PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

MAKE BULLYING HISTORY
I am going to start my comments with the news that on 21 October 2013 Brett Murray, renowned Anti-Bullying speaker will be presenting workshops to selected year groups, all staff and parents. In particular I would like to inform parents that the 2 hour session will be held in the school hall starting at 6.30pm. We encourage all parents to attend even if their own child has not experienced bullying. I am sure you will learn more about this issue as Brett presents his workshop “Make Bullying History”.

FAREWELL YEAR 12
At the end of last term the school farewelled Year 12 at a graduation ceremony/supper and school recognition assembly. Both events were opportunities for family members, students and staff to celebrate and applaud each individual’s achievements and successes. Thank you to Mr Benzie, & Ms Martin who supported Year 12 and also a big thank you to Ms Dennis and the Admin staff who assisted with organisation of the Graduation Supper at Camden Civic Centre and the Recognition Assembly. Year 12 started the HSC examinations on Monday 14 October 2013.

2014 SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS ANNOUNCED
The school also welcomed our new School Captains and Vice Captains. Congratulations to our new School Captains – Ani Hoxha and Todd Thurlow and our Vice Captains – Erin Middleton, Zoe Martin, Adam Taiba and James Craven. They are an exceptional group of students and we are confident that they will fulfil their roles to the highest standards.

At the end of Term 3 an election for the 2014 prefect body was held. In the next parent bulletin we will feature the successful candidates who will be introduced to the student body in Week 3.

Our Parent Bulletins have been enhanced with reports in each edition from our deputy principals. Both Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Martin write a report that includes events associated with each of their year groups. Parents now receive more detailed information – which is great!

M Fawcett
Principal

PARENT BULLETIN
OCTOBER 2013

Upcoming Events
21 Oct Brett Murray – Anti Bullying Workshop Parent Session 6.30pm School Hall
28 Oct Yrs 8/9 Yearly Exams commence
29 Oct Yr 12 Study Day – Drama
1 Nov Cobbity Markets
4 Nov Yr 7 Yearly Exams commence
13-15 Nov Yr 10 Grading Exams
16 Nov Light up Camden

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2014 – 2015 Stage 5 & 6 Scholarship Applications
Attention Yrs 8 & 10 students and parents. Applications will be available from the Admin Office or School Website from Monday 21 Oct 2013. Applications close on Friday 1 November 2013
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Natalie Martin (DP Years 8, 10 & 12)

In the last week of Term 3 Year 12 graduated and had their final school assembly. It was very pleasing to see so many students being recognised for their academic efforts. The Year 12 Showcase was also very successful and indicated the diverse talents of Elderslie High School students. Performances ranged from vocal items, dance, instrumental items and an excellent drama performance. Students from Years 7 to 10 attended and contributed a gold coin donation upon entry to the hall. Funds raised from the concert will contribute towards the Year 12 gift to the school. The CAPA faculty and entertainment back stage crew need to be thanked for their impressive assistance in the organisation of this event.

Year 12 also had the opportunity to attend the Picnic Day on their final day of school. The Picnic Day was held at Austinmer Beach and the weather was perfect. Students were able to spend a relaxing day on the beach and mingle with their friends for a final time before the commencement of their examinations. It was wonderful to spend the day with the year group and experience how well behaved and responsible all students were on the day. They are a very close year group and I’m sure there will be some tears to come at the conclusion of their formal when they say their final farewells. One of the good things about technology these days is that they will be able to keep in touch.

The Higher School Certificate commenced on Monday 14th October and will conclude on Wednesday the 6th November. Many students attended the holiday workshops provided by most faculties in the school holidays. Students are expected to be in full school uniform for all HSC examinations and will need to inform the student office if they attend school when they do not have scheduled examinations. All students will be required to complete school clearance procedures before being issued with their ticket to the school formal which is on Wednesday 13th November 2013. I would like to encourage parents to continue supporting your child over the next month while the HSC is in progress as this will be a stressful time for all students in Year 12.

Year 10 will be transitioning into Year 11 after they have completed their yearly examinations. Examinations begin on Monday 4th November and they will commence the transition program on Monday 18th of November. On this date all students in Year 10 are permitted to wear the senior uniform, so parents may wish to start purchasing this uniform in readiness for the start of week 7. It is a privilege to wear the senior uniform and we expect all students in Year 10 to behave accordingly. If your child is intending to leave school at the end of the year they are not required to wear the senior uniform. Students in Year 10 will need to continue to demonstrate exemplary behaviour if they wish to attend the end of year function at the Campbelltown Catholic Club on Thursday 12th December 2013.

