

Warrawong High School

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As this is our final school newsletter for 2017, I would like to wish all of our students and their families a happy and safe holiday season that is fast approaching.

The beginning of Term 4 has seen the arrival of our new Deputy Principal, Mr Michael Stanizzo. He has made a smooth transition from Warilla High School as he brings many experiences as an existing Deputy Principal to our school. Already he has made great impact with staff, students and parents alike. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Christine Goldspink for all of the great work she has done this year as Relieving Deputy Principal.

HSC Induction Day

In its third year, our HSC Induction Day for Year 11 students beginning their HSC courses in Term 4, is now embedded as an important part of this school's Improving the HSC Plan.

Mr Curley (Year Adviser) along with Deputy Principals, Mr Hughes and Mr Stanizzo, coordinated this day of study skills, wellbeing sessions and NESA workshops for students. This was followed by a student and parent information evening as a way of supporting parents in having a greater understanding of all HSC requirements. We had over 90% of our Year 11 students and their parents attend the evening.

Whole School Events and Activities

Term 4 is always a busy time of year with celebrations and events. We had our annual community of schools WACKI Film Festival at the Warrawong Gala Cinema on the evening of Wednesday 15th November. Many thanks to Miss Rath, Miss Altinol and Ms Woods for their organisation of the event throughout the year. With a full cinema and 26 short films from all schools in our CoS it was an extremely successful event.

Our annual 7S Expo was held on Wednesday 22nd November in our school hall. This is a showcase of all the great work that these students and their teachers complete over the course of the year, coordinated by Mrs Weir. Stanizzo has given this evening a glowing report.

I had the pleasure of attending the Links to Learning dinner and presentation evening at Panorama House on

Tuesday 21st November. This program supports a number of students from multicultural backgrounds to develop their self-esteem and self-confidence while giving them some great life skills experiences. Mrs Hijazi does great work in supporting our students in the program as do our Year Advisers.

Parent Engagement Group

Our last Parent Engagement Group meeting for 2017 will be held on Tuesday 28th November. There is a change of time for this meeting, however, to 11:30am.

This group of parents have made great contributions to the working of the school this year through their feedback and input into the next 3 year School Plan. I look forward to working them again next year along with any other interested parents.

A reminder that we meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month throughout the school year.

Staff Matters

Along with Mr Stanizzo starting at the school this term I am also pleased to announce that Miss Allnutt and Mr Sovrano have both been appointed to our school permanently in the PDHPE staff. There are a number of other classroom teacher positions that have been filled for next year.

It's also a pleasure to announce that Mr Boscoscuro was recently successful in being appointed as Head Teacher Administration at Wollongong Performing Arts High School in 2018. It's disappointing that we lose a fantastic Science teacher, however, I am sure he do great things in his new school.

Dates to Remember:

- **Dec 5** – Yr6 Orientation Day
- **Dec 13** – Annual Presentation Day
- Dec 15** – Last day of Term 4

2018:

- **Jan 29** – Yrs7, 11 and 12 return
- **Jan 30** – Yrs8, 9 and 10 return

Rick Coleman



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Marine Studies

Term 4 means learning to surf for Year 9 Marine Studies. Doesn't get much better than the ocean being your classroom.

Mr. Gunner & Mr. Gander



Adolescent human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program

In early 2017 parents/carers of Year 7 students were asked to provide consent for their children to receive three doses of HPV vaccine in the NSW School Vaccination Program.

Most* Year 7 students who have received two doses of HPV vaccine are considered to be fully vaccinated and do not require a further dose.

This change is based on recent international studies that show for children aged 9 to 14 years of age, two doses of HPV vaccine provide the same protection as three doses, as long as the second dose is given at least six months after the first dose. Based on this evidence, the World Health Organization (WHO) now recommends a two-dose HPV schedule, and this has already been adopted in comparable countries (i.e. the UK, Canada, the United States and New Zealand) and is now being adopted in Australia.

In 2017 Year 7 students were given the second dose of HPV vaccine at least six months after the first dose to accommodate the urgent roll-out of the Meningococcal W Response Program to Year 11 and 12 students. Year 7 students who have received only one dose of HPV this year will be offered their second dose in 2018. Parents/carers whose children were vaccinated in 2017 but who still wish for their child to receive a third dose of HPV vaccine can access a free dose from their general practitioner (GP).

* Students with significantly impaired immune systems are still recommended to have three doses of HPV vaccine. Parents of these students should make arrangements to complete the vaccine course with their GP or by calling their local public health unit on 1300 066 055.

More information is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/hpv or by calling your local public health unit on **1300 066 055**.

Year 8 Incentive Excursion

On Monday of Week 9 last term, 17 of the finest Year 8 students proved themselves to be persistently strong and powerful.

