PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

During the last few weeks of Term 1 there were a number of significant achievements for our students and school. Whilst I will mention a few of these in my report I am confident the others will be prominent throughout this edition of our Parent Bulletin.

During Week 7, Term 1 our Year 7, 9 and 11 2014 Scholarship Recipients attended a formal school event accompanied by their parents. At the event each recipient signed their agreement and met members of the school P&C executive. On behalf of the school I would like to congratulate each of the scholarship recipients and wish them all the best in their personal endeavours to achieve excellence, success and honour. Below is a photo of all our 2014 scholarship recipients.

Back Row: Taylah Nasko, Karlee Franek, Mitchell Dawson, Alex O’Flynn, Sean Lewis

Front Row: Leah Francis, Ella Woolridge, Georgia Cunnion, Alexandra Lees, Jamie-Lee Jeans, Zarko Zoric, Lauren Grallelis, Rhiannon Nasko, Ivy Maglis

On Monday 7 April 2014 Mrs Lawrence and I attended the Rotary Club of Campbelltown Youth Excellence Awards 2014 where Zaidyn Melrose Year 8 was recognised in the Dynamic Achiever Category, for his outstanding contribution to the Backstage Crew and how he has overcome the challenges associated with this role. Zaidyn received a Nominee Certificate and then after the highly commended students were announced, Zaidyn was successful in being presented with the Runner Up award. The winner of this category and all other nominees were senior students so Zaidyn being a Year 8 student did exceptionally well. He was a very proud young man who was accompanied by his very proud parents, deputy principal and principal. Congratulations, Zaidyn!

Above: Photo of Zaidyn receiving his award

Below: With Mrs Lawrence

Upcoming Events

May 13 P&C Meeting
May 13-15 NAPLAN Yrs 7 & 9
Jun 3 -4 EHS School Athletics Carnival
Jun 5 Vaccinations/ALL Yr 7 & 9 Boys

See back page for more details

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The CHS Swimming Championships were held from Saturday 5 April to Tuesday 8 April 2014. All our competitors were outstanding and were wonderful ambassadors for our school and the Region. This year we came forth in the girls point score and over all 5th in the State.

Year 7 Showcase held on Tuesday 8 April 2014 was a successful event that was well attended by parents. I had a chance to visit a couple of classrooms and although there were some nervous students prior to speaking they did a great job explaining and describing to their parents what they have been studying in each course for Term 1. Thank you to Mrs Martin, Ms Kelly, Year 7 teachers and students for your part in organising such a successful event.

The Year 7 Showcase was followed by the Year 7, 11 and 12 Parent Teacher interviews. For the first time this year we used an online booking system for interviews and we certainly had some positive feedback. It placed the reponsibility of making bookings in the hands of parents rather than individual students, and the bookings could be made at any time that best suited. The school will be streamlining procedures to improve the process however it was worthy to note that for most staff they had more bookings/appointments than in previous years. If you have any ideas on how to improve the process please email the school with your suggestion/s. All year groups will use the system for parent/teacher interviews to be held in the last week of Term 2.

Camden Show and Royal Easter Show – once again we were sucessful at both events. Congratulations to everyone involved and in particular our Agriculture teachers Ms Atkinson, Ms Axam, Mr Buckley and our farm assistant Mr Allingham. More about this later in the bulletin.

ID Cards – parents please be aware that all students were issued with ID cards during the last weeks of first term. There have been numerous occasions when the school has been asked to verify a student because they required identification with a current photograph. Whilst we have done this in the past the requests over the last 18 months have increased significantly and have taken us away from our core business. To assist families and to stop these requests we have now organised for students to receive a new ID card every year. The students were informed that they must keep the ID card with them at all times. Parents your assistance in ensuring that your child has their ID card is appreciated. If ID cards are lost they can be replaced for a small fee.

2013 Annual School Report – the report is now available on the school website. The report was completed by Mrs Martin (Deputy Principal). On behalf of the school I would like to thank Mrs Martin and also pass on our thanks to all the other contributors, in particular Mr Hovey (P&C President), Ms Lysaught (SRC Coordinator) and our school executive. Please take the time to read the 2013 Annual School Report as it highlights our achievements and outlines our future targets.

M Fawcett
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Natalie Martin (DP Years 7, 9 & 11)
Harmony Day
On Friday 21st March the school celebrated Harmony Day and the National Day of Action Against Bullying. Students participated in an activity during roll call coordinated by the PBL Team and teachers were encouraged to give out orange merits to students with outstanding participation. During the lunch break a number of students performed musical items and our PBL mascot “Bee” made his first appearance. During the recess 2 break students who received orange merits were able to exchange this for an ice block. Year 7 also attended a Cyber Bullying play to reinforce the day’s theme which was certainly a positive way to end the week.

Mayoral Reception
On Wednesday 19th March I attended the Camden Mayoral Reception at the Camden Civic Centre. All of our high performing students from the 2013 HSC were invited to attend. All students who attended were given a certificate and gift bag by Lara Symkoviak, Camden Mayor.

Claire Meikle, Jennifer Freeman, Byron Ockers, Kyle Taylor, Ricky McMurdo with Camden Mayor Lara Symkoviak

Camden and Royal Easter Show
On Saturday 5th April I visited our Agriculture students and staff at the Camden Show. I was most impressed with the Egg Production display which won first prize. It was great to see so many of our students and teachers giving up their time on the weekend to participate in this important community event.
On 11\textsuperscript{th} April I attended the Royal Easter Show with Year 7 and our Agriculture students. We had a wonderful day out looking at the poultry, goats, food farm, pigs and cattle. All students were extremely well behaved and enjoyed the opportunity to also purchase some show bags.

From the ATSI Team
The Aboriginal Education Team invited a representative from Badanami the UWS Aboriginal support group to interview our senior students and provide them with information regarding alternative pathways into university. This is the first time Elderslie High School has developed direct connections with the University for Aboriginal students, and we look forward to continuing this partnership.

NAPLAN 2014
I would like to remind parents that NAPLAN Tests for Year 7 and 9 will be held on Tuesday 13\textsuperscript{th}, Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} and Thursday 15\textsuperscript{th} May with the catch up day being on Friday 16\textsuperscript{th} May.

ANZAC Day
During the school holidays our school prefects attended the Camden Dawn Service with Mr Quinn on ANZAC Day. Our school was the only high school represented at this official event. Later in the day twenty Elderslie High School students joined in the march through Camden and our school prefects placed a wreath on the memorial to show our respect and remember the fallen soldiers.

Year 11 CAPA Night
On 7\textsuperscript{th} April I attended the Year 11 CAPA evening and was extremely overwhelmed by all of our talented performers. The Year 11 Drama class participated in a performance involving women and their roles during the Vietnam War. Students had to share roles which involved great skill and communication to do this well. All of the girls played their parts well, with great detail and emotion.
Jennifer Lawrence (DP Years 8, 10 & 12)
School Development Day and Education Plans
As you would be aware, the teaching staff participates in a number of professional learning opportunities throughout the year, especially at our School Development Days. On Monday 28 April, we held the second of these for the year. This time, the focus was on the use of specialised “Education Plans” to support the learning of individual students at the school. We have recently developed these plans for three distinct groups of students: Gifted and Talented learners, Aboriginal students and also students experiencing difficulty. Professional learning was centred around building the capacity of the staff to cater for the needs of such students so that they can draw on a broader repertoire of educational strategies within the classroom. I am very pleased to be able to report on the quality of pedagogical dialogue that took place within the workshops we ran and am confident that a more consistent approach across and between faculties will follow. Students for whom a plan has been written will be consulted along with their parents. These plans will also be used when teachers at Elderslie High School are writing progress reports.

HSC Timetable
It will interest the parents of all Year 12 students to know that the Office of the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) is this week releasing the 2014 HSC Examination timetable. By now, all students in Year 12 should have set up their log on to students online using their school email account and their BOS student number. By logging onto the Students Online account, all Year 12 students can then access their personalised HSC examination timetable. I discussed this at the Week 2 Year 12 Year Assembly but would ask that all parents ensure that students have availed themselves of this information.

Half Yearly Examinations
The next few weeks are a busy time for our junior school students. On top of NAPLAN examinations which of course affects all of Years 7 and 9, our students in Years 8-10 will be having their Half Yearly examinations. If your child has not yet accessed their examination schedule, they should do so from the school’s website. This examination schedule provides crucial information about the time and date of each examination to assist the students in their study and planning. I would encourage all families to place this document on the fridge or other central spot within the household for easy reference.
A thorough home study regime is essential when preparing for examinations and there are many forms that this study should take. Recall of facts within your child’s class exercise book is only one method of preparing. Another great way to study is by practising examination style questions that are provided by many faculties in the form of revision sheets. These are essential to ensure that students can adequately interpret what is being asked. Parents should encourage their children to engage in home study by providing a quiet place within the home for study and checking what they have done to revise.

Student Leadership
I would like to congratulate our captains and vice captains, some of whom have recently represented the school at NSW parliamentary leadership days. On March 27th, Zoe Martin and Adam Taiba were the guests of our local member, Chris Patterson at NSW Parliament House. Zoe and Adam were given a tour of the building and were lucky enough to observe question time. Both thoroughly enjoyed the experience. In the next month or so, Ani Hoxha and Todd Thurlow will also be the guests of Her Excellency, Governor Marie Bashir at NSW Government House. We know all of our school captains and vice captains do us proud at these events.

Early Leave
From time to time, there are valid reasons why students may need to leave school early. When this happens, it is essential that a note from home is brought in outlining the nature of appointment. Please note that driving lessons and additional shifts at a child’s casual job are not acceptable reasons to leave school early.
When students leave school early, they must visit the Student Office in the morning before school or at recess and collect the signature of the Deputy Principal or if it is a Wednesday, of the Sports Co-ordinator. Students must then return to the office at the authorised leave time to be signed out by the office staff. This final step in the process is essential so that we always know the whereabouts of students and can meet our duty of care obligations. If students fail to follow this procedure in any way, they may be classified as truanting and will subsequently be dealt with under the school’s Welfare and Discipline Policy.

CAMDEN ANZAC’S
When the world was plunged into its first international conflict in 1914, a potent determination to support its mother country seethed throughout the young nation of Australia. With many men oblivious to the true horror and futility of war, the first major campaign undertaken by the joint military formation titled the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC), ultimately led sixty thousand Australian and eighteen thousand New Zealander soldiers into enemy territory in which a few comparatively slight mishaps led to the failure of the objective and the massacre and deprivation of tens of thousands.
Despite the hardships that were present throughout Gallipoli, emanating from the depths of tragedy, the national consciousness of both nations was born and the
admirable Australian characteristics revolving around the concept of the ANZAC spirit or legend were displayed, even in times of great despair. Although we left with a defeated army, we returned to a reinforced nation. Almost one hundred years on, and the legacy left by the Anzacs is still prominently present in Australian society and history.

In order to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the ANZAC sacrifice, students Ani Hoxha, Andrew Loomes, Hannah Trethewy and Deni Hoxha will be working with Camden Community Connections on a project that will revolve around illustrating the experiences of Camden soldiers that fought in wars consisting of World War 1, World War 2, the Vietnam War and the Korean War. The documentary will provide an extensive perspective on the adversities faced by these veterans during their time as soldiers and educate the youth about the historically resounding Anzac legend. It will be launched on 4th August at Camden Civic Centre and will then be distributed to all corresponding schools.

Deni Hoxha

ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLIES
On 30th April, the school’s ANZAC ceremonies were organised and presented by Year 9 History, with the assistance of our School Captain Ani Hoxha, Deputy Principal Mrs Lawrence and special guest Bert Ryan, a war veteran who attended the ceremony.

In preparation for this assembly, Ms Malcolm’s Year 9 History class dedicated lessons to ensure that the assembly ran smoothly, and was engaging in a respectful manner.

As a class, we discussed ideas about decorations, speakers and presentations that would be appropriate to honour the ANZACs. Those who volunteered to present at the assembly were to write speeches, or find appropriate readings such as diaries, letters and poems of the ANZAC soldiers and their families. Other students volunteered to put together Power Point presentations and make poppies. Deni Hoxha and Hannah Trethewy were selected to chair the event.