Year 8 attended a cyber safety presentation on Wednesday 9th October in the school hall. Our local Police Liaison Officer Senior Constable Allan Clapham presented this workshop and he focused on cyber safety in order to inform students of the safe usage of internet technology in order to prevent bullying and promote personal safety. He also focused on student digital reputation and how students need to use the internet responsibly. Year 8 responded very positively to this presentation and enjoyed the opportunity to ask a variety of questions at the conclusion of the event. We also have a number of students involved in workshops provided by Youth Connections which are aimed at improving student self-esteem, self-worth and social skills. We intend to continue offering these workshops to students in Year 8 in order to improve student interpersonal communication and prevention of bullying in the playground.

Finally I would like to encourage parents to support their children in developing an adequate study plan over the next few weeks as students will be completing their final examinations and assessments for the year in preparation for the distribution.

Jennifer Lawrence (DP Years 7, 9 & 11)

Welcome back to Term 4!

Our New Year 12 Students

As you would know, at the start of Term 4, our Year 11 students have commenced Year 12 course work and are now officially Year 12 students. This next year will be both an exciting and emotional time as students attempt to juggle all the responsibilities that go hand in hand with the HSC. All students will soon be receiving their new assessment schedule booklet that details all assessment tasks being conducted within each subject and provides due dates so that students can be as organised as possible. We encourage families to support their children’s HSC endeavours by helping them to keep organised and track the impending deadlines for all work using a calendar. Students need to take each assessment task very seriously and endeavour to produce their best work possible each and every time. Assessment tasks conducted within the school based assessment program count for fifty per cent of a student’s total HSC result in this means that every task counts in helping students achieve the results they dream of. As a staff, we make ourselves available to our students whenever they need guidance and so if parents notice that their children are struggling with a task, we ask you to encourage your child to visit their teacher at the end of a lesson or within a lunch break to access the support they need.
**Change of Subjects for Year New Year 12 Students**

Some students have expressed a desire to choose additional units such as in the case of the newly established Extension 2 English or Extension History classes. Some other students wish to drop a subject and scale back from 12 to 10 units. The process at Elderslie High School for making this change involves careful interviews running between the Principal, myself and the child so that we may help students to determine what is in the best interests for their future and will still allow students to gain an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) where they wish to obtain one. At the time of printing, all students should have handed in their forms to express their interest in making a variation to their pattern of study. This will be considered as soon as possible as described above.

**Cyberbullying Workshop**

This week we ran a Cyberbullying Workshop for all Year 7 and 8 students. We warmly welcomed back to Elderslie the local Police Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Allan Clapham who discussed the breaches of the law involved with cyberbullying and the seriousness of this insidious behaviour for teenagers in this day and age in terms of the impact that it can have on the their lives. We believe that such workshops are yet another strategy we can use to help students see how damaging their behaviour can be. All students seemed to enjoy the presentations and found them to be highly engaging.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING UPDATE 2013**

Congratulations to Deni Hoxha and Ashleigh McMurdo from Year 8 and Lachlan Macdonald and Brooke Murray from Year 10 on representing their fellow students at the Graduation Assembly on Thursday, 19th September, 2013. Congratulations to Alexander O’Flynn and Stella Kowalick from Year 10 on chairing the same event. Well done to all!

*Ms Dennis*

**DEBATING UPDATE**

The Year 10 Debating team consisting of Lachlan Macdonald, Andrew Loomes, Alexander O’Flynn, Brooke Murray and Stella Kowalick won their zone, the Inter-Zone Final against Beverly Hills Girls High School, the Regional Quarter Final against Bass High School, the Regional Semi-Final against Bossley Park High School. Unfortunately, they were defeated by Hurlstone Agricultural High School in the Regional Final. Congratulations to the team on a fabulous effort!

The Year 8 Debating team consisting of Ellyn Brown, Dylan Maclou, Anneliese Munro, Ashleigh McMurdo, Hannah Tretthewy, Alex Berry, Lillian Ralston, Deni Hoxha, Amber-Jayne Mathews and Lillian Cumerlato won their zone. Unfortunately they were defeated by Sir Joseph Banks High School in the Inter-Zone Final. Congratulations to the team on a fabulous effort!

