2015 Athletics Carnival

Donating Blood

MUNA Debating

DELIVERING EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION, OPPORTUNITY AND SUCCESS
Cyber safety Workshops

Thank you to all parents who attended the Cyber safety meeting held on Monday evening. A representative from the Federal Government Agency, ACMA delivered a workshop to all students in Years 7 – 10 during the day, professional learning to staff in the afternoon and an information session for parents in the evening. The content of the material delivered was current, research based and at times confronting. We have a commitment to educating our students in the appropriate and valuable use of technology but we must also inform them of the risks involved in the uninformed or inappropriate use of technology. Feedback from students, staff and parents rated the different presentations very positively with many parents requesting follow up sessions.

The public school advantage

I have included in this newsletter some current research around the public vs private education debate. The article is based upon both Australian and overseas research and clearly identifies the benefits of public school education. At this time I would like to remind you of the importance of the recommendations handed down from the Gonski Review into Education Funding. The NSW State Government was the first to ‘sign up’ to the recommendation of 6 years of equity based funding for all students in all schools to ensure that students irrespective of their ability, disability, residential or school location or parents socio economic status, would have access to a well resourced, quality and equitable education. In the most recent budget, the Federal Government did not commit to the full 6 years of funding as recommended by the review. I encourage you to communicate your support of the Gonski funding model to both Labour and Liberal Governments. This can be achieved simply by signing up to www.igiveagonski.com.au to register your support.

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to Mr Landy on another successful athletics carnival. It was a terrific day, fantastic weather, enthusiastic competitors and full participation. We will keep you posted on our student’s achievements at the Regional Athletics Carnival.

ALSO IN THIS ISSUE
After a degree of consternation regarding the likelihood of rain on Thursday 21st May it turned out to be a perfect day for our Annual Athletics Carnival. As usual students and teachers had a great day outdoors completing most of the field events.

We would like to thank Miss Sharp and the music crew for providing great background, (well sometimes in your face), music to compete by. They do a great job adding atmosphere to the day year in and year out.

This year saw a resurgence of sponsorship by our canteen food and beverage suppliers providing us with lots of give away’s in the form of lollies, chips, ice blocks and drinks for teachers to hand out to students for random reasons throughout which always helps to lift the positive vibe on the day. Similarly all student volunteers on the day were given a free hot dog lunch for their efforts. I would like to congratulate all staff and students on the great teamwork and camaraderie that is manifested each year at our celebration of all things athletics. We thank the following companies for their great support.

Southern Sweets, J and L Borgo, Coles, Leisure Coast Fruit Market and Black Diamond Bakery.

Some further carnival events were held through the week.

More information pertaining to results will be published in the next newsletter.

We would also like to thank Mrs Armstrong (Visual Art Teacher) for the fantastic photos of the day.

Mr Landy (Carnival Organiser)
‘THE BOOMERangs’ HIT THE RIGHT NOTES AT THE NOVOTEL

This week I felt extremely proud and happy to be a teacher at Woonona High School when I had the opportunity to take ‘The Boomerangs’ to sing at the Novotel for the Reconciliation morning tea, held on Thursday 28th May.

In the morning, 12 very nervous students piled into the mini van (driven by one rather nervous teacher!) Luckily, Lani Storm’s mother very kindly offered to help us out by driving three extra students to the Novotel - thank you so much Mrs Storm.

Despite the students' jokes that I would crash the mini-van and send them all to the hospital (!) we all managed to get there in one piece. We had been invited to sing “Advance Australia Fair” in Dharawal, and the choir sang beautifully and looked great in their blazers and ties. There was a large group of guests at the morning tea, with primary and high school students from across the Illawarra. Quite a few principals were there as well, from schools such as Corrimal High School, Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts and Woonona East Public School. Congratulations to Akeylah Colvin who spoke, sharing the history of 'The Boomerangs' in front of such a large crowd - a very daunting task!

We had the opportunity to listen to presentations from a range of speakers as well as enjoy a traditional dance performance by a student from Wollongong High School. The choir were also asked the close the proceedings with a performance of 'Burra Ferra' from the Sapphires. Tahnee Hottes introduced our song, explaining how it symbolised the spirit of reconciliation, and she spoke very well.

After the formal proceedings were over, the students had the opportunity to mingle with kids from other schools. Principals and teachers from our partner primary schools approached Woonona High School students, wanting to take a photograph of their primary school kids with graduates from their schools. So keep an eye out - our students may well be starring in school newsletters across the Northern Illawarra!

At the end of the morning tea, all the students gathered for a group photograph on the balcony. Then Zac Bennett-Brook was asked to finish the morning with a performance of the didgeridoo. He asked our very own Jack Taylor to join him in playing the didg, which sounded amazing.

Overall, the morning was a wonderful experience for everyone. I received many compliments from teachers and parents about the quality of the singing from 'The Boomerangs' - one teacher even said she had tears in her eyes when they sang 'Burra Ferra.'

I would like to thank all the members of 'The Boomerangs' for their hard work and dedication: Ellie Hay, Alicia Nahona, Chelsea Quaye, Lani Storm and Tahlia Thompson (Year 7); Ella Dunn, Maya Parker-Hunt, Destiny Pearce-McGeary (Year 8); Akeylah Colvin, Tahnee Hottes, Ellese Illustre, Rebecca Pocock, Cassie Pratt-Johnson and Allan Russell (Year 9).

