**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

I usually start my Parent Bulletin reports with good news stories. Stories that involve the great work and achievements of our students, staff and school. However on this occasion I am starting my report with a disappointing element within our school - graffiti vandalism.

During the last school holidays the girl’s and boy’s toilets in B Block (upstairs above the hall and the senior toilets near the IA staffroom) were painted. This was done to freshen-up the areas for the students. Within two days the toilets were graffitied. This was repaired and new paint applied. But instead of appreciating the work done, they were once again graffitied. This act of intentionally damaging school property has caused us much angst and we have appealed to the student body on a number of occasions to assist in stopping such behaviour. The P&C were also informed at the last P&C meeting held earlier this term. Although this behaviour cannot be completely prevented we have had to develop a strategy that would limit the amount and opportunities for graffiti vandalism to take place during school hours. The students will be informed of the strategy and the commencement date. We have been avoiding this for a number of years now but the cost of repairing the toilets, toilet roll dispensers etc and re-painting surfaces has become untenable and we would much prefer to purchase teaching and learning resources that enhance or benefit our school community. The students will be informed of the strategy and the implementation commencement date before the end of term.

**Honour to meet the Minister**

Alex O’Flynn, Year 11 was elected by the Ultimo Education Network as one of 16 students statewide to meet Adrian Piccoli MP, Minister for Education, at Parliament House on Wednesday 28 May 2014. The Minister was keen to ask student leaders their thoughts about student wellbeing. I happened to be part of a group of Principals who also met the Minister that day and I was most impressed when the Minister acknowledged that he remembered Alex and that Alex had spoken about his experience with the peer mediation program. We are all very proud of Alex and his achievements and I know he represented himself, the school, and Ultimo network admirably. The experience to meet the Minister and have an open conversation with him is exceptional and we congratulate Alex on his selection.

![Alex O'Flynn and students from Ultimo Group with Adrian Piccoli MP Minister for Education](image)

**P&C FUNDRAISER**

The P&C is also holding a fundraising BBQ at Narellan Bunning’s on **Sunday 13 July, between 7am and 5pm**. This is a terrific opportunity to boost P&C funds, so if you are DIYing come to Bunning’s and don’t forget to visit us and grab your sandwich and drink.

**Upcoming Events**

- **June 23** Parent/Teacher Night Years 7-12
- **June 26 -28** School Musical
- **June 27** Last Day Term 2
- **July 13** P&C Fundraising BBQ
- **July 14** Staff Development Day
- **July 15** Student Development Day
- **July 28** Education Return Term 3
- **July 29** P&C Meeting

*See back page for more details*

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Safety of students crossing Hilder Street
We have been contacted by a number of community members concerned about the safety of students who are not paying attention when stepping onto the road. I would like to advise parents and students that when crossing Hilder Street you must use the pedestrian crossing. Students should pay full attention when crossing Hilder Street at the crossing and not be distracted by using their mobile phones or other devices.

Year 12 Information Distribution
We are now starting to receive important information for Year 12 students in relation to careers, scholarships, Open University Days, Careers Markets, UAI, HSC etc.

Parents please be aware that one of the best ways to keep Year 12 informed is to email them using the student education accounts. The students can also speak to Ms Skaroupka or Ms Rouen in the upstairs library area or check the information available in the senior study area (library).

Macarthur Trade Training Centre Information Night
Year 10 students interested in completing one of our Macarthur Trade Training Centre (MTTC) Courses – Hospitality, Kitchen Operations; Construction; Primary Industries; or Furnishing are required to attend an Information Night to be held at Elizabeth Macarthur High School on Monday 16 June 2014, starting at 6pm. All 3 high schools (Camden, Elderslie and Elizabeth Macarthur) will be represented on the night. A record of attendance will be maintained on the night and this list will give the MTTC an indication of student interest. An information flyer outlining details will be provided to all Year 10 students.

Mrs Fawcett
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Natalie Martin (DP Years 7, 9 & 11) REPORTS
Teachers are currently writing reports which will be distributed to parents at the end of this term in preparation for Parent Teacher Night. School reports provide valuable information for parents on the progress of their children. The school reports should answer the following questions:

Where is your child going?
How is your child going?
Where to next?

