

# Warrawong High School

*Creating opportunities,  
achieving success*

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 2 which is already proving to be another busy one in particular as it is traditionally our half yearly assessment and reporting term.

In Term 1, we trialled a Parent Teacher Afternoon for Years 7, 11 and 12 which coincided with academic progress reports for those years. Evaluations showed that while staff, parents and students valued the opportunity to gain early feedback on student performance, we didn't attract as many families as we would have hoped. There will be a Parent Teacher Afternoon at the end of this term where Half Yearly Reports are issued but in future years we will be moving towards Parent Teacher Afternoons in Terms 1 and 3 with written reports being issued in Terms 2 and 4.

### Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

The Year 12 Half Yearly Exams got off to positive start on Friday 29 April and go through to Friday 6 May. Last year we made a decision to hold the HSC exams in the Hall as part of our plan to better support our students. Not only will that occur again this year and in futures but all formal exams will be held in the Hall.

### NAPLAN Tests

The Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN Tests will be held from Tuesday 10 May to Thursday 12 May inclusive. As both groups will not fit in the Hall the tests will also take place in the Maths rooms over the three days.

All students in these years are expected to sit the tests unless there has been prior arrangement made by the school to be exempt. The results of these tests provide important information to parents and the school to show where individual students compare against national benchmarks in literacy and numeracy. Teacher can use this information to inform their teaching programs and practice while our Learning Support Team to develop programs to assist students where there is an identified need.

### ANZAC Day Dawn Service

I had the pleasure of attending this year's ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Port Kembla cenotaph. This year marks the centenary of the RSL's service to recognise the ANZACs.

Djordji Suleski, our School Captain, represented Warrawong High School at the service and took part by reading a prayer to the congregation and laying a wreath on behalf of the RSL.

### NAIDOC Week

Congratulations to Lani Balzan, our Aboriginal Education Officer, whose artwork 'Songlines' won a national competition. Lani's artwork will be featured in posters to promote NAIDOC Week.



Dreaming stories are presented as elaborate song cycles (Songlines) that relate to a specific place, group or individual. Dreamtime ancestors made Songlines as part of the creation story to provide a map of the landscape and represent the relationship between the lands, the seas and the people. The painting represents all of the Songlines coming together to create our nation. You can see how they criss-cross the land as they run East, West, North and South and diagonally across the country to track the journeys of our ancestors.

### Staff Matters

I would like to welcome Miss Nicole McGoogan to Warrawong High School as she was appointed to our English faculty at the end of Term 1. Congratulations also to Miss Amanda Simpson who has also been appointed permanently to our English faculty.

**Please see last page of the newsletter for dates to remember.**

*Rick Coleman*

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## U16's League tag and U15s Football

Our U16's girls league tag team and U15s footy boys played in a gala day run by the NRL development squad on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Both teams played outstanding however didn't come away with the win. The teams played in the right spirits and looked good while doing it!

Thanks to Mr Boscoscuro and Mr Gander for their training, coaching and organisation.



## Girls Soccer

Congratulations to our AWESOME Senior Girls soccer team who won their first round in the NSW CHS Knock out competition. The girls were coached by Mr Curley and beat Woonona HS 2-1. After being down 1-0 at half time the girls managed to come back in the second half and score two goals in the final minutes of the game. With little training and a last minute reschedule, the girls still managed to come through with the win. Goals were awarded to Kristen Gorgieski and Leticia Valentine. The next round game is against Smiths Hill High School in week 1 Term 2.

Kristen Gorgeski & Sarah Bailey also attended the Open soccer trials at Balgownie Oval. While the girls were not selected for the South Coast team, the experience was a great eye opener to the level of players in the region and as younger students the girls still have the next couple of years to trials.

Well done to all of our female footballers!