Mrs Care Matthews (Head Teacher English)
STAGE 5 ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 19 May, Stage 5 SRC members conducted this term’s formal assembly. During this assembly students from Years 9 and 10 presented to the audience their experiences on the recent Year 10 Jewish Museum excursion and in the self defence KYUP presentation which was presented to Year 9 and 10 female students at the end of April. Jay Archer also presented some of the PE Road Safety assignments.

PASS students who had completed the Still Water Bronze medallion at Corrimal pool were presented with their certificates and the students and teachers who were involved in last Monday’s “Shave for a Cure” were presented with certificates of appreciation from the Leukaemia Foundation.

The assembly audience was treated to musical performances by Jay Archer and Tayla Hubbard singing “One Step at a Time” and Jade O’Brien, Elly Moore and Caleb Walker who performed “Kicks”. A special highlight of the assembly was an amazing silks performance by Phoebe Basham and Sophie Jorgenson.

Congratulations to all students involved in the assembly.
COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS VISUAL ARTS TASTER DAY

This coming Thursday 4th of June, a number of creative and artistic Students from our community of schools and the wider community will participate in a Visual Arts day at Woonona High School. The day forms part of the WHS transition program, designed to encourage student connections and social interaction across schools and to allow for an easy transition into their first year of high school. We look forward to exhibiting some of the different materials and creative techniques employed in the Art Faculty and to witnessing some of the artistic talents and our prospective students.

Mr Mucci
(Year 7 Year Adviser)

SCHOOL CAPTAINS VISIT TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Elleigh Price and Brody O’Brien were invited, as school captains, to a specially held Leaders Day held at Parliament House in Sydney on Wednesday 27 May. School Captains from many schools all over New South Wales were in attendance. They learned about the processes of government and saw state politicians carrying out the governance of the state.

The day began with a welcome to Parliament House by many politicians including Minister for Health, Jillian Skinner, and government member Gareth Ward as well as Labour member for Keira Ryan Park. They welcomed warmly all the students from their individual, local electorates. Our political representatives encouraged the school leaders present to think carefully about how they could be leaders in their communities, from small representation to large, from local council through to parliament.

Subsequently, students made a visit to view proceedings in the Lower House and then the Upper House. The Lower House was quieter, seemingly more polite. The Upper House debate was noisier and more raucous. Lots of interjections and calling out. Both Houses acknowledged the visit by students from NSW schools.

In the Upper House there was interesting debate about e-cigarettes and how there needs to be appropriate legislation about them, as at the moment they are not regulated. Debate centred on whether e-cigarettes should be treated in the same manner as ordinary tobacco and cigarettes.

We were then treated to a guided visit of historical Government house - truly marvellous to behold. The Governor, his Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC, greeted the students and explained his role constitutionally, ceremoniously and in the community.

It was a privilege to accompany Elleigh and Brody on their trip to Sydney. Pictured below are Elleigh and Brodie inside Parliament House and in the gardens of Parliament House.
RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Over the past couple of weeks (and in the coming weeks) over 45 of our senior students will have travelled to the blood bank in Wollongong to generously donate blood. Year 11 student Amelia McPherson instigated the drive to give blood and has worked hard to organise and coordinate the volunteers to make their donations. Amelia also organised the blood drive last year.

Giving blood doesn’t take very long but these generous donations have the potential to save many lives and make life better for many ill people who require blood transfusions.

Well done to all our volunteers and I’m sure that a lot of people will be grateful for your efforts.

SRC FUNDRAISER

On Thursday 28 May Mr Bradley and the SRC ran a sausage sizzle at lunch time to raise money for the homeless of Wollongong.

On any given night, there are over 105 000 homeless people in Australia, enough to fill the MCG. Of these people 42% are under the age of 25 and family breakdown has been identified as one of the leading causes of homeless youth.

Unfortunately Wollongong is no different to these reported national statistics and on any given night there are more than 1500 homeless people. Money from the fundraiser will go to the Wollongong Homeless Hub to fund a lockable homeless bin where homeless people can store their belongings in the day time.
WOONONA HIGH ARGUES THE BIG ISSUES AT MUNA

On Saturday 16th May three Year 10 students represented our school at the Rotary Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) at Nan Tien Temple, Wollongong. Dylan Files, Akira Goren and Donevan Moss were allocated the country of Jordan, and required to argue United Nations-style resolutions from Jordan’s perspective.

These three Year 10 students spent hours researching and history and politics of Jordan to prepare three lengthy speeches in response to Major Resolutions, and two short responses to General Resolutions. Dylan strongly argued that Jordan should get more international assistance with the millions of refugees who flee war-torn neighbouring countries to seek refuge within Jordan’s borders. Then Donevan made a strong case that Israel and Palestine should achieve lasting peace through a two-state solution. Akira spoke about the threat of terrorism, and the need to balance human rights with strong laws to protect citizens from attacks from terrorists such as Islamic State.

