



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am really pleased to be back at school and getting involved in all the wonderful programs and activities which are an integral part of our school. My sincere thanks go to Mr Carr as relieving Principal, Mrs Fraser as relieving Deputy Principal and Ms Monk as relieving Head Teacher English, all of whom did a fantastic job in my absence. My sincere thanks also to Ms Dal Zotto, Deputy Principal Curriculum who as always ensured everything was completed and up-to-date. Thank you, for the messages of support from parents wishing me a speedy recovery. Thank you also to Mr Morrissey who was relieving Head Teacher Mathematics while Mr Furner was on leave for Term One.

So much has already happened this term, it's hard to keep track. Congratulations to all the staff and students involved in the musical. What a great show. Memories have been created for staff, students and parents that will last a lifetime. Congratulations to Ms Brown and Ms George for a well organised and successful Year 7 Focus Day. Thank you also to the Student Executive who were able to attend and assist with the Year 7 programs and 'getting to know you' activities.

The Student Executive also did a great job representing the school at the Booragul-Speers Point Cenotaph ANZAC Day Dawn Service and the Lions Club Allambie Park ANZAC Service. Congratulations to **Sarah O'Keefe (Year 11)** and **Martin Shannon (Year 11)** who spoke at the Cenotaph Service and

Caitlin Carr who sang at the Lions Club Allambie Park Service. Congratulations to the school choir and thank you Mr English for organising the choir to perform at the Cenotaph service. An excellent effort. Well done to everyone involved.

NAPLAN was undertaken "without a hitch" early this term. Students were prepared and seemed keen to do their best in both the Literacy and Numeracy tests. The results of those tests provide valuable information to staff to guide student improvement. Thank you to Mr Furner and Mrs Riley and their respective staff who ensured the tests were well administered. My understanding is that NAPLAN testing will be online in 2018.

There will be more "thank yous" and successes after our Athletics Carnival last Friday.

Congratulations to all the students who have achieved success in their various sports since the last Bulletin. I don't have a complete list but congratulations to **Lachlan Heuston (Year 12)** who represented NSW at the Australian All Schools Triathlon Championships in Penrith in April. Lachlan placed 10th in the individual race and won a bronze medal in the teams.

Congratulations also to the Goalball team including **Luke Andrews (Year 9)**, **Billy McDonald (Year 10)**, **Ethan Behrens (Year 10)** and **Mitchell Gresham (Year 10)** who won a silver medal at the Hunter Knockout competition in early May. Thank you to Ms Breyley-Smith who is the coach, cheer squad and team co-ordinator. For more information and some great photos of the competition, see the Goalball Report later in this Bulletin.

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<http://www.warnersbay-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/gallery>

On 5 May, we uploaded the WBHS 2016 Annual Report onto our website. This mandatory report outlines student progress and achievements in external tests as well as financial reports and staffing details. It can be read in conjunction with our "Achievements 2016" booklet which highlights our cultural and sporting achievements as well as our achievements in academic programs.

This year will be a busy year for reviewing our 2015-2017 School Plan in preparation for a new three year Strategic Plan. Already we are collecting ideas and data to inform our directions from 2018-2021. I will be asking for parent feedback and ideas through the P&C and possibly through a parent survey as we move into Term 4.

One thing that concerns me is the number of applications I receive for Extended Leave -Travel. I understand that parents can't always negotiate with their employer to take leave for travel during school holidays, and it can be cheaper to travel during the school term; however, I am concerned with the number of applications for travel during school terms, some of which are for more than ten school days. Travel during school terms disrupts student continuity of learning and can have an impact on final assessment marks. I ask parents/carers when contemplating travel dates to minimise travel during school terms.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Dr Sharon Parkes.

GOALBALL – HUNTER KNOCKOUT COMPETITION, 6 APRIL, 2017

WBHS Silvers: Marilyn Mills with the silver medallists, from left to right: Luke Andrews, Billy McDonald, Ethan Behrens and Mitchell Gresham



Warners Bay High School was represented at the Hunter Goalball Knockout Competition at The Forum at the University of Newcastle. Schools in the Hunter/Central Coast areas were asked to form goalball teams for the competition. With the leadership of experienced goalball player Luke Andrews, four Year 10 students took on the challenge and met during lunch breaks to learn the rules of the game and develop their skills. Training with Luke were Billy McDonald, Mitchell Gresham, Liam Bonnay and Ethan Behrens. Because of his commitment to the school musical, Liam was unable to attend the knockout competition, but the remaining four put all their skills and enthusiasm into the day, and came away with silver medals in the High School competition. Gold was won by Kincumber High School.

But what *is* goalball? Goalball was developed after World War Two as a game to assist in the rehabilitation of returned soldiers. It first appeared as a demonstration sport at the 1976 Paralympic Games and has been part of the Paralympics since 1980, becoming the first Paralympic sport designed exclusively for disabled players. Participants wear eyeshades that completely block all light and visual input, play in teams of three, and bowl a ball, which contains bells, towards the opposite goal. The game is all about fast bowling and strong defence, as there are just three players to defend the entire goal area from the oncoming ball. The ball is quite heavy and, when bowled at speed, makes a significant impact on the defending players. Teamwork is the key to a successful and enjoyable game.

There were twelve teams present at The Forum, six high school and six primary school teams, and the fun of the game was matched by serious competitive play, with an attentive audience for each game. In attendance was Marilyn Mills, three time paralympian and captain of the Australian Paralympic Goalball team in 1986.

Below are a few photos taken during the competition. Some are fuzzy action shots, with the heavy ball just a blue blur, as the action can be very fast. All four boys played fabulously, and really played as a team, despite having so little practice time. They are so keen to keep playing that they have registered for the next knockout competition in Sydney in June!