## Swimming carnival

Our competitor's only swimming carnival was held at our local Port Kembla Pool at the beginning of Term 1. The progressing swimmers competed at the Southern Illawarra Zone Swimming carnival at Dapto Pool on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Congratulations to our awesome swim team who competed and helped to run the day- Tracey Bright, Dylan Alderton, Samara Waters & IEC students



## Lunchtime Futsal competition

The lunchtime FUTSAL competition has begun. Registration is held every Lunch 1 after the outside assembly in the quad. This competition is run by our sports committee and provides a social and healthy alternative for our students during their break time. Teams need to complete a team sheet rego form with a team name, must have a minimum of 7 players and each student must pay \$1 per player for registration fees that go towards trophies for the winning team. This year we have added awards for player of the tournament & top goal scorer. Competitions this year are Juniors - Years 7, 8 and 9 & Seniors - Years 10, 11 and 12.



## Boys Soccer



Our Senior boys soccer team always put on a show for us, especially on the back oval. The boys played Lake Illawarra High School in the first round of the NSW CHS Knock out competition. It was a high scoring game but unfortunately the team went down 7-6 in extra time. Good luck to the boys in grade sport next term and special thanks to coach Sovrano for all his work coaching the boys.

## Upcoming Events

Grade sport competition- Thursday sport week 3.

U14s & UY16s Rugby League- 17<sup>th</sup> May

Zone cross country carnival- 6<sup>th</sup> May

WHS Athletics carnival- 27<sup>th</sup> May

**Miss Allnutt**  
**Sports Co-ordinator**

## EAL/D Girls excursion to the Movies

On Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of April, eleven EAL/D students attended the Greater Union Wollongong Town Cinemas to watch 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2'. The girls enjoyed the movie and had a good laugh at the cross cultural aspects which they all could relate to. A big thankyou to Community Health and Adolescents in Need (CHAIN) who donated the movie tickets.



## Year 12 VET Work placements:

A large number of Year 12 VET students have recently completed their final work placement in Retail, Hospitality and Construction. Students have taken the skills learnt at school and applied these to an industry setting. Industry contacts can be a valuable networking opportunity for future employment. Warrawong High School fully support student engagement in VET work placement as it enables students to develop skills that can not be experienced in a school setting.

Students experience the world of work in various local businesses and will utilise this valuable opportunity to further refine their school to work readiness.

Year 11 VET students will undertake their first work placement in Term 3. Parents should look out for further information at the commencement of Term 3.

Warrawong High School would like to thank Illawarra Workplace Learning (IWPL) for organising student placements and parents/carers who assist students to get to work sites all over the Illawarra.



## Casual Edge

Seventeen Year 9 students participated during Term 1 in an eight week program, Casual Edge to help them secure their first part time or casual job.

This pre-employment program for young people was delivered in partnership between the Port Kembla Youth Project and the Multicultural Youth Development Project.

Students learned skills in searching for jobs, approaching employers, resume writing, interview technique, workplace rights and responsibilities and budgeting. The program culminated in the presentation of certificates to all participating students.



## Mr Morales' Time Machine

This month's trip back through time takes us to Ancient Greece circa 480BC. The fierce hoplites from Athens, Thebes, Corinth and especially Sparta were the most formidable warriors of their day. In 480BC after a series of land and naval battles, they managed to repulse the mighty Persian Empire of Xerxes I. This was a turning point in history since much of European culture is based on ancient Greek and Roman foundations. On this occasion Brandon Da Silva has stepped back in time to join a phalanx of Spartan warriors.

**Mr F. Morales**  
**Bayview Education Centre**



Brandon Da Silva "This is Sparta!"

## Project Kasparov 2016

Playing of chess at WHS is an extra-curricular activity available to students each term. Inter-school competitions, One-Day chess tournaments, Community Chess events and our very own lunchtime competition are all on offer. Last year our representative chess team finished in the finals alongside Smiths Hill and Dapto HS in the Country HS Knockout Comp. A number of our students also participated in the seasonal Wollongong Chess Club tournaments playing with like-minded students from the region. A junior IEC team attended a one-day tournament at TIGS playing amongst 150 other chess enthusiasts. To cap the year off our annual lunchtime chess comp was completed earlier this year with presentation of prizes due mid-term.