All three students represented our school with intelligence and skill. They demonstrated an in-depth understanding of these complex issues and spoke eloquently and convincingly on behalf of their allocated country.

Congratulations Dylan, Akira and Donevan.
Ms Matthews (Head Teacher English)

DRAMA EXCURSION TO ‘STORM BOY’

On Wednesday the 20th of May Year 9/10 Drama students, accompanied by Mrs Matthews and Mrs Crawford, had the pleasure of going to the IPAC to see a play called ‘Storm Boy’. We meet at the front of theatre around 15 minutes before the 7:00 show, were given our tickets and went into the theatre. We took our front row seats while waiting for the play to start and noticed the stage had a big sculpture that looked like whale bones and there was a boat as well as other things like a chair and basket.

Based on the novel by Colin Thiele, ‘Storm Boy’ is about a boy and his father who live on a beach away from the rest of society. One day the boy finds three baby pelicans who had no mother. Despite his father’s protest he kept them and raised them. He formed a special bond with one of the pelicans who he named Mr Percival. The bond between Storm boy and Mr Percival brings you to tears and makes you want to have a pelican. The play only contained 5 actors and each of them was extraordinary. The costuming was simple but really effective. Overall it was a great experience and I thank Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Crawford for organizing this trip. I recommend it to everyone.

by Nency Nhanga (Year 10)
Congratulations to Jaime Carter and Taylah Carter, both of Year 11, who ably represented our school at the Quota International "Student of the Year" competition last week.

This competition aims to foster and encourage youth leadership, citizenship and community involvement. The girls participated in a rigorous application process in which they had to submit a detailed resume and attend an interview at Raine and Horne in Wollongong. In this interview they were asked questions about their leadership, academic achievements and volunteering in the community as well as being quizzed on their general knowledge.

As well as this stressful experience, the students participated in a public speaking competition at The Illawarra Grammar School on the evening of 21st May. They had to present a four-minute prepared speech as well as a one-minute impromptu speech. Taylah was selected to speak first in a group of nine students, and she spoke passionately about the recent executions in Indonesia, strongly persuading the audience that the death penalty is wrong. Jaime gave a strong speech in which she enlightened the audience about the role of women and girls in countries around the world and made a strong argument for greater gender equality.

The girls then had to give a one minute impromptu speech, pulling their topic out of a hat. Jaime got ‘volunteer’ and was able to speak about her experience volunteering for the local surf club and coaching younger girls in various sports. Taylah had to speak on ‘community’ and she talked about her trip to Vanuatu as a volunteer with the Salvation Army, building a water tank for an impoverished village.

There was an extremely strong field of competitors from schools including Kiera High School, Smiths Hill High School, St Joseph’s Albion Park, St Mary’s Star of the Sea and The Illawarra Grammar School. The girls were extremely passionate and engaging in their presentations and represented Woonona High School with skill and style. Only two prizes were awarded on the evening, to students from The Illawarra Grammar School and Smiths Hill. However, all the participants were winners!

Ms Matthews (Head Teacher English)

AT ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Our MUNA debaters and our QUOTA “Student of the Year” representatives were congratulated at assembly this week. The students were not only congratulated for their efforts at these two events but also for the fantastic way they represented our school. Well done!
Last Friday 20 students completed their White Card training for the construction industry. The White Card training provides students with a nationally recognised qualification that provides a stepping stone to a career in a trade or associated fields.

Congratulations to the following students: Ashley Johnson, Andy Wong, Melanie Lambert, Jordan Armstrong, Kurt Decker, Aidan Wonson, Steve Bailey, Mitchell Wall, Alex Glasgow, Tyrone McCrystal, Aaron Stewart, Lachlan Bartlett, Lawson Charlesworth, Thomas Camelleri, Thomas Grace, Matthew Ormond, Sam Luyten, Wilson Owen, Ryan Smith, Lee Benson.

For further information on the Construction White Card training or to register your child's interest in the next course, please speak to Mr. Bradley.

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**SENIOR FIRST AID COURSE - YEAR 11 PDHPE/ YEAR 12 WRAP**

On Monday 18th May, all Year 11 PDHPE and Year 12 WRAP students completed their Senior First Aid Course. These students spent several weeks in class completing the compulsory theory component and enjoyed the training day doing a variety of practical activities such as CPR and bandaging.

They all now have First Aid Accreditation which is very handy for those students seeking employment. More importantly it provides skills which one day could save a life.

Congratulations to all students involved.

Ms Burns

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**WHITE CARD**
DRAMA ENSEMBLES SHOWCASE EVENING

Mrs Crawford would like to commend both the Junior and Senior Drama Ensembles for all their hard work and commitment to preparing for the Showcase Evening on Tuesday 26th May 2015. In spite of a few small technical difficulties, parents and staff all agreed the night was very entertaining and a huge success, and look forward to the next showcase evening.

Well done!
SOUTHCOAST DRAMA FESTIVAL WORK IN PROGRESS DAY 2015

Mrs Crawford would like to commend her Year 9 and 10 Drama Elective class for all their hard work and commitment to participating in the South Coast Drama Festival Work in Progress Day.

This day provides students from the Illawarra an opportunity to present a piece of Drama that is currently a work in progress.

