PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Talent of the highest calibre

On Friday 12 February 2016 both Mrs Martin and I attended the evening performance of Callback at the Seymour Centre in Sydney. Callback showcases the talents of the best HSC Dance students. We were sitting in the audience as very proud staff of Elderslie High School as we viewed Brooke Murray’s HSC core performance piece that she choreographed. The piece was performed by Amelia Ryan. It was simply amazing and we know that her parents were also extremely proud.

School Attendance

In the last Parent Bulletin our Home School Liaison Officer Mr Tom Pastor informed our school community of the importance of attending school and specifically “The law in NSW states that all children between six and seventeen years of age are required to attend school regularly, it is the responsibility of the parent / carer to make sure that their children attend each day the school is open for instruction.” I would also like to highlight two more important aspects to this law. Firstly students will no longer be given exemption from school attendance for family holidays during the school term – this will be entered as unjustified leave. Secondly, following on from the first point, families should refer to the school calendar and their child’s assessment schedules to ascertain if absence from school for family holidays will result in a zero and/or N Warning letter being issued.

Museum and then it will travel around the State.

On Friday 26 February 2016 Ms Golden and I attended a presentation at the Powerhouse Museum where Sophie Lindsay was acknowledged for her Textiles and Design major work. Sophie was also interviewed prior to the presentation and exhibition. The interview showcased not only Sophie’s textiles and design talent but also her passion and outstanding communication skills. She is such a wonderful ambassador and it was an honour to be in attendance to watch her shine. The SHAPE exhibition of HSC Major Technology based projects will be featured over the next few weeks at the Powerhouse Museum and then it will travel around the State.

Upcoming Events

7 March  Year 7 Vaccinations
8 March  P&C Meeting
8 March  Support Planning
9 March  6 into 7 Information
10 March  Yr 9 Dance Excursion
9-11 March  DoE Silver Sail Test
11 March  Talent Quest
14 March  SSW Swimming Carnival
17 March  Yr11 Ancient Excursion
17 March  World’s Greatest Shave
18 March  Talent Quest
22 March  Dance Transition
24 March  Yr 7 Easter Show Excur
29 March  Extended Musical Reh 2
30-31 March  DoE Gold Kayak Test
31 March  Harmony Day
4 April  Parent Teacher 7,11,12
4 April  Yr 7 Parent Showcase
4-5 April  State Swimming
5 April  CAPA Evening
6 April  Cross Country Carnival
7 April  Yr 10 Geography Excur
8 April  Musical Rehearsal
28 April  Anzac Assemblies
28 April  Yr 12 Zoo Excursion

See back page for more details

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P&C Meeting
At the last P&C meeting the following parents were elected into office bearing roles:

President: Michael Hovey
Vice President: Gail Lees
Secretary: Heidi Speed
Treasurer: Rob Craig

On behalf of the school we would like to congratulate and thank these wonderful parents and Mrs Hovey who coordinates fundraising. I also wish to extend our thanks to Catriona Lindsay who after many years as an office bearer (treasurer) of the P&C has had to stand down. Catriona will still be attending as many P&C meetings and events as she can.

We hope to see many of our parents at our next P&C meeting to be held next Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 7.00pm in the School Library.

Study Skills Article – Following my report is an article on Goal Setting provided by Enhanced Learning Educational Services.

**M Fawcett, Principal**

**STUDY SKILLS - IT’S GOAL SETTING TIME!**

The start of the year is a great time to set yourself some academic goals along with any personal goals you might plan to achieve this year.

There are lots of great reasons to set goals:

- Setting goals gets you to think about possibilities.
- Goals give you a direction to work towards.
- Goals give you a clear picture of where you want to go.
- Goals help you to push yourself just that little bit more.
- Goals help you have a more fun and fulfilled life.
- Goals can give you motivation and focus.
- Setting goals helps you do all the things you want to do in life!
- Goals give us the motivation to do things that are difficult and challenging in order to reach a particular desired state.
- Goals help us achieve our dreams, hopes and desires.
- Goals help us look for an achievable balance between the different areas of our life.
- Goals make us feel good about ourselves and our achievements and help us to increase our self-esteem and sense of self-worth.
- Goals give us a greater feeling of control over our lives and experiences.
- Goals allow us to prioritise and create action plans.

There are different types of goals you can set based on the timeframe in which you want to achieve these goals:

- **Short-term goals:** are things you want to do today, tomorrow or within the next few weeks and sometimes months.
- **Medium-term goals:** are things you want to achieve in the next few months or sometime even within the next year.
- **Long-term goals:** are things you want to do later on in life, whether it is next year, two years’ time, ten years’ time or even longer.

You may decide to set a mix of these types of goals. To give yourself the best chance of achieving your goals, it is a good idea to make sure your goals are SMARTIES – so keep in mind these guidelines for setting effective goals:

- **Specific:** Make goals very detailed and specific. Exactly what do you want to achieve?
- **Measurable:** You want to be able to know when you have achieved your goal so make sure there is some way to measure your success.
- **Action-Oriented:** Your short-term goals should really be the action steps you need to take to achieve the medium and longer term goals.
- **Relevant & Realistic:** Goals change, so if your goal is no longer relevant, you need to change it.
- **Time-Based:** Your goals need to have a ‘to complete by’ date to give you something to aim for.
- **Interesting:** Make your goals about things that you find interesting and worthwhile.
- **Emotional:** Use powerful language to express the emotion behind the goals.
- **Success oriented:** Express your goals in a positive and success focused way.

And...

- Only use POSITIVE language in goals.
- Use PASSIONATE, enthusiastic and motivating language.
- Write your goal in the PRESENT tense.

**Review your goals** regularly to remind yourself of what you want to achieve and to stimulate your mind to think of other possibilities. Start taking specific actions that will help you achieve your goals, in particular your short-term goals. Putting together an action plan of the steps to achieve the goal and allocating timeframes for each action is a good place to start.
From the Deputy Principal
Jennifer Lawrence (DP Years 8,10 & 12)
National Disability Insurance Scheme Information Evening
As mentioned in the previous Parent Bulletin, Elderslie High School is hosting an information evening on the National Disability Insurance Scheme. This meeting will be held between 5-7pm on Tuesday, 8 March at the school. The information evening will be presented by the Department of Family and Communities and will provide valuable information for any of our families who are responsible for caring for a person with a disability. Please contact the school’s office to indicate your intention to attend. A flyer has been included in this edition of Parent Bulletin containing more information.

Assessment
In the last couple of weeks, all year groups from Years 7-11 have participated in an information session about the assessment guidelines and procedures that are relevant to their year group. At Elderslie High School, there are different procedures for students in Years 7-9 in comparison to Year 10-12. Deputy Principals explained these procedures with care to all students so that they know what to do in the event of illness or applications for extension. Students signed receipt of their assessment guidelines booklets in hard copy form. All individual subject guidelines were distributed in the classroom however by class teachers. The entire booklet is provided on the school’s website for the benefit of parents. I know a great many of our parents do like to sit down with their children at regular intervals and assist them to plan ahead so that they can organise themselves around due dates. Our assessment guidelines booklets are the perfect tool to help parents assist students to become more organised.

Year 6 into 7 Information Evening
Each year in March, we hold an Information Evening for Year 6 students who will be attending Elderslie High School or are considering attending in the following year. In 2016, we have set aside Wednesday, 9 March for this Information Evening. We will be conducting tours of the school which will depart every 10 minutes at 5.30, 5.40, 5.50 and 6.00. Following the conclusion of these tours, we will then reconvene in the hall to commence the formal proceedings with a range of guest speakers including our Year Adviser for 2017, Ms Helen Sakr. We strongly urge all parents and future students of our 2017 Year 7 cohort to attend so that we can support their successful transition. We look forward to meeting you on the night!

Family Holidays
At the start of 2015, the Department of Education changed its policy related to family travel and holidays during school terms. This is now counted as unjustified leave as it does not fit the criteria for justified absence. If there is a reason for a family needing to take a student out of school mid-term, we would encourage parents to contact either the relevant Year Adviser or Deputy Principal to determine whether there will be any impact on examination periods or assessment tasks.

Uniform Stock
Several families have reported to us that Lowes at Narellan Town Centre is low on stock of our uniform. It should be noted that junior and senior boys’ pants and shorts can be purchased from any Lowes outlet and not just Narellan Town Centre. Stock is also available in their online store. Some parents have already put in orders for winter items. Please stay tuned to our Skoolbag App for more information about any future orders that will be taken from Lowes at Narellan Town Centre.

If any family has secondhand uniform items that they would like to donate, we would also be delighted to receive these. Please ask your child to drop them off at the Student Office.

Natalie Martin (DP Years 7,9 & 11)
Year 7 participated in the Year 7 Camp on 17, 18 and 19 February at Morisset. I attended the camp on Wednesday evening and all day on Thursday. While I was there I noticed the students and staff were having a fabulous time involving themselves in a variety of activities which included the Giant Swing, Canoeing, Commando, Giant Drop, Tree Tops Adventure, Archery, Rock Climbing not to mention the most popular Mud World.

Our Year 11 prefects attended the camp on Thursday with Mr Morse. They accompanied our Year 7 students in order to build positive relationships and provide mentoring where it was required. Our prefects have undertaken mentoring training and will continue to mentor Year 7 students throughout the year.

The camp was a great opportunity for Year 7 students to get to know each other and our prefects better over the three days away from school. From my observations students were able to develop new relationships with each other and their teachers. Students had to work together in pairs or teams for many of the activities which required the utilisation and development of many interpersonal skills such as communication, empathy, support and encouragement. Whilst I was there I observed our new Year 7 students getting involved in the activities with excitement and enthusiasm. I am happy to say that we have a great group of pupils who will no doubt achieve great things whilst they are at Elderslie High School. Finally, I would like to thank the staff who attended and Mr Tan who worked tirelessly to organise such a wonderful event.

Bikes and Scooters
I was very pleased to notice that a number of students riding their bicycles to school were wearing helmets. However, I have noticed that students who ride scooters to
school have not been wearing helmets. I would like to reinforce that students who are riding bicycles and scooters to school must wear a helmet. These students must also abide by the road rules to ensure their own safety and the safety of others in our community. Mrs Lawrence and I will be speaking to our Year groups to reinforce this message throughout the year. I would like to reinforce the message that has been in our local media recently that ‘it is cool to wear helmets’ and helps to preserve life and prevent unnecessary accidents.

**Year 7, 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Night and Year 7 Showcase**

On 4 April there will be a Year 7, 11 and 12 Parent Teacher night. Bookings can be made online through the school interviews website. Information on how to book will be made available through the school website and the Skoolbag App. Bookings for Year 11 and 12 will be from 4.00pm until 8.00pm whilst booking for Year 7 will be from 5.10pm until 8.00pm. Year 7 will be participating in their Showcase from 4.00pm until 5.00pm. Showcase involves students presenting to parents the innovative learning activities they have participated in each subject. It is expected that all of Year 7 and their parents attend this event. There will be a free sausage sizzle prepared by our Year 11 Prefects and water will be available for purchase on the evening for $1.00 a bottle.

**YEAR 7 CAMP**

On Wednesday 17 February, 190 students embarked on the annual Elderslie High School Year 7 Orientation Camp at Outdoor Education, Wyee. Unlike previous years, we set out on the long 2.5 hour bus ride to the Central Coast, unaware of what the next 3 days would hold. We would soon later discover it would be a camp that we would not easily forget.

After settling in at the Bethshan Camp and Conference Centre Wyee, the site of our accommodation, we were shuttled over the to Morisset site where our camp activities were waiting for us. Students were faced with the traditional activities of the ‘Giant Swing,’ rock climbing, archery, canoeing and challenge ropes, but also had the opportunity to test their fear of heights with the ‘Super Drop’ and the ‘Leap of Faith.’

The sunny weather provided the ideal conditions for a fun-filled camp, but it was the centre’s drawcard – ‘Mud World,’ that was one of the highpoints. Students were guided through an obstacle course and immersed themselves into several pools of mud. The slimy texture and pungent aroma of the mud provided a challenge not for the faint-hearted.

Overall the Year 7 camp was an enjoyable, yet exhausting 3 days. We appreciate the support of the school prefects with Mr Morse, who provided mentoring and assistance for a couple of hours on the Thursday. A big thank you to the teachers who attended: Ms Sakr, Ms Hissey, Mrs Shortt, Ms Le, Mr Townsend, Mr Nethercott, Mr Kairouz, Mrs Hovey, Mr Mitchell and Ms Martin. These teachers volunteered their own time to supervise the Year 7 students and make the camp a huge success.

*Mr Tan, Year 7 Student Adviser*
**SCIENCE NEWS**

**Mars One Video Conference**

Elderslie High School senior physics students experienced a once in a lifetime opportunity through a video conference with Josh Richards, a Mars One candidate. He is one of the finalists who, if successful, will sacrifice life on Earth by travelling to and inhabiting Mars. Students were given the chance to ask Josh questions about how he came to join the Mars One Project, his current living area, the challenges and training he is required to undertake and any problems they might encounter when they are in space and on Mars. The participating schools were asked to make a submission to Mr Richards, to travel to Mars with him. One of our students, Amanpreet Singh, provided a detailed, compassionate and educationally informed submission. From the several entries, Mr Richards chose Amanpreet’s as the best submission.

The student perspective of the event:

“The Physics students from Year 11 and 12 had the opportunity to speak to Mr Josh Richards, through a video conference. There were a few other schools that joined and we all got to learn about the Mars One mission. Two representatives from the Mars Lab at the Powerhouse Museum were also online, who asked us questions and trivia. There was also another representative who came in to speak to us from the Powerhouse Museum and showed us some 3 billion year old meteorite from Mars.

Mr Richards showed us his living quarters, which is to replicate the environment he would soon have to live in forever. Students from each school got to submit and ask him questions about his mission, which gave us a greater insight into the life of an astronaut.

Some students from different schools and myself were also given the opportunity to pitch to Mr Richards as to why they should go to Mars with him; and he picked Elderslie’s pitch!!!

In addition to all this we also got to play Kahoot, a trivia based game with question about our solar system. All in all, it was a wonderful experience for all students and teachers who took part, and I’m sure we all learnt something new, I know I did. I wish Mr Richards and the other candidates the best of luck.”

**SOCIAL SCIENCE**

**Welcome 2016 to Social Science**

Welcome all to the 2016 Social Science year. There are many things happening this term from the Year 9 Commerce Royal Easter Show to the Year 10 Geography compulsory excursion to Gearie Beach. I’m sure these excursions will be a wonderful experience for all students. We also have the Australian Geography Competition coming up shortly. If you would like to enter and see how amazing your skills are, please come and see our faculty by the end of Week 8.

Our faculty will also be acknowledging ‘Earth Hour’ at school on 18 March 2016, so support our earth on 19 March 2016 and turn off all non-essential electrical items between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. If you would like to participate in ‘Earth Hour’ activities, please see Ms Cavaleri asap.

Also, it is that time of year again where assessment tasks are handed out. If you miss your notification, please follow up with your teacher and make sure you join edmodo for your year group to keep up to date with valuable information. For parents, the year coordinators are:

- Year 7 – Ms Belinda Claggett
- Year 8 – Ms Natalie Cavaleri
- Year 9 – Ms Ashlee Roberts
- Year 10 – Ms Helen Sakr
- Year 11 Business Studies – Ms Emily Farrar
- Year 11 Geography – Ms Helen Sakr
- Year 11 Legal Studies – Ms Natalie Cavaleri
- Year 11 Business Services – Ms Emily Farrar
- Year 12 Business Studies – Ms Helen Sakr
- Year 12 Legal Studies – Ms Ashlee Roberts
- Year 12 Retail Services – Ms Natalie Cavaleri

If you have any queries, please contact the year coordinator or Ms Cavaleri as Head Teacher of the Social Science faculty.

The teacher team in Social Science wish you all a great term 1.

*N.Cavaleri, Head Teacher Social Science*
TAS Home Economics
Whitehouse Institute of Design Fashion Drawing Workshop
During Term Four 2015, students in years 9 and 10 Textiles Technology students participated in a one-day Fashion Drawing Workshop which was presented by the Whitehouse Institute of Design. The workshop provided students with the opportunity to learn about body proportions, fashion illustration, texturing and using different mediums to present design ideas. Hannah Jenkins and Alicja Krakowska both received Highly Commended certificates for their talents displayed on the day. Jasmin Sultani presented as the most outstanding on the day and received a complementary 5-day Fashion Illustration School Holiday Workshop at the Whitehouse Institute of Design in Sydney. Here is a recount of her experience.

“I was thrilled when I won the one week scholarship at the Whitehouse Institute of Design. Thanks to my mum, every morning we’d get up early and she would drive me to the workshop and back. It was really fun attending the different workshops, learning new techniques as well as meeting students from all over NSW. The workshop composed of freehand sketching of human figures, freehand sketching of faces and illustration of garments. I also learnt how to use watercolour pencils, Copic markers and felt-tip pens for rendering. I used these new skills to manipulate my illustrations to represent fabrics such as denim or sheers. Overall, it was a really good experience (without the city traffic) and I’m excited to learn more in the area of fashion illustration and design” ~ Jasmin Sultani

Below are some samples of Jasmin’s work that she completed during the workshop.

Contributed by Miss Ames

Year 8 Technology Mandatory
Year 8’s first food practical lesson allowed our young designers to express themselves through icing, biscuits. The students were asked to creatively design and skilfully decorate 4 arrowroot biscuits. Everyone was engaged and worked extremely hard to produce an outstanding piece of work.

TAS Reminders
A general reminder to all parents who have children working in the Food Technology Labs every student must have signed allergy note (whether or not they have allergies) to participate in practical lessons. It is a WH&S regulation that all students must have leather shoes and an apron to participate in practical lessons. It would be greatly appreciated if you could help your child use their diary and pack the night before to ensure consistent participation in practical lessons.

TAS Contribution letters will soon be sent out to all families of children participating in TAS Subjects. This contribution assists the faculty to design creative and engaging lessons for all students. The contribution fees allow each student to participate in practical lessons and create amazing products to take home with them. If there are any issues paying the contribution please inform the classroom teacher in writing or contact the school about a payment plan. This will ensure your child can continue to be actively involved in all practical lessons.

Kind regards TAS FACULTY
From the Support Unit
It’s been an exciting few weeks in the Support Unit as we have recently moved into our new classrooms up the back of the school. We are all enjoying being in our new rooms and are busily trying to make them our own. The unit has split into 2 class groups with Shaun Mitchell taking one and Sarah Infanti taking the other. The students have been working hard and we would like to thank them for helping the staff with setting up the rooms and contributing to the running of the Unit. We also have to thank the rest of the students in the school for helping us with our furniture and being so welcoming to our students around the school.

Our students are really enjoying participating in a variety of activities with different teachers; they are particularly enjoying their Agriculture lessons, which they look forward to every week.

Last week, 3 of our students took part in the Year 7 camp and have come back with lots of stories to share. They had a wonderful time and have made many friends as well as some great memories.

Also, just a reminder to parents that IEP meetings are currently underway. If you haven’t booked a time to see your child’s teacher, please contact the Support Unit.

We are excited to continue our work within the unit as we have lots of great things in store for our students over the coming weeks.

Natalie Robinson (Head Teacher Support)

SPORTS NEWS
Elderslie High School Swimming Age Champions 2016

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The 2016 Elderslie High School Swimming carnival was another great success. The carnival atmosphere was again one of fun and excitement with many students competing in races and novelty events. ‘DJ ‘Wazza’ played music to entertain the students throughout the day.

Records broken on the day were:

Vanya Kamenjas in the 14 years 200m Freestyle 2:18:11, 100m Freestyle 58:66, 50m Freestyle 26:72, 100m Butterfly 1:03:56, 100m Backstroke 1:08:21, 50m Backstroke 31:17.

Brittany Stoker in the 17 years and Over- 50m Butterfly 30:94, 100m Butterfly 1:08:66.

Natasha Burke in the 16 years 50m Butterfly 31:57.

Aleksandria Illic in the 15 years 100m Butterfly 1:09:44 and 50m Butterfly 31:95.

Congratulations to these students in setting new school records in these events!

Cross Country News
The EHS Cross Country is fast approaching. It will be held on Wednesday 6 April (WK 11) at the Bicentennial Equestrian Park in Camden. This is an excellent track for leading into the Zone Carnival. All students are expected to attend the event as part of their Fitness unit they complete during Term 1.

Other Sporting News
Sydney South West Open Girls Softball Team- Congratulations to Emily Fickel and Gabrielle Plain for their selection into the SSW Open Girls Softball team.

CHS Cricket- Congratulations to Hannah Trethewy for being selected for the Open Girls CHS 1st cricket side. The side will be playing at Raby on the 14-16 of March.

Inline Speed Skating- Jaide Gayle-Weiling recently competed at the National Championships for Inline Speed Skating. She won an amazing 8 Medals for both indoor & outdoor skating in the Under 17 Girls. (3 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze Medals). Jaide was also selected in the AUSTRALIAN TEAM and is heading to New Zealand in March for the Oceania Championships.

Touch Rugby- Clare Armstrong gained selection in the NSW Open Women’s Touch Rugby Team.

Triathlon- Ella Wooldridge competed in the National Junior Triathlon Series in the 13-15yr age group and was placed 12th in Australia. She also competed in the Canberra Elite Energy Triathlon coming 1st in her age in the Enforcer Triathlon and 1st female overall. At the same Triathlon, Erin Wooldridge placed 3rd in the Enticer race.

Athletics- Ella Wooldridge competed at the NSW Country Championships in the 2k steeple race, qualifying for the National championships in Perth, placing 2nd in the U18’s. She also won the U15 3km on track and U14 1500m. Erin Wooldridge competed in the U14yr Girls 1500m at the same championships and placed 3rd.

Congratulations to all these students.
Mock Trials Update
A group of dedicated Year 10 and 11 students are taking on the world of Mock Trials this year. The team members are Deni Hoxha, Ashleigh McMurdo, Gillian Kowalick, Brianna Milburn, Alexandra Berry and Wilford Zhang from Year 11; Jasmine Cardona, Jade Gunn, Anneliese Munro, Jacob Reed, Erica Sheather, Rebecca Stiff, Dylan Thorpe, Marialee Truong, Lachlan Willingham, Karni Woods, Dylan Maclou and Merralisa Wintzloff 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. Our First Round encounter will be in early March. Good luck team!

Miss A Roberts

Footloose is coming to Elderslie High School
This year Elderslie High School will see the return of a Musical Performance. We will be presenting Footloose. Come along and join in all of the fun as Elderslie High School presents one of the most explosive movie musicals in recent history. Footloose celebrates the wisdom of listening to young people, guiding them with a warm heart and an open mind. Rehearsals are in full swing and the cast are really looking forward to the challenge of staging such a musical favourite.

Just a reminder to the cast and orchestra that they have their first extended Rehearsal on Tuesday, 15 March, 2016 from 3.25 pm – 8.30 pm in the School Hall. The first All Day Rehearsal is on Friday, 8 April, 2016 from 9.25 pm – 3.25 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.

So stay tuned for regular updates on our progress. Footloose will be presented to the school community on the 30 June – 2 July, 2016 at the School Hall.

Creative and Performing Arts Faculty

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 have been busy compiling a list of all of the opportunities for our Gifted and Talented students. This list can be obtained from the Front Office or on the school website.

The Gifted and Talented workshop program is designed to support what is already happening in classrooms and to offer students some extra opportunities. Students from Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 have been identified by staff for the program and a further fifteen students from Year 7 will join the program after the half yearly reporting period. The Year 8, 9 & 10 students will be participating in a Workshop day later in the term. With three more workshop days planned for the rest of the year.

Our talented Year 10 Science students will be participating in the Australian Brain Bee Challenge. The online quiz will be completed by our students during Brain Awareness Week. High achieving students will be given the opportunity to participate in the second phase of the program at Western University. Four of our talented Science students will also be participating in the Transition Science Program. The students will be tutoring budding scientists from our Partner Schools during sport in Weeks 3 and 8 of each term.

Eight of our talented Year 8 students will be participating in the Da Vinci Decathlon at Mount Annan Christian College later in the term. The students will participate in ten challenges on the day. Good luck to all!

We will be participating in Mind Marathon and Tournament of the Minds later in the year. Details about these events will be available very soon. Stay tuned for more exciting things happening for the Gifted and Talented students at Elderslie High School.

Gifted and Talented Team

CAPA Update
Already it is the middle of Term One and CAPA students are working tirelessly to improve their skills, plan performance items and participate in as many experiences as they can during 2016.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the CAPA Information Evening on Tuesday, 9 February, 2016 in the School Hall, we hope you gained some valuable information.

The Dance-a-thon was a great success, with the Elderslie High School students teaming up with students from Mawarra, Elderslie and Cobbitty Public Schools to dance the afternoon away under the direction of our alumni of Dance. Sponsorship money is now due to the Student Office.

The Vocal Ensemble has begun during DEAR time. All students who would like to audition for the Vocal Ensemble please see Ms Prigg or Ms Dennis. Hurry! The Vocal Ensemble fills up quickly. A Senior Vocal Ensemble will also be running during a lunch time, depending on expressions of interest.
Musicians are needed for the Orchestra for all students who are playing Brass or ANY instrument. Please see Ms Hissey or Ms Dennis if you are interested.

This year, Ms Gulley and Mrs Unwin are introducing a Visual Arts Club during Lunchtime on Monday and Friday in Art Rooms 2 and 3. The students will be experimenting with some fun art making skills and students will have individual help to work on their artworks. The club is open to all year groups.

Ms Dennis, Mrs Carusi and Ms Grimston-Eason are proud to announce the 2016 members of Dance Ensemble, Dance Transition Ensemble and Dance Company. After a week of tough auditions and decisions the following students have been selected.

Dance Ensemble: Isabella Amos, Alyssa Chew, Madelyn Haywood, Ciara McIntyre, Stella-Rose Metcalfe and Zoe Stanley from Year 7. Dakoda Alvaro, Lani Baker, Savannah Corcoran, Kayla Jancovich, Cassandra McMurdo and Jessica Selems from Year 8. These students rehearse on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 – 4.00 pm.

Dance Company: Kimberley Deitz and Montana Freeman from Year 8. Jayme Lee Bell, Lilibeth Dell, Natalie Finlay and Bethany Kickert from Year 10. Grace Brand, Ashleigh McMurdo, Gabriella Price and Isabelle Robinson from Year 11. Jordan Freeman and Emily McCarthy from Year 12. These students rehearse on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Congratulations to the students selected and to all who auditioned.

Dance Transition Program is back for 2016. Our partner primary schools are very excited about participating. The first rehearsal for this program was on Monday, 2 March, 2015 from 3.25 pm – 5.00 pm in the School Hall. The following students will be participating from Elderslie High School; Ciara McIntyre, Stella-Rose Metcalfe and Annabelle Zyla from Year 7 and Elleirah Moon from Year 9. There are still a few more places to fill in this ensemble, please see Ms Dennis or Mrs Carusi if you are interested.

The Creative and Performing Arts Polo Shirts and Singlets are now available in all sizes from the Studio. Students must pay at the student office and present their receipt to Ms Dennis or Mrs Carusi in the studio to collect their Polo Shirt/Singlet. Polo Shirts are $25.00 and Singlets are $15.00. All other CAPA Uniform will arrive in a couple of weeks.

Congratulations to all of the students who attended ENCORE, ONSTAGE and CALLBACK. You represented Elderslie High School admirably.

On Thursday, 25 February, 2016 the Year 12 Drama class presented their practice Group Performance tasks based on corruption to an audience of parents and friends. Well done, Year 12!

Year 11 CAPA Evening is coming up at the end of term 1 on Tuesday, 5 April, 2016 in the School Hall from 6.45 pm. Tickets will be on sale at the Student Office from Week 8. Please come along and support our talented Year 11 CAPA students.

Once again, Elderslie High School is offering the students in Year 7 the opportunity to participate in the Junior Drama Ensemble. This group meets on Tuesday morning from 8.00 am to 8.55 am. Classes have already started, so you need to hurry if you would still like to be involved. You just need to see Ms Dennis in the Studio for a permission note.

The Event Management Team has reformed for 2016. The operation of this venue is a very challenging task and 18 students with talent in this area have signed up to be part of this team. Their roles will include lighting set-up and operation, sound operation, front of house, stage managing and much more. If there are any students who have not signed up for this team there is still time. You just need to see Ms Dennis in the Studio ASAP.

CAPA Faculty

Talent Quest, 2016
The Elderslie High School Talent Quest is back for 2016! The Heats are now complete and our finalists have been decided. The Final of the Talent Quest is on Friday, 18 March, 2016 in the School Hall from 6.45 pm. If you are interested in attending tickets are on sale in the Student Office, $7.00 for all or at the door on the evening. The evening will also be featuring performances from some of our performing arts alumni. This is a night not to be missed!!

CAPA Faculty

STUDENT COURSE CHARGES AND RESOURCE COSTS
2016 course charges and resource costs have now been finalised, Statement of Accounts have recently been mailed home. Thank you to the families who have already made payments. Payment of the account is due by the end of Term 1, 8 April 2016. If families are having difficulty in paying the whole amount, partial payments can be made.

Payments can be made at the Student Office between 8.30am and 2.15pm. The following payment options are available, Cash, Cheque EFTPOS/Credit Card. Also for your convenience payments can be made ONLINE via the School website using the secure Make a payment link from the home page.

If there are any problems with the schedule of payments/invoices eg. Incorrect elective course, then please contact the Student Administration Office as soon as possible so that the necessary amendment/s can be made and a corrected invoice issued.
Year 7 2017
Information Evening

It is now that time of the year when Year 6 parents are making decisions about the transition to high school. Come along to our Information Evening to learn more about our outstanding educational programs and extra-curricular activities. These include:

- Academic Achievements
- Gifted and Talented Programs
- Creative and Performing Arts Opportunities
- Sports Program
- Scholarship Program
- Vocational Education
- Agricultural Programs

When: Wednesday, 9th March, 2016
Time: 5.30 pm for tours of the school
Tours are scheduled for 5.30, 5.40, 5.50 and 6.00 pm.
7.00 pm for information session
Where: School Hall, Hilder Street, Narellan

For more details phone the School Office on 4658 1110 during school hours.
# Proposed Calendar

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

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## School Holidays

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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.

- 9 February
- 8 March
- 10 May
- 7 June
- 2 August
- 30 August
- 25 October
- 22 November

We look forward to seeing you at Elderslie High School.