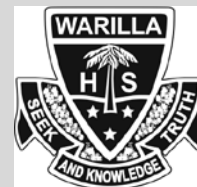


# Warilla High School Newsletter

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### Principal's Message

As this will be the last newsletter for 2014, I thought it timely to reflect on the year that was and to outline key targets and strategies moving into 2014.

Upon reflection, the 2013 school year has seen a comprehensive and strategic approach to positioning Warilla High School under the DEC's new model: Local Schools, Local Decisions. This approach has allowed for a degree of flexibility and response that has not been the case in previous years.

The school has grabbed this opportunity with both hands, with the following outcomes realised:

- The deployment of a cross KLA Literacy team targeting improvements in reading and comprehension for Stages 4&5. These literacy leaders have immersed themselves in quality professional learning and served as a catalyst for faculty direction and the explicit teaching of literacy skills.
- The engagement of academic advisers - Professors Brian Cambourne and Garry Ajar – to provide an action learning model for the work of this team.
- The development and implementation of the Learning Engagement Alternate Program (LEAP) as an alternative to traditional senior pathways. TVET, Business Services VET, Work Studies, Weekly Work Placement, English Studies, Maths, Financial Literacy and White-Card attainment will feature strongly for this stand-alone class.
- A total review of our welfare and discipline process to ensure alignment with the Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) initiative which is designed to positively re-culture student behaviour and teacher reinforcement of such behaviour.
- Staff have played a leading role in the Curriculum Networks Illawarra (CNI) with each KLA working collaboratively with neighbouring schools to develop resources and programs to meet student need and Board Of Studies requirements around the new Australian Curriculum documents.
- The introduction of the STORM HSC methodology which focuses student and staff attention on the nature of HSC responses and how best to maximise results.

Of course, this snapshot of some big ticket items for 2013 must be considered in the normal operation of the school which has seen a range of academic, sporting and cultural experiences for our students. To this end, it would be remiss of me not to mention one of our Year 12 students, Jordan Field, who was voted the Illawarra's Vocational Education and Training Student of the Year. This was an outstanding effort by Jordan who took on all-comers from public, catholic

and independent schools in the Illawarra to take out this award – an exceptional result.

2014 will be a critical year for us as we implement the findings from key evaluations that have taken place in the Science, Maths and Industrial Arts Faculties. We will also see our first Core Academic Class in Year 7 which will reflect our resolve to extend our high achieving students. Enrichment opportunities for this group with the University of Wollongong are already in place.

Perhaps the biggest news for 2014 on the infrastructure front will be the development of a Trades Training Centre (TTC) in Metals and Engineering. This million dollar investment will see a TTC comparable to any TAFE or workplace facility and greatly enhance the delivery of vocational education in the school.

Certainly, we have much to look forward to in 2014 and again, I thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support for our work.

On behalf of the staff of Warilla High School I would like to extend to you and your family the compliments of the season and wish you a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year period.

*With my kind regards*  
**John Hamby**

### Deputies Report

As this term is powering along it is obvious that both the staff and the students are all working very hard.

Around the school one can see classes deep in concentration and teachers carrying arms full of books and papers. Tests are almost done and many students are getting feedback on this work. While Year 7 – Year 10 are getting closer to finishing off the last topics for their programs, Year 11 are still very much hard at work, and will be until the end.

Term 4 is the start of the Higher School Certificate course and most subjects are looking to test students' mastery of this work during Assessment Week. Starting Wednesday 11 December, Year 7 – Year 10 will be learning new talents and developing new expertise during 'Skills Week'.

While it is 'Skills Week' for the junior school, our Year 11 seniors will be facing Assessment Week. Each Year 11 student will be given an individual timetable which outlines which subjects will be holding assessment tasks and when they will be required. This is another chance for our Year 11 students to show how much they have learnt and how much progress they are making.

We especially wish well those students who have participated in the extra study lessons held by the Executive for the past 3 Thursday afternoons. We hope that you can use some of the ideas and approaches to do your very best.

With the holidays fast approaching we would also like to thank many of our students for their great attitude and behaviour during this past 12 months. As deputy it is sometimes easy to

### Our School's Core Values:

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

lose sight of the many wonderful students who come to school, behave politely and work hard. A large part of our day is often spent with students who have made poor choices and their behaviour has consequences which we have to manage. The last week or so we have seen a large number of students awarded at junior, senior and Gold Award assemblies. Students have given speeches, sung, danced, produced slide shows, performed musical items and hosted the events as well.

It is wonderful to see so many of our students exhibit their talents and success. Congratulations to all the students who have been upheld for their great behaviour and ongoing hard work. We join your families and teachers in applauding your great efforts.

Well done from Mrs Raison and Ms Brook.

**Ms Brook & Mrs Raison**  
**Deputy Principals**

## Coming Events

### Week 9A

2 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaccinations Year 7 Male &amp; Female</li> <li>Vaccinations Year 8 Male</li> </ul>
3 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vaccinations Year 7 Male &amp; Female</li> <li>Vaccinations Year 8 Male</li> <li>Presentation Night in Hall at 6.30pm</li> </ul>
4 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Futsal Day Support Unit at School</li> </ul>
5 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 10 Excursion to Warilla Bowling Club</li> <li>Year 9 – Year 11 Defence Force Recruitment Presentation</li> </ul>
6 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Koori Awards Assembly and Lunch in Hall</li> </ul>

### Week 10B

9 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 11 Good Reports Morning Tea in Library 9.30am</li> </ul>
11 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills Week</li> </ul>
12 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills Week</li> </ul>
13 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills Week</li> </ul>

### Week 11A

16 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills Week</li> </ul>
17 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Skills Week</li> </ul>
18 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 Reports issued</li> <li>Students last day</li> </ul>
19 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Development Day</li> </ul>
20 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff Development Day</li> </ul>

## Return dates for 2014

28 January – Staff

29 January – Year 7, Year 11 & Year 12

30 January – Year 8, Year 9 & Year 10

## Sport

### Girls League Tag Northern Illawarra Championships

Two teams represented Warilla High at the Championships on Tuesday 5 November. They played 11 a side on a full size football field and played Oz Tag rules but were allowed to kick higher than usually allowed in an effort to make the game similar to League without the tackling.

The Year 7-9 team played against Oak Flats, Corpus Christi and a second Oak Flats team and showed non-stop determination and continued to improve as the games progressed. Hopefully they enjoyed the day and are keen to participate again next year.

The older team that had players from Years 8-12 were impressive from the first kick-off. They had their toughest game against Dapto and it was obvious from the start the Warilla girls were very determined in defence. They had a good win 12-6 in this game and it was to be the only game they would concede a try for the rest of the day.

Their second game against Oak Flats saw them use all their players and score some wonderful tries. Warilla High girls were aware of the importance of the kicking game and entertained the crowd with some great kick chasers like the grubber Samantha Noronha put in for Karli Zwolsman to chase and score from. Samantha Noronha was also instrumental in putting Shakiah Tungai through a hole to score.

The NRL Development officer commented that she couldn't get her Open Girls League Team to run 'unders lines' as well as that.

The girls made the final against a very fast and skilful Lake Illawarra who had whipped their opposition and were probably very confident of beating Warilla. They weren't prepared for the defensive onslaught they faced from the first kick off. A chip and chase from Shakiah to score and then convert her try gave the girls an early 6-0 lead. The girls were very creative in attack but every player was so safe in defence. To keep Lake scoreless was exceptional.

Karlie Zwolsman's runaway try from swooping on a loose ball was again converted by Shakiah for the winning 12-0 score line.

Congratulations to the Year 7-9 team for their efforts on the day: Reannon Mauger, Chloe Wilson, Chloe Moore, Ashleigh Mendicino, Kaitlyn Anderson, Yani Keen, Hannah Boreland, Nicole Papadimas, Melanie Johnson, India Beauchamp, Katherine O'Brien, Jemma Carey, Shenay Edwards, Karie Myers and Kristen Tzaneros.

### Girls Southern NSW League Tag Championships

The second level of the League Tag Championships was held in Nowra Thursday 21 November and Warilla High School sent a strong team having won the Northern Illawarra Day a fortnight before.

The girls drew to play Lake Illawarra High School and again showed their dominance over this team with an 18-4 win. The second game against Illawarra Sports HS saw the girls start slowly and concede the first try before coming back to win 16-4.

This meant they played Kiama in the final and the girls didn't have a good first half, finding it difficult to maintain possession and giving Kiama too much of the ball to be down 8-0 at half time.

A runaway try by Elle McFarlane saw the girls bring the score back to 8-4. They were mounting pressure with some great runs by Shakiah Tungai and some excellent defence from all

the girls but time ran out and Kiama were winners in a very close and exciting game.

Congratulations to all team members: Samantha Noronha, Shakiah Tungai, Alexis Mallia, Ashleigh Fahey, Danielle Thompson, Libby O'Brien, Katelin Walsh, Elle McFarlane, Keely Dodd, MacKenzie Mallia, Tykea Tungai, Erin Dalley, Karlie Zwolsman, Macie Dodd and Casey-Lee Bedford.

Thank you to the parents who drove down to Nowra to support the team. It is always wonderful meeting parents of children involved in these sporting teams and share the events on offer for our students with them.

#### CHS Blues

To receive a CHS Blue is the highest of accolades in Public Education in NSW. In 2013 we have two recipients – Natalie Noronha for making the CHS Lawn Bowls Team and Taryn King for her selection in the Australian All Schools Soccer Team.

While these girls have reached the highest level in school sport for their respective sports, they are also outstanding all-round athletes who have represented the school in a number of sports including Basketball, Touch and Futsal.

As well, these girls are outstanding students in our school and have always been positive role models for all students in our school.

#### Community Success

Congratulations to William Orth (Year 8) who has been selected in the U16 Bushrangers Hockey team to travel to Western Australia this month and compete against WA's U16 team as well as international teams such as Japan and Malaysia.

This is a wonderful opportunity that will hopefully lead to higher representative honours such as Argentina in 2014. We wish you all the best William.

If you have any items you'd like to share with us, please email Mrs Clune on: denise.sevil@det.nsw.edu.au

#### Sport Organisation 2014

In 2014 we are changing our structure for Thursday sport.

We are looking to offer Year 7 and Year 8 sport during Periods 1 and 2 on Thursday.

Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 will have their sport at the usual time of 12.45pm – after lunch.

In order to ensure the safety of all students travelling to and from sport, students will be walked to sport and back from sport by the staff supervising the sport.

The Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 group will have the opportunity to be dismissed from the venue as long as this is made clear on the permission note that students will select when they do their choices first week back next term.

January 30 2014 is the first day back at school for Years 8, Year 9 and Year 10. Students will select their sport on the Thursday ready to participate the following week.

If parents at any time have questions they need to ask about sport, please contact the school and we will answer your concerns.

Congratulations to the following students who are doing well outside of school with their chosen sports:

1. Reece Owen and Khy Roche who have made the Illawarra Rugby representative team and will be travelling to State and Country Championships.
2. Taren King and Keely Dodd who will be travelling to Fiji for Soccer

3. Kaleigh Falconer who has just returned from the National Gymnastics Competition held in Melbourne where she competed on Floor, Beam and Bars in Level 10 competitions and earned some outstanding performances.

**Mrs Clune**  
**PDHPE Teacher**

### Disability Provisions Program (Special Provisions) 2014

Students are able to apply to the Board of Studies for Disability Provisions for the Higher School Certificate.

Some of the conditions covered by Disabilities Provision include literacy difficulties, anxiety / depression, Asperger's / Autism, vision, hearing, colour blindness, diabetes, mental health disorders, medical conditions and physical limitations.

There are many options available to the students.

The Board of Studies offer this support to allow students to have a fair attempt to show what they know in an exam.

The application for Disability Provisions Program is lengthy and time consuming. Supporting documentation is required for the application and often includes reports from health / medical practitioners.

If you or your child wishes to apply for Disabilities Provisions Program for the Higher School Certificate, or you would like to find out more, please contact Ros Gaynor, School Learning Support Teacher at school.

Applications generally close at the end of Term 1 2014; however the Board of Studies will consider applications lodged after this date in extenuating circumstances.

**Ros Gaynor**  
**School Learning Support Teacher**

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER  
5.30 - 8.30pm  
REDDALL RESERVE  
LAKE ILLAWARRA

A free family event celebrating the Spirit of Christmas!



## The Importance of Regular School Attendance

The following chart highlights the impact of non-attendance over time. Viewed in this context, the implications of regular absenteeism are startling. The chart shows the cumulative effect of persistent non-attendance over the period of schooling from **Kindergarten to the end of Year 10**.

Days absent	Total days	Number of terms	Number of years missed
1 day per week	440	8.2	2 years 1 term
1.5 days per week	660	12.3	3 years 1.5 terms
2 days per week	880	16.4	4 years 2 terms
3 days per week	1320	25	6 years 1 terms
5 weeks per term	1100	22	5 years 2 terms
Average 5 days per term	220	4.5	1 year 1.5 terms
Average 10 days per term	440	9	2 years 3 terms

**Mr Kershaw**  
HT Student Administration

## Careers

### Indigenous TAFE Taster Day

A big thank you to Mr Freeme who took six of our Year 9 and Year 10 Indigenous students to Wollongong TAFE for a 2 Day Taster experience.

