PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I would like to start my Parent Bulletin report with a special thank you to Mr Tan for organiseing a fantastic excursion to Japan during the September school vacation period. I was fortunate to accompany the group along with Ms Dokmanovic and Ms Wang (Hoxton Park HS) and although it was an intense itinerary it was an unforgettable and enjoyable experience for everyone. The opportunity for students to experience Japanese culture was certainly a positive one and I hope from this experience many of our students will appreciate the importance of studying a language. Mr Tan will be organising similar excursions in future years for Elderslie High School students. Please refer to Mr Tan’s report on page 6 of this bulletin.

At the end of last term the school farewelled Ms McEvoy and thanked her for her contribution to our school, especially the History faculty. We hope to see her as a casual teacher in the future. This term we welcomed Mr Mackell as a member of the history teaching staff. Mr Mackell was successful through the merit selection process and brings a wealth of experience to the school.

During the last week of third term I represented the school at the 2015 Minister’s Award for Excellence in Student Achievement. Elderslie HS has been successful over many years in having one of our students recognised for their outstanding contributions, leadership and academic excellence. This year Alexander O’Flynn was the recipient of the Minister’s Award for Excellence in Student Achievement. I was honoured to represent the school and to be present when Alex received his award.

During the last week of Term 3, twenty four students from across the state took to the stage for the NSW semi-final of the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award. Deni Hoxha (Year 10) was one of the semi-finalists. The organisers wrote to me with the press release on page 2. Well done Deni, this is a great achievement.

Announcing the 2016 Captains’ Team

The 2016 School Captains and Vice Captains commenced in their new roles at the beginning of this term. Their official induction occurs on Presentation Night when their parents will be invited to attend. The 2016 Captains are Mai O’Regan and Michaela Stapleton and the Vice Captains are Brittany Stoker, Courtney Martin, Alessandro De Nuntis and Keaton Bates. We congratulate each member of this student leadership team. We know you will fulfil the captaincy roles to the highest standard.
2015 HSC
Finally I would like to wish every success to our Year 12 students as they complete their HSC examinations. I was very proud of Year 12 this year, especially in the way they conducted themselves and organised events over the final weeks of their school career. The Graduation Ceremony at Camden Civic Centre was a successful and rewarding experience for everyone. A big thank you to Ms Woo, Ms Golden, Ms Martin and Ms Dennis for their organisation.

M Fawcett, Principal

“Confident speakers raise the bar”
14 September, 2015.

Deni Hoxha of Elderslie High School spoke confidently in the state semi finals of the NSW Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award, described as the most impressive round in recent years.

The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award, a national public speaking event, continues to be in high demand with 440 entries received from more than 200 schools in NSW.

Deni was among 24 students who competed at this year’s semi-finals at Scots Church, Wynyard, with a speech on Corporate Conscience.

Founded in 1995, the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award, a national event, was established to develop the confidence and self-esteem of students aged 12 to 14. It aims to help students develop their oral communication skills and promote the effective use of spoken English and research skills.

“Legacy is proud to be involved in the Junior Public Speaking Award and is proud to showcase and nurture the potential of so many young Australians,” said Sydney Legacy President Eric Easterbrook.

“The quality of this year’s speakers proved outstanding. Speakers demonstrated their skills with a five minute prepared speech on a broad range of topics and a two minute impromptu speech on a set topic.

“It is always intriguing to listen to the speakers, they cover a broad range of topics with passion and enthusiasm.

Judges assessed each student’s use of language to convey their message, while also evaluating their clarity, organization of the speech, sincerity as well as intonation, articulation and pace.”

Saturday School of Community Languages - 2016 Enrolment
If you would like to study your background language, information about language courses offered at the Saturday School of Community Languages is available at www.sscl.schools.nsw.edu.au.

2016 – 2017 Stage 5 & 6 Scholarship Applications
Attention Yrs 8 & 10 students and parents. Applications will be available from the Admin Office or School Website from Wednesday 21 Oct 2015. Applications close on Friday 6 November 2015

From the Deputy Principal
Jennifer Lawrence (DP Years 7, 9 & 11)
Welcome back to Term 4!

