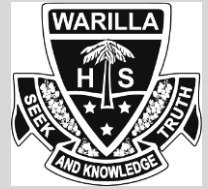


Warilla High School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Our Year 12 students have just completed their Trial HSC Examinations and should be looking forward to critically assessing the results with a view of refining study routines and response formats to ensure they maximise the grades achieved. It is especially important for this to happen and for each of our students to develop an Olympic style "kick" as they enter the home straight!

Staff have taken this on board with a team led by Mrs Potts attending specialised training to help teachers improve the quality of writing in Stage 6 classes. This training has only recently been made available in the region and builds on the tremendous success it achieved at Freshwater High School and other schools on the northern peninsula. I am genuinely excited about the possibilities this initiative can deliver, both with our current Year 12 cohort and those that follow.

The rigour around the HSC at Warilla High School will be further enhanced with another staff team led by Mrs Raison who have undertaken the Regional Team Leadership for School Improvement professional learning program. This has seen staff exposed to the most recent validated learning models in delivering school improvement, with this team taking up the issue of HSC supervision and monitoring protocols to ensure they are consistently applied across all Key Learning Areas and that they reflect current best practice standards.

The Trial HSC period has also coincided with many of our Year 11 Vocational Education and Training students undertaking the mandatory Work Placement component of their courses. This sees students applying the skills and competencies they have developed in class in the workplace.

The reports I have received from the staff that monitor these students have been fantastic, with one employer stating the student they hosted was the best they had encountered, with the possibility of an apprenticeship now a distinct reality.

In the last newsletter, I requested your support in enforcing the schools dress code. Interestingly, on Friday 27 July 2012, *The Australian* newspaper ran a feature article on Glenala State High School in Queensland and chronicled how one of the most disadvantaged and underperforming public schools in the state had undergone a metamorphosis.

The article outlined how the school had successfully re-cultured itself, reduced the incidence of anti-social

behaviour and improved its academic results beyond all expectation.

Interestingly, the change was based on the back of a firm discipline code, the expectation that all students would wear uniform - even black leather shoes - and high expectations for all, without exception.

The Principal stated in the article that she believes that these "unpopular" measures - when first introduced - are now seen as the main reasons for the change.

Your ongoing support for our uniform code and the standard of behaviour we expect is much appreciated.

Finally, congratulations to our Year 8 Visual Arts students who will exhibit a collection called "Above the Waterline" at Westfield Shopping Centre. This exhibition is in response to their recently completed unit on "The Natural World".

There is a People's Choice Award of a \$100 gift card for the piece voted most popular by the public.....a real Archibald feel!

With my kind regards,
Mr John Hambly
Principal

Deputies Report

Congratulations to our outstanding students

Congratulations to the students who have recently been recognised and rewarded for their outstanding Semester 1 report. Years 11 and 12 students have enjoyed a fabulous morning tea and our outstanding students in Years 7-10 will be rewarded in the coming weeks.

A huge thank you to the staff who have supported and organised these important events for our students including our terrific Year Advisers and Head Teacher Welfare, Mr Stanizzo.

Visitors to Warilla High School

A reminder for parents and family members visiting the school for any purpose that all visitors to the school are required to enter through the front office area at all times. This is an important process that we require everyone to follow.

If a parent or visitor would like to speak to a staff member our office staff will make contact with the staff member and organise the most appropriate time to meet.

School Uniform

The majority of our students have been coming to school in uniform this term and most of those who cannot due to poor weather etc have been following the required process.



Our School's Core Values:

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Seek knowledge

This process involves students bringing a note from their parent / guardian and then obtaining a uniform note from the school before Roll Call that morning.

Students who cannot follow this process will be given appropriate consequences.

Thank you to the many parents who have provided outstanding support when contacted and have quickly assisted their student to acquire and wear the correct uniform.

If families require support to purchase appropriate school uniform please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mr Morris.

