PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I would like to start my Parent Bulletin report with a special thank you to Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Martin and Ms Dokmanovic for their leadership and management of the school during my leave at the end of Term 3. Ms Dokmanovic was Relieving Deputy Principal whilst Mrs Lawrence was the Relieving Principal. Mrs Lawrence’s leadership during this time was outstanding. I continue to be impressed by her commitment to our school and the high standards and expectations she sets for the welfare and safety of all our students and staff.

During my leave Mrs Lawrence represented the school at two functions where Ani Hoxha (Year 12) and Adam Taiba (Year 12) were the recipients of two prestigious awards. On my return to school this term Mrs Lawrence remarked on how honoured she was to represent the school and to be present when each of these outstanding students received their awards. She will report on both events in this edition of the Parent Bulletin.

Next I would like to congratulate Mr Andrew Mills on his appointment to the Head Teacher TAS Industrial Arts position. Mr Mills was successful through the merit selection process and commenced in his new role this term. Many of you would be aware that Mr Mills has been the Relieving Head Teacher since the beginning of the year. He replaces Mr Gordon Clipsham who retired in May after serving many years at EHS as a teacher and head teacher.

The Macarthur Trade Training Centre (MTTC) Official Opening was held at Elderslie High School on Thursday 9 October 2014. The event was organised by members of the MTTC Governance and Management Committees and included tours of all 4 facilities at our school, Elizabeth Macarthur HS and Camden HS. There were over fifty people in attendance including Mr Roger Berry (Acting Director NSW Public Schools), Mr Michael Hyam (Assistant Director Senior Pathways Public Schools NSW), the Honourable Chris Patterson MP, Members of the MTTC Governance and Management Committees, School Captains from each school, P&C Presidents, and partner Primary School Principals. There were representatives from the Department of Education and Communities, Russell Matheson’s Office, Camden Council, TAFE, MWLP, Industry and local businesses. I would like this opportunity to mention the outstanding contribution of our school captains, the Year 11 CAPA student performers, the Year 11 Hospitality students, the Year 12 Construction students, the Year 12 Primary Industry students, the Year 10 Agriculture students and the teaching staff - Mr Burke, Mr Mills, Mrs Chanter, Mrs Johnson, Ms Axam and Mr Buckley. Mrs Lawrence took a major role in the organisation and finally the School Administration Staff led by Mrs Russell. This team managed the invitations, ordering of the gifts and plaque, setting up of the library and much, much more. This is why the event was such a success. Congratulations to everyone!

2015 – 2016 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 20 Oct 2014. Applications close on Friday 7 November 2014.
During the second last week of Term 3, twenty four students from across the state took to the stage for the NSW semi-final of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award. Hannah Trethewy (Year 9) was one of the semi-finalists. The organisers wrote to me saying that Hannah spoke eloquently on her chosen topic “The Australian Supporting Identity” for the prepared five minute speech and followed up with a convincing argument for the two minute impromptu speech. Unfortunately, Hannah did not make it through to the State Final but she has been asked to compete the event. Making it to the semi-finals was a great achievement for Hannah as more than 450 students competed across NSW. EHS is very proud of Hannah’s achievement. Congratulations!

The 2015 School Captains and Vice Captains commenced in their new roles at the beginning of this term. Their official induction occurs on Presentation Night when their parents will be invited to attend. The 2015 Captains are Emily Burden and Alexander O’Flynn and the Vice Captains are Brooke Murray, Emma Creasey, Sophie Lindsay, Andrew Loombes, Mitchell Dawson and Lachlan McDonald. We congratulate each member of this outstanding leadership team. We know you will fulfil the captaincy roles to the highest standard.

World Teacher’s Day was, unfortunately, scheduled this year during the last NSW school vacation period so we took the chance of celebrating this event on Friday 10 October 2014 with a special morning tea for all the teaching staff. All the senior executive are proud of our staff. They are caring and compassionate individuals who support our students above and beyond the general roles and responsibilities of teachers. This is evident not only in the classroom but also by the many extra-curricular activities the staff so willingly organise and participate in (often out-of-school hours) so that students have greater opportunities to succeed.

M Fawcett
Principal

Saturday School of Community Languages - 2015 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.
DEPUTY PRINCIPALS’s REPORT
Natalie Martin (DP Years 7, 9 & 11)

Dance Spectacular

Last term our students, along with our partner primary schools, participated in the Dance Spectacular. This was an exhilarating night with quality performances from all schools involved. It was fantastic to see the large variety of energetic and enthusiastic performances. Events like this help our students to build positive connections and a sense of belonging, whether that is as a high school student helping out behind the scenes, or performing, or a primary student who will eventually transition to EHS. Well done to all the staff and students who contributed to this important community event and thank you to the P&C who provided refreshments for the audience and performers.

Year 11

Year 11 have transitioned into Year 12 and are no longer required to do sport each Wednesday. It is expected that students use this time for completing homework, researching assignments and studying in preparation for the Higher School Certificate (HSC). Towards the end of Term 4, students will be issued with a Semester Two report which will indicate a grade. This may not be their final grade for Year 11, as it is a Semester Two grade rather than the summation of the entire year. Students will be able to access their Year 11 Record of School Achievement Grades through NSW students online https://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/. Results can be accessed by students from 12th November onwards. Students can also print their e-record for their resume from students online.

All students in Year 12 are expected to continue with 12 Units (6 subjects) through to the HSC. The reason for this is to allow students to perform to the best of their ability in their HSC examinations and to have the option of an ATAR being developed from their best 10 units. This provides a back-up for students who may not perform well in one of their subjects. Another reason to study 12 units is to ensure that students have a well-rounded academic background which may provide them with lifelong skills that they would not gain otherwise. A limited number of senior students at Elderslie High School may be able to revise their study plan under exceptional circumstances. Assessment guidelines will be issued to students in Week Three this term and will also be available on the school website.

Year 9

Hannah Trethewy progressed through to the State Semi-Final of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Awards at Parliament House on 12th September this year. Hannah performed exceptionally well but was unsuccessful in progressing to the State Final; however she is to be congratulated for being selected to compere this prestigious event. Lillian Ralston has also been selected to time keep during the speeches.

This term a Youth Worker from Camden Community Connections will be providing four work readiness workshops for some of our students who are interested in becoming tradesmen and women. The workshop will be offered to Year 9 and 10 students and will be conducted on Wednesdays during periods 1 and 2 commencing on 15th October.

Year 7

On Friday 10th October our Police Liaison Officer Senior Constable Alan Clapham presented a cyber-safety workshop to Year 7 during period 1. This was arranged to discourage students have been using their phones inappropriately. We have welfare concerns for our young people who do not fully understand the long term implications that can result from this behaviour. It is recommended that parents make sure that their children turn off their phones before bed time and they should also discourage their children from having their phones in their bedrooms after bed time. Parents should also monitor their child’s internet usage including their use of social media, thereby increasing parental awareness of the content and usage of phones. The purpose of this is to prevent your child from being bullied, or bullying other students, as they do not always have the maturity to manage their emotions and fully consider the consequences of their actions.

Natalie Martin

Jennifer Lawrence (DP Years 8, 10 & 12)

Achievements of Year 12 Students

Over the last few weeks, I have had the pleasure of attending two state level presentations for two separate Year 12 students. The first of these was for Adam Taiba, who on 10 September received a John Lincoln Youth Community Service Award. This prestigious award was presented at Government House by Her Excellency, the Governor of NSW Dame Marie Bashir. Adam’s award was one of only twenty distributed to NSW students and acknowledges his work within the school and local community; particularly in the area of educating young people about the dangers of alcohol fuelled violence.
The second award was presented to Ani Hoxha at Parliament House on 22nd September as a part of the National Council of Women's Marie Bashir Peace Awards. Ani was the recipient of a Highly Commended Certificate for her work in promoting school and community harmony and was one of only eleven young women from private or public schools in NSW to receive such an honour. Like Adam’s award, Ani was also presented with her certificate by Dame Marie Bashir in the final days before her tenure as NSW Governor concluded. Ani represented our school with pride as she delivered an address to the audience about the role of women in the community and the importance of effective leadership. Both Ani and Adam have been excellent ambassadors for our school and I was delighted to be able to stand alongside each of their families to witness the accolades they received in the knowledge that they both have very bright futures in the years ahead.

Preparation for Yearly Examinations
As many students and parents would be aware, Term 4 is a time when assessment for the academic year is concluding and final reports are being collated by staff. The following summary gives an overview of when examination periods are taking place:
Year 8 and 9 – Commencing Week 4
Year 7 - Commencing Week 5
Year 10 – Commencing Week 6

We encourage all students to engage in a thorough home study program in order to revise concepts in readiness for these exams. Your child’s class teacher or their faculty Head Teacher will also be a source of great advice about the details of units being assessed and the structure and duration of each exam. For Year 7, these will be the first formal school exams other than NAPLAN and as such, can be very daunting. Preparation is, therefore, the key to success.

Year 10 into Year 11 Transition
We are very much looking forward to guiding our current Year 10 students as they make the transition to the senior years of schooling. From Week 7 onward, all Year 10 students will be allocated a new timetable and placed in their Year 11 classes. Whilst we do not commence Preliminary Course work until the start of 2015, staff will offer a taster of the subjects that students have chosen so that an accurate understanding can be developed of what is involved in each course. Another exciting element of the program is that Year 10 will be permitted to wear their senior uniforms.

Year 7 2015 Orientation
Wednesday December 3 is scheduled for our annual Orientation Day for the new Year 7 cohort for 2015. Throughout the year, we have already implemented a lot of transition activities to support the seamless movement of students from primary to high school. These have included our Year 6 into 7 Information Evening, lessons taught at each of our three major partner primary schools (Mawarra, Elderslie and Cobbitty Public Schools) in the areas of Maths, English, Japanese and PDHPE, as well as the very successful Science and Dance programs in which primary students have visited Elderslie High School. Mr Scott Atterton, our Year Adviser along with Assistant Year Adviser, Ms Emma Donaldson, will have an action packed day in which students will hear about a number of components of school routine, have an opportunity to hear from key staff and purchase their Year 7 book pack. Information will be sent home shortly to parents regarding Orientation Day, which promises to be a vital date for the calendar of all families with a child enrolling with us in 2015. We very much look forward to getting to know your children and encourage all parents to come along on the morning to hear what goes on at our school.

Jenny Lawrence

SRC Leadership Conference
On Thursday 18th September the SRC and some select Year 7 students went to YouthMax, a leadership conference held at Parramatta RSL, run by the John Maxwell Group. We heard from speakers like Brett Murray (and inspirational anti bullying speaker), Matt Purcell (a singer), Ivan Ang (a former financial planner and now a speaker on leadership) and Shannon Cole (a player for the Western Sydney Wanderers and Socceroos).

We learnt about what it means to be a leader, how to learn from failure (in fact, there’s no such thing as failure if you learn from it!) and how to deal with curveballs that may happen in everyday life, as well as being resilient.

YouthMax is also associated with the charity Compassion that has a Water of Life project, where only $75 can provide a family with a lifetime supply of clean water. To find out more, or donate, visit this website: http://www.compassion.com.au/content/water-of-life/gk6gx4

Top row L to R: Nathanael, Michael, Dylan, Kyle, Alex, Ellyn, Alyssa, Naomi, Shannon Cole, Keegan, Antonio, Ms Jan
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Community of Schools
Japanese Program
On the 18th September 2014, 2 groups of primary school students from Elderslie PS and Mawarra PS visited Elderslie HS as part of their Japanese language program. They were given a demonstration on sushi making and were then able to make and sample their own creations using a variety of ingredients provided. The sushi making was quite successful and they were able to replicate this at home in the holidays. This would not have run smoothly without the assistance of Mr Mason, Mrs Noakes and the help of the Year 10 students – Taylor Boys, Bethany Constantini and Georgia Burnett.

Learning Support
Towards the end of Term 3, schools and parents received NAPLAN results for students in Years 7 and 9. During Term 4 the Learning Support Committee, together with the Literacy and Numeracy Committee, will be analysing the NAPLAN data to target areas of weakness in order to improve student learning outcomes. During Term 4 the Learning and Support Team will be reviewing Education Plans for any student in Years 7 and 9 who performed significantly below the national average in the NAPLAN tests. Parents of students involved will be contacted by the Learning and Support Team seeking their input. This will allow our school to develop effective integration strategies for the support of all students requiring intervention.

HSC Exams
HSC exams are upon us once again. A number of Elderslie High School students willingly support Year 12 students with disability provisions as reader/writers. This is an important role which our students gladly perform. There are many benefits to taking on a role as a reader or writer for the younger volunteers: the younger students gain the experience of what it is like to sit a HSC paper under exam conditions and also to look at the increased level of difficulty which Year 12 subjects present. They also gain experience in the area of community involvement which is often a requirement for scholarship opportunities when students leave school. This can be an area where many students struggle to provide evidence. The Learning and Support Team are continually in search of volunteers. If there are students in Years 10 or 11 who would like to gain experience as a reader or writer they need to give their name to the staff in the LST staff room, situated in the Upper Library.

Welfare
Recognition Assembly
Term 4 has just begun. Year 12 have completed their formal schooling component and are now facing their HSC exams. Year 11 have completed their Preliminary year and now begin their Year 12 course work. As a consequence, Year 11 has an upcoming Recognition Assembly. This will be held on Friday, 24th October, commencing at 11.10am in the School Hall. Parents and family are welcome to attend this occasion when we recognise the achievement of Year 11 students during the second semester. First in course for the year is still recognised at presentation evening which is held on 16th December. A reminder, that at Elderslie High, the school community supports the wearing of the school uniform. This includes full black or brown leather shoes. It is expected that all students are appropriately attired in the EHS school uniform at all times.

How you can help your Child Study
Parents often wonder how they can support their child through their high school years. A useful resource is “School A to Z”. This online resource for parents contains study tips and homework help, information on dealing with exam stress, practical advice on health, wellbeing and cyber safety, plus lots more. Watch videos, read articles and listen to podcasts: www.schoolatoz.com.au. Take the time to look at the website by yourself initially and then with your child. It is a DEC site and so is a safe site to visit and use.

Careers
Year 12
It is said that great teachers inspire! With this in mind, Elderslie High must have great teachers. In the last weeks of Year 12, thirty students expressed an interest in becoming teachers, aiming to follow in the footsteps of some of our most inspirational staff who have taught them to strive for their personal best. Elderslie High had a visit from the Department of Education and Communities staff where these inspired students took the opportunity to learn about the benefits the different scholarships and cadetships have to offer. The session was very informative and gave Year 12 the opportunity to speak with staff, who review the applications for these prestigious scholarships and cadetships and have all their questions answered. These potential teachers from Year 12 felt this opportunity was extremely valuable and insightful, leaving the session to compose their scholarship applications.
Smart and Skilled
If your child is considering leaving high school after the completion of Years 10, 11 or 12 and is considering TAFE:
- to study for an apprenticeship
- to study for a traineeship
- to study for a vocational course eg real estate, child care etc

then it is extremely important that they are aware of the impact of the latest TAFE reforms by the state government. This program is known as “Smart and Skilled”. The “Smart and Skilled Program” encourages school leavers to consider a range of subsidised courses which may make a range of TAFE courses much more affordable.

The Smart and Skilled fact sheet is included in this newsletter – it is also available at www.smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au. Please refer to the back of Bulletin for more information.

Does your teenager work?
Many teenagers start a weekend or after school job in high school. A helpful guide to how much they should be getting paid and the minimum conditions can be found at: www.fairwork.gov.au. If you have any queries there is a helpline at 13 13 94. You can also lodge an online workplace complaint if you feel your child has been unfairly treated.

HSC Textiles and Design Projects
The Year 12 Textiles Projects have been packed up and sent away for another year. The students have worked tirelessly over the past three terms to design, document and create their projects. As a whole the projects were creative, unique and executed to a high standard. The students have been highly motivated and dedicated, spending much of their free time in the textiles rooms. This class of young ladies have been a pleasure to teach and I am very proud of the way they have handled themselves when the pressure was on. Congratulations girls, you should all be delighted with what you have achieved. I would like to warmly welcome parents and students to view the talented Elderslie High School students Major Textiles Projects in the school library during Term 4.

Miss Golden

Year 11 Textiles and Design
Year 11 have recently submitted their final project for the year. Students were given a free choice project. They were required to use a sewing pattern and make
alterations to suit their final design. This was a highly beneficial task with many students choosing projects from their favourite focus area. This allowed students to have a better idea of their own skill level and how it will translate into a Major Textiles Project. The project was accompanied by some amazing folios. The quality of sewing and the creativity of embellishments used were absolutely outstanding. Every student continues to improve their practical skill and understanding of textiles concepts as each week passes. Well Done.

Miss Golden

Year 10 Textiles Technology
The Year 10 Textiles Technology class have been busy creating projects for the theme of ‘Favourite things’. The student’s demonstrated creativity and their inspiration was 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 and the piece must have the ability to be hung. Some of the students work will be entered into the Textiles Art Piece Challenge 2014 held by the Technology Educators Association (TEA).

Miss Golden

Year 11 Design and Technology
Year 11 just completed the last major project and folio. Students were asked to create a piece of education material for a 0-5 year old. Many students decided to make toys exploring the impact of play on childhood development. All students came up with unique and creative solutions to the design brief. Students also submitted a folio which followed their journey through the design process. The folios included each aspect of the major folio but in a reduced format. This final product has put every student in a good position for their major project, with a better understanding of the course expectations, time constraints and project management requirements.

Miss Golden

Year 9 Textiles Technology
The Year 9 Textiles Technology class have been busy designing and creating their ‘Crazy Character Onesies’. The students were given the task of creating a unique design, or a character onesie. In this project the students learnt to put a zipper into a garment which many of them found frustrating. However, they all managed to insert the zipper into their onesie. The students enjoyed this project and they certainly enjoyed wearing them, as is evident in the picture below. Well done girls!

Miss Laws

Year 12 Design and Technology
The Year 12 Design and Technology projects have been marked and taken home for the year. The students have been working on their Major Design Projects continuously throughout the year. The students each developed their own genuine need and then proceeded to create a number of innovative products and systems to fulfil these needs. Congratulations to all students for completing what seemed to be a never ending project.
Year 11 Hospitality: Food and Beverage
The Year 11 Hospitality Food and Beverage students have been very busy throughout the year developing and improving their culinary skills. The students have been learning a number of techniques in preparing and cooking a variety of food dishes throughout practical lessons. The students have also participated in 35 hours of work placement in a number of restaurants, cafes and nursing homes where we have received great feedback about our students, with some being offered part-time positions. These students have also been catering for a number of school functions. This term the students are attending a Coffee School and will receive a Barista certificate.

Miss Laws and Mrs Chanter

SCIENCE NEWS

YR 12 BIOLOGY EXCURSION to UNSW DISEASE MUSEUM
On Thursday 14th August I had the opportunity to take the Year 12 Biology classes, with Ms Woo, to the Museum of Human Disease at UNSW. This was the university I attended for my Bachelor of Science (Biology)/Bachelor of Education degree. As well as the museum being an eye opening experience, the visit to UNSW also gave students an insight of what it could be like to travel to university on public transport for four years (like I did!) and to enjoy life at a large campus with multiple food and coffee outlets.

Here are a few comments the Year 12’s made about the excursion:

The day at the museum was very interesting as we got to see all these different body parts being affected by different diseases.

It was interesting to see organs that looked like what they shouldn’t have.

Eating fatty foods or having 21 shots of alcohol in a row can kill you! So eat healthy and stay active.

I learnt the effects that alcohol has on the body and what hard drugs can do to your unborn child.

The forensic section was my favourite part it was quite gruesome.

The Disease museum was such a good experience although I felt I was going to be sick, it was really intriguing to see how the body reacts and works when affected by different circumstances.
The excursion was a good day it consolidated our units on Search for Better Health and Communication, I had heaps of fun, thanks to the teachers and for the Uni for having us.

Ms Jan & Ms Woo

2014 SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION
Twenty one Elderslie High students participated in the University of NSW “International Competitions and Assessments for Schools” in Science. We were awarded with 6 Distinctions, 7 Credits, 5 Merit and 3 Participation Certificates.

The students who received Distinctions were:
- Yr 7 – Keziah Holderness & Matthew Guthrie
- Yr 8 – Hannah Jenkins
- Yr 9- Brianna Milburn & Paige Reilly
- Yr 10- Christopher Mazurkiewicz

Congratulations to all who participated.

Mr W. Kariouz (Science Competition Coordinator)

SCIENCE YEARLY EXAMS
Shortly Year 7 – 10 classes will receive assessment notifications for Task 4. The document will outline the requirements of their Science Yearly Examination.

Meanwhile, preparation should include getting workbook notes in order to study from. Workbook, classwork, homework and participation will be marked this semester. A good revision technique is to start early and write dot point summaries for each Science topic studied. Good luck students!

SCIENCE WEEK: 16th - 24th AUGUST
Science Week focused on the theme of ‘Science Feeding the World’. A poster competition was held and a number of colourful and creative entries were submitted. These artworks were displayed in the staffroom where teachers viewed them and had a chance to vote for their favourite entry.

The winning Year 7 entrant Georgia Cunnion not only submitted an eye catching display but included many facts and points of view that supported this year’s theme. Georgia was rewarded with two movie tickets for her efforts and we hope she chose a Science Fiction flick to watch!

CAPA NEWS
Public Speaking Update 2014
Congratulations to Hannah Trethewy from Year 9 on a fantastic effort in the State Semi-Final of The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award on Friday, 12th September, 2014 at Parliament House. Hannah and Lillian Ralston were invited to chair the State Final of this competition at the Art Gallery of NSW on Friday, 17th September, 2014.

Congratulations to all of the students from Years 7 – 11 who will compete in the Elderslie High School Public Speaking Competition on Thursday, 16th October, 2014 in the Studio from 7.00 pm. The school community are most welcome to come along and enjoy the evening.

Congratulations to Anneliese Munro and Lachlan Willingham from Year 8 and Tayler Buckley, Janaye Farrell and Emily Morgan from Year 10 on representing their fellow students at the Graduation Assembly on Thursday,
18th September, 2014. Congratulations to Jonathan Khalil and Janaye Farrell from Year 10 on chairing the same event. Well done to all!

**Ms Dennis**

Zonta Club of Macarthur Young Women in Public Affairs Award 2014

Congratulations to Erin Middleton from Year 12 on receiving the runner up award in the Zonta Club of Macarthur Young Women in Public Affairs Award 2014. Erin received her award at a special function and dinner held at the Wests Leagues Club on Wednesday, 24th September, 2014. Elderslie High School congratulates Erin on receiving this exceptional accolade.

![Zonta Club of Macarthur Young Women in Public Affairs Award 2014](image)

**Ms Dennis**

Debating Update

The **Year 11 Debating team**, consisting of Alexander O’Flynn, Andrew Loomes, Stella Kowalick, Brooke Murray and Lachlan Macdonald, were defeated in the State Semi Final against Sydney Girls High School late last term. What an amazing achievement ranking in the top four schools in the State!

The **Year 10 Debating team** consisting of Tayler Buckley, Emily Morgan, Mara Aplin and Janaye Farrell were also defeated in the Regional Quarter Final against Hurrlstone Agricultural High School. It was a tough debate and the girls did a fabulous job! Mara Aplin and Janaye Farrell went to the trials for the Regional Team, both girls had a fantastic day. Congratulations to Mara on her selection to the Regional Team for the **Junior State Debating Championships** to be held at the University of Sydney in early December. Good luck, Mara!

The **Year 8 Debating Team** consisting of Dylan Maclou, Anneliese Munro, Lachlan Macdonald, Merralisa Wintzloff and Jasmine Cardona defeated our own **Year 7 Debating team** consisting of Serena Chowna, Georgia Cunnion, Nancy Haggerty, Alyssa Heyward, Alex Lees, Thomas Melluish, Morgan-Jo Reid, Makenzie Skinner and Teneisha May in Round 3. Well done to both teams on a fantastic effort and congratulations to the Year 8 Team on winning the zone. They will now compete in an Inter-Zone Debate against Bankstown Girls High School in coming weeks. Best of luck!

**Ms Dennis**

**CAPA Update**

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in making **Year 7 and 8 CAPA Evening** a fun and successful evening. Well done to all!

The next **CAPA Evening** will be **Year 10 on Monday, 20th October, 2014** from 7.00 pm in the School Hall. Please come along and support the Year 10 Music, Drama, Dance and Visual Arts classes. Tickets will be on sale from the Student Office and are $6.00 for all. Doors open at 6.45 pm. See you there!

Thank you to all of the parents who attend the **HSC CAPA Information Evening** on Monday, 13th October, 2014 in the Studio from 6.00 – 7.00 pm. We hope you found the information presented informative and helpful in assisting your child to prepare for HSC 2015.

Thank you to Ben Craven from Year 10 for **performing at the Year 12 Graduation Assembly** on Thursday, 18th September, 2014 as the Year 12 students exited the Hall for the final time. It was a very moving moment for the Year 12 students and Ben’s performance added to that experience.

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.

**Elderslie High School’s Dance Spectacular** on Friday, 5th September, 2014 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, Year 11 hosts and the Stage Crew for making this year’s event so successful.

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 9 and 10 Dance Elective classes, Dance Company, Dance Ensemble and Ballroom Dance Ensemble competed at the **Dance Blitz Eisteddfod** on Sunday, 24th August, 2014 at Ambarvale High School. Year 9 Dance Elective received 1st place, Year 10 Dance Elective received Highly Commended, Dance Ensemble received 3rd place, Dance Company received 2nd place and Ballroom Dance Ensemble received Highly Commended. The Dance Transition Ensemble received a Highly Commended.

Congratulations to the **HSC Music students for successfully completing Practical Examinations** last term. A few hiccups on the day were well overcome by the...
preparation of these talented students. They were ready to make the most out of the HSC assessment opportunity. Well done to all of the students involved.

We are putting together a small group of talented art students to take part in ARTUCATION at Narellan Library on Tuesday 14 October. A group of local school area students and young community members will join with local artist, Danielle Mate to create a Mural. Your Visual Art Teacher will be on the lookout so please let them know if you are interested.

The first Segment Rehearsal for Schools Spectacular – Combined Dance, 2014 is on Friday, 24th October, 2014 from 7.30 am – 4.00 pm at Anne Clark Centre. Permission notes and payment for transport are due to the Student Office ASAP.

The first rehearsal for Schools Spectacular-Combined Choir, 2014 is on Thursday, 16 October. Students will be meeting at the School Bus Bay at 7.15 am and the bus will depart at 7:30. We expect to return to the Bus Bay by 5:00pm. Permission notes and payment for transport are due to the Student Office ASAP.

Best of luck to Tammy Hearder from Year 9 as she participates in the State Drama Festival on the 23rd and 24th October at the Seymour Centre as a member of the NSW Public Schools Year 9 Drama Ensemble.

Some of the CAPA students will be asked to perform on behalf of the school at Light Up Camden on Saturday, 15th November, 2014. We will be performing on the Schools’ Performance Stage from 5.55 pm – 6.05 pm. Stay tuned for more details!

Congratulations to the students from 7 Visual Arts 9 for completing their entries in the Design An Ad competition organised by the Advertiser. We are hoping some of the entries will feature in the newspaper, or be awarded a prize in coming weeks. Well done to 7VA9!

CAPA Faculty

PDHPE NEWS

Zone Athletics.

Results from the Macarthur Zone Athletics Carnival held on the 21st and 22nd of July are as follows:

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CHS Athletics.

Following on from last month’s parent bulletin we have the Sydney South West Regional point scores and Age Champions for 2014

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Other Sporting News

Congratulations to the following two students:

* Alessandro De Nuntius who placed 4th in the 15-17yr olds Australian Open Taekwondo Tournament held at Sydney Olympic Park, Saturday 16th August 2014. Well Done Alessandro!!!

Elderslie High School Educating all students to achieve their personal best
Karlee Franek swam at the State Age Championships at Sopac on the 30th September and performed very well. She received a Gold Medal in the 200 Breaststroke and a Bronze Medal in the 100 Breaststroke. Great work Karlee!!

Open Girls Netball CHS 16

The open girl’s netball team played at Illawarra stadium in Berkeley on the 2nd and 3rd of September. The Year 9 to 11 students won 6 out of 7 games on the first day only losing to Hills Sports High School by 3 points. This placed the team second in their pool with the potential of a place in the top 4 in the state. We encountered much stronger and well trained teams on Day 2. The girls continued to fight to win each game but, unfortunately, the other teams converted all of their turnovers. The junior students stayed strong throughout the tournament against much older teams. The team has great potential and will continue to develop and succeed in the years to come. The team is placed 8th in the state which is an excellent achievement. This is the highest placing for an Elderslie High School Netball team in recent years. The team must be commended on the way they represented the school, with every student displaying the attributes of great athletes and truly working as a team. It has been a pleasure to coach the team and I hope I get the opportunity again next year.

Miss Golden

EHS Snow Trip

Finally, one of our Year 11 students, who attended the EHS snow trip, has written about his experience this year.

‘So after a long day at school on Tuesday, we packed up the bags and moved down to the bus bay. Miss Spero, Miss Bolton, Mr Marshall and Mr Edgar, waiting eagerly in front of the bus. Little did we know that we would go on a trip filled with excitement, nervousness and also, a lot of snow.

Snow Trip 2014 was undoubtedly one of the most exciting trips that we as a school year have ever been on. Many of us had never skied before, and some, including myself, had never even been to the snow. This was proving to be the trip of a lifetime. When we got to the snow, after a perilously long bus ride, with a 'Maccas' break in between, we were tired and ready to sleep in our cabins. With a bed time that was constantly drilled into us by none other than Mr Marshall himself, he ensured that by the end of the trip, we would be exhausted.

The early mornings consisted of pulling on our many layers of clothing as well as our ski gear, and we were ready for the day. Although we were only there for 3 days, it felt like forever. Endless days of skiing, and more often than not, falling over and walking in snow filled parkas and boots, were what we got to talk about after the trip. Although many of us on the first day couldn’t ski, through patience and a lot of falling over, by the end we picked it up, and were skiing down the various slopes.

Snow Trip 2014 was an amazing experience, filled with laughter, excitement and maybe even a bit of anger when we couldn’t ski or snowboard properly. But by the end, we all agreed that it was an amazing experience and one that we will surely not forget. The teachers that went with us were patient and helpful and the trip would not have been the same without them. To anyone going on snow trip in 2015, if I was to say one thing it would be go out there and give it a go, because at the end of the trip, although exhausted, tired and completely sore all over, it was the best experience any of us could ask for, and one that will surely be in our memories for a long time’.

Lachlan Macdonald
Agriculture News

What an exciting couple of months we’ve had since the last Parent Bulletin!

Penrith Show Success

Students spent many months preparing for the Penrith Show, which was held on the last weekend in August.

This is a major event on the High School Agriculture calendar with 18 schools, both public and private, competing. Each school prepares a large display representing an agricultural enterprise. This year we chose Milk Production. Students showed the entire production from sowing the pasture, through the range of dairy products, which eventually reach the consumer. Although most of the components had already been made at school, students spent about 15 hours constructing the display at the showground. On the first day of the show, two of our students were interviewed by a team of 4 judges about our display. We were very excited to be awarded First place for our display.

At the same time that this judging was taking place, 5 of our livestock were being judged. Our calf, Caramel Swirl, although much younger than her competition, came third in her class, our goose and gander both came first in their classes, our Prison Calf came third in its class and our donkey came first in the Alternate Animal class. Theveen Chinathumby, Nancy Haggerty and Jaide Gayle-Weiling all participated in livestock parading classes — Theveen was awarded 5th place.

On the Sunday, a team of 4 of our senior students, Sophie Lindsay, Nicholas Palmer, Nathan Sanjivi and Emily Walker, competed in the Rural Olympics where they had to complete a range of tasks including; electric fencing, conventional fencing, loading hay on a trailer, sheep handling and chemical spraying. The students were awarded the Bronze Medal.

Some of our junior students participated in Poultry Judging. Liam Callaghan and Nancy Haggerty came 3rd in the Team judging. Olivia De La Mare came 3rd in the open judging and Hannah Jenkins came 5th.

Congratulations to all of the students involved for Penrith Show and in particular to the students who attended on the weekend; Olivia De La Mare, Indyana Verter, Liam Callaghan, Theveen Chinathumby, Nicholas Palmer, Wade Whittaker, Sophie Lindsay, Emily Walker, Jaide Gayle-Weiling, Paris Fawcett, Hannah Jenkins, Tom Melluish, Matthew Guthrie and Chloe Landrebe.

Social Science News

A Day Out At Windang & Warilla Beaches

On the 9th of September, Year 10 Geography classes attended an excursion to Windang and Warilla Beaches south of Sydney. Year 10 students have been studying geographical issues that impact the global environment and the natural and human processes affiliated with these issues. The issue of Coastal Management was studied in significant detail in class. Students were able to complete field work on location in order to enhance their knowledge of Australia’s coastline and the management issues that have taken place in this area. The Year 10 students were cooperative, and represented Elderslie High School in a respectful, polite manner, which allowed the leaders of Illawarra Education Centre to complete all tasks necessary on the day with the classes. Year 10 students should be proud of their efforts in the Geography course this semester.

Thank you to Ms Macri for organising this excursion and to all staff who assisted.

Ms Sakr
COMMERCE AND OUR ECONOMY

In commerce over the last term and a half, we have been learning about the economy and how it works. A fun way to learn was the Share Market Game, run by the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX), which the entire class was entered into. We were put into different groups either with a friend or by yourself. My favourite group consisted of Matt, Cooper, Brittany and Rachel and the name of their group was WOLVES OF HILDER STREET.

This type of game really gave us a different view of how the economy works as you got the experience to spend a virtual $50,000 and buy these things called “shares” (which are a part ownership of the company). You could only invest a quarter of your $50,000 into one company. We started with $50,000. So straight away we could invest $12,500 into a company.

In the start, Taigh (a member in the class) was on fire and raced to 30th in the WHOLE game. There are 15000 playing so that is quite an achievement. There were some players who started very poorly (me) and who went really well (Taigh). At the current stage, I am sitting at the top of the class and Taigh at the bottom, so this shows that this game can change a lot and the stock exchange is quite volatile. An example is that I have been 9th in the game at one stage all thanks to one good day of trading. The aim was to buy in shares that are low so they go up, not to buy into shares going good or historically high as that shows they may go down soon. On some days NO ONE did well because the share market was slow. This affects all shares and some people can go from first to last in the class like Taigh due to the share market downturn in September. At the end of September only 7% of players were in profit.

This game was exciting to play and it really gave you the extra learning tool for the tough task of getting your head around the economy. Our next online learning experience will be “Tax, Superannuation and You” through the Australia Tax Office.

By Sam Dukes Yr 10 Commerce
PROPOSED CALENDAR - More detailed Calendar events can be found on our school website

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