Round 1 of this year's inter-school competition is underway. In Term 1, our WHS team defeated Kiama HS (4:0) whilst the IEC team went down to the Illawarra Christian School (0:4). In Round 2, our team will play St Johns in Nowra, in a home match in Wk. 4 whilst the IEC team will play Oak Flats in Wk. 3 We wish all those students good luck in their respective matches.



## King Kyle Keeps Crown

Congratulations to Kyle Sturgess Year 11, Nathaniel Sturgess Year 9, Dom Joannou Year 10 and Courtney Buckley Year 9. Kyle won the title of "**King of the Castle**" for the second time whilst Nathaniel and Dom finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. "**Queen of the Castle**" and finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of forty students was Courtney.

The semi-final between Courtney and Nathaniel was a very special match. It was dedicated to former WHS teacher Peter Knott who passed away last October. Peter was an advocate for many worthwhile causes in the community and at our school and was a true believer of our current school motto "**Creating Opportunities, Achieving Success**".

Back in the early 1990's, Peter set up our concrete chess court and lathed all 32 wooden chess pieces that the students still play with today during lunchtimes. The students wore black arm bands as a sign of respect.

A reminder chess sets are available for student use during lunchtimes in the library and chess is on offer as a sport Thursday afternoons for students wishing to learn how to play.

**Yours in promoting opportunities.**  
**Ms Dus (Project Kasparov Coordinator)**



## Premiers Reading Challenge 2016

Attention all keen readers in Years 7 and 8! Visit the Library to register for the 2016 **Premiers Reading Challenge**. You will be given a Reading Log to fill in as you complete each book you have chosen to read – you only need to read 20 books by mid-August.

The school library has book's marked on the spine with a green star sticker, meaning it's on the PRC Booklist.

*"The Premier's Reading Challenge allows students to experience a range of exciting stories, and explore issues that can challenge the way one thinks."* Mike Baird, Premier of NSW.

For further information please contact Mrs. Herbert in the Library or visit the website : <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>



## University of Wollongong News

### UOW Open Day – Save the date!

This year, UOW Open Day will be held on Saturday 13 August to showcase our courses and facilities to those outside UOW's traditional core drawing areas. The event will give visiting students and their families the opportunity to meet with faculty academic and professional staff for individual consultations on their future studies. There will also be campus tours, including UOW accommodation sites, and information on alternative admissions. Interested students/parents/teachers should head to the UOW Open Day Website to sign up and receive regular updates about the event.

### Student & Parent Mailing Lists

At key dates throughout 2016, The University of Wollongong will be communicating with year 12 students about University admission, important dates, their Early Admission Program etc. All students who registered for the UOW Discovery Days (with a legitimate mailing address) will automatically receive this information in the mail. Any students who did not register for Discovery Days and would like to be included in UOW's mailing list should log onto [www.uow.edu.au/future/school](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/school) and click the 'Register for Updates' tab in the top right of this page. This will be a very quick form to fill in with mailing details etc.

If you are the parent of a Year 12 student and would like to receive information each month about UOW programs and upcoming events, please join 'UOW Parents Uni-Advice' by registering at [www.uow.edu.au/future/school/advise/](http://www.uow.edu.au/future/school/advise/)

Click the blue 'Sign up Parents E-News' tab to complete your details.

### Greene St NAIDOC Family Fun Day

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016

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## Harmony Day Poster Competition

As part of Harmony Day festivities the WIEC held a poster competition which was judged by the teachers. First prize of \$50 was awarded to Elisa He who's poster is below.



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## Having Fun on Harmony Day 2016

Harmony Day began in Australia. The message of Harmony Day is "Everyone Belongs" and we all felt very at home on that day. Harmony Day encourages everyone to come together to share a wonderful day and enjoy some fun experiences. At school many of us were wearing orange clothes to feel part of the day.