Looking good and ready to play



Defence is a team effort



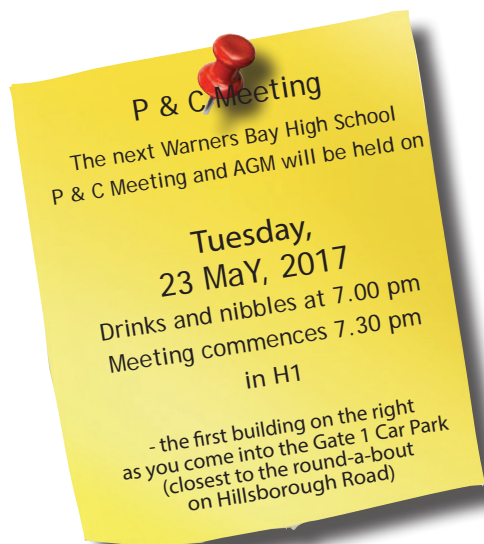
Billy bowls for a goal



A fabulous team



Ms Breyley-Smith



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, 23 May at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. At 7.00pm we will again start with some social time where everyone can talk over a drink and something to eat.

I would like to thank all the outgoing position holders for their work over the last twelve months and welcome the new executive.

Your P&C Executive for 2017 is:

President	-	Bronwyn Giles
Vice President	-	Stephen Nash Jo Dyson
Secretary	-	Katherine Deer
Treasurer	-	position open
Assistant Treasurer (Canteen Treasurer)	-	Phillipa Byrnes

I look forward to working with the new executive to ensure we are able to continue to provide additional faculty resources not normally available to the school.

We will be continuing our series of presentations at our monthly meetings. Why not come and use this opportunity to get additional information about school programs and get to know the Principal, some of the school executive and other parents in the relaxed atmosphere of a P&C meeting.

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

Bronwyn Giles
President

OPEN GIRLS SOCCER

The Open Girls' Soccer team opened their CHS Puma Trophy campaign with an emphatic performance against local high school, Cardiff High. The girls started and finished with intent and were victors in their Round 2 game. Both Katelyn Lyddiard and Emily Ridgeway scored four goals each, with Elly Cook contributing with another two goals to round off a magnificent performance by the girls. Credit to Cardiff High School who continued to work hard and fight for the win despite being a few goals down. Round 3 saw us drawn against cross-town rivals Whitebridge High School. Samantha Thorncraft as co-captain took the goalkeeper's shirt for this game and lead by example in goal and her fellow co-captain Georgia Cook also took on a different role in this game as central defender. Katelyn Lyddiard was once again lethal in front of goal scoring another hat trick of goals to bring her tally up to 7 in two games. Emily Ridgeway, Elly Cook and Abbey Lynch were also goal scorers which resulted in another quality win for the Warners Bay girls. The team played exceptionally well on the day and now play against Morriset High in Round 4 in mid-June. Team members include: **Samantha Thorncraft, Georgia Cook, Abbey Lynch, Jess Bingham (Year 12), Katelyn Lyddiard, Tiana Knight (Year 11), Elly Cook (Year 10), Tyla Ryan, Kora Gibbs, Camille Mossman and Lilly McAllister (Year 9) and Emily Ridgeway and Shirley Shannon (Year 8).**

Mr Paul Jones

Australian Government
Department of Human Services

Talking points for ABSTUDY

ABSTUDY
ABSTUDY helps with costs for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australians who are studying or doing an Australian Apprenticeship. You may be able to get ABSTUDY if you are:

- an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian
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The ABSTUDY eKit
The ABSTUDY eKit is now live on the DHS website. The eKit is designed to help raise awareness of ABSTUDY and you can find the latest version at humanservices.gov.au/abstudyresources

We know organisations play a critical role in providing information about ABSTUDY to students and their families, so the following resources have been designed as a supporting tool to help with their work.

This eKit includes the following resources to help get ABSTUDY information to parents, guardians, students and the community:

- mp3 audio file of ABSTUDY radio commercial
- ABSTUDY Videos on YouTube
- ABSTUDY talking points
- ABSTUDY newsletter article
- ABSTUDY reference guide
- 2 A4 self-print posters
- 6 self-print flyers

Applying for ABSTUDY
To claim, call the ABSTUDY line on Freecall™ 1800 132 317. You can submit supporting documents online at humanservices.gov.au/submitdocumentsonline

If you can't claim over the phone, you can get a claim form at humanservices.gov.au/abstudy

How long it takes to assess your claim depends on how complex your situation is.

Get in early and submit your claim up to 13 weeks before you start your course or apprenticeship.

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TECHNOLOGY REPORT

BYOD



The adoption of Chromebooks across the school has been an outstanding success in terms of take-up by students and an extremely low fault rate. With well over 400 Chromebooks currently in use at the school there have only been three warranty issues. This gives us confidence as we move to full BYOD in Term Four with Chromebooks as the preferred device for Years 7-10 students. Due to its low cost, weight and ease of maintenance, seniors may also like to consider purchasing a Chromebook if they do not need a more sophisticated Windows or Apple device which allows them to install specific programs that are unavailable online. The link to the BYOD Purchase Portal can be found on the BYOD section of the Technology page on the school's website. These purchases are delivered to the school and "white gloved" at the start of each term with the cut-off date being the last day of the previous term. As always, students are free to purchase off-site if they wish and may choose alternative devices to the Chromebooks.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM



Feedback on Google Classroom has also been positive with parents and students able to access course work, post homework and keep in touch with mobile notification. There have been some instances where random devices have not received notifications from the classroom, so it's a good idea to regularly check into Google Classroom to see if work or important information has been posted. Because Google Classroom and the G-Suite Apps are free the school has been able to concentrate resources on hardware for students in need and continue to maintain classroom ICT infrastructure to support 21st Century Learning. The simplicity of Google Classroom has made it accessible to all teachers and students regardless of their technical proficiency, ensuring school-wide consistent adoption. It is worth noting that other public schools such as Valentine Public in the Warners Bay Community of Schools, have already started adopting Classroom and Chromebooks as a standard ICT platform.

