Term 3 Week 10

Important dates to put in your calendar.

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Principal Report

Student Brilliance - Caring and Citizenship

As always, there have been many achievements this term. Many of these are recorded on our school Facebook page, including the day to day efforts as students and teachers go about the important work of learning and teaching. What is harder to share, are some of the acts of kindness because of the personal nature.

In the spirit of highlighting this aspect of school life, I would like to highlight two exceptional acts of responsibility by three students this term that exemplify the character of our children and young people.

The first was from one of our primary students who noticed that one of her peers seemed unwell in the playground, provided help and sought assistance for what turned out to be a medical need.

The second was from two of our secondary students who noticed a wandering toddler near the road, ensured the child was safe and then assisted reuniting them with their family who was desperately searching for the child.

The preparedness to act and support others shows great judgement, care and citizenship. We see other examples of these same attributes in our children and young people each day.

Learning is First and Foremost

Year 11 are about to finish their exams as they complete their Preliminary course before commencing their HSC courses next term. Feedback from students and staff has been positive about students’ approach.

We look forward to farewelling our Year 12 students prior to their HSC exams. Graduating high school is an outstanding achievement that all countries value for their young people.

As well as a written reference, the final Year 12 reports highlight student achievements in relation to ten employment related skills and six personal attributes which we believe will be valued by employers.

Employment Related Skills
- Oral and written communication skills
- Organisation skills such as goal setting & time management
- Ability to access resources, research and organise information
- Capacity to apply knowledge to new situations
- Problem solving skills and flexibility
- Ability and confidence to assume a leadership role
- Ability to work as an individual
- Ability to work collaboratively in a team environment
- Initiative, resourcefulness and resilience
- Understanding and use of appropriate technologies

Personal Attributes
- Completion of quality work
- Is well prepared for class
- Punctuality to class
- Application to coursework
- Respects teachers and peers
- Uniform

We wish our graduates well as they move into the next phase of their lives and look forward to hearing about the stories in the future.

Year 4-6 have shared their first Genius Hour products. There was an impressive range of passion questions and choice of ways to present their findings. It was great to hear the motivation that led to
each project, often linked to individual and family interests.

School Spirit – Wadalba Cup

This term marks the completion of our first Wadalba Cup which seeks to promote school spirit. Congratulations to Hall for being the inaugural champions. Thank you to all of the students and staff for their involvement.

Thank you to Ms Norris, house captains, house patrons and the many others who helped with the various activities and the large organisation required over the year to create such a positive addition to our school’s culture. We look forward to starting the next Wadalba Cup competition from the start of next term.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey

A reminder that our school is again participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. The survey typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential.

Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, your responses are very much appreciated.

The survey details are:

User name: parent16793
Password: Wad8278


Mr Jason McGrath
Principal

Deputy Principal Report

Congratulations to all for reaching the end of an extremely fulfilling Term 3, especially Yr 12, who now embark on a period of exam preparation before sitting their final school exams, the HSC.

Let’s reflect on a successful Term 3.

- Hall students attended the REWARDS excursion at Luna Park on Monday, a good time was had by all the students and staff who attended
- Mrs Harris and the Aboriginal Education team engaged students 7-10 in an Aboriginal Education day aimed at reconnecting students with culture and each other.
- Students have travelled to the Lake Macquarie regional Gallery to be involved in Aboriginal art workshops, successfully revisiting to see their work displayed.
- Our positive year assemblies and whole school formal assembly saw many students awarded certificates of merit and present speeches to vie for leadership positions in the school. Congratulations to those who were successful in their quest.

- Our performance evenings were a wonderful success with many student involved.
- Exam periods saw our students settled and well prepared to engage in their assessment items.

It is our wish that all students arrive safely at school each day. A timely reminder as we head towards the holidays to stay safe on and around the roads. This includes using the crossings when arriving and leaving school on a daily basis and for those who cross the Pacific Highway to come to school, waiting patiently for the lights to turn GREEN!

Summer is approaching, and it is important that students talk to parents about uniform needs so they are prepared for the new term to start. Students are expected to be in their school uniform enroute to and from school and stay in their uniform whilst at school. Some students like to wear a T-Shirt under their school clothes. It is not however appropriate to take off the school shirt and wear an out of uniform shirt in the playground for PE or during the breaks.

We wish all our Wadalba families a safe and restful break and look forward to our student returning fresh and ready to begin a spring/summer school term.

Erica Burge
DP Yrs 7 and 10
Mathematics Faculty

This term we have welcomed a new member of staff, Michael Tam. He comes to us with many years of experience in both Mathematics and Science teaching.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Year 12 students all the best for the upcoming HSC exams, and remind them they are welcome to attend the Homework Centre on a Wednesday afternoon and period 4/5 on a Tuesday if they require any extra assistance.

Students in Year 11 General Mathematics will be given the opportunity to select from General Mathematics 1 or 2 in their HSC year. General 1 is for students not requiring an ATAR and wanting to complete the HSC in Maths which is relevant to everyday life. General 2 is for students who require an ATAR. All students wishing to study General 1 will be required to complete and submit a permission note.

Over this term, Year 10 students have been developing their data analysis skills, culminating in a Data Analysis assessment task. Students investigated various topics including “Does the economic situation of a country effect the mortality rate?” Students were required to analyse data and produce a report of their findings.

