Term 2 Week 10

Important dates to put in your calendar.

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Principal Report

Student Brilliance- Our First Book Published

We celebrated NAIDOC week by launching our first published book at our assembly. Writers of the Future brings together the best writing by our Aboriginal students, collected over a year, including award winning pieces published in Deadly Vibe magazine.

Publishing of the book, along with our CD that we published last year, promotes a concept called “product oriented learning” where the focus is on the things learnt at the end of the learning process. It also connects learning with real life experiences and encourages creative and active student learning.

Assessment and Reporting

Another thank you to families who were able to attend our second Parent Teacher Night for Y11, 10 and 7. As I mentioned in the last newsletter the benefits for supporting a young person’s learning through these activities are very strong. We have been analysing the new categories for the commitment to learning and social development outcomes. I shared with students at our formal assembly some pleasing overall results:

- 5% of reports had “Always” 90% of the time
- 1% of reports had “Always” ticked on all of their reports.

Below are some example comments highlighting student effort and achievement so far this year:

- This student “should be commended for their ability to work independently, their strong communication skills and their ability to ask for feedback”
- This student “is constantly striving for excellence in the production of quality work”
- This student has “demonstrated an outstanding level of motivation and self-management skills”.

Happy and Safe Holidays

We wish students well on the short break, particularly our Y12 students who are likely to be working on completing major projects and revising while also finding time to stay relaxed. The holidays are always a good time for reading for pleasure.

Mr J McGrath
Principal
Good morning,

Year 12 recently participated in two programs aimed at supporting and focusing students on improving their HSC results. The first program looked at how students can elevate their performance through:

- **A belief** – what you think will become true.
- **A goal** – what success looks like for each individual.
- **Planning** - breaking your goal down into smaller pieces.
- **Hard work** – there are no easy paths.

The second session looked at how students can get the most out of their final months before the HSC. Students discussed issues such as **procrastination**, dealing with **stress**, **finding time** for the important things and how to utilise time over the **holidays**.

It would be great for parents to have conversations with their student on how they have implemented these strategies.

A large number of students have major projects and PIP’s that are due next term. These projects are worth up to 60% of their HSC mark and provide students with an opportunity to produce high quality work and achieve in the higher bands. It is very important for students to complete these projects within the given time frame.

**HSC Trial exams commence week four and five on Term 3.** These exams mirror the HSC Exams in terms of time and style of questions. Students should be having conversations with their teachers on how they can improve the quality of their answers striving at all times for those elusive **5 extra marks**. There are a number of websites that are useful including **HSC Online and BOSTES**. These sites include past papers and examiners comments, multiple choice questions and answers as well as samples answers for different bands (Standard Packages). I would like to wish all year 12 students the very best for these exams.

Year 9 students have now completed two terms of their three electives. The electives should provide opportunities for students to gain a variety of experiences and skills in new areas. It is important for students to **engage fully** with all their subjects to maximise these outcomes. We appreciate parents ensuring students have all their equipment including books, pens and calculators to assist with this engagement. Parents are able to obtain a snapshot of their student’s engagement by looking at their workbooks and seeing how much and the quality of work being completed each lesson.

I wish all families a safe and relaxing holiday.

Cameron Dusting,
Deputy Principal,

Year 9 and 12.
Moving into Term 3 the change in weather brings with it colder conditions and we are mindful that students need to stay warm. Our uniform shop stocks a range of jumpers and tracksuits that students can wear to stay warm and still enable them to participate actively in practical sessions.

Sport
Wadalba’s Athletics Carnival was held on Thursday, 21st May after two previous attempts were washed out. After raining all weekend, we all had our fingers and toes crossed. The day ran smoothly and students had a great time. The house colours and dress ups were in full force and the music playing created a great atmosphere. There were some very tight contests on the day. We will be taking a very strong team onto Zone athletics on the 24th June, 2015.

Our age champions for 2015 are as follows:

17G - Akaylah Leef
17B - Brodie Evans
16G - Taylor Waters
16B - Brix Saneo
15G - Talia Sargent
15B - Kyle McGilvray
14G - Rylie Cassidy
14B - Manage Foai-Auimatji
13G - Courtney Doyle
13B - Eden Anderson
12G - Montana Hottes
12B - Jasper Westerman

A big congratulations and thank you to all competitors that made the day a success.

Term 3 sport choices have almost been finalised. For students that have not yet made their selection, please use your unique access code to access our school Moodle site via the link below.


Students are reminded that buses that take students to sport leave at 12:15pm (half way through lunch). If students have any difficulty in selecting a sport for Term 2, they should see Mr Marlin in the Middle School Staffroom to make their choice. Buses cost $5.00 and some venues have additional charges involved. Students must make sure they have their correct money for sport with them on Tuesday afternoons.

CHS KO Team Results
Congratulations to our Open School CHS KO teams that have been successful in their preliminary rounds and we wish you all luck in your upcoming games.

Mr Matthew Sawyer
Head Teacher PDHPE

Year 11 Term 2 Wrap-up:

Term 2 has been very busy for year 11 students as they continue to master time management, study skills and preparing for assessments. Term 3 is the final term for year 11 and their Yearly exams will take place in weeks 9&10 next term. I encourage all students to spend some of their time in the holidays beginning to prepare their study notes, so that as the exams approach next term, they can utilise the variety of study strategies they have been discussing through the Elevate program and with their individual teachers.

We are also busy starting the process of ordering the school jackets for the year 12 class of 2016 and students will have a chance to decide on the final design next term. The jackets will be between $85-90 and once all students have ordered and paid for their jackets, we will submit the order. If any student has difficulty with paying this amount up front, I encourage them to come and discuss their options with me.

I hope that everyone has a safe and happy break and look forward to seeing year 11 students back next term.

Lauren Hesse (Year 11 Year Advisor)

The Primary School’s Public Speaking Finals are on in the hall on 14th July at 12:00. All are welcome to come and watch.

Kylie Snell
Classroom Teacher
NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY 2015
GOSFORD SHOWGROUND
Tuesday 7th July

Come celebrate NAIDOC week on Tuesday 7th July at Gosford Showground. It’s a day for the entire family with Stalls, Entertainment, Health Check Hall, Touch Football Competition plus much more!

Time: 10am-2pm
Location:
Gosford Showground
Showground Road

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