

Warrawong High School

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 2 has got off to a positive start with students being prepared for learning for our traditional assessment and reporting term. This is on the back of last term's Interim Reports and Parent Teacher Afternoon, which is the first time we have run it that way for Years 7-11. Feedback from the Parent Teacher Afternoon was extremely positive and supports us in maintaining this model for the future.

I had the privilege of attending the Port Kembla RSL Dawn Service on ANZAC Day along with our Captains: Shaima Haddara; Andrew Sousa, Gia Tracido and Christine Solomon. The Captains played an active role during the service, reading of prayers and laying a wreath at the cenotaph. This is the third year that our school has been involved in the service and it's an important tradition to maintain as it gives our students additional roles to play in the community, despite the early start.

NAPLAN

The year 7 and 9 NAPLAN Tests all went to plan and we look forward to receiving these results later in the term and using them to strengthen our teaching and learning programs.

There may be some controversy in the community around the HSC reforms and the minimum standards in literacy and numeracy to be eligible for an HSC. Students who do not achieve a Band 8 in the Year 9 NAPLAN tests will have an opportunity to sit an online test prior to completing Year 12 in order to reach this standard. If a student cannot reach the minimum standard by the end of Year 12 they will receive a ROSA. Some of our students will not be affected by this rule because of disability.

As usual, at Warrawong High School, students who don't reach the national minimum standard in Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN tests are provided with additional learning

support. This will continue and they will also be provided support to complete the online tests from Year 10.

Yr12 Student Conferences

Year 12 students will be getting feedback from their class teachers on their recent half yearly reports. Individual faculties will begin to analyse their own internal assessment data and make recommendations on how to support students all the way up to their HSC exams.

Half Yearly Reports will be issued in Week 6 with Parent Teacher Conferences to be held in Week 8. During Week 7, all Year 12 students will be involved in small group conferences either with the Principal, two Deputy Principals or Year Adviser to talk about their progress towards the HSC and set realistic academic goals.

The Parent Teacher Conferences are planned to be an opportunity for the student to lead the conversation with the parents and teachers.

Staff Matters

After a long process I am pleased to announce that our new Deputy Principal is Mr Michael Stanizzo who is currently in that role at Warilla High School. Because Mr Stanizzo has a current Year 12 class he will be starting day 1 of Term 4.

In the meantime, Mrs Goldspink will continue in the role of Relieving Deputy Principal. I would like to acknowledge the great work Mrs Goldspink has done so far this year. She has made fantastic contributions to the leadership of the school in a short period of time and we are lucky that she will continue as Relieving Deputy Principal for these next two terms.

Rick Coleman
Principal



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Dates to Remember

- **May 15** – Yr11 Exams begin
- **May 19** – Yr11 Exams finish
- **May 23** – Parent Engagement Group Meeting
- **May 26** – School Athletics Carnival
- **Jun 2** – Yr12 Reports issued
- **Jun 14** – Yr12 Student Conferences
- **Jun 27** – Parent Engagement Group Meeting
- **Jun 28** – Yrs7-11 Half Yearly Reports issued

NSW Public Schools' Finance System

Warrawong High School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on 24 July 2017.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

1. **EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **19 July 2017** and **24 July 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **19 July 2017**. From **25 July 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.
2. **Cash & cheque payments:** Between **19 July 2017** and **24 July 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **19 July 2017**. From **25 July 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

Online payments: As of **24 July 2017**, we will begin to accept online payments using the Department of Education's Parent Online Portal (POP) system. A button to access this online payment system titled '\$ Make a Payment' will be visible on the utility bar on the front page of our school's website at:

www.warrawong-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

By selecting this link, parents and carers will be taken to a secure Westpac QuickWeb payment page, from which they can make online payments.

Please note: As a Westpac-hosted solution cardholder and account details will be held securely, helping to protect the school and its customers from fraudulent transactions as well as assisting in meeting the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCIDSS) compliance requirements.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. We are hopeful the addition of an online payment facility will prove of benefit to families. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Waters, School Administration Manager, on 42740707.



