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Principal Report

Celebrating Learning
Congratulations to students on their efforts this term. I hope that each child and young person is able to share with a trusted adult their achievements in learning. It has been great to see students walking through the gates with some of their larger assignment work visible and ready for submission. A special congratulations to Y12 for their efforts with their Half Yearly Exams. It has been terrific to watch their journey over the last couple of weeks from focusing on preparation to relief and satisfaction as they completed their exams. Supporting the work that takes place in our classrooms each lesson remains our priority. Here are just a few photos of some examples of the learning that took place period 1 on the second last day of term.

- **Y9 simulating an earthquake in order to redesign a house.**
- **Y7 designing and making their clocks in TAS based on a concept significant to their lives.**
- **Project Based Learning- refurbishing the Tacoma PS playground boat.**
- **Library lesson in primary.**
- **Senior secondary students working collaboratively.**

Some of the highlights of term 1 include Trivia night; anti-bullying day assembly and classwork; harmony day cooking week in the Primary; formal Secondary assembly with Yr3 performing and Shave for a Cure. There have been many examples of individual brilliance in the arts, sport, citizenship and academia.
Staffing
I would like to congratulate Ms Spinks and Mr Ponman on being successful at interview for positions in other schools. Ms Spinks takes up her role as Deputy Principal Belmont HS next term while Mr Ponman now permanently fills a position with the Big Picture schooling project attached to Newcastle HS.
We look forward to introducing some new members to our Executive team next term.

ANZAC Day and Holiday wishes
We will commemorate ANZAC Day with a formal assembly on the last day of term as well as have school representation at community events held on ANZAC Day.
I would like to thank people for their ongoing support of the school and pass on best wishes for the holiday period.

Mr Jason McGrath
Principal

Deputy Principal Reports

Year 9 and Year 12
It has been a fantastic start to the year for Year 9 and Year 12 with a major focus on being prepared for learning. Year 12 students have been working extremely hard, completing assessment tasks and their half yearly exams in preparation for the HSC.
I have been fortunate enough to meet individually with many Year 12 students and their families, discussing student aspirations and making sure that the school is doing everything we can to support them through the HSC. The main areas of discussion have been time management skills and study techniques. A common theme throughout these meetings has been the issue of establishing a good work ethic and regular study regime. All of the Year 12 students have said that if they could go back in time they would try to establish a regular study pattern in the earlier years of high school, a message I have been passing on at every opportunity.
Year 9 have had a great start in their elective classes. It has been great seeing students engaged in learning across a variety of subjects. Visual Design and Computer Game and Program Development have enjoyed excursions early in the year and Landscaping have been working hard finishing off a seating area inside the school. I was lucky enough to be walking past the kitchens last week and enjoyed a taste of the kangaroo burgers the Food Technology class were cooking. I am excited about what delicious things the students will continue to plan and create in these classes.

Year 8 and Year 11

Year 8 – Year 8 have been engaged in a number of activities around improving literacy and numeracy. The school has staffed and resourced a specialised Literacy Class involving every Year 8 student. Teachers have been assessing the literacy level of every student and developing explicit strategies to improve reading, comprehension and writing skills. These skills are essential as students progress through stages and eventually sit the HSC.

The Year 8 GATS class has been working on Project Based Learning centred around developing an agriculture enterprise. This project integrates science, maths, agriculture and business studies and develops student’s ability to work collaboratively, think critically and problem solve. They are producing some outstanding projects that are challenging and engaging.

All Year 8 students were involved in a Study Skills day organised by Ms Bellamy (Year Advisor) and Ms Painter (ARCO). The skills of time management and being able to break down
work into manageable parts are important for students to develop as work increases in difficulty and complexity.

**Year 11 -** Year 11 have settled into their pattern of study well, after an exhaustive subject selection process and this involving a combination of academic, TAFE and Trading Training courses. All students have completed a number of assessment tasks towards their Preliminary Course. Year meetings have been held to allow all students to understand the assessment process and their obligation in completing work on time and to a high standard. Their Half Yearly Exams are being held in Weeks 1, 2 and 3 of next term. It is important that students talk to their teachers about the types of questions asked (multiple choice, short and longer response questions) and that they have an explicit understanding of the quality of answers required for the higher bands. The Half Yearly Exams are assessment tasks for all subjects.

On Monday the 26th May Year 11 students will be attending a study skills and team building day at Morisset. It is important for all students to attend as they will be developing skills in time management, study skills, HSC processes and collaborative learning. Permission notes will be issued in week one of next term.