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

Change of Subjects for Year New Year 12 Students
A number of students have already asked me about the process of changing their subjects. As we explained at the Subject Selection Information Evening held prior to the commencement of senior schooling, it is our firm belief that 12 units rather than the minimum of 10 is the best curriculum model for the vast majority of students. Keeping 12 units (usually this means 6 subjects) rather than reducing to 10 units means that students retain a “safety net” which means that if something goes wrong during Year 12, a buffer exists to ensure that a good ATAR can still be obtained. Historically, a great many of our best Elderslie High School graduates have also kept the full 12 units for the whole duration of Year 12.

Despite this, there is a process for dropping subjects that all Year 12 students must go through. This involves students completing an application form and then having an interview with members of the school executive to...
discuss their future goals and to help determine if the course the student wants to drop is the best course for them to eliminate. In this way, we are confident that our processes provide the best possible guidance to support students in their future transition to the world beyond school.

Students will be able to pick up their application forms at the first Year Assembly to be held for the term. Following the submission of forms, interviews will be scheduled across Term 4. The first group of students to be interviewed will be those students who are picking up additional units. This group includes all those picking up Extension History or Extension 2 in English or Mathematics as they will, in many cases, have up to 14 units of study. When these students have been processed, other students who have applied will be interviewed.

Our New School Captain Does Us Proud at Max Potential Showcase
At the time of the last Parent Bulletin, I was about to attend the Max Potential showcase to see the culmination of the work of our new school captain, Michael Stapleton, throughout the last six months. Michael was one of about twenty young people from a wide range of schools in Campbelltown and Macarthur to participate in the program. Michael was mentored by a local identity who supported him to produce a community minded project of his choice. Michael worked on a website designed to support adolescent mental health. The Showcase, which was held at The Cube Campbelltown, on 19 August, saw Michael display his website to the hundreds of people in attendance including the State members for Campbelltown and Macquarie Fields. Watching Michael achieve his potential through the Max Potential program was most certainly a very proud moment for Michael’s family and for myself as Deputy Principal. Michael should be congratulated on a job well done! A photograph of Michael with his mentor is included in this edition of the Parent Bulletin.

Yearly Examinations for Years 7-10
At the end of Term 3, all Year 7-9 students were issued with their examination timetables. Year 10 will receive theirs in Week 4. The allocated weeks for exams are as follows:
- Year 7 – Week 4, Term 4
- Year 8 – Week 5, Term 4
- Year 9 – Week 4, Term 4
- Year 10 – Week 6, Term 4

If your child does not have a copy, please ask them to see their Year Adviser. Alternatively, you can access a copy from our school website as they will be available from this course early in Term 4.

Our staff will be planning in-class revision activities to support students in their readiness for these final examinations but there is most certainly an expectation that home revision time be allocated in the lead up to exams. I have included a link to a great website that provides guidelines on preparing for exams. This would be very useful for parents to read with their children.


Natalie Martin (DP Years 8, 10, & 12)
During the school holidays I went with Georgia Mazurkiewicz and Rebecca Finlay who are both high performing students, to the University of New South Wales. Both Georgia and Rebecca are interested in becoming teachers and were selected to meet the Honourable Adrian Piccoli, NSW Minister of Education. They were also interviewed by a reporter from the Sydney Morning Herald and there was an article published in the paper on 25th September.

The article was about attracting the best and brightest students into the teaching profession as part of the Great Teaching, Inspired Learning education reform. It is now a requirement that HSC students will need to have three Band 5 results in order to successfully enter tertiary training to become a teacher. Georgia and Rebecca have both applied for a Teach NSW Rural scholarship and I would like to wish them the best in this particular endeavour.

Georgia and Rebecca are photographed below with the UNSW Dean of Arts and Social Science Eileen Bailey, the president of the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards Tom Aligounorias and the Honourable Adrian Piccoli, NSW Minister of Education.
HSC Commences
Written HSC examinations commence on Monday 12 October. The HSC examinations will be held in the hall from Monday 12 to Thursday 15 October then they will move to the History rooms. The quadrangle will be closed for the first four days of the HSC to ensure that the area around the examinations is quiet during the examinations.

If students are unwell or unable to sit an examination, parents will need to inform the school in the morning of the day of the examination. If possible inform the school ahead of time and see Ms Martin to collect an HSC misadventure form to be completed upon the child’s first day of return to school.

I would like to wish all of Year 12 the best of luck in the HSC and I would like to thank Mrs Woo and Ms Golden for their ongoing support of the year group. I would also like to thank all of the Year 12 parents who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure each child successfully completes this challenging year.

Year 10 News
As our Year 10 students approach the end of junior school, there is some information to be given regarding the structure and organisation of the remainder of 2015.

Transition Program
The Year 10 into 11 Transition Program commences in Week 7. This is an opportunity for students to experience their chosen Preliminary subjects for several weeks and gain a better understanding of each selected course. The Preliminary HSC course will commence at the beginning of Term 1, 2016.

The Transition Program will also entail study skills workshops, guest speakers and the completion of online compulsory modules such as ‘All My Own Work’. These will place students in good stead to better cope with the demands of senior school.

Students will be unable to change subjects until Term 1, 2016, where there will be a brief window of time for students to apply to move out of a course. In these circumstances, an interview is conducted to ensure that students are making the best decisions for their academic success and their future.

During the transition period, students must wear EITHER full senior uniform or full junior uniform.

Students will also be required to sign a senior school contract that outlines the expectations and commitment involved in being a senior student at Elderslie High School.

Sport will continue as per usual during the transition period.

Important Dates to Note
- Year 10 Yearly Examinations will be occurring during Week 6, from 9 to 13 November. Examination timetables will be distributed at our Year Assembly.
- The Transition Program begins Week 7 and continues until the end of term.
- The Year 10 End Year Function will occur on the 10 December at Campbelltown Catholic Club. Students received permission notes and other relevant documents in Week 2.
- Year 10 reports will be issued on the 14 December.
- Students can apply for work experience from Week 7 onwards.
- It is a Department of Education requirement that Year 10 students attend school up until 16 December 2016.
- Staff are looking forward to welcoming Year 10 as senior students in the latter half of the term. We wish them a productive and enjoyable rest of 2015!

YR 12 NEWS
Congratulations Year 12 - Class of 2015, after 6 years of high school you have finally graduated! I must thank Year 12 for their wonderful behaviour and sportsmanship skills displayed during their last week of school. After a trisport challenge against teachers in Ultimate Frisbee, Netball and OzTag, the students were victorious and teachers went home nursing sore aching muscles. There was so much fun in the final week from the retro dress Netball game, surprise Tribal Jungle final school assembly capturing teachers, to their musical lunchtime Showcase in the hall. Yr 12 sang, danced and performed for the rest of the school raising money for the Cancer Council. Everyone will remember Doug & the boys’ version of Elvis’s ‘Blue Suede Shoes’ act forever.

It was a proud moment for all relatives and carers, as students collected their graduation portfolios in Week 6, from 9 to 13 November. Graduation of laptops by the computer technical officer, Mr Quinlan will provide students with a laptop 'unlocked' from DEC. This enables the laptop to be used elsewhere other than school. If the laptop is not needed, it can be donated for use into the school’s laptop pool of computers and will be gratefully appreciated.

Thank you to parents who have started to finalise fees and payments. Full or partial payment with a signed permission note for the Formal Dinner will be accepted up to Friday 3 November. Graduation of laptops by the computer technical officer, Mr Quinlan will provide students with a laptop 'unlocked' from DEC. This enables the laptop to be used elsewhere other than school. If the laptop is not needed, it can be donated for use into the school’s laptop pool of computers and will be gratefully appreciated.
After each HSC exam or on their final exam, students can bring back textbooks to each faculty and obtain signatures required for the clearance form.

The Yearbook is a collection of memories of the students’ final year at school and is a valuable keepsake. The cost is $20 and with all costs is paid via the student office in person or online.

UAC, BOSTES and Elderslie teachers including the Careers Adviser use email as a communication tool so it is important that students check their DEC student email accounts everyday for important information.

For the next few weeks as Year 12 undertake HSC examinations, stress levels will be high. Remember to take time to relax but also remember preparation is the key to success. So try very hard, Class of 2015, and then be satisfied that you have given it all, and have done your best. Good luck for the future and in your final exams.

I have been blessed to be a part of your life.

Ms Jenny Woo (Yr 12 Adviser)

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**Top 10 Tips for Dealing with Examination Pressure**

1. **KNOW YOUR MATERIAL**
   The more confident you are about the topic(s) in your exam, the less stress you will feel come exam time. Make sure you stay on top of your school work and homework throughout the term. Follow up with your teacher, or another subject matter expert, if there are things you don’t understand, well before the exams. Trying to understand new concepts the night before the exam is very stressful.

2. **PRACTICE**
   Make sure you do practice papers if they are available, or practice questions. This might include multiple choice, short answer or essay style questions. Always study in the way you will be tested. Work out a plan of action so you know how long you are going to allocate to each question type, what question types you will start with and what you will do if you come across things you aren’t sure about. Learn more about this in the Active Studying unit.

3. **FUEL YOUR BODY AND YOUR MIND**
   In the days leading up to an exam make sure you get enough sleep. Being tired makes it harder to concentrate and remember. Fuel your body and mind by eating well and drinking plenty of water. Learn more about this in the Lifestyle and Balance unit.

4. **MANAGE THE PHYSICAL SIGNS OF STRESS**
   Familiarise yourself with how your body feels when you are stressed. Do you get headaches? Tension in your neck or shoulders? Does your heart race faster? What happens to your breathing? Whenever you feel these effects, quickly start some relaxation exercises. A good one to try during an exam is to breathe in deeply for 4 seconds, hold for 7 seconds and breathe out for 8 seconds. Do this a few times to calm yourself down and allow yourself to refocus. Learn more about this in the Managing Stress unit.

5. **BE PREPARED ON THE DAY**
   Make sure you have packed or prepared everything you need for the exam day the night before. Have a plan for how you are going to get to school on time - including a back-up plan if necessary. Eat a nutritious breakfast and make sure you are hydrated. Learn more about this in the Test-Taking Techniques unit.

6. **VISUALISE**
   Use visualisation techniques to help reduce your stress on the day. Every day in the weeks prior to the exam, last thing at night and first thing in the morning, visualise yourself calmly walking into the...
exam room, preparing your equipment, reviewing and completing your exam paper and feeling good about how you did. Learn more about this in the Managing Stress unit.

7. INVOLVE YOUR PARENTS IN YOUR SCHOOLWORK
Throughout the term talk to your parents about what you are studying. Show them your bookwork and homework. The more your parents understand about what you are doing and how you are going along the way, the better they are able to manage their expectations. They may also be able to help you study by testing you on what you are learning.

8. TALK TO YOUR PARENTS ABOUT REALISTIC GOALS
Keep talking to your parents about what you want to achieve, in individual subjects, at school overall and in other aspects of your life. Involve them in helping you to identify where to concentrate the most effort to achieve your goals. Learn more about this in the Goal Setting unit.

9. UNDERSTAND EXPECTATIONS
Many students feel like they are not meeting their parents’ expectations. Often this is a result of poor communication about expectations by both parties. Assessment and reporting systems also change over time and are different in different schools and systems. Making sure your parents really understand what your report means may help them to understand what you are actually achieving. Your school can assist you to explain these to your parents if need be and most schools provide booklets of explanation. Often students are achieving, but reporting structures may not clearly represent this to parents.

10. ASK FOR HELP
The most important way to deal with stress is by talking to people and asking for help. Don’t try and go it alone. Your school, teachers, parents and friends are your support structure so keep lines of communication open (that means talk to them!) and let everyone know how you are feeling and what help you need.

You can learn more about how to deal with examination pressure in the Managing Stress and Test-Taking Techniques units at www.studyskillshandbook.com.au by logging in with these details:
Username: eldersliesh
Password: 128results

Japan Trip 2015
In the September holidays, 17 students and 4 teachers embarked on a journey to the Land of the Rising Sun. The group, consisting of students from Elderslie High, John Edmondson High and Hoxton Park High, departed Sydney on the last day of Term 3 for Tokyo, to begin a 2 week cultural tour.

The cultural tour consisted of “legs” in four different cities – Tokyo, Kyoto, Hiroshima and Osaka. In each city, we visited a range of sites of cultural and/or historical significance, shopping for unusual/traditional souvenirs, and experienced the Japanese cuisine. While many students opted to taste authentic Japanese food, some were inclined to sample ‘Japanese’ fast food like McDonalds and Subway. Highlights of the trip included Tokyo Disneyland, Universal Studio Osaka, the Yokohama Cup Noodle Museum, tour of Hiroshima Peace Park and the numerous temples and shrines around Japan.

A big thank you to Mrs Fawcett, Ms Dokmanovic and Ms Wang from Hoxton Park High School for accompanying the group around Japan. The Elderslie High group consisting of Callum Gowing, Jasmine Underwood, Isaac Flynn, Wilford Zhang and Dean Archer were well behaved and great ambassadors for the school. I’m sure all students had a memorable experience and have furthered their understanding of another culture. Plans for another trip to Japan in 2016 are currently being organised.

Mr F Tan, Japanese Teacher

The Golden Bee
Annual Year 8 Spelling Competition

On Friday, September 11, the English faculty held the annual Golden Bee spelling competition for Year 8. Two students from each Year 8 class were selected to participate and the remainder of Year 8 were invited to cheer on their own class and Year 8 Adviser. The following students should be congratulated:
Alyssa Heyward from 8A – first place
Mykaiah Lopez from 8T – second place
Hannah Morecroft from 8T – third place
Liam Mautone from 8S – fourth place

All place getters were presented with a Golden Bee academic trophy in recognition of their efforts. Recognition should go to the following students who also participated in this great event:
All students who participated did exceptionally well and should be commended for their efforts. The Golden Bee Spelling Competition was once again a huge success and an enjoyable event.

Georgia Cunnion – Year 8

D of E SVA October 2015

Student Volunteering for Years 9 and 10

The D of E encourages Year 9 and 10 students to get involved in life through volunteering.

“International Volunteer Day is celebrated each year on 5 December and was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1985. IVD is celebrated worldwide with thousands of volunteers involved in a range of events as diverse as the volunteers themselves. Events include clean-up campaigns, conferences, exhibitions, morning teas and many other activities all aimed at highlighting the role of volunteers in their communities.”

So far this year many Year 10 and Year 9 students achieve awards for being volunteers but there are many more students who could log on hours to add to our list. Presently, the students have achieved 13 Bronze for 20 hours, 12 Silver for 40 hours, 5 Gold 60 hours, 5 Diamond 80 hours, and 3 Black Opal Awards for 150 hours of volunteering this year. Many of these students have been positive role models to our younger students as tutors or mentors or assisted with animal nursery days or part of our Entertainment Crew.

Congratulations to all volunteering students.

All Year 9 and 10 students who participate in any volunteering activities can apply, for the next group of awards to be presented at the Recognition Assemblies. There are many more students who could apply for these certificates so log on and achieve recognition for the volunteer work you complete.

Mrs Rouen, Miss Zammit and Mr Kafataris
Student Volunteer Coordinators

TAS – Home Economics

Year 10 Child Studies

Over the past term Year 10 Child Studies have been studying a unit on pregnancy, birthing and the responsibilities of caring for a newborn. As part of their studies students were given a set budget to set up a nursery for a newborn and design the room layout for a nursery. As a practical task they were required to create a baby’s ‘Snuggle Blanket’. As seen below students created some very cute and beautifully constructed blankets suitable for an infant.

Ms Johnson

Year 10 Textiles Technology

Year 10 Textiles Technology have been busy designing and creating a textile art piece with ‘Under the Sea’ as their inspiration. The students demonstrated a high level of creativity, excellent embellishment and construction techniques. Each student did a fantastic job in creating their art piece. This practical project is a part of the competition ‘Textiles Art Piece Challenge’. The students were given a number of limitations in which they must follow. As a class, the students voted for the best 3 art pieces to be sent off to the competition. See below for images.

Miss Laws

Year 10 Food Technology

During term 3, Year 10 Food Technology students learnt about developing new food products. As part of their assessment task, students were required to follow the ‘Food Product Development’ process to develop their own food product from a list of prescribed ingredients. This was a challenge for the students as they had to include at least one protein, one fruit and one vegetable and be as creative as possible. The students worked in pairs to brainstorm ideas, conduct market research and peer evaluations of their prepared food product. Overall the students created a variety of dishes that showcased
their creativity and food preparation skills as seen in the images below.

by Miss Ames

Year 12 Textile and Design Projects
The Year 12 projects have been submitted and returned from marking and will be on display in the Library Week 2 and 3. I would like to kindly welcome parents to come and view the outstanding projects. Along with the Textiles Projects a selection of the Design and Technology projects will also be on display. Please Support the Amazing Year 12 students of 2015.

AG NEWS
Penrith Show
in Congratulations to the students who helped prepare our display and livestock for Penrith Show. Our display featured Alpacas and showed the processes involved from pasture production through to the manufactured garments. Many of our students were involved in making parts of the display at school including some beautiful alpaca felting. We competed with 18 schools and were awarded 2nd place. Our prison calf, Nelson, came first in his class. Particular thanks to the team who spent the weekend at the show, Luke Amjah, Liam Callaghan, Theveen Chinnathumby, Olivia De La Mare, Hannah Jenkins, Nancy Haggerty, Tyler Kordiak, Tiarne McDonald, Lucy Motram and Hayley Spiteri. Hannah and Olivia also competed Poultry Judging and Tiarne and Theveen were joined by Chloe Doyle and Amy Oreshkin to compete in the Rural Olympics.
SPORT NEWS

Wests Leagues Cup U13 Premiers
Congratulations to EHS U13s Rugby League team on becoming the Premiers in the Wests Leagues Cup. Great work to:

CHS Athletics Carnival - Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre
Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the finals at CHS Athletics carnival.

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NSW All Schools State Orienteering Championships
Lachlan Taylor of Year 7 competed in the NSW All Schools State Orienteering Championships on Sunday 16 August. Lachlan placed 5th in the state! This is the 5th year that Lachlan has competed in these championships, well done! It would be great to see more students representing EHS in Orienteering in 2016.

CHS Lawn Bowls Championships
Sam Dukes and Josh Lord competed in the CHS Lawn Bowls Championships in Port Macquarie. Sam Dukes won a Silver medal and Josh Lord won a Bronze. Congratulations gentlemen!

Open Girls Netball- 7th in the State
The Open Girl’s netball team played 2 days of outstanding netball against very well trained and coached teams. I would like to congratulate each team member on their good sportsmanship and determination no matter the game outcome. The team placed 7th in the state which is huge achievement considering the talented competition and popularity of netball. I would like to specifically congratulate and farewell Abbi Church, Alex McMurdo and Katherine Russell. They have been part of the team for many years and displayed a leadership role during this competition. Well done girls.

Miss Golden

Macarthur Zone Netball Gala Day
Congratulations to all students who participated in the Macarthur Zone Netball Gala Day on Monday 14 September. The Year 10 Elderslie Sassy team came 1st in their division. All the girls had a great day.
The teams placed in the top 8 are below:

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Other Sporting News

Lawn Bowls - State Championships
Sam Dukes won a Bronze Medal in the State Championships at Figtree Bowling Club representing Zone 5.

Football
Luke Rouland has been selected in the Manly Sea Eagles Rugby League Under-14 Elite Squad and Under-15 Development Squad. He has also been placed on the 2016 Harold Matthews training squad list. Luke has been Captain of our school U14s and U15s football teams. Congratulations Luke now and on future endeavours.

Athletics/ Cross Country
Ella Wooldridge came 7th at the NSW All Schools Championship. Ella then competed in the 13yr girls 3km National Cross Country race – she came 16th in Australia and was the 3rd fastest NSW runner for her age. Ella was also selected to run in the 1500m NSW relay team which placed 2nd behind QLD. She came home with 2 National medals. Ella was also awarded Female Triathlete of the Year for the Sydney South West Academy of Sport.
Public Speaking Update 2015

Congratulations to Deni Hoxha from Year 10 for winning the Regional Final of The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award. Deni then went on to compete admirably in the State Semi Final on Friday, 11 September. Thank you to Ashleigh McMurdo for supporting Deni at the State Semi Final.

On Tuesday, 8 October, 2015 Erica Sheather and Merralisa Wintzloff from Year 9 represented Elderslie High School in the Philip Garside Public Speaking competition. Erica and Merralisa did an excellent job in all aspects of the competition, really moving the audience with their prepared speeches dedicated to equality in marriage and conspiracy theories. Erica won the competition. Well done to all!

Congratulations to all of the students from Year 7 – 11 who will compete in the Elderslie High School Public Speaking Competition on Thursday, 15 October, 2015 in the Studio from 7.00 pm. The winners will be announced in the next Parent Bulletin.

Congratulations to Georgia Cunnion and Blake Penfold from Year 8 and Hannah Trehertiary and Deni Hoxha from Year 10 on representing their fellow students at the Graduation Assembly on Thursday, 17 October, 2015. Congratulations also to Hannah and Deni on chairing the same event. Well done to all!

Debating Update

The Year 11 Debating team, consisting of Tayler Buckley, Mai O’Regan, Mara Aplin and Janaye Farrell, were defeated in the State Semi Final against Sydney Girls High School late last term. What an amazing achievement ranking in the top four schools in the State!

The Year 10 Debating team consisting of Hannah Trethewey, Lillian Ralston, Deni Hoxha and Ashleigh McMurdo won the Regional Quarter Final against Sefton High School and then the Regional Semi Final against Auburn Girls High School. They went on to compete in the Regional Final and were narrowly defeated by East Hills Boys High School. Congratulations to Hannah on her selection to the Regional Team for the Junior State Debating Championships to be held at the University of Sydney in early December. Good luck, Hannah!

The Year 8 Debating Team consisting of Serena Chowna, Tayla Churchin, Georgia Cunnion, Nancy Haggerty, Alyssa Heyward, Katherine Kenworthy, Alexandra Lees, Elleirah Moon and Morgan-Jo Reid were defeated by the Year 7 Debating team consisting of Hannah Bachner, Savannah Corcoran, Breanna Craig, Kimberley Deitz, Cassandra McMurdo and Ahlan Sklenar in Round 3. Well done to both teams on a fantastic effort and congratulations to the Year 7 Team on winning the zone. They will now compete in an Inter-Zone Debate against Canley Vale High School in coming weeks. Best of luck!

Mock Trials Update

Congratulations to the Mock Trial team on winning their Round 5 encounter against Holy Saint College, Bellambi. Unfortunately the team was defeated by Montgrove College in Round 6. By this stage they were ranked in the top 30 teams in the State. The team members are Mara Aplin, Mai O’Regan and Emily Morgan from Year 11 and Deni Hoxha, Ashleigh McMurdo, Lillian Martin, Lillian Ralston and Gillian Kowalick from Year 10. Well done to all!

CAPA Update

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

Congratulations to Rose Cole from Year 7, the female Quartet, the Vocal Ensemble and Orchestra for their wonderful performance at the Mawarra Public School Fete on Saturday, 5th September, 2015. It was lovely to see the Mawarra Public School Choir combine with our Elderslie High School Vocal Ensemble for the performance. Thank you to Ms Prigg & Ms Hissey for organising this opportunity.

The CAPA Celebration was a great success, with the Elderslie High School CAPA students coming along to celebrate the year. We hope to make this event bigger and better in 2016!

The next CAPA Evening will be Year 10 on Thursday, 22 October, 2015 from 7.00 pm in the School Hall. Please come along and support the Year 10 Music, Drama, Dance and Visual Arts classes. Tickets will be on sale
from the Student Office and are $6.00 for all. Doors open at 6.45 pm. See you there!

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

Thank you to Erica Sheather, Abby Sklenar from Year 9 and Chloe Williamson from Year 10 for performing at the Year 12 Graduation Assembly on Thursday, 17 September, 2015 as the Year 12 students exited the Hall for the final time. It was a very moving moment for the Year 12 students and the girls’ performance added to that experience.

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

Elderslie High School’s Dance Spectacular on Friday, 4 September, 2015 in the School Hall was, once again, an amazing event. Many thanks to the students and teachers from Mawarra, Cobbitty and Elderslie Public School for helping to make this event bigger and better this year. Congratulations to all of our Dancers, Year 12 hosts and the Event Management Team for making this year’s event so successful.

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

Congratulations to Brooke Murray from Year 12 who has received three nominations for CALLBACK 2015 for all three of her HSC Dance Practical works. This is a showcase of the best Dance practical works from across NSW for 2015. This is a fantastic achievement!!

Congratulations to Isabelle Robinson and Grace West from Year 10 who performed in the State Dance Festival on the 14 – 18 September, 2015 at the Seymour Centre as members of the NSW Public Schools Senior Dance Ensemble. We look forward to their performance at Schools Spectacular in late November.

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

The Elderslie High School Vocal Ensemble has once again been accepted into Schools Spectacular for 2015 through an audition process. Congratulations to the sixteen students from the group who have been selected to participate. The year’s theme is ‘This Is Our World’. It should be a fun, exciting experience for all involved. The School Spectacular dates are Friday, 27 November and Saturday, 28 November and tickets can be purchased from Ticketek.

Best of luck to Mara Aplin from Year 11 as she participates in the State Drama Festival on the 22 and 23 October at the Seymour Centre as a member of the NSW Public Schools Drama Ensemble.

Congratulations to those Year 7 & 8 Visual Arts students who took part in the Design An Ad Competition for the Campbelltown/Macarthur Advertiser. There were many excellent entries and we are hoping some of the entries will feature in the newspaper or be awarded a prize in coming weeks. Well done to all who participated and thank you to Ms Gulley and Mrs Christophers for organising this opportunity!

Some of the CAPA students will be asked to perform on behalf of the school at Light Up Camden on Saturday, 21 November, 2015. We will be performing on the Schools’ Performance Stage. Stay tuned for more details!

CAPA Faculty

A Champion Fundraiser

I have been fundraising for the past three years for the Sydney Children’s Hospital at Randwick and the Starlight Children’s Foundation. I have watched two of my friends battle cancer, and whilst they are (thankfully) in remission right now, I had to give back to Starlight for all the support they have given to my friends, Ben and Lexie.

On the 2nd August I hosted a High Tea for Starlight in our home. I had the support of the Camden community, with local businesses donating to the cause and corporate sponsors to helping out with raffles and our City2Surf Team. On the High Tea day my mum and I raised $2300 in one day for Starlight! To date, after the City2Surf we raised $6000 dollars bringing us to a total of $14 000 over the past three years for sick children.

Karni Woods, Year 9
CATCHING UP WITH OUR ALUMNI...

Jacob Nicastri - Class of 2006
Musician/Business Owner

Achievements at School:
• Awarded a Band 6 in Music for the HSC.
• Recording and releasing two albums while I was at school.
• Performing for every school assembly for my year.
• Winning the EHS Talent Quest in 2005.
• Having the longest hair in my year!

Achievements since School:
• Opening my own business in Narellan, Utopia Music.
• Touring through all of Australia.
• Travelling through Italy and Africa due to my musical connections.
• Recording and releasing various projects.
• Performing in almost every HSC Music examination with Elderslie High students.
• Owning every instrument I have ever hoped to own. 24 instruments in total.

Did you know that you can make Payments to your child’s school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?
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CHOOSE THE RIGHT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION FOR YOU – VISIT THE QILT WEBSITE
www.QILT.edu.au

The QILT website helps you compare student experience and employment outcomes data from Australian higher education institutions. Create your own shortlist to compare different study areas and institutions.

What is QILT?
Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) brings together data from surveys completed by more than a hundred thousand university students around Australia.

The surveys measure:
- overall satisfaction of current students
- overall satisfaction of recent graduates
- rates of students moving into full-time employment after graduation and
- the median salary received by recent graduates

At a glance
QILT survey participants include domestic and international undergraduate students, who are currently studying, and recent graduates. Publishing this information on a website provides easy access to valuable and transparent information about student experiences and graduate outcomes.

The easy-to-use tool, available on both desktop and mobile devices, makes it possible to compare a range of information, based on questions about the overall experience at university, the frequency of face-to-face discussions, access to computers, libraries and teaching facilities and the development of communication, problem solving and work ready skills.

There is also information about how successful previous graduates have been at finding work and their salaries.

Improving quality
Australian universities and other higher education institutions will be provided with high quality, timely data so they can potentially benchmark their performance and pursue continuous improvements in key areas such as teaching practices, learner engagement and student support.

What’s next?
Information about all non-university higher education institutions will be added to the site as it becomes available to ensure that students can get good information about a range of higher education options. An employer satisfaction survey is also being developed and will be published on the website in the future.
### PROPOSED CALENDAR – More detailed Calendar events can be found on our school website

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**P & C MEETINGS 2015**

**ALL** parents of students and interested members of the Elderslie community are invited to these meetings.

Meetings are held in the School Library starting at 7.00pm.

- 20 October  
- 17 November – Alternate venue

We look forward to seeing you at Elderslie High School.