

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This year is certainly going very quickly, (they say that happens as you get older!). We have just finished the Year 12 HSC Trials and students are eagerly awaiting their feedback in readiness for their preparation for the HSC. I'm sure that will be upon us in no time. Year 12 students with major projects, Bodies of Work, PIPs, performances and portfolios are working hard to complete their work towards the HSC. This is indeed the business end of the year for Year 12. Thank you to staff who gave their time in the July vacation to provide seminars for Year 12 students. I am sure the students appreciate staff 'going the extra mile' to support their students. The following data gives an indication of the phenomenal efforts of staff and interest of students.

Years 7 and 8 are in the process of making their elective choices. Year 10 are also selecting their pattern of study for Years 11 and 12. Our incoming Year 7, 2017 has been notified of their transition program and dates and students interested in nominating for the Triple E program will have an Information Evening for parents and students in the near future.

I am always grateful to parents who let me know of the outstanding successes of our students, particularly in non-Combined High School (CHS) Department of Education activities. Congratulations to **Zoe Cooksey (8)** and **Maya Freeman (9)** who competed in the National Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne as part of the NSW State Gymnastics Team. Both girls had outstanding results. Zoe and her partner **Isabella Milajew** are now the current U/15 Australian Synchro Champions- winning Gold. Zoe is ranked 7th nationally for Individual Trampoline. Maya is the U/17 Australian Individual Trampoline Champion-winning Gold. Maya and her partner **Mackenzie Wilson** won the Silver Medal in the U/17 Synchronised Trampolining event.

Maya also finished 4th in the U/17 Double Mini Trampoline event.

Congratulations also to **Aaron Sheard (7)** who has been selected as a member of the NSW U/14's Ice Hockey Team to compete in the 2016 National Phil Ginsberg Tournament in Victoria in mid-August. Well done Aaron and good luck.

We have many other successes to celebrate. Please see the sport report.

Congratulations to the **Year 8 and Year 10 Science and Engineering Challenge students** - both teams won the University of Newcastle Champion School. What a wonderful result! Thank you to **Gary Morgan** who facilitated the team's preparation and activities on the day.

Congratulations to **Year 12, Ms Brown and Mr Ford** for their successful Trivia Night. The night was a lot of fun and raised funds for the Year 12 gift to their charity of choice and their parting gift to the school. Not being a 'Trivia buff' was a bit of a challenge and my team managed not to come last. But...we had a fun evening. Who would know that the toilet seat was invented in Egypt? Well, I do now and have added that to my information for trivia nights' memory storage bank ☺. Well done everyone who collected prizes, attended on the night and/or were part of the organisation.

Congratulations to the **Language Faculty** who have completed another successful Sugunami Sister School visit. This is the 26th such visit to our school and I need to thank **Ms Karen Holmes** for her outstanding organisation supported by **Ms Lynne Sherwood (HT)**, **Ms Rebecca Tamas** and the **Language staff including Eri Macaskill**, our native speaker, **Ms Georgie Gallagher** our EAL/D teacher and school staff who provided authentic lessons in

English. Thank you most sincerely to **host parents**. It is always a wonderful chance to share cultures and make friendships, many of which last for many years.



This term staff have participated in a number of optional professional learning afternoons, the latest being “working on having coaching conversations”. We employed a consultancy team to provide expert tuition to support staff in developing skills in using a ‘coaching approach’ to student and peer feedback. Research shows that if people can be guided (coached) to working out solutions they are more likely to improve performance. Staff have had two sessions with the ‘Coach in a Box’ team and we hope this will be a useful strategy when providing ideas and support for students in their learning.

In summary, thanks for your ongoing support.

Dr. Sharon Parkes.

WELFARE DEPUTY’S REPORT

I’d like to again take the opportunity to thank the Warners Bay High School Community for their warm welcome. It is great to be part of an outstanding school with fantastic students, enthusiastic teachers and supportive parents / guardians.

In my role as Deputy Principal responsible for student wellbeing I am committed to finding proactive ways in which we can work together to support our students. As part of my commitment I endeavour to refine school systems, share pertinent information with parents, and partner with outside agencies to best meet the needs of our school community.

Attendance: Parents and students are reminded that regular attendance is the foundation of successful student outcomes. Warners Bay High School is introducing a text messaging system to alert parents when students are absent. This will replace the current paper-based mail out system. Text messages will be sent to the primary contact person’s mobile number on our system. We anticipate text message notifications will commence from Term 3 – Week 5. Reasons for absences can be made via a return text or through existing means of communication such as a note, a call to the front office, Sentral – Parent Portal or the Skoolbag App. If your mobile phone contact details have changed recently, please contact the school to provide your best contact number.

Cyber Safety: Parents regularly ask what they can do to keep their children safe in the cyber world. We often remind students that parents want to keep their children safe, not only in the ‘real world’ but also in the ‘virtual world’. This means students regularly and openly showing their parents what they are posting, sharing and commenting online and through social media. We strive to get the message across to students that parents need to ‘check in’ from time to time to keep discussions open about how their children are keeping themselves safe in the ‘virtual world’. We also advise students to ask themselves, ‘would I post, share or write this comment / image if my parents were watching?’. The Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner has a great online resource called iParent which can be found at: <https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>. Parents and students are invited to visit this online resource.

