PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Welcome back to term 2. I hope everyone had a wonderful school vacation and are you now back at school ready to learn, work collaboratively with others, fulfil all our Positive Behaviour Learning expectations.

School Development Days
Staff spent a jammed packed day on 29 April 2013 working with Elizabeth Macathur and Camden High Schools on aspects of the new Australian Curriculum. English, Maths, Science and History teachers worked on preparing for implementation in 2014 for Years 7 and 9, whilst other staff focused on building professional learning networks and familiarising themselves with resources available to teachers from the DEC, ACARA and Board of Studies. On 30 April 2013 EHS teachers developed an understanding of the learner and the new curriculum, participated in GERRIC training and some faculties participated in Australian Curriculum workshops organised by SWS Region using the Connected Classroom.

Farewell to Mrs Symkowiak
Mrs Symkowiak is currently on leave prior to her retirement. Our school community took the opportunity to farewell Mrs Symkowiak at the end of Term 1. Mrs Symkowiak spent many years at Elderslie High School dedicated to enhancing the learning outcomes for all our students. She is a loyal supporter of the school and we will miss her drive and determination.

Mrs Symkowiak’s last few weeks of her teaching service and time at our school were something she will always remember and cherish. We hope she enjoys her retirement, now having more time to travel and spend with her family.

Welcome to Our New Staff
We have some new staff who have joined our wonderful, dedicated team. Firstly I would like to welcome Mrs Martin, Relieving Deputy Principal. Mrs Martin comes to us with a wealth of DP experience having relieved in the DP position at Moorebank HS for four years. She will be working with Years 8, 10 and 12 students and also supporting the Social Science, History, CAPA, Science and Maths faculties. Please contact her at any time should you wish to discuss your child and/or aspects of their learning.

Two other staff also join us this term. Miss Laws joins the TAS Home Economics staff in a permanent position replacing Mr Burden and Mr Edgar joins the TAS Industrial Arts staff relieving for Mr Clipsham who is on extended leave. A warm welcome to all of you.

Sister School Agreement
During the April school vacation period I had the opportunity to visit South Korea and sign a sister school agreement with Chungnam Arts High School. Chungnam Arts High School is a Year 10 to 12 school for the Arts, specialising in fine arts,
music and dance. Mr Hanjoo Kim, Director Korean Education Centre in Sydney, suggested that Chungnam Arts High School would be an ideal match for Elderslie, especially because of the interest in the creative and performing arts. The Principal Mr Yoo and I signed the agreement on 16 April 2013. I then joined a tour of the school with a number of other principals from NSW. It is an outstanding school and I am sure that the relationship between our two schools will develop over time.

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held in the school library at 7pm on Tuesday 14 May 2013. The faculty focus will be PDHPE, and Ms Crossingham will also talk about the junior assessment policy. We will also have a tour of the new canteen facilities and get a chance to meet Mrs Martin, our Relieving DP. I hope to see everyone there.

Meredith Fawcett
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS
Jenny Lawrence (DP Years 7,9,11)
NAPLAN – Years 7 & 9
As many parents would know, the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy are scheduled to be held in Week 3. These tests are held Australia wide for all students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 on the same days and occur in four parts:

Tuesday 14 May – Language Conventions Test AND Writing test
Wednesday 15 May – Reading Test
Thursday 16 May – Numeracy Test

There will be a calculator as well as a non-calculator component of the numeracy test. Friday 17 May is also set down as a “catch up” day for any students who may have been absent during any of the earlier tests.

The results of the NAPLAN tests provide our school with valuable information about what each student can do which is in turn used to support teaching and learning program. Results are usually due out in September and at this time, parents will be able to compare their child’s level of achievement against the national minimum standard.

The following link provides information for parents about the NAPLAN program:
http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2013_Parents_Brochure.pdf?_cldee=ZWkk2XJzbGILLWguc2Nob29sQGRldC5uc3cuZWR1LmF3

Our Wonderful Students
The students of Elderslie High School continue to impress me. During the school holidays, I was lucky enough to accompany twenty-six school students in the Camden Anzac Day March which took place down Argyle St on April 25th. We had one of the larger groups of any high school there despite the fact that many of our students were away on holidays and that some of our prefects were travelling Europe on their History excursion. The names of those who attended are listed below. In addition, I would like to thank the school captains, vice captains and Mr Quinn for their attendance at the Camden Dawn Service where they laid the wreath on behalf of the school. It was wonderful to see our young people keeping the Anzac spirit alive and showing their incredible respect for our soldiers on this very special national day:

Acknowledged for Outstanding Public Speaking
During Term 1 SWS Region held auditions for students to compete at 2013 Regional events. I am very proud to announce that Hannah Trethewy and Lillian Ralston were both successful. The girls can be called upon by the Region to compete for any event. We will keep you informed of the events they are selected for this year.

Term 2 2013
Term 2 will be extremely busy with numerous events such as NAPLAN (Years 7 and 9), half yearly examinations, assessment periods for Years 11 and 12, semester 1 reports, Year 10 to 11 Information Night, parent/teacher night and or school musical – all over a 9 week period. As parents you can support your child by helping them manage their time and study routines. Please make sure you attend the parent/teacher night and the school musical.
Ani Hoxta of Year 11 was named as one of 16 students in NSW to receive a Premier’s ANZAC memorial scholarship. This scholarship will allow her to make a pilgrimage to a site of military significance in South East Asia to learn more about the ANZAC legacy. Congratulations, Ani. Her photograph is included in this bulletin where she is pictured with Victor Dominello, NSW minister for Citizenship and Communities. Other student achievements of note include Katelyn Eckford of Year 11, who achieved the result of Reserve Age Champion for Year 11 at a recent Equestrian event along with Chloe Everingham of Year 7 who represented her school with pride.

School Development Days
Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 April were important professional learning days for our school. As some parents may know, from 2014 Australia is set to introduce a nation-wide curriculum for the first time rather than the state based approach which has previously existed. As such, an additional School Development Day was set down and all staff at our school participated in planning and workshops to ready themselves for the implementation of this National Curriculum. Monday was set down as a shared day between Camden, Elizabeth Macarthur and Elderslie High Schools. This is the first time we have worked in partnership with other neighbouring public high schools. We were able to establish excellent networks between the three schools which allowed numerous faculties to share ideas and develop the foundations of new teaching and learning programs. On Tuesday, we focused largely on the needs of 21st Century learners and the way that they learn. I would like to extend a special thanks to the staff for their hard work on these two days and beyond as they ready themselves for these new syllabuses.

Natalie Martin (Relieving DP Years 8,10,12)
I am looking forward to becoming familiar with the students, staff and parents at Elderslie High School. This year I will be supervising Year 8, 10 and 12 and I will be working closely with the year advisors of these year groups to ensure all the students’ needs are met effectively by the school.

Students will need to begin their preparations for the half yearly examinations which will be happening later this term. This will be a very busy term as it is only 9 weeks in duration. I am looking forward to the school athletics carnival which will be held on the 4th and 5th June. These events are always fun and a good opportunity to get to know students on a different and more relaxed level. I am keen to see the majority of students participating in at least one event on the day.

Year 10 students need to be aware that there is a Subject Selection Evening on Wednesday 19th June commencing at 6.30pm. It is expected that all students attend this evening with their parents in order to collect the subject selection booklet which contains important information in regards to subject choices, fees and other requirements. On the night students will also be given their subject selection sheet which will need to be returned to the school by Friday 28th June.

TAS NEWS
Royal Easter Show
On Monday the 25th of March, 50 people from Year 10 & 11 Food Technology and Textiles Classes went to the Sydney Royal Easter Show to view the Textiles and Food Exhibits. There was a wide variety of Exhibits on display for us to enjoy from all around Australia.

The most popular exhibits were the cake displays and the textile arts. There were some exceptional entries from all over the nation including cakes with hanging lanterns, “Easter Show” themed cakes and many artful themed quilts. We all had a wonderful day, learnt many new techniques and were inspired by all of the displays.

by Caitlin Burrows & Beck Roe

Year 11 Community and Family Studies
In my Year 11 CAFS assignment I interviewed 2 family members I chose my Mother and my Grandmother. We had to ask some questions about what certain things were like when they were younger. I asked about Technology and Family Life. With this information I made a report with what is different then and now. I learned a lot about
their childhood and how changes had affected them, sometimes a lot and sometimes not so much. With this information I learnt may things. 

Erin McClatchey

In my interviews I asked two people, one person in their 40’s (my mother) and one other person aged 60 and over (my grandmother). I asked them 10 questions on their family life and 10 questions on schooling as a child growing up and during their adolescent teenage years. I learnt so much from these people and how society in Australia has changed throughout the years of both interviewees growing up. Because I interviewed my mother and grandmother I learnt more about myself.

Dana Gowen

For my CAFS assignment I interviewed my father and neighbour for information on how their lives were during their teenage years. My two focuses for my interview questions were on Schooling and Family Life. My interview took place in a relaxed and comfortable situation, and I asked the questions casually so it didn’t seem too formal or intimidating to the interviewees. After the questions had been answered I read over the information and formatted it into a 3 page report, which was a very interesting and eye-opening process. The information I gained from this task was both in depth and quite revealing about how times have changed so very much over the past 50 years, and it was also very intriguing to find out more about my father and my neighbours teenage life and how distinctly different it is to my own teenage life.

Stephanie Kate Parkin

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Another year of D of E is in full swing. Most of the Gold and Silver expeditions have been successfully completed despite some trying weather conditions during Term 1.

GOLD NEWS

Gold Kayaking group had their Test Expedition during Week 2, Term 2 from Monday 6th to Thursday 9th May 13.

SILVER NEWS

Silver Sailing group 1 had their Test Expedition during the first 3 days back this term.

It is important that all D of E participants regularly log onto the ORB and complete the other sections of the award. I would anticipate that all sections for students in Bronze and Silver level be completed by the end of Term 4 this year (2013) so that the next level of award can be commenced early in 2014.

Just a reminder that a new “continuation” fee has been introduced by the Award Office. Participants are now required to pay $100 to progress from one level to the next. This money needs to be payed to the Student Office.

Elderslie High School will aim to organise an annual ski trip in late August for D of E participants, this is a great opportunity and I encourage all participants to attend. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

If there are any questions or inquiries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Paul Marshall
D of E Coordinator

HISTORY NEWS

Yr 11 Ancient History Excursion

On Friday the 22nd of March, Year 11 Ancient History students on line 6, just like those on line 5 the day before, woke up at the crack of dawn to get to the train station and make our way to Sydney University to the Nicholson Museum. We were all excited and eager for the experience that was to await us when we got there. We were all expecting an amazing day and we were so happy that what Mr Raeburn had said would be an amazing excursion was in fact correct.

When we finally arrived at the museum, after our train ride and our “short” walk to the University, instantly when we walked into this courtyard a loud warlike scream of “HARRY POTTER!” made the day. All of the Harry Potter nerds were quietly dying inside as gargoyles adorned the stone roof tops and there was even a tree which was an exact look alike of the one in which Draco turns into a ferret in the 5th movie. Ok, ok, nerd out moment we know. Harry Potter can come later; let’s talk more about the excursion!

The classes went on their separate ways, one downstairs and the other up as we were going to swap in the latter half of the day. Our class went downstairs first where normal visitors cannot go. We met with our guides for the day and inside this room we got to handle REAL artefacts from thousands of years ago and many ancient civilisations such as Egypt and Greece. We all picked an artefact that we had to draw (badly) and then we discussed what they were made of and used for, taking on the role of an archaeologist. This experience was really mind blowing and it was hard to comprehend that we were holding canopic jars from ancient Egypt (the jars that held the organs of the mummies) and that there was still stains from the organs. Or that there was a pipe from the ruins of Pompeii and a hand held mirror. We all learnt a lot about artefacts while down here and it put what we had learnt in class into practice.

We then broke for lunch, which was an adventure in itself as universities have AWESOME food. We’re not going to lie, the food could have made the excursion! After lunch we swapped over and went into the museum. The first thing we saw when we went in was a mummy and no, not one of our mums. It was a real mumified mummy of a
man from ancient Egypt. He had never been unwrapped and is never going to be unwrapped but they have taken scans of the body to find its gender and see how he was mummified. We then saw an unwrapped mummified head, hands and feet and there were even mummified baby crocodiles and cats. This would have to have been the most exciting part of the exhibition, but then there were more things to come.

Quick fact! The origin of pass the parcel came from the unwrapping of mummies! Jewels were hidden within the wrappings, and aristocrats of England used to host ‘Mummy Unwrapping Parties’ in which they would take turns at unwrapping parts of the mummy and the party game of pass the parcel was born. But there was still so much more, pottery, weapons, armour and many other artefacts from ancient Sparta, Rome, Pompeii and many other ancient civilisations. There was even a LEGO built model of the Colosseum in Rome which was really, really cool.

There were so many things to see but such little time, as we had to leave to catch our train home. Overall though the day was ABOSLUTELY FANTASTIC! I know that a lot of us learned a lot from this experience and would happily go back again. So if you love ancient history, make sure to do it in your senior studies so you too can go on the best excursion by far!!!

Thank you to Mr Raeburn and the History Faculty for putting on yet another excellent excursion.

Liz Knowles and Demi Woods

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**SCIENCE NEWS**

**Yr 11 Biology - Recount of a field trip**

“Imagine you are a young biologist, out in the wilderness, identifying different plant and weed species, measuring the abiotic (non-living) factors and sampling the population of various native and weed plant species, when all of a sudden it pours down with rain, and pours and pours, until you are soaking wet and frozen solid! Can you imagine that?! ”

“Well the 38 students of Yr 11 Biology certainly can! On the 4th of April, Mr Hardy and Ms Woo, took us to the Australian Botanical Gardens in Mount Annan, to participate in some fieldwork, to help us understand what we have learnt in our course about Local Ecosystems. With the help of our teachers and the Botanic Gardens educators Scott, Rellie and Zoe, we ventured out into the remnant bushland of the Cumberland Plain Woodland ecosystem. We were split into groups and all had a go at identification, sampling and measuring the biotic and abiotic factors in the area along transect lines and within quadrants. “

It was a great day, except for the fact we got absolutely saturated by the rain! But all in all we had fun!

By Madeleine Newcombe
Yr 7 Poetry Comp Winners Announced!
Congratulations to all those in Year 7 who participated in our grade-wide poetry competition. The English faculty enjoyed reading your poems and are impressed with how much you have learned about writing poetry. We are excited to announce our winners of the competition.

1\textsuperscript{st} place: Maika Tan, for her poem, \textit{Winter}
2\textsuperscript{nd} place: Marialee Truong, for her poem, \textit{Time}
3\textsuperscript{rd} place: Jade Gunn, for her poem, \textit{Storm}

Runners up: Lilibeth Dell (Lavender), Karni Woods (Field of Poppies) & Keegan Harvey-Marks (Didier Drogba) and Allison Summers (Grandad)

Well done to our finalists Jaide Gayle-Weiling, Taylah Plumridge, Bethany Finlay and Madison McFarland who will receive merits for their effort.

The winning poems can be viewed on the school website. Here are those of our three winners.

\textbf{Winter}

Snowflakes skate through the breeze,
Then carelessly reside on barren trees
A hostile atmosphere sets in
While frigid winds made the air thin

The silence sneaks in as a thief
Singing birds are filled with grief
Shivering fingers embrace the now,
While temperatures fall increasingly low

Daylight appears to be fading away
Dissolving swiftly, full of dismay
Winter has arrived in its routine
Torturing all the surviving green.

\textit{Maika Tan}

\textbf{Time}

Time runs on and far
Like a dedicated athlete
Never stops, never scars,
Nothing can compete

Time follows everybody
Like a shadow in the day
Doesn’t stop for anybody
Even if we pray.

Can be an enemy or a friend
Whenever occupied or bored
Stays til the end
At times very adored.

Tick tock, tick tock,
The bells start to chime
Tick tock on the clock
Now it’s time

\textit{Marialee Truong}
Storm
The leaves ripped from the branches
The lake a mud invested puddle
The rain battered the windows
The ground soft underfoot
Lightning struck the sky
Thunder rattled the world below
The sky a clouded glass

When all seemed quiet
And the rain kissed the land
The lightning cracked the sky
The rain now not merciful
The skies opened up
And slapped the earth
All seemed in despair
The world flooded like the sea
Not just of rain
With lives, homes and belongings
Washed away
The storm like no other

Jade Gunn

The English faculty look forward to seeing your achievements in the upcoming Australian Schools English Competition and future writing opportunities in your high school career.

English Faculty

Peer Reading Program
Our sincere thanks to the Camden Rotary Club who once again have kindly donated $1500 to cover the costs of enrolling our Year 10 Peer Tutors in the TAFE Peer Reading Scheme. For several years now, their generosity has enabled Elderslie to run this powerful peer to peer literacy program.

Ron van der Zwaag

Go4Fun!
Days & Locations Term 2 – 2013
Go4Fun is a FREE program funded by NSW Health for children aged between 7-13 years old who are above a healthy weight.

Parents and children are invited to attend and register for the Go4Fun program at the locations listed.

For more information or to register for the program:
Leah Choi – Program Manager
Leah.choi@sswhs.nsw.gov.au
Ph: 9780 2811 / 0457 507 606
Free Call 1800 780 900 or SMS 0409 745 645 for a call back.

Please open the following link for more information:

SPORT NEWS
Macarthur Zone Swimming Results 2013
The 2013 Macarthur Zone swimming carnival was again held at Camden Pool on Tuesday 5th March 2013. Once again Elderslie students did the school proud by winning the carnival. Results from the carnival are listed.

1st = Elderslie 1179
2nd = Camden 1009
3rd = Mt Annan 559
4th = Eliz Mac 442
5th = Picton 423
6th = Robert Townson 167
7th = Thomas Reddall 122

Records broken: EHS
Brittany Stoker 15 Girls 50m Freestyle 28.16 + 100m Back 1:10.19
Adam Taiba 17-19 100m Breaststroke 1:09.25
13 Girls 200 Free Relay 2:03.88
16 Girls 200 Free Relay 1:59.04
Girls Medley Relay 2:12.10
Boys Medley Relay 2:06.44
Knockout Relay 5:51.31

Zone Age Champions 2013

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CHS Swimming Results

The following students qualified through to the CHS Carnival at Homebush on the 4\(^{th}\), 5\(^{th}\) and 6\(^{th}\) of April. Well done Team!!

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Elderslie placed 4\(^{th}\) in the state overall points score with the Girls team coming equal 1\(^{st}\) in the state. An awesome effort from all the swimmers.

**The following students achieved medals at the carnival:**

Brittany Stoker: Gold in the Girls 15yrs 100m Backstroke.
Adam Taiba: Gold in the Boys 17-19yrs 100m Breaststroke.
Daniel Taiba: Gold in the Boys 15yrs 100m Breaststroke.
Luca Sullivan: Silver in the Boys 13yrs 100m Backstroke.
Karlee Franek: Silver in the Boys 16yrs 100m Breaststroke.

**The following Relay teams also achieved Gold medals at the Carnival:**

Girls 13yrs 4 x 50m Freestyle Relay: Julia Stoker, Caitlin Marson, Luca Sullivan, Klarissa Van der Saag.
Girls 200m Medley Relay: Karlee Franek, Jessica Liardo, Brittany Stoker, Taylah Nasko

**Cross Country**

The Elderslie High School Cross Country Carnival was held at the Bicentennial Equestrian Park in Camden on Wednesday the 10\(^{th}\) of April. This year the carnival was made into a whole school event with all students attending. It was a hot day with approximately 425 students attending the carnival. The day progressed smoothly and the excellent behaviour and participation of all the participants was appreciated by the staff. From the results it seems we will be fielding another strong team for the Zone Carnival in Term 2. Well Done EHS!!

**Age champions from the carnival were:**

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The school team will compete in the Macarthur Zone Carnival on the 29\(^{th}\) May 2013. Well done to all students who competed at the school carnival and good luck to the students who will be representing Elderslie at Macarthur Zone at the Area Cross.

**Other Sporting News**

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent Macarthur Zone during the zone trials held on 20\(^{th}\) February 2013:

**U16 Girls Touch:** Claire Armstrong, Courtney Jones, Abbi Church, Jessica Elguindy.

**15’s Rugby League:** Luke Dewberry, Kyren Jacob, Brock Bentley, Shaun Hart, Andrew Horne.

**Open Netball:** Abbi Church, Jessica Elguindy, Shania Mathews-Allen, Alexandria McMurdo, Carrie Haulville.

**U16 Boys Touch:** Keaton Bates, Jordan Cracknell, Kyren Jacob.

**Open Girls Soccer:** Erin Brennan, Jordan Coe, Rosaria Galea, Gabriella Gonzalez, Kristy Jackson, Eden Parker, Rachel Warda.

**Open Boys Soccer:** Corey Sarcia.

**Open Girls Hockey:** Talia Green, Emma Creasy, Kristy Jackson, Madison Logue, Alley Hanagan.

**Open Boys Hockey:** Todd Thurlow, Rhys Cull, Kain Stuart, Nathanael Stewart.
**Open Boys Rugby League**: Joshua Dunn, Kyle Taylor, Jayden Jones.

**Open Girls Touch Team**: Abby Fawcett, Abbi Church, Jessica Elguindy & Clare Armstrong, Makiah Pippen, Tayla Merrick, Alley Hanagan, Jordan Bates, Courtney Jones.

**Open Boys Touch Team**: Kyren Jacobs, Keaton Bates.

**Congratulations to the following students**: 
* Open Boys Davidson Shield Cricket Team victory over Ambarvale HS.

**Selected in the SSW Regional U15’s AFL Team**
Steven Day, Keaton Bates

**Southern Suns touch football squad** - Makiah Pippen

**Selected in the SSW 16 yrs Regional Girls Touch Team**
Abbi Church, Jessica Elguindy & Clare Armstrong

**Selected in the SSW 16yrs Regional Boys Touch Team**
Keaton Bates, Jordan Cracknell and Kyren Jacob

**Selection in Macarthur zone and the Sydney South West Regional girls Open Hockey squad** - Ally Hanagan

**Open Girls CHS Softball Team** - Gabrielle Plain

**Girls Open Touch Football Knockout Report**
On Wednesday 27th March, our Elderslie High School girls Touch Football Knockout team played Ambarvale High School at Kirkham oval. We won this match convincingly. This however, provided us with the opportunity to work together as a team and also use our expertise to assist the opposition to aid in developing their football skills.

From this win we qualified for the SSW Regional central venue where we played three round games, one quarterfinal, and a semi-final. We were comfortably undefeated at this stage. We then progressed to the grand final where we were defeated by Bass High School, 3 – 1.

This is the first time in six years where we haven’t been the SSW Champions from central venue. As 2nd place, we are still able to progress through yet again to the next stage, the top 16 in the state. Here we will play one game against a team from another region in NSW to hopefully make the top 8 teams in the state, the final series.

All of the girls involved in the team displayed a high level of sportsmanship and team support throughout the round 1 match and central venue matches. It was very enjoyable for all involved.

**The team consisted of:**
- Jordan Bates ©
- Tayla Merrick ©
- Carrie Hauville
- Emma Creasy
- Courtney Jones
- Jessica Elguindy
- Makiah Pippen
- Abby Fawcett
- Abbi Church
- Olivia Fairweather
- Alley Hanagan
- Clare Armstrong
- Hannah Wright
- Miss George (Coach)

**Well done Macarthur Zone Team**
On 26th March 2013 five students from Elderslie High School participated in the representative Macarthur Zone Open Girls Hockey competition at Moorebank Hockey Complex. Those students, Emma Creasey, Kristy Jackson, Tahlia Green, Alley Hanagan and Madison Logue, represented Elderslie High School admirably. The team came first in the pool rounds and beat Hume Zone team the final. Well done team! On the day Alley Hanagan and Emma Creasey were selected in the possible and probable team with Alley Hanagan being selected in the Region team. Well done to all the girls who participated and good luck Alley in the next stage.

**Macarthur Zone Coach - Miss N Cavaleri**

**Mock Trials Update**
A group of dedicated Year 10 and 11 students are taking on the world of Mock Trials this year. The team members are Tianna Bell, Zoe Martin, Todd Thurlow, Erin Middleton, Claire Smith and Isabel Suleau from Year 11 and Brooke Murray, Matthew Murphy, Bridget Peters, Alex O’Flynn, Lachlan Macdonald and Andrew Loomes from Year 10. The students have been working hard during lunchtimes and after school to perfect their knowledge of the legal system, court processes and the case they are studying.

The team competed admirably in their Round 1 encounter against Camden High School and Round 2 encounter against John Edmondson High School. Congratulations on your wins in both rounds! Our Third Round encounter will be in late May. Good luck team!

**Ms S Dennis**

**Debating and Public Speaking Update**
On Thursday, 9th May, 2013 Elderslie High School will host the District Final of the Plain English Speaking Award on behalf of The Arts Unit. We will welcome senior public speakers from local government and private schools. Good luck to Erin Middleton from Year 11 and Lachlan McDonald from Year 10 who will represent Elderslie High School at the Final!

The Year 12 Debating team, consisting of Jennifer Freeman, Clair Garrity, Claire Meikle and Isabell Wisniewska competed admirably in their Round 1 debate against Hurlstone Agricultural High School. Good luck in Round 2! The Year 11 Debating Team, consisting of Madeleine Newcombe, Elizabeth Knowles, Isabel Suleau, Zoe Martin and Todd Thurlow won their Round 1 Debate against Picton High School. Congratulations and good luck in Round 2! The Year 9 and 10 Round 1 Debates will be held on Friday, 10th May, 2013 at Elderslie High School. Good luck teams!

**Ms Dennis**
Bye Bye Birdie is coming to Elderslie High School

This year Elderslie High School will be presenting **Bye Bye Birdie**. Come along and join in all of the fun as Elderslie High School sings, dances and relives the 50’s and 60’s. If you enjoy Musicals then you will really love, **Bye Bye Birdie**. Rehearsals are in full swing and the cast are really looking forward to the challenge of staging such an acclaimed musical.

Just a reminder to the cast and orchestra that they have their third extended rehearsal on Tuesday, 7th May from 3.25 pm – 8.30 pm in the School Hall.

If there are any members of the School Community who would like to advertise their business in the Program for the Musical, please contact Ms Dennis in the CAPA Faculty. We would love your support!

So stay tuned for regular updates on our progress. **Tickets will go on sale towards the end of May from the Student Office.** **Bye Bye Birdie** will be presented to the school community on the 27th June – 29th June, 2013 at the School Hall.

**Creative and Performing Arts Faculty**

**Talent Quest 2013**

The Elderslie High School Talent Quest 2013 was held on Friday, 22nd March, 2013 in the School Hall from 7.15 pm. It was a wonderful evening full of fabulous entertainment. Congratulations to all of the performers, organisers and stage crew members. Thank you to the school community for coming along and really supporting the performers on the evening. Thank you very much to Joseph Gatehau for coming along and performing on the evening. Thank you to our judges; Ms Prigg, Pastor Paul Stevens from Lifehouse Church, Mr Jacob Nicastri and Miss April Pickering from Centre Stage Dance Studio. Thank you also to the past students who performed on the evening; Suzanna Moschetti and Bradley Roe. **Many thanks to all of our sponsors; Runnymede Technologies, Macarthur Credit Union, Narellan Town Centre, Lifehouse Church, McDonalds, Woolworths Camden, Sinclair’s Pharmacy, Coles Narellan, Camden United**

**Physie and Dance and Barenz – Camden and our School P&C who provided food and refreshments on the night.**

Without your support the evening would not have been such a wonderful success. Start preparing your acts for Talent Quest, 2014!!!

**CAPA Update**

Congratulations to all of the Vocal Ensemble, the cast of **Bye Bye Birdie** and the Talent Quest entrants who performed on behalf of Elderslie High School in the NAB School Performance Tent at Camden Show. Congratulations to Sophia Nejkov and Gabriella Lehner from Year 11, Jamie-Lee Turner from Year 11, Rebecca Roe, Zoe Martin, Courtney Martin, Isabella Begue, Emily Simpson, Jessica Dunn, Tatiana Begue and Claudia Sharpard on winning the **Battle of the Schools Talent Quest – Overall School Winner at Camden Show.** Well done to all!

During Week 6 of Term 1 the Ballroom Dance Ensemble, Dance Company and Dance Ensemble taped their Dance pieces for the **South Western Sydney Dance Festival, 2013 and for Schools Spectacular, 2013.** Congratulations to the Dance Company, Dance Ballroom Dance Ensemble on gaining selection for the Festival. Permission Notes have gone home and need to be returned with payment for Transport to the student office. Good luck to those groups. **Fundraising Chocolate Money is now overdue.** Please organise payment immediately to the Front Office.

**Costumes** for all of the groups are filtering in and will all be distributed as soon as they arrive and costume hires are paid in full to the Student Office.

The Year 9 Drama students loved participating in the Drama Transition Program with students from Elderslie and Mawarra Public Schools on Monday, 6th May, 2013 during Periods 1 and 2. They can’t wait until next year.

Now becoming a famous Elderslie High School Band, **Polarised Pearl** comprising **Isaac Lewis** and **Isaac Coleman** from Year 9 and **Charles Lewis** from Year 8 and were successful in progressing to the Battle of the Bands stage of “Youth Rock” 2013. They thoroughly entertained their audience and were knocked out by the experience which included workshops in Performance and the Music Industry. Unfortunately, they weren’t offered a place in the next stage this time, but watch this space...

**Movie Night** at Elderslie Public School was Friday 10th May and two of our student ensembles performed. The already acclaimed **Polarised Pearl** was joined by Jordan Pieri, Sophia Nejkov and Jamie Lee Turner from Year 11 and together filled a 30 minute set.

The **Complimentary Luncheon celebrating Camden Centenarians** was held on Tuesday 19th March at the Civic Centre and was attended by a number of our **Vocal Ensemble** members. The students entertained the guests with a sing along of music from the 1920’s including requests and some of their oldest, dearest musical
memories. Congratulations to Maya Asciano, Tianna Bell, Douglas France, Elizabeth Knowles, Gabby Lehner, Sophia Nejkov, Claire Smith, Jamie Lee Turner, Kathleen Molden, Juanita Nunn, Emily Millen, Brook Murray Louise Nejkov, Ben Craven, Mara Aplin, Breanna Humphries, Taylor Buckley.

Congratulations to Lillibeth Dell and Jessica Taylor-Myles from Year 7 on their selection to participate in the Junior State Dance Workshops from Wednesday, 8th May to Friday, 10th May, 2013. Congratulations to Natalie Finlay from Year 7 and Amelia Ryan from Year 9 on their selection to the NSW Public Schools State Dance Ensemble. Well done, girls!

The Creative and Performing Arts Polo Shirts and Singlets are now available in all sizes from the Studio. Students must pay at the student office and present their receipt to Ms Dennis or Ms Grimston-Eason in the studio to collect their Polo Shirt/Singlet. Polo Shirts are $25.00 and Singlets are $15.00. The final date to order other pieces of the CAPA Uniform is Friday, 10th May, 2013. Simply take your Order Form and payment to the Student Office. Order Forms are available from the Studio.

On Thursday, 11th April, 2013 Year 11 - 12 Drama students viewed a performance of Mrs Warren’s Profession. The students’ behaviour was impeccable and they found the performance interesting.

On Monday, 8th April, 2013 the Year 11 CAPA students presented Awakenings to an audience of parents and friends. The students would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who attended on the evening for their support of their work. If you missed the Drama performances on this evening the Year 11 Drama students will be competing in the State TheatreSports Challenge to be held at Inaburra School, Bangor on Tuesday, 23rd May, 2013 from 7 pm. Please come along and support TEAM ELDERSLIE in this competition. We need lots of cheering!!

The Dance Transition Program with Mawarra and Elderslie Public School is in full swing, with one of our five rehearsals complete we are well and truly on our way to creating a fabulous routine for the Dance Spectacular in September. The next Rehearsal is on Tuesday, 14th May, 2013 from 3.25 pm – 5.00 pm in the School Hall. The Year 11 and 12 Drama students will be attending a staged reading of The Laramie Project on Thursday, 13th June, 2013 at the Sydney Theatre Company, Walsh Bay. The students will gain a much clearer understanding of a HSC Drama Text. Permission notes and money are due to the Student Office by Friday, 7th May, 2013. Year 12 Drama students will be attending a performance of A Streetcar Named Desire on Friday, 10th May, 2013 at Campbelltown Theatre. Permission notes and money are due to the Student Office by Wednesday, 8th May, 2013.

**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. The Year 8, 9 and 10 students participated in a two hour workshop on Tuesday, 2nd April, 2013. The students completed work from the senior syllabus including Senior Maths, Sports Coaching and Legal Studies. Many thanks to Mr Douglas, Ms Amos, Ms Cavalieri and Mr Price for presenting the workshops. More workshops will be organised for the students after the examination period is complete.

We will be participating in Mind Marathon and Tournament of the Minds later in the year. Details about these events will be available very soon through the Daily Notices.

The second workshop of the Science Transition Gifted and Talented Program is on Wednesday, 8th May, 2013. The Year 10 Gifted and Talented students who are tutoring the Year 5 & 6 students from Mawarra, Elderslie and Cobbitty Public Schools are really enjoying the experience. Thank you to Mr Hardy for supervising the program. In the first workshop the Primary School students received their Bunsen Burner License and spent time learning how a Science Lab operates.

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

**Gifted and Talented Team**

**MATHEMATICS REPORT**

**General Information**

It was terrific to see so many parents at the Year7, 11and 12 Parent Interview Night held the last week of Term 1. Remember to check diaries for dates of assessments and other homework tasks to help your child maximise their learning.

The Half Yearly tests for Years 7 to 10 are approaching and all students are encouraged to start writing
summaries and revising the topics that have been covered this semester. Also, the Term 1 test could provide practice questions to further help understanding the format of the up-coming tests. Ask your class teacher for any help required and complete relevant MATHLETICS tasks.

**Mathletics**

All students in Years 7 to 10 will be expected to regularly use MATHLETICS to consolidate the skills they have learnt in class. Years 7 and 8 will have paid for MATHLETICS with their fees. Many Years 9 and 10 have paid but every student is expected to have paid so they can access the set exercises.

We would expect students complete 1 to 2 activities each night if they have no other Mathematics homework allocated. There will be set work as an assessment component each semester.

**Mathletics Competition**

Entries closed on the 9th May

The Australian Mathematics Competition will be held on the 1st August, 2013 and all students wishing to enter should have paid $5 to the Student Office. All Year 8 and 9 Gifted and Talented students will be automatically enrolled into the competition. We encourage students to enter competitions to help practice learnt skills.

**The Mathematics Faculty**

**Year 7 Report**

Well done year 7, you made it through Term 1. Year 7 have had a busy term with the Camp, Swimming carnival, a session on Cyberbullying, Vaccinations, and everyday learning. Well done to all students who participated in talent quest, School Agriculture program and to our swimmer who went on regional level. Important dates for year 7 in Term 2 include:

Week 3 14th to 16th May 2013 – Naplan

Week 4 (Thursday and Friday) to Week 5 - Year 7 exam period.

Keep up the great effort year 7

**Miss Cavaleri - Year 7 Adviser**

**NSW Premier’s Student Volunteering Awards**

Year 9 and Year 10

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. 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, Reader/writers, Stage Crew, assisting with animal welfare, coaching, referring and Animal Nursery helpers who are volunteering regularly for the benefit of our school and students. Do help any neighbours or elderly friends?

**How to Log On**

All students from Years 9 and 10 are welcome to join the Award Scheme and there are many volunteering opportunities available to participate in. 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.

**Constitutional Convention**

Well done Isabella Wisneiska who represented Elderslie High School at the National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra between 20th March to 22nd March 2013. Isabella was one of approximately 120 students from government, independent and Catholic schools from across Australia who were involved in discussions on the Constitution and the recognition of rights. Isabella was selected as a representative for the National Convention through the NSW Schools Constitutional Convention in November 2012 where she demonstrated skills in civics and citizenship and an understanding of the nature and role of the Senate and our Head of State. Congratulations Isabella on this achievement.

**Miss Cavaleri - Legal Studies Teacher**

**STUDENT DETAILS UPDATE & PAYMENTS**

Just a reminder to parents and guardians that the student update details together with a schedule of payment notices have been mailed to all families.

It is extremely important the “Student Details Update” form is completed and returned for every student even if details have not changed. Please return completed forms the student office. There is a collection box in the foyer.

If there are any problems with the schedule of payments/invoices eg, incorrect elective courses, then please contact the Student Administration Office as soon as possible so that the necessary amendment/s can be made and a correct invoice issued.

If parents have difficulty paying the whole amount, partial payments can be made. Where difficulties exist, please provide a letter briefly outlining the circumstances marked “Private and confidential” to Mrs Fawcett.
**Historic Achievement for NSW students, Teachers and Parents**

I am very pleased to inform you that the Prime Minister and I recently announced NSW would be the first Australian State to agree to the "Gonski" national education reforms.

This great news for students, teachers and parents. It will mean more resources and a fairer system – and assist our aim of higher standards and a better education for our children.

The agreement will deliver an additional $5 billion for NSW schools as well as continue the NSW Government’s education reforms, including improving literacy and numeracy, raising teaching quality and empowering principals and school communities to make local decisions.

I am proud of this historic reform which could not have been achieved without the advocacy of students, teachers and parents across NSW.

Yours sincerely,

Barry O'Farrell MP
Premier

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