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### Issue 2 - Term 1 - Week 5

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### Principal's Message

Welcome to our second newsletter of the year and what a busy and exciting time it is!

Last week saw a visit to Warilla High School by the Regional Director Maria Gray-Spence. She had heard much of the schools successes and was keen to see our impressive world class school. She was not disappointed and she spoke glowingly about the positive school tone, enthusiastic well mannered students, great staff and innovative programs.

I have been impressed with how well the school has settled and how quickly students have engaged in learning. It is a credit to both the staff and students.

We have managed to hold our swimming carnival this year and what a great success it was. After being "washed out" in 2010, it was great to see good weather and a terrific roll up of students on the day. Congratulations to Mrs Martin for your excellent organisation.

This year the roll out of laptops to Year 9's was early and we have already had a meeting with parents about them. These latest laptops are new and improved with some outstanding software built in. We envisage these being distributed to students by midterm.

I have been very impressed with how well Year 7 have adjusted to high school. They are very positive and coped with the daily routine changes of high school very well.

On the 8 March we will be holding a Year 7 Parent Afternoon Tea. It is a great opportunity to meet the teachers and see the school. We will also be distributing some interim reports for Year 7 later this term. These provide a brief 'snapshot' of how your child has settled in and what initial progress they are making. We are also currently assessing all Year 7 across a variety of subjects so we can create streamed top classes. Any class changes will occur after Week 5.

The new senior uniform looks great and I am pleased with the enthusiasm and pride with which it is being worn. I do however have a concern with the shoes. Footwear is an important safety item as it protects feet from mechanical and chemical damage. Whether it is in practical classes (PE, TAS, Science, CAPA, etc) or involvement in physical activity in the playground, fully enclosed leather footwear is best. Canvas footwear (Rabins, Volleys) do not comply with the OH&S standards. Under no circumstances are sandals or any other open footwear acceptable. Australian Standard, AS2210, provides information on the suitability of footwear and I would ask parents to purchase appropriate footwear to protect their children and comply with both OH&S requirements and the Schools Uniform Policy.

So read on and enjoy the good times at Warilla High School. Don't forget you can access the newsletter electronically on our website at <u>www.warillahs.nsw.edu.au</u>.

Cheers and best wishes Glenn Isemonger Principal



Our School's Core Values:

## Coming Events

Week 5A	
28 Feb	ED swimming
1 March	ED swimming
2 March	ED swimming
4 March	<ul><li>Regional Swimming Carnival</li><li>ED Swimming</li></ul>

#### Week 6B 7 March Year 12 Camp • New Year 7 classes commence • ED swimming 8 March P&C Meeting 7.30pm • Year 12 Camp Year 7 Parent Afternoon Tea • ED swimming ED swimming 9 March ED swimming 11 March Year 7 Big Fish Little Fish Workshop . Week 7A 14 March ED swimming • 15 March • ED swimming SRC Induction Ceremony Period 1 and 2 16 March Year 11 Earth & Environment class to Australian Museum

	•	ED swimming
18 March	•	Year 11 Ancient History to the RocksS Year 7 Interim Reports Issued ED swimming

### Photographs at School

From time to time we like to mention and feature photographs or images of a student or their work in the school newsletter or in the local media. If you DO NOT wish for your child to be included in these publications, could you please contact the Administration Office to confirm this. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Zoe Elkerton

### **SRC Scribbles**

The SRC plays an important role in the school, representing the student body by valuing and listening to the opinions of students and organising ways for them to participate in school life. The SRC is democratic, educational, responsible, sharing, caring, fun and rewarding.

Our aim in the SRC is to take action to improve the quality of school life for all students through school improvements, charity work and other projects of interest.

On 14 February we participated in Valentine's Day which aimed to raise money for the school. The day was all about sharing a little romance and love. Thanks to Mrs Napier, Mr Neill and the help of the SRC, the day turned out to be extremely successful. Loads of roses, chocolates and our specialty 'Cupid's Combo' sold unbelievably fast.

#### Eleanna Ballis and Dylan Roche School Leaders

As a new SRC Coordinator, it has been an absolute pleasure to discover the world of the Warilla High School SRC. The students are welcoming, supportive and have shown great leadership and maturity. They are a group of students that show great pride in their school and are aware of the impact they can have on their peers and the success of the school as a whole.

I would like to express a big thank you to Mr Neill for coming aboard the SRC train.

The success of Valentine's Day is a perfect example of their ability to achieve big! The leadership and organisational skills shown by all was most impressive.

We are in the process of conducting elections for our SRC representatives. The Induction Ceremony of the SRC representatives will be on Tuesday 15 March to welcome our SRC members.

We are currently organising Clean Up Australia Day on 4 March. The SRC will be travelling to Killalea with one of our local feeder primary schools. We look forward to giving you

information on the success of the day and photographs of the students getting their hands dirty and Killalea clean.

On Monday 21 February Mr Isemonger, two SRC representatives, Jessica Watson, Dane Hodder, and myself attended the launch of the Right Choices program. This is a personal development and social awareness program developed to help the Illawarra's teenagers as they confront a range of social issues in their everyday lives. Right Choices will initially be targeted at six High Schools in the Illawarra including our school. Approximately, 2000 students will participate in the program directly. The program is split into five sessions including; Safe Partying & Sexual Health, Driver Safety, Say "no" to Drugs and Adopt a Healthy Lifestyle, Planning for a Positive Future, Youth Suicide & How to Beat Bullying and Youth Depression & Mental Health.

The Wollongong AHM Hawks will be implementing the Right Choices program over the coming months and will be working with local organisations in delivering important messages to the students.

Mrs Napier SRC Coordinator

### **Road Safety Alert**

Students are reminded to be conscious of road safety. Use the Pedestrian crossing provided and give way to cars. Do not walk between the buses!!



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### **SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2011**

What a great day. The weather was kind and the competition was fierce. Highlights of the day were Mr Anderson on the mike and the 6 records that were broken. The 2011 Age Champions are...

2011 Swimming Age Champions12 YearsLachlan RyeKaira Booth13 YearsJye EdwardsEmerson Leighton14 YearsJosh KingAmber Jones15 YearsNathan LomasAllison Stone16 YearsRiley GaddesEmily Wortley

The 6 records were...

Allison Stone 50 m Free 29.69

17 Years Blake James

Zoe Elkerton 50 m Free 29.06, 50 m Backstroke 34.4, 50 m Butterfly 32.0

Jaimi Catterall 50 m Breaststroke 39.54

Josh King 100m Free 106.94 Blake James 50m free 26.80

Thankyou to all the staff for their enthusiasm and for almost 700 students for their exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship. **G Martin** 

### PD/H/PE Faculty







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

### Aspire

Bailey Angeloski (Year 7) had a very successful and enjoyable New Zealand Tour with the Vikings Futsal under 12s Australian Team, which ran from 27 November to 7 December 2010. The team played extremely well.

The Vikings kicked off the tour by winning the South Island Titles in Christchurch. The team won all four matches in the series, scoring 39 goals in the process. They also played games in Queenstown and Timaru.

### **School Attendance**

Did you know that if your child misses as few as eight days in a school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a whole year of education?

By law, you are required to send your child to school every day. If you child has to be away from school for any reason, please send a signed note explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as possible. If your child arrives at school late, or needs to leave early you will need to provide a written note giving an explanation.

If you're having problems getting your child to attend school regularly and on time, please talk to your child's teacher or principal.

For your obligations under the school attendance guidelines, please go to: <u>www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student</u> admin/attendance/sch polproc/PD20050259.sthml

# **Community Service Advertisements**

### Get involved in Energymark

Volunteers are needed to lead discussions on energy, climate change, water and waste.

Help create a sustainable future – reduce your carbon footprint and save power at home.

You don't need to know a lot about energy and climate change to participate.

Gather a small group of people (family, friends, neighbours or workmates) for discussions and receive support and discussion material from CSIRO.

Together explore what you can do to make a difference.

Plus, receive a FREE copy of the CSIRO Home Energy Saving Handbook!

To register or for more information visit <u>www.energymark.com.au</u> or call 1300 119 003.

# "Would you like to make a difference? Do you have some time to spare?

Volunteering for Home and Community Care (HACC) Services in Shellharbour offers a wide variety of opportunities and experiences, provides a sense of achievement and the opportunity to put something back into your community..

Services are provided to people who are frail, aged or have a disability and their carers and include -

- Driving either community transport buses or individual transport to appointments.
- Supporting social activities and outings at the HACC Centre and in the community.
- Giving carers a break (respite care).
- Small gardening or handyperson jobs.

For more information contact Dianne at the Albion Park HSCC Centre on 4257 9036.

# Got your L's .... or planning to get them?

*keys2drive* – a joint initiative of the Australian Automobile Association's clubs (ie NRMA in NSW) and the Australian Government – is set to change how novice driver training is delivered in Australia. Over time, it is hoped that the *keys2drive* program will contribute to a reduction in the number and severity of crashes involving young drivers.

- A keys2drive lesson is unique for a number of reasons:
- It's FREE the Australian Government is funding a total of 200,000 lessons Australia-wide
- It can only be delivered by a specially accredited keys2drive professional instructor
- It gets the Learner's supervising driver (most often mum or dad) involved too – teacher them the safest way to coach their Learner; and
- It had the support of Australia's motoring clubs, licensing authorities and driver training industry.

A recent survey of more than 200 keys2drive customers reported a 94% overall satisfaction rating with the program.

If you already have your Ls or are planning to get them over summer, or if you're a parent and will be or are already supervising a Learner driver, book now to avoid disappointment.

Long on to <u>www.keys2drive.com.au</u> to register your details and book your free *keys2drive* lesson.

### Southlake/Illawarra BMX Club

Southlake/Illawarra BMX Club located in the Croome Road Sporting Complex is having a FREE come and try day on Saturday 12 March 2011 from 10am – 1pm. For safety reasons participants must wear a full face helmet, gloves, long pants, long sleeved top, shoes and socks.

> Wayne Griffiths 0410560977 Andrea Dallinger 0418245268



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### LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19<sup>th</sup> century novelist, wrote: "the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes". Host an international high school student in July through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from Europe, Scandinavia and Japan. They will attend a local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.

Call S.C.C.E now on 1800 500 501,

email <u>scceaust@scce.com.au</u> or visit our website (<u>www.scce.com.au</u>) to be part of this rewarding experience.

# Student Exchange – Memories and Skills for a Lifetime!

World Education Program Australia (WEP), a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments, is now accepting applications for students to live overseas in 2011/2012 as exchange students for a summer, semester or year.

Give your child the opportunity to gain international experiences and language skills to kick-start a future career. Along with distinct language benefits, exchange students mature, gain confidence and develop a much more worldly approach upon their return to Australia.

WEP is offering \$3000 scholarships for year-long programs to Italy and French-speaking Belgium commencing in January 2012. Applicants need to be in Year 9, 10 or 11 in 2011 and enrolled in Italian or French.

Find out more!

- Visit <u>www.wep.org.au</u>
- Attend one of WEP's information evenings and open days

16<sup>th</sup> March

Call 1300 884 733

**Upcoming Information Sessions** 

Brisbane and Sydney:

Lismore: 7<sup>th</sup> May Cairns: 28<sup>th</sup> Ma

28<sup>th</sup> May

## Youth Week 2011 from 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April

Activities include -

- Go Kart event organised through PCYC
- Short film display (3 minutes)
- Photographic exhibition
- All youth invited to submit work

Anyone interested please contact: Louise Hakkenbrock @ Warilla HS on Wednesday.

DRAMA – all welcome

Youth Drama @ Blackbutt Youth Centre

Monday and Wednesday 4-7pm FREE

Phone: 42953820

### Email: system@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au

Youth invited to visit Warilla Neighbourhood Centre, activities running Monday – Thursday, 5-8pm. Tuesday – pool competition.

Moon Walk - Scooter competition on 13/4/11.

Great prizes, exhibition riders and FREE

Light and sound skate park activities every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Albion Park/Shellharbour and Kiama.

# HIGH SCHOOL REUNION 30 YEARS

For all students who attended Warilla High School in Year 10 of 1981

on Saturday 2 April 2011 At Seapray Function Centre

Shellharbour Please contact Sharon Pinilla For all details and invitation on Mob 0404 208 699 or

Email blondie1965@optusnet.com.au RSVP 1/3/2011



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