Here they participated in a number of practical workshops for a number of trades and the facilities at TAFE. Students who attended were Munnawarra King, Billy Pepper, Tristan Barnes, Tillea Harvey, Riannon Clegg and Sarah Mongta-Cruse.

### TVET Nursing Graduation

I had the pleasure last week to attend the Graduation of 2 of our students Stacey Ratliffe and Shaye Hanson for a Certificate III in Human Services which is an excellent career pathway for Nursing either at TAFE or University. Shaye was also presented with the 'Outstanding Achievement' Award for this year group.



## StartSmart

Last week all Year 10 participated in a StartSmart Careers and Financial Workshop presented by the Commonwealth Bank. It was a very entertaining and interactive presentation which focused on employment regulations, wages, taxes and budgeting.



## Defence Force Recruitment

Next Thursday 5 December the Defence Force Recruitment will be giving a presentation to interested students in Year 9 – Year 11 at our school about career pathways in the Defence Force. Students must register for this presentation with Mrs Glasgow in the Careers Hub.

## 2013 ATAR Results

The University Admission Centre release date for the 2013 ATAR is Thursday 19 December. Students will need their UAC pin (or BOS student number and UAC number) to access their ATAR. Students who have lost their PIN should contact Customer Service ASAP on 97520200.

**Mrs Glasgow**  
Careers Advisor

## English

The 2014 Year 12 Advanced English class travelled to Sydney in November to attend the HSC "Big Day Out" Lecture series at the Wesley Conference Centre.

The day provided stimulating and useful information from a variety of speakers covering Core Texts examined in the HSC.

Students gained challenging perspectives on Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, the comparative study of *Frankenstein / Bladerunner*, Peter Skrzynecki's poetry and Mark Baker's *The Fiftieth Gate*.

As always, the students were a credit to Warilla High School. Many thanks to Ms McGinty for accompanying us on the train.

**Helen Sheridan**  
English Faculty

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO WARILLA SCHOOL'S INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY



KOORI AWARDS  
DAY REMINDER



Dear Parents / Caregivers,

It's that time of year again when Warilla High School celebrates our indigenous students' education and achievements with our end of year Koori Awards Day.

Invitations have been sent out to all our families through the mail. We are asking that you send back the slip provided on the back of the invitation, no later than **Tuesday December 3rd 2013** with your child.

If you have any questions contact Sharon Maher (Aboriginal Education Officer) on 4296 3055

#### Skills Week

It is mandatory that your child / children attend school on Skills Week.

Skills Week starts from the 11th of December to the 16th of December.

If you require that child/children not attend, you will need to write a note giving good reason as to why they will not be at school. **This is a normal school week.**

Thank You

Sharon Maher - Aboriginal Education Officer

### THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES, ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE 2013 WARILLA HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

- Stockland Shellharbour – Major Sponsor
- Warilla Bowls and Recreation Club – Major Sponsor
- Ann Sudmalis Member for Gilmore - represented by Cr Kellie Marsh
- Anna Watson Member for Shellharbour
- Australian Defence Force – Sgt Jacqueline Lewis
- University of Wollongong Faculty of Science, Medicine and Health – Dr Michael Kelso
- University of Wollongong Faculty of Commerce
- Shellharbour City Council – Mayor Marianne Saliba
- Shellharbour City Rotary Club – Mr Larry How
- Lioness Club of Oak Flats
- Engineers Australia – represented by Mr Arthur Castrissios, Douglas and Partners
- Mr Neil Kirby
- Mr Peter Comino
- Mrs Rose Bollard
- Mrs Jaimie Goucher, Mr Peter Hales and Mr Ray Kearin
- Warilla High School P&C – Mrs Jill Boothman
- Fernwood Women's Health Club
- Tony's Tree Care
- Consultancy Solutions
- C-Lite Aluminium Windows and Doors
- Glen Leitch Management Pty Ltd
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- Harper Timber
- Better Floors
- Blake Education
- Cartridge World
- S&S Wholesale Pty Ltd
- Better Books
- Scholastic Australia Pty Ltd

### **INDUSTRIAL STOPPAGE**

There is an industrial stoppage on 2 hours authorised by the NSWTF and planned for Tuesday 3 December from 9.00am.

Warilla High School will not be operational as normal and that there will be no lessons for students in Year 7-12 who attend prior 11am.

**Minimal supervision will be provided for all students who attend during this 2 hour period.**