Year 7 and Year 8 Elective Subject Selections for 2013

Year 7 and Year 8 have been issued with their Elective Subject Handbooks for Year 8 and Year 9 2013.

This year each student will make their elective selection through the 'Online Choices Website' which opened on the 22nd August and closes on Wednesday 29th August.

It is important that Year 8 students consider their choices carefully as they will study these subjects for the next 2 years in Year 9 and Year 10.

Jenni Raison & Ian Morris
Relieving Deputy Principals

Coming Events

Week 7A

27 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Vaccinations 'Rock the Schools' 2012 Tour in Hall
28 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 9 -12 Indigenous students to 'Indigenous Employment Expo' Nowra HSC Performance Evening Year 11 Biology Excursion to Uni of Wollongong Enrichment Day
29 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Stars Show Week Year 11 Sports Coaching and selected students First Aid Course
30 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Stars Show Week
31 August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Stars Show Week Shades of Grey Workshop

Week 8B

3 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 PDHPE Ski Trip
4 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 PDHPE Ski Trip
5 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 PDHPE Ski Trip
6 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHS Athletics Carnival
7 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHS Athletics Carnival Shades of Grey Workshop Year 10 Science Practical Test - Assessment Task

Week 9A

10 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Years 9 & 10 Casual Careers Expo at school Year 11 Yearly Exams
11 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C Meeting 7.00 pm in Library Year 11 Yearly Exams
12 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Yearly Exams HSC Music Performances
13 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Yearly Exams
14 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Yearly Exams Shades of Grey Workshop Year 9 'Save a Mate' Workshop

Careers

Discover Engineering Day

On Wednesday 8 August ten Warilla High School students attended an Engineering Discovery day organised by Engineers Australia.

The students had to complete a Paper Tower Task before attending which could only be made with paper and glue. It had height specification and was then tested on the day for weight and strength. But of the many schools in attendance our students came second which is impressive. Mr Kershaw accompanied these students who represented our school proudly in behaviour and work.

The school would like to acknowledge the Rotary Club for its sponsorship of five of these students in attending this event. Our school sponsored the remaining five students.



Year 10 Transition Interviews

On Wednesday 25 July all Year 10 students were interviewed by qualified Careers Advisers from the Illawarra Region as a part of their subject selection process.

Students had the opportunity to discuss their post school options and how school and their subjects they select will help them achieve their goals.

I would like to acknowledge the help of the following Careers Advisers in donating their time for these valuable interviews:

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Our School's Core Values:

Ms Noelene Fulton	– Warilla High
Ms Chris Thompson	– Retired
Mrs Cheryl Burling	– Albion Park High
Mrs Alison Langham	– Lake Illawarra High
Mrs Ann Marie Hughes	– Dapto High

TAFE/TVET

A number of students have expressed an interest in leaving school and enrolling in a full-time TAFE course for 2013 or enrolling in a TVET course as part of their HSC studies.

At present applications are not open but I will be working with students on this process once it becomes 'live'. At present I suggest students and parents investigate the TAFE Illawarra Website for course and campus information at <http://www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au/>

Art Competition

At the end of last term our S4 Support Class submitted their art work which was based on Picasso's portraits and prints into an art competition.

The competition was run by the Illawarra Disability Options and was open to all primary and high school students in the Illawarra. An Expo was held where the exhibited work was judged.

I am very proud to announce that not one but two of our students were selected for prizes. Kathleen Thomas was presented with an award for First Place in the Secondary School Art category and received a \$50 voucher from JB Hi Fi. Madison Sims gained Highly Commended and a \$25 voucher from JB Hi Fi.

Well done girls and to all my students who produced some interesting work. Art work from the class will be on view in the glass display cabinets at the front of the school.

Mrs N Meharg
Art Teacher

Sport

Cross Country Students Shine at State All Schools Championships

Warilla High School had the following students represent South Coast at Eastern Creek last week: Troy Whittington, Trent Clarke, Kade Szakacs, Jye Edwards and Montannah Murray.

Congratulations to these students on their excellent effort.

Troy Whittington will be going to Adelaide for the National Cross Country Championships after coming second overall in the 13 year age group. Well done Troy on this fantastic effort.

Kade Szakacs finished a creditable 17th in the same race.

Jye Edwards finished with a Silver medal, coming second for CHS and 6th overall.

Both Trent and Montannah finished in the middle of the 'pack'. This is an All Schools Carnival and students also

compete against Combined Catholic Colleges and Combined Independent Schools. There are between 80 - 100 students in each race so all our students can be very proud of their efforts.

Ms Clune
PDHPE

Representative sport

The Warilla Swimming team this year has produced outstanding results and on 1st, 2nd and 3rd April a number of our students competed at the CHS Swimming Championships at Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre.

Those students were; Riana Drake, Jaimi Catterall, Cassandra Naydovska & Emerson Leighton (Girls Medley Relay).

Brody Elliott, Levi Kidd, Joshua King & Nathan Lomas (Boys Medley Relay).

Brody Elliott, Tyler McEwan, Levi Kidd & Joshua King (15 Years Boys 4x50m Free Relay).

Allison Stone, Riana Drake, Emerson Leighton and Cassandra Naydovska (16 Years Girls 4x50m Free Relay).

Joshua King (400m, 200m, 100m, 50m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke and 200 IM), Cassandra Naydovska (400m, 100m, 50m Freestyle) and Natasha Ahern (50m Breaststroke).

Congratulations to all these students who represented our school and South Coast region. You should be very proud of your efforts. I'd also like to wish Joshua King all the best for the National Championships.

Miss Fotheringham
(Swimming Carnival Organiser)

CAPA News

We have been busy down in CAPA the past few weeks and have some exciting projects coming up in the next few weeks.

Our Year 8 have their paintings on display at Westfield Warrawong in the fresh food mall area from Monday 13 August – Sunday 26 August.

The exhibition titled 'Above the Water Line' is their response to the fieldtrip to Lake Illawarra. There will be a people's choice award. We are currently looking at extending this exhibition opportunity with the possibility of exhibiting some of our Year 9 work.

Our Year 11 band 'Rumour Mill' performed at the 'Amp It Up' event held at Centenary Hall in Albion Park.

It was great to see our students showcase their talents in the wider community.

On Monday 27 August Warilla High School will be lucky to have Rock the Schools Tour where our elective Music students will have the opportunity to participate in music industry workshops.

There will also be a Live Concert during the long break by Feeding Edgar and there will be prizes and giveaways.

On Tuesday 28 August our HSC Music students will be performing some of their pieces in the school hall as part

of their Yearly examination. We will also have our HSC Visual Arts students Body of Work on exhibition.

Our Shades of Grey project is progressing with the students involved in this developing their own body of work and they have been spending workshop time developing their black and white images in the darkroom.

We look forward to seeing the end results and exhibiting their work during Term 4. It has been a fantastic experience being able to work with our artist-in-resident Andrew Tenison.

Mrs Luckman
Head Teacher
Creative and Performing Arts

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Where: The Shellharbour Club,
Auditorium

Cost: \$25.00

Time: 6.30pm

Tickets can be obtained from the school office on 02 42561888.

Credit card / Eftpos facilities available

For former staff & students

The school will also be open during the day from 10.00am – 2.30pm to have a wander around.

There will be lots to do and see, entertainment, food, displays, stalls, old photographs and magazines etc.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

By Law, students who ride bikes to school must wear a helmet at all times.

COME & TRY AUSSIE T-BALL

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Details: Phone 0434 568534
Kiama Braves Baseball Club
Gainsborough Oval
Meehan Drive Kiama Downs
www.kiamabraves.baseball.com.au

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12.00pm – 2.00pm
Gainsborough Oval
Kiama Downs

Games played at Berkeley

Lake Illawarra

Little Athletics Centre Inc.

Registrations every Sunday in
August from 12pm to 3pm

Season begins 7th September at
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