



ELDERSLIE HIGH SCHOOL

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MEETING OF P & C ASSOCIATION

Tuesday 4 December 2007

at 7.30 p.m. in Common Room

The Principal, Mr Esler, will give a report and will answer questions on school issues.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

End of 2007

The school's Annual Presentation Evening will be held on **Tuesday 18 December 2007** at the Camden Civic Centre. This event is a celebration of the outstanding achievements of Elderslie High School students who continue to amaze the staff with the range and depth of their achievements.

Year 10 Formal Assembly

The Final Assembly for Year 10 students will be held on **Friday 14 December 2007 at 9.30 in the school Hall**. All Year 10 students will be presented with a School Certificate.

HSC Results

The school has been informed that five of our students did exceedingly well in the 2Unit Textiles and Design Major Works. These students have had their Major Works selected for exhibition in the Textstyle Exhibition of the State's best 30 Major Works. These students - **Rebecca Andrews, Jennifer Cousemacker, Ruth Lesmana, Averil Whitfield and Kate Wardlaw** will have their work exhibited Vacluse House from 26 January to 7 March 2008. Congratulations also to their teachers, Ms L Wheeler and Mrs S Powell.

Elderslie high is quite clearly the outstanding Textile and Design school in New South Wales and has been for the past five years.

The complete HSC results are expected at the school on 19 December 2007.

Christmas Holidays

Our Christmas break begins on **Friday 21 December**. We wish to thank all parents for their support and co-operation over the past twelve months and wish all members of our school community a safe and restful Christmas break.

S J Esler, Principal

ENGLISH MATTERS

November/December 2007

All staff are busy completing assessments and reporting requirements for the junior school. Students are to be congratulated for the seriousness with which they took their exams. Please refer to your student's workbooks for a breakdown of how the Report Mark is generated.

Year 11

The Preliminary program for Year 11 has begun. Students are completing activities that will enhance their skills for senior course work.

Year 12

Students in Year 12 should be completing their first assessment task in English. Please use a variety of sources and check with your teacher as to suitability. Thank you and congratulations to the staff for their professionalism in this very busy time especially as a number have also HSC marking at Homebush.

Ms K Kell, Head Teacher, English

HISTORY

These are the subjects that the History Extension class will be studying in 2007/8.

- The Raft of Medusa - Historical representations
- Richard the Lionheart's portrayal/role in the Crusades
- 1641 Rebellion in Ireland - Ulster Plantation
- The Sharpeville Massacre
- Constructions of Gough Whitlam's dismissal from office
- Darwinism vs the Creationists debate
- Charlemagne - constructions of
- Changing interpretations of Cleopatra
- Rwandan genocide
- Salem witch trials
- Windschuttle vs Reynolds debate

M Raeburn, Head Teacher, History

LEARNING SUPPORT

Thank you to Ms D Gunn, Ms S Cutrupi and Ms S Shilling for their support to students with Special Provisions throughout the HSC and School Certificate and yearly exams. The school appreciates your efforts. We are always looking for volunteers/parents who can spare a couple of hours during exam time. It is a rewarding experience. Contact Mrs M Moore if you can help.

Elderslie has a great team of student volunteers to assist students with Special Provisions and act as mentors for new students joining the school in 2008. Twelve Year 9 students (Year 10, 2008) have been selected for the TAFE Peer Tutor Reading Course in 2008. We appreciate their community service. Farewell to Rick Francis (one of Elderslie's two Counsellors). Rick will be taking up a new post and we wish him all the best. He has been an asset to the Learning Support/Welfare teams by supporting students' applications and managing their needs. Ms J Kelly organised a Pamper/Beauty package from Julieanne Browne (an ex-student) of The Powder Room, Camden, for the Girls' Group. They all had a fun/practical morning.

Ms S Dokmanovic has co-ordinated an excellent program for Year 6/7, 2008 students in her role as Transition Officer, to enable students to make a smooth transition in 2008.

Happy holiday!

Mrs M Moore, Support Teacher Learning Assistant

Drama and Dance Update

It is almost the end of 2007 and Drama and Dance students are still working tirelessly to improve their skills, plan performance items and participate in as many experiences as they can during the year.

The twelve students selected for the Combined Dance section of **Schools Spectacular, 2007** had a fantastic time presenting four shows on the 23rd and 24th November, 2007 at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. The ABC Broadcast of the event will be in early December. Look out for the students from Elderslie High School!

A CAPA Christmas by Torchlight is on Tuesday, 11th December, 2007 in the School Hall from 7.15 pm. Tickets are on sale from the Front Office. Please come and sing-a-long to the carols, wave your glostix candle and help to spread the Christmas spirit!

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the **Elderslie High School Stage Crew** for their hard work during Terms 1, 2, 3 and 4. 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!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who assist with aspects of the performing arts, without your help the students would not achieve such excellent results or experience as many fantastic opportunities. So during 2007, come along and enjoy the performances of our talented Drama and Dance students.

Ms S Dennis
Dance / Drama Teacher

Lions Club Youth of the Year 2007

The Youth of the Year Award is an annual event organised by the Lions Club. Lucy Chapman from Year 11 competed in the Macarthur Lions Club event on Tuesday, 20th November, 2007

The students must participate in an intensive interview with a panel of judges prior to the Public speaking competition. Lucy won the Public Speaking section, and was the overall winner. Well Done, Lucy!!

Lucy will now compete in the Regional Final early in 2008. Good luck!

Ms Dennis

Presentation Evening 2008

The annual **Presentation Evening** is on Tuesday, 18th December, 2007 at Camden Civic Centre from 7.15 pm. This is shaping up to be a wonderful evening with over 200 students receiving awards for academic, cultural, and sporting achievements at Regional and State level during 2007. Students receiving awards will be given a letter during Weeks 7 and 8 that details the organisation for the evening. There will also be some dance and music performances on the evening. Please come along and celebrate the achievements of the wonderful students from Elderslie High School.

Ms S. Dennis

In the Library

The Library is getting into the Christmas spirit this year. Santa's elves have left their footprints to lead down into the Christmas cave! The gifts under our tree will be donated to Lifeline to ensure the joy abounds this Christmas.

Christmas craft is starting soon – we will be making tinsel trees! Please bring in metal coat hangers and old tinsel and decorations you no longer need. Everyone is invited and you will be surprised at how good it looks! Come to the Library to see some impressive displays.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Jennifer Mansur

Camden Community Connections

This group has a number of new groups and courses starting in 2008, including:

- Free TAFE courses such as Computers With Confidence, Women Returning to the Workforce, and Volunteering. Courses run 2-3 hours per week for 18 weeks from February to June. Call Erin on 4647 1283 if you are interested.
- Craft Group on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month starting in February at Narellan Library. \$5 per session, refreshments provided. Call Sue on 4647 1125.

Macarthur District Temporary Care

Macarthur District Temporary Family Care are seeking people from Wollondilly, Camden and Campbelltown areas who can offer a safe, stable and caring environment for children. Their services cater for families in crisis and families caring for a child with special needs. Carers often require respite support, either one weekend, one day per month, whatever your

availability may be. There is reimbursement paid for out-of-pocket expenses whilst the child is in care.

For further information please contact the Minto Office on 9603 7011 during normal business hours and ask to speak to Terese or Lesley.

Mathematics Matter

I missed two Maths Week prize-winning groups in the last Bulletin. My apologies to **Michael Jackson & Grant Withers** and **Lucy Grace** & her team who were joint winners of the Maths Song competition. To them and all winners, I believe I have finally sorted out the trophy problem, so yes you will have them before school ends for the year!

G Langford, Head Teacher, Mathematics

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8B	Golf - Schools championships at Pymble Yr 9 Enrichment Presentations at 9.30 a.m.	P & C Meeting Yr 7 Enrichment Presentations at 9.30 a.m.	Assembly Yrs 7-12 - G'day USA Speaker at Assembly. Yr 8 Enrichment Presentations at 9.30 a.m.	Bronze D of E Test Kayaking Group 2 Silver D of E Bushwalking Orientation Day for Year 7 2008 students World Vision collection	Bronze D of E Test Kayaking Group 2 CHS Blues Presentation Silver D of E Bushwalking World Vision collection
	3 December	4 December	5 December	6 December	7 December
9A		Zone Blues Presentation Yr 10 Formal, C'town Catholic Club Yr 9 CAPA Christmas Evening performance from 7.30 pm in Hall Pd 3 Matinee for feeder primary schools. Pd 1, Pd2, Pd4	Area Blues Presentation Reward Day at Jamberoo	Yrs 7,8,9 reports issued at Recognition Assembly Yr 12 Food Tech and Hospitality excursion to Sydney Fish Markets and Ready Steady Cook	Yr 10 reports at Final Assembly
	10 December	11 December	12 December	13 December	14 December
10B		Presentation Night 6.00 to 10.00 p.m. at Civic Centre	HSC results available on-line. Assembly Yrs 7-12		LAST DAY, TERM 4 2007
	17 December	18 December	19 December	20 December	21 December

