PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Prior to the last P&C meeting the school held a supper for our 2015 scholarship recipients and their families. 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 our 2015 scholarship recipients, namely Savannah Corcoran, Jessica Selems, Ethan Brendish, Ahlana Sklenar, Jackson Furchtman, Natalie Finlay, Caitlin Williams, Marialee Truong, Anneliese Munro, Mara Aplin (absent), Rachel Lewis, and Daniel Taiba (absent).

On 16 March 2015 the school held a very successful Year 6 into Year 7 2016 information evening. The storm that hit the area at approximately 5.45pm did not deter the enthusiasm of the families who attended or the staff and students who assisted us. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and within the next month the first round of EOIs for Year 7 2016 will be concluded. In 2014 Zaidyn Melrose (then Year 8, now a Year 9 student) was successful in gaining a Highly Commended in the Years 7 & 8 category of the inaugural Australia-Japan Relations Essay Contest for NSW and NT Secondary School Students. On 16 March 2015 Zaidyn was invited to attend an award ceremony at the Japan Consulate General’s residence. Zaidyn has achieved so much in the first few years of his school career and we could not be more proud of him and his accomplishments.

The CHS Swimming Championships were held on 26-28 March 2015. All our competitors were outstanding and they were exceptional ambassadors for our school and the Region. The following students attained a place in the final of their individual event/s: Vanya Kamenjas, Aleksandria Ilic, Natasha Burke, Rhiannon Nasko, Brittany Stoker, Taylah Nasko, Karlee Franek. The following students were members of the relay teams that made CHS finals.

U/14 4x50m Girls relay: Aleksandria Ilic, Casey Middledorp, Meg Nelson, Hayley Pendergast
U/15 Girls 4x50m Relay: Caitlin Williams, Natasha Burke, Annelise Munro, Klarissa Van Der Saag

INVITATION FOR PARENTS
All parents are invited to attend a presentation on a proposal to introduce an alternate curriculum structure.

The presentation will take place in the school library at the next P&C meeting. We value parent’s opinions and feedback in regards to this proposal.

The meeting commences at 7.00pm on 5th May 2015.
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Jennifer Lawrence (DP Years 7, 9 & 11)

NAPLAN –Years 7 & 9

As many parents would know, the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy is scheduled to be held in Week 4. These tests are held Australia wide for all students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 on the same days and occur in four parts:

Tuesday 12 May – Language Conventions Test and Writing Test
Wednesday 13 May – Reading Test
Thursday 14 May – Numeracy Test

There will be a calculator as well as a non-calculator component of the numeracy test. Friday 15 May is also set down as a “catch up” day for any students who may have been absent during any of the earlier tests.

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

The following link provides information for parents about the NAPLAN program:


All parents can support their child’s readiness to complete the NAPLAN tests by ensuring they have the appropriate equipment. This includes: pens, lead pencils, eraser and calculator with functional batteries. The above website...
can also be used for parents who wish to access past NAPLAN tests as a means of familiarising students with the tests. At Elderslie High School, we have supported student readiness for NAPLAN by exposing students to such papers within the classroom.

School Development Day
The recent School Development Day held on 20 April provided our staff with an opportunity to participate in common professional learning. A morning session was held on improving the literacy proficiency of our students across all subject areas followed by a mandatory session of the development of staff Performance Development Plans in line with new DEC policy. The afternoon session saw individual faculties focus on their readiness for Board of Studies Registration with a focus on curriculum preparations. I would like to thank all our Head Teachers for their hard work on preparing for this registration process and also the Literacy and Numeracy Team who, under the leadership of Ms Dokmanovic, assisted greatly in the literacy session.

Uniform
As we commence colder terms, we would like to ask for the support of all parents in ensuring students have the complete correct school uniform including correct jumpers. Coloured cardigans and alternate jumpers do not constitute school uniform and on the odd occasions when students do wear these alternatives to school, the staff will confiscate the item for the day and offer a school jumper as a replacement. This procedure is part of the school’s uniform policy that has been ratified by our Parents & Citizens Association. It should be noted that the vast majority of our students are in immaculate uniform every day. Full school uniform goes a long way to creating an excellent impression within our local community and as Elderslie High School enjoys an outstanding reputation locally, we will always uphold systems that allow us to maintain this.

If you have any items of uniform that your child has outgrown and would like to donate these to the school for our second hand uniform pool, please arrange for these to be dropped off to the student office.

Dropping off Take Away
I regret to report that there have recently been several incidents of parents and friends dropping off take away foods to students at school. If you become aware that your child has left their lunch at home, we ask that you consider dropping it off to the Student Office so that it can then be passed onto your child. Alternatively, you could leave some money with us to pass onto your child so that they may purchase from our canteen. We are very fortunate at Elderslie High School to have a fantastic school canteen which offers a broad menu of food options at reasonable prices. Dropping off take away food is inappropriate and disruptive within the school setting and makes it hard for other students to understand the reasons to abide by school policies.

Natalie Martin (DP Years 8, 10 & 12)
Parent Teacher Nights
The Year 7, 11 and 12 Parent Teacher night was held on Thursday 23 April. The purpose of this night is to provide an opportunity for parents to meet their child’s teacher and to provide feedback to parents as to how their child is settling in and coping with the academic workload for their year group. The next parent teacher night is for Years 7-12 and will be on 22 June. Parents will be able to book interviews for their child at www.schoolinterviews.com.au.

Teachers will be available for appointments from 4pm until 8.30pm. Further instructions on how to make interview bookings are on the school website http://www.elderslie-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Bookings for the June parent teacher night will open towards the end of May. Parents will be able to discuss their child’s progress with classroom teachers based on information from the Half Yearly Report which will be issued in Week 9 this term.

Year 12
Year 12 will have their Recognition Assembly on 8 May. All parents are welcome to attend this celebration of student achievement. They will also be participating in a Career and HSC information day on 25 May. Activities on the day will include presentations from universities, private providers, the defence force, apprenticeship employers and gap year opportunities. This will provide students with an amazing opportunity to start planning for their career pathway in 2016.

NAIDOC Week
Aboriginal students will be involved in organising a NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week assembly on 18 June. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. We have a number of students who have volunteered to participate in the assembly which will help our Aboriginal students in developing their leadership skills. We will celebrate NAIDOC week in June because it usually falls within the July school holidays.

School Musical
The school musical “South Pacific” will be held in June over three nights, 25, 26 and 27 June. Our CAPA staff has been working tirelessly on rehearsals and students have been learning their lines and dance moves. Parents and students are encouraged to come along to one of these
nights as they showcase the talents and achievements of our amazing students and staff. Tickets can be purchased from the student office, or online in coming weeks.

**Family Holidays during the Term**

The Department of Education and Communities no longer approves exemptions from school for holidays during the term. If students are taking time off school for a holiday they must complete all assessments before going on unexplained leave. If the assessment is an in-class task then the student needs to communicate with the relevant faculty in order to complete an alternative task before the holiday. If the child returns to school and has missed some tasks they will be awarded zero for these tasks but they should still be completed in order to demonstrate the learning outcomes.

**Subject Selections for Year 8 and Year 10**

Year 8 will be participating in a subject selection presentation on 10 June. Students will be given a subject selection booklet informing them of elective choices for Year 9 2016. All subject selections will be online; the instructions will be in the subject selection booklet.

Year 10 students and parents will be invited to a subject selection evening on 10 June. There will be a short presentation from the Deputy Principal, followed by an opportunity to talk to teachers about various senior subjects. It is a mandatory requirement for all students to attend this important evening with their parents. More information about this will be issued to students later this term.

**Careers News**

**Term 2 Events**

Year 8 students participated in a Careers Curiosity Presentation on 27 April. It was designed to be engaging and informative to help explore industries, skills and strengths to assist in building well-rounded resumes.

Year 12 will be invited to participate in a Career Aspirations and HSC Information Day incursion on Monday 25 May, 2015. Universities, private providers, apprenticeship employers, gap year organisations and more are on offer. Two separate programs, one for ATAR achievers and the other for Non ATAR students will run concurrently all day.

One hundred Year 10 and Year 12 students will be offered the chance to attend the Macarthur Careers Expo (MACE), at Minto on the 10 June. This event covers tertiary studies providers, employers, apprenticeship groups and the Defence Forces. It is organised by the region’s Careers Advisors. Over 100 different stalls are set up and students have the chance to discuss their own interests with well-informed staff.

**JOBJUMP**

Elderslie High students and their parents have the opportunity to use a website for Careers [www.jobjump.com.au](http://www.jobjump.com.au). The website now has added over 1,200 careers all categorised, ready for you with our snappy new look. This is in addition to the 110 featured careers already on JobJump. It is super quick to find, dead easy to use and very comprehensive.

Go onto JobJump. Click on My Career on the top left hand side menu item.

Select one of the career fields in the new look career categories. Select a featured career with all of the information you have been used to now all on one screen.

Give it a go and find a new exciting career.

**General News**

The noticeboards in the Senior Study have regular updates on specific university activities.

Regular emails from employers and colleges are forwarded to the DEC email address of senior students.

Work Experience can be organised throughout the year to any approved occupation outside of assessment periods.

The Jobjump bulletins are being added to the school’s website for access by parents or ask your child to pass on the emails with the valuable information.

Get involved with your life.

*Heather Rouen and Kate Murray*

*Careers Team*

**SRC NEWS**

**World’s Greatest Shave**

World’s Greatest Shave 2015 was a great success. In total the Elderslie High School community raised over $7338. We had 8 students shave their heads (Joshua Pobjie Year 7, Timothy Haffafor Year 9, Natasha Burke Year 9, Minette Jacobs Year 9, Wilford Zhang Year 10, Marcus Brown Year 10, Alex O’Flynn Year 12, Ryan Malcolm Year 12) and one teacher, Ms Kelly. We were lucky to have three great hairdressers who volunteered their time to help us: Cheryl Pendergast, Sharon Armstrong and Sue Smart.

There were plenty of tears and laughter as the girls lost their hair, but it was all for a great cause. As well as the shavers, we had a hair chalk stall, which was a hit with everyone. It was great to see everyone get involved with multi-coloured hair, crazy hairstyles or shaving their head to raise awareness for leukaemia and blood cancers.

[Image of group of students participating in the World’s Greatest Shave]

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**Elderslie High School**

*Educating all students to achieve their personal best*
Harmony Day
We celebrated Harmony Day on Friday 20 March at Elderslie High School. Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Students wore an orange accessory and teachers wore orange or traditional cultural clothes. At lunch we had music playing at the COLA, a henna tattoo stall and handed out free ice blocks as random acts of kindness. The henna tattoo stall was very popular with many girls getting floral patterns on their hands. In total we raised $390 for our two World Vision sponsor children from Vietnam and Myanmar.

Ms Jan and the SRC team

Mock Trials Update
A group of dedicated Year 10 and 11 students is taking on the world of Mock Trials this year. The team members are Mara Aplin and Emily Morgan from Year 11 and Hannah Trethewey, Deni Hoxha, Ashleigh McMurdo, Lillian Martin, Joshua Lenard, Lillian Ralston and Gillian Kowalick from Year 10. The students have been working hard during lunchtimes and after school to perfect their knowledge of the legal system, court processes and the case they are studying. The team won their first round against Camden High School. They then went on to win their second round against St Patrick’s College, Campbelltown. Good luck team in Round 3!

Ms S. Dennis

Debating Update
The Year 12 Debating Team, consisting of Mara Aplin, Mai O’Regan, Emily Morgan, Tayler Buckley and Janaye Farrell have started training for this year’s competition and will debate Punchbowl Boys High School in the next few weeks.

Year 9 & 10 Debating will be starting their 2015 campaign in the next few weeks. So stay tuned for updates on our progress!

Public Speaking
On Monday, 27 April, 2015 Elderslie High School hosted the District Final of the Plain English Speaking Award in the School Library. Alexander O’Flynn and Stella Kowalick 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 speeches dedicated to the power of words and the middle class. Both Stella and Alex were selected to move through to the next round at The Arts Unit in late May. Thank you also to members of the Year 9 Debating team, Dylan Maclou, Anneliese Munro, Lachlan Willingham, Jasmine Cardona, Merralisa Wintzloff and Abby Sklenar for hosting the event. Well done to all! Good luck to Stella and Alex at the Regional Final in coming weeks.

Congratulations to Anneliese Munro and Dylan Maclou from Year 9 who represented Elderslie High School and the Department of Education and Communities at the RSL and Schools Remember ANZAC Commemoration at the Hyde Park War Memorial on Thursday, 23 April, 2015.

School Musical

South Pacific is coming to Elderslie High School
This year Elderslie High School will see the return of a Musical Performance. We will be presenting South Pacific. Come along and join in all of the fun as Elderslie High School sings dances and embraces an island paradise during World War II. If you enjoy musicals then you will really love South Pacific. Rehearsals are in full swing and the cast is really looking forward to the challenge of staging such a musical favourite.
Just a reminder to the cast and orchestra that they have their fourth extended rehearsal on Tuesday, 26 May, 2015 from 3.25 pm – 8.30 pm in the School Hall.

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.

We are searching for a dinghy to be the star of our show. If anyone in our school community has a dinghy without a motor that they could spare for the week of the Musical, please contact Ms Dennis ASAP.

So stay tuned for regular updates on our progress. South Pacific will be presented to the school community on the 25 June – 27 June, 2015 at the School Hall.

Gifted and Talented Program
At Elderslie High School there are many programs happening to enhance student learning in faculty areas. The Gifted and Talented Committee has 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. The Year 8, 9 & 10 students participated in a Workshop day on Thursday, 5 March, 2015. All of the students had a fantastic day! The Term 2 Workshop Day is on Tuesday, 2 June, 2015. The Gifted and Talented committee has some exciting things planned for the students on this day.

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.

Da Vinci Decathlon 2015
On 12 March, eight Year 8 students participated in the annual Da Vinci Decathlon held at Mt Annan Christian College as part of the Gifted and Talented Program. They competed against teams of eight from schools across the South West Sydney region, battling it out in a series of 10 disciplines, including English, Art, Poetry, Cartography, Creative Producers, Science, Code Breaking, Philosophy, Mathematics and General Knowledge. While it was a challenging competition, the Elderslie High School team performed exceptionally well in each discipline. The team was placed 1st in Philosophy in the year group and 3rd overall in Year 8. Congratulations to Keziah Holderness, Ivy Maglis, Nathanael Miller, Callum Gowing, Ahmad Alfani Handoyo, Alyssa Heyward and Makenzie Skinner for their achievements.

Gifted and talented students participating in the Engineering Workshop in Term 1

Gifted and Talented Team

CAPA Update
Already it is Term Two and CAPA students are working tirelessly to improve their skills, plan performance items and participate in as many experiences as they can during 2015.

The CAPA faculty wishes to thank all of the local businesses who sponsored the Talent Quest in 2015. Many thanks to The MAC, Runnymede Technologies, Sinclair’s Pharmacy, Narellan Town Centre, McDonald’s In Regional Macarthur and Coles Camden 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, Jacob Nicastris, Christie McWhirter, Hayden Clarke, Sophia Nejkov, Peter Mikhailov, Jordan Pieri, Aaron Stewart and Jamie-Lee Turner. 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 fabulous! Start preparing for next year!
The Dance-a-thon was a great success, however all sponsorship money is now overdue and should have been paid at the student Office by the end of Term 1.

Year 7, 8 and 9 Music students will be given the opportunity to attend an African Drumming workshop in the School Hall on Thursday, 28 May, 2015 from 2.15 pm – 3.25 pm. Permission note and payment is due by Monday, 18 May, 2015. There are only 150 places, so students will need to hurry and make their payment or they will miss out.

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 Bankstown Sports Club. The Dress Rehearsal is on Monday, 1 June and the Matinee and Evening Performances are on Tuesday, 2 June and Thursday, 4 June. Please refer to the permission note for more details. Permission notes and payment are due to the Student Office by Monday, 25 May, 2015. Costume Hire is also due to the Student Office by Friday, 22 May, 2015. Costumes cannot be issued until this fee is paid.

Congratulations to the Year 10 Visual Arts students, who participated in the Artucation Project on Monday, 16 March, 2015. The students worked as a team with a local artist to produce a mural to raise awareness of drug and alcohol issues amongst teenagers. The mural is now hanging near the Visual Arts classrooms, if you would like to enjoy their work.

Isabelle Ford from Year 11 Visual Arts attended a Life Drawing workshop at the National Art School, Darlinghurst for an intensive four day course in the school holidays. This course was part of the DOBELL Drawing School Program. This is to give extra tuition and experience to gifted visual artists in the Preliminary HSC course and is a valuable extension to lessons at Elderslie High School, as well as a community link to an important tertiary institution. Well done, Isabelle!

Dance Transition Program is back for 2015. Two of our partner primary schools, Mawarra and Elderslie Public Schools are very excited about participating. The second rehearsal for this program was on Monday, 16 March, 2015 and the next rehearsal is on Monday, 18 May, 2015 from 3.25 pm – 5.00 pm in the School Hall.

On Monday, 30 March, 2015 the Year 11 CAPA students presented Eyes Wide Open to an audience of parents and friends. The evening combined a Visual Arts Gallery, Music and Dance items with a Drama performance of Alana Valentine’s Eyes To The Floor. Well done, Year 11!

Congratulations to all of the performers who went to Camden Show to perform on Friday, 20 March, 2015 as part of the NAB Schools Entertainment stage. Thank goodness the sun stayed out long enough for us to perform this year! Congratulations to Rose Cole from Year 7 for winning the Best Performance in the Battle of the Schools Talent Quest.

The Junior Drama Ensemble and Year 8 Performing Arts class will be attending a performance of Storm Boy at Illawarra Performing Arts Centre on Thursday, 21 May, 2015 at 11 am. Permission note and payment are due by Monday, 18 May, 2015.

The Event Management Crew has reformed for 2015. The operation of school events 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.

CAPA Faculty

MATHEMATICS

MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The entries for the Mathematics Competition are due now. To register for the Mathematics Competition which will be held early in August, students need to pay their $6 to the student office by Thursday 5 May.

ASSESSMENTS

Students in Year 8, 9 and 10 will all be sitting their Half Yearly exams in the next few weeks. To help prepare for these assessments, students should review their end of Term 1 exam papers as the Half Yearly paper will cover the same content with the addition of one further topic currently being studied.

Year 11 will be completing their next assessment task in Week 3 and should now be doing regular study at home. This could include ensuring they are totally up to date with classwork, practising review exercises from the end of the chapter and asking teachers for additional questions to study from.
MATHLETICS
We expect students to complete at least 2x30 minute sessions of Mathletics each week as part of their homework. Teachers will be allocating set tasks for their classes to complete, as well as students being able to pick activities of their choice. Mathletics is an excellent way for students to prepare for assessments by reviewing the topic concepts and completing the test.

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.

From Term 1, we have already had 96 certificates awarded with 84 Bronze, 11 Silver and 1 Gold. Our top performing classes were:

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We are looking forward to some great interclass rivalry in Term 2. In each Parent Bulletin we will publish our top 5 performing classes for the past few weeks.

Unfortunately, we still have a few students who haven’t made their payment and we would appreciate if this could be rectified as soon as possible. Mathletics accounts for a percentage of the Semester 1 report grade and students who have not completed the Mathletics activities will not be able to be allocated any marks for that component of the informal assessment.

Mathematics Faculty

Year 12 NEWS
Half way there!
A big thank you to all the students who helped with the barbeque at Cross Country, especially our chef extraordinaires: Andrew Horne and Ryan Malcolm who cooked all day long.

Another big thank you to Ms Kelly, Ms Cavalieri, Ms Gulley, Mrs Presland, Ms Crossingham, Ms George, Ms Woo, Ms Donaldson, Mr Tan and Mr Townsend who generously gave up their time for Year 12 HSC workshops during their school holidays.

Half Yearly reports were issued on the last day of Term 1. These reports are an indicator of your child’s progress. If there are any concerns and you missed Parent-Teacher Interview night during Week 1, then please feel free to ring the subject teacher to discuss educational matters.

It is important that students have a regular study routine in place, so they can achieve their personal best. Currently there is an assessment period from Weeks 2-4 and students should be working on their various tasks and assessments.

Vaccinations will be occurring on Monday May 4 and consent forms are to be returned to Mr Townsend at school ASAP.

A Recognition Assembly will be held in the school hall on Friday 8 May during Period 4. A notice will be issued shortly. I hope many parents will be able to attend to celebrate individual student achievements.

SCHOOL DATES
Save and take note of the following important key dates for the remainder of the year.
Assessment Period No 3: Week 2 – 4, Term 2
Assessment Period No 4 : (Trial HSC Examinations): Week 1 & 2, Term 3
Optional Assessment Period No 5: Weeks 6 & 7, Term 3
Official Graduation at Civic Centre (major presentation of subject awards) in EVENING at Civic Centre on Thursday Sept 17, Week 10 Term 3.
Picnic Day (venue to be announced) on Friday Sept 18
Year 12 End of Year Function is on Wednesday 18 November in Wollongong. The letter outlining attendance criteria should have been returned to the student office by now. If this has not occurred please have your child see their Year Adviser.

HSC DATES
Every student has been provided with a copy of their BOSTES subject confirmation and should set up their “Students Online” account. Please do not lose the PIN as the school will have no record of this!

The following dates are taken from the BOSTES website:
Term 2, 2015
Wednesday, 29 April 2015
Personalised HSC written examination timetable released (via Students Online and Schools Online)
Monday, 4 May 2015
2015 HSC written examination timetable released via the BOSTES website
Term 3, 2015
Monday, 13 July 2015
Personalised HSC languages oral examination timetable released (via Students Online and Schools Online)
Term 4, 2015
Monday, 12 October 2015
HSC written examinations commence
Friday, 6 November 2015
HSC written examinations conclude no later than this date
HSC Assessment Ranks released to students via Students Online after last exam
Wednesday, 16 December 2015
HSC results released
HSC Results Inquiry Centre opens
YEARBOOK
The ‘Year Book’ is a production that reflects the final year of the 2015 graduating class of Elderslie High School. At present there are 130 students in the year group and timely collection of details is therefore vital.
Could parents assist by providing a profile picture (face and school uniform torso) of the first year of school (Kindergarten or Yr 1) in JPEG .jpg format. Please email this to jennifer.woo@det.nsw.edu.au
Half way there means we are now on the downhill run! Keep going as I see the finish line.

Jenny Woo (Yr 12 adviser)

CATCHING UP WITH OUR ALUMNI...
At Elderslie High School, we often engage our previous students as part of our “Alumni Program” as their success stories are an outstanding source of motivation to our students.
We invite our alumni to participate in Gifted and Talented workshops, school events and other programs.
This “Catching up with Our Alumni” section will feature in each Parent Bulletin throughout the year.

Nikki Raeburn - Class of 2004
Achievements at School:
HSC Results: 5x Band 6 or E4 (Ancient History 96, English Extension 2 47/50, English Extension 1 46/50, History Extension 45/50, Modern History 91)
ATAR: 97
2004 School Captain
Member of the EHS Ballroom Dance Ensemble – 2001-2004 (South Western Sydney Dance Festival)
Won Theatresports Challenge in 2003
Year 11 Drama class selected for South Western Sydney and State Drama Festival 2003
Participated in public speaking competitions and was a member of the EHS Debating Team – 2001-2003
Leadership Camp 2003
Achievements after School:
I was the first member of my family to attend university. I graduated from Sydney University in 2008 with a major in History and a double minor in English and Performance Studies. I went on to receive a Diploma of Education at Macquarie University in 2009 and have had the pleasure and the privilege to work with some amazing kids. My achievements are often bound to the students that I’ve met – developing their skills, challenging their preconceptions, encouraging open-mindedness and generating higher expectations – and their varied successes contribute to my feeling of achievement as a young teacher. As Gabriel Marcel once said, “contemplation and wisdom are highest achievements...”.

I value my independence as one of my greatest achievements. This independence affords me the opportunity to travel abroad annually – the places I’ve seen, the cultural immersions, and the ability to engage with the rich tapestry of history’s greatest achievements contribute to my identity and give me purpose. I have walked the streets of Pompeii and Herculaneum, smirked with Mona Lisa at the hordes of tourists trying to photograph her, scaled the Acropolis and stood in the shadows of the Parthenon, gazed in awe at Michelangelo’s Pieta, cruised the Danube in three different countries, reached the summit of the Eiffel Tower, survived a sleeper train in Vietnam, basked in the lights of Times Square, strolled through the rich landscapes of Ireland and I have loved all that and more.

Perhaps discovering an appreciation for the smaller moments has been my greatest achievement to date. Understanding the value of family, expressing emotions authentically, living through mum’s cancer treatment, appreciating the comfort of a great cup of coffee and reading for pleasure – these achievements often don’t rate alongside the “first in...” or the “represented Australia at...”, but they are the quieter achievements of a life that is predicated on the values of contemplation and wisdom.

TAS Faculty
Year 11 Textiles and Design
Year 11 Textiles have been busily working on a number of items. Each student designed an outfit for the “Wool for School” competition. This year students have been asked to choose a destination and create an outfit that reflects their personal style and current trends in that city. The students have also been developing their embellishment skills through a series of experiments.
The class are currently creating a Textiles Art piece which represents a landscape. The Textiles Art piece has allowed students to expand their embellishment and construction skills whilst developing their own creative styles.
The ‘Wool for School’ competition is open to all students. If you are interested in entering and would like more information you can visit www.wool4school.com, or speak to Miss Golden in the TAS faculty. Registrations close on 31 May and entries close on 16 July.

**Year 10 Food Technology**

During Term 1, Year 10 Food Technology studied a unit on Food Production and Processing. Throughout the unit students learnt about microbial growth, food preservation, food packaging and functional properties of food through a variety of theoretical-based and practical learning activities. One of the most popular recipes last term was the Bombe Alaska which included a meringue component. Antonio Marcora in 10FT5 demonstrated to his peers how to make the meringue component due to his extensive knowledge and experience in designing and making sweets and pastries.

Other students have studied the textiles-based unit, ‘Interior Design’ where they have learnt basic sewing and safety skills in the Textiles classroom. Throughout the term, students have designed and produced a personalised mobile phone cover using felt. Here are some examples of some phone covers from 7TM2 and 7TM6.

**Miss Ames**

**Year 7 Technology Mandatory**

During Term 1 Year 7 Technology Mandatory students have studied different units in the areas of Home Economics. Some students have studied the food-based unit ‘The World on a Plate’ where they have learnt basic food preparation and hygiene skills along with building some understanding of nutrition. Throughout the term, students had to design their own healthy muffin by modifying an existing recipe to improve the nutritional value and create a food package for their muffin. Here are some examples of some of the food packages and muffins from 7TM1 and 7TM4.

Other students have studied the textiles-based unit, ‘Interior Design’ where they have learnt basic sewing and safety skills in the Textiles classroom. Throughout the term, students have designed and produced a personalised mobile phone cover using felt. Here are some examples of some phone covers from 7TM2 and 7TM6.

**Miss Ames**

**AGRICULTURE**

**Agriculture News**

What an exciting end of term we had in Agriculture!

**Camden Show**

Students from Years 7 – 12 assisted with the preparation of our poultry and our display for this year’s Camden Show and it was pleasing to see the older students guiding the younger ones in such a positive manner.

As Camden Show is only a few days before we need to take our poultry into Sydney Royal, we only enter a small team in the School’s section at Camden. We were very pleased to learn that our team came first in this section.

Our Paddock to Plate Display was on Milk Production showing the stages involved in turning grass into milk. To demonstrate this, the students grew a “grass cow” which produced an endless supply of milk into a bucket. They then showed the processing steps which follow to produce the products that we buy in the supermarket. 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.
The students always look fantastic in their “Ag Shirts” and present a very positive image of the school.

EHS Agriculture students at the 2015 Camden Show

Thanks to the dedicated students who gave up many hours of their time to help with the display: Sophie Lindsay, Theveen Chinnathumby, Liam Callaghan, Teressa Cavasin, Nancy Haggerty, Hannah Jenkins, Olivia De La Mare, Hayley Spiteri, Indyana Verter, Lucy Motram, Brendan Troy. Also Jaide Gayle-Weiling spent the Friday working with Alpacas and learning about techniques in parading and training these animals.

Sydney Royal Show

On the last day of Term 1, 197 of our Agriculture students attended an 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 behaviour 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 of day old 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.

We won a large number of awards for our Pure Breeds in the School’s Classes as well as 4th Place for our Male Meat Bird Pair (out of entries from 90 schools throughout NSW) and 5th Place for our Male Meat Bird Pair Carcass. Congratulations to all of the students involved in the preparation of these birds.

Four of our Year 9 poultry enthusiasts competed with 55 other students, ranging from 13 to 18 years of age, from around the state in the Poultry Showmanship Competition. Olivia De La Mare came 2nd, Hannah Jenkins was awarded 4th place and Theveen Chinnathumby came 8th. Although Liam Callaghan was not awarded a place, he spoke outstandingly. A fantastic performance by all of these students.

Year 8 Agriculture, with a little last minute help from some Year 9 students, decorated one of our giant pumpkins, turning it into a peacock and were awarded 1st place for their efforts. Our giant pumpkin came 2nd in the High Schools Class.

Animal Nursery News

Due to the wet weather on Easter Saturday, we decided not to set up our Animal Nursery at Cobbitty Markets in April. Term 2 will be a busy one for the Nursery with Cobbitty Markets on 2 May, 6 June and 4 July as well as the Sydney University Pet Fair on Sunday, 14 June.
**Bulb Fundraising**
Thanks to all of the families and friends who supported our Bulb Fundraising Drive. There has been a bit of a delay in receiving these but we are hoping that the bulbs will arrive at school by the end of Week 2. We will get the bulbs out to the students who placed orders as soon as they arrive.

**Chickens for Sale**
The Agriculture department have some 10 week old cross-bred pullets for sale (young females). These are commercial type layers, fully vaccinated and will start laying towards the end of July. They were cared for by Year 7 so has had lots of handling and are fairly quiet. We have about 25 available and they will need to be sold before the end of May. $12.00 each.

*M. Atkinson*

**SPORT**

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Macarthur Zone Swimming Championships**
The Elderslie HS Swimming Team competed at the Zone Carnival and achieved excellent results. The OVERALL final school point score on the day was

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The following students were crowned Zone Age Champions

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**SSW REGIONAL SWIMMING**
At the Sydney Southwest Region Carnival, our swimmers really turned up the heat and showcased what we are made of. The Elderslie High swimmers blew the competitors out of the water with their speed and ability! Macarthur Zone was awarded 1st place in the point score and Elderslie High was crowned Champion School.

**Zone Point score**

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**School Point score (Top 10 Schools)**

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**SSW Secondary Age Champions – 2015**

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**Cross Country**
The annual Elderslie High School Cross Country carnival was held on the 1 April. There was a terrific turn out by students on the day with the majority of students participating in their age events. The BBQ, which was run by Mrs Woo and Year 12, was a great success with sell out quality food!

Congratulations to the below. Age Champions for 2015.

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The Zone carnival will be held on Thursday 21/5/15 (Wk5 Term2), at the Bicentennial Equestrian Park, Camden.

**Student Achievements**
Congratulations to the following students in their selection and achievements. Good luck in upcoming competitions.

**NSW CHS Lawn Bowl Championships**

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**SSW Regional Open Boys Basketball Team**

Jack Armstrong

**SSW Open Girls Hockey Team**

Sarah Creasley

**SSW Open Girls Touch Football Team**

Jessica Shephard

**U14 Girls All School Triathlon**

Ella Wooldridge - 7th overall in NSW 12-14 year olds and 3rd in CHS. Ella has been selected for Nationals as 1st Reserve.

**Elite Gymnastics State Championships**

Ella Stevenson – 2015 Level 8, State Champion on Bars and Vault, 4th on beam and 7th floor. Overall ranking of 2nd in NSW. Ella has been selected to represent NSW at the upcoming National Gymnastics Championships which will be held in Melbourne during May.

**Note to Parents/Carers:** Elderslie High School has a long tradition of students achieving sporting aptitude, either through school or outside activities. If your child achieves...
any sporting accolades of note could you please inform the PDHPE department in writing or by email so that they can be recognised and congratulated in future Parent Bulletins, and considered for sports awards at the end of the school year.

Emails can be sent to Ms Jeffries  
elderslie-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**Open Girls Knockout Cricket Team**
The Open Girls Knockout Cricket Team travelled to Bathurst on Tuesday 31 March – Wednesday 1 April to compete in the Marie Cornish Trophy. The girls were faced with tough opponents in both games, being defeated by Hay War Memorial H.S and South Grafton H.S resulting in the girls finishing 4th in the state. This was a great achievement considering the majority of the girls have never played cricket before. The students represented Elderslie High School in an excellent manner, showing great sportsmanship. Well done girls and I look forward to the new season.

*Miss Laws*

**Silver Duke of Edinburgh**
On 25 to 27 February, nine Year 10 students completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice test at Jervis Bay, NSW. On the way down the coast there was heavy rainfall which caused great concern for the group, however, we were lucky the rain held off for the three days. Students were required to set up their own campsite and prepare their own meals for the duration of the camp. Students learnt new kayaking skills including what to do when the kayak capsizes as well as some new games. After a day of skills on flat water we journeyed out to the beach where we surfed the waves on the kayaks and paddled around Jervis Bay before having the opportunity to do some snorkelling. The students who participated had a great time away learning new skills and most of all, had a lot of fun!

*Miss Ames*

**Student Volunteering Awards 2015**
Nine students have logged onto the awards and submitted hours this year. One girl in Year 10 has achieved the Black Opal level which involves more than 150 hours of volunteering, since the beginning of Year 9. Two Gold, 3 Silver and 4 Bronze awards have been achieved by students as well.

All Year 9 and 10 students can apply for the next group of awards. There are many students who could apply for these certificates, so log on through your student portal and achieve recognition for the volunteer work you complete. Any activity where you volunteer can count, Give your time to others for the act of being a good community member. If you require help, ask.

*Mrs Rouen, Miss Zammit and Mr Kafataris.  
Student Volunteer Coordinators*

**Host Families Needed**
Our School is hosting both Japanese boys and girls form Komaba Gakuen HS.

We are looking for Host Families who would like to participate in this program and are willing to accept a student as a member of their family for approx 11 days. The dates for their visit are 29 July to 9 August 2015.

- You do not need to speak Japanese
- You do not need to cook special meals
- Students do not require their own room just their own bed.

To help offset the cost of an additional family member a payment of $30 per night is given to families.

If you can help for this short time we would love to hear from you please contact Hannah on 0422 579 121 or Sue on 0417 063 530.
PROPOSED CALENDAR – More detailed Calendar events can be found on our school website

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