After much planning, we undertook rehearsals to guarantee a successful assembly.

A big thank you to Bert Ryan, a veteran who served as a merchant sailor in the RAN during World War II and who was willing to attend the assembly with our school community.

Also a thank you to Ms Malcolm, and the students who presented at the assembly – Courtney Jones, Chloe Williamson, Gabriella Price, Lillian Cumerlato, Alexandra Berry, Brianna Smith, Danielle Cazalet, Isabella McKenzie, Lillian Ralston, Elise Brown, Elyssia Banno and Christian Bono, as well as those who provided assistance in other areas, include members of the hardworking stage crew.

Georgia Eggert, Gillian Kowalick, Brianna Millburn
Year 9 History

2014 BHP Mining Scholarship Awarded
Talented Year 11 student Sean Lewis has recently been awarded a scholarship sponsored by the mining company BHP Billiton. The scholarships were offered to senior students across NSW who are studying minerals related subjects (maths and science) in Year 11/12 and considering entering a mining-related subject at university. Considered University subjects can include, but are not limited to: Engineering (Electrical, Mechanical, Mining or Environmental), Geology, Geoscience, IT, Healthy and Safety, Surveying and Environmental Science.

Sean will receive a scholarship of $500 in Year 11, $1000 in Year 12 and $2000 when he completes his 1st year in a minerals-related subject at University to assist him with his studies. He will also be allocated a mentor from their sponsoring company.

As part of his scholarship Sean will be attending a ‘Careers in Mining Pathways’ session hosted by the NSW Minerals Council on 12th May 2014.

HISTORY
YEAR 11 Ancient History Excursion
The Nicholson Museum Sydney University
On Friday 21st of March, two of the Ancient History classes went to ‘Hogwarts’, otherwise known as the Nicholson Museum at Sydney University. We made our way down to ‘platform 9¾’ at Campbelltown train station in the morning and boarded the ‘Hogwarts Express’. After a stopover at Wolli Creek, we finally arrived at the museum ready for a day of ancient adventures!

First on the agenda for our class was an up close and personal experience with ancient artefacts from various periods. These included:

- Pots and plumbing from Pompeii
- Sharp swords from Sparta
- Great goat frescos from Greece
With these artefacts we were able to ask questions and come up with theories to unravel the secrets of their past. To actually hold and handle something that had actually been used hundreds of years ago was incredible. After an interesting debate about the façade of statues, it was already lunch time.

Once exploring the campus and painstakingly making our way back to the museum, it was our turn to explore the exhibits within. We unravelled the secrets of Egypt including mummmified humans, cats and crocodiles. We admired the metropolis of Lego and posed with statues, not excluding mummmified heads. Throughout the day our wonderful guide consistently answered our crazy questions and we tried our best to answer hers.

At the end of this long and tiring day, we dragged ourselves back to Redfern Station with images of ancient times dancing in our heads. It was a day of magic, exploration and learning.

Brooke Murray and Stella Kowalick

DEC Student Volunteering Awards for Years 9 and 10
(Previously known as NSW Premier’s Student Volunteering Awards)

General Information
The DEC 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 DEC Certificates (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Diamond and Black Opal respectively) for completing 20, 40, 60, 80 or over 150 hours of volunteering.

It’s good to have the first “new” volunteers logging on their hours but there are many more out there in the school so get started. Now is the time to log onto the site and begin or continue to enter your hours to be eligible for certificates later this year.

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. The process only takes a few minutes. If you require assistance see Mrs Rouen, Mr Kafataris or Miss Zammit for help enrolling.

Mrs Rouen, Mr Kafataris and Miss Zammit

SRC
World’s Greatest Shave
On Friday 28th March the SRC did a phenomenal job in raising $3460 for the World’s Greatest Shave. The World’s Greatest Shave raises money for blood cancers. We had a record of sixteen students shaving their heads, including four girls. Those who were brave enough to shave their heads included: Todd Thurlow, Lachlan Bain, Jake Dario, Daniel Camilliere, Harlee Amlot, Marcus Brown, Montana Habib, Lillian Martin, Jaddan Pieri, Jasmin Sultani, Tahli Simpson, Mitchell Oyston, Jacob Reed, Aiden Campanelli, Matthew Zinn, and Ethan Keighran.

The SRC also had hairstyling stalls, which included students paying to have their hair styled and coloured by hair chalk. This also provided a number of contributions. We would like to thank the two hairdressers who volunteered to be a part of this event: Cheryl Pendergast and Louise Turner.

The day brought the entire school together and was a great success. Hopefully this will become an annual Elderslie High School tradition in the years to come.

The SRC Team and Miss Jan, SRC Coordinator
TAS – HOME ECONOMICS

Year 7 Technology Mandatory Textiles
Year 7 Textiles students worked very hard in Term 1 to create a range of creative and well-constructed products. Students created an ultimate bedroom and learnt how to construct a working excel spread sheet. The students excelled creating detailed and beautifully finished iPod covers, felt friends and crazy critters. Well done Year 7!

Year 9 Child Studies
Year 9 Child Studies have been working hard this term on the unit Pre-School Play. The students were given the task to create a dream catcher and write a story book incorporating the dream catcher for a preschooler. The construction of the dream catcher proved to be complex however the students did a great job in producing some beautifully finished dream catchers. Well done Year 9!

Mrs Johnson

Year 12 Community and Family Studies
As part of the Community and Families HSC course, students are required to undertake an Independent Research Project (IRP). The inspiration for the first aspect of my project was how music affects an individual’s wellbeing. Considering my own connection to music and knowing the ability it has to affect me, I was curious to investigate this further. My own experiences mirror that of many music fans, so I was interested in approaching the situation from the viewpoint of the musicians. This provided me with another dimension to research.

To achieve this goal I approached several up and coming bands across Australia, as a fan, via social-networking websites (Twitter and Facebook) and proposed they get involved with the project by responding to my survey. For the most part I sent the survey out to bands that gave their consent to participate via their own email addresses they provided me with, or of their management representative. These responses were then returned to me.

At one stage I contacted a management representative, David, who attempted to arrange for me to conduct my interview in person at school. Getting consent for that was out of my hands so I emailed him the questions. The correspondence would then occur between me and the Melbourne-based band he represents, Let’s Not Pretend.

On April 7th, however, David and members of Let’s Not Pretend, Adrian and Jordan, made a surprise appearance in our CAFS lesson. This had previously been arranged unbeknown to me. I conducted my survey and the boys performed for us, sticking around until the end of the lesson to interact with the class.

I’m truly grateful to have been provided with this opportunity. The fact that the class seemed to enjoy the whole thing and asked the boys questions of their own was really nice to see.

I’d like to thank everyone who went out of their way on my behalf to make the experience possible, both for myself, and on behalf of the class.

Chloe Pace, HSC Community and Family Studies

Term 1 in the LIBRARY!!!!!!!
In Term 1, the library purchased many new books, including 20 new books for Year 11 and 12 to use in study, as well as books requested by students. Thanks to Mrs Solah, most of these new orders are already on the shelves, ready for loan.

The library runs competitions and activities in recess and lunch times, in order to give idle hands something to do, so please come along and enter a weekly quiz or do some
relaxing colouring in (which, by the way, is a proven technique to activate the left brain). Every entry goes in the draw for an end of term pizza!

The library is also offering a service to access books for seniors from local libraries such as Campbelltown. Please see Mrs White who will help you choose useful books and go and get them for you. What a service!

The library is always looking for ways to help our students. We help with research for assignments, printing and computer layout of assignments. Don’t panic alone at home-come and see your friendly library staff for help! The library can open earlier and stay open late upon request as well.

We are planning some changes to the way the library is set out, so if you have any ideas on this before we start, please let us know.

Parents, if you have a student who needs books for an assignment, but who forgets to come and borrow, please give us a ring on the school number and we will assist in getting what you need.

Mrs White

Agriculture News

What an exciting end of term we had in Agriculture!

Camden Show

Members of the Brown Swiss Club, under the guidance of Ms Axam and Mr Allingham, did a very professional job preparing and parading our Brown Swiss heifer, Jenny, as well as a borrowed Brown Swiss calf and a Jersey calf. The students involved were Kylh Earne, Troy Amjah, Brianna Doyle, Ailyah Lateef and Adelle Mitchell. These students worked well as a team leading up to the event and presented the school in a very positive light on the day. “Jenny” came first in her class.

Our team of poultry came 1st in the Schools Section and several of our students involved with these birds were interviewed by Dr Harry for an upcoming Better Homes and Gardens program.

Our Paddock to Plate Display was on Egg Production comparing the cage, barn and free-range systems. There were lots of activities for the young spectators who were guided by our students manning the display throughout the 2 days of the show. Our display was awarded 1st Prize which is a sustainable project donated by Bunnings.

Jaide Gayle-Weiling made her debut in Alpaca parading and came home with a ribbon and lots of enthusiasm to participate in more of these events.

In their “spare time” at the show, our multi skilled Senior Ag Team also entered the “Young Farmers Challenge” (1st in their heat against Camden High School), and Junior Judging. It was fantastic to see Elderslie High School being represented in so many different areas of this community event. The students always look fantastic in their “Ag. Shirts” and present a very positive image of the school.

Thanks to the dedicated students who braved the wet and muddy weather to assist us over the two days of the show: Emily Walker, Nic Palmer, Wade Whittaker, Nathan Sanjivi, Sophie Lindsay, Michael Stapleton, Liam Callaghan, Theveen Chinnathumby, Olivia De La Mare, Gabriella Berryman, Hannah Jenkins, Maya Ascaino, Indyanna Verter, Teresssa Cavasin, Anikka Pike, Nancy Haggerty, Matthew Guthrie, Thomas Melluish, Luke Amjah and Callum Gowing. Thanks also to Mrs Ockers for her help with our preparations.

Sydney Royal Show

On the last day of Term 1, many of our Agriculture students attended our excursion to the Sydney Royal Show where they were able to see, first hand a large selection of the different breeds of livestock involved in Australian Agriculture. The behavior of these students was exemplary and a great day was had by all.

Poultry at Sydney Royal

Preparation for the Sydney Royal began in Term 4 last year when our pullets for the Egg Production Competition arrived. Feed intake, growth and then egg production were recorded up until the birds went in to the show.

Six weeks before the show we received a batch day old of meat birds to be reared for the “Meat Bird Pairs Competition”. It was interesting for students to compare the growth of these with the Year 7 layer chickens that arrived at the same time (the meat birds grew at almost 10 times the rate of the layers). The birds had to be cared for and monitored over this period. Many students assisted with this project, feeding and monitoring the birds. As well as these commercial birds we entered a large number of our Pure Breed birds – all of which had to be washed, dried and groomed in the days leading up to the show.

Our major awards were:
1st Place for our Female Meat Bird Pair (all of the meat bird classes had 80 entries)
3rd Place for our Male Meat Bird Pair
2nd Place for our Male Meat Bird Pair Carcase
6th Place for our Female Meat Bird Pair Carcase
3rd Place for our team of Layers (65 entries)
Champion School Drake
Champion School True Bantam

As well as these, we won five 1st place awards, six 2nds and four 3rds for our pure breed chickens.
Congratulations to all of the students involved in the preparation of these birds.

Two of our Year 8 poultry enthusiasts competed with 55 other students, ranging from 13 to 18 years of age, from around the state in the Poultry Showmanship Competition. Hannah Jenkins was awarded 2nd place and Olivia De La Mare came 6th. Fantastic results for both of these girls.

Animal Nursery News
Term 2 will be a busy one for the Animal Nursery Team with Cobbitty Markets on 3rd May, 7th June and 5th July as well as Cawdor Public School’s Billy Cart Derby on 18th May, and the University Vet. Centre Open Day on 1st June.

Bulb Fundraising
Thanks to all of the families and friends who supported our Bulb Fundraising Drive – all students have now received their bulbs. We made a profit of just over $1,000 which will go towards the purchase of our miniature donkey. All students who sold bulbs went in a draw to win an iTunes voucher and the lucky winners were: Kelsy Paton-Haddon, Alexandra Lees and Briana Panepinto. Our donkey will be ready for us to collect at the end of May.

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES FIELD TRIP
Last term on Monday 4th April, Ms Woo and Ms Jan’s year 11 students made the journey to Minnamurra River to undertake a mangrove field study. With guidance from the Illawarra Environmental Education Centre, students collected physical data about plant and animal populations that lived in the area. They used pH soil testers, wind speed anemometer, soil temperature probes, quadrats, transects and salinity kits to record information from their surroundings as part of their practical assessment for the unit: Preliminary Biology.

Louise Nejkov commented "The friendly guides helped us recognise individual plants, trees and animals and taught us how to measure how many of each were in the area. It was a fun and interesting experience."

Georgia Mazurkiewicz said "We were able to become fully fledged biologists. Much was learnt about the ecosystem with one of us getting a bit wet from a hole in his waders! Luckily the bus driver had a towel for him to sit on!"

Nic Trethewy also mentioned "The guides were very nice and very knowledgeable. They helped us immensely and explained the data that needed to be collected for our booklets. Understanding how, where and why plants grow and in what conditions they prefer helped us know about animals and how their habitats are being impacted by humans. It made us appreciate the impact boating, overfishing and housing can have on waterways."

Garth our guide had all the students licking leaves and tasting salt accumulated from the mangrove tree. He showed us native spinach which had to be blanched first before eating. Our favourite was HRH Prince Charles’s coastal highland plant Samphire bush or ‘poor man’s asparagus’. We picked off the red ends of the plant, it too was way too salty and certainly didn’t taste like asparagus! Sean Lewis said "With a fishing rod I think we can survive by ourselves here."

Ms J Woo (Science)

Sean Lewis (above) tasting salt from leaves
Georgia Mazurkiewicz (above) looking over the jetty.

Erin Hofman wading & netting (left)

Andrew Loomes, Erin Hofman, Stella Kowalick, Sophie Lindsay, Emily Burden, Matthew Murphy six students in front row listening to instructions on how to conduct quadrat investigations (above right)

Liam Hovey trying his luck at fishing
**MATHEMATICS**

**General Information**

Every student in Years 7 to 11 will have received handouts from their teachers to be pasted in the front of their workbooks.

*Expectations: Lists the equipment required, appropriate classroom behaviour and correct setting out of all work. Both students and parents need to sign this handout.

*Scope and Sequence: Details the topics and approximate time line for each course.

*Assessment Guidelines: Details the assessment requirements, date for completion and the weighting of each task. Students are reminded to read their assessment guidelines carefully.

*Year 7 also have a bookmark record page which teachers will complete at the end of each topic.

**Textbooks**

Most classes are using textbooks as class sets in the classroom and they will not be sent home with the students. We are hoping that this eases the weight of school bags as well as the chance of books being damaged or lost. Teachers will be providing worksheets and allocating Mathletics tasks for students to complete at home to consolidate and practise the concepts related to each topic they study.

When the new Year 7 and 9 textbooks arrive, students in these year groups will be given an access code that will allow them to use an electronic version of the textbook via the Nelson Net website.

**Mathletics**

We are into our 4th year of using Mathletics and it is included as part of all Year 7 to 10 students informal assessment results, accounting for 15% of their overall marks each semester.

We still have a few students in Year 7, 8 and 9 who haven't made their payment and a significant number of Year 10 students who need to pay as well. (All Year 10 students were issued a reminder letter two weeks ago)

We would expect students complete 1 to 2 activities each night if they have no other Mathematics homework allocated. Teachers will be allocating set tasks for their classes to complete as well.

Students will be rewarded for their achievements in Mathletics with the school’s merit scheme, so they need to inform their class teachers when they reach the bronze, silver and gold certificates.

So far for week 5 we have already had 9 certificates awarded and our top performing classes were:

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We are looking forward to some great interclass rivalry this year. In each Parent Bulletin we will publish our top 5 performing classes for the past few weeks.

**Formal Assessments**

Year 7 – last week they were issued their maths project which is due in week 7. Students are encouraged to read the options carefully as they need to do activities that add to at least 10 points. If they have any questions they should ask their teacher this week to ensure they aren’t leaving it to the last minute.

Year 11 – they have their first assessment task in week 7.

It is an open book task, which means they can bring into the assessment their maths exercise book. We encourage students to highlight their notes and add post-it notes to help them quickly identify key concepts. Students cannot bring in their textbook or any other study material. It must be work they have completed and any sheets need to be glued in. If in doubt, they need to ask their teacher before the assessment date.

**Mathematics Faculty**

**SPORT REPORT**

**Swimming**

**Macarthur Zone Swimming Results 2014**

The 2014 Macarthur Zone swimming carnival was again held at Camden Pool on Tuesday 4th of March 2014. Once again Elderslie students did the school proud by winning the carnival.

**Records broken: Elderslie HS**

- **Vanya Kamenjas**: 12 Years Boys - 50m Freestyle 29.38, 200m Freestyle 2.27.56, 100m Freestyle 1.05.69 & 100m Backstroke 1.13.81

- **Brittany Stoker**: 16 Years Girls - 50m Freestyle 28.24 & 100m Backstroke 1.12.75

- **Taylah Nasko**: 17-19 Years Girls - 50m Freestyle 28.83

  Daniel Taiba: 16 Years Boys - 200m Freestyle 2.07.00 & 100m Freestyle 58.44
2014 Macarthur Zone Swimming Age Champions & Runners Up

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The school team will compete in the Macarthur Zone Carnival on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014. 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 Country.

Other Sporting News

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent Macarthur Zone during the zone trials held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

*Open Boys Basketball: Jake Presland, Jack Armstrong and Cameron Falk

*U16 Girls Touch: Nakita Kocs, Breeanna Welbourne and Courtney Jones

*15’s Rugby League: Riley Richardson, Shaun Hart and Jacob De Fillippis

*Open Netball: Katherine Russell, Abbi Church, Alex McMurdo and Jessica Elguindy

*Open Girls Soccer: Rachel Warda, Georgia Eggert, Naomi Raimondo, Kristy Jackson, Gabriella Gonzalez, Rosaria Galea, Jaimi Kynaston and Lillian Ralston

*Open Boys Soccer: Lachlan Santas, Jordan Cracknell, Jacob Morecroft, Philip Hasiuk and Lauchlan O’Bree.

*Open Girls Hockey: Madison Logue, Emma Creasey, Sarah Creasey, Alley Hanagan, Talia Green and Kristy Jackson

*Open Boys Hockey: Rhys Cull, Daniel O’Daly, Todd Thurlow

*Open Boys Rugby League: Brady Webb, Michael Applebee, Luke Carlton and Josh Dunn

*Open Boys Touch Team: Keaton Bates

*Open Girls Touch Team: Makiah Pippen, Clare Armstrong, Abbi Church, Jessica Elguindy, Nakita Kocis and Courtney Jones

Cross Country

The Elderslie High School Cross Country Carnival was held at the Bicentennial Equestrian Park in Camden on Wednesday 9th April 2014. The carnival was a whole school event with approximately 425 students attending on the day. The event progressed smoothly and the excellent behaviour and participation of all the students 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!!
Congratulations to our many Knockout sporting teams who have been training and playing against others schools in the state including the following:

*Open Girls Knockout Softball team - victory over St Johns Park HS.

*Open Boys Knockout Cricket team - victory over Leumeah HS.

*Open Boys Knockout Soccer team - victory over Campbelltown Performing Arts HS.

*Open Boys Tennis - victory over Fairfield HS.

*Open Girls Knockout Touch Football - victory over Picton, moving onto the central venue day in Minto, 12/5/14

*Open Boys Touch Football - victory, moving onto the central venue day in Minto, 12/5/14

Congratulations to the following students:

*Tiarne McDonald, Hannah Trethewy and Yardley Polson for representing SSW in cricket at the CHS carnival held in Nowra in Feb. SSW won the tournament becoming state champions with Hannah also being selected in one of the state teams. Well Done Girls!!!

*Troy Chauvin and Taylah Nasko for competing at the Australian Athletics Junior championships in Sydney, Olympic Park athletics centre in March.

*Ella Wooldridge for competing in the NSW All Schools Triathlon at Penrith in March. She was in the Junior Event 12-14 year olds and the distance was 400mtr swim / 10km bike/3km run and was placed 32nd out of 107 competitors however out of the Government Schools she placed 5th. She was the 2nd fastest runner out of the Government school category finishing the 3km in 10.22. In Regional Little Athletics, Ella placed 1st and broke the 1500 meter record by 11 seconds and placed 2nd in the 800mtrs. She also competed in the Huskisson Triathlon 10-14 year old category and placed 2nd, she then ran the 5km fun run later that day and also came 2nd doing 5km in 20.22mins. Well done Ella!!!

*Abbi Church in Year 11 for being selected to play in the Australian Barbarians Oztag side and also in the Sydney Southwest Academy of Sport Open’s Netball Team. She has also been selected to play in the Sydney Southwest regional netball team, to play in Coffs Harbour at the end of May and also the Sydney Southwest regional touch team to play at Nelson’s Bay at the beginning of June. Great work Abbi!

Note to Parents/Carers: Elderslie High School has a long tradition of students achieving sporting prowess, either through school or outside activities. As you can imagine, keeping track of every talented students achievements is a large undertaking and invariable some achievements are not realised or recognised. If your son or daughter achieves any sporting accolades of note could you please inform the PDHPE department in writing or by email so that your child can be recognised and congratulated in future Parent Bulletins, and considered for sports awards at the end of the school year. Email: melissa.spero1@det.nsw.edu.au

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 Mara Aplin, Tayler Buckley, Emily McCarthy, Emily Morgan and Brittany Stoker from Year 10. Samantha Burgin, Stella Kowalick, Andrew Loomes, Lachlan Macdonald, Brooke Murray, Alexander O’Flynn, Ashleigh Olliffe and Bridget Peters from Year 11. 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 won their first round against Magdalene College. They then went on to win their second round against John Therry Catholic High School. Good luck team in Round 3! Ms S. Dennis

Debating Update

The Year 12 Debating Team, consisting of Elizabeth Knowles, Zoe Martin, Madeleine Newcombe and Isabel Suleau, won their Round 1 Debate against Condell Park High School and won the Round 2 Debate against East Hills Boys High School this week!

The Year 11 Debating Team, consisting of Alexander O’Flynn, Andrew Loomes, Stella Kowalick, Lachlan Macdonald and Brooke Murray, won their Round 1 Debate against Robert Townson High School. Good luck in Round 2 against Airds High School!

Year 9 and 10 Debating will be starting their 2014 campaign in the next few weeks. So stay tuned for updates on our progress!

Public Speaking

On Thursday 1st May 2014 Hannah Trethewy and Deni Hoxha from Year 8 represented Elderslie High School in the Philip Garside Public Speaking competition. Hannah and Deni did an excellent job in all aspects of the competition, really moving the audience with their prepared speeches dedicated to
the media coverage of women in sport and the changing face of war. Both students made the final and Hannah won the competition. Well done to all!

On Friday 2nd May 2014 Elderslie High School hosted the District Final of the Plain English Speaking Award in the School Library. Alexander O’Flynn from Year 11 and Erin Middleton from Year 12 represented Elderslie High School. Both students did an excellent job in all aspects of the competition, really moving the audience with their prepared speech dedicated to the plight of our drought ridden farmers and gender equality. Both Erin and Alex were selected to move through to the next round. Thank you also to members of the Year 9 Debating team, Hannah Trethewy, Deni Hoxha, Lillian Ralston, Amber – Jayne Mathews and Joshua Lenard for hosting the event. Well done to all! Good luck to Erin and Alex at the Regional Final in coming weeks.

SCHOOL MUSICAL 2014

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers is coming to Elderslie High School

This year Elderslie High School will see the return of a Musical Performance. We will be presenting Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. Come along and join in all of the fun as Elderslie High School sings, dances and embraces Camden’s rural beginnings in 2014. If you enjoy Musicals then you will really love, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. Rehearsals are in full swing and the cast are really looking forward to the challenge of staging such a musical favourite.

If there are any members of the School Community who would be happy to make a donation towards the School Musical your business name will be advertised in the Program for the evening. Please contact the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty, as any help would be much appreciated.

So stay tuned for regular updates on our progress. Seven Brides for Seven Brothers will be presented to the school community on the 26th June – 28th June, 2014 at the School Hall. Tickets will go on sale at the start of June.

Creative and Performing Arts Faculty

GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM

At Elderslie High School there are many programs happening to enhance student learning in faculty areas. The Gifted and Talented Committee have been busy compiling a list of all of the opportunities for our Gifted and Talented students. This list can be obtained from the Front Office or on the school website.

The Gifted and Talented workshop program is designed to support what is already happening in classrooms and to offer students some extra opportunities. Students from Year 8 completed a Music/Technology workshop, whilst Year 10 completed a Visual Arts Workshop during Term 1. Year 9 will be completing a workshop after the examination period.

During Brain Awareness Week, fifteen of our talented Year 10 Science students participated in the Australian Brain Bee Challenge. Congratulations to Gabrielle Plain on reaching the State Final to be held at the University of Western Sydney, Campbelltown Campus on Wednesday 4th June 2014. Five of our talented Year 10 Science students will also be participating in the Transition Science Program. The students will be tutoring budding scientists from our Feeder Schools during sport in Weeks 3 and 8 of Term 2.

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

Gifted and Talented Team

CAPA Update

Already it is the middle of term 2 and CAPA students are working tirelessly to improve their skills, plan performance items and participate in as many experiences as they can during 2014.

The CAPA faculty wishes to thank all of the local businesses who sponsored the Talent Quest in 2014. Many thanks to The MAC, Runnymede Technologies, Sinclairs Pharmacy, Narellan Town Centre, McDonald’s In Regional Macarthur, Coles Narellan, Woolworths Camden and Centre Stage Dance Studio for their support of the event. We would also like to thank members of the CAPA alumni who judged and performed on the evening. Many
thanks to Nikki Raeburn, Jesse Fairweather, Jacob Nicastri, Matthew Baloglow, Cameron Raeburn and Bradley Roe. We loved having you all back to be involved in this annual event. Congratulations to all of the students who performed on the evening, you were all fabulouls! Start preparing for next year!

The **Dance-a-thon** was a great success, with the Elderslie High School students teaming up with students from Mawarra and Elderslie Public School to dance the afternoon away under the direction of our alumni of Dance. All sponsorship money is now overdue and should have been paid at the student Office by the end of term 1.

Congratulations to the Dance Ensemble, Dance Company and Ballroom Dance Ensemble on their selection for the **Public Schools NSW Dance Festival – Series 1** to be held at Olympic Sports Centre. The Dress Rehearsal is on Tuesday 3rd June and the Matinee and Evening Performances are on Thursday 5th June. Please refer to the permission note for more details. Permission notes and payment are due to the Student Office by Friday 30th May 2014. Costume hire is also due to the Student Office by Friday 23rd May 2014. Costumes cannot be issued until this fee is paid.

Tammy Hearder of Year 9 auditioned for the 2014 State **Drama Ensemble**. Congratulations to Tammy on her selection, this is a remarkable achievement, well done Tammy!

**Dance Transition Program** is back for 2014. Two of our feeder primary schools, Mawarra and Elderslie Public Schools are very excited about participating. The second rehearsal for this program was on Monday 5th May 2014 from 3.25 pm – 5.00 pm in the School Hall. The following students will be participating from Elderslie High School; Amelia Dimarco, Kayla France, Leah Francis, Lauren Grallelis, Blake Penfold, Maximas Sopha, Zayden Thompson, Charlie Williams from Year 7, James Berle from Year 8 and Isabelle Robinson from Year 9.

On the 10th April selected students from the Year 10 Dance Elective class travelled to the Riverside Theatre in Parramatta to view the interesting work **Safety in Numbers**. This explored the physical and emotional effects of an earthquake in the midst of an office party its test on relationships. The students had the opportunity to participate in a choreographic workshop with the cast of the work from Form Projects to learn some of the challenging partnered choreography. This was of particular benefit to them in finding new ways to explore movement for their upcoming composition assessment.

Nancy Haggerty from Year 7, Breanna Lowe from Year 8, Kirsty Hammond and Chelsie Moore from Year 11 participated in the **CAPTIVATE! Intensive Dance**

**Masterclass** held at Terra Sancta College, Quakers Hill from the 4th to 6th April 2014. These master classes give the students an opportunity to work with industry professionals, as well as students from public and private schools in a range of dance styles.

Isabelle Robinson, Casey Walsh, Lillian Cumerlato from Year 8 and Jordan Freeman from Year 10 are four of our talented Dance students who recently auditioned and were accepted into the **Senior State Dance Masterclass** run by the Arts Unit. This workshop provided the students with the opportunity to work with talented students from across the state as well as emerging choreographers to develop their choreographic skills and dance technique. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience and are keen to share this with their respective classes. Keep a look out for upcoming workshops and speak to Ms Donaldson for further Dance opportunities.

On Wednesday 2nd April 2014 the Year 9 Drama students hosted the **Drama Transition Program** in our School Hall. For two periods the Year 9 Drama students tutored the Year 5 and 6 students from Elderslie and Mawarra Public School in all things Drama! It was a great morning and the Primary school students had an ‘awesome’ time. Well done Year 9 Drama!

On Monday 7th April 2014 the **Year 11 CAPA students presented Mirrors** to an audience of parents and friends. The evening combined a Visual Arts Gallery, Music and Dance items with a Drama performance of Terrence O’Connell’s **Minefields and Miniskirts**. Well done, Year 11!

Congratulations to all of the performers who went to **Camden Show** to perform on Friday 4th April 2014 as part of the NAB Schools Entertainment stage. Although it was rained out you all did a great job getting organised and keeping your spirits up even when the weather turned bleak. Maybe the sunshine will return in 2015!

The Year 11 Drama class participated in the Regional Final of the **Theatresports Challenge** on Monday 5th May 2014 at Sutherland Shire Christian School. The students had a great time and really enjoyed the workshop in the afternoon and the performance in the evening. Well done all!

The Year 9 Drama students, some CAPA students and staff attended a performance of **The Lion King** on Wednesday 7th May 2014 at the Capital Theatre, Sydney. The students absolutely loved the experience!

There are still some tickets available to attend **Strictly Ballroom, The Musical** on Wednesday 28th May 2014. See Ms Dennis for a permission note or you will miss out!
Year 11 and 12 Drama students will be attending a performance of *Parramatta Girls* at Riverside Theatre on Thursday 15th May 2014 from 4.30 pm. Permission note and payment is due by Monday 12th May 2014.

The Stage/Hall Crew have reformed for 2014. The operation of this venue is a very challenging task and 20 students with talent in this area have signed up to be part of this crew. Their roles will include lighting set-up and operation, sound operation, front of house, stage managing and much more. If there are any students who have not signed up for this crew there is still time. You just need to see Ms Dennis in The Studio ASAP. The NIDA Sound Workshops on Friday 28th March 2014 in the School Hall were a huge success. The VET Entertainment students and Stage Crew learnt a lot of valuable skills from NIDA technician Simon Moy.

**CAPA Faculty**

**CAREER NEWS**

**General Information**

All students will have received email information about various opportunities that may assist students with job or university offers. All students should check their DEC emails regularly so as to not miss out on time sensitive chances. If any student has a special interest come and visit either Mrs Skaroupka or Mrs Rouen (in the Careers office in the Upper Library) and information can then be forwarded to you for those fields.

Macarthur Careers Expo at Minto is fast approaching. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to speak to key people in their areas of interest as well as collect the latest up to date printed information. Get your career on track! Don't miss this opportunity as places are limited. This excursion is suitable for both Years 10 and 12.

**Year 12**

On 10th June 2014 the University of Wollongong and on 27th May 2014 the University of Western Sydney will be running information talks for Year 12 students at school about their early entry requirements, scholarship opportunities and subject choices. These will be held in the library on various Tuesday lunchtimes. Students have already shown interest and placed their names on an EOI list. If anyone else would like to attend see Mrs Rouen to ensure there will be enough booklets from the University representatives. UWS will also be making a presentation about alternate pathways into UWS and this talk will be held on Tuesday 17th June 2014.

New university prospectuses have been arriving from all over New South Wales and can be accessed from the Careers Advisors as well as in the Careers Library. University Open Days begin in late July through to August and these are also listed on the UAC website as well as on the individual universities websites. Check on the noticeboards in the Senior Study for any incoming new information.

If any student needs to complete RSA or RCG courses for employment, unfortunately, the school will not be running these this year. Courses run frequently in the Campbelltown and Liverpool areas.

All Year 12 should make certain they have applied for their Tax File Number before they leave school. It is essential if you wish to apply for university. Applying for a TFN is very easy. See Mrs Rouen for the form, fill it in, bring a copy of your birth certificate and it is then sent off to the ATO.

**Year 11**

UWS College will be making a presentation about an alternate entry path to university and is booked for Tuesday 17th June 2014 at lunchtime.

**Year 10**

18th June 2014 is the night for senior subject selection this term. To support this process, visits have been organised for Tuesday 27th May 2014 and 10th June 2014, during period 3 with representatives from Universities of Western Sydney and Wollongong. Students should start thinking about possible SVET/TVET/TAFE courses that may interest them as senior choices.

Work Experience opportunities can be undertaken during this year to help choices for your life as well as to make subject choices easier. See the Careers Advisors for the necessary paper work.

**Mrs Skaroupka and Mrs Rouen**

**YEAR ADVISER**

**Year 12 News**

With the start of Term 2 beginning, it really is the start of Term 3 in the scholastic year for year twelve students at Elderslie. It has been a challenging and exciting year so far, as many students are nearing the summit of their learning. Many have decided on careers and work pathways and are working hard to fulfil subject requirements, complete work placement competencies and to finish major works. Thank you to all students, teachers (and those especially who provided their holiday time freely for study days) and parents who have been working hard to support and bring out the best in our students. I know that it has been a fine juggling act between school work, social time and employment. With the latter points often being a lure away from study time. This final year is a real test in time management.
Students have been provided with a yearly calendar. The assessment period for task 3 has begun already this term. Just released by the Board of Studies (BOS), the HSC 2014 examination timetable is available for viewing. Students need to register on line via a BOS number and PIN system. If a student does not know their details please see Ms Woo.

On Friday May 9th was our second last recognition assembly to be held in the school hall. Our Year 12 HSC music and dance students showcased their work. A power point presentation of the year so far highlighted our mufti day of camouflage and hippie dress, the historical figures swim carnival, Valentine’s Day fundraiser, orange harmony and antibullying day and our brave Year 12’s shaving in support of cancer research for the World’s Greatest Shave.

Please ensure students continue to wear their full school uniform (as per diary) including black leather enclosed shoes. Also as the cooler weather approaches please refrain from wearing beanie hats, hoodie jackets and ugg boots as they are not part of the uniform. Our Year 12’s look great in their distinctive jerseys and baseball style jackets.

The formal committee has begun work in finalising details for the Formal Dinner to be held in Wollongong in November. Students were asked to return their formal note that outlined requirements of attendance; this was the first step to an invitation to the event. Copies of this note that requires a parent signature can be obtained from the library’s Year 12 information wall.

Other committee members, designing the yearbook have started gathering and putting information together. Students have been asked to provide a first day at school; face portrait picture for the yearbook. Please scan a photo and send it to jennifer.woo@det.nsw.edu.au. This would assist in our production immensely.

Lately many students are obtaining a car licence and drive to school often with siblings or friends as passengers. The school has a green ‘Driving to School’ Permission Note that needs to be filled in, so information about who can be driven to and from school for in case of emergencies situations. This note needs signatures from parents of all the passengers and can be obtained from the year adviser or Year 12 Deputy Principal; Mrs Lawrence. All the best Year 12’s and keep working hard.

Ms Jenny Woo
Year 12 Adviser
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