Warilla High School Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to a new term. During the break the school received some outstanding news. We have been included on the Federal Government's National Partnership Literacy / Numeracy Program.

This is a targeted program designed to improve student outcomes in literacy or numeracy with significant funds channelled into the school to support teacher professional learning and capacity building to ensure sustainability beyond the 2 Year tenure of the program.

This will mean that for the first time, staff will be able to immerse themselves in best practice examples and workshops to improve student learning in a systematic and coordinated manner. Indeed, the funding for this project exceeds 4 times what the school would normally anticipate in its professional learning budget annually.

The target group for this is Year 7 and 8. The school has conducted a situational analysis using a triangulation of data and information and has determined that Literacy will be our focus and more particularly, reading and comprehension. The National Partnership Team, led by Ms Fallo-Cranney and Ms Raison has already begun a comprehensive assessment of students in these years to plot them against the National Literacy Continuum with a view to establishing the appropriate starting point for the professional training outlined above.

This is a very significant and exciting development for our school which we greet with both enthusiasm and excitement. Given that a number of our primary school partners are also on the National Partnership program, I anticipate a groundswell of support and an unrelenting focus on the key pillars of student achievement - literacy and numeracy - across our Community of Schools.

Indeed, our School Development Day on 29 April saw all of the primary teachers join us here for training in the Literacy Continuum and its significance as a teaching and learning tool. This professional learning will certainly be put to the test in the months ahead!

The school was also involved in joint activities on a Key Learning Area basis on 30 April around the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in 2014. These combined sessions were very well received with a range of Head Teacher Networks enacted and others that had been less active becoming more "mobile". This will be key as we move into the new syllabus requirements from the beginning of next year.

The term has begun in a very hectic fashion with our Year 11 Camp, a regional Careers Expo and our NAPLAN assessments all in the week beginning 13 May.

It is very important for all eligible students to participate in the NAPLAN tests as it provides invaluable information for staff to adjust programs and make refinements to teaching practice on the basis of both the quantifiable and quantitative data these assessments provide. Please ensure your child attends.

Finally, another reminder about the terrific opportunity the P&C meetings provide to engage in more detailed conversations



Our School's Core Values:



13 May 2013

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about the big ticket items mentioned in this newsletter, as well as the micro matters that can also cause issues. I look forward to seeing you in the library this Tuesday 14 May at 7pm for our first P& C meeting of the term.

With my kind regards, John Hambly

Coming Events

Week 3A

13 May	Year 11 CampYear 12 Work Placement
14 May	 Year 11 Camp Year 12 Work Placement Year 8 Leadership Skills Activity Day at Killalea 8.30am – 1.30pm Year 7 & Year 9 NAPLAN
15 May	 Year 11 Camp Year 12 Work Placement Year 7 & Year 9 NAPLAN Year 10 & Year 12 ICAN Expo
16 May	 Year 11 Camp Year 12 Work Placement Year 7 & Year 9 NAPLAN
17 May	 Year 11 Camp Year 12 Work Placement Zone Cross Country at Dapto Girls Rugby League Gala Day
Week 4B	

20 May	•••	Year 12 Placement Year 10, Year 11 & Year 12 at OHS Course in library
21 May		Year 8 Leadership Skills Activity Day Killalea 8.30am – 1.30pm Year 12 Work Placement
22 May	•	Year 12 Work Placement
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Week 5A

27 May	•	St Johns Ambulance First Aid Course in Library
28 May	•	Year 12 Futures Conference
29 May		St Johns Ambulance First Aid Course in Library Year 12 HSC Music Workshop at Wesley Uniting Church
31 May	•	Regional Cross Country

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Deputies Report

Term 2 Highlights – We are well underway into a very important 9 week term at Warilla High School. This term will see our students involved in a number of important activities including Year 11 Exams, NAPLAN for Year 7 and 9, the Year 11 Camp, VET Work Placement, School Photos and NAIDOC week celebrations. Along with these events our students will be working hard to achieve their best across each of their subjects and Semester One reports will be issued at the end of this term. Students must ensure they give their best effort to every lesson to achieve their very best results.