Those parents and carers interested in following the progress of their student/s can log in to Google Classroom with their email and password to see all tasks and resources or go to the calendar and see items with a due date.

PARENT WORKSHOPS AND ICT SUPPORT

In Term One I ran a series of successful workshops for parents/carers and their students. These will be repeated at the beginning of Term Three and again in Term Four to coincide with the full Years 7-12 mandatory BYOD program. These workshops will assist parents in understanding how the Chromebook works as they are a little different to the normal windows device. They will also run through the Google Classroom platform and other

free software such as Microsoft 365. You can also find current information and how-to guides on the Google Plus BYOD at WBHS page- <https://goo.gl/ejpZTn> Here you can ask questions, access how-to videos, and read articles which are relevant to 21st Century learning and ICT in schools.



Mr Husband
HT e-Learning

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YEAR 11 EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

On 17 March, Year 11 Earth and Environmental Science students attended a field trip around Newcastle investigating local soils and geological features. Soils and vegetation as well as local features such as waterfalls were examined at Blackbutt Reserve. Students took part in soil testing, rock surveys and vegetation transects. The students then travelled along the coastline of Newcastle examining geological features such as Nobbies Headland, Strzelecki Lookout and Merewether Headland. It was an excellent day despite the cold, inclement weather and the students had a fantastic time!

Mr Michael Ryan

STARSTRUCK 2017



This year a small group of students auditioned for Starstruck as a drama ensemble and have been selected to perform in three items. They are: **Liam Wiltshire, Oskar Brill, Sam Ferfolja, Daniel Schrader, Bella Woolley, Holly Ward, Anna Raffaeta and Sepehr Saryazdi.** They have attended several item rehearsals, researched and rehearsed their roles and are eagerly awaiting the first full movement rehearsal. Congratulations to these students on their selection. We look forward to sharing the Starstruck journey with them in June.



Ms H Cummins

Warners Bay High School



On Thursday, 4 May and Friday, 5 May Warners Bay High performed 'Popstars the 90's Musical' in the school's MPC.

It was Girl Band vs Boy Band with classic hits from the 90's such as *Hero*, *Wannabe*, *All Star*, *Bye Bye Bye*, *Genie in a Bottle*, *Achy Breaky Heart* and lots more.

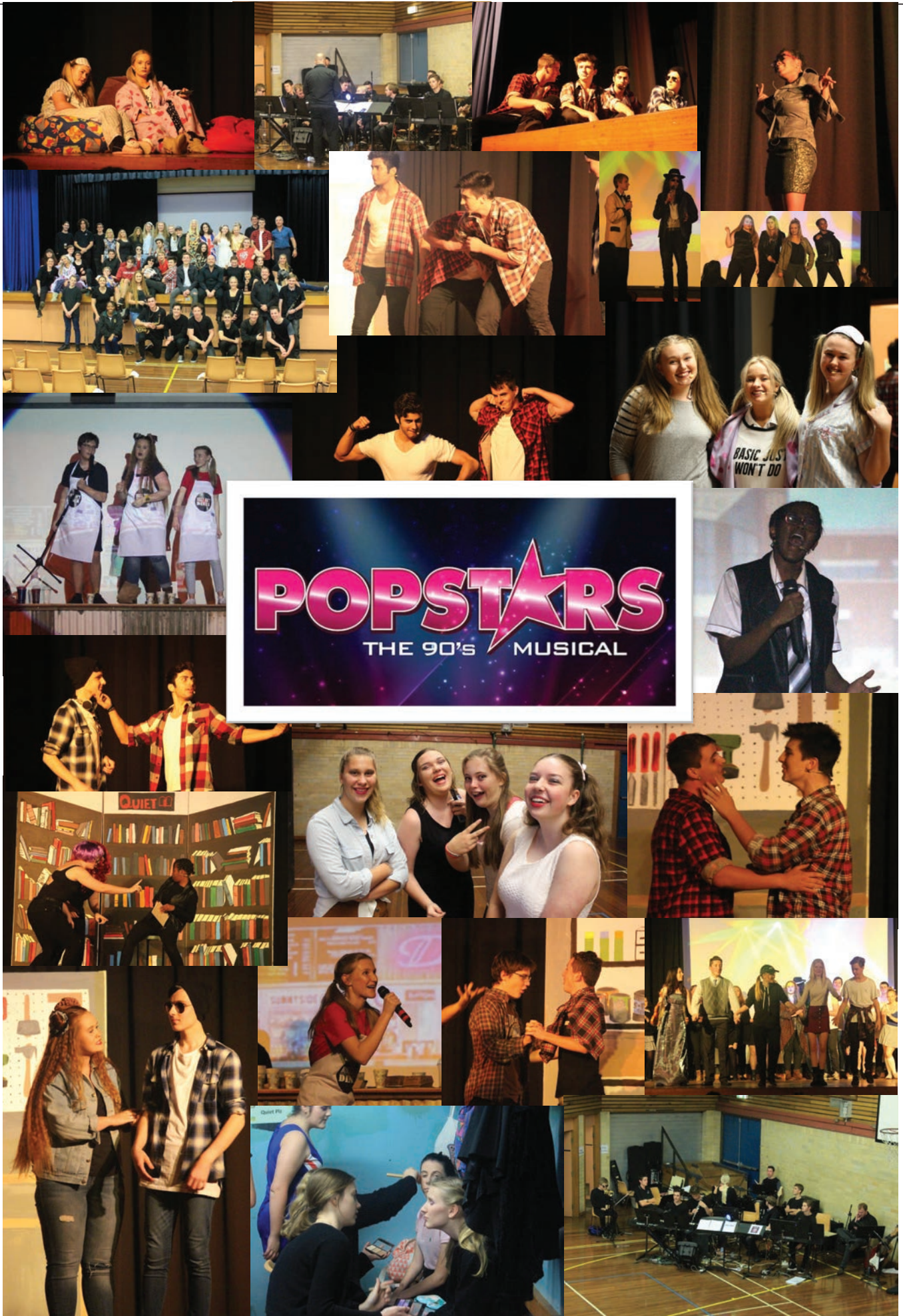
In the audition process teachers got the students to sing a 90's song and read a scene and then they made decisions about the roles. Everyone was eager to perform and once the roles were announced the students rehearsed throughout Term One on a Tuesday afternoon.