Well done to all of our teams in 2013!

*Ms Dennis*

**CAPA UPDATE**

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in making Year 7 and Year 8 CAPA Evenings a huge success. Well done to all!

Congratulations to Gemma Colder for her nomination to Call Back 2014. Call Back is a showcase of outstanding HSC Dance works from 2013 and Gemma has been nominated for Major Study Performance. We wish her the best of luck for her DVD audition.

The next CAPA Evening will be Year 10 on Tuesday, 5th November, 2013. Please some along and support the Drama, Dance, Music and Visual Arts classes. Tickets will be on sale from the Student Office in Week 3 and are $5.00 for all. Doors open at 7.15 pm. See you there!

There are still a few Dance Calendars available for purchase from the Student Office. The calendar would make a great Christmas present and is an excellent memory of this year’s routines.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Dance Transition Program with Mawarra and Elderslie Public Schools. You performed well at Dance Spectacular and the Dance Blitz Eisteddfod. Many thanks to Ms Viselli from Elderslie Public School and Mrs Fairweather from Mawarra Public School for all of their support with this program.

The Year 8, 9, 10 Dance Elective classes, Dance Company, Dance Ensemble and Ballroom Dance Ensemble competed at the Dance Blitz Eisteddfod on Sunday, 25th August, 2013 at Ambarvale High School. Year 8 Dance Elective received Highly Commended, Year 9 Dance Elective received 2nd place, Year 10 Dance Elective received 2nd place, Dance Ensemble received 2nd place, Dance Company received 2nd place and Ballroom Dance Ensemble received Highly Commended.

The Year 8, 9 and 10 Dance Elective, Dance Company and Dance Ensemble groups competed at the Australian Dance Challenge on Sunday, 8th September, 2013 at South Sydney Juniors. Year 8 Dance Elective received 3rd place, Year 10 Dance Elective received 4th place and Dance Company received 2nd place. Dance Ensemble and Year 9 Dance Elective unfortunately did not receive a place however danced extremely well.

Elderslie High School’s Dance Spectacular on Friday, 6th September, 2013 in the School Hall was, once again, an amazing event. Many thanks to the students and teachers from Mawarra, Cobbitty and Elderslie Public School for helping to make this event bigger and better.
this year. Congratulations to all of our Dancers and the Stage Crew for making this year’s event so successful.

The first Segment Rehearsal for Schools Spectacular, 2013 is on Tuesday, 22nd October, 2013 from 7.30 am – 4.00 pm at Anne Clark Centre. Permission notes and payment for transport are due to the Student Office ASAP. Congratulations to Brooke Murray from Year 10 on her selection for the Schools Spectacular Tap Ensemble. Well done, Brooke!

Congratulations to the HSC Visual Arts students on surviving their Practical Examinations last term. Well done to all of the students involved. A team of Board of Studies Markers will attend Elderslie High School in late October to complete the marking process.

Congratulations to the HSC Music students on surviving their Practical Examinations last term. Well done to the HSC Music students and many thanks to Mr Jacob Nicastri for his support in preparing and accompanying some of our students.

The Junior Drama Ensemble students attended a performance of Storm Boy on Thursday, 5th September, 2013 at the Sydney Theatre Company. Everyone had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the show.

The Year 11 Drama students will be attending an Individual Project Study Day on Tuesday, 29th October, 2013 at NIDA. The students will gain a much clearer understanding this area of their HSC Study. Permission notes and money are due to the Student Office by Friday, 25th October, 2013.

Forty Five students, parents and staff are looking forward to viewing Grease, the Musical at the Lyric Theatre on Tuesday, 22nd October, 2013 from 5.00 pm. ‘Grease is the word…’

Some of the CAPA students will be asked to perform on behalf of the school at Light Up Camden on Saturday, 16th November, 2013. We will be performing on the Schools’ Performance Stage from 5.55 pm – 6.05 pm. Stay tuned for more details!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Elderslie High School Stage Crew for their hard work during Terms 1, 2 and 3. These students give up a lot of time and put in a lot of hours behind the scenes at all of the major school events. Well done to all!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who assist with aspects of the performing arts, without your help the students would not achieve such excellent results or experience as many fantastic opportunities. So during 2013, come along and enjoy the performances of our talented CAPA students.

CAPA Faculty

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

At Elderslie High School there are many programs happening to enhance student learning in faculty areas. The Gifted and Talented program is designed to support what is already happening in classrooms and to offer students some extra opportunities. We now have Year 7 – 10 students involved in the program. Thank you to Mr Tan for teaching a Language Workshop to Year 7 in Week 8 last term. We are currently organising a final Workshop for Year 7 – 10 after the examination period is complete.

The Mind Marathon was held on the 30th August at East Hills Boys Technology High School. All four teams did a fantastic job competing with over 400 students from various schools. A special congratulations to our Stage 4 and Stage 5 girl’s teams on coming third on the day. Well done to all!

Both of our Tournament of the Minds teams presented at the Regional Final at the University of Western Sydney Milperra Campus on Saturday, 24th August. Both teams did very well, with one team receiving Honours. Thank you to Ms Lysaught for mentoring the teams in 2013.

Stay tuned for more exciting things happening for the Gifted and Talented students at Elderslie High School.

Gifted and Talented Team

DEADLY NEWS FROM THE ATSI KIDS

ANOTHER WIN!...On the 26th August a group of young indigenous students from across Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 entered the local numeracy challenge at Eaglevale High School. There were two teams entered from Elderslie: a junior team which included Lori Craker, Keely Formosa and Courtney Jones; a senior team Brock Humphries, Kimberly Rouland and Catherine Lambeth.

Throughout the day both teams participated in a number of different numeracy challenges. At the end of all the challenges they announced the winners from the junior and senior teams. The winner of the junior and senior pool divisions was Elderslie. Overall the winning school was Elderslie! (Of course!)

It was a great day and we enjoyed meeting fellow students from our neighbouring schools. We were also very proud to be complimented on our outstanding behaviour by the teachers from other schools. A big thank you to the teachers that went and drove us to and from the venue - thank you Mr Quinn, Mrs Amos and Mrs Rouen. Mr Quinn deserves a special mention for coming in just to be with us on the day of the competition – instead of looking after his nine Austrian Vizslas he only had to look after six amazing students...
LEARNING SUPPORT
Disability Provisions for exams
Parents if you think your son/daughter is eligible for assistance/adjustments for the school exams please make enquiries to the Learning support team or Year Adviser. Students may need a reader, writer, extra time or small group supervision. Firstly the students need a form to complete plus documentation from a health care professional within the last 12 months with parent and student signatures. Secondly the form has to be handed into the Learning Support team at least two weeks prior to exams. Unless there is a medical emergency eg a broken arm. The forms are then processed, approval is not automatic and appeals may be considered.

Learning Support Team

PEER MEDIATION NEWS
On the 28th August the Peer Mediators of Year 10 were invited to attend a bullying workshop followed by a documentary. By the end of the day we were all much more educated about the act of bullying itself, and how some people may think that it is just harmless fun to either verbally, physically or emotionally abuse another person. The other person may feel personally victimised and worst of all, feel worthless.

The documentary, entitled BULLY, is well-worth watching. Bullying can cause people, especially teenagers, to take their own lives because they start to believe what people are saying about them and they can think that they are worthless. All it takes is one person to interact with someone who may be having a hard time either at home, school or social places to help them get through that tough time in their lives. These people will often turn out to be the nicest people you will ever meet; there never is a reason why some people are victimised and others are not.

Australia is ranked second with the highest rate of bullying in the world. Brett Murray is an Australian who strongly disagrees with the act of bullying. He has written multiple novels about the topic and has travelled all over Australia to get more people aware of the effects of bullying. Brett Murray will be presenting workshops at our school on 21st October 2013.

People who are being bullied often find it hard to speak up about it and get help, so if you are aware, or if you think someone is being bullied, speak up for them and let the torture stop. We all have a responsibility to look after each other and to promote harmony.

We would like to thank all the teachers involved, Miss Keily and Mrs Skaroupka for driving students there and back, to Mrs Copland for organising the excursion and to all the teachers who were also involved in providing this experience for us. We look forward to promoting a happy, safe and inclusive school at Elderslie for all students.