If you have concerns about your child’s progress please contact your child’s class teacher or Head Teacher or alternatively address this at the Parent Teacher Night.

EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT
Educational assessment is about gaining an understanding of how and what students have learnt in each of their subjects. The purpose of assessment is to capture data on student performance for the purpose of reporting to parents, gaining an understanding of how effective teaching is and understanding each student’s level of performance in the class. Educational assessment should occur at varying times throughout the learning phase because learning is an active process of mental construction and sense making. Teachers also use assessment to gain an understanding of the skill development of their pupils to determine future programming and to ensure any gaps in skill development can be addressed.

Assessments can vary from standardised tests (HSC), norm referenced tests (achievement of students compared to other students) to participation in and completion of a variety of skills within the classroom. Assessment should be both formative (collating information related to student knowledge and skill during the learning process) and summative (administered on the completion of a program).

Parents can assist their students with assessments by helping them to plan out their time effectively and not leave assessments to the last minute. Further information regarding student assessments is available on the school website.

7-12 PARENT TEACHER NIGHT
Parent Teacher Night is on Monday 23 June commencing at 4.00pm and ending at 8.30pm. Notes were distributed to students’ on Monday 26 May. Parents can book interviews online by clicking on the following link http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/ further information on how to do this is on our school website http://www.elderslie-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/, and on page 11 of this bulletin.

It is extremely important that interviews with teachers are kept to five minutes. If your needs require more than five minutes then you will need to schedule a meeting with the class teacher or Year Adviser at an alternative time.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTS
Year 10 and 11 students were given the opportunity to complete the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) online Numeracy and Literacy test on Friday 22 May. Students wishing to leave school at the end of Year 10, 11 or 12 can participate in this test. The results of this test are available to students when they print out their e-record from students online https://studentsonline.bos.nsw.edu.au/. For students to access this information they need to activate their account using their BOSTES number and create a six digit pin after they have received an email to their DEC email account. Students wishing to access their e-record needs to see me to get their BOSTES student number. Their
e-record will have the Year 10 or 11 RoSA grades and their Literacy and Numeracy test results.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION
The Aboriginal Education Team has been working towards developing Education Plans for all of our Aboriginal students. This requires a certain amount of expertise and consultation with students, staff and parents. Each plan will be distributed to teachers to help our Aboriginal students achieve their learning goals. NAIDOC week is approaching in the July school holidays so the Aboriginal Education team is planning to hold a NAIDOC week assembly on Friday 20 June and in preparation for this event our Aboriginal students were trained on how to perform an Acknowledgement of Country by two of our Aboriginal Community Liaison Officers Aunty Carolyne Brown and Lesley Marks. Students were also informed about the local Dharawal culture and were able to interact with some artifacts. Lastly our school has been invited to participate in the Partnership for Success Program which has been organised by the University of Western Sydney. Three fortunate students will be able to participate in this program which is aimed at building cultural connections and academic success.

Jennifer Lawrence (DP Years 8, 10 & 12)
Bus Company Changes
From 1 June, 2014 Busabout will be taking over the bus route for all local school services previously operated by Busways. The company has contacted us to advise that there will be no change to the routes travelled or the route numbers. Despite this, it may be a little confusing for students in the transition between the old and new systems and as such, we ask all students to ensure they check the destination signs on the front of each bus to ensure they are catching the correct bus. Parents can help by reminding younger children of this change to ensure they are prepared. This will reinforce the message we have already delivered to all students at school.

Subject Selection Evenings
An important date in the school’s calendar is the annual Subject Selection Evening. These evenings provide students and their parents with information about the courses available, and eligibility requirements for external credentials. Elderslie High School will hold the following sessions:

- **Year 8 Into Year 9 Information Meeting** – This session is for students in Year 8 and their parents. It provides information about the ROSA (Record of School Achievement) and the curriculum undertaken. Of special interest will be the opportunity to gather information about the electives that may be chosen in Year 9 and 10 in 2015/6. This meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 June from 6-7pm.