Mr Ristuccia (Year Advisor) and I have been looking at student attendance and speaking to a number of students about their attendance record. It is intrinsically important for students to attend regularly and be prepared and engaged in their work.

Have a great Easter.

Kind Regards,

**Mr Cameron Dusting**  
**Deputy Principal**

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**Year 7 and Year 10**

Most students have had a wonderful start to the 2014 school year. Year 7 have transitioned particularly well and Mr McLachlan has had 2 positive assemblies where the students have nominated their peers for working well in the classroom. We are reminding students and encouraging them to come to class prepared for learning with all their equipment ready to engage and actively participate in classroom activities.

We are looking forward to camp in week one where students will get to participate in a variety of enjoyable and challenging activities and interact and build relationships with both staff and students.

Year 10 students are displaying a mature attitude towards their studies and are applying themselves well with the pressure of assessment tasks for the ROSA. All students received an assessment schedule to assist in their time management and planning throughout the year. This will also assist parents in being aware of individual subject requirements. Please do not hesitate to phone the school and speak to me about supporting your child and their progress throughout the year.

After a long 11 week term students deserve a well earned break, hope you all have a safe and relaxing Easter Holiday.

**Ms Jane Harris**  
**Deputy Principal**

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**Year Advisor Report**

**Year 7**

The Year 7 students of Wadalba Community School have made a tremendous start to secondary schooling. Some wonderful results have been achieved and students are producing some great work in the creative arts.

The Year 7 camp is fast approaching. All payments should have been finalised and medical notes completed.

The organisation for the WED THUR FRI of Week 1 Term 2 is as follows:

- **Depart School:** 9.00am Wednesday 30th April 2014
- **Depart Camp:** 1.00pm Friday 2nd May 2014

Please see the student requirements for camp on the website. Each student attending camp will have received a letter at school with all of the expectations and requirements for the 3 day stay.

All the Wadalba Community Middle School staff look forward to an exciting and rewarding Term 2.

Kind regards,

**Mr Jade McLachlan**  
**Year 7 Year Advisor**
**Year 8**

It’s been a great start for Year 8, 2014. The students have had the chance to experience new subjects this year including Music and a range of Technology classes. Last year nearly every student received Bronze Awards and 13 students received Silver Awards. This year alone, I have had the opportunity to hand out over 120 bronze awards and 7 silver awards. What an amazing effort!

Year 8 participated in a combined study skills session and ARCO (Anti-Racism Contact Officer) Presentation. They were given the tools to develop a study technique using a 4 coloured pen and watched the short film "I Here" by Spike Jones which focuses on inclusivity, racism and compassion. The students were engaged in these sessions and I hope they have gained some useful hints and tips. Students were also given a blank study timetable so they can start developing good study habits.

Have a happy safe break and looking forward to seeing everyone fresh and ready for a successful term 2.

*Ms Karen Bellamy*
*Year 8 Year Advisor*

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**Year 9**

Congratulations Year 9 you have survived Term 1! It has been a busy term with new timetables, class changes and new teachers. Well done to those students who collected 10 commendations and traded them in for a Bronze Award. We also had a couple of students who achieved a Silver Award this term. Remember that every commendation and postcard counts towards your Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Next term we will be looking closely at the Year 9 Camp that will take place early Term 4. The camp will cost $250 so start putting some money away for the event. Notes with information and a payment schedule will be handed out early next term. Year 9 will be participating in the Core Of Life next term. This is a program where midwives, teachers and nurses share information with the students. Have a safe and happy holiday.

*Ms Jennifer White*
*Year 9 Year Advisor*

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**Year 10**

Year ten students have had a great start to 2014. Most students are looking good in full school uniform and should be reminded that as it gets cooler, jumpers need to be plain black or blue with no logo's on them. All Year 10 students received an assessment schedule this term which outlines upcoming assessment tasks for the rest of the year. It is important that all students read through this booklet as it also contains relevant BOSTES information about their Record of School Achievement.

As we look towards term 2, students should start thinking about their goals for years 11, 12 and beyond and begin to discuss with parents and teachers what subjects they might like to choose for the HSC years. Parent Teacher interviews will also be coming up next term once reports are handed out. Year 10 students and parents will be invited to a Subject Selection expo where you can get more information about the subjects offered and speak to teachers. I hope you all have a lovely and safe break and see you all next term.

*Mrs Lauren Hesse*
*Year 10 Year Advisor*
WINNERS ALL ROUND

Wadalba C School was the overall winner in the Categories of Art and Craft-including music compositions. Highly Commended were awarded to Lauryn Lawes Yr11, Connor Duggen Yr11, Kiarn Forest Yr11, Jasmine Garvey Yr9, Ethan Perricone Yr9 of our works exhibited with the best of 2012. The opening is on Sunday 13th April from 2pm and will be on display until 1st June. If you’re up that way or looking for something to do during the holidays make the trip up, they have a fabulous café and sculpture park along the water.