Many Tuesday afternoons were spent singing, dancing and acting with every student willing to put in the hard work needed. We also spent the Sunday before the performances at school rehearsing and painting the set. In rehearsals each teacher had a specific role and dedicated their time to the musical. Friendships were made, laughter filled the hall and before we knew it was time to perform.

On the Thursday Valentine Public School joined our Year 7 students at the matinee and it was great to finally get to perform for an audience. We then performed on the Thursday and Friday nights and everyone who came and saw the show had lots of positive feedback for us.

It was a wonderful experience being involved in a musical production and many thanks go to all the people who made it possible. A big thank you goes to Ms Cummins who worked hard as the director. Thanks to the band for their amazing performances along with the musical directors, Mr Forbes and Mr English. Thanks to the technical operator Mr Thompson, the set and costume design crew, the backstage crew and the technical crew. Thank you to the producer Mrs Monk. Many thanks to the cast for remembering their scripts and for making it such a great experience. This musical has been one to remember.

Sarah Moses





The CAPA Faculty have had a wonderful first term and we look forward to Term Two. We presented a wonderful Music/Drama extravaganza, **POPSTARS – The 90's Musical**, in the second week of this term. It was a wonderful success and a credit to the clever staff and students involved. A very big thank you to all who supported this event, especially **Mrs Sandra Monk, Mr Ashley Forbes, Mr Chris English, Mrs Hayley Cummins and Mr Phil Thompson**. The show was fantastic and every student involved put their heart and soul into each performance, providing the audience with a wonderful insight into the talent and enthusiasm of the Warners Bay High School Creative Arts students.



I would also like to extend a thank you to the parents and families who attended the performances, and the wonderful staff from other faculties who supported us so wholeheartedly.

Thank you to Ms Dal Zotto, Mrs Michelle Fraser, Mrs Jennifer Lewis, Mrs Tamara Goldfinch, Mrs Judy Brown, Mrs Janet Oultram and the fabulous office ladies, Mrs Christoffelz and her canteen ladies, and the Music, Visual Arts, English and Drama staff. As always, it was a team effort!



The cast, crew and helpers were:

Actors/Actresses

Bella Woolley (12) -
Lilly Sommerville (11)
Abby Hindmarch (10)
Keletso Keikanetswe (12)
Holly Ward (12)
Meabh Nash (9)
Liam Bonnay (10)
Sephyr Saryazdi (10)
Daniel Schrader (9)
Reilly Peters (10)
Liam Wiltshire (10)
Zach Munro (10)
Sam Ferfolja (10)
Oskar Brill (10) -
Tayla Lee (9)
Emily McNabb (12)
Chloe Hopkins Hernando (9)
Melody Campbell (9)
Jorja Stewart (9)

Bethany Sherry (9)
Grace Bromhead (9)
Sophie Kirchner (9)
Caitlin Ma (10)
Sarah Moses (11)
Abbey Beuzeville (9)
Cassidy Guy (10)
Abbey Hindmarch (10)
Emma Walker (9)
Annika Hochguertal (9)
Camielle Mossman (9)
Jess Standley (9)
Bailey Franks (8)
Sam Ferfolja (10)
Liam Wiltshire (10)
Reilly Peters (10)
Zach Munro (10)
Mitch West (11)

Set Design/Costume Design/Back Stage

Sean Hayes (9)
Sofia Mielikainen-Morrison (9)
Bethany Urbanowicz (10)
Charlotte Lawrence (9)
Niamh Taylor (11)
Erica Vallance (11)
Monty Anderson (12)
Kye Miller (12)
Sophie Shultz (12)

Aleese Sandall (12)
Jarrod Bendiech (12)
Luke Kimberley (9)
Jenna Robertson (9)
Liam Deal (7)
Seth Leary (12)
Matilda Ellis (9)
Indianna Jacobs (9)

Musicians

Cameron Tibbs (11)
Kyson Brown (11)
Dean Selem (12)
Will Finn (11)
Oliver Brynes (12)
Zane Flemming (11)

Zoe Flett (11)
Giles Reading (11)
Bronson Romani (10)
Luke Andrews (10)
Sean Hayes (9)
Liam Deer (10)



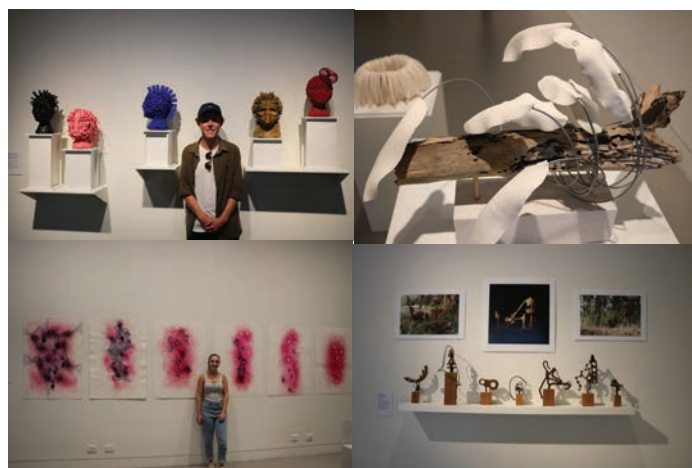
We have one dance group in **Starstruck** performing two dances this year. **Mrs Marion Kerr** and **Ms Kim Maher** have been busy organising our dance group in preparation for this spectacular event. **Mr English** has also assisted **Brittany Biles** and **Keletso Keikanetswe** who will be singing their hearts out as feature vocalists. **Cassie Parke** is busy working behind the scenes as a member of the **Student Direction Team**.