Community Drug Action Team: The Community Drug Action Team is funded by the NSW Ministry of Health and supported by the Australian Drug Foundation to provide informative community forums related to drug use and keeping young people safe. Forums include speakers from NSW Police, NSW Ambulance, Legal Aid, Rehab and Counselling Programs. These forums are being conducted throughout the Newcastle / Lake Macquarie area and Warners Bay High School will be a host venue for one of these presentations. Parents, caregivers and grandparents are encouraged to attend this free presentation on Monday, 22 August (6:00pm-8:00pm) in the school hall. This is a great initiative designed to inform families in a proactive way about how to keep our young people safe.

In closing, special thanks is extended to **Mr Glazebrook (HT Stage 4), Mr English and Ms Dorsett (Year 7 Year Advisers)** for running a ‘Positive Psychology’ workshop with Year 7 in Week one of this term. Students were treated to inspirational talks by staff, Year 8 students and leading world thinkers in ‘Positive Psychology’. The message basically is that every student has the power to have a positive impact on others and is encouraged to ‘add value’ to the environment and memories of those around them.

Regards,

Brett Carr
Deputy Principal Wellbeing

School Ties

Ties are for sale at the School Office for those students / parents who need to make an urgent purchase outside Uniform Shop hours.

School ties must be worn to all formal assemblies and on excursions where students are expected to wear their uniform.

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Thank you.

COMMUNITY DRUG ACTION TEAM (CDAT) LAKE MACQUARIE

Invites parents, caregivers, grandparents and general community members to join us for a free information night about alcohol & drug abuse and how it affects our children.

Warners Bay High School Hall

Monday 22 August 6pm – 8pm

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- WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR CHILD OVERDOSES?
- WHAT ARE THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS FOR AN UNDERAGED CHILD FOUND IN POSSESSION OF DRUGS?
- WHAT REHAB OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR MY CHILD?
- WHAT SIGNS SHOULD I LOOK FOR SO I CAN PROTECT MY CHILD?
- WHAT ARE THE LEGAL IMPLICATIONS IF A PARENT SUPPLIES THEIR CHILD WITH ALCOHOL OR DRUGS

These forums will include speakers from the NSW Police, NSW Ambulance, Legal Aid, Rehab & Counselling Programs and the Australian Drug Foundation. Speakers will present hypotheticals to parents so they can understand what the legal and medical implications may be if their child is involved in such a situation.

RSVP: Nicole 0409902043 or info@mantiseventmanagement.com



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CAPA NEWS

The next few weeks will be extremely busy in the CAPA Faculty with our external HSC Music Performance Examination taking place as well as the HSC Visual Arts students' Bodies of Work being submitted on Monday, 29 August.

Parents and friends will have an opportunity to see our clever CAPA HSC students perform and exhibit their art works on Wednesday, 31 August at our **HSC MAD Night**. The event opens at 6:00pm for viewing of the HSC Bodies of Work and a selection of our HSC Music performances starts at 7:00pm.

We are very honoured to be selected to participate in **Resurgence**, a **Speaking in Colour** Aboriginal Regional Public Art Exhibition. **Resurgence** is a large scale art project that will involve selected Year 9 Visual Arts students and Aboriginal students. The project will consist of a series of workshops run by **Cherie Johnson**, the Aboriginal Education and Arts Consultant. The workshops will start later this term and the project will conclude at the close of the year. Students will be working with Speaking in Colour to create woven forms, a resurgence of Traditional Aboriginal practices. We are very excited to be part of this contemporary Aboriginal Public Art project. Watch this space for more news.



Our talented Year 10 Ceramics students will have their wonderful Tea Pots on display at the annual **Morpeth Tea Pot Exhibition** held on Thursday, 18 August to Sunday, 28 August. Both Year 9 and Year 10 Ceramics students will be

visiting Morpeth on Wednesday, **24 August**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to exhibit in a 'real world' event and an invaluable experience. Thank you to **Ms Armstrong** for all the time and effort that she has put into making this happen.

Mr Forbes and **Mrs Fairhall** escorted a group of talented Music students to Charlestown Square to perform and celebrate **Education Week** on Wednesday, **August 4** 2016. The Concert Band and Vocal Ensemble were involved in this showcase concert as well as a range of solo and small ensemble performances.

Our performances started at 12.30pm and finished at 2.00pm. We would like to thank families and friends who came along and supported these fantastic young musicians.



On Tuesday, 28 June the **Sounds Like Rock** show rolled into Warners Bay High School to perform for and educate our Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 Elective Music students. The show was led by two highly experienced performers, Terry Murray and Gillian Eastoe, who took the students through the history of Rock and Roll Music through their energetic performance on the guitar, congas and vocals. Gillian and Terry had the students engaged from their opening chord, encouraging maximum crowd participation involving singing, clapping and even dancing the Nutbush! A wonderful time was had by all. Thank you to **Mr English** for organising this wonderful experience for our Music students.



Nicole Perez



Mia Curran

Congratulations to **Nicole Perez** and **Mia Curran**. These students have been awarded **Artist of the Month** for May and June respectively. Nicole is a creative Year 10 Visual Arts student who has demonstrated exceptional drawing skills. Mia Curran is a talented Year 8 Visual Arts students who has developed outstanding painting skills. A well-deserved award for both students.