Congratulations girls.

Miss Melissa Norris
Visual Arts and Photography

Easter Raffle

Following are the winners of the Easter raffle. Thank you to all those who supported this event and to the P & C members for their organization. Almost $950 was raised. This money will be used to purchase resources for the Primary classrooms.

1. Sharmaine (4/5S)
2. Annaleise (3/4A)
3. Shakiya (4/5S)
4. Rujeko (3G)
5. Semi (1/2C)
6. Asenaca (3/4A)
7. Sally Yates (Parent)
8. Cameron (K)
9. Jane Harris (Staff)
10. Max Manning
11. Emily (Year 9)
12. Judy
13. Shalton (3G)
14. Shaun (6M)
15. Aaron (6M)
16. Stew
17. Scott (Parent)
18. Nicole (4/5S)
19. Una (Staff)
20. Caitlin-May (3/4A)
21. Yvette Montgomery

Wadalba’s Creative Arts students have once again had their talents rewarded. 47 students entered 33 works into the Central Coast Arts and Media Competition, which was held at the Wyong Baptist Church Hall last weekend. The judges were impressed with the student’s technical skills and articulation of ideas and concepts. Hannah Watts Thomas the organiser wrote, Well done on some amazing entries! We are pleased to tell you that you have some wins!

Chrissy was awarded $200 for her win and our CAPA faculty was awarded 2 x $500 for our category wins.

The opening night was a great success with so many Wadalba works recognised. It was lovely to see some students and families that braved the miserable weather.

FIRST CLASS 13

Rebecca Laundess and Tiyana Manukia have been lucky enough to have their HSC Visual Arts Body of Works selected for this exhibition at Lake Macquarie Art Gallery. This will be a first for Wadalba Community School, having some

 Chrissy Miller in Yr9 won 1st Place in the under 15 Art category
22. Dominick (K)
23. Liam (2G)
24. Alex (4/5S)

Support Unit

This term has seen the Support Unit participate in a variety of learning experiences outside of the regular classroom. Some of the highlights include the Mariners Soccer Enrichment day that was held at the International Football School at Kariong. The day saw 10 of our students mix and mingle with students with disabilities from other local schools and run through drills and skill building sessions coordinated by past and up and coming Mariners players. The students were also treated to a huge Mexican Taco lunch that was enjoyed by all. Another highlight was the representation of the support unit in the Schools swimming and athletics carnivals and the recognition of two of our primary students as they represented the school at the Regional Swimming Carnival at Sydney North. To build upon the swimming skills demonstrated at the swimming carnival the entire support unit commenced a swim scheme program held at the North Wyong swim centre every Friday that catered to the varied levels of ability.

The Support Unit also had its term 1 reward day during week 10 that saw all students qualify for the day out to ten pin bowling followed up by a BBQ lunch and fun activities. Another exciting activity was the “WWI Trench Life” display and informative talk delivered by Mr Shane Blackman (father of Bethanie from Ms Cooper’s class). This talk outlined the challenges of being a soldier in the trenches in WWI.

PE

During this term in PE, students have been participating in our Cross Country Run. Students are required to run the 3km course on approximately 4 occasions, recording their 3 best times. Students have been very committed to improving their scores and have run the course during some very hot and steamy conditions. The top 10 times in each age group are invited to attend the official Wadalba Community School Cross Country to be held in Term 2.

Mrs Kelly Moffat
MPS Teacher

Debating

Our stupendous seniors got the dazzling debating season off to a start in Week 9 this term. Our first word battle saw our Year 11 team of Rhys Chirgwin, Sybrand Bester, Jake Fonti and Jack Bell fight it out against Hunter School of Performing Arts. As the newcomer to this established team, Sybrand took the fun and excitement of the debate all in his stride. Unfortunately, we were pipped at the post for the win, but our spirits were not dampened.
The excitement of the debating continued this week with our team competing against Swansea High School. Avni Kumar and Tarni Heath took the meaning of team spirit to a new level by stepping in to help out our team at the last minute. Despite a loss, it is onwards and upwards for our debaters who are keen to wow the other teams with their wit.

Yours in debating.

