



Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2018 academic year and a particular welcome to our new parents who join us. Already the year has started with a 'flurry'. We have had a fantastic swimming carnival where the students (and many staff) had lots of fun, we've had two information evenings for parents of students in Years 7 and 10 and our first P&C meeting. Each of these events has highlighted student and parent participation in our school.

We have also been busy filling a number of vacancies replacing some wonderful staff that we 'lost' to retirement or promotion at the end of 2017.

In 2018 we welcome:

- Ms Jodene Whitton, replacing Mr Stephen Munday as Head Teacher Technological and Applied Studies.
- Ms Nicole Young, Head Teacher Special Education
- Ms Naomi Young, Teacher Special Education
- Ms Renee Sommer taking the permanent Careers Adviser position which she has held in a temporary capacity for three years.
- Ms Rebeca Tamas replacing Ms Lynne Sherwood as Head Teacher Languages
- Ms Natasha Banks, relieving Head Teacher Social Science for Ms Rachel Noonan who will return from Maternity Leave in Term Two for four days per week.
- Mr David Lembke replacing Ms Alexandria Lucas, Teacher Social Science.
- The Deputy Principal position to replace Mr Brett Carr is currently in the merit selection process with the new substantive Deputy Principal scheduled to start in Term Two.

Each of the merit selection panels includes a teacher representative (voted by the staff), an AECG representative, the P&C President or Vice President and the Principal. I wish to formally thank Ms Bronwyn Giles and Mr Stephen Nash from the P&C and Ms Jodie Stewart (AECG), for their tireless support on each of the merit selection panels. Panels for Deputy Principal also include a Director of Public Schools' representative. Mr Marcus Neale, Deputy Principal Hunter School of Performing Arts, will be the Director's representative on the Deputy Principal panel.

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

Whilst we were thrilled to congratulate Mr Carr on his appointment as Principal, Norfolk Island, we were disappointed to lose such a professional, hard working, educational leader. We wish him and his family well in their new location and hope to catch up with them next time they are back in 'our patch'.

Mr Carr's leaving presented an ideal opportunity to re-structure the Deputy Principals' roles such that over the January vacation the Senior Executive and I met on a number of occasions to consider what structures work best for our school to ensure quality education for all. Using funds within the School Budget Allocation Report (SBAR) we are trialling for 2018 the inclusion of a third Deputy Principal with each of the three Deputy Principals being responsible for a Stage (Year) group. Each Deputy Principal will lead, manage and oversee Curriculum and Student Wellbeing. The current structure is as follows: Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8) Deputy Principal until the appointment of the substantive Deputy Principal replacing Mr Carr, Mr Toby Husband. Toby is supported by Mr Andrew Glazebrook – Head Teacher Stage 4. Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10) Ms Michelle Fraser supported by Ms Donna Weston – Head Teacher Stage 5. Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12) Ms Marisa Dal Zotto supported where required by the Principal, Dr Sharon Parkes. We look forward to evaluating the effectiveness of this new structure at the end of the twelve month trial.

SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

This year we welcomed the establishment of an additional two support classes; a class for students with autism and a second class for students who have a number of special needs. This second class is classified as "Multi-Categorical". That gives us three support classes with the Head Teacher, Ms Nicole Young, leading her team to ensure the smooth establishment for the Special Education Unit.

Enrolments for 2018 have been confirmed as follows:

Year 7	-	236
Year 8	-	239
Year 9	-	229
Year 10	-	219
Year 11	-	192
Year 12	-	162

We have a total enrolment of 1294 students.

Currently we have 87.4 teaching staff to support the learning needs of our students and 17.1 administrative staff

SCHOOL PLAN

As mentioned in a previous Bulletin, all government schools are commencing a three year planning cycle 2018 – 2020. Currently we are gathering feedback from students, staff and parents. Whilst we have some 'hard copy' survey feedback from parents, I encourage you to respond to our electronic survey to ensure your ideas contribute to our strategic directions for the next three years. Your ideas are important and valued by our Executive Team who are preparing the School Plan.

ACHIEVEMENTS 2017

For those of you who are new to our school, in February/March each year we publish our "Achievements Booklet". This document highlights the academic, sporting and cultural achievements of the previous academic year. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to share with you (and our broader community), the outcomes of our hard work and dedication to our students. The "Achievements Booklet 2017" will be emailed to you and uploaded onto our website in the near future. This booklet complements the Department of Education (DoE) Annual Report which is due for completion and publication by the end of Term One.

As you can see we have hit the ground running. We look forward to another fantastic year at this great school. Thank you for your support as always. If you have any concerns and/or positive feedback, please contact the school or myself by telephone on (02) 49 549488 or email, warnersbay-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au or sharon.parkes@det.nsw.edu.au.

Dr Sharon Parkes
Principal

STAGE 4 (YEAR 7 AND YEAR 8) DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The transition of Year 6 into Year 7 led by Mr Glazebrook has once again been very smooth. All the Year 7 students I have spoken with appear to be enjoying their time at Warners Bay High. It is important for parents to keep communicating with their children about their day at school, engage with them about homework, book work and behaviour to support them in these areas. I have posted some information on the Skoolbag app about bullying and Focus Day information is also available on both Facebook and Skoolbag.