- **Year 10 Into Year 11 Information Meeting** – This session is for students in Year 10 and their parents. It provides information about the HSC (Higher School Certificate) and the curriculum undertaken. Staff will be available from each faculty to answer questions about the courses they offer and the subject selection booklet will be issued on this night. This meeting will be held on Wednesday 11 June from 7.30 – 8.30pm.

- **Trade Training Centre Information Evening** – This session is for students in Year 10 and their parents. It will provide information for students who are considering undertaking a VET (Vocational Education and Training) Course at Elderslie, Camden or Elizabeth Macarthur High Schools with whom we are aligned under the Macarthur Trade Training Centre. This meeting will be held at Elizabeth Macarthur High School on Monday June 16 from 6 - 8pm.

Information about each event will be sent home in the very near future about these events to the affected students.

Uniform Standards
Now the cooler weather is upon us, we have begun to see a small but steady proportion of our students wearing non-uniform items to school. In particular, we have been concerned by the number of alternate jumpers and cardigans being worn to school. Our uniform, when worn well, creates a polished image both in the school and the wider community. The uniform, including fully enclosed black leather shoes, helps meet Work Health and Safety (WHS) requirements by protecting students in practical classrooms and within the playground. We know that most families insist on their children wearing full school uniform each day and we thank these families for their support. For all families, we ask that you check your child’s uniform either in the morning or the previous evening to ensure it is compliant with the school’s
uniform policy. This may be found on our school's website and has been endorsed by our school's P&C. If you have any items of uniform your child has outgrown, please feel free to donate it to the school. We can always use clothing in our second hand clothing pool.

One specific aspect of the uniform policy is facial piercings. The policy specifically states that earrings and facial piercings are to be unobtrusive. Small studs, including one small nose stud, may be worn but nose rings are unacceptable. Such piercings are not safe in terms of WHS. Any students who are in breach of this policy will be asked to remove the jewellery. Earlobe expanders are also unsafe. If there are any students with these devices embedded in their earlobes, we ask that the block-off plugs be inserted to protect students. Our advice to students and parents would be to leave this decision about piercing to after their school years.

Lateeness
Our school bell times are well published and known by the entire school community. The senior bell rings at 8.40am whilst the junior bell rings at 8.55am (except Wednesdays). All students should aim to be on site approximately 10 minutes before the day commences to ensure a smooth start to the day. Unfortunately, there have been a number of students arriving late in recent times and in many cases; these students do not have an explanation. If there is a valid reason for lateness, we request that the student presents a note from a parent or that a parent signs the student in at the Student Office. From Week 5, students who arrive late for school without an acceptable reason, they will be issued with a lunchtime detention each time this occurs. All student lateness is recorded as a “partial absence” against the student’s name and marked as such on reports. Partial absences are noted irrespective of the time (ie: whether students are five minutes late or an hour late). Punctuality is an attribute sought after by all employers and we ask parents to assist us to maintain high standards on this issue. Thank you to the families who already ensure their children are consistently on time for school each day.

Student Achievements
We were delighted to hear recently of the excellent successes of our students outside of school. In particular, I would like to congratulate Ella Stevenson of Year 8 who recently competed in the Australian championships in gymnastics, representing NSW. Ella won her division in the vault and her team finished second overall. Ella also finished in fourth place overall for the individual events. Ella is to be commended on her outstanding performance.

Chloe and Brianna Doyle of Year 8 and Year 10 respectively also are about to represent their country in America in rodeo events. To compete at this level is an amazing accolade for the girls and we wish them well in this endeavour.

STUDENT COURSE CHARGES AND RESOURCE COSTS
The second issue of Statement of Accounts was mailed this week to all families with amounts still outstanding. Thank you to the families who have already finalised these payments. With almost 2 terms of elective and 3 terms of Year 12 senior course work now completed, the course charges for these subjects are now overdue.

If parents have difficulty in paying the whole amount, partial payments can be made. Where difficulties exist, please provide a letter briefly outlining the circumstances, marked “Private and Confidential” to Mrs Fawcett (Principal). In some circumstances we may be able to provide access to the Student Assistant Scheme.