Mrs Shannon Louie
Debating Coordinator

‘Great Southern Land’ Themed Trivia Night

On Wednesday 26th March, 2014, The Creative & Performing Arts Faculty, along with great support from the P&C, held a wonderful Themed Trivia Night that celebrated, and tested our knowledge, everything Aussie. Students performed a wide range of music, from Cold Chisel, Johnny O’Keefe and INXS through to Jessica Mauboy and Pete Murray. Four rounds of trivia focusing on Australian Music and general knowledge tested the 24 tables that turned up for the night.

The CAPA Faculty and the P&C would like to especially thank the wonderful supporters and sponsors for the night that donated a great range of prizes for the winners and raffles. They include Scholastic, Legends Bakery, All Sorts Gym, Amcal Pharmacy Kanwal Village, The Coffee Club, Bunnings Lake Haven, Lake Haven Shopping Centre, Coles Wadalba, Kmart Lake Haven and Steve Forrest Music.

Mr Jarrod Walters
Head Teacher Capa

Netball Gala Day

Our school was lucky to be able to attend a netball skills session ran by Netball NSW and Gerald Bradshaw with a strong focus on Indigenous inclusion. It was an amazing day where the girls were split up into age groups and were either taught new skills or given the chance to enhance their current skills. All nine girls were awesome on the day with Ciara and Jorgia being awarded most improved. Congratulations girls and thank you for being excellent representatives of Wadalba Community School.

Ms Danielle Green
Primary Teacher

Central Coast Science and Engineering Challenge

On Wednesday the 2nd of April, 18 students from 10Sc1 represented Wadalba Community School at the Central Coast Science and Engineering Challenge at the Central Coast Youth Centre in Niagara Park. Our students were split into 8 groups and they had a great time being challenged with practical problem solving tasks.

The students won 5 events from a possible 10 activities which truly highlighted how talented and motivated our students are. Overall, the kids from Wadalba came second. All the kids and myself had a fantastic day. Bring on 2015!!!

Mrs Emma Cook
Science Teacher
Mathematics Faculty

Congratulations to all maths students who have been working hard towards their end of term assessments. Year 12 are currently completing their half yearly exams and year 11 will complete theirs week 2 of term 2. The Mathematics Faculty wish them all the best during these exams.

Students are encouraged to seek extra assistance from teachers if required. Some useful resources for revision include:

The schools’ Homework Centre (Wednesday afternoons 2 45-3 45) http://au.ixl.com (activities and questions).

If your son/daughter has not been bringing a calculator to school for use during their Mathematics lessons they are at a huge disadvantage to their peers.

The Mathematics Faculty recommends that all students use a Casio fx-82au plus calculator. These calculators may be purchased from the school canteen for $35. All calculators may be submitted to the Mathematics Faculty to have their name engraved on the back.

Year 10 have been studying Trigonometry and in particular a focus on questions involving bearings. To help students grasp this concept they went outside and walked through these worded problems, creating large chalk diagrams on the top quad. Below are some of their diagrams and evidence of their problem solving skills.

"Helen" Baillo. A special mention to Kelton Hirst who tackled like a demon, Brendan Lucas who led by example, Jeremy Slee's speed and great passing and last but. Last but not least Dylan Lester who followed all instructions, was a team player and excelled in a game in which he had little experience. A great day had by all.

Go Helen’s angels
Mrs Emma Cook
Science Teacher

Mrs Leanne Hancock
Head Teacher Mathematics

Wadalba open boys knockout hockey team

The Wadalba open boys knockout hockey team played against Erina High School today, Friday the 28th of March. The boys played well as a team and came away with a dominating win of 5 goals to nil. Our goal scorers were Jeremy Slee, Sam Hudson, Harrison Grahame, Kaleb Broeksema and Harley

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Science Teacher
Goldilocks - Retold by Kindy

One day Goldilocks was walking in the bush and found a strange house belonging to the 3 bears. Nobody was home so she went inside.

Goldilocks found some fruit on the table. She tried daddy’s apple but it was too hard. She tried mummy’s banana but it was too soft. She then tried baby’s peach. It was delicious so she ate it all up.

Goldilocks then saw some toys on the floor. She played daddy’s x-box but the game was too hard. She tried mummy’s knitting but it was too boring. She played with baby’s toy planes but was too rough and broke them.

Goldilocks saw some clothes hanging up. She tried on daddy’s shirt but it was too big. She tried on mummy’s dress but it wasn’t her favourite colour. She tried on baby’s jumper but it stretched and ripped.

Just then the bears came home. They found all the mess and were very angry. They chased Goldilocks and she never came back!
Thank you to the below businesses that supported our recent trivia night.
In addition to those wonderful sponsors who have assisted us with their donations for the CAPA Trivia Night, the P&C would also like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations, which assisted us in our fundraising efforts during 2013: