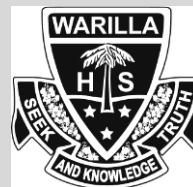


Warilla High School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

I sincerely hope you were able to visit the school during our Expo, which was held on 5 March. This was an opportunity to see this wonderful school in operation with displays of student work; interactive classrooms and sample lessons - conducted by staff - all on view. Our student leaders were in attendance along with past students who were able to discuss first-hand what an education at this school can lead to, and the opportunities that can be presented.

The anecdotal feedback from parents has been very positive and we look forward to embedding this as part of our future planning.

The Annual General Meeting of our school P&C was held on 12 March with the following office bearers elected:

President: Jill Boothman

Secretary: Erene Duvall

Treasurer: Nikki Gallagher (Canteen) and Janet Worthy (P&C)

Vice Presidents: Julie Holloway and Louise Hakkenbrock

I very much look forward to working with our P&C during 2013 and again I would encourage you to come along to our meetings. The next meeting is on Tuesday 9 April in our Library, commencing at 7pm. Both Mr Meizer and Mr Morris will attend this meeting to discuss the issue of School Sport and proposed changes currently under consideration by the school executive.

The executive have also spent considerable time looking at our organisational and curriculum structures with a view to embedding the academic rigour and extension opportunities that students require.

The nature of class organisation and the movement of Vocational Education courses into Stage 5 are also under consideration. This presents a number of opportunities to improve student learning outcomes. It also challenges many of the long held norms of our day to day operation.

Once again, these considerations can be further explored in open forum at our P&C meetings.

For some time the school has been involved with the PBS (Positive Behaviour for Success) program. This is a coordinated attempt to inculcate those positive values that underpin our work. These values include Respect, Knowledge, Honesty and Caring for our Environment.

This program has achieved significant results elsewhere and has the capacity to re-culture schools into harmonious places devoid of the angst that characterises other places.

Unfortunately, our initial foray into the PBS arena was not as successful as it could have been. I am hopeful that PBS Mk2 will have the desired results! More information will be forthcoming from our PBS team early in Term 2.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe Easter holiday break.

With my kind regards

John Hambly
 Principal

Coming Events

Week 9A

25 March	• Sport Selection for Term 2
26 March	• Year 7 Parent Afternoon Tea
27 March	• SRC Induction 9.40am in Hall
	• Support Unit to Easter Show
28 March	• School Athletics & Cross Country all day at Myimbar Community Park
29 March	• Good Friday Public Holiday

Week 10B

1 April	• Easter Monday Public Holiday
2 April	• Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
	• Year 11 Marine Studies Excursion
3 April	• Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
	• Year 8 Visual Arts Proposed date for Killalea Excursion
4 April	• Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
	• CHS Swimming Carnival
5 April	• Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
	• CHS Swimming Carnival
	• Year 7 – Year 10 OZTAG Gala Day

Week 11A

8 April	• Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
	• Year 7 Camp
9 April	• Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
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	• P&C Meeting 7pm in Library
10 April	• Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
	• Year 7 Camp
11 April	• Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
12 April	• Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
	• Last Day of Term 1

Canteen News

WACKY WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 3 April

Selling

Coke, Chocolates, Caramel Slice, Custard Tarts and Assorted Lollies

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Deputies Report

It is hard to believe that the first term has almost come to an end already. The students are settling nicely into the rhythm of the year.

With autumn coming and cooler mornings, a reminder about the need to maintain school uniform and in particular jackets and jumpers. "Hoodies" are not part of the uniform. The school community has decided that uniform is compulsory for students attending Warilla High School and if a student is unable to wear an item of uniform for some reason on a particular day then they are to bring a note to the Administration area before school.

The school uniform is for sale at the school office, and stock is continually arriving. A clothing pool of preloved items is also available.

The school has recently ordered a new style of sport shorts; they are a longer version with pockets and should prove to be popular with the students. It is wonderful to see 1,200 students all wearing their uniform with pride and a shared sense of belonging.