COMMUNICATION



The best way to stay up-to-date is through the Parent Portal. If you have not received an email inviting you to join then your email may have been entered incorrectly or it may not have been provided to the office via the enrolment form. Call the office or use the Skoolbag app e-form to correct this. Once you are on the Skoolbag app make sure you subscribe to the Year 7 group so you are not bothered with notifications about events that do not concern your child.

While you are online you can join our Facebook page which takes a light-hearted look at school events and is generally where we put up photos. You will also find some on our school website. All photos are checked for privacy alerts.

The “source of truth” for all calendar dates is the Public Calendar button on your Parent Portal page. There is an inbuilt calendar on the Skoolbag app but it is not updated quite as often. The assessment calendar has been placed in the Resources section of the Parent Portal.



DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP

New parents may not be aware but Year 8 parents/carers have probably noticed that the “Kiss and Ride” section at the front of the school has been moved towards the MPC. The idea is to keep cars away from the buses, however, it is congested and old habits die hard leading to reports of fines and demerit points being issued by council rangers. A warning was sent out on the Skoolbag app in the first two weeks but you may want to consider either arriving earlier or picking up later to avoid a fine. Also consider asking your child to wait beyond the “Kiss and Ride” sign so they are not tempted to get in the car at the wrong point.

Mr Toby Husband
Deputy Principal Stage 4 (Relieving)

STAGE 5 (YEAR 9 AND YEAR 10) DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Our 2018 academic year has started well with students settling in productively to their classes and already achieving quality outcomes. My role focuses on the students in Stage 5, (Years 9 and 10), supporting them in attaining their RoSA credential and helping them to thrive in a positive learning environment. The RoSA is a cumulative credential awarded by the NSW Education Standards Authority. It allows students to accumulate their academic results until they leave school at any time prior to the HSC. My role encompasses both curriculum and wellbeing. I will be supporting students in their academic progress through the RoSA. Inevitably there will be times when parents would like some individual feedback on their child's progress and/or wellbeing and need to approach the school. Often times parents are unsure of who to contact. Some guidance is provided below:

ON ACADEMIC PROGRESS

- Individual Class Teacher
- Faculty Head Teacher
- Student Year Adviser
- Deputy Principal Stage



ON WELFARE/LEARNING SUPPORT MATTERS

- Year Adviser
- Head Teacher Welfare
- School Counsellor
- Deputy Principal Stage

Parents are requested to always ring the school to organise a mutually convenient time if they wish to have an interview with one of the teaching or executive staff.

We had a very successful Parent Information Evening last week with an outline of the Year 10 Course and a presentation about the content, skills, assessment requirements and expectations of our Stage 5 students. The Careers Team presented on Work Experience options and the QLE program which culminates in Term Four. This is followed by our mandatory Bridging Course during which students will have taster lessons in their Stage 6 subject areas. Parents are able to access the Years 9 and 10 Assessment Calendars via the Parent Portal.

A reminder that any student who misses a task must complete an Illness/Misadventure form, collected from the front office within 5 school days. A reminder that holidays are not considered as misadventures or illness's as per the assessment policy. It is an exciting and busy year ahead where students will be offered a lot of opportunities to develop their skills to position them for success in Stage 6 or post school vocational pathways. We encourage students to take advantage of all the excursions and support programs offered to complement their classroom learning.

Should you have any queries call the school for an appointment or telephone interview.

Michelle Fraser
Deputy Principal Stage 5.

CYBER SAFETY AND SECURITY

ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia which aims to raise awareness amongst parents, carers and teachers of how to help students behave in a safe and responsible way.

The ThinkUKnow website, www.thinkuknow.org.au, provides additional resources including fact sheets, an e-newsletter and practical tips on protecting your family online.

Top 10 Tips for Parents

1. Have open dialogue with your child about what they do online.
2. Learn about the technologies and applications they are using.
3. Reinforce the message: "Think before you post."
4. Keep personal information private.
5. Be a positive role model for your child and look at your own use of technology.
6. Discuss the rules around mobile phone and internet use with your child and what they should do if something makes them feel uncomfortable.
7. Ensure your child only speaks online to people they know and trust offline.
8. Don't let your immediate reaction be the removal of access to the internet or mobile phone. Deal with the issue, not the technology.
9. Install real-time protection for your computers and devices and utilise parental controls found in your operating systems.
10. Report suspicious behaviour to the appropriate authority.

STAGE 6 (YEAR 11 AND YEAR 12) DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As part of the restructuring of the Deputy Principal roles my responsibilities have changed from being the Deputy Principal Curriculum (Years 7-12) to Deputy Principal Stage 6. This means that my focus is on the wellbeing, learning, curriculum and assessment needs of Year 11 and Year 12. I look forward to working more closely with the senior students as they progress through their last two years at school and to helping prepare them for their post-school destinations. Essential to student success in the senior years is the partnership we have with parents who provide the support and understanding during this period when our young people are moving towards greater independence. Parents are able to contact me on 49549488 or by email at marisa.dalotto@det.nsw.edu.au

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

1. This is our second term with the timetable change for seniors involving two aspects:
 - a) The removal of the Period 0 lesson from 8.15am to 9.00am on Tuesday and Wednesday. This change occurred as a result of many students finding it difficult to arrive at school on time. Research suggests that this is not the optimal learning time for young people and this change has helped to reduce the stress at home in the morning and the need to 'get them out of bed'. Students undertaking an Extension Course on most occasions are still required to have their lessons in the early morning and/or at lunchtime and/or later in the afternoon.
 - b) Students are required to stay at school during their study periods when lessons have not been timetabled **except** on Mondays when Year 11 and Year 12 students are able to leave school at the end of Period 6 (1.22pm).

