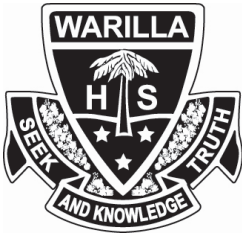


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# PARENT NEWSLETTER



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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mr R Ashby

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL: Mr B Anderson

**February 2007**

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Welcome back to what I am sure will be a very exciting year.

I hope your Christmas holiday break has been enjoyable and that the batteries have been recharged for the challenges of 2007.

• There has been some considerable movement on the staffing scene, which includes the following:

- Our Deputy Principal, Mr Tapp has officially retired. The process to replace him will take place during Term 1. Mr Anderson will be relieving Deputy Principal until a permanent appointment is made. Mrs Cobbin will relieve as Head Teacher Science in the interim. Mr Hales will be Acting Year 12 Adviser while Mrs Cobbin undertakes Head Teacher duties.

- Mr Hollingsworth, our Head Teacher PD/Health/PE, has been successful in the merit selection process to the position of Deputy Principal at Albion Park High School, effective immediately. We wish Jeff every success in this new stage of his career.

Mrs Martin will be Relieving Head Teacher PD/Health/PE until a permanent appointment is announced during Term 1.

- Kelly Nelson has been appointed as a Science teacher replacing Ray Kearin who has retired. Ray will not be entirely

lost to us and has agreed to undertake some casual teaching work.

- Kathryn Boyle replaces Mr Dawes in HSIE.

- Michael Clifford joins the English Department as a teacher and Karen Beasley is job sharing with Mrs Cuthbert.

- Ms Jodie Fallo-Cranney has taken up the position of Head Teacher Home Economics after Mrs Potts' successful application to assume the new and exciting position of Head Teacher VET.

- Mrs Rojas, another long term member of staff, has moved to Smiths Hill High School after gaining the position of Head Teacher TAS. Ms Rebecca Roach is her replacement.

- Ms Samantha Rudd replaces Mrs Burns in the 3 days a week Music position.

Our timetabling operation has also allowed casual staff such as Miss Truncelton, Mr Boxsell and Mrs Nicholson to continue their highly valued work at the school.

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**'Warilla High School - Student Centred, Outcomes Driven'**

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- Our 2006 HSC results continued our recent upward trends.

We had 8 Band 6 results (90% or more in a subject) with two of our students, Valentina Stojcevska and Michael Petinga, narrowly missing inclusion in the prestigious 'All Rounders' list. (This is reserved for those special students who achieve 90% or more in 10 units of study).

Our highest UAI result was Valentina with 97.55 while Michael followed closely with 95.55.

James Elphick and Felicity Gallegos also performed admirably and gained inclusion in the 'Distinguished Achievers' list.

What is even more pleasing is that we had a further 55 Band 5 results and 133 Band 4 results, giving us a total of 196 results in the top 40% of the state - not a bad effort, considering the competition includes all state schools, private schools and specialist and selective schools - well done to the class of 2006!

- As you would be aware, demand for enrolments at Warilla High School continues to grow with a steady stream of 'Out of Area' applications - from both public and private schools - received. These applications are passed onto our 'Out of Area' placement committee for a final decision. We have even begun taking such requests for 2008!! Our 2007 enrolment, Years 7-12 is 1112.

- Our CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) precinct has really taken shape with classes already utilising this won-

derful facility. Effectively, we have purchased 4 classrooms, a staff room, store rooms and ceramics area, positioning them next to the auditorium and existing music room.

The pleasant courtyard and wrap around verandah's make for a learning environment that is inviting and stimulating.

Moreover, it consolidates the key subjects of Visual Arts, Music and Photography into a single area which, I hope, will be conducive to improved teaching and learning outcomes.

I am also hopeful that it will also stimulate our 'entertainers' enough to resurrect a school performance during 2007.

A special thank you to our extremely talented General Assistant, Mark Owen, and his helpers for the excellent work on the CAPA buildings and courtyard.

- Year 7 seem to have settled into their new environment with little fuss and I look forward to getting to know them in the weeks ahead.

- I extend a cordial invitation to any new - or existing- parents, to join me for P&C meetings, which take place on the second Tuesday of each month, commencing at 7.30 pm in the school library.

This is an excellent forum to learn more about the school, its direction and issues affecting your children ..... I look forward to seeing you there!

Yours in Education,  
John Hambly

# IMPORTANT DATES

February		March	
13	<b>P&amp;C Meeting in School Library at 7.30 pm</b>	2	Zone Swimming Carnival
15	School Swimming Carnival, all Years 7-12 at Warilla Pool	5	Year 12 English Study Day in Sydney
16	Year 10 Good Students Excursion to Luna Park	6	Year 7 and Year 8 Ella Test
21	Year 8 Good Students Excursion to Jamberoo Action Park	7	Year 7 Immunisations - Hepatitis B and Chicken Pox
27	Year 11 Biology Excursion to Killalea	9	Regional Swimming Carnival SRC Induction
		13	<b>P&amp;C Meeting in School Library at 7.30 pm</b>

## PRIVATE PERSONAL PROPERTY

I am writing to advise parents / caregivers that personal property which is brought to school is the sole responsibility of the individual.

The school is not insured to cover loss and / or damage to personal property belonging to either staff or students.

This position is consistent in all DET sites. Obviously, the school will do all in its power to ensure property is safe but ultimately, it is the owner's responsibility.

John Hambly

## WARILLA HIGH SCHOOL MEDICATION POLICY

A Message to Parents re: Medication for Students

It is the school's policy that any medication a student is required to take, is stored in the School Clinic. This process has proven to be most successful to date and removes the possibility of medications being lost and / or falling into the wrong hands. A number of our students suffer from asthma and are required to use sprays / inhalers.



This policy applies to this medication as well, except where parents would prefer their child to self medicate, as required.

If this option is to be exercised, a note from home directed to the relevant Year Adviser, should be provided.

Mr J Hambly  
Principal

# WARILLA HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



Plain White collared shirt (for both boys and girls)



Plain navy blue jacket



Plain navy blue sloppy joe or jumper



Plain navy blue shorts

OR



Plain navy skirt (optional for girls)



Long plain navy blue pants OR trousers



Fully enclosed shoes eg no sandals or open-toed shoes due to OH&S regulations (high platform shoes are inappropriate)

## NB: IMPORTANT

- Pants/shorts with stripes or fancy borders are **not** permitted.
- Jewellery **must** be kept to a minimum and be unobtrusive.
- A **plain white** T-shirt may be worn under the white collared shirt.
- **Plain** means **without** patterns, stripes, slogans of **any** kind. Brand names are unacceptable unless **small** in size and **insignificant** to the observer.
- In very cold/wet weather any jacket worn must be **plain navy blue**.

Navy long sleeved, polar fleeced, collared tops and white collared polo shirts, both with the school logo, are available from the school. Although not compulsory they are recommended.

## A NOTE FROM YOUR PARENT/CAREGIVER IS REQUIRED IF YOU ARE OUT OF UNIFORM

- The parents or caregivers of students at Warilla High School have decided that the wearing of school uniform is compulsory.
- If a student is unable to wear an item of uniform on any particular day then they must bring a note from their parent or caregiver and report to Mrs Hobbs in the Student Administration Area **before** 8.25 am. The student will be given a uniform exemption note.
- If a student is not in uniform and does not have a note from a parent, the student must report to Mrs Hobbs in the Student Administration Area before school for a uniform exemption note. On the third occasion of reporting without a note an After School Detention will be given.
- A student at school 'out of uniform' who does not have a uniform exemption note will receive an immediate After School Detention. 'Random checks' are also regularly carried out on assemblies etc.
- Parents or caregivers will be contacted when students are frequently out of uniform without a note from their parents or caregivers.

*Parental support of our Uniform Policy is most appreciated. Standards have improved this year, but too many students are still buying tops/pants with logos/stripes. Please purchase **plain navy items only**.*

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## FOOTWEAR FOR DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Suitable footwear consisting of a solid sole and firm uppers must be worn at all times (OH&S Regulations). Thick soles on shoes will prevent injury through stepping on sharp metal scraps etc., while sturdy uppers may save an injury from a falling object. Sandals, gym boots, thongs etc. must not be worn.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORT UNIFORMS

**Footwear** - Sports shoes or joggers must be worn. **Shirt** - The Warilla High School Sports Shirt must be worn for PE and sport. **Shorts** - Plain royal blue (soccer, basketball or rugby style). The shirt and shorts are available from the front office. **NB:** Cargo pants, surf wear styles or other fashion shorts are not permitted.

**Tracksuit** - A royal blue tracksuit can be worn by boys and girls but only for the sporting activity, not as part of school uniform for that day.

**Jewellery** - No earrings (except studs), rings, bangles, necklaces or watches.

***You must have a note from parent/guardian if you are out of uniform or unable to attend PE.***

**ALL STUDENTS** must change into the PE uniform before the lesson and change back into their school uniform after the lesson. Clothing worn as part of the school uniform **cannot** double as clothing for the PE lesson. Students who do not provide a uniform will not do the practical lesson and appropriate disciplinary consequences will be put into effect. Students having major difficulties meeting these requirements should meet with the Head Teacher PD/Health/PE, to discuss and resolve their problem.

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*SPECIAL PROVISIONS: SCHOOL CERTIFICATE  
AND HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE*

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Under certain circumstances the Board of Studies may provide special conditions for candidates sitting these examinations. The special provisions are diverse, covering medical, psychological, physical and learning difficulties. There are many conditions with which special provisions can assist. For example if your child has learning difficulties with reading or writing; medical problems such as diabetes; medical problems that require medication at special times of the day; psychological problems such as anxiety or; physical disabilities such as colour blindness, deafness or muscular problems, he or she can apply.

If you feel that your child may require the use of special provisions, or you wish to find out more, please contact Ros Gaynor, Support Teacher Learning Assistance, during school hours on 4296 3055 to discuss the matter further. (Applications for special provisions must be lodged by the end of this term).

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## SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS 2007

COST \$	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11	Yr 12
School Service Fee	35	35	35	35	50	50
Sport Fee	3	3	3	3	3	
Beginners Band	As per Mrs Unicomb's invoice					
Child Care		15				
Child Studies		15	20	20		
Construction VET					30	
Dance		5				
Design & Technology					30	15
Drama		5	5	5	10	10
Elective Photography		30				
Electronics		30				
Exploring Early Childhood					15	15
Fashion & Department		15				
Food Technology			44	44	30	24
Foods Around the World		24				
IT (Ind Technology) General Metal		30				
IT (Ind Technology) General Wood		30				
Graphics Technology			10	10		
Hospitality VET (Prac Fees Only)					40	50
Hospitality – Commercial Cookery (Uniform & Tool Kit Hire)					50	50
Industrial Technology					40	15
Industrial Technology Metal			40	40		
Industrial Technology Timber			50	70		
Information Processes & Technology					35	35
Information Software Technology			35	35		
Metal & Engineering VET					15	
Music	5	5	20	20	25	25
Photographic and Digital Media			30	30		
Photography, Video & Digital Imaging					30	40
Science	5	5	5	5		
Software Design & Development					35	35
Technology	40	45				
Textiles & Design					30	30
Textiles Technology			20	20		
Visual Arts	20	20	25	25	30	30
Visual Design			25	25	30	30
3D Art		20				
Support Unit – Technology	\$15 each subject all classes					

# Important Information

**TIMETABLE:** Week One Timetable is all the 'Odd' weeks (eg Wk 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 etc)  
and Week Two Timetable is all the 'Even' weeks ( eg Wk 2, 4, 6, , 10 etc)

## WE ASK FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION IN THE FOLLOWING MATTERS



### PARENTS' MESSAGES TO STUDENTS

The front office can only contact students in the event of a GENUINE EMERGENCY - students cannot come to the office to receive phone calls. Our school has over 1000 students and it is very difficult to locate individual students, especially at short notice and on Thursdays. It is not possible to locate a student after 11.30 am on sport day as students go to lunch at the end of period 5 and then straight to sport.

### GOING HOME SICK

It is School Policy that students who are sick must report to their teacher or the Front Office and staff will notify parents when necessary. **Students MUST NOT ring home on mobile phones and arrange to be picked up.**

### OUT OF SCHOOL APPOINTMENTS

We request that, whenever possible, parents do not make appointments for medical, dental (or other), during school hours. Where this is unavoidable please send a note with your child. The student then reports to the Student Administration Area before Roll Call (8.25 am), with the note, and gets a Permission To Leave card (PTL).

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SPORT

Sport is an essential part of the school curriculum and students are required to attend their Sport every Thursday afternoon. If a student feels sick on the way to Sport they should report back to school or to the teacher in charge of their Sport and parents will be contacted if necessary. Students must not decide to go home by themselves. In the event of a student going home without the knowledge of the school we ask parents to contact the school immediately and follow this up with a note, which must be handed to their Roll Teacher, the next day. This will ensure students are not given a detention.

### **Financial Assistance**

Parents who are experiencing financial difficulties can seek support from the Student Assistance Scheme. Funds are available to help supply school uniform items, books, school bags and to pay subject fees. Parents needing support need to pick up an application form from the front office or Mrs Potts in B3 and return the form to Mrs Potts.

### **Clothing Pool**

The Clothing Pool has a selection of used uniforms in good condition. Donations of uniforms are greatly appreciated. Please bring them to Mrs Hobbs in B3.

### **Lost Property**

The Lost Property cupboard can be found in B Block near B1. This is cleared at the end of each term. Mrs Hobbs is in charge.

### **Permission To Leave (PTL's – Thursdays)**

- Thursday afternoon is part of the school week and students are expected to be at sport each week.
- A student unable to participate in sport because of an illness or injury is expected to remain at school on Thursday afternoon. The students will be supervised by a teacher in the Library where they can work and also avoid a half day absence.
- Should a student require a PTL the note should indicate appointment details eg doctor's/dentist's name and phone number. In other cases sufficient information should be given to allow the school to decide whether the reason is acceptable.

### **Late To School**

If you are late to school you must bring a note and report to the front office where you fill in two (2) admission slips. After these slips have been signed you are to take one to the clerical office window and give the other one to your classroom teacher. Late arrivals without a note will be recorded. If a student is late 3 times without a note they will be given an 'After School Detention'.

### **Absences**

Students must bring a note signed by a parent to explain their absence(s) from school. Parents/caregivers are asked to write the note in the green ABSENCE BOOK (supplied by the school), tear the note section out and send it to the school with their child the day they return to school. (The butt section remains in the book for your records). The note is to be handed to the Roll Call teacher. *Cont next page*



### Absences cont...

Students who fail to bring in notes after reminders are issued by Roll Call teachers, will be given recess or after school detention until the notes are received. Unexplained absences will also appear on the student's report.

*Parents who reply to an SMS sent by the school to indicate their child is absent are not required to send in a note.*

### Updating Student Details

If you change your address, phone number, including mobile number, or other contact details could you please let the school know as soon as possible.

## SECURE INTERNET BROWSING AND EMAIL (SIBE) IMPLEMENTATION

The NSW Department of Education and Training is committed to providing a secure e-Learning environment. This year all students will be provided with an e-Learning account (DET user ID and password) to access Internet facilities at school including filtered browsing and email. In using these e-Learning accounts, students are required to abide by the school's 'Student Access to Internet' policy. This policy addresses issues including the safety and privacy of students, staff and other Internet users, and establishes an Internet code of behaviour. All parents will receive a letter from the school regarding the issuing of e-Learning accounts to students. If you do not agree to your child having an e-Learning account you must notify the school **in writing**. If you would like further information about your child's access to Internet facilities at school please contact Mrs Boughton or Mr Galka.

## IMMUNISATIONS

### Attention: Parents / Guardians of Students in Year 7

Immunisations are being offered to Year 7 students only. The dates are:-

- Wednesday 7 March 2007                      Hepatitis B – Shot 1    and    Chicken Pox
- Monday 3 September 2007                    Hepatitis B – Shot 2

*(Hepatitis B shots are only for those students who haven't had them done previously as babies).*

**NB:** • Only Year 7 students who are immunised with the first dose of Hepatitis B are eligible to receive the second one.

Parent information kits and permission notes will be issued to students in the next few weeks.

- Immunisations will be administered by a team of nurses.

# WHS BELL TIMES

Period	Monday, Wednesday, Friday (64 min periods)
Roll Call	8.25 – 8.33 am
1	8.33 – 9.37 am
2	9.37 – 10.41 am
Recess 1 <sup>st</sup> Half	10.41 – 10.58 am
Recess 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	10.58 – 11.15 am
3	11.15 – 12.19 pm
4	12.19 - 1.23 pm
Lunch	1.23 – 1.41 pm
5	1.41 – 2.45 pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Break: 34 minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> Break: 18 minutes**

Period	Tuesdays (55 min periods)
Roll Call	8.25 – 8.33 am
1	8.33 – 9.28 am
2	9.28 – 10.23 am
3	10.23 – 11.18 am
Recess 1 <sup>st</sup> Half	11.18 – 11.35 pm
Recess 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	11.35 – 11.52 am
4	11.52 – 12.47 pm
5	12.47 – 1.42 pm
Lunch	1.42 – 2.05 pm
Meetings	2.05 – 2.45 pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Break: 34 minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> Break: 23 minutes  
(Teachers)**

Period	Thursday (61 min periods)
Roll Call	8.25 – 8.33 am
Assembly	8.33 – 8.53 am
1	8.53 – 9.54 am
2	9.54 – 10.55 am
Recess	10.55 – 11.15 am
3	11.15 – 12.16 pm
Lunch 1	12.16 – 12.31 pm
Lunch 2	12.31 – 12.46 pm
Sport	12.46 pm – 2.45 pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Break: 20 minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> Break: 30 minutes**

Period	Formal Assembly (6 period day x 57 min periods)
Roll Call	8.25 – 8.33 am
Assembly	8.33 – 9.08 am
1	9.08 – 10.05 am
2	10.05 – 11.02 am
Recess 1 <sup>st</sup> Half	11.02 – 11.19 am
Recess 1 <sup>st</sup> Half	11.19 – 11.36 am
3	11.36 – 12.33 pm
4	12.33 – 1.30 pm
Lunch	1.30 – 1.48 pm
5	1.48 – 2.45 pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Break: 34 minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> Break: 18 minutes**

Period	Thursday – no Assembly (64 min periods)
Roll Call	8.25 – 8.33 am
1	8.33 am – 9.37 am
2	9.37 – 10.41 am
Recess	10.41 – 11.06 am
3	11.06 – 12.10 pm
Lunch 1	12.10 – 12.28 pm
Lunch 2	12.28 – 12.46 pm
Sport	12.46 – 2.45 pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Break: 25 minutes 2<sup>nd</sup> Break: 40 minutes**

# UNIFORM INFORMATION

- We are currently out of stock of the sports T-shirts in sizes 12 and extra small.
- We now have a full range of sizes of both PE shorts and the white school polo shirts.
- There is also plenty of the navy, long sleeved, polar fleeced, collared tops.

## *STUDENT DIARIES*

The school has issued diaries to all students in Years 7 to 10 inclusive.

These are to record homework, assignments, assessment tasks and, if required, correspondence between teachers and parents.

Parents could you please check your child's diary daily.

Following are some guidelines, issued to every student, on the use of their diary:

### *Diary Work*

1. Take out your diary as part of your school equipment.
2. Record all of your homework and class assessments in your diary as soon as you get them.
3. Record all social activities in your diary, for both in and outside school.
4. Consult your diary every afternoon.
5. Use your diary to pack your school bag every morning.

## ENGLISH NEWS

Students in all years please see your English teacher for details of Writing and Poetry Competitions.



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# WELCOME YEAR 7 2007!!!

Year 7 students have now had a few weeks to settle into high school life. I hope everything has gone to plan and your son or daughter is enjoying their time at Warilla High.

Following is a tabloid of students at their first Thursday afternoon sport:







Mrs Orton, Year 7 Adviser



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# NEWS FROM THE END OF 2006!

## THANK YOU

A special thank you to Mr and Mrs Robertson, proprietors of Mozarts Cafe and Zweefers Cakes, Shellharbour City for their generous donation of cakeboards for the students' gingerbread houses they made during last year's Skills Week.



## ANTI-BULLYING COMPETITION

**Winner - Adam Daley,  
Year 7 2006**

Mr Hambly presents Adam with his award for being the winner of the 'Anti-Bullying' competition'.

## Senior SRC at the Young Leaders Day

On Friday November 24, our senior SRC representatives Caroline, Jacinta, Robert, Sofija and Shane, attended the Young Leaders Day at the Sydney Convention Centre. After an early rise to catch the 6.30 am train, we made our way to Darling Harbour along with 3,200 other young people to listen to some inspiring speakers and stories about leadership.

Speakers included Michael Martin, the General Manager of the Young Leaders Foundation; Peter Garrett, musician and politician; Paul Featherstone, manager of the casualty access group that has been involved with disasters such as Thredbo and Bali; Jason Stevens, footballer; and Katrina Webb, para-olympic athlete.

We heard stories of achievement, overcoming adversity, courage and perseverance. We were inspired by stories of how ordinary people can make a difference, and were encouraged to exhibit leadership qualities of passion, perseverance and purpose. Perhaps the main message of the day was given to us by Michael Martin, who said "Don't be good at leadership, don't even be effective. Be GREAT!" The conference certainly gave us some ideas of how to do this.

Mrs Hing  
SRC Co-ordinator

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### **Comments from Caroline, Jacinta, Robert, Sofija and Shane:**

We all had an awesome day and benefited as we were able to listen to many inspiring and effective presentations on how to be great and influential leaders. The five speakers kept our day interesting with their motivational speeches about how they overcame the obstacles that life threw at them to be the great leaders they are now.



Pictured are 3 of the students, Jacinta, Caroline and Sofija, who attended the Young Leaders Day in Sydney

### **Year 8 and Year 9 SRC at the Impact Student Leadership Conference**

Seven SRC representatives from Year 8 and Year 9 took part in the Impact Student Leadership Conference at Wollongong University on Monday November 13. The day was packed with activities and our students, Kate, Chad, Ben, Ryan, Petar, Natalija and Chelsea, participated with great enthusiasm and creativity.

Games such as rule-less noughts and crosses and focus words encouraged students to think broadly, while booklet activities allowed students to explore the role and styles of leadership. Students were encouraged to understand their own leadership styles and to examine and practice the skills that student leaders need to begin making a difference within their own school communities. These included skills such as team work, communication, setting visions and goals and overcoming obstacles. Time was also allowed for a planning session to set some goals for our particular school community.

Our students left feeling inspired and enthusiastic about their role in school leadership, and with some great ideas for future projects.

Mrs Hing  
SRC Co-ordinator



Kate, Natalija, Chelsea, Peter, Ryan and Chad attended the Impact Student Leadership Conference



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# **Minnamurra Public School**

## **Rock and Water Visit**

On Friday 10th November 2006 a group of 12 Warilla High Year 8 students visited Minnamurra Public School to join 14 Year 5 students to take part in the Rock and Water program. The program itself is designed to help prevent bullying by getting students in conflict situations to stop, settle their breathing and think before they react to a situation.

Warilla students; Nicole Charalambous, Emma Farnell, Bryce Garforth, Megan Gee, Dean George, Jacob McPhie, Robert Speers, Lloyd Taylor, Daniel Tough, Shannon Twyford, Mathew Williams and Monique Williams all enjoyed the morning and the interaction with the students.

The Minnamurra students were also interested in finding out more about high school life. Friday at Minnamurra school is fruit day which also included celery and carrot sticks with dip. Normal canteen food is not available on Fridays. They put on a great spread for us but I was disappointed to find two of our students hiding away in the hall finishing off a donut!!

Minnamurra teacher, Ms Willis, was very keen for us to make this a regular event.

Mr Chapman



Daniel Tough with Minnamurra student, Brian



Robert Speers and Monique Williams with another Minnamurra student

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# Visitors from Hong Kong

On Wednesday, 15th November, Warilla High School hosted a visit by 21 Hong Kong teachers of English. The teachers were brought to Australia and Warilla High School by Ms Liz Lewins, TESOL lecturer at the University of Wollongong to observe teaching practices in all areas, but especially in the teaching of English and Drama.

The visitors were able to observe classes across a variety of age groups and subject areas including English, Maths, Music, Health, Drama and Science. Marion Hing, the Librarian, also spoke to the group about the importance of information skills and different strategies for teaching these to students.

Overall the day was an interesting and enjoyable one. Visitors' comments included:  
***'I think the learning atmosphere is quite nice. The students are willing to speak up for answers even if they are wrong. Good attitude!'***

***'Excellent teachers'***

***'Teachers are enthusiastic, students are enthusiastic.'***

***'Students actively participated. Very impressive!'***

Our teachers found the experience valuable, also with interactions providing an insight into teaching English in another country. Ms Nobes finished the day for the visitors with a Clickview lesson that left them stunned.

I think it is an indication of the high calibre of our teachers that they were so willing to have visitors observe in their classrooms and the quality of the teaching they present is evident in the comments. My thanks go to all participating teachers and students.

C Jervis

University Liason

Left: The Hong Kong visitors watching our students at work.

Right: Ms Nobes talks to one of the visitors.





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# SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF SKILLS WEEK 2006





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## CONGRATULATIONS - MARY HEDGES '2006 PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENT OF THE YEAR'



Our congratulations to Mary Hedges who was awarded the Illawarra and South East Region Public School Parent of the Year Award at the end of 2006.

Mary has been a loyal servant of Warilla High School for many years. She has held P&C executive positions since 1996 and is currently P&C secretary. Mary has also been a great supporter of and worker in our school canteen and in addition has worked in the school in a voluntary capacity for many years.

We would like to acknowledge Mary's outstanding contribution to public education and especially to Warilla High School.

Thank you, Mary! Well done!!!

## **STUDENT SERVICES**

### **WELCOME BACK EVERYBODY**

On behalf of the Student Services Faculty I would like to wish all students, staff and parents a great year ahead. I particularly welcome Year 7 in their first year at high school.

There have been a number of changes in the Student Services Team. I would like to introduce and welcome Peter Hales as Acting Year 12 Year Adviser in place of Mrs Jane Cobbin who is currently Acting Head Teacher Science.

Mrs Kathie McNamara is the Supervisor of Girls replacing Mrs Patty Rotziokos. Mrs Julie Orton is our Year 7 Year Adviser and continuing her support of our students at Warilla High School.

Mr Barry Anderson is Deputy in charge of Welfare replacing Mr John Sprouster for this term.

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I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the tremendous work undertaken by Mrs Patty Rotziokos in her twelve (12) years as Supervisor of Girls and on behalf of the school I would like to thank her for her work.



## **SEMESTER TWO 2006 GOLD MERIT AWARD PRESENTATION AND LUNCHEON**

A total of 20 students were presented with their Gold Merit Certificates and Medallions by Mr Hambly and their Year Advisers at a special assembly. Following the presentations a luncheon was provided by our Year 12 Hospitality students.

The following students received their 1st Gold Awards:

### **Year 8**

Dylan Druery  
Josiah Faamasino  
Dean George  
Sarah Verhoeven

### **Year 9**

Nikki Cody  
Jaimee-Lee Cotter  
Damian Evans

### **Year 9 Cont.**

Candice Grgic  
Tiana Hakkenbrock  
Ashleigh Keen  
Melissa Kolevska  
Blake McMahon  
Jamie Sangster

### **Year 10**

Shannon Boesmi

### **Year 10 Cont.**

Emma Gallagher  
Amy Matheson  
Matthew Olsson  
Nathan Sowerby

### **Year 11**

Sofija Trajcevska  
Samuel Zaboyak

Thank you to all the parents and family members who were part of this celebration of achievement at Warilla High School.

Bob Pastor  
Head Teacher Student Services







## WHS AGE CHAMPIONS

Lara Pecchiari, Jacob Helson and Zoe Elkerton were presented with their trophies for being both Swimming and Cross Country Age Champions at a special presentation ceremony in December 2006.

Congratulations! Well Done!



# CANTEEN

<b>LAVASH WRAP</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
<b>SALAD BOX</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>SALAD ROLL</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
<b>FRUIT SALAD **</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>SANDWICHES</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>CHICKEN BURGER</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>CHICKEN &amp; GRAVY ROLL</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
<b>HOT DOGS</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>LASAGNE *</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>PASTIES</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>PIES</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>POTATO PIES</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>PIZZA</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>ROUNDA'S</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>SAUSAGE ROLL</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>SOUP</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>SPAGHETTI *</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>MACARONI &amp; CHEESE *</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>

# MENU

CHOICE OF FILLING  
CHICKEN AND SALAD  
TUNA & MAYONAISE  
ONION  
GOURMET SALAD

CHOICE OF CHICKEN, TUNA, HAM  
CARROT, CUCUMBER, EGG  
MAYONAISE, ONION, TOMATOE,  
& BEETROOT  
(ON A BED OF LETTUCE.)

CHEESE, TOMATOE, BEETROOT  
GRATED CARROT, LETTUCE  
(ON A SESAME SEED ROLL.)

ASSORTMENT OF FRUIT  
CUT INTO BITE SIZE PIECES

CHEESE & TOMATOE  
CHICKEN & LETTUCE  
EGG & LETTUCE  
HAM & TOMATOE  
SALAD



\* WINTER ONLY \*\* SUMER ONLY

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# **WARILLA HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVALE 2007**

**Date: Thursday, 15th Feb, 2007**

**Time: 8.25 am to 2.30 pm.**

**Roll Call: At pool.**

**Venue: Warilla Pool**

After 6 years, Warilla High School will be holding a full school swimming carnival with a variety of other activities.

The first 2 heats will be championship followed by non-championship heats. There will be novelty events as time permits. Other activities will be run throughout the day - stalls, games. All swimmers will get a raffle ticket (numerous prizes) for each event they enter. There will be no pool kiosk but there will be a BBQ fundraiser, ICEE van and some food stalls. Students must come prepared – hat, sunscreen, warm clothes if cool. Wear suitable clothing, uniform not required. Students are expected to attend the whole day. There will be no supervision at school. Students will not be allowed to leave the pool grounds during the day. Students are not to bring glass, crepe paper (streamers), electronic music devices, skateboards or balls.

**BUSES:** School buses will drop students at school. Students will then be escorted to the pool by staff. The return buses will pick up at the pool. Students catching public buses on Shellharbour Road will be allowed to get off / on, near the pool.

**WET WEATHER:** Listen to 96.5 Wave FM / i98 FM after 7.00 am. Normal lessons / sport will occur at school. In the event of cancellation a swimming trial to select a school team will be conducted at the pool for competitors only during sport.

The school welcomes the attendance of parents / family at the carnivale. If you wish to help officiate or need any other details please contact the organiser, Mrs. Martin on 42963055, ext 124.



# COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

## Carmel & Co

### GYMNASTICS

### Shellharbour

28 Sunset Avenue, Barrack Heights

Ph: 4297 4400

[www.carmelandcogymnastics.com.au](http://www.carmelandcogymnastics.com.au)

Kindy gym  
Kindy Kids Club  
Kindy Recreational  
Recreational Gym  
Cheerleading  
Tumble  
Trampoline  
Adult Gymnastics  
Birthday Parties

## RHEE TAE KWON-DO

The Art of Self Defence

SounBody - Sound Mind

Ever tried **Rhee Tae Kwon-Do** before? No. Well its great fun, for all ages and fitness levels, great exercise and you get to meet new and interesting people. Why not give it a try, its registration this month.

Any person who signs up this month receives a **free months training** with a saving of \$45. So what's stopping you? We train Mon and Wed 6 - 7 pm at Shellharbour Primary School Hall. **Contact me on: 0421 706668** (John Finch 1st Dan Branch Instructor) or see us in the yellow pages under Martial Arts. **You don't know what you are missing out on!**

### Shellharbour Swans

#### JUNIOR AFL REGISTRATIONS

February 10 and February 17 at Jock Brown Oval, Gipps Crescent, Barrack Heights from 9 am to 12 noon.

The Swans are a friendly, family club and they invite you to play this fast moving and exciting great Aussie game.

For boys and girls 12-16 years.

**For information contact: Peter Gamble**

**Ph: 4296 7114**

### Shellharbour Junior Soccer Club

#### 2007 REGISTRATION DAYS

February 3, 10 and F 17 at Barrack Heights Oval, behind Warilla High School between 10 am and 2 pm..

Open to boys and girls - U16 to U18

All players to provide 1 passport size photo.

All new registrations to provide proof of age.

**Enquiries to the secretary, Benita Jovanovski**

**Ph: 0439 978767**

### SHELLHARBOUR CITY ROWING CLUB

is holding a 'Learn to Row' program commencing Sunday 25 February.

**Registration Day:** Sunday 18 February between 8.30 am and 9.30 am at the boathouse, Deakin Reserve Oak Flats. **Age:** 14 years and over. **Cost:** \$90 for 6 x 2 hour sessions.

**For more information phone:**

**Heather 4256 6413 (between 7.00 pm and 8.30 pm) or Bob 425 7603**