Good luck to the many dedicated and talented students who are busy preparing to compete in our upcoming combined Athletics and Cross Country Carnival. Both events will held on the same day, Thursday 28 March at Myimbar Park (Blackbutt). We are looking forward to a wonderful day of competition.

Warilla High school has many great traditions, and our sporting prowess is one of the areas in which we excel. Using times and results from the carnival, Warilla High School students will be selected to compete at Regional levels and represent us all. Hopefully we will soon be able to report back on greater achievements of our students at Regional and State levels.

Mrs J Raison and Ms M Brook
Deputy Principals

Interested in Cross Country or Middle Distance Running

Where: Blackbutt Way Blackbutt Forest

When: Monday & Wednesday 4.00pm

Athletes of all abilities are welcome

Coach: Mr David Chisholm

Qualifications: 60 years' experience as an athlete and coach, Level 5 Coaching Qualification for Middle Distance, Long Distance and Cross Country

Careers

BlueScope Steel

BlueScope Steel have advertised their Cadet Career Snapshot Days for the July holidays. If any student in Years 10, 11 or 12 are interested in a cadetship and university studies with BlueScope and UOW this is a must to attend. See Mrs Glasgow for further information.

Stockland Shellharbour Inspiration Work Experience Program

Warilla High was selected as a pilot school to participate in this very exciting program. Stockland presented to all Year 10 on Thursday 21 March, the program and then students were able apply to be one of the 20 selected to participate in a comprehensive work experience program that investigates student interests, introduces them to industry and links them to an industry mentor.

International Women's Day Brunch

Six of our finest Year 12 female students attended this brunch to hear 4 very inspirational speakers present about their leadership journeys. Our students: Holli McDonald, Maddison Silk, Jordan Field, Rachel Condran, Heather Currey and Leah Reid were fortunate to listen and meet Ms Nieves Murray CEO of IRT, Mrs Emily Squires Human Resource Manager ACCOR, Wendy Richardson OAM and Nicole Clark Interpreter for the Deaf.



Mrs Glasgow
Careers Adviser

Leaving Schools Procedures

The school has some leaving procedures that students are required to complete which includes returning all school property (textbooks and laptops etc.) and finalising payment of outstanding fees.

While this is often an exciting time for students and their family, students must realise that should their circumstances change prior to turning 17 years of age, they are required by law to:

- gain a full time employment position;
- enter into full time training with TAFE or any other training provider; or
- undertake a mix of part-time employment and training for a minimum of 25 hours per week.

If none of these options are available, students must return to secondary education at their local high school. Failure to do so will place you as their parents, and the student in breach of *The Education Act*.

If you have any concerns regarding this information, please feel free to call the school.

Mr S. Kershaw
Head Teacher Student Administration

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Year 12 Community & Family Studies

On Tuesday 5 March Year 12 CAFS had a visit from Warilla Women's Refuge as part of our studies of **Families in Crisis**.

The case worker presented an informative insight into the difficulties many women and families face as a result of domestic violence or homelessness.

The refuge is a non-profit organisation and many of the families in need present to the service with minimal possessions. As a way of saying thanks for taking the time to visit and support our students learning experiences, we decided to gather together some donations that would be of use.

Thank you to all of those people who brought in donations, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

I will be happy to organise another collection and delivery of goods, so if you would like to contribute to this very worthwhile cause, please drop off your donations to the front office or B10 staffroom before Tuesday 26 March. The following items (in very good condition) are greatly needed.

- Linen for single beds
- Emergency care packs: Toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner etc.
- Homewares: Towels, cutlery, pots, pans, glasses, tea towels, cups etc.
- Kids items: Toys, colouring books, towels, games
- Baby items: Nappies, shampoo and bath products
- Toddlers: Toothbrush and toothpaste and hygiene products
- Food such as cereals, canned / packet food with a long expiry date, sugar, tea and coffee
- Vouchers for food and emergency items. Used only in emergency situations
- Toilet paper
- *And since Easter is just around the corner – perhaps some chocolate eggs*



Medical Information 2013

Warilla High is currently updating medical information for all students. It is important if your child has developed a medical condition, that the school is informed in writing of the condition.

Children who have outgrown their current condition, can have the condition removed from their records by writing to the school.

Children with Anaphylaxis: please ensure that a current ASCIA Anaphylaxis plan from your Doctor has been submitted to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you to all the Year 7 parents that completed the medical form.

Janine Neden
Health Care Co-ordinator

Textiles Students attend Sydney Stitches and Craft Show

Some Year 10 and Year 12 Textiles students were fortunate to be able to attend the Rosehill Stitches and Craft Show in early March to view the Year 12 Textstyle display of major Textiles works and design portfolios from last year.

At the start of the day the Year 12 students, and their teacher, attended a student seminar where they learnt some of the tips and techniques to use in their design portfolios.

Meanwhile the Year 10 students observed the major works and then had the opportunity to peruse the various methods of designing, colouring and decorating fabrics.

After a lunch break the students were encouraged to attend one of the free seminars or 'make and take' opportunities. All students found the day inspirational and came away with a wider knowledge of the methods used to embellish materials and fashions. In June there is another show which we will again encourage students to attend to enrich their understanding of methods available.

Vaccinations

By this time all students in Year 7, and the boys in Year 9, have had the forms provided to them to return to school if they require any of the vaccinations provided through the school by the Department of Public Health.

With the forms, the students were provided with a letter informing the dates for vaccinations and contact details for any questions. All forms need to be returned to Mrs Potts or Mrs Orton, as soon as possible, if the student is receiving the vaccinations as we need to contact the Department of Public Health with numbers necessary for the first lot of **vaccines** which are due to be administered on **1 May** and, if needed due to numbers, **3 May**.

Can parents please encourage their children to ensure these have been submitted? If you have questions in regard to the school supervision of this initiative or, to obtain vaccination forms, can you please contact Mrs Potts on 4296 3055.

Mrs Ankerholz-Potts
Head Teacher Home Economics

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2013 School Swimming Carnival Report

Age Champions

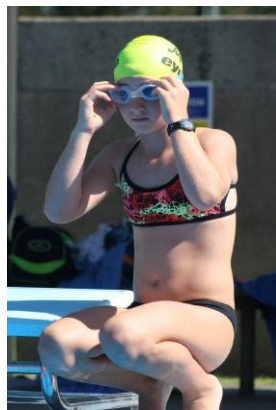
Boys – Finbar Gittoes, Jack Lees, Lachlan Rye, Jye Edwards, Brody Elliott and Nathan Lomas

Girls - Khadijah Hairuddin, Cassidy Graham, Nicole Papadimas, Emerson Leighton, Amber Jones, Cassandra Naydovska

The School Team which represented Warilla High at the Zone Championships at Dapto were:

Rachel Ristovski, Khadijah Hairuddin, Emily Hilton, Cassidy Graham, Harlie Singleton, Nicole Papadimas, Emerson Leighton, Amber Jones, Shenay Riza, Cassandra Naydovska, Riana Drake, Tyler McEwan, Jovan Ristevski, Jack Lees, Finbar Gittoes, Eden Riza, Luke Hunter, Mitchell Williams, Finlay McPhillips, William Orth, Lachlan Rye, Ben Hayman, Peter Worth, Quinn Hughes, Brody Elliott.

Of this group 13 individuals and 8 relay teams qualified to represent Southern Illawarra Zone at the Regional Carnival.



Grandparents Day

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Grandparents day scheduled for 21 March was postponed and will be held later in the year.

Details of the new date will be advised at our earliest convenience.

Year 7 Afternoon Tea

On Tuesday 26 March your family is invited to a 'Welcome to Warilla High School Afternoon Tea'.

Please meet at 2.00pm in the Alan Petersen Pavilion (adjacent to the hall). Light refreshments, tea, coffee & cordial will be provided whilst you have the opportunity to meet your child's teachers.

For catering purposes, please let the school know the number of members attending before the event.

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