LEAP – The Learning and Engagement Alternative Program for Year 11 students will commence for a selected group of students in 2014. This is an innovative and exciting program that has been developed to cater for students who would like to gain their HSC without an ATAR, instead with added qualifications and experiences that will assist in their vocational interest. More information regarding this program follows later in the Newsletter. An information package was distributed to interested Year 10 students on Monday 6th May. Parents of current Year 10 students who may be interested are asked to contact Mrs Bryant, Mrs Glasgow or Mrs Raison.

School Uniform – Thank you to the students, parents and guardians who have been ensuring students attend our school in full uniform. As the weather becomes colder, please ensure students continue to attend school wearing all required uniform, a school jumper and appropriate long pants. The samples for a junior girls skirt and shorts are going to be reviewed by the SRC over the next few weeks with final recommendations made to our P&C later this term. Please note that students who arrive at school with items that do not meet school expectations including tights or skirts and shorts that are not an appropriate length will be asked to change into more appropriate school clothing.

Core Values – With the start of another term it is timely to remind all of our students of Warilla High School's four core values:

- Seek knowledge
- Care for your environment
- Embrace honesty
- Respect others and value yourself

This term we started with a reminder for students to ensure they look after our school environment, in particular keeping the playground tidy. Our SRC and school leaders have been actively working with students to ensure our whole student body take responsibility for using the rubbish bins provided and keeping the area they use at break times clean. Thank you to our SRC for their outstanding leadership and pride in our school.

Mrs J Raison and Ms M Brook Deputy Principals

'Earn & Learn' Program

Our School is again participating in the Woolworths 'Earn & Learn' Program.

A box for any stickers or completed forms is located in the Administration foyer or you can take them to the library.

Last year we received some fantastic display units in the Library for our fiction books and magazines.

With your continued support in this program we can get more fantastic resources for our students.

Mrs Bryant Librarian



Our School's Core Values:

High Attendance Equals High Achievement

Warilla High School values excellent attendance, and we would like to acknowledge the great effort of the following students who have achieved 100% attendance for Term 1, 2013.

Congratulations on an outstanding achievement, and keep up the excellent effort for the rest of the year.

Year 7

Christopher Androutsopoulos Lachlan Cartwright Taleigha Cook Courtney Edwards Tarni Kidd Christopher Naumovski Jovan Ristevski Jayden Rogers Lauren Warrington Alexandra Woll

Year 8

Ryan Adam Alicia Ford Jake Mather Taleah Porter-Renwick Melanie Visaggio Karlie Zwolsman

Year 9

Rachael Holland Jessica Naumovski Brayden Woll

Year 10

Chantelle Balmer Timothy Hamlyn Levi Kidd Rylee Lawrence Rhiannon Pearce Dylan Werth

Year 11

Serena Arapali Timothy Currey Caitlin Hattenfels Brooke Johnston Alexis Mallia Justin Neloski

Year 12

Rochelle Allen-Taylor Heather Currey Blake Edgar Ellis Garforth Melissa Holland Allanah Starr

Careers

It's the mad month of May in regards to Careers at Warilla High School – so many events happening:

• The Illawarra Coal Careers Expo: all Year 10 and Year 12 who have returned notes will be attending the Expo this Wednesday 15 May Periods 1 and 2. With over 100 exhibitors including TAFE, Universities, Private Colleges, Group Training Companies, Industries and local employers represented, it is a fantastic opportunity for students to gain valuable information about future career pathways. There is a Public Session where anyone can attend this Expo on Tuesday 14 May from 4.00pm – 6.30pm. All welcome.

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Rachel Ristovski Quiarnii Russell Brendan Williamson Sarah Fairweather Nikki Hoornick

Jemma Carey

Justin Check

Kye Cooper

Joel King

Cassidy Graham

Ryan Noronha

Sarah Fairweather Nikki Hoornick Nicole Papadimas Sophie Ryan Benjamin Watts

Katie James Cooper Tye Scott Zwolsman

Mitchell Dalley Matthew Hanly Jesse Kyriacou Alexander Neloski Courtney Sopher

Cameron Chisholm Katie Hamlyn Mark Hunter Curtis Kicks Alex McPhie

Melissa Cleary Mitchell Eades Bradley Garcia Jason Gregory Tammy Kennedy David Worthy

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- The Smith Family is again very generously offering to a group of our Year 11 students, free of charge the opportunity to study and complete their Certificate I in Financial Literacy. This course will be run at school on consecutive Mondays and normally comes at a cost of approximately \$200 each student. We would like to express our appreciation to the Smith Family for its support of our school.
- On Tuesday 28 May, the 20 Year 10 students selected in the Stockland Shellharbour Work Inspirations Program will be attending workshops and tours of the facility. This is an outstanding program where students complete a career pathway program through Stockland staff and then complete a work experience program and are linked with industry mentors. Stockland has already visited the school twice and are working very closely with our students. This program is also supported by the Smith Family.





- At present 13 Year 10 and 11 students are completing Hair and Beauty Workshops with the South Coast Beauty Academy in Oak Flats. They are attending full day workshops for 4 consecutive Fridays at the training rooms and are gaining a valuable insight into this industry.
- Year 10 this week received information about a new curriculum structure that will be introduced in 2014 for Year 11 titled LEAP Learning Engagement Alterative Program. This program is designed for students who wish to get a HSC but not an ATAR to matriculate to University and have a clear vocational interest. With the youth unemployment in the Illawarra and the leaving age for school now at 17 years this program will provide an engaging and relevant vocational study pathway which includes a weekly structured work experience program. Students have been issued 'expression of interest forms' to be completed and handed in to either Mrs Bryant (Year 10 Year Adviser) or Mrs Glasgow (Careers Adviser). For more information contact the school.

Mrs Glasgow

Careers Adviser

Sport

Term 1 is always a busy one with sport and there are many sporting events to report and, in doing so, acknowledge the efforts of many of our students.

Open Boys Soccer

Joshua Tasevski (Year 12) is our only South Coast Football representative after trialling in March. He will travel to Armidale at the end of May to compete in the CHS State Championships and we wish him every success.



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Open Girls Soccer

Congratulations to Taren King (Year 11) and Shakiah Tungai (Year 11) on making the South Coast Girls' Football team. They will travel to Albury Week 2 of second term, to compete in the CHS State Championships.

Under 15 Tennis

Congratulations to Mohammed Garaibeh (Year 8) who represented the South Coast in Sydney after performing well at the Zone Tennis Championships played at Figtree.

Under 15 Touch Trials

These trials attracted interest from a number of our students with Cameron Vazzoler (Year 9), Casey-Lee Bedford (Yr8) and Erin Dalley (Year 8) being selected to represent the South Coast at the CHS State Championships in Newcastle over the weekend of the 4 May and 5 May. The girls had a fantastic weekend away and hopefully their desire to continue to develop in Touch has been increased with this experience.

Important Sport dates to note:

Friday 17 May - Zone Cross Country at Kembla Joggers Club, Darkes Rd Dapto

Friday 17 May – Girls Rugby League Gala Day at Croome Rd Friday 31 May – Regional Cross Country Wednesday 19 June - Zone Athletics Carnival, Croome Road

Regional Swimming Carnival

Warilla High fielded 27 swimmers for the recent Regional Swimming Carnival at Dapto, on 6 March.

This team were fine representatives of both the school and the Zone displaying excellent team ethics and sportsmanship.

The Southern Illawarra team members were as follows:

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

There were 13 individual representatives who competed in 28 separate events as well as 8 relay teams representing the school – Boys 12-19: 200 Medley, 12–19: 300 Relay, 13 Years relay, 14 Years Girls: 12–19 300 Relay, 14 Years relay, 17–19 200 Relay and the 12 strong 600 Knockout Relay.

Highlights of the day were Cassie Naydovska's 3 firsts (2nd Age Champion) and the number of swimmers swimming up age groups to ensure that the relay teams competed.

Overall Warilla came 18th in the Combined Schools team score. Along with Cassie, Brody Elliott (7th Age Champion) and Tyler McEwan will be representing Warilla High School and the South Coast at the NSWCHS (state) Swimming championships at SOPAC in May. We wish them well.

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Warilla High School Athletics and Cross Country Carnival

This is the first year we have held a combined Athletics / Cross Country Carnival, as well as the first time we have held the Carnival away from the school.

Thank you to the Lake Illawarra Little Athletics Club for their assistance with the running of the carnival. The facilities are excellent and we were appreciative of your involvement and friendly, helpful manner throughout the day.

The students who were in attendance at the Carnival were fantastic ambassadors for their families and school on the day.