Year 12 are able to use the facilities in the Library or alternative rooms with teacher specialists. We have provided teacher support during this time in English, Mathematics, History, Music, Visual Arts and Social Science. Many Year 12 students have negotiated to work on their major projects in Visual Arts, Music, Design and Technology, English Extension 2 and Textiles and Design during their study periods.

For the first four weeks **Year 11 students have** been participating in a study and career path planning program in preparation for the senior years. Commencing in Week 5, the students in Year 11 will work independently on homework and assessment tasks during their study periods in designated classrooms with teacher support and supervision.

Some **exceptions** have been made to ensure the success of the program for students with diverse timetables. For example, students who are undertaking a Pathways program and therefore study two or three subjects only have the flexibility to be at school for their timetabled lessons only. Also, students who have early morning lessons for Extension Courses have been given 'compensatory leave' and are able to negotiate the time to leave early.

2. Applications for HSC Disability Provisions need to be submitted to the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) by the end of this term. Disability provisions provide students who have special needs with practical support in the HSC examinations and school based assessment tasks. Students' special needs may include learning, medical, vision or hearing difficulties.
3. Students in Year 11 and Year 12 have been provided with assessment schedules and an assessment calendar. This will be available on the Warners Bay High School website.

Marisa Dal Zotto
Deputy Principal Stage 6

CAPA NEWS

Hayley Fall



Jacinta O'Sullivan



Reid Major



Danika Mols



Jessie Field



Chloe Trewartha



We would like to welcome two new Music teachers to the CAPA Faculty: **Mrs Emma Husband and Mr Mark Neal**. Our team of teachers are looking forward to a fabulous new year full of wonderful opportunities for our students.

We are delighted to announce that three 2017 HSC Bodies of Work have been selected for **ARTEXPRESS**. Congratulations to Hayley Fall, Jacinta O'Sullivan and Reid Major. Danika Mols was also Pre-Selected for Artexpress. Hayley's coloured drawings, titled "Beneath the Surface" will be exhibited at The Armory, Sydney Olympic Park and Orange Regional Gallery. Jacinta's mixed media drawings and sculptural Body of Work, titled "Chaos and the Calm" will be exhibited at The Armory, Sydney Olympic Park, Manning Regional Art Gallery and Gosford Regional Gallery. Reid's photomedia work, titled "Reflections of Metropolis" will be exhibited at The Art Gallery of NSW, Glasshouse Port Macquarie and Gosford Regional Gallery. We are very proud of these young artists and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. For more information regarding ARTEXPRESS exhibition dates, please visit <https://artexpress.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/>

Congratulations to **Jessie Field, Hayley Burton, Chloe Trewartha, Jacinta O'Sullivan and Mikayla Pope**, our 2017 Visual Arts students who have been chosen to exhibit their HSC Bodies of Work in the **First Class 17** exhibition at the Lake Macquarie Region Art Gallery from 31 March to 20 May 2018. This exhibition showcases the innovative subject matter and quality of work produced by Hunter and Central Coast students. First Class has grown into a major event and has provided a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our students' outstanding achievements.

Hayley Burton



Mikayla Pope



Years 11 and 12 Visual Arts students and their teachers are off to see **ARTEXPRESS** at the Art Gallery of NSW and The Armoury, Sydney Olympic Park. **Year 11 Music** students have watched HSC performances at **REPRISE** and **Year 12 Music** students are visiting **ENCORE** later this term. Thank you to staff for organising these opportunities for our students and providing them with explicit examples of best practice in the HSC. The momentum that this provides for our senior students is invaluable.

Year 8 Visual Arts students will be going on an excursion to Nobbys Beach to create sand sculptures and to view artworks at the Newcastle Art Gallery.

The Visual Arts members of the CAPA Faculty have again been recognised for their best practice in artistic pedagogy. After approaching our Principal, Dr Parkes in 2014, **Newcastle University** has continued to successfully join forces with our team to create a school and university partnership and links with final year education students. We are understandably very excited about this as it will provide our prospective educators in the Visual Arts with a wonderful, rich experience. In return, our Visual Arts teachers and students will gain firsthand experience in contemporary art practice through student mentoring and technical demonstrations that have previously been out of reach. The first of a series of discussions and class visits begins this term and will continue throughout this semester. I look forward to a wonderful, long relationship between Warners Bay High School and Newcastle University.

STARSTRUCK is a program that showcases the creative and performing arts talents of our students in a large-scale arena event and is held at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre in mid-June. **Ms Kim Maher** has been working with a dedicated team of students from all years over the past three weeks to learn a short dance for their audition. In order to be selected for the StarStruck Dance Group and represent Warners Bay High School, our team of sixteen students has been filmed and the audition video has been submitted. We wish the students all the best and eagerly await the results which are posted early in March.