There is a panel of selectors who choose only 15 items to perform at the South Coast Drama Festival, which is held at the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre in July 2015.

On behalf of the Selectors, Mrs Crawford would like to congratulate 9/10 Drama as they have been selected to participate in the 2015 South Coast Drama Festival.

Report from Mrs Crawford (English Drama Teacher)

WOTOPERA

The weekly sessions of WotOpera started at school last Thursday.

WotOpera is a series of workshops for high school students that involves students writing the plot, composing the music and designing the sets for an opera. Over the coming four weeks the students will meet with mentors who will be guiding them through the process of creating an opera. The opera produced by the students will be based around something meaningful in their lives.

Several other high schools in our district are involved in the same program. The schools will present a combined performance at the IPAC theatre in Wollongong later this year.

A full report about the WotOpera program will be presented in the coming issues of the newsletter.

Delivering excellence, innovation, opportunity and student success
On Monday 25 May Aboriginal artist Zac Bennett-Brooks visited Woonona High School to assist our Indigenous students with their designs for an art mural. The mural is being created in conjunction with Corrimal High School and Zac will visit there to assist them with their designs as well.

Once the paper designs are finalised the artwork will be transferred to wooden panels before being painted by the students and produced into a mural.

Zac’s visit was also a chance for students to practice their didgeridoo playing skills. Year 11 student Jack Taylor gave us a demonstration of his playing talents and the dulcet tones that he produced with the instrument were very impressive.

Zac is no stranger to Woonona High School. He along with several of our Indigenous students produced the art work on the central pole in our foyer last year. Zac is becoming more and more recognised for his art work both locally and nationally. His trade mark aboriginal designs quite often feature references to the water and ocean and he is becoming renowned for his use of recycled materials such as old surf boards on which to produce his work.

We look forward to seeing the finished mural of aboriginal art.
BAMBOO THEATRE

On Friday 15 May all students in Years 7 and 8 attended a school incursion presented by the Bamboo Theatre. The presentation called “The Pack” explores the very real issues of peer pressure. The presentation used drama, comedy, improvisation and questions and answers to develop the students’ skills and knowledge in regard to dealing with peer pressure. The program also explores the consequences of poor behavioural choices.

Woonona High School continues to develop the positive relationships between peers with programs such as this as well as in-school peer mentoring programs.

ACMA PRESENTATION

ACMA, a federal government agency visited our school on May 25. They presented a forum to students in Years 7—10 in the afternoon and then followed up with a presentation to parents and carers in the evening. The content of the presentation aimed to make both students and parents aware of the dangers and consequences of misusing technology.

In one video film clip an applicant for a job is astounded to find that his former exploits—recorded on the net years ago have returned to haunt him as his potential employer has seen the internet content. Students were reminded that once something has become public on the internet, that content is there for ever and can be recovered at any time.

Technology is amazing and here to stay but we must be vigilant in teaching our children what is and what is not appropriate when using social media.
This fortnight Tristan Corrick reviewed the Manga series Tokyo Ghoul. The story of Tokyo Ghoul follows Ken Kaneki, who barely survives a deadly encounter with a woman who reveals herself as a ghoul and is taken to the hospital in critical condition. After recovering, Kaneki discovers that somehow he underwent a surgery that transformed him into a half-ghoul. With no one else to turn to, he is taken in by the ghouls who manage the coffee shop "Anteiku", who teach him to deal with his new life as a half-human/half-ghoul, including interacting with ghoul society and its conflicting factions, while striving to keep his identity secret from other humans.

Students also viewed the Anime Neon Genesis Evangelion. In 2015, fifteen years after a global cataclysm known as the Second Impact, teenager Shinji Ikari is summoned to the futuristic city of Tokyo-3 by his estranged father Gendo Ikari, the director of the special paramilitary force NERV. Shinji witnesses the NERV forces battling an Angel: one of a race of giant monstrous beings whose awakening was foretold by the Dead Sea Scrolls. NERV’s giant Evangelion bio-machines, synchronized to the nervous systems of their pilots, are the only weapons capable of keeping the Angels from annihilating humanity.

NEW BOOKS

Many new books have arrived this fortnight. These include:

VOLUNTEERING

DEC STUDENT VOLUNTEERING AWARDS PROGRAM 2015

VOLUNTEER PROFILE

Name: Lachlan Starling
Activity: Russell Vale Infants Reading Program
Why I like Volunteering: I like volunteering at Russell Vale Primary because it’s interesting and I like helping people. You also learn to be responsible.

Mrs Roddis
UPCOMING AUTHOR VISIT

In June, we will be privileged to have award winning author Claire Zorn visiting our school. Last year she was honoured by the Children’s Book Council of Australia for her first book *The Sky so Heavy*. This book is a haunting dystopian novel in the vein of John Marsden.

“For Fin, it’s just like any other day – racing for the school bus, bluffing his way through class and trying to remain cool in front of the most sophisticated girl in his universe. Only it’s not like any other day because, on the other side of the world, nuclear missiles are being detonated." A fantastic read!

Claire’s second novel *The Protected* was the winner of the 2015 Victorian Premier’s Literary Award for Young Adult. It has also been shortlisted by the Children’s Book Council of Australia for an award this year.

