day

Although March 21 is officially Harmony Day, Warrawong High School celebrated our rich cultural and community diversity on Wednesday 23 March.

We did things a little differently this year and with many thanks to Mrs Cooke (Head Teacher of the IEC) and Mrs Ray (Head Teacher Learning Support) for their organisation of the day with the help and support of all staff who led and supervised the many activities. Students came together to watch and hear about different case studies relating to Harmony Day before participating in a poster design competition. Other students had the opportunity to participate in some sporting activities and then all students were treated to performances, displays and food from various cultures.

Parent Teacher Interviews

All parents in Years 7, 11 and 12 received Progress Reports in the mail recently and we held Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 23 March. As this was the same day as our Harmony Day celebrations it was no wonder many of the staff were dressed in orange for these meetings.

Conducting these meetings in Term 1 is again, a change to previous years and was a recommendation from the recent evaluation of our Assessment and Reporting procedures. Having an opportunity to discuss a student's progress with their parents (and them) at this stage of the year makes parents aware of areas of strength and where they could improve. This is especially important for senior students, particularly Yr12 students, to give them every opportunity to gain the best HSC possible with only a short time left.

As with everything we do at Warrawong High School, we are always looking to improve these types of events to make them more valuable to parents so we need your involvement and feedback for future Parent Teacher Interviews.

Tell Them From Me Student Survey

To ensure that the programs and initiatives we deliver to our students at Warrawong High School are relevant and meaningful, we are conducting student surveys called Tell Them From Me. They are online surveys that will be

completed during class time between now and the end of the term. The feedback gained from the surveys will inform what we do as a school to deliver quality programs to our students. There is a consent form attached to this newsletter for parents who **do not** want their child to participate in the survey. The information in the survey is confidential and will only be used by the school to improve what we do.

Writing Competition

Each year students in Years 7 and 8 have an opportunity to participate in the Community of Schools Writing Competition. The pieces of writing are marked and the best ones got to a judging panel who then award certificates to the overall winners at a presentation ceremony hosted by the coordinating school. The Writing Competition is designed to be a fun way of improving students' skills. Because of time constraints students in 7S and 8S will participate in the competition aspect while the rest of the year groups will have an opportunity to complete the task and receive feedback prior to the NAPLAN tests in Term 2.

Staff Matters

Warrawong High School has been blessed to have some many long serving and quality teachers, however, there comes a time when retirement becomes a reality. Our school community recognises the enduring and successful teaching career of Mrs Broadwood as she leaves the school after well over 30 years. We thank her for her contribution to the teaching profession but more importantly for her contribution to the education of so many students at Warrawong High School.

On a brighter note, we welcome Mrs Pestana and Mrs Crockett (albeit existing teachers at our school) who have been made permanent fulltime to the Maths Faculty.

Dates to Remember

- **Apr 27** – Term 2 starts
- **Apr 29** – Year 12 Half Yearly Exams start
- **May 10-12** – NAPLAN Tests
- **May 23** – Year 10 Half Yearly Exams start
- **May 30** - Year 11 Half Yearly Exams start

Rick Coleman



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Project Neptune : 2016 Update

Hi, my name is Sauda and I'm in year 9. I was one of 10 lucky students to go on the school's deep-sea fishing charter at the end of 2014.

We went on the fishing boat called **AQUILLA** from Belmore Basin in Wollongong to the Five Islands off Port Kembla. The weather was great but the sea was never level. Towards the end of the charter I was a little sick but not before I caught 8 legal-sized fish. It was great catching a fish and when I caught 2 (not one) Newcastle Bream at the same time, I couldn't believe my eyes!

The charter provided all the students with many positive experiences. For example, I saw lots of new species of fish that I hadn't seen at sport in Lake Illawarra. Like the Maori Wrasse (see photo) and the snapper.

All together, we caught 85 fish. My family was so happy when I brought home dinner but I had to clean them.

I wish to thank WHS and the Recreational Fishing Trust for giving us all that amazing opportunity as I look forward to the school's next charter scheduled for Week 8 this term.



Sauda Birindwa
(Best Female Angler 2014)

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Women in Defence High Tea Forum

Last Wednesday, March 9th, I had the privilege of accompanying Courtney Dagama (Yr 11) to this event at the Novotel Northbeach. We were highly entertained and informed by the speeches of three female High Flyers in the Defence force. All three areas of Defence were represented and we heard about the accomplishments and achievement of these women in Defence. Some even had young children and we were impressed at how they successfully managed to juggle home, family and work! It was stressed that the older perceptions of Women in the Defence Force, are slowly disappearing and that as of 2016, women are able to go into combat if they choose to. This being further evidence that restrictions, as far as females working in Australia's Defence Forces, are being removed. Women are becoming more respected and valued in the roles they undertake in the Defence force.

Mrs M Crump
Careers Adviser

Bayview Gallipoli Project

Support HSIE classes have finally completed their centenary Gallipoli project which began last year. Students created a 3D relief map of the ANZAC battle grounds at Gallipoli. Front lines of the opposing forces have been marked out on the relief. A detailed legend also indicates all the important locations including Anzac Cove, Lone Pine, Quinn's Post and The Nek. The project gave students a detailed understanding of the Gallipoli terrain and the resulting tactical and logistical difficulties faced by Anzac forces in 1915.



Riley Humphries & Jarrod Giatras showcase their project wearing period uniforms including slouch and sun hats.