Health
Illawarra Shoalhaven
Local Health District

NSW Vaccination Program for Year 11 & 12 Students 2017

Immunisation is the simplest and most effective means of protecting people against vaccine preventable diseases. NSW Health will be providing valuable Meningococcal ACWY vaccinations for all Year 11 & 12 students in 2017.

2017 parent information kits containing further information and consent forms were sent home with your child from school last week. Be aware of the vaccination clinic dates at your child's school are Tuesday 30th May, you may want to write the dates in your diary/calendar. Sign and return completed consent forms to the school prior to the scheduled clinic day (sign for each vaccine you are giving consent).

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE VACCINE IS FREE OF CHARGE TO STUDENTS WHEN ADMINISTERED AT SCHOOL.

Science Club at WHS

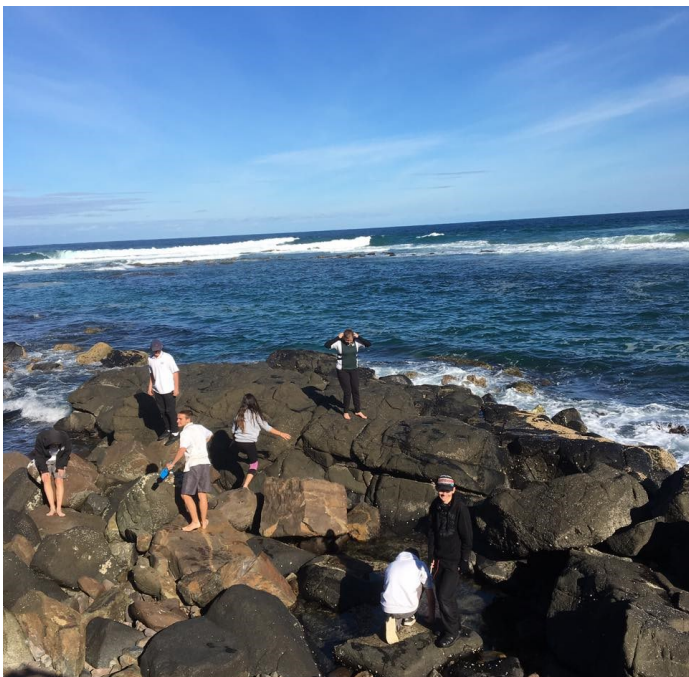
This term Mr Koglin and the Warrawong High School Science Club are sharpening their engineering skills by modifying, constructing and maintaining a hydraulic robotic arm made out of cardboard. This STEM project will take place throughout most of the term so any interested students should come along to the Science Club every Tuesday Lunch after the assembly in G7 to get involved. And remember: Sulfur, Tantalum, Yttrium, Copper, Radon (-n), Iodine, Oxygen, Uranium, Sulfur!

Mr Koglin
Science Teacher



Marine News

Year 9 and 11 Marine Studies have kicked off for another term. This term there is a strong focus around the Rock Platform Ecosystems for both classes. Mr Gunner's Year 11 class started by measuring environmental factors affecting marine life including sunlight, salinity, air and water temperature. Mr Gander's Year 9 class set out to identify and record as many marine plants and animals as possible, and will be learning how these plants and animals make up the Rock Platform Ecosystem. Pretty good classroom to learn in.



Mr Gander
Science Teacher

WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB

Junior Chess Tournament 2017
Autumn Sunday (Under 18 Year Olds)
7 Round Swiss

When: Sunday 28-May-2017 (10:00am to 4:00pm)

Where: Fairy Meadow Community Centre
"Keira Room"
Guest Park - Crn Cambridge Ave &
Princess Hwy Fairy Meadow
(Opposite Woolworths)

Trophy Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd + Age Groups

Games will be rated by NSWJCL
Results will influence qualification to
NSWJCL Country Championship

Entry Fee: \$10

Lunch: Players should bring their own lunch
and refreshments.