During Term Four last year our **Gifted and Talented Program** involved Years 5 and 6 students from our partner Primary schools. Students were given the unique opportunity to work with **Mrs Sam Dorsett** and art students from the University of Newcastle, to visit the Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery and participate in an **En Plein Air** painting workshop. Inspired by this excursion, students developed a **large-scale mural** that was painted along the walkway between A and E Blocks at Warners Bay High. The results are fantastic. The students successfully transformed a concrete walkway into a vibrant and colourful mix of images that reflected concepts of the lake and beautiful Warners Bay. We have also posted photos of the Mural on the Warners Bay High School webpage.

2018 Warners Bay High School Ensemble Groups

We are looking forward to another exciting year of music at Warners Bay High School. Welcome to our new and returning students to our **ensembles groups** and thank you for your ongoing commitment. Warners Bay High ensemble groups perform regularly at **MADD Nights and School Lunch time Concerts**. The ensemble groups also perform at community events throughout the year such as Eisteddfods and Education Week. All students are welcome and are rewarded with musical experiences, fun, friendships and a chance to represent your school and gain school commendation awards.

Our **Ensemble Groups** are many and varied and meet at the following times:

Concert Band - MPC - 2.40pm to 4.00pm Monday

The Warners Bay High School Concert Band is sounding better than ever with a new influx of Year 7 students. We are extending an open invitation to all Concert Band parents to sit in on a rehearsal to see what we do. Any parent who wishes to come along and play and who owns an instrument, especially lower woodwinds or brass, is also welcome. We look forward to seeing you at rehearsals and concerts in the near future.

Stage Band - A14 - Monday Lunch

This is a smaller band that offers performance extension to more advanced students. The repertoire is Jazz-based. To be a member of the Stage Band you must also be in the Concert Band.

Vocal Group - A13 - Monday Lunch

We perform all types of repertoire and look for every opportunity to perform. Everyone is welcome.

Tech Team - A12 - Friday Lunch

The heart and soul of most productions is behind the scenes. These students learn valuable technical skills in audio, stage and lighting to ensure all our events run smoothly. They are invaluable contributors to our musical productions.

Creative Industries

This is our inaugural year of running Creative Industries. This subject develops important skills in audio, sound and stage. It also focuses on creating and producing music through the use of **Digital Audio Workspaces**. We eagerly anticipate an incursion by an audio technician who is a NIDA Graduate and has worked for Cirque De Solei. We are also looking forward to an excursion to the Civic Theatre and a working Audio Studio. Stay tuned for some students' compositions to be showcased on the Facebook page.



Mrs D Pfister
Head Teacher CAPA

Warners Bay High School Junior AECG

This group meets approximately twice per term to discuss issues and plan events. The first meeting will be on Monday, 5 March. There will be a BBQ lunch starting at 1.30pm, followed by a welcome to new members. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. The meeting will conclude at 2.30pm. To assist with catering, if you are able to attend could you please email Lisa Curran on lisa.curran2@det.nsw.edu.au



Programs currently on offer:

1. Dance Group- this group meets every second Monday between 9.30am and 10.30. The first session for 2018 was on Monday, 12 February. Permission notes were distributed to students in roll call and returned to Mrs Curran in the Science staffroom. The dance group is run by Nigel Millgate from Wakagetti Indigenous Corporation.
2. Didgeridoo Group- this is run on a Thursday by Mr Caruana. The group recommenced for 2018 in Week 3. See Mr Caruana in the PE staffroom if you are interested in participating.
3. Art Group- this group meets at lunchtime on a Wednesday and is run by Mr Doyle. See Mr Doyle in the English staffroom for more details.

Aboriginal Education Team at Warners Bay High School

Mr Caruana (PE)
Mr Doyle (English)
Miss George (PE)
Mrs Curran (Science)
Ms Sommer (Careers)

Upcoming Events

Aboriginal Elder Talk- Thursday, 5 April 9.00am-12.00pm. Further details to follow.

Sorry Day Address- Monday, 28 May 9.00am.

If there are any parents or carers who would like to be a guest speaker for this event, please contact Lisa Curran on lisa.curran2@det.nsw.edu.au or 4954 9488. The address usually goes for about 10 minutes.

NAIDOC Celebrations- Save the Date

Thursday ,28 June from 9.15- 11.00am in the school MPC. The Dance Group and Didgeridoo Group will both perform.



Junior AECG students with Sean Choolburra



Junior AECG students on Sorry Day 2017

CAREERS

It is predicted that by 2030 automation, globalisation and flexibility will change what we do in every job. Recent research has revealed that traditional career paths are rapidly becoming antiquated. It's more likely that a 15-year-old today will experience a portfolio career, potentially having 17 different jobs over five careers in their lifetime. They might be self-employed, working for other people or doing both - whilst also collaborating with people on the other side of the world. Our Careers faculty aims to support and prepare students for this constantly changing world.

This term Year 10 students will be asked to consider and research prospective career options, along with the necessary pathways to obtain their career goals. These lessons will focus on highlighting useful resources which can be used to gain information on jobs, courses, career planning support and work experience planning. This will be followed up in Term Two by further lessons that support subject selection pathways and choices for Years 11 and 12. All Year 10 students will be invited to attend the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Career Expo excursion on Thursday, 17 May. The Year 10 Subject Information Night and Mini Career Expo will be held in the MPC on Tuesday, 5 June 2018.

Have you checked out our website? www.warnersbayhighcareers.com.au. This website has useful links to all the latest information to help with making decisions regarding life beyond school and a future career. The design enables easy location of university and TAFE courses, apprenticeships information, as well as HSC information such as past HSC papers. The site also facilitates job vacancy searches. All parents and students are encouraged to check out this interactive site.