The day began with some interesting short films that helped us understand other people's points of view. After that the IEC students divided into 2 groups. Half of the students created a Harmony Day poster for a competition and the others played sports. Some learned the skills of cricket with Mr Davies and others learned the skills of AFL with Ms Coban. These Australian sports were new to many of our students but everyone had a lot of fun.

In the afternoon we listened to some guest speakers and musicians. Outside the hall, the quad changed into an amazing international food court with food from many different countries for sale. We printed different coloured hands on a large piece of paper in red, yellow, blue and green to express happiness, friendship, peace and saying no to bullying. After that many students were dancing in the quad, making a large circle and dancing together. We laughed, talked, danced and took many photos.

Harmony Day was a fantastic day. Everyone was happy with the music, dancing and food and there was much laughter. This day helped us learn more about different cultures and customs; it also helped us understand that difference is not a bad thing but that is what makes us special. Dancing together helped us make more friends from the high school. Living in harmony we are all equal on our wonderful colourful planet.

The poster competition was judged by the teachers and prizes were awarded to Elisa He. (1<sup>st</sup>), Anny Hoang, (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Misu Tran (3<sup>rd</sup>). The posters have now been sent to Sydney to enter the state competition.

**Misu Tran**  
IEC Student



## Project Neptune Update

The highlight of WHS's fishing initiative is the school's deep-sea charter (DSC) where students can put into practice the sustainable fishing skills taught during the year - and hopefully catch a few fish. Last term's DSC (postponed from T4, 2015) was sponsored by the NSW Department of Primary Industry (DPI) **Recreational Fishing Trusts**. The sponsorship subsidises the cost of the charter for students and goes a long way to ensuring a successful fishing for sport programme.

The next opportunity for students to participate in Fishing for Sport will be in Term 4. Prizes and certificates will be on offer at an end of the year assembly to WHS's Best Anglers for 2016.

May you catch that big one, too !





## At Home Among the Gum Trees

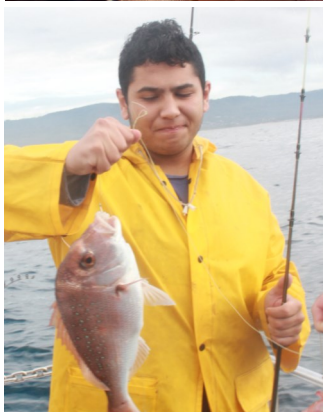
At the end of Term 1, some of the IEC students enjoyed a fantastic but very challenging excursion to Nowra Tree Park. It was a beautiful sunny day and we were all very excited. After about an hour on the bus we arrived at the tree park.

First of all we were welcomed and given brightly coloured safety vests so we could be seen amongst the tree tops. We then walked past the koalas along the beautiful Shoalhaven River. Then we had to put on safety helmets and gloves and listen to more instructions about how to stay safe as we climbed around the tree tops. It sounded complicated but once we started our climbing, it was really safe but not always easy.

There are four levels of difficulty: red, green, blue and black. We started on the red level but even that was a challenge for some. We had to walk on ropes, wires and wooden planks. Then we moved on to the Flying Fox; some students needed encouragement to go across but we were very safe with the harnesses. One student got stuck in the middle of the Flying Fox but he was laughing as he pulled himself across.

We all loved the excursion. It was a challenging experience to be climbing around the tree tops; it felt like we were in the jungle. We'd like to thank Ms Coban for organising such an amazing excursion.

**Rouaa and Bayan**



May you catch that big one, too!  
Ms Dus (Project Neptune Coordinator)





# Upcoming Events

10 May to 12 May	NAPLAN Years 7 & 9
17 May	SRC Induction Assembly
23 May	Year 10 Half Yearly Exams begin
27 May	Athletics Carnival
30 May	Year 11 Half Yearly Exams begin
13 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
29 June	Years 7 to 11 Half Yearly Reports Issued
29 June	Years 7 to 11 Parent Teacher Afternoon

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