It was 7.40am, a bitterly cold early Spring morning. As we met at the train station, we embraced the colossal industrialisation that engulfed us. Unknowingly, only two public transport services and 464 vertical metres stood between us and some of Wollongong's most marvelous views of its hidden gems.

Steep and sodden. The first leg hurt our own. Pushing past the steepest of stairs, the track planed out and widened; we could feel our legs again. Encircled by subtropical rainforest, the track varied in terrain, and the Sun began to bite. Slips, slides, scares, and sore legs. We finally reached Mt Kiera Summit at an astounding 464m above seal level.

It was the constant hard work, respect and positive impact these students have at Warrawong High School that earned them their invitation on this truly amazing trek. Well done to this bunch! Keep it up!



Bayview LARP Combat

This year's LARP (Live Action Role Play) combat sessions had a medieval flavour. Students tested their sword skills against each other including the use of period shields and armour. Original treatises and iconography have been examined to better understand the techniques employed by middle ages men and women at arms. Most of all it was great fun and highly competitive, with Grace Stojkoski and Jessica Wilson proving to be standout warriors.



Jordan Sharkey, Bryce Maffullo & Jessica Wilson

Mr Morales' Time Machine

This month we travel back to the Viking age between the 8th and 11th centuries. These fierce people from Scandinavian lands earned a reputation for violence and plunder. Their sleek longships carried them on many raids to England, France and Russia. The Vikings were also the first Europeans to discover America over 500 years before Columbus! On this occasion Clinton Williams has travelled back to join a Viking raiding party. Odin!!!!



Mr Morales' Time Machine

This month's trip takes us back to the 19th Century American frontier. The 'Wild West' saw the rise of sheriffs and gunslingers, cowboys and Indians, saloons and whiskey as well as those women brave enough to lead lives in such company. On this occasion Grace Stojkoski, Marcus Inness and Jarad Penniall have travelled back to the Wild West ... "howdy y'all."



Medieval History Presentation

This year's history presentation examined the evolution of medieval arms and armour. HSIE Class 8.3 as well as most of the Support faculty attended. There was a wide range of arms, shields, helmets and armour on display. Mr Morales

"It was very interesting to try on some medieval helmets and armour. I was surprised at how heavy the chain mail was but it was fun to try on." Cameron Mackie.



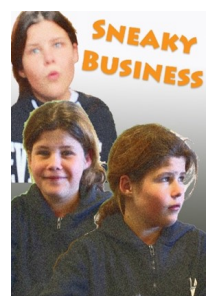
WACKI film festival 2017

Warrawong and Community Kids Images is a local schools film festival that Warrawong High School has been a part of since its launch in 2002. Each year, classes from feeder public schools and Warrawong High School have developed a screenplay for a short film that the students write, act in, film and edit into a 5 minute production. Schools that have joined us include Warrawong Public School, Lake Heights Public School, Port Kembla Public School, Cringila Public School and Kemblawarra Public School.

The primary schools who take part, make their film as part of their term 2-4 program which integrates learning in creative arts and English. The movies are screened at the Gala Cinema during a 2 hour evening that includes feedback from judges in the film industry and award presentations. This is a great experience and initiative for students to participate in the process of writing, creating, film making and acting.

The 2017 winners of the Best Primary Actor awards went to Adam Churcher from Lake Height Primary School and Niya Badesire from Warrawong Public School. The winners of the Best High School Actor awards went to Jayden Coelho and Cameron Macki for their masterful performance in Countryside Survival produced by Bayview Education Centre, Warrawong High School.

A big congratulation to all students and staff who were involved this year and we look forward to seeing more amazing films in 2018.



WIEC Open Day 2017

On the 2nd of August, the Warrawong Intensive English Centre (WIEC) celebrated Education Week. Current and former WIEC students performed for parents, teachers and students.

Mrs. Cooke, WIEC Head teacher, gave the opening speech to everybody in the hall. The ceremony continued with a speech from Adel Al Jasry and Siham Al Jendi who spoke about their lives prior to and after moving to Australia. Carrying on, Xinghan Feng, a former WIEC student entertained everybody in the room by playing an amazing piece on his clarinet. Another wonderful performance was from a current WIEC student, Taen Li from Class 4HS, who performed on the piano. After that, Ayse Goknur Shanal, an Opera Singer and former WIEC student inspired us by sharing her life story, how her career as an Opera Singer began and how her career is going now. She also motivated us to never give up for the future and to always follow our dream. She then sang 'Amazing Grace' which amazed all of us in the hall. We then continued to the most important part which is handing over the certificates to the graduating students from Term 3 2016 to Term 2 2017. Ms. Seymour presented the certificates to the students. Current WIEC students closed the ceremony by singing the National Anthem of Australia.