Career and training links are emailed once a week to all 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.

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
Careers Adviser

LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH

The start of 2018 has been a time of change for the Language Faculty. The new Head Teacher Languages is Ms Rebeca Tamas. Teaching Japanese is Ms Adelle Micallef. Our native Japanese Teaching Assistant is Ms Eri Macaskill. Our native Chinese Teaching Assistant is Ms Xiao Hong Yang. And, teaching French is Ms Nina Dell'Amico. We look forward to a successful year sharing our passion of languages with students of Warners Bay High School.



(from left to right, Eri Macaskill, Rebeca Tamas, Nina Dell'Amico and Adelle Micallef)

Ms Rebecca Tamas
Head Teacher LOTE

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Congratulations to 2017 HSC Textiles and Design student Gabrielle Colthorpe. She achieved a Band 6 in Textiles and Design and her project was selected for the exemplary HSC major works exhibition - TEXSTYLE. This is an outstanding achievement and is testament to Gabrielle's passion for design. She produced a haute couture collection for her major textiles project. The exhibition is held at the Stitches and Craft show at Rosehill racecourse from 8 to 10 March

Gabrielle is pursuing a career in a fashion design pathway in London.

Congratulation to all HSC Textiles and Design 2017 students. Outstanding results were achieved by the class with 60% achieving Band 6. 100% achieved Band 5 or 6.



Wool4School is open to all Australian school students from Years 7 to 12. This competition invites students to design a multi-functional outfit which truly highlights innovation and your creativity as a designer. With amazing prizes on offer, including a scholarship at the Whitehouse Institute of Design and a photo shoot with brand new media partner Frankie magazine and Bernina Sewing Machines a 5-day internship with Jac+ Jack, flights and 5 nights' accommodation.



WOOL4SCHOOL®
Student Design Competition

TEXTILES

Excursion for Years 8 - 11 Textiles students to see the staging and costuming in Priscilla Queen of the Desert by the acclaimed costumier Lizzy Gardiner. Based on the Oscar-winning film, PRISCILLA is the hilarious adventure of three friends who hop aboard a battered old bus bound for Alice Springs to put on the show of a lifetime. Their epic journey is a heart-warming story of self-discovery, sassiness and acceptance.



On Saturday, 3 February Mrs Monk and Ms Cummins accompanied a group of enthusiastic Years 12, 11 and 10 Drama students to a preview performance of OnStage. This is a showcase of the previous year's exemplary performances in Group Performance, Individual Performance, Design Projects and Critical Analysis. As always it provided plenty of discussion and encouragement for the students and allowed them to gain an understanding of the quality of work being created throughout New South Wales in the HSC Drama course.

Year 12 Drama:

Students should be busy working on their Individual Projects and throughout this term I will be meeting with them on a regular basis to facilitate this process. We have a range of projects this year with Performance, Costume Design, Video and Director's Portfolio. In class we are studying our second theory topic which is Approaches to Acting, which will help the students develop their skills for Term Two when they commence working on their Group Performance.

Year 10 Drama:

This term we are exploring Theatre of The Absurd and the class is embracing the quirky stylistic features of this form of theatre. Throughout the unit they will be experimenting with the various conventions and devising a performance to be presented in Week 9.

Mrs Sandra Monk
Head Teacher English (Relieving)



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20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

School starts at 9.00am don't be late!



EVERY DAY COUNTS....

A day here or there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...	This means that the best your child can achieve is...
1 day each fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ a years of school	Equal to finishing Year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school	Equal to finishing Year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years of learning	Equal to finishing Year 7
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KEY DATES

Summer Holiday School	15 - 18 Jan
Term 1, 2018	30 Jan - 13 Apr
Term 2, 2018	1 May - 6 Jul
Winter Holiday School	16 - 19 Jul
Term 3, 2018	24 Jul - 28 Sep
Spring Holiday School	8 - 11 Oct
Term 4, 2018	15 Oct - 14 Dec

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LIBRARY NEWS



Welcome back to a great new year in the Library. Year 7 students are already on the system and can borrow; there is no need for a card. As an environmental measure, I will not be issuing temporary cards. All new students, including Year 7, will receive a photo ID card, when the school photos come back to the school. This will function as a library card. I hope they will become involved in our popular reading program, the Principal's Reading Challenge, and come along to a readers' lunch once a term. We have just celebrated Library Lovers' Day with mystery "blind date" borrowing and a prize draw for everyone who participated on the day.

As always the Library staff is here to help so don't hesitate to ask.

Happy reading,

Ms Liza Moss
Teacher Librarian





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Welcome back to another great year for our students with lots of opportunities for excursions, competitions and learning experiences.

EXCURSIONS:

Mrs Presutti has been busy organising a number of excursions that will take place throughout the year.

- In Term Two Year 7 students have the opportunity to travel to the Jewish Museum in Sydney to gain an understanding of the historical context of their novels.
- On 3 August Year 9 students will travel to the Opera House in Sydney to view their set Shakespeare text *Romeo and Juliet*.
- Year 8 will be able to participate in an interactive performance of *Midsummer Night's Dream* on 22 August in the MPC.
- Steven Herrick, a well-known poet will be visiting the school on 1 November for a workshop on his work. The focus will be Australian Voices and Year 9 are invited along to share his unique view of Australian society.
- Year 12 Standard students have the opportunity to attend a performance of Wilfred Owen's poetry. This is their prescribed text for the Module – Close Study of Text but will only run if we have enough students to cover the cost. It is a very worthwhile experience so please contact your English teacher.