Arbiter and Information: JOHN MAZZIERI
Phone: (02) 4283 3080
e-mail: mazzieri@exemail.com.au

Wollongong Junior Chess Club meets
Thursdays 4:00-6:00pm (not school hols) Fairy
Meadow Community Centre

Future Sunday Tournaments:
27 August 2017 Winter Sunday
12 November 2017 Spring Sunday
(tba) - 2017 - Invitation **Qualifier**

Bayview Mummies

Support 7/8 class have been studying ancient Egypt as part of this year's HSIE program. The practical task involved each student making a mummy and sarcophagus. We also had some fun creating our very own full size mummy, in the shape of Pharaoh Blake I.

Mr Morales
Support Teacher



Blake Stavely; all wrapped up and no place to go...

The Living Classroom

The Living Classroom engagement program has hit the ground running in Term 2. The boys group has been working hard constructing a tire staircase allowing access for the continued Berkeley Brush Creek line restoration, as well as garden maintenance including weeding and mulching paths. The girls group got their hands into cooking French toast with some foraged saffron milk caps (*Lactarius deliciosus*), they also picked and sold the organic lettuces grown in the WHS four seasons vegetable garden. Yum

Mr Gander
Science Teacher



Knitting for Love

On Harmony Day in March this year, some students learned to knit and began knitting squares for a blanket. Since then, students and staff from the IEC have continued this project at home and at school on Mondays and Wednesdays during lunch 1. We plan to send the finished blanket to the Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia. Our group is friendly, caring, loving and determined to finish these squares for the Hospital. When we knit, we feel very relaxed and happy because we enjoy knitting for others, knowing that our blanket will put a smile on the faces of the patients in the hospital. The main purpose of this project is to support these Ethiopian women who have a fistula after giving birth and are rejected by their community. We are showing them love and that not everyone has turned their backs on them. We want these women to feel valued and to gain self-esteem, but most importantly, to show others that it's the little things you do that count. It doesn't have to be money or something big but it's the thought that counts, the fact that you have gone out of your way to show your love and support for someone in need.

It is a privilege to knit these squares for the blanket for these women with my classmates and teachers.

Ellen Zogar
IEC student.



3HS Fox Studio Excursion

Last Wednesday my class and I with the teachers went on an excursion to Fox Studios in Sydney to watch a show for children's talents and it was really amazing to watch a program from inside the studio. It was the first time for us to watch a live program.

First I woke up at 6.30. I put on my clothes and I got ready to start my beautiful day on an excursion to Fox Studios with my friends and our teachers. Next I got out from my home and I went to Wollongong Railway Station to meet my class and my teachers. We were all there on time and then we caught the train to Sydney. Then we went to the bus stop to catch the bus to Fox Studio and when we were at the bus stop we saw many university students and we talked about the Universities in Australia.

After we had a rest next to Fox Studios and we ate our lunch there. When we finished we got in Fox Studio and it was most beautiful from inside. We had a lot of fun and laughed with the funny presenter before the show start. After that the talent show started and we saw a really amazing girl from 4 years of age and she spoke 7 languages. She is very smart and a miracle girl.

Finally we got out of the studio and we started to run to Sydney Railway Station because we were late for the train but we got there and we saw the train already was there. We got in the train before it left and went back home.

I felt so happy because it was really nice to get in the studio and to watch a live program. It was a very amazing day for me in that excursion.

Sobhi Arab
IEC student



From the Careers Department

E -CAREERS NEWS

Just to inform Parents as well as the Year 12 and Year 11 who want the *Careers Newsletter* emailed to them, that their correct email, must be submitted to the Careers Office, via email.

If Year 12 students have not been receiving the E-version of the *Careers Newsletter* then they are missing out on a lot of information. The Newsletter contains many links which can be accessed at the click of a button when viewed online and this was the main reason we went with the email (e-version vs printed) option.

If you as a Parent, or a senior student want to read the *Careers Newsletter* online, I am more than happy to include you in the mailing list. Email me on my email address below with your request. If you are a senior student and not already receiving it then please send me an email with your name in the subject line and with the request to be put on the mailing list.

