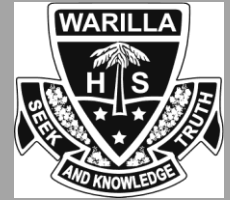


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## Principal's Message

Welcome to our second last newsletter of the year. As this is only a 9 week term and with "skills activities" taking place in weeks 8 and 9, our last newsletter will be issued on 7 December 2009.

I encourage all Year 9 students to return their Laptop Charter Agreements, signed by parents, as soon as possible so laptops can be issued. We envisage that this will take place on Monday 23 November 2009.

I would also encourage all students to have a good look at home for any old or unreturned textbooks or library books. We are continuing our book amnesty and we have deposit boxes in the front foyer. Each book returned saves us money, which we can spend elsewhere in the school on students. Thank you for helping us in this initiative.

It has just been announced that our region is to pilot a new SLSO (School Learning Support Officer) Program. This has implications for all schools that receive funding and teachers aide support to assist students with specific learning needs. There will be meetings over the coming weeks with the School Education Director to see what impact this will have on Warilla High School.

Our visits by the Year 6 students from our local Primary Schools have been very positive and productive. They are so enthusiastic about coming to Warilla High School. Our Parent Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 1 December in the school hall.

Finally it is nice to hear the praise from the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate officials that have supervised the exams. They are not teachers, but local community members paid to manage and supervise the process. They have been glowing in their praise for the behaviour of Year 10 and Year 12. Well done students.

So read on and enjoy our successes. Best wishes!

Glenn Isemonger  
Principal

## Coming Events

### Week 6B

Monday 23 November	Yr 7 Exams Week SRC Excursion, Young Leaders Day at Sydney Convention Centre
Tuesday 24 November	Yr 7 Exams Week Yr 8 ESSA Test

Wednesday 25 November	Yr 7 Exams Week Gold Merit Awards Ceremony Yr 9 Boys Indoor Hockey Competition at Unanderra
Thursday 26 November	Yr 7 Exams Week
Friday 27 November	Yr 7 Exams Week Formal Assembly

### Week 7A

Monday 30 November	Koori Awards Day Assembly
Tuesday 1 December	Yr 6 to 7 Parent Information Evening 7.00pm in the School Hall Yr 7 and Yr 10 Vaccination catch up
Wednesday 2 December	Yr 11 Modern History and Aboriginal Studies Excursion to the War Memorial in Canberra
Thursday 3 December	Yr 6 School Tour for Barrack Heights PS, Shellharbour PS and other schools
Friday 4 December	Sports Formal Assembly

## Future Events

Year 10 Sign Out Day	Monday 7 December
Presentation Night	Tuesday 8 December
Year 10 Graduation	Friday 11 December

**2009 SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR "Reaching Out"**  
27-28 November Sydney Entertainment Centre Darling Harbour  
[www.schoolsspectacular.com.au](http://www.schoolsspectacular.com.au)

### Christmas Appeal Launch

You are invited to attend the launch of the 2009 St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal Luncheon. Join your hosts Warilla High School Event Management Students and guest speaker Wollongong Diocesan Bishop Peter Ingham for a gourmet luncheon and Christmas festivities.

**Venue:** Sea Spray Function Centre Beach Road Shellharbour  
**Date:** Friday 4 December 2009 11.30am – 2.30pm  
**Cost:** \$35.00 per person or \$350.00 table of 10

Payments can be made at Warilla High School

For further information please contact Kellie Marsh on 0447292788 or email [kelliem@svdpwgong.org.au](mailto:kelliem@svdpwgong.org.au) RSVP by 1 December 2009



Our School's Core Values:

Care for your environment  
Embrace honesty  
Respect others and value yourself  
Seek knowledge

## Aspire

"Whether you believe you can do a thing or believe you can't, you are right" - so said famous US car maker Henry Ford in discussing the importance of self belief. It is a key component to success and something very evident in many Warilla High School students. So let us acknowledge some great students whose self belief has really taken them places.

Firstly, let us congratulate two of our students who have had remarkable successes recently. Alice Beasley of Year 12 has been selected as one of six National Finalists in the Robyn Anderson Film Awards for 2009. It is a huge honour to be selected as a finalist and it reflects the great talent Alice possesses. Her short film was screened on 16 November and the winner was announced. Although Alice did not win she was one of only two representatives from State schools. Congratulations Alice.

Another terrific feat was achieved by Maddison Silk of Year 8. She recently placed second in Australian Childrens Music Foundation's (ACMF) National Songwriting Division for students in Year 7 and 8, judged by music professionals. You can hear her composition on the website [www.acmf.com.au](http://www.acmf.com.au). Well done Maddison!

Congratulations also to Naomi Talbot of Year 10 who recently received a perfect score (100%) in her Japanese Language Yearly exam studied through distance education with Karabar High School. Studying a language by correspondence is a difficult task and to achieve this top mark is a credit to her talent and dedication.

Congratulations also goes to Lewis Taylor of Year 11 who has been nominated for the "NSW Volunteer of the Year" Awards. He has done a remarkable job in a range of community services and is thoroughly deserving of this nomination.

Well done to the following Year 8 Technology students, Shaye Hanson, Yasemin Ali and Eleanor Burdon. Your excellent motivation and consistent effort is really making a difference to your learning.

Also Simon Dunstan, Jack Riley, Matthew Billett, Scott Devall of Year 9 Industrial Technology Timber and Benjamin Sargeson, Rachel Potter and Talia Benavente of Year 10 Technics are to be acknowledged for their consistent, enthusiastic approach to practical work and tasks.

A rap also goes to Corey Emr, James Reid, Chad Collins and Matthew Calleja-Goodall of Year 10 Technics for their work in constructing two new tables in the lower quad for students to use at breaks. The quality of your work is excellent.

Scott Devall of Year 9 Graphics is also impressing with effort and application to his design project and Codee Spagnolini of Year 9 "R3" Class is to be commended for her outstanding media launch speech for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Also well done Kirsten Nash of Year 7 for the enthusiastic effort and dedication you are showing in the Year 7 Technology class.

Congratulations to Danny Petrovski and Daniel Toskovski of Year 10 who officiated as referees at the local Futsal Competition for support students on Friday 13 November. You did a superb job. Thank you also to Laura Elliott of Year 10 for the excellent job you did with photography on the day.

I would also like to congratulate the SRC on running an exceptional Remembrance Day celebration on 11 November. Your leadership and organisation were outstanding and many staff have commented very positively on your efforts. Well done!

The Year 9 Drama class also deserves a rap for their efforts and application in studying a unit presented by practical teacher, Mr Watton. Your behaviour and attitude are impressive.

Finally thank you Ebony Skropeta of Year 12 for your honesty. She found and handed in a silver ring which was much appreciated by the owner. It is wonderful to have students of such integrity at Warilla High School.

So congratulations to all our high flyers this week who are really making their mark and proving their worth. Well done! Cheers and best wishes.

Glenn Isemonger  
Principal

## English

Congratulations to the students who took part in the creation of the excellent class claymation DVD "At the Circus".

The students designed their section of the film using storyboards, made their diaramas and clay models and photographed their scene using still motion photography. Regina Tapara, Tayla Schodde and Sarah Snelling devised the opening scene with the Ringmaster, ticket seller and audience. The next scene where the clowns threw cream pies was organised by Jake Wicks, Andrew Benavente and James Balfour. The Flying Trapeze artists by Karla Seabrook, Chantel McDonnell and Jayme Wilson and the Jugglers by Zoe Phelps, Emanuel Sultana and Jaylan Ashton showed excellent movement via the clay figures. Rounding off the colour and excitement of the circus was the magician with his disappearing act devised by Daniel Gal, Peter Campbell-Cook and Guy Greenup plus the tightrope walkers, who daringly somersaulted, organised by Connor Selby, Jasmine Widdup and Tanisha Bouwens.

The class would like to thank Mrs Napier who has been teaching the class about animation using clay and who put all the scenes together with additional music for the final film.

Sue Connell  
Head Teacher English

## Readers and Writers

A number of Year 9 and Year 10 students volunteered to act for students requiring assistance with reading and writing during the Year 11 Yearly Exams, Higher School Certificate Trial Exams, Higher School Certificate Exams and School Certificate Exams.

The students provided a valuable community service. By all accounts they performed this task with professionalism and compassion. The feedback received from supervisors was glowingly positive. They have performed an outstanding job. Congratulations and well done. They are, from Year 9 Eryn-Maree Taylor, Brandon Ahling, Kimberley George, Scott Devall, Kayla Dupond, Deni-Lee Blacka, Nathan Watts, Bianca Holz, Thomas Larkin, Celeste Crawford, Tarquinne Clements, Sarah McIlveen, Taylah Lonergan, Amy Peck,

Jessica Gruevski, Hayden Thomas, Bree-Anne Jack, Aaron Jack, Zachary Hilton, Jarrad Worboyes, Brie-Ann Smith, Cassandra Descalzo, Tikeyah Stephens, Chad McDonnell, Kristy Hobourn, Natasha Talevska, Silvana Srbnoska, Lauren Fairthweather, Dayna Hopwood, Tijana Burazor, Chloe Arnold, Sarah Maher, Simon Dunstan, Stewart Robertson, Natalie Johnston, Jessica Beencke and Ashleigh Gleeson and from Year 10 Blake James, Taelar Hattenfels and Jessica Hartgrove.

Ros Gaynor  
Special Provisions Coordinator

## Geography

### Geography's Urban Dynamics Field Trip

I am sure that a great day was had by all as the soon to be Year 12 Geography students of 2010 embarked on yet another amazing day of field work. It was a long and arduous journey on Friday 6 November as the senior Geography class took in the sights and sounds of Sydney by foot, train and ferry to witness first hand many of the aspects required of the 2010 HSC Geography syllabus. To the students' delight they toured the CBD, Queen Victoria Building, Pyrmont, Darling Harbour, Milsons Point and Balmain whilst personally observing such things as urban decay, urban renewal and spatial exclusion. These ten students were both a credit to the school and more importantly a shining example of excellence in their own studies. Well done Year 11.

Ken Boxsell  
Teacher HSIE



Year 11 Geography students in Sydney

## Careers

### Careers & Our Community Partnerships

Warilla High School students are constantly being offered unique career opportunities through the close partnerships that the school has established with the business community and other supporting organisations. Our partnership with the Beacon Foundation also assures that students will be given opportunities and support for their career endeavours. Our school has wholeheartedly embraced the Foundation's philosophy of encouraging students to continue onto further

education and/or employment once they leave school. In-school career activities, such as the Careers Options Day, are aimed at providing careers information to those who will continue to the HSC and to those who leave and kick start a career.

Students have been able to demonstrate their employability skills by undertaking work experience with a variety of local employers. Our R3 Year 9 class recently completed one week of work experience in various career industries. The class was involved in retail, wholesale, hospitality, administration, community service/welfare, veterinary nursing, primary school teaching, childcare assistant, entertainment industry and bike mechanics. The students received highly commendable reports from employers and even more outstanding, six students from the class were offered part time jobs from the program.

The school is also very appreciative of the support from St Vincent de Paul Society and in particular, the work of Kellie Marsh. Kellie supervised three of our R3 students during their work experience, mentoring them and teaching them business protocol.

Our thanks are extended to all of those employers who take the time to give our students a start in the workforce.

Next week representative students of Year 9 and Year 10 will also be asked to pledge their commitment to undertaking opportunities for employment and/or further education after leaving school.

Karen Brookes  
Careers Adviser

## Visual Arts

### Year 8 Body Decoration

There have been lots of Year 8 students walking around the school with painted hands. This is a part of the Year 8 Visual Arts Body decoration. Students have been making masks, painting decorations on their own (and each others) hands and arms as well as studying the uses of body decoration in a variety of cultures. We have been very impressed with the response of the students to this program and it will certainly be included in our programs in the coming year.

Joe Glaysher  
Teacher Visual Arts



Jasmine Ford and Caroline Saliou Year 8

## News from the Office

### Absences

We are starting to put the absences on the reports for the end of the year. Please make sure that your child hands in their notes. Having an unexplained absence on your report cannot be rectified once the reports are printed.

### Year 6 – 7 Night 1 December 2009

On this night we will be selling uniforms from 6.00pm. If you wish to purchase your uniforms with Eftpos then you will need to go to the school office in A-Block. If you are paying with cash or cheque then you can purchase your uniforms from the Auditorium.

Uniform sales will commence at 6.00pm until 7.00pm and then recommence after the meeting has finished. Uniforms that are available from the school are:-

White Polo Shirts	\$24.00
PE Shirts	\$27.00
PE Shorts Rugby	\$20.00
PE Shorts Soccer	\$30.00
Old PE Shorts (limited sizes)	\$10.00
School Jumpers	\$26.00

We are the only supplier for the PE Shirts & Shorts.

Crystal Bears will also be in attendance on the night to show you the preferred girl's school shorts and to take orders. These shorts can be purchased at the Crystal Bears shop at Warilla Grove.

Warilla High School Canteen will also have school book packs for sale. These book packs have all of the books required for a Year 7 student at a cost of \$20.00. Book packs cannot be paid for with Eftpos but cash and cheques are acceptable. Our canteen is P & C run and does not have Eftpos facilities.

### Canteen

On behalf of the Canteen Committee I would like to congratulate the Supervisors and all of the parents that give up their valuable time to help in the canteen. The canteen was able to give the P & C a cheque for \$10,000.00 at the last P & C meeting. These funds will be used to provide diaries for Years 7-10 in 2010.

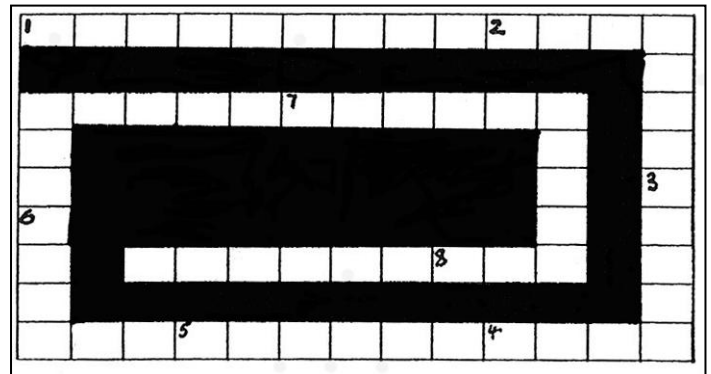
Cindy Souter  
Office Manager



## Brain Teasers

Solve the clues & write your answers in a clockwise direction around our mini Rainforest trail. Each overlaps the next so the last letter of the previous word will form the start of the next word.

1. Name of the global environment we are visiting
2. A type of rainforest
3. Soil nutrients being lost
4. Australian flora (example)
5. We belong to the Human \_\_\_\_\_
6. A common medium sized rainforest tree
7. A city south of Wollongong
8. A bright colourful parrot



Use these 10 three letter words to correctly spell words from your rainforest vocabulary list

EYE , DIG , SIT , CAN , HIP , BIT , BAT , ROT ,  
END , FOR

In \_ \_ \_ enous

Rain \_ \_ \_ est

\_ \_ \_ opy

W \_ \_ \_ bird

Ha \_ \_ \_ at

Eco-fri \_ \_ \_ ly

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