

Warrawong High School

Creating opportunities,
achieving success

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to Term 2

I would like to welcome all students, parents and community members to term 2, 2018. I would firstly like to congratulate Mr Rick Coleman our former Principal, who has accepted a new role as; Principal of The Jannali High School. Mr Coleman has made a significant contribution to Warrawong High school, in particular his work in leading and managing the school plan, community engagement, professional learning and increasing numeracy and literacy outcomes of our students. Good luck in your new school, we will miss you!

At Warrawong High School, had a fantastic term 1, where we achieved many great things across the entire school. We continue with our main focus of making a 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. This term we welcome our new Science teacher to the school, Ms Robyn Fallo and say goodbye to Penny Laidlaw (Support) who has accepted at permanent position at Picton High. Good luck to both teachers in their new roles.

Behaviour support system

The Executive team at Warrawong have led the evaluation of our current Welfare and Discipline System and consulted with the parent engagement group to refine our Behaviour Management supports across the school. This includes the monitoring of whole school attendance, truancy, uniform and punctuality. All year groups have had meetings with their Year Adviser, Head Teachers and respective Deputy Principal to go through the expectations and procedures.

Our school's Values Platform, combined with the DoE's 'Behaviour Code' for students, underpins these procedures by setting high expectations of what we stand for at Warrawong High School. I have, attached the student behaviour code for your perusal.

Primary Transition Programs

Congratulations to Mr Mendygral who has been appointed as our Primary Transitions Coordinator in 2018, I am sure he will do an outstanding job. We continue to have positive relationship within our Community of Schools, as evidenced in positive transition programs including: WACKI film festival, Permaculture 'The living classroom', sport and student leadership initiatives. We also have extremely beneficial planning meeting within our schools to share, expertise, student data and professional learning.

Parent Engagement Meetings

Warrawong High School values the input from parents on the work we do for their children. Our Parent Engagement meetings occur every month for parents to be involved in the school. These meetings, occur from 9:30am to 10:30am 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 morning and meet some of the outstanding teacher we have in the school. Our next meeting for 2016 is on **Tuesday 26th June** in our Staff Common Room. It would great to see as many parents as we can at this time.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe term as your acting Principal

Brad Hughes



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WARRAWONG HIGH – MERIT SYSTEM



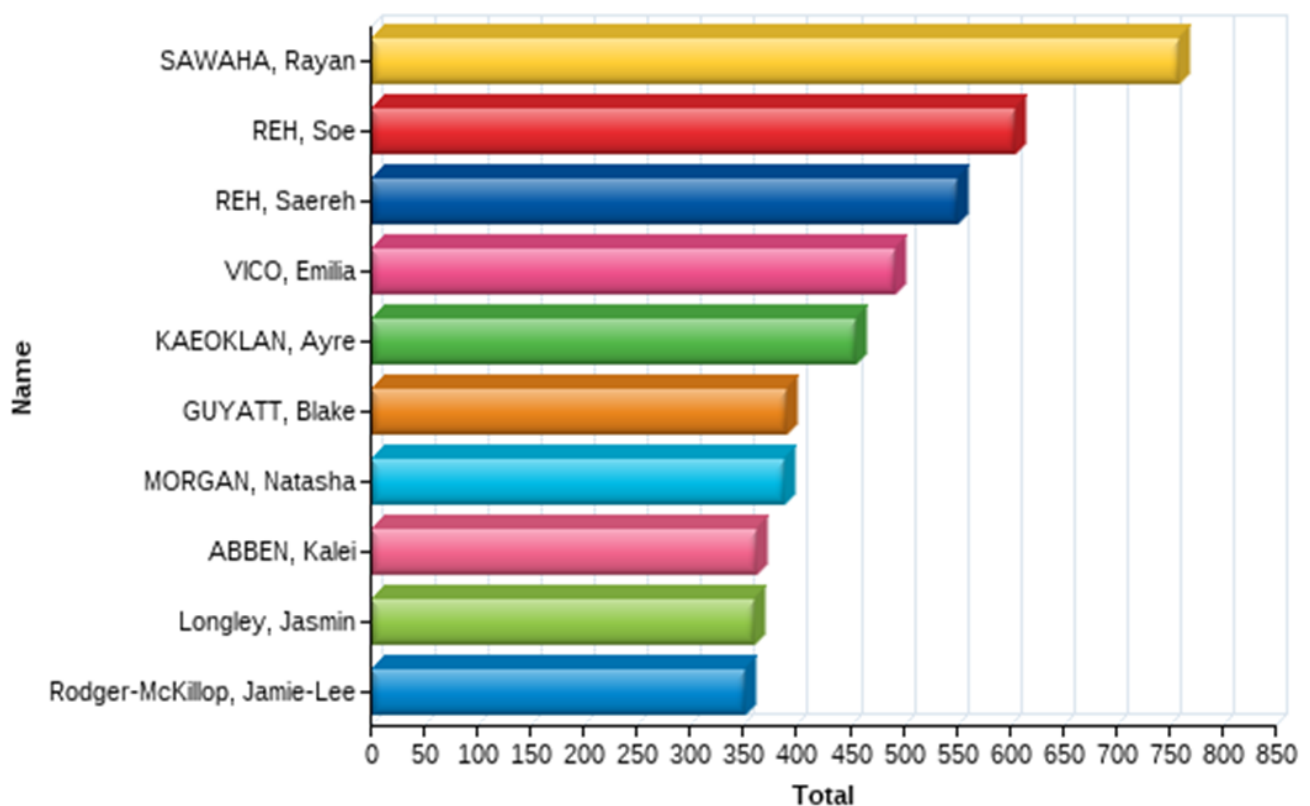
Vivo is Warrawong High schools Merit system. This system requires the cooperation and participation of all staff to be successful in stimulating a voluntary and progressive improvement in student behaviour whilst increasing motivation towards the achievement of academic objectives. Vivo encompasses positive behaviour for success, participation and application in all areas of school life: Academic, Wellbeing, Sport and Citizenship.