Congratulations to **Georgia Martin** of Year 10. She has been awarded **Musician of the Month** for June. Georgia is a diverse musician and a fantastic vocalist. Georgia is a familiar face on stage, performing at our MAD Nights. Well done Georgia.

On Wednesday, **24 August** the **Year 11 Music** class will be participating in a performance evening at **Nara Thai** restaurant in Charlestown. This intimate venue will provide a valuable opportunity for our students to prepare for their upcoming Preliminary Examinations by replicating a real world performance scenario. With friends and family on the invitation list, it is expected that about 80 people will unite for dinner and support the students performing. This is a wonderful chance for members of the class and their families to socialise and connect in a space outside of the classroom. Arrival time is between 5:30-6:00pm, with dinner to commence around 6:15pm and performances beginning at 7:00pm. We can't wait!

Thirty eight tickets have been bought to see **Aladdin the Musical** at The Capitol Theatre in Sydney on Wednesday, **23 November**. Excursion notes are now available for elective Music and Entertainment students to collect from their teachers. See the Music staff for more information about this fabulous opportunity.

The Music staff are busy preparing students for **Bandfest** to be held at Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre from **17 - 21 October, 2016**. The competition celebrates primary and high school bands and is for the enjoyment and enrichment of all school aged students. Both our Concert Band and Stage Band will perform in Bandfest. We wish them all well.

strong relationship within the school community and to have a positive impact on the school environment. The Art Club is always looking for new members, so for any enquiries please see Ms Dorsett in CAPA if you are interested in joining.



We also have exciting news in regard to our **Concert Band**. **Mr Forbes**, our Music Director, has been busy planning and developing a wonderful new mentoring program with an opportunity for our partner primary school students to join our high school band. We are expanding our family! The program will be offered to **Stage 3** students who have experience and play concert band instruments. Transition is an important aspect of the program and is specifically created to nurture the musical needs and talents of all students. We have a number of schools interested already and we look forward to working together on this fantastic musical opportunity.

Donna Pfister
HT CAPA



Ms Dorsett has started up an **art workshop** that runs Wednesday and Thursday mornings before school. The workshop consists of six members at this stage who are all in Year 7. The team is currently working towards creating murals around the school to better promote blocks so that students can find their way around the school with ease. This initiative is a response to feedback from this year's Year 7 cohort, who reported that they have found it very difficult to find certain blocks and can become quite anxious when they get lost.



The purpose of the art workshops is for students to build a

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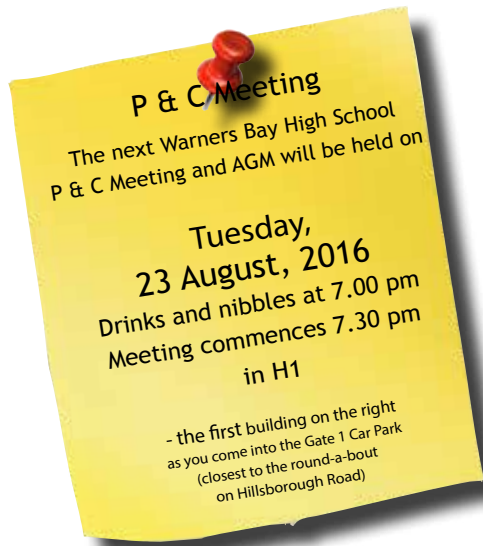
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EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE YEAR 11 STUDENTS' FIELD TRIP



On 29 March the Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science students attended a field trip through a variety of environments and landscapes across Newcastle. The students engaged in soil and vegetation transect sampling at Blackbutt Reserve and rock stratigraphic sequencing and geological features of the landscapes along the Newcastle coastline. They all had a fantastic day and learned a lot about how different features form and the effect it has on the landscape.



Michael Ryan
Earth and Environmental Science Teacher

WARNERS BAY HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Warners Bay High School P & C Association will be held in room H1 on Tuesday, 23rd August at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. At 7.00pm we will again start with some social time when everyone can talk over a drink and something to eat.

We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our meeting and use this great opportunity to become involved in your child's education. What better support could you give your child at this important time in their lives? These meetings give you the opportunity to share your ideas on issues relating to your child's education and talk to other interested parents.

The Principal and other members of the school executive team attend each meeting. The relaxed atmosphere of a P&C meeting provides the ideal forum to meet and get to know some of the school staff on a more social level. Your support will help to ensure that Warners Bay High School continues to be a great school and the first choice for both parents and students.

We look forward to your continued support and hope to see you at our next meeting.

Bronwyn Giles
President



EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE SENIOR STUDENTS - UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE OUTREACH DAY

Students from Warners Bay High School Years 11 and 12 Earth and Environmental Science classes attended the University of Newcastle Outreach Day on 8 June. NSW Resources and Energy staff together with the University of Newcastle organised lectures and laboratory lessons to provide a snapshot of career opportunities and encourage students to consider studies in Earth or Environmental Science in the post-HSC studies.

Approximately 100 Years 11 and 12 students from six local high schools attended one of two workshops at Newcastle University on Wednesday, 8 June. The workshops covered geology and Environment Mapping with presentations, experiments and hands-on demonstrations. The students gained insight into the varied career paths available in Earth and Environmental Sciences with the program designed to break typical scientific stereotypes and broaden career aspirations.



Max Dawes prepares to attend a contaminated site for assessment.



Michael Ryan
Earth and Environmental Science Teacher

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TECHNOLOGY REPORT

We are currently reviewing our BYOD procedures and looking at ways to increase the take-up of BYOD by students and the use of technology in the classroom by teachers. As part of this process we have surveyed teachers and parents/carers to gather data and drive a new focus to support the use of ICT to keep delivering positive outcomes for students. The parent survey is still open and can be accessed on the school website, main contact email and Skoolbag App. Over 150 individuals have replied as of 5 August and the following is a brief summary of the main points.

- 61% of students have a BYOD and of this number 69% have a laptop and 15% an iPad
- 28% of these students usually bring them to school, 20% never do. The main reasons identified for not bringing existing devices were:
 - Types of subjects they do on any particular day 49%
 - Too heavy 29%
 - Security Issues 23%
 - Lack of Storage 13%
- Of the 39% of students who do not own a device, the main reasons given were:
 - Too expensive 58%
 - Security issues 45%
 - Too heavy 26%
 - Schools should provide cheaper options (incl. leasing) 24%
- The vast majority of parents/carers (65%) stated that \$250-349 is the most reasonable price range for a BYOD.
- When asked what WBHS could do to assist in the uptake of BYOD.
 - 60% wanted more detailed information on what days ICT is required
 - 48% requested that teachers use them more often
 - 38% required more lockers
 - 28% registered that leasing options were desirable.

When teachers were surveyed regarding how they use BYOD in the classroom, the majority (90%) responded that their use of BYOD devices was primarily internet based, particularly now that Office 365, Moodle and Google Classroom are all online.

Using the data at hand, the school is investigating the option

of cheaper devices, payment plans and a standardised delivery of ICT lessons. The "Catch 22" is that it is difficult to deliver these lessons when there is not a 1:1 laptop ratio for students however teachers cannot expect parents/carers to purchase BYODs unless they can assure parents they will be used on a more regular basis.

A possible solution we are trialing is the use of *Chromebooks* which are very quick to start (7sec), have a seven hour plus battery life, and operate solely through Google Chrome (browser), Chrome Apps and Android apps. As most digital tools teachers use in the classroom including most major software (Word, Excel, Google Docs etc.) are now online, these have become a much more attractive proposition. Looking at the survey responses, they also are a possible answer to the issues of weight and expense (\$329). Our school will also look at the purchase of class sets to get through the transition period from our current low BYOD take-up to a higher level of take-up. Of course, all existing BYODs and any future BYOD based on other platforms would continue to be accepted, particularly in senior years where students may require more sophisticated devices to complete their course requirements. Combined with the provision of conventional purchase and leasing options through the establishment of a WBHS BYOD purchasing portal operated by a 3rd party provider, we are optimistic about the future of BYOD at Warners Bay High.

Toby Husband
HT VET/Admin/Technology



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LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

On Thursday, 2 June 2016 Riley Lowe, Alexandra McFarlane and Katie Holmes accompanied by Miss Banks attended the Leadership Program led by the NSW Parliament. We listened to Members of Parliament talk about their roles and the value of leadership. We then visited the Legislative Assembly, where we watched a fierce debate about the importance of protecting individuals' private information. Following lunch, we walked to Government House where we took a guided tour of the Governor's residence. We were fortunate to be introduced to David Hurley who provided Katie with valuable advice about her career path. We all gained insightful knowledge about the importance of State Parliament and how it influences our daily lives. It was an enjoyable day for all.



Natasha Banks
Social Science Teacher

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- Thursday 15 September, 9-12 noon
- Sunday 13 November, 9-12 noon

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council. We are the plaintiff in the case and are hoping for a convincing win.

Competing in the Mock Trial competition is extremely time consuming and involves a lot of work. The students undertake all the preparation in their own time including regular after-hour visits to the team's solicitor, Chris Ryan. They are all to be commended for their dedication.

The whole school wishes the team the best of luck in the next phase of the competition.

Kendall Dieleman
Mock Trial Co-ordinator

MOCK TRIAL REPORT

The success of the 2016 Mock Trial team has continued with the team finishing the preliminary rounds undefeated. As a result of those wins, as well as an outstanding for and against record, the team enters the first elimination round sitting second in the state.

During the preliminary rounds the team, consisting of Daniel Kocunik, Georgia O'Sullivan, Lachlan Horvath, Jacinta O'Sullivan, Emily McGuire, Olivia Bryant, Adam Tisdell and Shanon Gray, defeated teams from Lakes Grammar, Cardiff High, Merewether High and Newcastle Grammar.

The first elimination round takes place against Gloucester High on 9 August. The case is a civil one involving an elderly couple, a dodgy footpath and claim of negligence against a fictitious local





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- THREE LEVELS: Bronze, Silver & Gold, each progressively more challenging.
- FOUR SECTIONS: Physical Recreation, Skill, Service, Adventurous Journey plus Residential Project (Gold Level only).
- KEY REQUIREMENTS: Achieving an Award recognises individual goal setting and self-improvement through persistence and achievement. Supervised by an Award Leader and Activity Assessor/mentor.



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CHESS AND CHECKERS



The school Chess and Checkers competitions have drawn to a close and we have had a celebration in the Library with a pizza party and presentation of trophies. **Sam Vaughan** in Year 12 is this year's Chess Champion and **Liam Brown** in Year 8 ended up on top of the Checkers competition. Once again we are thankful for ex-student David Absalom's efforts in volunteering and coming into the school to coach students.

Our school chess team consisting of **Sam Vaughan, Lloyd James, William Donaldson and Dylan Baxter** has just completed their final game for the Country Secondary Schools Competition. We made it to the fourth round but Hunter Christian School was too strong and after the longest and hardest games the team



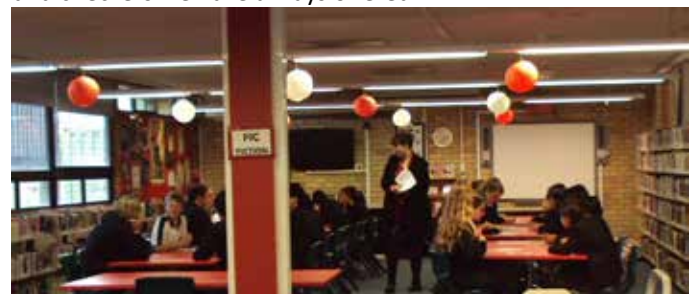
played in this competition, we were defeated. I would like to thank **Miss Carson** who took the team to their last game. This is Sam and Lloyd's last year as they are in Year 12, so I would like to thank them for representing the school so ably. I hope they have enjoyed their time playing chess.

Ms Liza Moss
Chess and Checkers Co-ordinator



LIBRARY NEWS

The library continues to be a busy place catering for a variety of needs for resources, space, shelter or stimulation. Our range of games has increased with the addition of a number of brain gym type games which allow individual challenges and/or collaborative play. These are very popular along with the chess and checkers we have always offered.



Year 9 have come to the Library to choose science fiction novels and discover the range of writing included under the umbrella of sci-fi. As I write the Japanese students visiting from Sugunami High School and their Warners Bay buddies are enjoying a farewell party in the Library. It's exam season so students have been coming in for a quiet place to study and teachers for a quiet place to mark. But it's not quiet at lunchtime!

Our e-book collection has expanded thanks to a consortium arrangement which has allowed access to a much wider range of popular fiction. This can be accessed directly from the catalogue which students access by logging into the Portal and clicking on the "Oliver" link, or through the ePlatform app available from the App store, Google Play and Windows. More information is available on the school website.

Ms Liza Moss
Librarian

VISITING FRENCH STUDENTS

Recently Warners Bay High School hosted Céleste, Sophie and Faustine for four weeks – three girls from different parts of



France. The girls sat in some Year 11 classes but also visited all of the French classes. They made a great PowerPoint about their lives in France and spoke to it in French and English. They also did “Le Speed Dating” with Year 12 French; a fun activity that actually involved an advanced level of speaking. They also introduced themselves in French and participated in learning activities with all of our French classes. Their input was greatly appreciated by all!



A “merci beaucoup” to the families of Cooper McMahon, Alexandra MacFarlane and Sarah Myers. They cared for them for four weeks and generously acted as tour guides, showing them around Newcastle, Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

This is one of the many activities our students of French participate in over the years. It is also how they go from a simple “bonjour” in Year 7 to being able to speak and write almost fluently by the end of Year 12. What an excellent life skill to have!

Lynne Sherwood
Head Teacher Languages



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*The Principal & Staff
of
Warners Bay High School*

cordially invite you and your family to attend our

Year 12 Awards Presentation

The breakfast will be held at school from 8.00am on

Thursday, 22 September 2016

With the ceremony to be held in the School Hall at 9.15am

(please be seated by 9.00am)

We look forward to seeing you there.

Dr P Parkes
Principal

Mrs J Brown
Year Adviser

Mr L Ford
Year Adviser

P.S. If you will **not** be attending the Graduation Ceremony, please let Mrs Sherwood know in writing (either by a note or email: warnersbay-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) prior to 15 September.



Curry Yakisoba

CAREERS FACULTY



The Careers Faculty is focused on the development of life-long learners through supporting student awareness of Tertiary Programs and exposure to positive workplace scenarios.

We are proud of the record number of students completing Work Experience this year. Our Year 10 Work Experience program allows students to gain an understanding of employer expectations. They become familiar with the types of skills and attitudes an employer will want them to demonstrate in the work place.

This year the diversity of work places visited has been exceptional. Industry areas include Animation, Real Estate, Psychology, Construction, Architecture, Plumbing, Computing, Sports Management, Teaching and Law. All Year 10 students have the opportunity to participate in Work Experience. Interested students should see the Careers Advisers for further information on how to complete the mandatory Work, Health and Safety Tasks.

On 19 May, over 240 of our Year 10 students visited the Careers Expo at the Newcastle Jockey Club. Students explored exhibitions from the University of Newcastle, Hunter TAFE, Private Colleges, Group Training Companies and an assortment of occupations. They spoke with representatives and collected information from these groups. Many of our students were interested in learning more about Engineering, Hospitality, the Police Force and Nursing. Most of our students found the day to be very informative and they left with a show bag full of useful information. Many also discovered the true meaning of 'show bag' as they were asking why all the chips and chocolates had been replaced with pens, rulers and drink bottles!

Our Year 10 Subject Selection Night and Mini Careers Expo attracted over 450 parents and students. Each subject was well represented by school faculty members and many stands were bright, engaging, dynamic and highly appealing. Guests were particularly impressed by the History Staff who transformed into Roman Gladiators for the evening. A number of guests such as the University of Newcastle, Hunter TAFE, Group Training Companies and Apprenticeship Centres also attended. Engineers Australia were impressed by our school's large number of enthusiastic and motivated future Engineers who were keen to learn more about engineering pathways.

Over fifty students from Years 9 to 11 have successfully gained their White Card. This course is aimed at students who wish to be involved in the Construction Industry. This includes labourers, apprentices and tradespersons. This course has been developed to meet the requirements of the National Code of

Practice for Induction of Construction Work. Upon completion of this induction course, a student will receive a statement of attainment along with their White Card License.

The Year 11 Work Studies class has been visited by the MEGT and Nova Skill Apprenticeships Centre this term. They have been learning more about the opportunities and pathways which are available to them and have been getting specialised help in developing skills which they can apply in a real work setting.

Our focus this term is on our hard working Year 12 students. Warners Bay High is hosting our annual Going to Uni evening on Tuesday, 9 August, in the Library at 7:00pm. At this event we will explain how to apply to Universities for Scholarships, Equity Scholarships and the Schools Recommendation Scheme. Representatives from the University of Newcastle will also be present to answer your questions. For even more information, the University of Newcastle are having an Open Day on Saturday, 20 August. All Year 12 students who would like advice on apprenticeships, work, TAFE or university should contact a Careers Adviser to organise a time for a chat.

Our Year 10 Aboriginal students visited the Wollatuka Centre at the University of Newcastle in June. Aboriginal Mentors and current students of the University provided demonstrations and tours through six very interesting faculties. Students were able to interact with robotic mannequins within the Nursing Faculty, solve circuit problems with the Electrical Engineers, create and present a pitch in the Marketing Faculty and enjoy a range of interactive experiments with the Science Faculty. This excursion was a fantastic way to help students envisage their future in tertiary education.

Career and training links are emailed once a week to Years 10, 11 and 12 students. This email lists full time job opportunities, apprenticeships, traineeships and casual jobs in the local area. Students seeking employment should make a habit of checking this weekly.

Students can stay up-to-date with all Careers News on our fantastic new website www.warnersbayhighcareers.com.au

This website has useful links to all the latest information that will help you make decisions about your life beyond school and your future career. We encourage all parents and students to check out this interactive new site.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Careers Faculty if you have any questions. We are always happy to provide career advice and tips on how to improve your resume.



The Careers Team
Renee Sommer and Raelee Lavis

SUGINAMI GAKUIN VISIT 2016

Twenty-one Japanese students from our sister school in Tokyo enjoyed spending ten days with their Warners Bay hosts in July/August.



Students from the Year 10 Japanese elective class generously offered to host these students. They helped their new Japanese friends get used to the unfamiliar surroundings as well as any unfamiliar Australian customs, changing classrooms each lesson, staying outside at recess and lunchtime and laughing with teachers.



The hosts and their Japanese billets went to Oakvale Farm to get up close and personal with Australian animals on a very cold blustery day but they got to enjoy a day of sunshine at Nobby's Beach and had a sausage sizzle in King Edward Park.

The hosts also introduced them to Lasertag, Twister, Max Brenner and some dodgy Aussie slang!

At school the Sugunami students were involved in teaching



our elective students more about the Japanese language and a teenagers' way of life in Japan. Each Japanese class spent a period or more getting to know the Sugunami students and many were able to use the Japanese they have learnt previously in class.

This visit owes its success to the Year 10 students who persevered in trying to communicate in Japanese and made a huge effort to make their Japanese billets feel comfortable and happy.

These Year 10 students will be heading to Japan in September to do a homestay at Sugunami Gakuin for four days. Hopefully the WBHS students will have as much fun as the Japanese students did!



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DRAMA UPDATE



DRAMA SHOWCASE – TUESDAY, JUNE 21

This year saw the inaugural Drama Showcase, an opportunity for the elective Drama students from Years 8 – 12 to perform their class work and HSC projects.

On the evening we had many students who were performing for the first time and others who used their experience to encourage and support their peers.

The audience and teachers were impressed by the enthusiasm and skills demonstrated by the students and this evening will become a regular part of the Drama calendar.

Thank you to the large number of parents and friends who came along to support their students despite the cold night.

DRAMA WORKS - 20 - 24 JUNE, NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY

At the end of Term 2, a group of students were selected to attend Drama Works – **Sepehr Saryazdi, Liam Wiltshire, Liam Bonnay, Seth Leary and Bianca Thomas**. We were all mentored by four people collectively and they taught us about Commedia, Tragedy, Physical theatre and Symbolism through shapes and colour. Each group was allocated a mentor and created a piece of theatre with their group which was performed for family and friends on the Friday night. There were also performances from other schools and other theatre groups. We thoroughly enjoyed this year's Drama Works and learned a tremendous number of techniques and methods for performing in the theatre.

Sepehr Saryazdi
Year 9 student

YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12 EXCURSION TO RIVERSIDE THEATRE,

PARRAMATTA

On Tuesday, 14 June, Drama students in Years 11 and 12 were given the opportunity to view a production of *Stolen* by Jane

Harrison. *Stolen* is a prescribed text in the HSC Drama syllabus. The play is a candid story about the experiences of five victims of Australia's Stolen Generation. Harrison presents their unique stories, dramatising the persecution and trauma experienced by the Aboriginal children and their families so that we might empathise and understand this terrible time in Australia's history.