Payments can be made at the Student Office between 8.30am and 3.15pm. The following payment options are available, Cash, Cheque EFTPOS/Credit Card. Also for your convenience payments can be accepted over the phone.

If there are any problems with the Statement of Account eg. Incorrect elective course listed, then please contact the Student Administration Office as soon as possible so that the necessary amendment/s can be made and a corrected statement issued.

LEARNING SUPPORT
Letters have gone home in regards to the NCCD or the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on school students with a disability. The data will provide an annual national snapshot of schools across Australia. The data will help education authorities and schools to target programs and make decisions about resources. Please note that the letter contains a negative permission note. (This means if you do not want your child’s date to be included, you complete the permission slip). These forms are to be returned to the NCCS box located in the Student Office.

WELFARE
Vaccinations
All Year 7 students (both boys & girls) and Year 9 boys have their second round of vaccinations scheduled for 5 June. As with the last vaccinations, there will be vaccinations from 8.20am in the staff common room for students who wish their parents to accompany them, as well as for any student who had a bad reaction last time. It is important that all students have a good breakfast and hydrate before coming to school. It is extremely important that all parents are able to be contacted on this day, and that the school has the latest parental contact details. After Thursday 5 June the next scheduled vaccination date is Thursday 20 November.

Mrs Skaroupka
Head Teacher Welfare
LIBRARY REPORT

Again, it has been all happening in the library. We have had a lot of different students popping in to see what’s on offer. We have quizzes, competitions and stalls to keep them busy!

Our most exciting news for the month was the fabulous news that several of our students have had their writing published in the book “Legends” due out at the end of this year. These students entered the Write4Fun competition and had their writing selected from there. The new list of published writers from Elderslie High includes: Chloe Landrebe, Selena Heness, Patrick Lee, Lauren Graellis, Aleksandria Ilic, Jordan Berrell and Courtney Martin. Being published is a writer’s dream, so students, if you see these writers around; give them a well-earned pat on the back!

Remember, if your child needs homework help or help with assessment tasks, we are available to assist every day.

Seniors can also let Mrs White know about any research they are doing as she will obtain inter-library loans at no cost to you, and will even pick up and hand deliver!! Seniors also struggling with how to use information should see Mrs White, who can help with summarising, checking drafts and so on.

The library is seeking a bigger fridge so if anyone out there has one on offer we would be glad to relieve them of it. Also, any donations of coffee cups with lids would be gratefully received.

That’s all this month from the Library!

Mrs K White

TAS-HOME ECONOMICS

Year 11 Design and Technology

Year 11 have just completed the first of 2 major projects and folios. Students were asked to create a sculpture using soft drink cans. Students researched sustainability, recycling and environmental issues that arise from the manufacture of mass produced products. 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. As you can see below the students have created a range of sculptures all of which fit the design brief well. Some of these designs are on display in the library.

The next news is that we have purchased many of the books shortlisted for Children’s Bookweek 2014. These have already hit the shelves, thanks to Mrs Solah, who simply never gets tired of covering books! Some of these books have had rave reviews, so get into the library and borrow, borrow, borrow!!

There is a waiting list of desperate people trying to get their hands on the books from the Divergent trilogy, so it’s good to see that reading is still in fashion. Come and put your name on the list!

Competitions are always running in the library. Some of our regulars are raking in merits. Everyone who comes to the library and does a quiz, competition, puzzle etc goes into the end of term pizza draw. You’ve got to be in it to win it!!
Year 11 Textiles and Design
Year 11 Textiles have been working on a range of design activities in class. All Year 11 students have been entered into the 'Wool for Skool' design challenge. They will have their mood boards and final designs entered with a chance to win a range of prizes. As part of this design challenge students were asked to select an era and design a garment made from 80% wool.

Year 11 have also recently submitted their themed bodices/dresses which were accompanied by some amazing folios. The quality of sewing and the creativity of embellishments used were absolutely outstanding. Every student continues to improve their drawing and practical skill as each week passes. Well done!

Some of the bodices and dresses are also on display in our library.