The students move around the Athletic events in their age groups and competed in traditional events as well as novelty events. The relays at the completion of the day sparked good interest among Year groups and the teacher / student relay was a great way to finish the day.

School teams have been selected to compete at the Zone Cross Country and Athletics Competitions coming up. We would love to send strong teams to the next level of competition and parents are urged to encourage their child to return their permission notes and compete in the zone events.

We have some outstanding results from the carnival with records being broken by a number of students. The age champions are also to be congratulated on their efforts across many events.







Cross Country Results

Age	Boys	Age	Girls
12		12	1. Rachel Ristovski 2. Khadijah Hairuddin
13	1.Finlay McPhillips 2. Jake Levy	13	1.Shayla Szakacs 2. Karlie Zwolsman
14	 Troy Whittington (1st Overall) Kade Szakacs (2nd overall) 	14	1.Matikka Ismail 2. Taleesha Elliott
15	 Jye Edwards (4th overall) Aaron Hunter 	15	1. Rachael Holland 2. Kayley Smith
16	1.Lachlan Ahling 2. Tom Riley	16	1.Tayla Lees 2.Shenay Riza
17+	 Blake Edgar (3rd overall) Josh Attard 	17+	1. Riana Drake 2. Allanah Starr

Warilla High 2013 Athletics Age Champions

Age	Boys	Total	Age	Girls	Total
12	Justin Check	48	12	Khadijah Hairuddin	32
	Andrew Garcia	32		Rachel Ristovski	28
13	Jack Clinch	39	13	Harlie Singleton	38
	Jarod Falconer	38		Karlie Zwolsman	26
14	Tristan McIntosh	52	14	Casey Bedford	64
	Scott Zwolsman	36		Erin Dalley	40
15	Daniel Perez	44	15	Kayley Smith	44
	Zane Georgievski	34	15	Grace Tauee	30
16	Bodean Yerkovich	34	16	Danielle Thompson	44
	Reece McIntosh	24		Ashleigh Fahey	42
17+	Joshua Fernandes	48	17+	Riana Drake	48
	Hayden Rolls	16		Jakara Gamble	38

Our School's Core Values:





Reminder about Consent Forms for Alcohol and Media Survey

Years 7-10

All parents of students in Years 7-10 should have received an 'Invitation Pack' in the post from UOW containing information about this survey.

Please send in your signed Consent Form in the Reply Paid envelope immediately so that classes can be scheduled for students to complete the survey.

Additional Consent Forms can be printed from the school website

Enquires: Kelly Andrews <u>kellym@uow.edu.au</u> or (02) 4221 5810

Welcome back to another busy term!

A huge thank you to Julie Orton (Girls Supervisor) and Chris Meizer for coming along to the last P & C meeting and addressing our meeting.

Also congratulations Chris on your appointment as Head Teacher PDHPE at Illawarra Sports High. We will miss you!

At our next meeting, Michael Stanizzo, Head Teacher Welfare, will be talking to the P & C about the numerous programmes we have running in our school.

You will be amazed at what is available for your child to be a part of at Warilla High School. You won't be disappointed!

Our next meeting is Tuesday 14 May at 7pm in the school Library.

If there are any subjects / topics you would like to hear about, please contact the school and we can arrange for the appropriate staff to be at the meeting.

Julie Holloway Vice President P&C

Support for Parents with HSC students

UOW Future Students

Are you a Parent/Guardian of a HSC student?

Why not join our parents' mailing list? We'll send you a monthly email with timely and useful information to help you and your child through the HSC year.

Simply visit this website and complete application to join email list

http://coursefinder.uow.edu.au/coursefinder/ParentR equestdetail.aspx



Premier of New South Wales

Historic Achievement for NSW Students, Teachers and Parents

I am very pleased to inform you that the Prime Minister and I recently announced NSW would be the first Australian State to agree to the "Gonski" National Education Reforms.

This is great news for students, teachers and parents. It will mean more resources and a fairer system – and assist our aim of higher standards and a better education for our children.

The agreement will deliver an additional \$5 billion for NSW schools as well as continue the NSW Government's Education Reforms, including improving literacy and numeracy, raising teaching quality and empowering Principals and School Communities to make local decisions.

I am proud of this historic reform which could not have been achieved without the advocacy of students, teachers and parents across NSW.

Yours sincerely

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 Barry O'Farrell MP

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