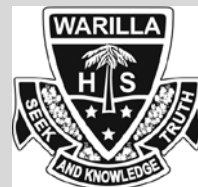


# Warilla High School Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

In the last Newsletter I outlined the fabulous news of our inclusion in the National Partnership Literacy Program, a Federal Government initiative to improve student learning outcomes in reading and comprehension.

In the past few weeks this has seen a hive of activity with senior staff visiting schools of exemplar practice in South Western Sydney to see firsthand what this program looks like in operation.

The insights gained by these visits will be invaluable as we plot our literacy strategy for this program.

We have also been able to gain the services of an academic partner in Professor Brian Cambourne. Brian is internationally recognised for his work in literacy and especially the types of professional learning's that are essential for staff to improve pedagogic practice and student learning. I am sure his vast experience and expert knowledge in this field will be a huge asset for us!

The school has also defined a range of exciting new developments, including the establishment of an OC (Opportunity Class) for Year 7 2014 with a range of extension electives across Stages 4 & 5 to support an ongoing pathway to stimulate, engage and extend our best and talented students.

Likewise, last week saw the launch of our LEAP (Learning Engagement Alternative Program) for Year 11 2014. This cutting edge initiative will see selected students undertake a core HSC pattern of study in addition to TAFE and vocational education courses, combined with weekly work placement and training in certificates including Financial Literacy, First Aid and WHS (Workplace Health and Safety) accreditation.

This is an outstanding concept which has the capacity to see many of our students pick up those elusive workplace apprenticeships and traineeships beyond the school. I commend the work of Mrs Raison and the Curriculum Portfolio Team who have developed and deployed this exciting new curriculum component.

The nature of sport as it is currently being delivered has also been the subject of much scrutiny and I hope to be in a position to discuss proposed 2014 changes before the end of this term.

The school is also in the process of revamping its uniforms, particularly in the area of shorts and skirts. This has been endorsed by our P&C and I would urge you to become familiar with the schools dress code for students as we move towards a 2014 implementation.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support in ensuring that the vast majority of our students abide by the school's stated code of behaviour. It is essential that students follow the reasonable instructions given by staff and that they are courteous and respectful in their dealings with each other and their teachers. Violence, bullying, ridicule and demeaning commentaries posted on social media sites have no place at this school and I am determined to ensure this is the case.

I am quite prepared to expel any student should they wish to test this determination.

To further enhance the development of respectful relationships across the school, our Term 3 School Development Day will see updated training for staff in the Positive Behaviour for Success Program which is designed to improve school cultures and the behaviours that are expected.

*With my kind regards,*  
**John Hambly**

### Coming Events

#### Week 6B

3 June	• Year 12 EES Killalea Excursion
4 June	• <b>School Photo's</b>
5 June	• ICAS Science Competition • Year 12 Travel Safety Presentation

#### Week 7A

10 June	• Public Holiday
11 June	• <b>P&amp;C Meeting in library 7pm</b>
14 June	• Year 11 Reports issued • Year 12 Modern History & Ancient History on Sydney Excursion • LEAP Parent / Student Interview day

#### Week 8B

17 June	• OHS Course in Library all day
18 June	• Year 11 & Year 12 Parent / Teacher Evening 5-7pm • OHS Course in Library 8.30 – 11.00am • Year 11 Advance English to Seymour Centre Sydney 'Othello'
19 June	• Zone Athletics Carnival • Canteen Red Day • First Aid Course
21 June	• First Aid Course • Year 9 History Excursion to Breakwater Battery Museum Port Kembla

### Deputies Report

Schools are very busy places, as you may imagine. Students and staff are busy with one thing and as fast as it is finished another comes along. Last Wednesday we stopped for a period, or two, and celebrated some of the wonderful things that Warilla High School students have achieved so far this year.

Two separate assemblies were held, one focusing on Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 and the other on our senior students of Years 10, Year 11 and Year 12. Both assemblies were expertly hosted by our student leaders Corey Belsito and Kyla Hakkenbrock.

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Kayleigh Chambers from Year 8 and Monique Doheny and Amelia Frisch, both from Year 10, performed the National Anthem at their separate assemblies. The musical items were varied with performances from Zane Georgievski of Metallica's "Nothing Else Matters", to Wade Miller-Duncan and Daniel Markulic from Year 10 pounding out the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Claire Griffin, also in Year 10, singing and playing a jazz version of "Hit the Road Jack".

The parents and carers of these students must be very proud of these talented students. A special thanks must also go to the Creative and Performing Arts department for nurturing these talented students. Special mention must go to Mrs Unicomb who is inspiring and a hard task master of these future musicians, nothing less than excellence is expected, and she had these students delivering at the assembly.

The number of awards and citations handed out to our students at these two assemblies was also very impressive. Mrs Clune and Miss Fotheringham recognised the sporting excellence of many of our students who have demonstrated their outstanding skills in Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Running.

Mrs Farrugia awarded many Silver Merits to Year 8 students, some of whom are now up to 80 merits since starting in Year 7 last year. It is wonderful to see so many students being recognised and celebrated for their ongoing efforts at Warilla High School. Some of the same students reported back to the assembly about the recent Year 8 leadership excursion.

A special mention goes to Mr Groves and the Industrial Arts staff and students. They were featured in a presentation about the construction students and the outdoor furniture they have been building for our students. Thank you to the P&C for financing this extra seating and shelter for our students.

While many things are still underway at Warilla High it was a great chance at this assembly to stop and appreciate how much has been undertaken and achieved so far this year. Well done and congratulations to our many stars on the day and award recipients, both your school and families are very proud of your efforts!

**Mrs Raison and Ms Brook**  
**Deputy Principals**

### Woolworths "Earn and Learn" Promotion

The Library is again collecting "Earn and Learn" stickers from Woolworths. There is a collection box at the front office or your child can drop the stickers directly into the library. This is the third year we have participated and each year we have managed to earn great resources for the library. Last year we received some lovely book display units. So, at the checkout, ask for those stickers and send them into school!

### Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature.

It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The Premier's Reading is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten - Year 9. Twenty eight students from Warilla High school from Year 7 to Year 9 are participating in the challenge and are well on their way to achieving their personal best goals. It's not too late for your child to sign up – just see Mrs Bryant in the school Library.

*"Reading to the mind is like exercise to the body"* Richard Steele

**Mrs Bryant**  
**Librarian**

## Careers

### Illawarra Regional Coal Careers Expo

On Wednesday 15 May all Year 10 and Year 12 students were given the opportunity to attend this Expo where over 100 exhibitors from numerous Universities, TAFE, Private Colleges, Group Training Companies, local industry representatives and employers were available to provide advice on future career pathways. The majority of students attended and gathered a lot of valuable information.



### Apprenticeship & Traineeships Information Sessions

Do you want to learn about -

- What employers want?
- Where to find jobs?
- How to give yourself the best chance of getting a job?

Hear from and talk to stall holders -

- Employers
- Group Training Companies
- Australian Apprenticeship Centres
- TAFE
- Current Apprentices

#### Where and When:

Tuesday 18 June 2013, 6.00pm – 7.30pm, Wollongong Master Builders Club

Wednesday 19 June 2013, 6.00pm – 7.30pm, The Shellharbour Club

#### Bookings Essential:

Workplace Learning Illawarra

Phone: 42252526

Email: [fiona@iswlp.org.au](mailto:fiona@iswlp.org.au)

### Board of Studies (BOS) Literacy and Numeracy Tests

This week 15 Year 11 students have been given the opportunity to sit both Literacy and Numeracy tests organised by the BOS. These tests are open for a week, twice a year and are designed to give students who are interested in leaving school another report with grades to assist them in finding employment or further education such as TAFE. These tests will be open again in Term 4. If interested see Mrs Glasgow.

### South Coast Hair and Beauty Academy

Over the past four Friday's 13 Year 10 and Year 11 students have been attending the Academy and completing either a Hair or Beauty Taster Course.

In these courses students have looked at the industry and the skills needed to be either a Hairdresser or a Beauty Therapist.

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Students have really enjoyed the course and the Manager has contacted the school to praise the student's behaviour and work ethic. So well done to:

Tatiana Govedarica, Vanessa Necovski, Tahnee Bowden, Lanie Holz, Jessica Watson, Amber Dunn, Julia Huang, Claire Griffin, Britany McLeod, Chloe Fahey, Sheridan Thomas, Tarnielle Edye, Teegan Wale

**Mrs Glasgow**  
**Careers Adviser**

## Sport

### All Schools Triathlon

Troy Whittington competed in the NSW All Schools Triathlon and came 5<sup>th</sup> in the CHS section and 15<sup>th</sup> overall. Troy is a committed student who trains extensively and is making a name for himself around Australia in the long distance running events. He will be attempting to go a step further this year with his Cross Country events.

### Open Touch Zone Championships and Zone Selections

We had our Open Boys and Girls teams compete against Albion Park, Kanahooka, Warramong and Illawarra Sports High Schools.

We were unsuccessful in going to the next level with our teams but a number of our player's trialled for the South Coast Open Teams at Dalton Park on Friday 3 May.

### GALA DAYS

These days are offered throughout the year in a variety of sports and entry is determined by the interest of the students.

#### Girl's AFL Gala Day

We had 2 teams in this competition and teams – an U13's and and U15's. Both teams played 3 pool games and the U15's made the final against St Mary's.

In a very close game that saw possession constantly changing, St Mary's won 8-6.

Congratulations to the following players for their enthusiasm and good sportsmanship on the day:

Under 13's: Harlie Singleton, Tykea Tungai, Lauren Warrington, Temekah Kable, Jayne Cosgrove, Susan Newman, Laura Lees, Kahlah Quinn, Erin Dalley.

Under 15's: Danielle Thompson, Ashleigh Fahey, Shinae Callaway, Holly Flegg, Grace Tauee, Grace Skarratts, Katherine O'Brien, Libby O'Brien and Michaela Collings.

#### Oz Tag Gala Day

Ms Berghouse organised 90 students to take part in teams in all Years from 7-10 in a very successful gala day at Cringila on 5 April. Oz Tag is a sport that continues to grow in popularity and this was evident with the involvement of so many students. Our Year 8 boys' team was successful in winning their Grand Final on the day with 3 other teams making it to the grand final.

#### 9/10 Touch Day

Mrs Fallo took 2 girls' teams to the 9/10 NSW All School Regional Championships at Dalton Park on Wednesday 26 March. Each team played three games on the day, and, although they came up against some very good opposition, were able to show good improvement each game.

Touch is a difficult game to be successful in unless participants are playing regular competition. Hopefully the grade sport competition that is held during Terms 2 and 3 will give the students some valuable competition.

## South Coast Golf Championships

We had 5 students take part in these championships played at Kiama Golf Club.

Jack Kessell (Year 10) is our most experienced golfer who plays off a handicap of 2. He finished equal 8<sup>th</sup> with a 73 off the stick.

Competition is extremely tough with the lowest markers playing off +2. Jayden Graovac (Year 8), Brendon Dodovski (Year 8), Adam Spirovski (Year 8) and Cassidy Graham (Year 7) also competed.

These students are only going to improve and will benefit from their exposure to this level of competition.

Jack Kessell has also been involved in the South Coast Match Play Championships where he won his first match before going down to eventual South Coast Champion Zac Stolz. Jack had the opportunity to play this match at Cronulla Golf Club which is a very prestigious Sydney club.

Jack will compete at the NSW All Schools Stroke Play Championships at Blackheath over the 7 May and 8 May where players from all around the State compete. Again we wish Jack all the best in this competition.

## Community Success

Many of our students are achieving with distinction out of school and we would love to mention these successes.

Troy Whittington (Year 8): Little Athletics Regional Championships 1<sup>st</sup> in 3000m (new record), 1500m and 800m. Australian Junior Championships in Perth, 8<sup>th</sup> in U15 3000m. Kiara Meredith (Year 7): Illawarra Regional 14's Surfing Champion; Rookie of the Year from Southbridge Board Riders Club. Kiara will compete at State Titles in July.

Jordan Fowler (Year 11): Second, Illawarra Regional Surfing titles. Jordan will compete at State titles in July.

Jake O'Callaghan (Year 11): was selected in the NSW AFL Unity Cup team that competed in Melbourne in March. This is for players between 15-19 years of age. NSW were successful in winning the competition and Jake was presented with the award for 'Most Valuable Player' and 'Best On Ground'.

If your child is achieving out of school, we would love to acknowledge them. Please email correct, validated information to: [denise.sevil@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:denise.sevil@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Mrs Clune**  
**PDHPE Faculty**

## ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremony

On Friday 3 May Warilla High School held its annual ANZAC Day Commemorative ceremony. This ceremony takes the form of a whole school assembly led by the Student Leaders.

It involves the playing of the National Anthem, a historical overview of the ANZAC campaign and a synopsis of the legacy and relevance of ANZAC to our lives in contemporary Australia. The students of Warilla High demonstrated their appreciation of the sacrifice made by those who have served this country by showing the utmost respect throughout the entire assembly but especially during the recital of the ode and the minute silence.

This year's ceremony was especially significant with the awarding to Ryleigh Kelly of Year 9, the inaugural 'Sands of Gallipoli' trophy, sponsored by the Warilla RSL Sub-Branch and presented by Don Briggs, President of the Club.

This award is presented to a student who can best describe, in essay form, the significance of ANZAC Day to their lives.

Ryleigh's name will now be the first to be inscribed on the impressive trophy which contains a small amount of sand collected from the beach at ANZAC Cove.

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I would like to commend the five school leaders, Yasemin Ali, Corey Belsito, Kyla Hakkenbrock, Holly Kane, and Lara Roche for their poise and dignity when leading the school through this commemoration. They are truly role models for the whole school community.

I would also like to recognise Yasemin, Corey, Kyla and Holly for their role in representing the school at the Shellharbour City ANZAC Day Commemoration Service. As part of this ceremony the students laid a wreath to honour those who served, on behalf of Warilla High School and once again represented the school with distinction.

**Mr Hales**  
**Relieving Head Teacher HSIE**



## Welfare News

- I would like to congratulate Mr Morris and Mrs Beaumont on their organisation of the Year 11 Crossroads Camp. Year 11 are to be commended for their behaviour and their participation during the camp. These camps play a vital role in equipping our students with the necessary life skills in order to become active citizens in the wider community.
- During Week 3 and 4 the majority of Year 8 took part in a Leadership Day at Killalea. These days were very successful and much praise needs to be reserved for Mrs Farrugia and Mrs Unicomb for their organisation of this wonderful initiative.
- On Friday 24 May, Years 9 & 10 were provided with the opportunity to attend a "Mind Blanks" workshop here at school. This workshop focused on mental health where the students were able to immerse themselves in interactive theatre. The objective of the workshop was to assist our students in building resilience, resourcefulness and social connectedness plus learn how to protect themselves against the risk factors of mental ill health.
- All Year 12 attended our annual Year 12 Future Directions Conference on Tuesday 28 May. This involved a wide range of speakers from many industries including: Hospitality, Retail, Trades, Human Resources, Emergency Services, Fashion, Manufacturing, Child Care, IT, Multimedia and the Defence Forces addressing our students regarding the possibilities available in each

particular field. The keynote speaker on the day was Mr Marty Haynes from i98fm who addressed the students on his career in the media and his endless charity work in the community. The school is very fortunate that we are able to draw on the skills and expertise of Mrs Noeleen Fulton who organises this annual event.

- A big thank you to Mr Neill who is one of our School Learning Support teachers, for his organisation of the Individual Learning Plan meetings which have taken place during Week 5 for our students who receive funding support. These meetings provide a wonderful opportunity for the teachers of these students to meet with parents / caregivers and develop an ongoing educational plan for each of the identified students to assist them in their journey throughout high school.
- Mrs Farrugia is in the process of organising a "Good Student" reward excursion to Luna Park for students in Year 7-11 which will take place on the last day of Term 2. Students who have earned a Gold Award or have received 10 merit certificates so far in 2013 will be invited to attend. This is also dependant on their behaviour having been at a satisfactory level. All students are reminded that they need to hand in their merit certificates to their Year Advisor.
- Our Year 7 Advisor, Mr Cairncross will be on leave during Weeks 6 & 7 so his Assistant Year Advisor, Miss Ellie Fitzgerald will be Acting Year 7 Advisor during this time. If you have any enquiries regarding your child can you please make contact with her during this period?

**Mr Stanizzo**  
**Head Teacher Welfare**

## High Attendance Equals High Achievement

### Attendance at Warilla High School

#### What is a justified reason for being absent from school?

Justified reasons for absences may include if the student:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably, these should be made after school or during holidays)
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious disease

Absences for reasons such as some of the following may not be justified.

- Shopping
- Sleeping in
- Working around the house
- Minding younger siblings and other children
- Minor family events such as birthdays
- Haircuts

It is important to realise that parents (including carers) may be prosecuted if children have recurring unjustified absences from school.

If you have any questions regarding student attendance, please contact the school.

**Mr Kershaw**  
**Head Teacher Student Administration**

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