Year 10 Textiles
Year 10 Textiles have been researching India as part of their cultural study. As part of this cultural study students were asked to create an ottoman which picked up on the colourful patterns and embellishment techniques which are commonly found on Indian Furnishings. The girls produced creative and unique ottomans which clearly reflected a mix of their own personal style and Indian elements. The final products were amazing.

Year 9 Textiles
Year 9 Textiles have been working on a range of experimentation with embellishment techniques. From this experimentation students were then asked to create children's patchwork toy incorporating some of these new techniques they had learnt. The girls produced a range of creative, bright and beautifully finished toys. Well done girls!

TAS Home Economics Faculty

TAS- INDUSTRIAL ARTS
Australian Schools Karting Championship
The Inaugural Australian Schools Karting Championship is a combination of team and individual races open to all high school students. It's real racing with all equipment provided at the venues. Each school enters a 3 person team, that competes in regional, state and if successful, the National Final. The Championship is being run in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra and Melbourne with the National Final being held locally at Picton Karting Track.

Our team comprised of Katelyn Hickey (Year 12), Cameron Crick and Damian Xuereb (Year 11). The regional round was held on Monday 19th May at Ultimate Karting Sydney which involved 6 local schools competing in a 1 Hour Endurance race. Our team qualified 2nd and after our first pit stop and driver change we moved into the lead and never looked back. We won the race by over 4 laps with Blayney High School 2nd and Camden High School coming in 3rd. The top 2 teams made it through to the State round.

On Monday 26 May, the State Final was held at Kartatak Raceway at Villawood. This event was an individual event which pitted our 3 drivers against each other as well as 3 other schools. Our students qualified 4th, 5th and 6th. For the final, Katelyn started off position 3, Cameron position 4 and Damian out of position 5. After a great start Katelyn had moved into 2nd challenging for the lead and Cameron was close behind in 3rd. About half way through the race, Cameron unfortunately came together with Katelyn which resulted in Katelyn hitting the wall. Cameron showing a sign of great sportsmanship slowed down and let Katelyn resume her position in second. At this stage, Damian had caught up and we were running 2nd, 3rd and 4th. By the end of the final, Cameron had moved back up to 2nd,
Damian finished 3rd and Katelyn drove on heroically to finish 4th (whilst in obvious pain from the earlier incident). The top 2 students from each state moved on to the National Final.

On Saturday 31 May, Cameron competed against 7 other school students from across Australia at the National Final at Picton Karting Track. After qualifying 5th, Cameron was consistent in the heat and pre-final. Starting 5th in the Final, he worked his way through the field and was dicing for the lead the entire race. On the last lap, Cameron was in 2nd place and made the decisive move on the last corner to take victory at the chequered flag.

Can I just say how proud I am of the whole team, and in particular Cameron, for being crowned the Inaugural Australian Schools Karting Champion for 2014.

Other Sporting News

Congratulations to the following students

- Josh Lord has been selected in the CHS South West Regional Four’s Lawn Bowls Team to compete in the State Championships in October.
- Open Boys Tennis knockout: Elderslie won 6 sets to 2 against Mt Annan.
- Ella Wooldridge competed at the Elite Energy All Women’s Triathlon at Penrith on Saturday 10 May and not only won the 10-12 year old category for the Mini Man but she was the fastest in the race overall including the adults.
- Congratulations to Courtney Jones of Year 9 who continues to represent in the U/16 Indigenous Netball team having just competed in Coffs Harbour.
- The Open Boys Touch Football side competed at the SSW gala day at Minto during week 3. The boys played extremely well easily accounting for Sefton High and Mt Annan High before narrowly missing out on progressing through to the semi-finals going down 3-1 to Eagle Vale in a highly competitive match. All twelve students were complemented on their outstanding teamwork throughout the day and can be proud in the manner in which they represented the school. Well done boys!

PDHPE Faculty

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 and their second round against John Therry Catholic College. They then went on to win their third round last week, against St Patrick’s College, Campbelltown. Good luck team in Round 4!

Ms S Dennis

DEBATING UPDATE

The Year 12 Debating Team, consisting of Elizabeth Knowles, Zoe Martin, Madeleine Newcombe and Isabel Suleau, won their Round 2 Debate against East Hills Boys High School and their Round 3 Debate against Hoxton Park High School. They went on to compete in the Regional Quarter Final and were narrowly defeated by Hurlstone Agricultural High School. Reaching the top eight schools in the region is a fabulous effort!
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!