Year 7 students participated in the annual Numeracy Day Challenge this term, where teams participated in a variety of Numeracy tasks throughout the day including; tangrams, problem solving and estimation activities.

The PI Team were the winning team on the day, while 7F was the winning class. Congratulations to both groups. The PI Team consisted of Montana Hottes, Jasper Westerman, Liana Wheatley and Elyshia Jackson 7F enjoyed a well earned pizza lunch while the PI Team received Coles Myer vouchers and plaques for their efforts.

Mrs L Hancock
HT Mathematics
Welcome to our new look Library!
You will notice our funky bright colours and white-board desks, FOR WRITING ON, who would’ve thought?

We have a great stepped area, plus ottomans and desks that can be moved around, creating increased teaching and learning spaces. Thanks to the P & C for these wonderful improvements. The computers and Primary are awaiting new furniture, which is very exciting too.

Our Teacher Librarian Mrs Taylor, is here to make sure you take the time to share your favourite book with her. If you are unable to find what you need, please let her know if there is a book or a resource you think would be great in our Library?

Mrs T Taylor
Teacher Librarian

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Sydney’s largest school holiday program returns this spring school holidays! There are a bumper 70+ fun-filled activities to keep kids active, outdoors and entertained. A range of activities are free or under $25, making it affordable to discover Sydney’s most exciting playground this holidays.

Archer – Kids on Target & Little Archers
All Day Holiday Recreational Program Science, cooking, writing workshops, Gymnastics, Circus Skills & Flying Trapeze, Circus Solarus Kids' Games

FREE Park Patrol - Mighty Minibeasts
Sport & adventure camps, Walk and Squawk - NEW and lots more

Full details at www.kidsinthepark.com.au

Science

My Life as a Hamburger

“Um, can I just get a hamburger please?” says the customer.

“Yeah sure, is there anything else you want?” says the other person.

“No, that should be fine” says the customer named Gary.

“Alright. Just through to the next window please,” says the counter person.

I’m being flipped, I get soaked with grease. I have now been put onto a bun with cheese. I am now being wrapped and THROWN into a bag. The customer takes the bag. 10 minutes later I am being eaten. I’m covered in saliva being chewed. I’ve been swallowed down the long oesophagus, being pushed by the peristalsis. 30 seconds later a big green wave full of acid is coming to break me down. I’m swimming, swimming as fast as I could but the wave caught me. I have now gone to the intestine, it’s taking away my life and my soul, like all the nutrients and water have just been taken out of me. I feel drowsy and down in the dumps. I am in the anus being pushed out into the toilet bowl. I am now being flushed into the sewers, I will be all alone scared no-one to look after me. I’m sad I can’t see anything until I found the love of my life. The other hamburger who had been flushed down before me.

The End.

By Jarrod Simpson 7sc2

PDHPE

Congratulations to our Yr12 students and their completion of their Trial HSC Exams. Thirteen years of schooling is a fantastic effort and we wish them the very best of luck for their HSC Exams next Term. Term 3 also marks the end of our Preliminary courses and as Yr 11 students finish their Yearly Exam period, we are making preparations for them to commence their HSC in Term 4 as the class of 2016. We would like to thank our Yr 10 students for their efforts in their
recent completion of their assessments and wish them luck in their preparation for their upcoming ROSA exams in Term 4. We would also like to encourage our Yr 7, 8 and 9 students to continue applying themselves to achieve their best results in both theoretical and practical lessons.

**TSP**

Our recent TSP afternoon celebration on Thursday 17th September was a great success and we would like to thank and congratulate all members of the program for their efforts throughout the year. Mr Ristuccia (TSP Coordinator) and all of the program coaches have worked extremely hard in delivering enjoyable and rewarding experiences for our students. Following our recent TSP review I would like to thank all of the parents, students, staff and community members involved for their contributions. We are looking forward to implementing the recommendations that have come out of the report developed by Mr Graeme Valler to further improve our very successful program.

**Sport**

We will be holding our annual Sports Presentation evening on Thursday 26th November 2015 (Week 8). All students have been encouraged to complete forms that provide details of their school, zone, regional and CHS representation commitments throughout 2015 and return them to the PDHPE staffroom. Invitations to students and parents will be distributed next term.

Term 4 sport choices have almost been finalised. We ask any student that has not yet made their selection to visit the Middle School staff room to see Mr Marlin to select (or change) their sport. Mr Marlin has been doing a fantastic job with school sport this year and we would like to thank him for all of his hard work.

Students are reminded that buses that take students to sport leave at 12:15pm (half way through lunch). 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. Exact money for buses is appreciated.

*Mr Sawyer*

*HT PDHPE*
On Thursday 27th August our Primary students participated in our annual Book Week Parade. Students were asked to come dressed either as a book character or as a representation of a book itself. They were asked to think creatively in the process.

The occasion was a wonderful success, with staff and students coming dressed in a wonderful variety of costumes. The parade was well attended by parents as spectators.

Thank you to all staff members who assisted in the activities for Book Week. Thank you also, to all parents who contributed by having their children dressed in costume or by attending the parade in support. It is hoped that these activities encourage students to be excited about reading books, encouraging them to borrow from the library and thereby improving their reading and writing skills.

Kerry Crowther
Primary Teacher/Librarian

OUR CLASS WINNERS OF THE BOOK WEEK PARADE
AN ENTHUSIASTIC STAFF JOINED IN THE FUN