Students were overwhelmingly impressed with the production, directed by Vicki Van Hout. The design did not replicate the original script, presenting students with an alternative concept to consider in their HSC preparations. This incorporated aspects of traditional Aboriginal culture, including weaving. The motif of cardboard boxes was also used to represent the feelings of emptiness experienced by the characters. The performers were exceptional, especially in their physicalisation and choreography, again presenting a different representation of Harrison's play.

This was an invaluable experience for senior students; it is not often Drama students are able to view a performance of the chosen texts and this will be of enormous benefit to them as they prepare for their Trial and HSC examinations. Thank you to Mrs Monk for organising the excursion – 'a once in a lifetime' experience.

HUNTER REGION DRAMA FESTIVAL

During Term Two Year 11 Drama auditioned for the Hunter Region Drama Festival. Two of the organisers from the festival came to the school and the class performed their production 'Mad World'. The audition was successful and on Friday, 24 June they performed in the festival. It was held at the Griffith Duncan Theatre and Newcastle University. The performance went very well and they received lots of positive feedback. It was a great experience for them to be involved in a production in a working theatre and for some it was the first time they had been on stage. Congratulations to them all. They are to be commended for their behaviour and commitment.

YEAR 12 DRAMA

The countdown is on! Our twelve students are busy preparing for their final HSC Practical Examinations, scheduled for Wednesday, 31 August. On this day, examiners will view the performances of both individuals and groups, who have been developing their pieces since the beginning of Term 2. We also have one student creating a short film for their Individual Project.

With the Trials now behind them, our students can focus on these practical creative works. We wish them all the best at this slightly stressful but exciting time! Good luck Year 12.

Mrs Lewis

YEAR 11 DRAMA

During Term Two Year 11 has been busy with an excursion to see 'Stolen' in Sydney (see separate report) and their inclusion in the Hunter Region Drama Festival.

In class they devised a performance, 'Mad World' that explored the pressure students in high school can experience as they navigate friends, family, work and society's expectations. The performance was interesting and allowed all the students the opportunity to participate.

This term they are working on Design and Production and this will culminate in each group developing their own concepts for the well-known children's story 'The Wizard of Oz.'

Mrs Monk

YEAR 10 DRAMA

In Term 2 we delved into Theatre of the Absurd and developed group performances that used the features of the style. The students found the philosophy interesting and enjoyed the freedom that the style allowed them. Some groups performed their completed pieces at the showcase, and other groups were joined and combined their ideas, showing great versatility and professionalism as actors.

This term we are exploring Acting and Characterisation skills; including role taking, use of body language, Laban and Stanislavski theories. We are working toward scripted duologues at the end of the term.

Mrs Mason

YEAR 9 DRAMA

During Term Two Year 9 completed a unit on Verbatim Theatre. They learnt about this particular documentary style of theatre and explored events such as the Martin Place Siege, Victorian Bushfires, Boston Marathon Bombings and the April Floods. Each group then performed with great success at the Drama Showcase night and all thoroughly enjoyed the unit.

This term students are working on Acting for the Small Screen and learning the differences between acting for theatre and acting for camera. In groups they will script, act in, direct, edit and produce a short film.

Mrs Cummins

YEAR 8 DRAMA

Year 8 Drama students have just completed their first semester of Drama at Warners Bay High. In Term 1 students were introduced to the fundamental concepts of Drama, including improvisation and the Elements of Drama, such as role, space, focus and tension. After this, they developed skills in Mime and presented a collaborative performance for their assessment. In Term 2 we studied Commedia dell 'Arte, focusing on the stylistic voice and movements of stock characters and other aspects of Commedia such as Lazzi, Burles, masks and audience interaction. Students then created their own masks and presented a group-devised scenario for their assessment. Many of these groups performed in the Drama Showcase, delighting the audience and gaining invaluable experience. Many also had their first taste of performing. Well done Year 8!