Vivo is embedded in the school framework through links with uniform, attendance, school awards and merit assemblies.

Vivo works alongside Warrawong High Schools behaviour model to reward all students regardless of the level they are on. Students' progress through the various awards as depicted below whilst simultaneously gaining Vivo points which they can spend in the Vivo shop. Shop items range from canteen vouchers to iPad mini's.

For more information access the following link: www.vivoclass.com.au

VIVO TOP 10 (May 2018)



Warrawong High School 2018 Wellbeing Team

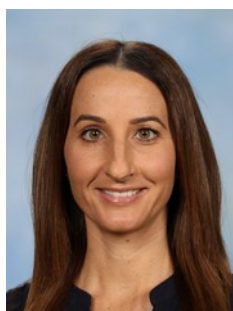
At Warrawong High School, our Wellbeing Team is made up of:

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

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.**



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Days: Mondays, Wednesdays of even

NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

As of Monday 4th June 2018 any students who arrive at school out of uniform will be asked to report to Mrs Murdzevski in the TLC room during Break 1.

Students out of uniform will be provided with a loaned uniform for the day, to change into, which we request be washed and returned within one week back to Mrs Murdzevski. Any student who refuses to take up the offer of a loaned uniform will be asked to report to their respective Deputy Principal who will then contact the parent/carer in order to request a meeting.

Students who persistently arrive to school out of uniform may be placed on an Orange Monitoring Card which will result in the loss of certain playground privileges.

A reminder that any family experiencing financial hardship may contact the school at any time in order to seek assistance.

This change in uniform policy should not come as a surprise to any of our students as these changes have been communicated to all students since 1st May 2018 and our Parent Engagement Group have fully endorsed these changes.

Mr Michael Stanizzo
Deputy Principal

Mrs Megan Murdzevski
Head Teacher Wellbeing & Engagement



Girls Café is a multicultural young women's group for ages 12-18. Hang out, have fun and get to know other girls like you!

Meets Wednesdays, 3.30pm-5.30pm (during Term 2, 2018)
at Wollongong Youth Centre (Cnr Burelli and Keira Streets)

Program

Wed 9 May– Meet & Greet

Wed 16 May– Celebrity Heads

Wed 23 May– Wii Dance Competition

Wed 30 May– Art (Painting)

Wed 6 June– Art (Painting)

Wed 13 June– Henna Art

Wed 20 June– Being Awesome! Guest Speaker

Wed 27 June– Yoga & Mindfulness

Wed 4 July– End of Term Celebrations

For more information, contact:

Wollongong Youth Services on
4227 8222 or

youthservices@wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Or headspace Wollongong on
4220 7660 or

headspace@gph.org.au

BE YOURSELF BREAK TIMES!!

Bored during **Break 1**??? Head to the **PIZZA OVEN** (via the basketball courts) and join in some **FUN** activities with the Year Advisors!!!

Card games, music, book club, art, board games and mindfulness activities!!

Don't forget the **fitness studio** and **library** are also open!