*I have three months left to call Katie my older sister. Then the gap will close and I will pass her. I will get older. But Katie will always be fifteen, eleven months and twenty-one days old. A very tender but heart breaking read.*

If your child is would like to attend the author visit, please ask them to see Mrs Roddis.

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### Apprenticeships & Traineeships

**Information Sessions**

**Give yourself the best chance of getting an Apprenticeship**

**Find out:**
- What employers want?
- Where do I find the jobs?
- Strategies and Resources

**Hear from and talk to:**

**Employer**
- Group Training Companies
- Australian Apprenticeship Centres

**When and Where**

**Tuesday 23rd June 2015**
- 6.00pm – 8.00 pm
- The Builders Club, Wollongong

**Wednesday 24th June 2015**
- 6.00pm – 8.00 pm
- The Shellharbour Club

**Bookings for FREE event in Wollongong, go to:**
- https://register.eventor.com/30250/apprenticeship-traineeship-information-sessions

**or for Shellharbour, go to:**

For general queries contact Workplace Learning Illawarra
Phone: (02) 4225 2526 or email: tracey@iswp.org.au
Presented by The Apprenticeship Partners
Good Luck to all Year 12 students are all busily preparing for their HSC trial examinations and they are all aware that these marks will be submitted for ‘Early Admission’ to the University of Wollongong. It is expected that about half of the cohort will be applying for ‘Early Admission’.

Regardless of their aspirations for 2016 the best thing that any Year 12 student can do is perform well on their Trial examinations.

Following the examinations students should take some time to updated resumes and research study options for 2016. I am always available for consultation.

Thanks you to BlueScope Steel engineering cadet Brodie Petrolo and Australian Naval Cadet Owen Cannings. Both former students returned to Woonona High School in recent weeks to speak with aspiring future cadets.

ILLAWARRA COAL CAREERS EXPO 2015

On the 12th of May Year Ten and Year Twelve set off to the Illawarra coal careers expo which was held at the Unanderra Hocky Stadium.

When we arrived we were taken inside and were given a run down on there was to offer. We then were allowed to wander around and look at whatever we were interested in regarding future aspirations. It was surprising how much of a variety of workshops there was to choose from including TAFE Illawarra, University of Wollongong and many more. There were loads of information up for grabs and I’m sure everyone used the day to their advantage.

Overall the day was a very informative day and helped a lot of students. Thank you to Mr Chamberlin for organising the day and the teachers who helped supervise.

Jasmin Wilson
(Year 10)
TAFE ILLAWARRA

TAFE will be hosting an options day on Saturday the 13 of June at the Wollongong campus from 9am-1pm. This is mainly aimed at students preparing for study at TAFE in Semester Two but will also be helpful to students wishing to enrol in 2016.

YEAR 10

Year 10 students that are hoping to attend university following the HSC are invited to attend In2Uni’s Unique Experience Day at UOW on 11 June. Spaces are limited so you must return permission slips straight away.

LEAVING SCHOOL WHAT NEXT?

CAREER AND COURSE EVENING FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

Career Development, Assessment and Counselling (CDAAC) (a part of TAFE Illawarra) is inviting school students to a Career and Course evening. For many young people (and their parents) the decision about whether to leave school and what to do is very stressful. Getting the information you need and then sorting out what it means for you can be really difficult.

The Career and Course Evening is for young people who are feeling a bit lost with what to do next. Because the decision is often made in conjunction with parents each young person is asked to bring a parent or parents along. If you don’t want to bring a parent but have someone else who helps you with decisions then bring them. If you just want to come on your own then please do so.

During the two hour program we will give each young person a career assessment designed to identify suitable careers and courses. Plus we will provide information and answer questions on the full range of career and training pathways available to students.

By the end of the evening we hope that each student will have a plan for what to do next in order to make for a successful year. Because of the career assessment and personalised nature of the evening we can only take very small numbers. Places are limited but there will be other opportunities. We will keep a waiting list.

Cost: There is no cost for this program

Tuesday 2nd June 2015

WOLLONGONG TAFE

Block B, Conference Room
6pm to 8pm

Thursday 4th June 2015

SHELLHARBOUR TAFE

Block A, Room A.G.08
6pm to 8pm

To book your place at either campus or make enquiries please phone: Sally Kettley on 4229 0535

UOW OPEN DAY

SATURDAY AUGUST 15TH 10AM – 4PM

UOW YouTube Chat: Choosing a Career

In 2014, UOW held a number of online chats to help prospective UOW students make informed decisions about their study choices.

The following chats were recorded and are available to view on their website:

- Orientation and Enrolment
- Your ATAR, Your Options
- Early Admission
- Your Career, Your Choice
- Future Finder


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SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY HEAD-START PROGRAM

Registrations for Head-Start 2016 open Fri 1st May

SCU provides the opportunity for high achieving year 11 and 12 students to get a taste of student life by studying university courses while still attending school. Applicants will be selected based on their academic performance, a personal statement and the recommendation of their Principal.