Mr F Morales
Bayview Education Centre

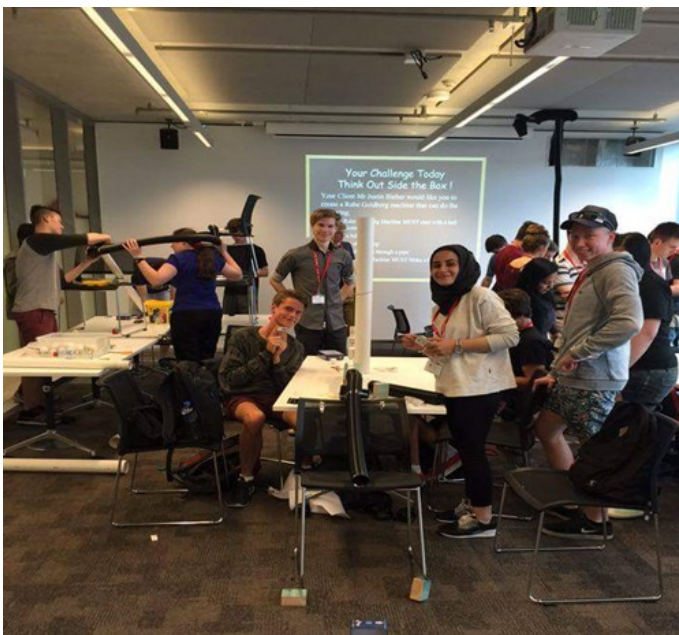
2015 Honeywell Engineering Summer School (HESS)

The Honeywell Engineering Summer School is an annual event aimed to promote the profession of engineering to Year 11 high school students, and improve their knowledge of the various disciplines that make up the profession.

100 students from the state are selected every year to attend the one week summer school. HESS students are provided a valuable insight into the many aspects of a wide range of engineering fields. The week's activities included day to day life as an engineer student, visits to industrial sites and universities, a careers evening, social programs and a lot of fun.

2015 was the first time a student from Warrawong High School was selected to attend HESS. The student selected was Tabarak Mahmoud. Tabarak hopes to study engineering once she completes her HSC.

Tabarak Mahmoud and Warrawong High school would like to thank the West Wollongong Rotary Club for financially supporting Tabarak to attend the summer school.



My experience at the 2015 Honeywell Engineering Summer School

My experience at the Honeywell Engineering Summer School was amazing. I had a lot of fun as well as gaining a lot of knowledge about the field of engineering and making friends from schools across the state. I spent one week at the Dunmore Lang College, North Ryde. During this week I got to experience what it would be like to be an engineering student. We visited four Universities (University of Wollongong, University of Sydney, University of Technology and the University of New South Wales). We also visited waste management sites, industrial sites and Blue Scope in Port Kembla.

It was an honour to be selected to participate in this program, attending the HESS has made me even more determined to achieve my goal of becoming an engineer. I was very pleased to see a lot of female students attending the summer school with the same passion for engineering. It is a field that is usually dominated by males and it is great to know that there is a new generation of female engineers on the way.

I hope that in 2016 another Warrawong High School student will have the opportunity to attend the HESS and benefit from the program as much as I have.



Tabarak Mahmoud

9.S History WWI

Year 9.S History was invited by Mr Morales to explore World War 1 & 2 uniforms and items.

"It was a great learning experience. We got to try on all the old army jackets and hats/helmets and saw some fantastic diagrams of life in the trenches. Everyone had heaps of fun"

Caitlin Cooper

"During the time we had we all learnt what life was like as well as what they went through in the trenches. It was fun trying on the uniforms they had back during the war and now we know that Australian's fought well during this time and we are thankful.

Courtney Buckley



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Year 11 Work Studies

Year 11 Work Studies completing a practical work experience task at our pizza ovens and enjoyed a great reward.



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International Women's Day 2016

Brunch at Bluescope



On Tuesday 8th March four students, Tianna Black, Jennifer Saveska, Christine Solomon and Gia Trucido attended the International Women's Day Brunch sponsored by BlueScope Steel. The aim of the event was to inform, raise awareness and celebrate International Women's Day. Guest speakers talked about their interests, their work and the choices they have made in relation to education, career and family.

The speakers were:

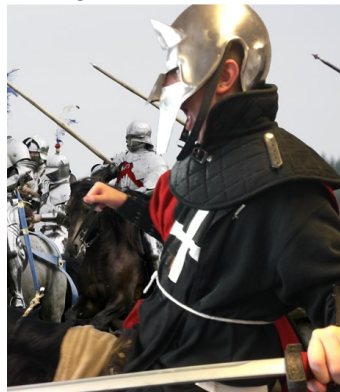
- Kate Cliff - a Vedic Meditation teacher and an accomplished lawyer.
- Anne Hollingworth – a Forensic Psychologist
- Sandy Rae-Media and Communications Manager – NSW Ports
- Madeline Cross - Business Development Manager at Engineers Australia.



Mrs B Coursey
Careers Advisor

Bayview Open Day Volunteers

Support students once again donned their outfits and had a great time at this year's open day. Students assisted Mr Morales set up the faculty display rooms. Special thanks to Nate Aird who assisted staff at the BBQ, as well as packing away display items early the next morning. Special thanks also to Cameron Mackie who helped guide tour groups around the school.



Sir Bryce Maffullo at the gallop & Commando
Jayden Coelho - Just spooky!



Private Cameron Mackie on duty & Constable Tim Debnam with inmates

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1 April	Cross Country Carnival
4 April	Koori Camp - Killalea
6 April	Year 7 & 8 Incentive Excursion
8 April	Easter Show Excursion & Last day of Term 1
25 April	ANZAC Day
27 April	Students return to school for Term 2

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