After the celebration ended, the teachers, students and parents all enjoyed an International Morning Tea, with the food supplied by the WIEC parents. It was a wonderful and memorable event and I cannot wait for the WIEC Open Day next year when I will receive my graduation certificate.

**Benjamin Jonathan
Class 4HS**



Southern Stars

On Friday 25th August, classes 4LZ and 4HS, Ms Harvey, Ms Seymour, Ms Lendrum and Mr Dewa went on an excursion to the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong. We attended a concert called Southern Stars. That was our last excursion before we leave the IEC to go to high school. First, we met out the front of Wollongong Library and took a lot of pictures. Next, we walked to the WIN Entertainment Centre. We saw many students from other schools. In front of the Entertainment Centre we watched a wonderful performance from an orchestra. After, we spent four hours inside watching students from many Illawarra primary and high schools perform. There was beautiful choreography in the show and the students sang a lot of songs. There also was a circus. It was amazing! After that, we went to the park to have fun. We played soccer and took beauty photos. Finally, we went to the Library to wait for 3pm and go home. That was our last excursion in the IEC and we had lots of fun. I will miss my friends when I finish at the IEC.

**Tanja Basrak
Class 4HS**



IEC Killalea State Park

I decided to study in Australia because its education is one of the best in the world. A trip to Killalea State Park with the IEC confirmed my Impression.

On that day, I woke up early and prepared excitedly for the trip. I imagined Killalea wouldn't be too special, it would just look like the other places I have been before. But when I arrived there, I changed my mind. I was attracted by the landscape with immense green areas and fresh air. The beach was very special with waves crashing down on miles of unspoiled coast and white sand.

While enjoying the beautiful park, my friends and I took part in some outdoor activities. The activities were a lot of fun and made us feel relaxed and happy, but more importantly we learned the importance of working together. I can say the activities program succeeded in making the students enjoy the day.

The trip for me will be a memory that I will never forget. I love the IEC, Australian people and I love this country.

**Alex Phan,
IEC Student**



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Jumping for Joy

Students from the IEC jumped for joy after reaping the fruits of their hard work in the WHS Permaculture Garden. IEC Classes 1S and 3C have been working hard all term preparing no dig beds, planting vegetables; watering, mulching paths and doing general maintenance work in the Permaculture Garden. They have enjoyed working in the garden and have been able to take home vegetables that they have grown to share with their families. The remainder of the crop is then sold to staff at WHS by the students from Mr Sorensen's Girls Gardening group to help raise funds for the school garden. The students at the IEC come from many countries such as Congo, Malawi, Syria, Thailand, Burma, The Philippines, China, Macedonia, Serbia, Vietnam, South Korea, Iraq and Iran. They bring many skills and stories about gardening and food from their own countries and make a valuable contribution to the maintenance and upkeep of the garden



Koori Student News

Koori students proudly using our new Koori room, where they now have a place to engage and learn. We would like to give a big thank you to Mr Oczos, Mr Fangupo and Mr Mendygral for all their hard work and construction to making the room possible. They have done an amazing job getting the room done and all the students that also helped in the making. We would also like to thank Tina Borgatti, Tianna Black's Mother for getting us paint from Warrawong Bunnings to be able to paint our room which Mr Fangupo and his students painted for us.

We are now working on HSIE futures learning room section to be setup.



Warrawong High School 2017 Wellbeing Team

At Warrawong High School, our Wellbeing Team is made up of Year Advisors who follow their year group throughout their schooling to ensure students feel safe, supported and connected; School counsellors who provide private counselling sessions for students with specific needs and the Head Teacher of Wellbeing & Engagement who supports and leads the team, whilst overseeing and assisting the wellbeing needs of all students

The whole team ensures necessary student concerns are communicated across the whole school so classroom teachers can make specific adjustments to their teaching to ensure the individual's wellbeing needs are met. Because at Warrawong High School, **student wellbeing is everybody's business.**

Head Teacher Wellbeing & Engagement



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Community Notices

Permaculture News

The Warrawong Community of Schools Permaculture Partners come together for a celebration event each year. This is a wonderful opportunity for teachers, students, community members and business partners to see the host garden and talk with representatives from each of our partner schools.

Warrawong High School and the Intensive English Centre (IEC) joined together to create an extensive visual display of photographs and living screen of bromeliads. We provided an active participation event demonstrating how to pot up Chilli and Tomato seeds which guests



7S Expo 2017

Congratulations to 7S for their great presentations on the Expo night held on Wednesday the 22nd of November.

Teachers, parents and friends were entertained with musical performances, book readings in the horror genre, WACKI movies, robotic demonstrations, interactive language (Japanese) skills, and informative dialogue on Permaculture, Ancient History, Geography, Art and TASAM. Students of 7S had a wonderful time.

Thank you to the parents and teachers.

B.Weir



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