This is such a fantastic experience for our students and I would like to thank these members of staff in advance for their efforts and enthusiasm.

Our dancers this year include:

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| Lily Grant (9) | Sophie Kirchner (9) |
| Ariane Visscher (8) | Hallie Sheard (8) |
| Annalise Gresham (8) | Emily Carlin (8) |
| Chloe Hoy (8) | Taleah Begley (8) |
| Abbey Brown (7) | Liam Kneller (7) |
| Mikaylah Jupp (7) | Lexi Coleman (7) |
| Olivia Bird (7) | Lucy Thomas (7) |
| Heidi Gilchrist (7) | Ella Husband (7) |
| Brylee Cavanagh (7) | |

This term we also hold our first **MAD night**. MAD Night is when all students from Years 7 to 11 (with a few thrown in from Year 12) present a spectacular exhibition of performances and artworks in the MPC. This will be held on **Wednesday, 14 June** and will start at 6.00pm to view the artworks and 7.00pm for our performances. This is an opportunity for our parents and community to see what our Creative and Performing Arts students are achieving in the classroom. Entry is a gold coin donation.



The CAPA faculty have had great success already this year with several of our students having their works displayed in major galleries around NSW. **Conor Kidd-Matthews, Emma Hales,**

Tamlyn Carstens, Ethan Stewart and Grace Bates have had their **2016 HSC Bodies of Work** exhibited in the **First Class Exhibition** at the **Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery**.

It is a wonderful honour to have your work displayed in a public gallery and speaks volumes about the talent of both students and staff at WBHS. **Amelia Coleman**, who had

her 2016 HSC Body of Work selected for **Artexpress** was awarded the **S & S Creativity Award** at the Campbelltown Arts Centre. This is such a wonderful achievement for Amelia and we are very proud of her.



Our very creative **Ceramics** students have their wonderful **Teapots** on display at **Charlestown Library**. These teapots will also travel to Morpeth where they will be exhibited in the annual **Morpeth Teapot Exhibition** in August. I would like to thank **Mrs Lesley Armstrong** for her consistent support of our students and these exhibitions.



Towards the end of Term One, all **Year 7** students participated in a **Japanese Drumming Workshop** with drum master Kiyomi. This workshop was a wonderful musical and cultural experience for all students, who had the opportunity to play traditional Japanese drums "taiko" and perform traditional rhythmic patterns as part of an ensemble. Kiyomi was a strict drum master, typical of Japanese culture, who promoted exceptional care for the instruments. Due to our large group, Kiyomi generously extended the workshop for an additional 30 minutes during recess to ensure all students had a turn. This experience has provided a real life context to our Term One topic in Music, "Duration", which all students thoroughly enjoyed!



On Tuesday, 25 April the Warners Bay High School **Vocal Group** performed at the Speers Point-Boolaroo **ANZAC Day Dawn Service** at Speers Point Cenotaph. The students had been rehearsing for this event for many weeks, giving up much of their own lunchtimes and even time during their school holiday! The group sang six songs and performed wonderfully at this important occasion, some as an ensemble and some with the Toronto Brass Band, proving themselves excellent representatives of Warners Bay High School. The event was also broadcast across the region on 102.9 KOFM.



Back row L-R - **Ashley Duke** (9), **Meabh Nash** (9), **Jorja Stewart** (9), **Daniel Schrader** (9), **Emma Walker** (9) and **Mr English**

Front row L-R - **Niagara Everson** (7), **Danielle Beentjes** (7), **Matisse Biram** (7), **Lucy Williamson** (7), **Keletso Keikanetswe** (12), **Lilly Grant** (9) and **Caitlin Ma** (11)

This same group of students, with the addition of **Saffron George** (7), performed at the ANZAC Day Services held at our school on Wednesday, 26 April in MPC.

On Friday, 5 May the **Year 12 Music** class, with Mr English, attended the **HSC Music Day**, a study day for HSC musicians from across the Hunter Region. The class of 16 students had an enjoyable day at **The University of Newcastle Conservatorium**, taking in valuable information from a range of presenters who are leading educators and Senior HSC Music Markers. The HSC is edging closer and closer for these students, who will perform their HSC repertoire at the upcoming Trial HSC Practical Music Exam on Monday, 26 June.

Mr English recently held a competition to design a new **Mural** to be placed on the podium in the school quad. The design needed to include the school motto "Vera Vertis Vinci Nescit" and it's English translation "True Worth Knows No Defeat" as part of the "**Promoting Positive Achievement Initiative**". We would like to formally congratulate **Liam Bonnay** of Year



10 as the winner of the competition. Liam will be involved in the final design and creation of the Mural, which will begin towards the end of Term Two. Special mentions also go to Emma Walker (9), Tiahn Langham (8), Lizabel Brunskill (8), Shirley Shannon (8) and Charlotte Lawrence (9) for their excellent design entries. All students will receive a certificate and \$20 gift voucher. Well done to all involved!



Finally, congratulations to **Lerani Holmes** of Year 10 who has been chosen as **Artist of the Month** for her outstanding hand-built and highly detailed ceramics sculpture. Congratulations to **Keletso Keikanetswe** of Year 12 who has been chosen as **Musician of the Month** for her outstanding contribution to Starstruck and the School Musical. Keletso is an amazing and powerful singer. Lerani and Keletso are two very talented and creative students, and well deserving recipients of these prestigious awards. Well done.