The Year 9 & 10 Teams opened their campaign for 2014 in an excellent manner, with both teams winning their Round 1 debates against Ingleburn High School. The Year 9 team consists of Deni Hoxha, Hannah Trehewy, Ashleigh McMurdo, Joshua Lenard, Lillian Ralston, Alexandra Berry and Amber-Jayne Mathews. The Year 10 Team consists of Tayler Buckley, Emily Morgan, Mara Aplin and Janaye Farrell. Good luck in Round 2!

Year 7 & 8 Debating will be starting their 2014 campaign in the next few weeks. So stay tuned for updates on our progress!

Ms S. Dennis

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Erin Middleton from Year 12 and Alexander O’Flynn from Year 11 went on to complete in the Regional Final of the Plain English Speaking Award. Both students were excellent representatives for Elderslie High School.

Congratulations to Dylan Maclou and Anneliese Munro from Year 8 on their selection as hosts for the Public Schools NSW Dance Festival – Series 1 at the Olympic Sports Centre. Dylan and Anneliese were selected from many students from the Ultimo network. Well done to both of you!

Best of luck to Andrew Loomes and Stella Kowalick from Year 11 in the Quota Student of the Year competition later this month.

Ms S. Dennis

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 as opening night draws close.

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers will be presented to the school community on the 26 June – 28 June, at the School Hall. Tickets are available On-line through TryBooking.com – enter “TryBooking.com” into your favourite search engine and search for “7 Brides for 7 Brothers” or “Elderslie High School”. Choose the evening you wish to attend and book your seats from the seating plan. Alternatively, you can pre-book tickets and seating at the school or purchase tickets at the door for standby seating.

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Creative and Performing Arts Faculty

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

The Gifted and Talented Committee would like to invite any students from Year 7-10 to participate in the Tournament of Minds event in 2014. Students from the Gifted and Talented Workshop program are encouraged to participate. Please see Ms Lysaught in the English Staffroom to express your interest.

Gifted and Talented Team

CAPA UPDATE

Congratulations to the Dance Ensemble, Dance Company and Ballroom Dance Ensemble on their amazing performances as part of the Public Schools NSW Dance Festival – Series 1 held at the Olympic Sports Centre.

Congratulations to Jamie Lee Turner on reaching the auditions for Schools Spectacular as a Solo Vocalist. We wish you well, Jamie Lee.

We are also very excited to be part of the Dansesport Challenge in 2014. The Elderslie High School Ballroom Dance Ensemble in conjunction with selected students from two of our partner primary schools, Mawarra Public and Elderslie Public are participating in fifteen one hour lessons to learn Ballroom and Latin American Dancing. The program culminates in a Gala Event on the 5th September, 2014 at the Olympic Sports Centre. This program is highly successful in the old Sydney Region and we were asked to be the first schools to pilot the program in the old South Western Sydney Region. The students are having a great time learning the dances and also getting to know each other. Stay tuned for more updates in weeks to come.
Year 11 Dance are currently working on a composition unit where they are developing their choreographic skills. They were lucky enough to attend a Choreographic Workshop with members of the Sydney Dance Company (SDC) at Riverside Theatre. The students were challenged to step outside their comfort zone and participate in a range of improvisation activities to assist them in creating movement. From these activities, they had the opportunity to see firsthand how these activities were used to create movement in current works performed by SDC. This was a valuable experience and an enjoyable day had by all.

The Year 12 Drama class participated in a heat of Fast and Fresh – Drama on Wednesday, 4 June, 2014 at Parramatta Riverside Theatre. The students had a great time and really enjoyed performing their play built piece titled The Real ME. Well done all!

Many CAPA students and staff attended a performance of Strictly Ballroom, The Musical on Wednesday, 28 May, 2014 at the Lyric Theatre, Sydney. The students absolutely loved the experience! Stay tuned for our next Musical theatre adventure.