SOMETHING TO DO @ CRINGILA

FREE ACTIVITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 12-18
7 MAY—2 JULY 2018

ARTSPACE

Enjoy different artistic workshops
including Henna, painting, terrariums, collage,
photography, carving & jewellery making.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

MONDAYS 3.30-5.30PM
@ Cringila Community Centre



To make a booking or to find out more information
CONTACT THE YOUTH SERVICES TEAM
P: 4227 8222 E: youthservices@wollongong.nsw.gov.au



News from the Library

Hello Everyone,

It pleasing to see so many students utilising the library during lunch breaks. In fact, it's becoming quite a busy place with students catching up on tasks and assignments, seeking assistance with school work, playing board games, browsing or reading, or using the computers for either entertainment or class work.

One new development, this term, is the **introduction of e-books**. The library has subscribed to an e-book platform which provides our students with access to over 1300 age and interest-related teen and young adult fiction books which can be accessed 24/7 on any device, including mobiles – whether at home or school. This step has been taken in an attempt to encourage our students to become more interested in reading. It is a strongly held notion that the more students read, the better they write and the more flexible they become in making language choices. On top of that, reading is such an inexpensive way to be entertained!

Students will be instructed on how to access the e-book platform over the next few weeks; however, they are welcome to try at home if they wish. The process is simple. Log in to your student portal and then type the following into the URL:

<https://warrawonghigh.wheelers.co>

Browse through the titles available and click on your selection. You can **borrow** one book at a time and you will have it for two weeks. If you are unhappy with your selection, simply **return** it on the borrow page. When you have finished your reading session, you simply log out and the next time you log on, your book will be open at the page you were up to. It's very easy and very convenient; however, if you have problems, let me know as soon as possible so that I can get them sorted out.

A second development this term is the introduction of the Manga Club, where students, under the guidance of Ms Altinok, can meet to develop their Manga drawing skills, discuss Manga graphic novels and generally share their enjoyment of this visual/literary art-form. Thank you so much to Ms Altinok for her valuable assistance. Thirteen students so far have signed up for this activity! If you are interested, please see Ms Chapman in the Library.

So, keep on reading because as Dr Seuss said:
*The more you read, the more you'll know,
 The more you know, the more places you'll go!*

Ms Margaret Chapman
 Librarian

ANZAC DAY 2018

On 25th April 2018 Warrawong High School Captains, Gia Trucido & Christine Solomon together with Vice Captains Caitlin Cooper & Dylan Francisco attended the Dawn Service at the Port Kembla Cenotaph. ANZAC Day fell during the school holidays this year, and our Captains represented our school with Honour, Dignity & Respect, laying a wreath from the school at the Cenotaph.

This year's ANZAC Day represented 103 years since the first major military action fought by New Zealand and Australian forces during the First World War where on 25th of April 1915, forces



Bayview Jet Power

Brandon Da Silva has completed his scale model project. He built a 1/48 scale F-84 Thunder jet of 1950s vintage. The project involved following schematic construction diagrams, spray painting and decal application. Roger that!

Mr Morales



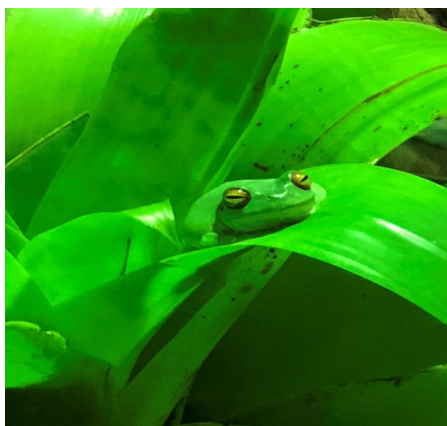
IEC Excursion to Taronga Zoo

Last week, all the IEC students went to Taronga Zoo in Sydney. We wanted to see Australian animals because we had never seen Australian animals before.

First, we waited for the bus at the Library COLA. The teachers marked the roll and we got on the bus. We listened to music, played on our phones and talked to our friends on the bus. Next, we listened to the teachers. We went with a small group around the zoo. My group's teachers were Mr Dewa and Mrs Laidlaw. Then, we walked together with our group and we took photos. We saw big snakes, crocodiles, monkeys and tigers. The tigers came from Indonesia. After, we went to the bird show, we had lunch, ate noodles and drank water. When the bird show finished, we walked to see different animals. We saw elephants from Thailand. After that, we went to the seal show. We saw kangaroos, emus and koalas. The koala was in the tree. Finally, all the IEC students and teachers came back together, waited for the bus and caught the bus home.

It was our lucky day because we saw many animals. It was fun to go to the zoo and I was tired.

by Soe Reh Class 3H



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