COMPETITIONS:

There are a number of competitions happening throughout the year and Mr Doyle will be the contact person for this. At the moment the Write 4 Fun competition and the Mudgee Valley Youth Literary Awards are opened.



The School Writing Competition for 2018 is NOW OPEN!

Write a poem or short story for your chance to win \$1,000 cash (\$500 for you & \$500 for your school)! All it takes is a burst of inspiration, a dash of creativity and a little bit of effort for great poems and stories to appear. Entry is FREE! Entries close Saturday, 31 March, 2018.



Mudgee Valley Writers

present the 2018 Youth Literary Award

Sponsored by: Norman McVicker's Estate

Young people up to 18 years old, are invited to submit their original literary work such as stories and poems.

The scope of the work may contribute toward Australian literature or have Australiana contents i.e. all aspects about Australia, for example, life, aspirations, vision, current affairs, the bush, and so forth, but this is not a prerequisite.

The work of Henry Lawson and others may provide guidelines but you are not limited to this style. Invention of new style, creativity or breaking the old boundaries are also key aspects of the award.

Total Prize: \$2000

Entries close: 31 March 2018

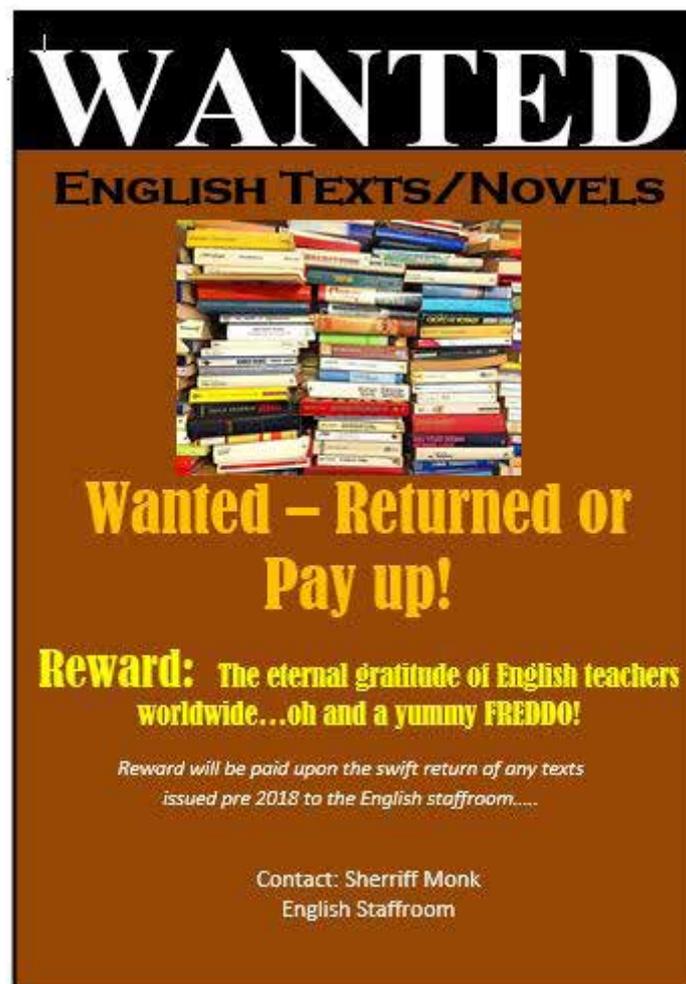
DEBATING:

We will be competing in a number of Debating Competitions this year for different year groups. Ms Carson and Mrs Mason will be the debating co-ordinators and will be recruiting for these teams soon.

RETURN OF TEXTS BOOKS AND NOVELS:

Throughout each year we lose a large number of texts books and novels when students forget to return them to the Library. In the hope that we can recoup some of these losses we are asking students and parents to have a look under beds, in closets and in any other hiding place to see if you can find any books that belong to us. We are offering a Freddo Frog and our gratitude for any book returned so that we can spend our funds on purchasing a wider range of novels to be studied in class. We thank you in anticipation.

Mrs Sandra Monk
Head Teacher (Relieving)



SAFETY around schools



ROAD RULES IN SCHOOL ZONES:

Pedestrian crossings

You cannot stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

Maximum penalty: \$439 and two demerit points

Double parking

You may not stop on the road alongside to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Maximum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points

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You cannot stop or park on a verge area (footpath, nature strip, dividing strip or kerb).

Maximum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points

PARKING RESTRICTION SIGNS



You cannot stop here

Unless there is a medical or other emergency

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You cannot stop here

You are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Maximum penalty: \$330 and two demerit points



You can stop here for two minutes only

You have no more than two minutes to drop off or pick up passengers or goods and the driver must stay within three metres of the vehicle.

Maximum penalty: \$183 and two demerit points



You cannot stop here

Unless a current Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit is displayed.

\$549 and one demerit point

YEARS 9 AND 10 SPORT TERM TWO, 2018

Dear Parents,

Sport choices for Term Two sport will occur on Moodle in Week 7, the week beginning 12 March. Payment for chosen sports will open at the office on Monday 19 March. Full payment for sport must be received by the office no later than Friday, 13 April. For this to happen all online payments must be completed by 6.00pm Thursday, 12 April.