Ms Donna Pfister
HT CAPA



Save the Date: NAIDOC Week
Celebrations at Warners Bay High School
Friday, 23 June 2017 from 9am
All welcome

CAREERS



All Year 10 students have been invited to attend the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Career Expo excursion on Thursday, 18 May. Parents and carers are invited to attend our Year 10 Subject Information Night and Mini Career Expo on Wednesday 24 May, 2017 at 7.00pm in the MPC. These events are part of our Year 10 Careers Program where we start to introduce students to school-to-work pathways, subject selection advice, useful websites, and job seeking hints. This term Year 10 will be asked to consider and research prospective career options, along with the pathways they may need to take in order to obtain their career goals.

A number of Year 10 students have already spent a week on work experience, learning work skills and interviewing staff from their chosen occupation this year. All Year 10 students have the opportunity to participate in work experience this year. Interested students should see the Careers Advisers for further information on how to complete some mandatory Work Health and Safety tasks. Students must select a week in which they have no assessment tasks. Once an employer has been approached and the tasks have been completed, students should see a Careers Adviser for the appropriate forms. More information and required documents can also be found on the school website.

Hunter TAFE Newcastle hosted a number of our students at *Try a Skill* earlier this month, where they offered high school students the opportunity to experience a great range of trades and vocations. It was a great way to help students find out what is involved in different jobs and for them to learn about the range of vocational careers. Students were able to try their hand at practical trade skills, watch demonstrations, and ask questions of the expert teachers.

Twenty students from Years 9 to 11 have successfully gained their White Card this year. This course is aimed at all students carrying out construction work, including labourers, apprentices and trades-persons. Students learn the basic principles of health and safety in the construction industry as well as information about preventing workplace injury and illness, workplace injury management and workers' compensation. This course has been developed to meet the requirements of the National Code of Practice for Induction for Construction Work. Upon completion of this induction course, a student will receive a statement of attainment and the White Card License. Our next course will take place in Week One of Term Three, so all interested students should put their names down at the Careers office.

Career and Training Links are emailed once a week to Years 10, 11 and 12 students. This email lists full time job opportunities,

apprenticeships and traineeships and casual jobs in the local area. Students seeking employment should make a habit of checking this weekly!

Careers staff are available to all students and parents wanting to know more about career and educational pathways. Please don't hesitate to contact the Careers faculty if you have any questions or would like some career advice or tips on how to improve your resume.

Ms Renee Sommer and Ms Raelee Lavis

The Careers Team

Homework Help

Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3.20pm-5.10pm in D18.

Assistance is provided with homework and assessment tasks in a relaxed, supportive environment. Students just bring along the work that they need help with on the day.

Afternoon tea is provided.

No need to book in, just turn up at D18 and sign in.

This is a free service provided by the school to support students.

Homework Help is run by Mrs Conroy. Other tutors are also present to assist students.

Homework Help restarts in Term 1, Week 4 on Tuesday 14 February and Thursday, 16 February.

2017 Homework Help Dates:

Term 1: Week 4-Week 10

Term 2: Week 2- Week 9

Term 3: Week 2-Week 9

Term 4: Week 2-Week 7

Hope to see you there 😊



LIBRARY NEWS MAY 2017



Term One was very busy with our annual Library Lovers' promotion, our first lunch for the Principal's Reading Challenge and the launch of the 2017 school Chess Competition. Our Inspiration Lab activities run by Mrs Archard have been popular and the Lego building competition was hard fought with some interesting constructions. Mr Dewell, Head Teacher History and Library, had a hard time choosing the winner. This term we are running stop motion animation activities and knitting if there is any interest.



There is ample research to show that students who enjoy reading for pleasure have improved educational outcomes, which is why I place such a focus on encouraging students to read something of their own choosing and to get involved in the Principal's Reading Challenge. It was great to see some of our new participants get stuck into their reading before our first lunch was even over!



The school Chess Team has seen a changing of the guard with a number of new players as last year we had a few seniors who have now left school. **Ethan Hayes, Min Burke, Dylan Baxter and Fionn Evans** have had a couple of close contests first with Belmont Christian College (a very strong team) and then Macquarie College. Unfortunately we are now out of this year's competition, but the boys represented the school very well, and I am sure will do better next year with more experience.



Ms Liza Moss
Teacher Librarian & Chess Co-ordinator

DRAMA UPDATE



Term One was a busy term for Drama and Term Two is looking the same. All elective Drama classes are working towards items to be included in our Drama Showcase in Week 9. Our Drama Showcase made a debut last year and proved an excellent opportunity for our students to perform for family and friends in a supportive environment. The Showcase will be on Tuesday, 20 June at 7.00pm in the MPC.

Year 12 Drama have begun working on their Group Performance where they are placed in groups and given a range of topics to use as a starting point for a devised performance. They will be working on this throughout Term Two and will perform for the HSC markers in either Week 6 or Week 7 of Term Three. We will have a HSC Drama Showcase evening in the Drama Room on Wednesday, 16 August for family and friends to see the performances before the HSC Practical exam. Year 12 are also working on their Individual Project. Most students are doing a monologue but two students are creating a Video Drama and one is doing Costume Design.

Year 11 Drama are devising a class performance and will perform this for their assessment task in Week 5 and at the Drama Showcase evening. The class have been enthusiastic in this task and have all contributed some insightful ideas towards the performance. This task has helped them develop skills in negotiation and co-operation in preparation for the Group Performance in Year 12. Their play is about the ways that a student's background can impact their success and they have uncovered some interesting statistics when researching the topic.