On Tuesday, 27 May, thirteen of our school’s talented singers from the Vocal Ensemble enjoyed a walk into the Camden Civic Centre for a very special performance. Following a successful presentation by the Vocal Ensemble at last year’s Camden Centenarian Luncheon, an invitation for a repeat performance this year was extended our way (the organisers said that the Vocal Ensemble was a ‘highlight of the day’). We gladly accepted and prepared our songs to cater for the occasion. The students led the singing of happy birthday, and then presented two items as entertainment before lunch. The audience enjoyed a beautiful rendition of ‘Why We Sing’ in two parts, followed by a traditional Polynesian song in a cappella style with conga accompaniment! The centenarians were then taken on a trip down memory lane with a sing along to ‘Road to Gundagai’ and ‘Waltzing Matilda’. The experience sparked much discussion about longevity, the importance of grandparents and giving back to our community as we returned on foot to school. The Centenarians were very inspiring, as were our students! Well done to those who attended: Courtney Brown, Lucy Carless, Samantha Chivers, Kelsey Humphries, Emily Millen, Taylor Robinson, Haylee Spiteri, Jasmin Sultani, Merralisa Wintzloff, Kathleen Molden, Sophia Nejkov, Claire Smith and Breanna Humphries.

CAPA Faculty

P&C REPORT
June and July are busy months for the P&C.

We kick off with our next P&C meeting on Tuesday 10 June at 7pm in the library. Getting involved by regularly attending the P&C is a practical way we can all support our children and the School. If you can make time to attend these interesting and informative meetings, we look forward to seeing you.

At the Parent Teacher evening on the 23 June, the P&C will be selling light refreshments along with a sausage sizzle.

The P&C will also be selling sausage sandwiches and light refreshments at “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” the school musical, on the evenings of 27 and 28 June.

The P&C is also holding a fundraising BBQ at Narellan Bunning’s on Sunday 13 July, between 7am and 5pm. This is a terrific opportunity to boost P&C funds, so if you are DIYing come to Bunning’s and don’t forget to visit us and grab your sandwich and drink!

Your support at all these events would be greatly appreciated as it helps raise valuable extra funds for special projects that benefit all the students at Elderslie High School. Recent P&C donations have helped upgrade the Hall sound system; provided funding for PBL and paid for window tinting for the English faculty classrooms.

Mr M Hovey
P&C President

CALLING ALL EX-MAWARRA FAMILIES
Mawarra Public School is turning 40 this year and our birthday party will be on 29th July as a part of Education Week. During the celebration, in addition to the special assembly, the opening of a time capsule and presentations by past Mawarra staff & students, we plan to create a 40th anniversary wall.

Past and present families can purchase a fundraising plaque on the wall to be remembered for all time.

Applications to have your plaque created in time for the 40th are available from the Mawarra Public School Office, the Mawarra Public School Website or from the Elderslie High School office. Visit the Mawarra School website to keep up to date with plans for the celebration.

Paul Mallia
Principal
Mawarra Public School
THUR 26TH JUNE • FRI 27TH JUNE • SAT 28TH JUNE

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Online Booking - TryBooking.com
Booking fee and credit card surcharge applies

Pre-booked
Adults $18.00
Concession/student $12.00

At the Student Office or the Box Office on the evening
Adults $20.00
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Dear Parents

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held at 4.00pm – 8.30 pm on Monday 23rd June.
You can now book interviews at times that suit YOUR FAMILY BEST.
Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and follow these simple instructions.

BOOKINGS CLOSE Sunday 22nd June 8.00pm

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click finish, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - check your junk mail folder if you do not receive your email immediately.
You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

For parents that don’t have access to the internet at home, at work, at a friend’s house or on their phones. Parents may phone the school on 46581110 to speak to a class teacher who can book interviews for you. Interviews are strictly 5mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on: 46581110

We would love to hear what you think about online booking. If you get time, click on the “contact us” button on the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and leave some feedback - anonymously if you wish, but please include the school’s name and suburb.

- Interviews are 5 minutes long and will not be extended. Please ensure that you keep to the scheduled time.
# Proposed Calendar

More detailed Calendar events can be found on our school website.

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