Please assist the school by making sure that you discuss with your child their sport choice before they make their selection on Moodle. A note listing available sports will be sent home during Week 6. A copy of the choices and the permission note can also be accessed on Moodle.

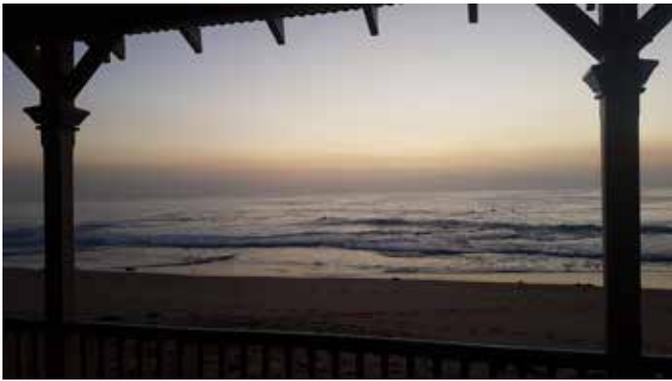
To obtain Moodle information, students will need to log into Moodle and click on General.

For Year 9 students, click on 9 Main,

for Year 10 students, click on 10 Main

Ms Gillies
Sport Co-Ordinator

SURFEST



Congratulations to the WBHS Surfest High School Team Challenge Team. Jarvis Power, Nicholas Scott, Lachlan Jackson, Ethan Sharrock and Joel Sayers surfed over a two day period in a number of heats up against some seriously tough competition. Despite not making the finals, the students had an awesome time developing their personal knowledge and experience of competitive surfing at the highest level. Making connections with other teams, students, teachers and officials, the students represented WBHS in a proud and mature manner. We had an opportunity to get the odd free surf in between heats. A few professional surfers from Surfest were in the water creating some buzz amongst the students from all schools. It really was a great experience.

Mr B Mackay
School Surfest Organiser





ROTARY DISTRICT 9670
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9th February 2018

To: Principal, Student Representative Council and Year 9, 10 and 11 Advisors

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program Committee is seeking your assistance in providing information to potential outbound exchange students for 2019 year. **Can you also please place this information in your school newsletter.**

Due to new regulations from the NSW Department of Education, outbound student applicants must be in **Years 9, 10 or 11** in the year they make application to be eligible for the program. All outbound students will be required to return to secondary education in Australia. The preferred age of applicants is between 15 to 17 years.

Applications close **on 1st April 2018** and we ask that your school display this brochure in an area where students have access to the information. If further information is required please direct students to the Rotary Youth Exchange website. An Expression of Interest can be logged at the following website www.ryea.org.au and contact will be made with you upon receipt of this Expression of Interest.

District 9670 operates a 'Lotte Thorkilgaard Award' trust fund, which can be used to assist appropriate families in financial hardship with the costs associated with airfares to an overseas country and return for the purpose of the exchange. The awards from the Trust are confidential to the Trust Board and are subject to a Means Test. Application forms for the award are obtainable from the District Chairman.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program Committee would appreciate it if a member of our Committee is permitted attendance at your school in February 2018 (at a convenient time to your school schedule) so we may speak to students to inform them of the opportunities available to them through **Rotary International**.

Our current inbound exchange students are also encouraged to assist the Committee and they may accompany us to a presentation at your school. The inbound students would be speaking to potential outbound students who may wish to take up the opportunity to participate in our program.

We will also be holding an **Information Session** for potential outbound students and their parents at **Club Macquarie, Argenton on Wednesday 14th March 2018 starting at 6:30pm. RSVP to Allan Large – Youth Exchange Officer Email: mla82550@bigpond.net.au**

Please consider this worthwhile **community program** by informing your students of the availability.

Yours in Rotary Service
David Roach
Chairman



Rotary
District 9670



Youth Exchange
Program Long Term

WE NEED YOU!



The Committee urgently needs your support to ensure this great program continues to develop in this District

You can help by

- Your club hosting an inbound for the 2018/19 Rotary Year
- Acting as a host family or sourcing other host families
- Finding students to become exchange students



Please Contact:
Please contact David Roach,
Chair of the YEP Committee,
NOW on:
Mobiler: 0428338489
Email: yezfidar@outlook.com

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ROTARY
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE

**TAKE A
PLANE TO
SCHOOL.**

If you're ready to spread your wings we can take you to new heights. Rotary Youth Exchange offers you the opportunity to spend one year abroad. You could meet a great Dane, eat with a Pole, check out a Czech, mix it with Mexicans, have a party in Boston or even swim with a Fin. Take up the challenge with Rotary Youth Exchange and take a plane to school - the world awaits.



For further information:
www.ryea.org.au



For further information
please contact :

WHAT DOES AN EXCHANGE COST?

Actual costs will vary depending on the country of exchange, and the student's personal spending habits.

Student and family provide:

- o An administration fee.
- o Return overseas airfare, as arranged by Rotary to the country of exchange.
- o Insurance under the Australian Rotary Youth Exchange policy
- o Internal travel in overseas country, including Rotary organised student tours.
- o Day-to-day personal expenses, postage, phone calls, internet, clothing, footwear etc.
- o A small emergency fund (redeemable at the end of the exchange, if unused).

Host Rotary Club provides:

- o Board and lodging with host families.
- o Some schooling expenses.
- o A modest monthly allowance.
- o A Club Counsellor to monitor the student's personal welfare.
- o Training and briefing sessions.

Sponsor Rotary Club provides:

- o Student Rotary Bazaar
- o Some Rotary Clubs provide banners for exchanging



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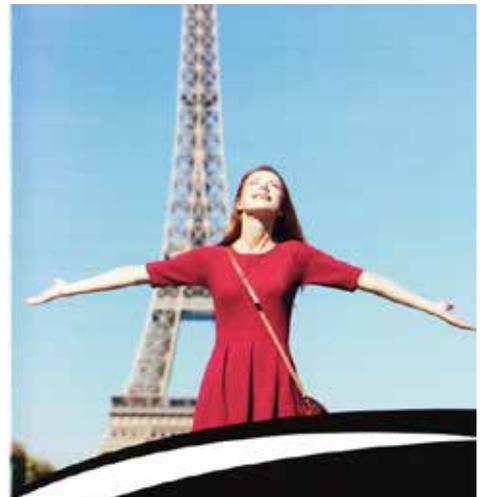


For more information:
www.youthexchange.net.au

WHAT TO DO NOW?

If you are interested in making an application, you must do this on the appropriate application form. The initial application form is available on the District website, www.ryea.org.au

The Youth Exchange Chairman must receive your completed application form, a copy of your latest school report, a recent ID colour photograph (50mm square) and an **application fee of \$50**. The application form should reach the Chairman by **1st April**.



**ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH EXCHANGE
PROGRAM**

Information for Students and Parents
District 9670 Australia

UNIFORM SHOP

ONLINE SHOP NOW OPEN

<http://daylightsportswear.com/warnersbay>



Uniform Shop Manager - Melissa Mahony

Phone: 49549617 (shop hours)
0435 005 862 (mobile)

OPERATING HOURS

EVERY :TUESDAY - 8.00 - 11.00 AM

WEDNESDAY - 8.00 - 11.00 AM

THURSDAY - 12.00 - 4.00 PM



Welcolme back to Term 1 2018.

From this term the school will be enforcing the Uniform Policy so students will be expected to arrive at school in full school uniform. The Uniform Shop is open Tuesday 8.00-11.00am Wednesday 8.00-11.00am and Thursday 12.00-4.00pm. Outside of these shop times you can order online via the school website and collect during shop hours. Phone orders are also accepted during shop hours. I just want to take the opportunity to thank our parent volunteers who came in to help out in the January holidays; Jacqui Brady and Janelle Lawrence your help was greatly appreciated.

NEW SUPPLIER

We have had a new supplier for the past few months. As most of you probably already know the sizes are smaller than those of the old supplier. Please keep this in mind when ordering new items.

NEW ITEMS

We have new items on our uniform list. They consist of NEW GIRLS' SPORT SHORTS, SOFT SHELL ALL WEATHER JACKET and a SLOPPY JOE WITH WBHS EMBROIDERED LOGO. Going forward we hope all students will choose a school endorsed jacket or jumper and not wear plain black jackets or jumpers.

SENIOR JERSEYS

We are still waiting on the SENIOR JERSEYS to be delivered. We will let all Seniors know when they arrive in the shop.

SPECIAL ORDERS

Special orders can be placed if the stocked items do not fit. There is a \$10 fee for any special orders placed and an approximate return time of three weeks.

REFUNDS AND EXCHANGES

Refunds and Exchanges are accepted up to 3 month from time of purchase with the original docket.

SPORTS SOCKS

We have a full size range of WBHS football socks available for purchase.

If you have any further questions please feel free to email or phone us.

49549617 or 0435005862

Kind Regards
Melissa Mahony
Uniform Shop Manager

SCHOOL DIARY

March	6	JAECG welcome BBQ lunch
	7	Yr 11 Biology Excursion
	12	Yr 7 Geography Stockton Beach Excursion
	13	Yr 7 Immunisations
	14	Yr 8 Medieval Day
	16	Yr 11 ARTEXPRESS Excursion Yr 12 ARTEXPRESS Excursion
	19	Yr 7 Focus Day
	20	Yr 10 Luna Park Excursion Yr 7 Focus Day 2
	21	Yr 10 PASS Canoeing Excursion
	23	Harmony Day Yr 7 African Drumming Incursion
	27	P&C Meeting
	29	Yr 9 Focus Day
	30	Good Friday
April	2	Easter Monday
	3	Yr 8 Focus Day
	5	JAECG Incursion
	6	Yr 10 Focus Day
	9	Yr 7 & 11 Parent-Teacher Interviews
	10	Yr 8 Technology Excursion
	11	Yrs 7 & 8 Formal Assembly
	12	Yrs 9 & 10 Formal Assembly
	13	Last Day of Term 1
	30	School Development Day
May	1	Students return for Term 2

May	7	Parent-Teacher Interviews for Yr 12
	10	Yr 12 Geography Barangaroo
	21	Yrs 11 & 12 ZooSnooz Excursion for 2 nights
	22	P & C Meeting
June	1	Athletics Carnival
	5	Yr 10 Subject Selection Evening

School 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.

\$20 cash only

Thank you.

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