Our Year 10 Drama class are presently learning the process of Playbuilding as we work towards creating assessment pieces for Theatre in Education. Students will be investigating current issues that are relevant to Stage 4 students, including cyberbullying, climate change, tolerance and peer pressure. They will then devise a performance that sends an important message to students in Year 7 and Year 8, using characterisation, simple staging and direct address. The performances will be presented at our Drama Showcase in Week 9.

Year 9 Drama will be working on Verbatim Theatre, learning about the conventions of the genre and play building a performance. They will research an event that is of interest to them and incorporate this research into their performances which will feature at the Drama Showcase on June 20.

Year 8 Drama explored the fundamental elements of Drama in Term One, especially role and character, space, focus and tension. Drama games, such as String tension allowed us to manipulate the tension of a performance, and this affected the voice and mood of performers. We experimented with Improvisation, movement and play building. We extended our focus on movement by exploring how we use our body to communicate in mime. Groups planned a mime exploring a daily activity, using our body to create the shape of an object and space of a setting. Currently we are learning about Commedia dell Arte, looking at physically creating characters, and using scene scenarios to build a performance. Some groups will perform at our Drama Showcase.

The Year 7 Drama Club continues to meet every Wednesday at lunchtime. We are currently preparing two performances for the Drama Showcase. Students are exploring the many trials and tribulations facing students as they transition from primary school to high school. From changing relationships and perspectives to changing bodies and images, we are aiming to present a realistic yet light hearted interpretation of this interesting and often challenging time in a young person's life. Family and friends will have the opportunity to view these performances at the Drama Showcase on Tuesday, 20 June.



Drama Works – There is an opportunity for some of our Years 10 and 11 students to attend Drama Works in Week 10. This is a week long program of intensive workshops on selected drama styles. If students are interested they should discuss this with their Drama teacher.

Hunter Drama Showcase will be held on the evening of June 30 and interested students have the opportunity to nominate by June 16. A video needs to be uploaded as part of the process so students should talk with their teachers by the end of May to ensure there is enough time to complete the audition process.

Ms Sandra Monk

Year 10 Study and Cultural Tour of Japan



Seven hard-working
students of Year 10 Japanese



will be saying Sayounara to Warners Bay High School for 10 days as they head to Japan later this year. From 25 September to the 4 October, 2017 our students will be visiting our sister school, Sugunami Gakuin High School in Tokyo. The students will be hosted by students at Sugunami Gakuin and attend school each day. They will have the opportunity to put into practice the language they have been learning for four years and experience the famous Japanese culture they have seen on Youtube and read about in class! These lucky students will also visit Kamakura, Asakusa, Harajuku and Shinjuku on day trips with Ms Tamas and enjoy a day at DisneySea too (it's next door to Disneyland). These students will have so many stories to tell when they return!



YAKISOBA DAY!

Last week our Year 7 Japanese classes cooked their first Japanese dish...*yakisoba* (or stir-fried noodles to the uninitiated). Each student was responsible for bringing certain ingredients and/or utensils that they then shared with their chosen group. All the students worked together to cook their group's *yakisoba* on the school BBQs and were rewarded with a tasty bowl of hot noodles with bacon and veggies mixed through covered with a special *yakisoba* sauce. It was a very successful afternoon of cooking judging by their pleased faces!



Mrs Karen Holmes



LANGUAGE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS BEGIN!

A Macbook Air 13" 128 GB is the major prize in this year's Australia-wide Language Perfect World Championships! Opening this Monday, 15 May at 4.00pm and ending on the Friday, 26 May, 2017 at 4pm, Warners Bay High School students of French Years 7-10 & 12 as well as Year 11 Chinese compete to win. Our students will prove their skills for a chance to win a MacBook Air, iPads, iPod Nanos and iTunes vouchers. School-based prizes include a \$50/\$30 gift voucher to JB HI-FI or Hoyts Cinema or Charlestown Square, as well as "Favourite" chocolates and school commendations. Ms Tamas will be telling students about strategies for maximising their points. Last year, Warners Bay High School had three students attain the "Gold" level, six students at "Silver" plus many at "Bronze" level. We can't wait to see the results of this year's competition!

Ms Rebeca Tamas

FRENCH LANGUAGE, FILM AND FOOD!



Year 8 and 9 French are exclusively invited to Coco Monde Chocolate Restaurant and a screening of the opening film for Newcastle's French Film Festival "L'Odyssée", (the Odyssey) 26-28 May <http://newcastlefrenchfilmfestival.weebly.com/program.html>. Every year, Years 8 and 9 French students are invited to experience Newcastle's French culture by watching a movie just released in France

and enjoying French cuisine. This year's movie "L'Odyssée" takes us on an underwater adventure based on the life of Jacques Cousteau who dedicated his life to conquering the ocean and invented the Aqua-Lung. Directed by Jérôme Salle, this film won the Best Sound award at the 42nd Cesar Awards and has dazzled audiences worldwide. Oh là, là!

Ms Rebeca Tamas
Languages

NEW CALEDONIA, FRENCH STUDY AND CULTURAL TOUR



This year from 15 December to 22 December, Warners Bay High School will be taking some Year 10 French students on our first excursion to New Caledonia. We will be visiting Noumea's French bakeries and department stores. Other activities include visiting the Tjibaou museum and visiting Amedée Island and Lighthouse. Throughout the entire trip students will be encouraged to 'fend for themselves' using vocabulary studied in class. We really look forward to seeing our students using their French knowledge in New Caledonia!

Mademoiselle Tamas

CREPE DAY



Crepe Day 2017 was a huge success with almost 300 crepes served! All students who study French were given the opportunity to taste the national dish of France. France's "Fat Tuesday" traditions were studied in class before Crepe day. On "Fat Tuesday" French families eat



Crepes and parade the town in colourful costumes. *Fat Tuesday* was 28 February this year and our crepe day was exactly one month after. On Tuesday, 28 March, Warners Bay High School students ordered their crepes in French. They had beautiful French accents and lovely manners! Our chef, Felix from Kid and Cat at Bank Street Corner was so impressed with the behaviour of students at Warners Bay High School. *Merci beaucoup!*



Ms Rebeca Tamas
Languages

YEARS 9-10 BOYS' TOUCH FOOTBALL PROGRESS TO NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Warners Bay High 9/10 Boys' Touch Football team took part in the Newcastle region All Schools tournament last week.