Contact: headstart@scu.edu.au
http://scu.edu.au/headstart/

ANU GET SET PROGRAM

Fri 15th May, 8.30am – 4.00pm, Ian Ross Building 31, Australian National University

The Girls in Engineering and Technology program - GET Set, is designed for female students in years 11 and 12 who wish to explore an education and career in engineering or computing. Participants will become involved in many fun non-competitive programs exploring disciplines such as solar energy, mechatronics, artificial intelligence and biomedical engineering.

http://cecs.anu.edu.au/future_students/getset

BLUSCOPE STEEL CAREER SNAPSHOT DAYS

This is a chance to visit the Port Kembla Steel works for a tour in order to get an idea of the roles of Material and Chemical Engineers interested students visit tours@aiw.org.au or ring Lynne Radburn on 42757023.

Proposed dates are; Monday June 29, Tuesday June 30 Wednesday July 1, Thursday July 2 and Friday July 3.

THIS IS A MUST FOR STUDENTS CONTEMPLATING APPLYING FOR CADETSHIPS IN ENGINEERING WITH BLUSCOPE AND RUN THROUGH UOW.

ILLAWARRA AGED CARE, COMMUNITY CARE AND DISABILITY SERVICES SECTOR CAREERS EXPO

Tuesday May 5 12-7pm at Café Essay Conference Centre 11-13 Burelli St Wollongong NSW 2500

This expo may present students with ideas for Part time and Full time Employment in these growing industries.

TAFE & APPRENTICESHIPS

Group Training Organisations

Group Training Organisations (GTO) provide a training and employment arrangement, where an organisation employs apprentices and trainees and places them with host employers. A GTO undertakes the employer responsibilities for the quality and continuation of the apprentices’ and trainees’ employment and training. To learn more or find a local Group Training Organisation, visit:


PRIVATE COLLEGES

Whitehouse Institute of Design Open House

Fri 19th June – Sat 20th June, 2 Short Street, Surry Hills

Whitehouse Institute of Design Australia will host ‘Open House’, an invitation for potential students, school leavers and the general public to experience the Sydney and Melbourne campuses, as well as discover what their students have been working on.

Contact: 1300 551 433 or enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au

College of Event Management Information Session

Fri 8th May, 6.30pm, Level 9, 28 Foveaux Street Surry Hills

Speak to lecturers and staff to learn about the course and career opportunities available after graduation.

Contact: 1300 725 846 or mailto:enquiries@coem.edu.au
http://collegeofeventmanagement.com.au/campus/information-sessions
Academy of Information Technology Information Night
Tue 12th May, 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Level 2, 7 Kelly Street, Ultimo
Tue 16th June, 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Level 2, 7 Kelly Street, Ultimo
An interactive seminar providing an opportunity to learn more about the curriculum, course requirements and study pathways at AIT.
http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/events/

JMC Academy Workshops
Entertainment Business Workshop: Thu 17th September, 10.00am – 3.30pm
Animation and Game Design Workshop: Thu 17th September, 10.00am – 3.30pm
Music and Audio Workshop: Thu 17th September, 10.00am – 3.30pm
Film and Television Production Workshop: Thu 17th September, 10.00am – 3.30pm
Digital Design Workshop: Thu 17th September, 10.00am – 3.30pm
Motion Capture Workshop: Thu 17th September, 10.00am – 3.30pm
Get an insight into JMC Academy and a taste of what a career in the creative industries would look like.
Workshops are designed for high school students and cost $20.
http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/events/workshops/sydney-high-school-workshops

INTERNATIONAL FILM SCHOOL SYDNEY WORKSHOP
Thu 9th July, 10.00am – 3.00pm, International Film School Sydney, 41 Holt Street, Surry Hills
Students will learn about the fundamentals of filmmaking, crew roles on set, and how to perform the best direction.
http://ifss.edu.au/whats-happening/open-days-events

CATC DESIGN SCHOOL: DAY IN THE LIFE WORKSHOPS
Sat 4th July, Ultimo Campus, 46-45 Mountain Street Ultimo
An interactive and hands-on design discovery workshop where students can get an idea of careers in either Communication, Graphic Design, Photography, Branded Fashion, Interaction Design, Motion Design, 3D Design or Animation.
Contact: 02 9492 3242 or info@billyblue.edu.au

OTHER NEWS

UN Youth Australia: Human Rights Summit
Sydney: Sat 16th May, Glebe, Town Hall
Canberra: Sun 17th May, ANU
A full-day event for students in Years 9-12 that will bring together 800 young Australians in seven capital cities to explore LGBTIQ rights and issues in Australian and abroad. Participants will take part in interactive workshops and hear from speakers who have fought for LGBTIQ rights in communities across Australia.

Career FAQs Sector Snapshot: Healthcare
An overview of the sector including current employment, future prospects and salaries.

Australian National Chemistry Quiz
Thu 23rd July
Registrations close: Tue 9th June
Secondary students are able to participate in this chemistry quiz, which is designed to promote the study of chemistry around the world.
The HSIE Faculty is once again in the process of organising an excursion for 2016. At this stage the journey will take the form of a flight from Sydney to Uluru, thence coach travel and camping our way through areas such as Katherine Gorge, Kings Canyon, Mataranka Springs, Kakadu and many other locations, with our final stop in Darwin.

