PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Cruising The Pacific

Term 3 at Elderslie High Schools starts on the back of a very successful school musical. The cast, crew and staff involved in this year’s musical “South Pacific” are to be congratulated. The performance was outstanding and clearly a recognition of all the hard work and dedication put in by everyone. I was honoured to be part of the audience. I have watched many of the cast and crew develop their individual talents over the past six years. In particular I would like to acknowledge the Year 12 students who have now performed in their last EHS musical – Brooke Murray, Juanita Nunn, Kathleen Molden, Matthew Murphy, Tobias Burke and Breanna Humphries.

There were many staff involved in the musical production ranging from helping with the construction of props, choreography, orchestra, vocals, coordinating back-stage crew, ticket sales, promotion, just to name a few. But there is a group of staff who are heavily involved each year and I would like to thank Ms Dennis, Ms Hissey, Ms Donaldson, Ms Prigg, Ms Grimston-Easson and Ms Christophers for their enthusiasm and willingness to support the creative and performing arts at Elderslie High School.

Welcome to EHS

We have two new staff starting this term and I would like to introduce them to our community.

Firstly, Ms Mac Mahon was successful in gaining our Careers Adviser position through the merit selection process and next Mr Mani was appointed to the English faculty replacing Ms Wilson.

I have to thank the casual staff who have assisted us in filling both these roles during first semester. Mrs Rouen who is such an asset to our school community helped us 3 days a week in the Careers role, Ms Murray helped in the Careers role for 2 days a week until part way through Term 2 and then Ms Christophers stepped in. These ladies have our utmost respect and thanks for all the work they have done in supporting our students. In the English faculty we had Ms Mulligan fill Ms Wilson’s position from May till the end of Term 2. She will be filling Mr Cutrupi’s leave for the first few weeks of Term 3.

Trial HSC

Year 12 completed their Trial HSC examinations at the end of Week 2. Some have decided on their future career direction whether that be University, TAFE, apprenticeship or employment and have been busy applying for scholarships and other opportunities that arise. If any Year 12 has not yet made a decision or are unsure I would recommend that you make an appointment with our careers adviser as soon as possible.

Education Week

I look forward to celebrating Education Week (Week 3) and hope that as many parents as possible can attend our Years 7 to 11 Recognition Assemblies. All students would have received a letter in regards to Recognition Assemblies during Week 2.

Mrs Fawcett, Principal
From the Deputy Principal
Jennifer Lawrence (DP Years 7, 9 & 11)
Year 11 is Two-Thirds Complete!
The year is certainly sailing by and it is amazing to think that this is the final term that our Year 11 students will be undertaking their Preliminary courses. In Weeks 9 and 10 of this term, Year 11 will have their yearly examinations: this is essentially six weeks away. With this in mind, it is vital that all students begin preparing for these examinations. Students should be taking on board all teacher advice given to them in their Semester 1 reports if they are to reach their potential. Summaries of class notes, interaction with class Edmodo pages and practice of suggested questions will all be of great benefit. I strongly encourage all students to utilise their teachers as their best resource so that they can honestly say that they gave these examinations their best shot!

Year 7 Class Changes
At the time of writing, a small number of class changes in Year 7 are being planned. This is the most appropriate time for such changes, having reflected on student performance following the Semester 1 reports. We realise that change can be difficult for many students and we assure our community that it is only undertaken with a great deal of care and thought. At all times, the educational outcomes for our students are foremost in our minds. Students will be notified early in Week 3 of any adjustments that will be made to class changes.

Trialling NAPLAN
Elderslie High School has been selected to participate in a NAPLAN trial. This trial is additional to the NAPLAN examinations that already have taken place this year in May. The purpose of this trial is to evaluate possible test items that are being considered for future inclusion in the annual examinations that are conducted right around Australia. One class from Year 7 and one class from Year 9 will be selected to participate in the trial which will be focused around a writing task. Selected classes will be undertaking the trial on Friday August 7. Further information will be made available to students and parents in the near future.

Thank You Ms Dokmanovic!
I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Dokmanovic who relieved in my role whilst I was on long service leave at the end of Term 2. Ms Dokmanovic did an excellent job during the fortnight that I was absent. Thanks are also extended to Mr Cutrupi who filled the role of Head Teacher English whilst Ms Dokmanovic was in my role.

Natalie Martin (DP Years 8, 10 & 12)
NAIDOC Week Assembly
On 18 June we held our annual NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee) Week assembly where we celebrated Aboriginal culture and achievements. The celebrations began with a performance in the hall by Jupuru an Indigenous performer who shared his experiences in the Australian music industry. Year 8 and Aboriginal students enjoyed this performance during period 1 in the hall. The assemblies were held and successfully led by Courtney Jones, Georgie Eggert and Tahlia Simpson during period 2 in the hall. Featured was a video outlining the key points from Kevin Rudd’s sorry speech and personal experiences of Aunty Fran Bodkin as a member of the stolen generation.

Keely Formosa and Sophia Nejkov (former student) performed a brilliant rendition of the song ‘Hallelujah’ and the assembly concluded with a short film made by our students outlining their own experiences of Aboriginal Culture. The events of the day were concluded by Mrs Gulley conducting a painting workshop in period 3 for our Aboriginal students. All in all this was a personal highlight of the week and a big thank you should be extended to all of our students who participated in the assembly and Mr Raeburn for his excellent coordination of the day.

Student Lateness
Arriving on time to school is paramount to student commitment and academic performance. It is a requirement when students arrive late to school that they have a note from their parents explaining why they are late. Students who arrive late to school without a note of explanation (or a phone call) may receive a lunch detention from the deputy principals. School life serves the purpose of training students for real life work experience and arriving to work on time is essential for a productive workplace environment.

SRC News
Biggest Morning Tea
On Friday 19 June we held the annual Biggest Morning Tea, raising money for the Cancer Council. All staff and Year 12 students were invited to pay $5 at recess for an all-you-can-eat buffet of cakes, muffins, brownies, sausage rolls, mini pizzas etc. It was a fantastic event, raising $1348. At the same time, we were also selling raffle tickets to win a cake baked by our very own Antonio Marcara of Year 10, to allow the whole school to be involved with raising
money for the Cancer Council. The cake was in the shape of a cup of tea and included the logo of the Cancer Council (pictured below). The winner of this magnificent cake was Mrs Johnson, Head Teacher TAS. She was a worthy winner as it was her faculty that provided the hot food during our morning tea.

Thank you to everyone who gave their support and congratulations to Mrs Johnson. Enjoy the cake!

From The Admin. Office
Student Update Details
Student Update Details (blue form) were mailed to all families at the end of term 2 and were due for return on 19 June 2015. As previously advised accurate information is essential for meeting the health and welfare needs of our students, particularly in situations where parents need to be contacted.

It is extremely important for this form to be completed and returned for every student, even if details have not changed. Thank you to those families who have already returned this form and we ask that all outstanding forms be returned to the Student Office as soon as possible.

Parents Online Payments (POP)
It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. This payment method will go live on Monday 27 July 2015. Log onto School site at www.elderslie-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

Items that can be paid include school general contributions, subject course costs, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called “Other” this is to cater for items not covered in the previous headings. For example “Other” can be used to make a complete or part payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $Make a payment you must enter:
- the student’s name, and
- Year group and reference number OR
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school. You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Science News
The Science faculty has been very busy in 2015, with students and staff involved in competitions, challenges and excursions.

Preliminary Biology
As part of mandatory assessment all Preliminary Biology students undertook a field study of Minnamurra Rainforest in Term 1. The students were required to study abiotic and biotic features of the rainforest including water and soil quality, along with human impact. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to be involved in a real life experience of measuring the quality of soil, water and air. The Year 11 Biology students also surveyed the local Australian flora and fauna and the interactions between them.

IntoScience
During 2015 all students in Years 7 to 10 have been given access to an interactive science web based learning application called IntoScience. This engaging computer animated program is streamlined with the new Australian curriculum and provides students with opportunities to further explore the concepts covered in the classroom. There is a variety of real world experiences for students to explore and challenges and quizzes so that they can regulate their learning. Parents are encouraged to allow students home access to supplement teaching at school. By the makers of Mathletics using the same username and password, students can log on through the internet. IntoScience can be accessed via www.intoscience.com.au

Australian Maritime Museum Visit
Earlier this year, sponsored by "IntoScience" and CSIRO, three Year 7 classes spent a day on board the HMAS
Endeavour and Vampire to learn about life at sea. Students were amazed to learn that vinegar was used to sterilise tables, a concoction of citrus water kept scurvy at bay and frayed ropes were used as serviettes and toilet paper! Sir Joseph Banks paid his way on board and pursued his interest in botanical plants of Australia. On board the warship, early telecommunications were viewed and students learnt that the first radar system was invented by an Australian female scientist and were amazed that phones had a rotary dial!

International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science examination
Forty Elderslie High School Science students recently sat the International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) Science examination. The examination assesses students’ skills in the key scientific areas of interpreting data, including observing, measuring and interpreting diagrams, tables and graphs; applying data, including inferring, predicting and concluding, and their higher order skills, including investigating, reasoning and problem solving.

Yr 10 into 11 Subject Selection Night
Many new faces in the Science Department were met and questions were answered about Chemistry, Physics and Biology. If you have any queries regarding Science subjects for Senior study, please contact the Head of Department - Mrs Rebecca Ferris.

The University of Newcastle and Rotary Science and Engineering Challenge
The University of Newcastle and Rotary Science and Engineering Challenge was held at the Camden Civic Centre during early June. Twenty three students from the Year 10 cohort participated in this day long event. Throughout the day students completed a variety of activities-they applied their problem solving and critical thinking skills to solve several science challenges. This event provided students experience in several aspects of Science and Engineering which they would not usually see in classroom. Elderslie High School students demonstrated high problem solving and teamwork skills and placed first in the Bridge Building challenge, first in the Mission to Mars challenge and overall second in the school rankings for the Macarthur region on the day.

Super Scientists in the making!
Science, Mathematics and Engineering skills at work.
Mission to Mars
The girls were busy connecting circuits and distributing power... it was electric!

Busy applying critical thinking and problems solving skills in the Stringways challenge & Hovercraft testing.

Cameron and Wilford accepted the award on behalf of Elderslie High School.

Excursion to ANSTO
On the 11th of June, Year 11 and 12 Physics and Year 12 Chemistry students went on an excursion as part of their syllabus to ANSTO (Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation) at Lucas Heights. The students learnt about medical and industrial radioisotopes and the different forms of radiation produced from unstable isotopes (alpha, beta, gamma rays). During the tour the students were shown Open Pool Australian Light Water Reactor (OPAL) which irradiates target materials to produce radioisotopes for medical and industrial applications. Neutron Transmission Doping (NTD) is used in the manufacture of electronic semiconductor devices. Some students even had a chance to handle the Geiger counter and do several other experiments. It was a very engaging and useful experience for everyone involved.

Ashwin Kumar, Physics Coordinator

Agriculture News
Term 2 finished on a positive note with many of our Year 9 Agriculture students attending our excursion to the University of Sydney Open Day. After a very motivating opening lecture from Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, students toured the Exotic Animal Vet Facility and then attended workshops on pain management in farm animals and new developments in agricultural technology.

Term 3 is always a busy one in Agriculture with a range of different activities and plenty of young animals born. Maclary, our young alpaca, is providing much entertainment with his very playful nature and should appreciate the company of our newly born lambs. We also have the addition of 2 young pigs who will stay with us throughout the term.

As well as our regular Animal Nurseries at Cobbitty Markets we will also be doing one at Carrington Fair on Saturday, 8 August and at Camden Councils Kids Fun Day in September. On 5 September we will be at Mawarra Fete – as this is a regular Cobbitty Market Day we will be running 2 nurseries on the same day so we’ll need lots of students to help. We would love to see more Year 7 students becoming involved in these activities – it’s a great way to develop expertise in working with our livestock as well as interacting with the public. Permission notes are available from the Agriculture Staffroom 2 weeks before each event.

Students have begun preparations for our display at Penrith Show and where we will be showcasing the Alpaca industry. They are also preparing some of our livestock to be shown including our “Prison Calf” donated by Emu Plains Correctional Facility. On the Sunday we will have a team compete in the Rural Olympic to test their practical skills and some students will be involved in Junior Judging of poultry.

Preparations and plantings have also begun for the Harvest Table Competition that Ms Pitkin has organised for us to enter later in the year. This will involve Agriculture students from all years as well as our Rural Youth students. We are looking forward to a very productive term.

M Atkinson
Social Science News

Out and about with Geography – Year 10 Coastal Management Fieldwork

On 29 May Year 10 Geography went to Garie Beach in the Royal National Park for our Coastal Management Field Work. Here we worked in teams using a wide range of equipment to measure the coastal conditions at Garie Beach. We also learnt about the impacts and alterations to this coastline over time and discussed possible management solutions for some of the most significant problems on our coasts today.

The excursion gave us the opportunity to observe issues such as erosion, longshore drift and dune stabilisation and to see first-hand how these processes are affecting Garie Beach. It is true that excursions have the amazing ability to bring the issues discussed in the classroom to life.

Australian Geography Competition 2015

Geography students from Elderslie High School tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2015 Australian Geography Competition. We have a number of student geographers at our school that performed to a very high level in the Competition this year actively 2 Distinctions and 7 Credits. We would particularly like to congratulate Ahmad Handoyo, Deni Hoxha, Hannah Jenkins and Mitchell Oyston who achieved the highest level of achievement, a High Distinction. Over 76,000 students from 770 schools across Australia entered the Competition, so the results give us a benchmark as to how our students are performing in certain aspects of geography. Thanks to all the students who participated. The Social Science Faculty is very proud of all your efforts!

Ms. Sakr

TAS – Home Economics

Year 7 Technology Mandatory

During Term 2 some Year 7 students studied the textiles-based unit ‘Interior Design’ where they have continued to learn basic sewing and safety skills in the Textiles classroom. Throughout the term, students continued to improve their skills and have produced a personalised ‘Felt Friend’. Here are some examples of some Felt Friends from 7TM2 and 7TM8.

Year 8 Technology Mandatory

During Semester 1, some Year 8 students studied the textiles-based unit ‘Textiles and Promotion Design’ where they built on their knowledge and skills from Year 7 Technology Mandatory to follow the design process to create a child’s game. The task involved research, sketches and problem-solving activities which students documented in a portfolio. The game was constructed in class and needed to be made predominantly out of felt. Here are some examples of the games that were created from 8TM1, 8TM4 and 8TM5.

Year 8 Enrichment Day

On Monday 1 June, 2015 selected students in Year 8 were chosen to participate in an Enrichment Day for TAS. The day involved students participating in activities in the areas of Food and Textiles Technologies to build on their knowledge and skills in this subject area. The students who participated in the food-based workshop with Ms Johnson created pizzas from scratch and Mars bar slice. Students learnt new skills in the Food Labs including folding ingredients and melting chocolate. Ms Johnson also demonstrated to the students how to make meringue, which the students thoroughly enjoyed eating.
The students who participated in the textiles-based workshop with Miss Ames and Ms Wheeler created a personalised embellished tote bag. Students learnt new skills including how to use the sewing machine, tie-dyeing and how to use Soluweb to create their own fabric. The students involved in both workshops thoroughly enjoyed the day.

**Year 9 Textiles Technology**

During Semester 1, Year 9 Textiles Technology students undertook the unit 'Sew it Seams' where they learnt how to use the sewing machine, create seams, embroidery and fabric embellishment techniques. Each student created a personalised cotton fabric drawstring bag to contain their sewing equipment and materials for future projects. Each student also documented their design process in a portfolio to complement their practical work. Here are some examples of student work from 9TEX.

**Miss Ames**

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**Sports News**

**Success at Regional and State Lawn Bowls**

The Lawn Bowls team of Brianna Smith, Sam Dukes and Josh Lord represented the school in May at the Regional Triples in Lawn Bowls at St John’s Park Bowling Club. They won their group and were one of two teams from the Sydney South West Region to represent the region at the CHS Championships held, over two days, in June at Temora Bowling Club.

The team was one of the top sixteen teams in the state competing in the championships at Temora. Brianna, Josh and Sam were undefeated in their pool during the preliminary rounds, on the first day. On the second day of competition they played off to determine the positions of the top four in the state.

They competed against Engadine in the semi-finals, defeating that team 23 – 10. In the finals Elderslie played Warilla High, after 15 very close ends Elderslie came second to Warilla with a final score of 14 – 18.

The Elderslie team came second in the state and it must be said the team that came first was the same team who won the event the previous year.

Brianna, Josh and Sam also represent the Sydney South West Region in many other forms of Lawn Bowls and have been selected to compete at Armidale in the State Lawn Bowls Championship later this term. Brianna, Josh and Sam displayed an attitude of quiet determination during the matches they played and are congratulated for the maturity they displayed throughout the competition.

The support, encouragement and commitment of time from the members of their families who accompanied them to both competitions was very much appreciated.

**Mr Morse**

**Zone Cross Country**

On the 21st May, 92 students represented Elderslie High School at the Zone Cross Country meet, held at the Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Centre. There were amazing performances by our athletes and 30 students won selection to Regional level.

The following students were awarded Macarthur Zone Age Champions for 2015:

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Elderslie High School was also awarded the Macarthur Zone Champion School.

**SSW Area Cross Country**

The SSW Regional Cross Country was held at Hurlstone Agricultural HS on Thursday the 11th of June. Elderslie High School students participated well with the following students being named age champions:

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**CHS Cross Country**

The following students will be competing at the CHS Cross Country Carnival to be held at Eastern Creek on the 17th July. Good Luck!

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EHS Athletics
The school Athletics Carnival was held on the 26 and 27 May. The Carnival was a great success with many students participating.

AGE CHAMPIONS FOR 2015

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NSW All Schools Swimming
The following students represented EHS at the NSW All Schools competition.
- Vanya Kamenjas - 1st 13yrs 50m Fly, 3rd 13yrs 50m Backstroke
- Aleksandria Ilic - 1st 14yrs 200m IM, 3rd in 12-14yrs 400m IM
- Brittany Stoker - 3rd 17-19 yrs Backstroke

The 17yrs Girls relay team consisting of Brittany Stoker, Karlee Franek, Taylah Nasko and Jamie-Lee Pendergast received Silver in the 4x 50m Relay. The relay team consisting of Aleksandria Ilic, Brittany Stoker, Karlee Franek and Taylah Nasko received Gold in the IM Relay.

NSW CHS Netball
Jamie McMurdo was selected for the 15yrs & under NSW CHS Netball team.

Open Girls Cricket
The EHS Open Girls Cricket team came 4th in the NSW CHS knockout competition.

Open Girls KO Softball Team
On the 16 - 17 June, 2015 the Girls Softball Team travelled to Newcastle to participate in the final 16 of the NSWCHSSA Girls’ Softball Knockout Competition. The girls played really well in some testing weather conditions, managing to win 2 out of 4 games with the team finishing 6th in NSW. Well done to the girls who were part of the team.

Ms Laws

Open Girls Soccer
The girls played at the Central Venue at Marconi Oval which they won 3-0 against Elizabeth Macarthur and then 6-0 against Hoxton Park finishing in the top 16 of the schools in the state. The team progressed to the next stage of the competition playing at Lake Macquarie Regional Football Facility which they unfortunately lost 5-2 to Lake Munmorah High School.

Mr Macadam

Boys and Girls Futsal
EHS sent 9 teams to participate in the Schools Regional Futsal Championships (Campbelltown). The teams all played very well and a team from each age group made it to the semi-finals. The U19’s Girls team received a wildcard entry to play at the State Futsal Championships to be played at Penrith Sports Stadium.

Mr Macadam

Open Girls Hockey
Alley Hanagan was successful in being selected for the Open Girls NSW All schools merit side.

Other Sporting News

Swimming
Congratulations to Jessica Liardo who received the Macarthur Local Sporting Champion grant. This was presented to her by the Mayor of Camden.

Jessica Liardo, Aleksandria Ilic and Natasha Burke attended the National Open Water Championships in Perth In February. In the Open Water 5km event Jessica and Aleksandria finished in the top 10. Natasha competed in the 10km event and finished 6th in her age event.

State Canoeing Championships
Congratulations to Maddison Harley who is excelling in her new chosen sport. On the 30 May, Maddison competed at the CHS State Flat water Canoeing Championships and received a Bronze Medal in the 16yrs 500m. Maddison also received a Bronze Medal in the 16yrs 500m Wild Water Slalom Gates and 4th place in the 500m Wild Water Slalom Sprints. Maddison also competed in the 16yrs team winning a silver medal. Maddison also won a Bronze medal in the 5,000m Down River Wild water Sprint.

Maddison has now been selected for the U16’s National Competition and in the NSW Canoeing Team ready to trial for the Junior Australian Team.

Gymnastics
Mitchell Dawson competed in the Australian Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne recently. He placed 3rd on

Photos taken at the School Athletics Carnival
Student Leaders: Parliament House Visit

On Wednesday 3 June, Emma Creasey and I were given the privilege of experiencing the inner workings of Sydney’s Parliament House. We were taken on a tour of this prestigious building, were able to talk and ask questions of respected politicians and even travelled to Government House situated right on Sydney Harbour. The experience was unforgettable and one I would recommend to future students aspiring to work in politics. The day began in Sydney’s Parliament House as we were given a short lecture on the inner workings and administration of the building. Following this there were presentations from multiple local politicians, including Mr Chris Patterson. In traditional parliamentarian fashion, question time was allocated, which gave us the opportunity to ask the politicians some questions. Subsequent to this, we were given a tour of the lower and upper houses of parliament, and of course enjoyed a complimentary lunch. After lunch, the short walk through the bustling streets of Sydney led us to another prestigious building, Government House. We were given a tour and even met the Governor of NSW himself, David Hurley. The day, as a whole, was an incredible experience, as both Emma and I were able to delve into the inner workings and roles of the parliament and the Governor in a unique and memorable way.

Lachlan Macdonald – Vice Captain

Debating Update

The Year 12 Debating Team, consisting of Alexander O’Flynn, Stella Kowalick and Brooke Murray, won their Round 3 Debate against Elizabeth Macarthur High School! They then went on to defeat Campbelltown Performing Arts High School in the Regional Semi Final. They won the Regional Final by defeating Fairvale High School. In the State Quarter Final they were defeated, in a controversial decision, by Inverell High School. Well done to the Year 12 team on making their fourth consecutive Regional Final and winning their second Regional Final.

Year 11 Debating Team, consisting of Mara Aplin, Mai O’Regan, Emily Morgan, Tayler Buckley and Janaye Farrell, won their Round 2 Debate against Ashcroft High School. They then went on to defeat Hurstville Agricultural High School in Round 3. They are now the Zone winners and are awaiting their Regional Semi-Final opponents.

The Year 9 Team consists of Dylan Maclou, Lachlan Willingham, Jasmine Cardona, Anneliese Munro, Merralisa Wintzloff and Abby Sklenar. The Year 10 Team consists of Hannah Trethewy, Lillian Ralston, Deni Hoxha and Ashleigh McMurdo. Congratulations on their wins over Camden High School. Good luck in their Round 2 Debates against Picton High School. So stay tuned for updates on our progress!

The Year 7 & 8 Debating Teams will be starting their 2015 campaign in the next few weeks. The practice debate and workshop was Week 1 of this term. So stay tuned for updates on our progress! Best of luck to all of our teams in the coming weeks!!

Ms S Dennis

Public Speaking

Stella Kowalick from Year 12 went on to compete in the State Semi Final of the Plain English Speaking Award. Stella competed admirably and ranked eighth in the State. Congratulations to Stella on her selection to Host the State Final on Friday, 24 July. Well done, Stella!

Congratulations to Georgia Cunnion and Blake Penfold from Year 8 on their selection as hosts for the Drama Festival Ultimo Public Schools at NIDA. Georgia and Blake were selected from many students from the Ultimo network. Well done to both of you!

Good luck to Emily McCarthy and Mara Aplin from Year 11 in this year’s Quota Club of Macarthur Student of the Year competition. Stay tuned for the results of this event.

The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award is an annual event held by The Arts Unit. The competition will be held on Thursday, 6 August, 2015 at Elderslie High School. This year Dylan Maclou from Year 9 and Deni Hoxha from Year 10 will represent Elderslie High School in the competition. Good luck to Dylan and Deni.

Ms S Dennis

Note to Parents/Carers: If your son or daughter achieves sporting accolades at a NSW or Australian level, could you please inform the PDHPE department in writing or by email so that your child can be recognised and congratulated in future Parent Bulletins, and considered for sports awards at the end of the school year.

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

Congratulations to all of the above mentioned achievers in sport. You effort in training and competing is to be applauded. Keep up the good work.
CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS

South Pacific

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the presentation of South Pacific to the school community on the 25 – 27 June, 2015 in the School Hall. The Cast, EHS Orchestra, EHS Event Management Team, VET Entertainment students, Visual Arts Team, Construction class, TAS Faculty and the CAPA Faculty worked tirelessly to present one of the most beloved musicals to date. Over 400 people viewed the three evening performances and students from Elderslie Public School and Mawarra Public School viewed the Dress Rehearsal. Lots of people who attended commented on the enthusiasm and talent of all involved and were thrilled to see so many talented performers. Many thanks to the staff and parents who either attended one of the performances or assisted with the organisation for the event. Your support was greatly appreciated by both the students and CAPA Faculty.

We would also like to thank our kind sponsors: Runnymede Technologies, Macarthur School Of Physical Culture, Millen Automotive, The MAC, Macarthur Trophies and Engraving, R. Newman and Sons, Argyle Dry Cleaning, Anshelle Beauty and Utopia Music. Thank you to all who supported our School Musical in 2015. We hope to see you back in 2016!!

CAPA Update

On Sunday, 26 July, 2015 the Dance Ensemble and Dance Company will be performing in the Sydney Eisteddfod at the Science Theatre, University of NSW. Please ensure that the permission note is returned to the box in the Studio and that everyone is organised to represent the school at this event.

On Wednesday, 29 July, 2015 the Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Dance classes, Dance Transition Ensemble, Dance Ensemble, Dance Company and the Ballroom Dance Ensemble will be participating in a Photo Day from 8.30 am – 12.15 pm. The students will need to bring all of their dance costumes to school so their photo can be taken for the Dance Calendar, 2016. Permission notes are due to the box in the Studio by Friday, 24 July, 2015.

Dance Transition Program is back for 2015. Two of our partner primary schools, Mawarra and Elderslie Public Schools are very excited about participating. The fifth rehearsal for this program was on Monday, 20 July, 2015 and the next rehearsal is on Monday, 10 August, 2015 from 3.25 pm – 5.00 pm in the School Hall.

Elderslie High School’s Dance Spectacular will be held on Friday, 4 September, 2015 in the School Hall from 7.00 pm. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Our Partner Primary Schools will be invited to see the show during Period 3 on that day and the whole school will be invited to attend during Period 4. This is an event not to miss!

Year 7, 8 and 9 Music students attended an African Drumming workshop in the School Hall on Thursday, 28 May, 2015 during period 4. The students had an amazing time experiencing the diversity of African music. The highlight was definitely watching all of the students play their own African drum in time with the guest performers. Thank you to all of the students who supported the workshop.

The Year 11 Drama students represented Elderslie High School at the Drama Festival Ultimo Public Schools on Tuesday, 21 July at NIDA. The girls had a fantastic time and presented an amazing piece about homelessness on the evening.

Congratulations to Mara Aplin from Year 11 Drama on her selection to attend the State Drama Camp, 2015 at Elanora Conference Centre. Mara had a fantastic time extending her skills and meeting other dedicated Drama students from across the state.

The Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Drama students will be given the opportunity to attend a performance and workshop in Commedia on Wednesday, 5 August, 2015 during Periods 1 and 2 in the School Hall. It is a rare opportunity to view a performance in this 15th century, Italian performance style that all Drama students study. It is an opportunity not to be missed!! Permission notes and money are due to the Student Office by Monday, 3 August, 2015.
The **HSC Dance Practical Examinations** will be held in either Week 4 or 5 of Term 3 in the School Hall. Good luck to all of the students involved.

The **HSC Drama Practical Examinations** will be held in Week 6 of this term in the Studio. Individual Projects are due on Monday, 17 August, 2015. Good luck to all of the students involved.

The **HSC Visual Arts** students are working to complete their bodies of work. All works must be completed and brought into school by Monday, 24 August, 2015. No work can be done on them after this date. Good luck to all of the students involved.

The **HSC Music Practical Examinations** are approaching. Music Practical Examinations will be held at the Camden Uniting Church, John Street Camden on one day during the two week period starting Monday, 31 August to Saturday, 12 September, 2015. Good luck to all of the students involved.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Elderslie High School Event Management Team for their hard work during Terms 1 and 2. These students give up a lot of time and put in a lot of hours behind the scenes at all of the major school events. Well done to all!!

So during 2015, come along and enjoy the performances of our talented CAPA students.

**CAPA Faculty**

**Welfare**

**ThinkUKnow Presentation for Parents**

ThinkUKnow is an internet safety initiative which aims to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. It is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia, and is now proudly supported by ninemsn and Datacom.

Elderslie High School will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on Tuesday 11 August 2015 at 6pm and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend. This presentation will cover topics such as how young people are using technology to have fun, online grooming, cyber-bullying, inappropriate content and e-security.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about how young people have fun online, how you can help them to stay in control on the net, and how to report a problem.

For more information, you can visit the ThinkUKnow Australia website at [www.thinkuknow.org.au](http://www.thinkuknow.org.au) or contact Miss A Keily on 46581110.

We look forward to seeing you all at the presentation.

**CATCHING UP WITH OUR ALUMNI...**

**Slade Howell - Class of 2001**

**Criminal Law/Barrister**

**Achievements at School:**

I finished Year 12 in 2001, with an HSC UAI result of 95.

My interests were English, Geography and Legal Studies all of which I did for the HSC.

I was the School Captain and was a member of the debating team (which was a pretty good team from memory).

I was also really interested in sport, and represented the school in a number of sports. I played tennis competitively outside of school (and continued to do so for a few years afterwards).

**Achievements since School:**

I went to university and studied Arts and Law. In Arts I studied History, Politics and Philosophy and I graduated with Honours and the University Medal in 2005. I graduated in Law with Honours a couple of years later in 2007. For the first three years I represented the university in tennis and our team came close to winning a National University Games Championship.

I went on and completed Practical Legal Training and in 2008 I was admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of NSW.

My first job was working for a Supreme Court Judge. In 2009, I worked as a corporate lawyer at a large commercial law firm in Sydney, but I resigned later that year to become a criminal lawyer. I managed to land a job with the Aboriginal Legal Service and I worked for them for a couple of years. My job involved appearing in the Local, Children’s and District Courts for Aboriginal people charged with criminal offences. In 2011, I was offered a similar job with Legal Aid NSW appearing in Court for socially and economically disadvantaged people. At Legal Aid I worked first as a criminal lawyer for children in the Children’s Court, and then as a lawyer in Legal Aid’s serious crime section.

In 2014, I undertook the bar exams, and am now a barrister. I practise in criminal law and am based at Forbes Chambers, which is a dedicated criminal barristers set on Elizabeth Street.

If I had to single out one thing about my career that I consider to be an achievement - it’s that I decided to change direction in 2009, leaving what was a potentially lucrative corporate law job, for the relative obscurity of a position with the Aboriginal Legal Service. Between 2009 – 2014, I did really satisfying work as an advocate for disadvantaged people in the criminal justice system. That decision has proved to be a life-changing one for me. I’m doing what I’m doing today because of that decision.
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.

28 July
25 August
20 October
17 November