Mrs Lewis

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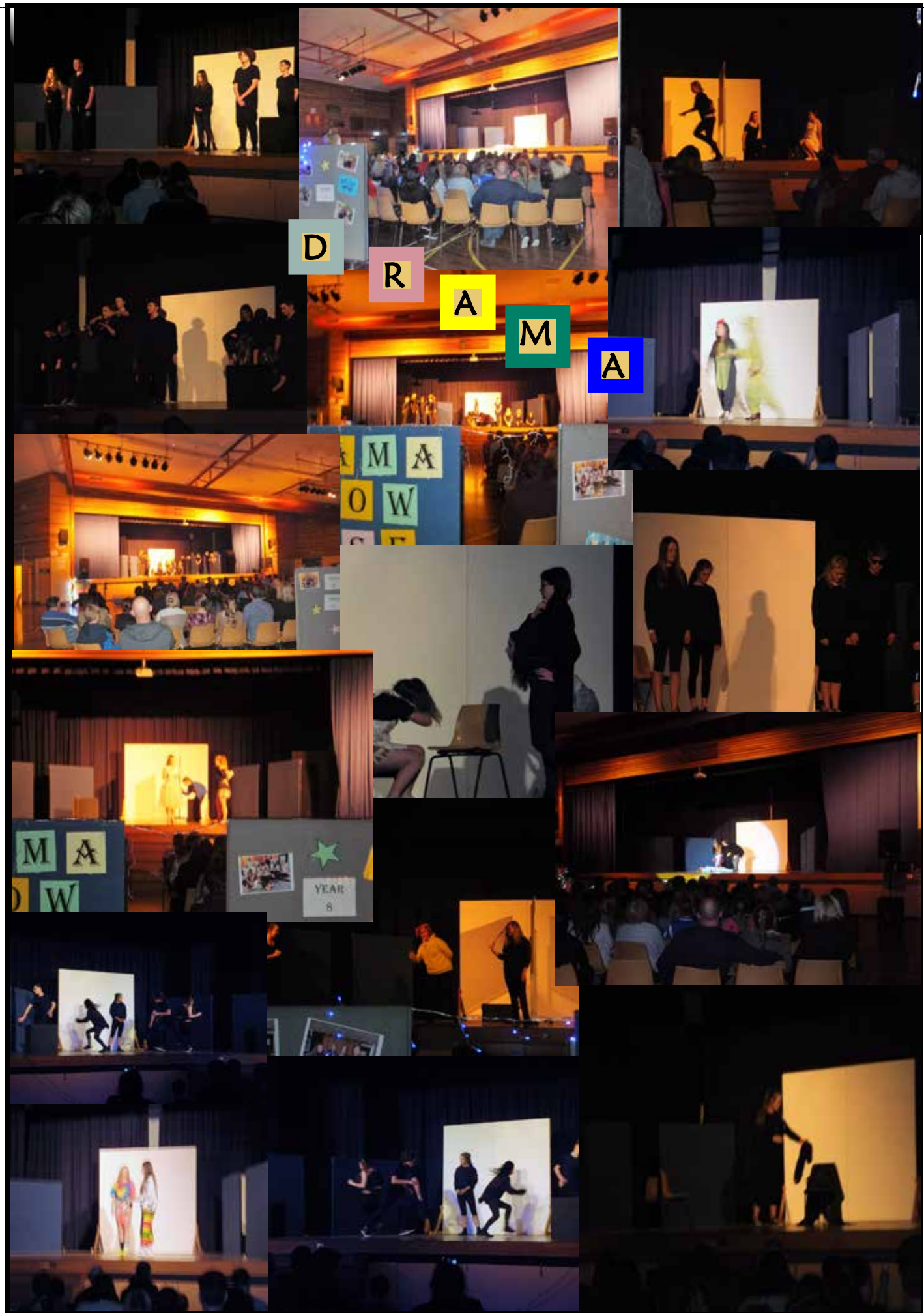
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Aug	10	Yr 9 & 10 Marine Studies - whale watching and Shark and Ray Centre
		Yr 11 PDHPE First Aid Course
	15	HSC Drama Showcase
		Yr 6 GATS Information Evening 7:00pm
	16	Maths ICAS
		Yr 11 Streetsmart
		Yr 9 Subject Information Night
	18	Yr 12 English Starr's Production "Letters from France"
	19	Yr 8 Excursion Taronga Zoo
	23	P & C Meeting
	24	Yr 8 Midsummer Night's Dream performance
		Yr 11 Music Showcase evening
		Yrs 9 & 10 Morpeth Teapots
	25	Yr 9 BIZFAIR
	31	HSC MAD Night performance
Sept	6	GATS Immersion Day
	7	Yr 11 Preliminary Exams start
		CHS Athletics
	8	CHS Athletics
	9	CHS Athletics Yr 9 VA & ATSI students "Resurgence" workshops start
	14	Yr 9 PASS Lightweight camping for 2 days
	22	Yr 12 Graduation breakfast 8:00am
		Yr 12 Graduation MPC 9-12
		Yr 12 Graduation Ball West Leagues Club
	26	School Holidays
Oct	10	Term 4 starts
	13	Yr 7 Immunisation
		HSC written examinations commence
	18	Yr 7 Triple E Presentations 7-9pm in the Library
	19	Yr 7 & 8 Slam Poetry performance

20	Yr 8 Triple E Presentation 7-9pm in the Library
25	P & C meeting
Nov 4	HSC concludes

UNIFORM SHOP TALK

SHOP OPEN TIMES

Tuesday 8:00-11:00am
 Wednesday 8:00-11:00am
 Thursday 12:00-4:00pm



20% OFF SALE

This term we see the return of our 20% Off Sale. The last two weeks of Term 3 during normal shop hours we will be offering 20% off all stock in the Uniform Shop. This is to thank our parents and students for their support of the Warners Bay High Uniform Policy and your business. Everything in store will be 20% off in stock items and there is a strict no exchange or return policy on items purchased during the sale and no rain checks or special orders. This is a very busy time for the Uniform Shop so orders can also placed online via the school web site. Phone orders can be placed prior to the sale and collected during shop hours during the sale or at a later date.

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4 Pleat Tartan Skirt	\$48.50
Black (Stretch) Slacks	\$39.00
Black Prestalene Shorts	\$35.00
Black Thick Stockings	\$9.50
Girls Tie	\$7.00
BOYS	
S/S Tailored White Shirt	\$31.00
Black Gabardine Shorts	\$36.50
Black Gabardine Trousers	\$42.00
UNISEX	
Custom Polo Shirt	\$30.00
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