The Warners Bay team that represented the school this year closely resembled the squad that attended the corresponding event this time 12 months ago. The previous experience served the boys well as they gelled from the opening fixture and continued with impressive form throughout the day.

During the normal round matches the boys kept all opposing teams scoreless, progressing to the finals comfortably with a for and against that read 23-0.

Warners Bay defeated Rutherford Technology High in the quarter final and St Pius College in the semi final to qualify for the Grand Final to be played at 3:15pm.

The Warners Bay outfit took on cross-town rivals, Hunter Sports High in the Grand Final which saw them earn a place at the State Finals to be played in Parramatta.

The entire squad should be commended for the way they conducted themselves both on and off the pitch.

Congratulations and good luck to the boys as they advance to the State Championships later this month.

Mr Farrar

WARNERS BAY HIGH STUDENTS PLAY THEIR HAND IN NEWCASTLE KNIGHTS' HAROLD MATTHEWS GRAND FINAL VICTORY

Well done to Ryan Potts, Jack Jackson and the rest of the Newcastle Knights' Harold Matthews team after producing an impressive comeback to beat Manly 26-20 in extra time in the final of the under-16s competition at Leichhardt Oval on Saturday.

In scenes reminiscent of the Knights' famous win over Manly in the 1997 NRL grand final, Newcastle came back from the dead to win an incredible final.

The win secured the Knights the minor-major premiership double, after remaining unbeaten throughout the 2017 season. It is the fourth time the club has won the under-16s competition.

It capped a successful season for the Warners Bay students, adding to a number of achievements or which they should be proud.

Mr Farrar

Seasons for Growth Parent Program:

Supporting your child following separation or divorce ...

provides an opportunity for you to reflect on the experience of separation or divorce from your child's perspective, and to explore ideas and strategies that might help you support your children through the changes happening in your family.

Seasons for Growth Parent Program: Supporting your child following separation or divorce is a small group program for 5-12 parents. It will be held over 2 x 2 hour sessions.

Dates: Tues 25 & Thurs 27 July 2017

Venue: Seasons for Growth, Hunter Region Office
McAuley Building, 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle West

Time: 6pm – 8pm (refreshments provided)

Cost: \$15



To register or for more information please contact:



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SCHOOL DIARY

May	22	Yrs 7 & 8 Aboriginal Dance Incursion
		Yr 10 Ceramics Excursion
	23	Yr 8 Build ME Challenge
		P&C Meeting
	24	Yr 10 Subject Selection Evening
	25	Yr 10 Elevate Program
	26	Yrs 8 & 9 French Film Excursion
	30	Under 16's Knights Knockout
	31	Textile Excursion
June	1	Yr 10 Focus Day
	2	Regional Cross Country - Cessnock
	9	Yr 9 PASS Orienteering Excursion
	12	Queen's Birthday Holiday
	13	Start of MAD Night
	15	Yrs 11 & 12 Immunisation
		Yr 12 History Study Day
	16	HSC Experifest
	23	NAIDOC Day Celebrations
	27	P&C Meeting
	28	Yrs 11 & 12 Earth Science Uni Day
	30	Chinese Excursion to Sydney
		Last Day Term Two
July	17	School Development Day
	18	Students return to school
	21	Regional Cross Country - Eastern Creek
	24	Yr 11 Earth Science & Geography Excursion
		Trial HSC starts
	25	P&C Meeting

26	Suginami Gakuin Arrive
	Regional Athletics - Glendale
	Bangarra Dance Performance
28	CHS Athletics Homebush

UNIFORM SHOP TALK

Welcome back to Term 2.

This term we have received our new school sloppy joe and weather proof school jacket. The sloppy joe is \$36 and the jacket is \$68. We have all sizes available for purchase at the Uniform Shop. Our school track suit jacket has been discontinued but I do still have some sizes left in stock at \$65. Other items available for the cooler weather include track pants \$40, zip up fleece jacket \$42, the original wool school jumper \$71 and winter school scarfs \$20.

The girls new sport shorts are in stock now and have had a great response from the girls who love the comfortable new stretch fabric and fit. We have a full range from size 8-4XL. Call into the shop and check them out.

Just a reminder that we have a new supplier and some of our fits have changed. The custom polo shirts are slightly more fitted than the previous fit so keep this in mind when purchasing new polos. The sports shorts are also slightly different, now made with a new superseded better quality fabric that has all the features of the previous fabric with a slightly different finish.

If you have any questions about any of the new items available feel free to give me a call at the shop and I will help you out.
Ph: 49549617 Mob 0435005862

ONLINE ORDERS

Orders can be made via the link on the school website. The full range of items are available to purchase online and can be collected at the shop during normal opening hours.

TUESDAY	8.00 - 11.00 am
WEDNESDAY	8.00 - 11.00 am
THURSDAY	12.00 - 4.00 pm

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Purchases may be made by Cash, Credit Card or Eftpos. Phone orders can be placed by credit card and picked up at the shop during normal opening hours.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Special orders can be placed if the stocked sizes do not fit. There is a \$10 surcharge for all special orders. It takes approximately three weeks to be made and delivered back to the store.

REFUNDS AND EXCHANGES

All uniforms must be in original condition and unworn. Refunds and Exchanges will only be accepted up to three months from purchase with the original sales receipt as proof of purchase.
Regards,

Melissa Mahony
Uniform Shop Manager