My email address is:

Margaret.crump@det.nsw.edu.au.

Please do this by the end of Week 4 Term 2. After that, all email correspondence needs to go to the new Careers Advisor.

FIRST AID COURSE

I have been advertising for quite a number of weeks to encourage students to take advantage of the First Aid Course I am proposing to run over one day, Tuesday May 16th in Week 4 of next Term. (In the Library).

At only \$65 for students it is a great opportunity and a great price!. This First Aid qualification lasts three years before they need a top up. I need at least 15 students so if all have paid and returned their permission note by the end of Term 1, it will definitely run. I am opening up applications from any capable student from any year. Please collect a note from Careers and pay at the front office ASAP! They will also need to obtain a USI (Unique Student identifier) and instructions are on the notes given out. Notes and receipts to the Careers Advisor please.

COMING UP

Future Finder Day for Year 10 to help with Subject Selection at UOW on Wednesday 7th June 2017.

For more information go to

www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/year10programs

UOW

At key dates throughout 2017, 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 head to www.bit.ly/UOW2017 and fill in their details to be added to the UOW HSC Contact List for 2017.

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 UniAdvice' by registering at www.bit.ly/UOW2017parents. Click the blue 'Register for Parents E-News' tab to complete your details.

Mrs Margaret Crump and Mrs Andonovski
Career Advisors

Harmony Day 2017

Warrawong High School celebrated Harmony Day in style! A school-wide afternoon of festivities and activities took place on Wednesday March 22nd, to encourage and promote inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of **belonging** for all. Warrawong High school has one of the most culturally diverse populations in NSW, with students from over 70 different cultures, who speak 75 different languages. The day kicked off with a special guest speaker from the IEC, Mathew Aslani who spoke about his journey to Australia from Syria and a Teacher International Costume Parade. This was followed by performances by the schools very own Kiorana Dance Group and Arabic Drummers who had the entire student body up and dancing. Workshops include creating giant dream catchers, colouring mandalas, henna painting and cultural food stalls. Student-teacher relationships were improved by outdoor activities like Ultimate Frisbee and a 'friendly' staff versus students soccer match.





Sydney Excursion

While studying is an important part of education, excursions make us understand things better and allow us to discover the world for ourselves. Last term, the 4th of April class 3S which is now class 4S went to the Maritime Museum in Sydney.

We looked at traditional things about Australian culture, one of them was the replica of Captain Cook's ship the "Endeavour". We were guided through the ship and it was almost like being back in the year 1770.

There were a lot of interesting parts of the ship. The most important were the common room where the people on the ship used to eat and sleep as well. Also the second level which was used by important people including Captain Cook. The funniest part was discovering how people on the Endeavour used to clean themselves. We'll just say that they didn't have tissues. You can imagine what they used.

Then we went inside the museum and we saw the equipment that Captain Cook used to discover Australia. The last thing we saw was the world map that Captain Cook made. These items made us realise that Captain Cook one of the most intelligent explorers of all time and he did a lot of things that are important in our life right now.

**By Class 4S students
Alessia Ruggiero & Esmeralda Gerges**



Community Notices

Dear Parents & Carers

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone.

Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. Listen calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they've told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child's experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child

2. Reassure your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, 'That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.' or 'I'm so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that's not fair at all'.

3. Ask your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. Visit www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. Contact the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child's safety.

6. Check in regularly with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

[Add any other local information relevant re policy and procedures at your school, e.g. Additional information about bullying is on the school's website at URL]

If you are looking for support for yourself to deal with a bullying situation, you will find ideas on the Bullying. No Way! website for parents. As well, please contact the school if you would like to discuss any aspect of our approach to preventing bullying.

Thanks for your support to make our school a great school for everyone.

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- 2. Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
- 3. Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
- 4. Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies.
- 5. Contact** the school.
- 6. Check in** regularly with your child.

BULLYING. NO WAY!

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au

Our Supporters:

