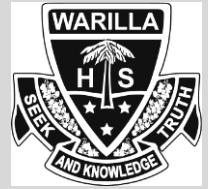


Warilla High School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

As this is the final Newsletter for 2012 I would like to begin by thanking our school community for the significant contribution that has been made to the education of our kids this year.

The importance of the partnership that exists between the school and its community cannot be overstated. Working in unison to provide a consistent and unambiguous message for students is essential as we address both the written and unwritten curriculum.

This will be even more important in 2013 which is looming as a very hectic year with a number of priorities for the school already established. These include:

1. Planning for the introduction of the new Australian Curriculum.
2. The introduction and implementation of targeted writing programs in both the senior and junior school under the banner of STORM.
3. A Team Leadership for School Improvement Team deployed to ensure HSC supervision and monitoring is compliant with BOS requirements and tailored to meet the specific needs of the school.
4. Implementation of recommendations from key evaluations in the Administration sector of the school and the HSIE Key Learning Area.
5. Priorities emanating from the Portfolio areas of Aboriginal Education; Leadership and Organizational Effectiveness; Curriculum and Student Services.

In preparation for approaching these key priorities, the school executive will conduct an extended planning workshop to ensure alignment between the school plan and the targets that will be reported to parents in our Annual School Report.

All of our Year 7 students for 2013 have now completed an orientation and transition program which has seen them spend considerable time in the school, getting to know the surroundings and being introduced to those key staff members who will work closely with them when they arrive.

I would like to particularly thank Mr Cairncross, Mr Neill and the team for the tremendous work they have done in this area.

Indeed, the Year 6-7 Parent Information Evening - which was held in late November - was very successful with large numbers attending to gather information about their child's new school. There is a real sense of excitement brewing as our newest enrolments look to starting high school with great enthusiasm...and some trepidation!

Finally, on behalf of the entire staff of Warilla High School, I would like to extend to you the complements of the season and wish you a very safe and happy Christmas and holiday period.

With my kind regards,

John Hambly
Principal

Deputies Report

Skills Week 2012 – As our students get set to enjoy the large variety of activities available for Skills Week we would like to wish them all the best for this unique, engaging and worthwhile way to end our school year. A huge thank you to Mrs Mavrikis for her outstanding organisation of Skills Week.

Uniform for 2013 – Thank you to the students, parents and guardians who have been ensuring students attend our school in full uniform. Please ensure students return for the start of 2013 with all required uniforms including appropriate shoes that are all black or all white. During 2013 the school will be investigating a junior girls skirt and shorts to be available for purchase through the school. Suppliers are currently providing samples for our SRC and P&C to review. A key aspect will be the appropriate length of the skirts and shorts as this is an area that our school intends to improve. Samples for boys navy shorts are also being sought and reviewed by our SRC and P&C.

Year 11 in to HSC Parent Evening – Thank you to the staff and parents who attended this worthwhile event. The afternoon was held in the Hall on Tuesday 13 November. The parents who attended took away valuable information regarding HSC Assessment, Careers information and our new STORM strategy aimed at assisting Year 11 and Year 12 students to organise their study and exam responses.

Congratulations to our students – 2012 has been a highly productive year for our school and the majority of our students have seen success for our students across a broad range of areas including academic, sporting, cultural, the arts and citizenship. Congratulations to our students who have taken up the opportunities available at our fantastic school. We look forward to sharing in your continued success at Warilla High in 2013. Have a safe, happy and restful holiday break.

Jenni Raison & Ian Morris
Deputy Principals



Coming Events

Week 9A

3 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Presentation Night SRC Excursion to Killalea
5 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gold Award Assembly in hall
7 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAPA On The Lawn Performances

Week 10B

10 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7-9 Skills Week Begins
11 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7-9 Skills Week
12 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7-9 Skills Week
13 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7-9 Skills Week
14 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7-9 Skills Week

Week 11A

17 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7-9 Skills Week (last day)
18 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 – 11 Reports issued Semester 2 Awards Issued

PDHPE Report

This year has been another busy one for the PDHPE faculty.

Thank you to the students who have elected to participate in the University of Wollongong Drug Education Research Project.

This project will provide the researchers with up to date information around the role that the media play in our attitudes and behaviours towards alcohol. The University are also providing some funding that will allow the PDHPE faculty to update their drug education programs to meet the needs of the local community.

The Year 11 Crossroads camp for next year will be held in May. A reminder to all Year 10 parents and students that you need to keep up to date with payments for the camp. Crossroads is the mandatory 25 hour PDHPE course that all Year 11 and Year 12 students must complete as part of their senior studies. Those students who do not attend the camp will be required to complete it in Term 4 as part of an alternative program.

Next year the School Swimming Carnival will take place on Thursday 7 February at Warilla Pool. The carnival is for Year 7 and competitors only. All other students will attend school and normal classes will take place.

The school will be trialling a new format for the Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals next year. The two carnivals will be amalgamated into one for next year. This carnival will be held on Thursday 28 March at Myimbar Sports Fields. This carnival will be run in conjunction with Lake Illawarra Little Athletics Club.

I would like to thank Warilla Bowling Club for their ongoing support of our CHS Knockout teams and The Shellharbour Club for their funding to subsidise the Year 7 Water Safety Program.

The students of Warilla High are afforded vast opportunities and experiences because of the generosity of these two clubs.

The PDHPE would like to wish all families a safe and enjoyable festive season and we look forward to seeing everyone reenergised in 2013.

Chris Meizer

Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE

Careers

TAFE

The Outreach Unit at TAFE NSW Wollongong Campus will be conducting courses for people who want to develop skills for employment or further study. Courses include those specifically for women and cover vocational skills in:

- Certificate I in Work and Training Introduction to Café and Hospitality
- Certificate II in Work and Training Introduction to Painting & Decorating & Interior Design

These courses have no TAFE Administration fee. Courses commence in February 2013. Please contact Jennie on 42290149 for further information before 14th December 2012

TVET

Congratulations to the 64 students from Year 11 and Year 12 who have been successful in their application to study a VET Course at TAFE (TVET) as part of their HSC studies.

These students will be experiencing the world of adult education in addition to gaining Nationally Accredited Training Competencies and Certificates. TVET starts Week 2 in 2013 and all students have been given their start date and campus location.

In addition to these 64 students, 3 Year 10 students applied for and were successful in gaining special funding to start their TVET studies as part of their ROSA. They are Brooke Wightman, Ethan Kane and Sheridan Thomas.

School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships (SBATs)

Congratulations to Tom Donohoe, Tijana Burazor and Ben Robinson of Year 12 who successfully completed their SBAT this year as part of their HSC studies.

At present we have 17 students in Years 10 and Year 11 who have gained an SBAT in a number of fields of employment.

Congratulations to the following Year 10 students:

Shelby Fewings:	Cert II Retail Subway
James Broad:	Cert II Transport & Logistics Reece Plumbing
Aaron Rowles:	Cert II Transport & Logistics Reece Plumbing
Kymerley Perks:	Cert III Educational Support Mt Warrigal Primary School
Leo Stanoevski	Cert III Information Technology Macedonian Welfare Assoc

KIAMA SHOW 2012

Join in the school holiday fun at the 165th Kiama Show on 25 January and 26 January 2013 at Kiama Showground – exhibit, compete, spectate!

The X Factor for 2013 is the return of SCARD Moto X Team, top ranking freestyle athletes who perform cutting edge FMX stunts, plus Circus Monoxide and a Heritage Camel Derby.

This world-class entertainment program includes cattle, horses, show jumping, wood chopping, rodeo, haystacking, Beaut Ute competition, animal nursery, Pet Show, spectacular pavilion exhibition, carnival, sideshow and breathtaking fireworks.

Discover how you can be involved at www.kiamashow.com.au or 42331597

Koori Awards Day Report November 16 2012

On November 16 2012 Warilla High School held their annual Koori Awards Day.

Invitations were sent out to all Indigenous families, community members and organisations connected to Warilla High School.

A positive response was received by our school community with 81 family members in attendance. There were also 19 school executive / staff and local Aboriginal organisations.

20 Non-Indigenous student's from our Year 11 Aboriginal Studies class and Year 11-12 SLR class were also in attendance, giving us 120 people sharing in our Indigenous students' academic and personal achievements.

Awards were given to 86 Koori students for their achievements. 16 staff members also received awards for their valuable contribution to Aboriginal Education during 2012.

6 Students from our Senior Aboriginal Studies class, 14 year 11 and 12 SLR students, were awarded for their contribution to NAIDOC Week and Koori Awards Day in 2012.

An extra award was given to a Community Elder for their valuable contribution to 'No Gaps, No Excuses' sessions.

A beautiful lunch was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Thank you to Lorelei Wray and Sharon Maher for their excellent efforts.

Mr Ashby
Head Teacher Administration



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER

5.30 - 8.30pm

REDDALL RESERVE
LAKE ILLAWARRA

Kids Concert
5.30 - 6.15pm

Carols
6.30 - 8.30pm

Fireworks
8.30pm

A free family event celebrating the Spirit of Christmas!

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Wave Fm's Hot Breakfast Crew

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Message from Stephen Jones MP Federal Member for Throsby

30 November 2012

Parents may have heard that in 2010 the Federal Government commissioned the most comprehensive review into our school system in 40 years. This review (the 'Gonski' review), released in February this year, told us that on school education, Australia is falling behind our neighbouring countries.

The Prime Minister responded to the review recommendations on 3 September 2012, announcing the Federal Government's National Plan for School Improvement.

This week, the Gillard Government took the next important step in school funding and school improvement reforms, with the introduction into Federal Parliament of the *Australian Education Bill, 2012*.

This means that Federal Labor's National Plan for School Improvement is on the way to being delivered from 2014. This is great news for the students, staff and parents at Warilla High School.

The Bill outlines a commitment for a new way of funding schools, based on the needs of individual students, and includes two ambitious targets – by 2025, Australia will be ranked as a top 5 country in the world for the performance of our students in reading, science and maths; and all Australian children will go to school in a nation which is ranked in the top 5 for high quality and high-equity education.

The Federal Government is prepared to put more money into schools but we expect state and territory governments to pay their fair share.

If you'd like to find out more, or give me feedback on our education plan, please call me on 4262 6122 or email me at StephenJones.MP@aph.gov.au. Further information is also available at the Better Schools website: www.betterschools.gov.au.

I'd like to extend my warmest wishes for the festive season to the whole Warilla High School Community and I wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday. Thank you to all staff for your tireless efforts and for the important work you do – and Finally a special congratulations to all the young people that have successfully completed another year of studies – Keep up your hard work.

Stephen Jones MP
Federal Member for Throsby

HPV Vaccination for Boys to commence in NSW

Boys in NSW high schools will be offered human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination from 2013 to provide protection against developing infections that can lead to cancer.

In 2013, the 3-dose course of vaccine will be offered to:

- Year 7 boys as part of the routine school-based vaccination program
- Year 9 boys as part of the national 'catch up' program in 2013 and 2014 only.

HPV vaccination has been offered to female students in Year 7 since 2007. In 2011, 81% of Year 7 girls received at least one dose of the three-dose course of HPV vaccine.

HPV is the name given to a group of viruses that affect both females and males. Most people who are sexually active will have a genital HPV infection at some time in their lives. HPV infection usually causes no symptoms and goes away by itself. However, in rare cases infection can cause life-threatening cancers. Almost all cases of cervical cancer and genital warts are due to HPV infection. HPV also causes cancers in other parts of the body, including the vulva, vagina, penis and anus.

The vaccine is highly effective in preventing the main types of HPV infection and is most effective when it is given to people before they are exposed to the virus. The vaccine is registered for use from 10 years of age and is **only provided free for male students who commence the course in Year 7 or Year 9.**

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents in early 2013. To consent to vaccination, parents are advised to read all the information provided, complete the Consent Form and return it to their child's school.

Students in Year 7 will also be offered vaccination against other diseases, including diphtheria-tetanus-whooping cough (dTpa), hepatitis B and varicella (chicken pox).

For more information please visit -
www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE ASTHMA?

ALERT

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT presentations for asthma increase dramatically when children return to school in February.

REFER to CHILDRENS ASTHMA EDUCATORS:

1300 792 755

Make your child "Ready for School" by:

1. Regular review by GP before school starts
2. Review and understanding of asthma medications and symptoms
3. Review and update of asthma action plan



Kiama it's back

**2013 K.I.S.S. Arts Festival
from the 4th-6th January with 3 amazing events**

1. **FREE** Street Theatre Festival in Hindmarsh Park with 4 world class acts from across the globe here to entertain you.
2. **FREE** Open Air Cabaret for all ages. 4th and 5th Jan in the Sebel Harbourside Courtyard between 7-9pm and on Sunday 6th in the Jamberoo pub beer garden from 5-7pm. Performers will request donations, please give generously.
3. Circus Workshops 2nd to 15th January from 10am-3pm everyday. Kids and adults classes available. Workshops will be held at Dance sensation studios in Brown street Kiama. Cost \$50.

FOR CIRCUS WORKSHOP BOOKINGS AND MORE INFO ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE FESTIVAL
www.kissartsfestival.com.au or
call Tamara 0403 817 549