From your Peer Mediators,
Elisabeth Laria & Catherine Lambeth (Year 10)

TAS – HOME ECONOMICS
Year 10 Textiles Technology
Year 10 Textiles Technology class have been busy creating projects for the theme of ‘Sweet Treats’. The students demonstrated creativity and their inspirations were clearly reflected in each of their art pieces. Each student was to design and manufacture an art piece with a number of constraints including size, decorative techniques, how easily it could be hung up.

Some of the students work will be entered into the Textiles Art Piece Challenge 2013 held by the Technology Educators Association (TEA).

Miss Laws
HSC Textiles and Design Projects
The student’s Major Textiles Projects have been marked and made ready for display. The students worked tirelessly on their major projects which contributes half of their marks for the HSC. On behalf of the year 12 textiles class and Elderslie High School I would like to invite you to the HSC textiles display. It will be held on the 22\textsuperscript{nd} and 23\textsuperscript{nd} of October in the school library to celebrate the students wonderful achievements this year.

Miss Golden
CHS ATHLETICS
The SSW Area Athletics carnival was held on the 30th and 31st of July. Many EHS students qualified to participate at the CHS Athletics Carnival in Homebush on the 5th to 7th of September.

Some individual performances of note at the CHS Carnival were:
Tiffany Bailey – 2nd 12yrs Girls 200m, 3rd 12yrs Girls Long Jump & 4th 12yrs Girls 100m.
Hannah Wright – 6th in the 13yrs Girls 800m.
Reese Bacon – 4th 13yrs Girls High Jump.
Taylah Nasko – 4th Girls 2000m Steeplechase, 5th 16yrs Girls 800m, 8th 16yrs Girls 400m & 9th Girls 3000m.
Brearna Palmer – 7th 14yra & Under Girls 400m.
Tayla Merrick - 5th Girls 2000m Steeplechase, 7th Girls Pentathlon.
Ryan McNeill – 2nd Boys 12yrs High Jump & 7th Boys 12yrs 80m Hurdles.
Troy Chauvin – 3rd Boys 14yrs 800m & 3rd Boys 14yrs 400m.
Jayden Jones – 6th Boys 17yrs 110m Hurdles.

The EHS relay teams were also successful, with the following teams performing very well.
Silver Medal - Girls 12yrs 4 x 100m team. (Tiffany Bailey, Ebony Palmer, Ella Stevenson, Jessica Taylor-Myles).
4th - Girls 13yrs 4 x 100m team. (Sarah Creasy, Reese Bacon, Brearna Palmer, Hannah Wright).

Elderslie was again represented by our students commendably, With EHS placing 6th in the state of the non-sport High Schools. Well done!!

Other Sporting News
Congratulations to the following students:
* Taylah Nasko and Alley Hanagan earned a Bronze Medal at the CHS Cross Country as part of the SSW Area 16yrs Girls Running Team.
* Alley Hanagan – Selected in the Shadow Australian All Schools U16 Girls Hockey Team.
* Todd Thurlow – Umpiring at the 2013 Australian Masters Hockey Championships.
* Alessandro De Nuntis – Gold Medal at the National Championships for Crow martial Arts and Bronze Medal at the NSW State Taekwondo Championships.

MATHEMATICS REPORT
Semester 2 Assessment Information
In the lead up to the yearly exams for the junior years, students should be now revising by writing summaries of each topic and going over their End of Term 3 test papers.

Students also need to be completing the test activities on Mathletics, as these results will be included into the calculations for their Semester 2 assessment grades. Any student who does not know their Mathletics password needs to see their maths teacher.

All students are expected to attend school on the day of their exam. If students are absent for any reason, they need to report to their teacher on the next day they are at school. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 need to bring a note from home to explain their absence, while students in Year 10 must provide a Doctor’s Certificate or other appropriate documentation and complete an Illness/Misadventure Appeal Form. (Available from the Head Teacher)

Results for Maths Competition
The results for the Australian Mathematics Competition have arrived and from the 39 students who entered, we have achieved 3 Distinctions, 20 Credits and 5 Proficient. These students where:

Distinction:
Year 7 - Brock Chisholm
Year 8 - Paige Reilly
Year 12 - Brock Humphries

Credit:
Year 7 - Zachariah Christie, Jacob Reed, Marialee Truong, Caitlin Williams
Year 8 - Madison Bloor, Annabelle Christie, Keely Formosa, Deni Hoxha, Brianna Milburn, Adam Osborne
Year 9 - Isabelle Ford, Tayler Buckley, Christopher Mazurkiewicz
Year 10 - Emma Creasey, Mitchell Dawson, Sean Lewis, Ryan Malcolm, Alex O’Flynn
Year 12 - William Bancroft, Joel Berrell

Proficient:
Year 7 - Hannah Jenkins
Year 8 - Alexandra Berry, Natalia Rimceski, Jasmin Sultani
Year 9 - Johathan Khall

These are a great set of results and all students who entered the competition will be receiving their certificates at their Recognition Assemblies this term.

Year 10 Mathematics Expo
Last term a group of Year 10 students from the top maths and science classes went to a Science and Mathematics Careers Expo, at the University of Western Sydney Parramatta Campus. There were an array of career displays, slideshows and talks from various Doctors, Lecturers and academics from around the work force in relation to careers and degrees available to future students or even those considering careers in the spoken field. Overall the presentations were interesting, entertaining and attention grabbing, with the opportunity during the breaks to explore the campus, perform experiments and observe the technology used on a daily basis by those studying at the University.
“We enjoyed the way the careers and issues were presented, it gave us a chance to get involved and it made maths and science seem more appealing” - Oscar Dell

By Matthew Murphy and Emily Burden

NAPLAN Reports
All Year 7 and 9 parents will have received the NAPLAN reports just last week. The literacy and numeracy team are currently analysing the results to identify areas of strength and weakness. And over the coming weeks the mathematics teacher’s will be looking at their classes’ numeracy results and implementing strategies to target areas for improvement.

The Mathematics Faculty

NSW PREMIER’S STUDENT VOLUNTEERING AWARDS
For all Year 9 and Year 10
All students from Years 9 and 10 are welcome to join the Award Scheme and there are many volunteering opportunities available to participate in. Get involved now. There are many ways to volunteer around the school or in the wider community. There are our Peer Mentors, Duke of Edinburgh Award students, Peer Reading Tutors, exam reader /writers, Stage Crew, assisting with animal welfare, coaching, refereeing and Animal Nursery helpers who are volunteering regularly for the benefit of our school and students. If you help any neighbours or elderly friends, coach teams, lead Youth Group or any other assistance to aid others then you are a volunteer.

It is easy to be a part of this worthwhile award scheme, it may help you get a job or even a scholarship when you try for university.

How To Log On
Log on to the student portal and follow the “other sites” prompt. Scroll down until P and find the Premier’s Student Volunteering Awards then enter new activity. If you required assistance see Mrs Rouen, Mr Kafataris or Miss Zammit for help enrolling.

The NSW Premier’s Student Volunteering Awards program encourages all students to undertake a minimum of 20 hours of volunteering during the time they are in Years 9 and 10. In appreciation of this contribution to the community, students will receive Premier’s Certificates (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond and Black Opal respectively) for completing 20, 40, 60, 80 or over 150 hours of volunteering.

Now is the time to log onto the site and begin to enter your hours.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD INFORMATION
Bronze and Silver Award participants should now be well on their way to completing their respective awards. Let’s get those awards completed so that you can continue the award in 2014!!

Online Record Books should be regularly updated and completed Sections submitted to Mr Marshall for approval.

Bronze level participants should be aiming to complete all sections of their award by the end of the year so that Silver awards can be started early in 2014.

Bronze level kayaking and sailing expeditions are now in full swing, with more trips planned for the end of Term 4 for both sailing and kayaking groups. Participants have been given the dates for these camps and need to make sure they have been online to apply to attend the appropriate camp, and once completed, fill in their expedition report and submit this section as complete. I am expecting that all participants will have completed their Bronze Award by the start of the 2014 academic year!!

Silver and Gold expeditions will be starting early in Term 1 2014. Hopefully every participant who wishes to continue the award will be ready for another big year.

The annual ski trip was run again this year which was great to see. Many thanks to Ms Spero for doing all the hard work of organising the trip. A great time was had by all and the intention is to continue to run the trip for many years into the future. Erin Hoffman and Andrew Loomes wrote the following report of their experiences on the trip:

After sitting in the bus for 6 hours with 34 buzzing students from Years 9, 10 and 11 we finally arrived at the Snowgate Motel in Berridale with Miss Bolton, Miss Spero and Mr Marshall. As we stepped outside we immediately felt the brisk temperature change as we went on to collect our snow gear for the next three days of skiing and snowboarding.

The sun rose quicker than we had time to get good night’s sleep, and before we knew it we were in the bus, bound for Thredbo! Our lessons began early, and we tried to pick the skill of skiing or boarding. We quickly mastered the beginner’s courses, and got on and off the chairlift to some more advanced slopes. With the rest of the day free to ourselves, we worked our way around the resort shredding up the slopes on both the green and the more challenging blue courses. Seeing everyone fall over and roll down the hill of fresh snow was probably the funniest part of the trip. That is until we had to go back to help them get their skis back on and help them get up (not mentioning any names).
The second day was just as exciting as the first. As usual, we had a 2 hour lesson with a very patient instructor and then again had the day to ourselves. We caught a shuttle bus to the village, and decided on taking the Kosciusko Express all the way up the mountain, the highest lifted point in Australia. The view from the top was unbelievable; it’s something you can’t comprehend until you see it with your own eyes. The 5km trek down was steep, rough and exhausting, but exhilarating and totally worth it. We returned to Friday Flats at the end of the day where we had our lessons to be disappointed with the unchallenging slopes. As the day drew to a close, we arrived back to our motel for a night of card games and the usual truth or dare.

Our last day on the snow came way too soon, and we decided to make the most of it. We took the Gun Barrel Chairlift up the mountain and ran some Green and Blue trails as a warm-up. The real event was a ‘conga’ line of all the skiers skiing down Friday Flats holding onto each other’s stocks. We only made it down half way before landing on top of each other in complete carnage. And no snow trip is complete without the classic snowball fight, so at the top of the mountain it was on!

All in all the trip was one of the most exciting experiences in our school life. It was definitely something we would love to do again and would recommend that everyone else, if given the opportunity, should go. We learnt that skiing is not a one trip experience; it’s something we can and should enjoy for the rest of our lives. We would all like to say a massive thanks to all the teachers and especially, Pete the bus driver.

On a more disappointing note: The Department of Sport and Recreation, which is the body that runs the award in NSW, has increased prices to join the awards and to progress from one award to another. This was done to bring NSW “in line” with the cost in other states!! The award fees will be as follows from January 1 2014.

- Bronze - $105.00
- Silver - $110.00
- Gold - $125.00

I hope this circumstance will not affect participants and their family’s too much in the future as the award is a worthwhile achievement for students.

If there are any questions or problems please see Mr Marshall or Ms George.

Paul Marshall
D of E Coordinator

Cryptic Geography – Who am I?
Let see how well you know your NSW towns. Solve the cryptic words and be the first to bring your answers to Ms Cavalieri in the Social Science faculty. If you are the first student to get all the answer correct, you will win TWO United Cinema movie tickets. Let the challenge begin.

NSW Towns
1. A cake had with tea and Jam ____________
2. Break the small mountain _____________
3. A germ a germ __________________
4. A fruit ________________
5. Recent fort ________________
6. Poisoned waterhole ______________
7. One short of a cricket team ____________
8. No place for a fat gold digger __________________
9. What kids always complain about being

10. Boys name / garden digging tool

Saturday School of Community Languages – 2014 Enrolment
If you would like to study your background language, information about language courses offered at the Saturday School of Community Languages is available at www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au.
Applications for 2014 close on 21 February 2014
Go4Fun healthy kids program
FREE program for kids 7-13 above healthy weight and their families
Fun games and activities to boost family physical activity
Learning healthy eating and good food choices

Bankstown – Bankstown PCYC
Cnr Meredith St & French Ave Bankstown
2200
Wednesdays 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Camden – Mount Annan Leisure Centre
368 Welling Drive Mount Annan 2567
Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Campbelltown – Aquafit Fitness and Leisure
Old Menangle Road Campbelltown 2560
Thursdays 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Fairfield – Fairfield Leisure Centre
44 Vine Street Fairfield 2165
Tuesdays 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Minto – Minto Indoor Sports Centre
9 Redfern Rd Minto NSW 2566
Mondays and Thursdays 4:00pm – 6:00pm

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Go4Fun info for families

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Elderslie High School
Educating all students to achieve their personal best
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**ATTENTION: P & C Meeting 22 Oct 2013 7pm School Library**

Guests to the meeting will be Julie Johnson Head Teacher TAS and Andrew Mills Head Teacher TAS. HSC TAS Major Works will be on display.

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