

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The end of first term of the school year is rapidly approaching and a number of important and exciting events are coming up in the next two weeks.

By the end of this term, the next permanent Principal for Warilla High School will be announced.

Year 12 students commence their Half Yearly Examinations next Monday, 26 March and the exam period runs until the end of term. For many subjects, these exams are a formal assessment task that contributes directly to the ranking provided for each student to the Board of Studies at the end of Term 3 this year. I have stressed in conversation with Year 12 students the importance of a serious and sustained effort at these exams and for the rest of the year. This includes ensuring that students attend all lessons.

For Year 11 students, the Half Yearly Exams commence immediately after the Term 1 holidays and will form the basis of their Half Yearly assessments and reports in most subjects.

For students in other Years, Half Yearly assessment windows will occur progressively within the first half of next term and reports will be generated from them. So, again, the importance of a regular and effective study and revision regime is essential. Students can access the school's online study skills site for assistance with study tips. Mr Stanizzo has the logon details.

The annual NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy assessments will be held in the school for all Years 7 and 9 students from 15- 17 May. These are 'point in time' indicators of students performance, they are not pass-fail tests. Parents are entitled to seek exemption or special provisions for their child for these assessments if they wish. Further information may be gathered from <http://www.nap.edu.au>.

Students in Year 9 are receiving their laptops this week and next week. This means that all students from Years 9 - 12 now have a laptop to supplement their studies at school and at home. A reminder it is a condition of acceptance of a Department of Education laptop that they are brought to school every day fully charged.

At the merit assembly last Wednesday, a large number of students were recognised for their outstanding efforts in a number of areas, including Surf Survival Certificates, Regional Swimming Carnival Awards and Community Service Awards. It was a pleasure to see so many students who are achieving great things at school and for our school in the community.

The next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday, 8 May in the School Library, commencing at 7.30pm.

Jeff Jacobs
Relieving Principal

Deputy Report

Year 10

As you may be aware, the formal School Certificate Exam has been abolished for the current and future Year 10 students.

The new credential will be known as the Record of Student Achievement and will be a cumulative award for students as they move from Year 10 through to Year 12.

On Tuesday 27 March the School will be holding an information session for Year 10 parents to discuss the changes and what it means for the student. The session will be held in the library at 5pm, parents of Year 9 students are also welcome.

Uniform

It is pleasing to say that there have been fewer girls wearing tights to school. As previously stated they are not appropriate outer wear and must be covered by a skirt or shorts. If students insist on wearing tights they will be directed to the second hand uniform cupboard, and asked to change into pants or skirts that are available.

With colder weather coming upon us, I encourage all students to ensure they have proper long navy blue school pants or purchase either the school tracksuit pants or a pair of PLAIN navy blue tracksuit pants.

I would also ask that if anyone has uniforms at home that your child has grown out of, the school would appreciate the donation for our second hand cupboard.

Exams

Good luck to the Year 12 students who are about to sit for their Half Yearly Exams in Week 9 and 10.

Jodie Fallo-Cranney
Relieving Deputy Principal

SCHOOL TELEPHONE FAULT

During Week 7, 12th - 16th March, the school phone lines were faulty and we had to wait for Telstra to address this fault.

This was due to circumstances beyond our control and we apologise for any inconvenience.

Coming Events

Week 9A

26 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 PASS Blacks Beach Barrack Point
27 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under 13 Girls 9-a-side AFL Gala Day Reed Park West Dapto Open Girls Basketball team at Illawarra Sports High School
28 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Biology class to Minnamurra Mangroves Year 11 SPC students to Rugby League Coaching Course
29 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Cross Country
30 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Coast School Surfing

Week 10B

2 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gifted & Talented Computer Gaming Workshop at School
3 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Visual Arts Writing Workshop at Wollongong Art Gallery
4 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 PASS to Blacks Beach Barrack Point
5 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 and Year 10 Peer Support Leaders and SRC to Easter Show Last day of Term 1

Week 1A Term 2

23 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupil Free Day
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Careers

• Gap Year with the Australian Defence Force

Register your interest now at:

www.defencejobs.gov.au/gapyear to receive updates. Positions are available in the Army and Navy only. Applications open April 2 and close April 16. An Information Night is also being held on Tuesday 27th March at 6pm at the Defence Force Recruitment Offices Atchinson, St Wollongong.

• HSC in the Holidays

This provides Year 12 students with access to 200 HSC files, reports, practice questions and worked solutions from Senior HSC Teachers/Markers and students who achieved Band 6 in the 2011 exams. July lectures are available at Wollongong University at vastly subsidised prices. Information regarding this is available at www.hscintheholidays.com.au or calling 1300677336

• Business Cadetships

Applications are now open for the 2012 UBS Investment Bank Business Cadetships Program in Sydney. Students study at a University of their choice in Sydney and choose from a broad range of university degrees including economics, commerce, business, finance, I.T, Arts, Liberal Studies and Social Science. Visit website: www.businesscadetships.com.au.

• ProjectABLE

A free career workshop for students in the Illawarra to gain first-hand experience in the disability and community care sector. Students who participate in the workshops can go on to complete Certificate Training, studying a Unit of Competency from Certificate II in Disability or Community Services Work free of charge. See Mrs Glasgow for registration forms or more information is available from the projectable team on 02 92563157 or email at info@projectable.com.au

Upcoming Events

- Transition to Work Workshop with Essential Personnel (Years 10-12) Friday 23 March
- Illawarra Careers Expo Years 10 & 12 Wednesday 9 May
- StartSmart – Financial Literacy Workshop Year 10 Friday 11 May
- Future Direction Conference Year 12 Tuesday 22 May

Vanessa Glasgow
Careers Advisor

International Women's Day

On Tuesday 5 March, Mrs Fallo and four Year 12 girls - Michelle Azabal, Sophie King, Nicole Eades and Eryn-Maree Taylor, had the pleasure of being invited to the Illawarra International Woman's Day brunch hosted by BlueScope.

It was a great day filled with four very inspirational women speakers and some really good food.

Each of the women spoke about their work, the choices they made in relation to work and family and the motivators which affected their lives.

Thank you to Mrs Fallo for taking the girls, you made it very enjoyable, and also to Mrs Glasgow who organised for the girls to attend the great day.

Eryn-Maree Taylor
Year 12 Student



Sports

Zone Swimming Carnival Results

Not only did Warilla High School win the Zone Swimming Carnival overall pointscore, we had students who also broke records.

- Cassandra Naydovska swam 28.34 seconds to break the Girls 16 Years 50m Freestyle from 2000 (28.72)
- Cassandra Naydovska also swam 2.14.44 minutes to break the Girls 16 Years 200m Freestyle from 1997 (2.18.70)
- Josh King, Brody Elliot, Levi Kidd and Tyler McEwan swam 1.58.44 minutes to break the Boys 15 Years 50m Freestyle Relay from 2000 (1.58.97)

Congratulations to all of these students. The Regional Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday 7 March and we had 17 students qualify for individual events and 9 relays.

The results will be sent through soon. I had a chance to visit the swimmers on the day for a short period of time and they should be proud of their behaviour and organisation. Well done again. You've done yourselves, your school and Southern Illawarra Zone proud.

South Coast Regional Swimming Carnival Results

Warilla High School has again produced some outstanding results.

Joshua King achieved South Coast Age Champion for 15 Years Boys and the 16 Years Girls 4 x 50m relay team broke the record for their event.

Congratulations to Cassandra Naydovska, Tegan James, Alison Stone and Riana Drake.

- We have 5 students who have qualified for individual events - Cassandra Naydovska, Joshua King, Jaimi Catterall, Natasha Ahern, Brody Elliott
- We also have 4 swimmers who have qualified for the Girls 200m Medley Relay Team - Riana Drake, Cassandra Naydovska, Jaimi Catterall, Tegan James

These students will compete at the CHS State Swimming Championships at Sydney International Aquatic Centre on 1-3 April. Congratulations and good luck to you all.

Miss Fotheringham
Swimming Carnival Organiser

School Cross Country

The second of Warilla High's All School events – the Cross Country - will be held on Thursday 29 March at Myimbar Reserve Shellharbour during our normal Thursday sport afternoon session.

No normal sport will run on this day. Students have the opportunity to compete for age champions and a place in the school team to compete at Zone in Term 2. If students aren't competitively inclined, they can complete the 'non-competitive event' which is run/power walked after the Championship Run.

This year, students will be walked to Myimbar during lunch on Thursday. The course is flat and run in a course just less than 4km around the Myimbar Fields.

Students will be dismissed from the fields at the end of the day and school buses will collect students as they did for the swimming carnival. Should your child catch a bus that does not depart from the normal school bus bays, they will be transported back to school at the end of the day BUT MUST INFORM MRS CLUNE SO SHE CAN ORGANISE THIS. If your child brings a bike or scooter to school, they will ride these down to the venue in a supervised group.

The first 600 students finishing will receive a frozen juice cup. Thank you to Mr Jacobs – our relieving Principal – for his generosity in donating these treats.

Can I please encourage parents and caregivers to insist their children are involved in the cross country. It is a fun afternoon to participate at a serious or non-competitive level and a wonderful opportunity to be active and fulfil the recommended 60 minutes per day of moderate to vigorous physical activity.

Please ensure your child is well stocked with water, food, sunscreen and appropriate footwear for the afternoon. Should you have any further enquiries or concerns, please contact the school.

Denise Clune
(PDHPE Faculty / Cross Country Organiser)

Year 12 Exploring Early Childhood

On Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 March the year 12 Exploring Early Childhood class participated in two days work experience at the local child care centres; Alunga at Albion Park and Seaview at Flinders. The girls were interacting with the children and staff, leading experiences such as 'children's zumba, reading activities, and fun craft activities'.

When asked about their experiences they replied, "I loved it! Confirmed that it's something I want to pursue as a career after school." "So much fun, I just want to stay here."

As a couple of students are already studying child care at Tafe, these two days have given the girls a real taste of what it's like to work in the field.

Sharon, at Alunga, was amazed at how well the girls melded with the staff, children, and the 'way' of the day care.

Both Sharon (from Alunga) and Sheree (from Seaview) were really pleased with the girls and are looking forward to having them back again. This experience has opened up some new professional relationships which will include more work experience days on a regular basis and potential full time work opportunities for Warilla students in the future.

Congratulations to Isabella Brantjanscak, Kayla Dupond, Nicole Eades, Silvana Srbnovski and Svetlana Srbnovski for being such excellent ambassadors for the school.

Justine Berghouse
Home Economics Faculty