The final costing is yet to known, but will be in the vicinity of $2000.00 and will be advertised as soon as the quotation is received from the travel agent. At this stage the trip will be over a two week period at the end of Term 3, 2016 with the actual dates yet to be confirmed.

Instalment type payments are envisaged, with prospective travellers having 12-18 months to save and pay.

This is still in the early stage of planning, however, expressions of interest are now being sought from students that will be in Years 9, 10 and 11 next year that may be keen to travel and learn about their great country. As the final costing is dependent upon the numbers travelling, some indication of possible numbers will allow for more accurate costing.

Please email Mr Locke from the HSIE Faculty with your students name and class if you are considering taking up this offer. Enquiries may also be directed to Ms Coote, HSIE.

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Mr Locke
HSIE Faculty
SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The uniform shop has now got spray jackets, school jumpers and zipper jackets in stock in most sizes. Previous orders have been filled and if you wish to purchase cooler weather clothing the uniform shop is now able to supply these items.

New Prices are as follows:

Spray Jackets: $65
Jumpers (Sloppy Joes): $35
Zipper Jackets: $40

Prices for all other items remain the same.

OUR WONDERFUL CANTEEN LADIES

On any school morning a visit to our school canteen will see a flurry of activity while our wonderful canteen managers Pam and Sharon prepare for the busy day ahead. Pam and Sharon, along with a small but hard working and reliable group of volunteers, and a student helper and quite often Ms Mete (Hospitality assistant) have the big task of keeping our students and staff feed and happy each day.

It’s always fun to visit the canteen and see “what’s cooking” each day. Our canteen serves delicious and nutritious sandwiches, wraps and salads as well as an array of warm foods (especially in the winter) such as soups, vegetable and pasta bakes, an assortment of cakes, slices and muffins, most being hand made on the premises.

This week was very exciting for our canteen ladies as they took delivery of a new large industrial oven. Previously the ladies had been struggling with two domestic ovens which, with growing demand for hot food was making it difficult. As Pam said excitedly, “now I can serve 3 dozen hot muffins at recess as well as our other warm foods without having to juggle different oven racks and the microwave at the same time”. No doubt we, the canteen customers, will be grateful as well for this new inclusion in the canteen.

A big thankyou to Pam, Sharon, Ms Mete, our student helpers and of course our great volunteers for all their hard work in keeping us well fed.

OUR KITCHEN GETS A FACE LIFT

I was surprised by a visit to our hospitality kitchens recently. The room was bright and colourful and there were pots of herbs and flowers spread around the room.

This recent makeover of one of our kitchens was instigated by Mrs Mete (Hospitality assistant). She thought that the bright walls and cheery flower and herb pots would be a much nicer environment for our students to work in. Mrs Mete looks after our kitchens and the preparation of foods for the students to cook with. Thankyou Mrs Mete for all your hard work, our staff and students appreciate it.
The public school advantage

Maurie Mulheron
President

Another study can now be added to the almost 30 other academic works published over the past 15 years that show that in terms of educational outcomes there is no advantage in sending a child to a private school. Essentially, it is a waste of parents' money.

One of the most recent studies was conducted by Professor Luke Connelly and Dr Hong Son Nghiem from the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences at the University of Queensland. The comprehensive research conducted by the team confirms similar studies in the United States and the United Kingdom.

"Our results show that sending children to Catholic or other independent schools has no significant effect," Professor Connelly said. "Any differences we see in test results are not due to the school type. Rather, they reflect differences between households and students that already exist in society.

"The work adds to a growing literature from three different continents that the returns from attending independent primary schools are no different from those attending public school."

Two academics at the National Institute for Labour Studies at Flinders University, Professor Kostas Mavromaras and Dr Stephane Mahuteau, recently conducted a study that confirmed, among other findings, that the main determinant of test scores is socio-economic status, not the school type. The study was published by the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) in Bonn, Germany, and is based on a statistical analysis of the 2009 PISA test results for reading, mathematics and science.

This is an important study," writes Trevor Cobbold in The Age. "This is a simple but powerful result which suggests that when we compare the quality distributions between government and non-government schools we cannot find any statistical significant difference," he says.

The article cites two other research studies. One was published in the Economics of Education Review in December 2014. According to The Age, the study showed that "Catholic schools' performance has declined since 1980 relative to government schools... [and] that the advantage Catholic schools once held over government schools has virtually disappeared." This is despite the enormous increase in funding these schools have received compared to the public sector.

In a recently published paper (2015), "The Comparative Advantage of Public School Graduates", Canberra-based researcher Barbara Preston argues "The general finding is that graduates of non-client and co-educational schools do better at university than graduates of socially and academically elite and single-sex schools who achieved the same tertiary entrance score."

In her paper she cites four Australian and three English studies, concluding, "State school graduates do better at university than private school graduates with the same end-of-school tertiary entrance score. That's the clear finding in a number of Australian studies since the 1980s and in England since the 1990s."

John Graham, a researcher with the Victorian AEU, cites a 2013 study by Cardack and Vecchi. He writes that their study "examined the academic advantages of students attending Catholic schools compared to attending government schools, concluding that they were marginal in terms of secondary school completion, and university commencement and completion."

"In fact, [Cardack and Vecchi] put forward the possibility that attending a Catholic school may have a comparatively negative effect on these student outcomes."

A general conclusion by Associate Professor Chris Ryan, in a paper that examined Australia's performance in reading and maths in the PISA testing program, is that declines in school performance were most marked in private schools.

"At the school level, the declines in performance of schools have not been associated with many of their observed characteristics, other than that the declines appear to have been concentrated among private schools," Dr Ryan states.

"Where private schools once generated better outcomes than public schools, given the com-
DRIVING NEAR SCHOOL

We have recently had several complaints from the residents of Austin Street about the practice of stopping at the bottom of the cul-de-sac to drop off or pick up students. Parents / Carers are reminded that this area is a NO STOPPING zone. Stopping in this area is dangerous for students and causes traffic jams and congestion and in fact, one resident of Austin Street has had her car run into three times recently. She has notified us that she has been in touch with the police about this matter.

Parents / Carers are asked to stop at the TOP of the street to let their children off for school.

We here at school are also concerned about the practice and have reported the matter. We have been advised that council rangers will be regularly patrolling the area and will be able to fine anyone who stops in the no stopping zone.

Parents are also reminded that even in wet weather parents are NOT to drive into the school grounds at Nicholson Street to pick up or drop off students. This practice is extremely dangerous and causes major congestion at a time when all students are arriving or leaving school. Because of the dangers involved, if this practice continues the gates at the Nicholson Road entry to the school will have to be monitored.

We appreciate your help with this matter.

Belinda Wall
Principal

COMING SOON

Woonona High Schools production of the WIZ
Stay tuned for more details.

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**TERM 1 2015 CALENDAR**

- Thurs 4 Jun  | CoS Visual Art Day
- Mon Jun 8—19 | Year 12 Trial Examinations
- Thur 11 Jun  | WoIOpera Day 3
- Mon 15 Jun—17 | Yr 11 PDHPE Camp
- Thurs 16 Jun | ICAS Writing Comp.
- Thur 18 Jun  | WoIOpera Day 4
- Fri 19 Jun  | Zone Athletics Carnival
- Mon 22 Jun—26 | Rewards Exc Yrs 7—11
- Thur 25 Jun  | WoIOpera Day 5
- Fri 26 Jun  | CoS Public Speaking RVPS

**CANTEEN HELPERS**

- Mon 1 Jun  | HELP NEEDED
- Tues 2 Jun | Carolyne McQuiggin
- Wed 3 Jun  | Chris Core
- Thur 4 Jun | HELP NEEDED
- Fri 5 Jun  | Angela Madden
- Tues 9 Jun | HELP NEEDED
- Wed 10 Jun | Jo Meirs
- Thur 11 Jun | Stephanie Cotterill
- Fri 12 Jun | HELP NEEDED
- Mon 15 Jun | Karen & Lenore
- Tues 16 Jun | Susi Eager
- Wed 17 Jun | HELP NEEDED
- Thur 18 Jun | HELP NEEDED
- Fri 19 Jun | HELP NEEDED
- Mon 22 Jun | HELP NEEDED
- Tues 23 Jun | Kerri Austin
- Wed 24 Jun | HELP NEEDED
- Thur 25 Jun | HELP NEEDED
- Fri 26 Jun | HELP NEEDED
- Mon 29 Jun | HELP NEEDED
- Tues 30 Jun | HELP NEEDED
- Wed 1 July | HELP NEEDED
- Thur 2 July | HELP NEEDED

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**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop now has an email address.

To contact Renae or Jackie for any enquiries regarding uniform orders please email them at woononahs.uniforms@gmail.com.

Uniform order forms can be downloaded from our website or they are available at the Front Office.

The Uniform Shop is open each Thursday from 8.00am—9.30am.

**SCHOOL CAPS**

Reminder to parents that school caps are now available at the uniform shop for $15.

We are trying to encourage all students to wear the correct cap as part of the school uniform.

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The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) provides free English Language learning to eligible migrants.

To see if you are eligible please ring 4229 0155.

The AMEP is funded by the Australian Government.

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A REFEREE?

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Wednesday 1 June 2015

See more information contact
FOOTBALL SOUTH COAST
Phone: 42 856 469
EMAIL: referee@footballsouthcoast.com

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PRESENTS

Winter is upon us, let us kick off our winter blues with OZ TAG.
It does not matter whether you have played before or never. All individuals welcome as we will place you into teams on the night.

We are taking ages 11 years and over for a 6 aside Oz Tag competition.

5 weeks of Oz Tag, team work skills/building, mixing and meeting new friend’s dinner is provided. All participants will also receive a FREE membership to the PCYC.

- VENUE: Wollongong PCYC
- TIME: 5pm till 8pm
- DATES: Friday 29th May, Friday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th June 2015

All registrations must be signed if under 18 by parent or guardian if you are not already a member and returned to the Wollongong PCYC before the starting date.
FIND. NOMINATE. RECOGNISE.

We are searching for NSW’s best high school teachers to be part of an exciting new project that will change the face of teaching resources.

To nominate your teacher fill out the entry form at www.nswteacheroftheyear.com.au and answer in 100 words or less why you believe your teacher should win the title of NSW Teacher of the Year.

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