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Bulletin

12th June 2009

Coming Events:

17 June 7.00pm - Parent Meeting in Common Room

P&C meeting to follow

25&26 June Zone Athletics

22 June Year 10 Reports issued

26 June Year 11 Reports issued

9 July Bulletin in brief

10 July LAST DAY TERM 2

TERM 3

27 July School Development Day (no students)

28 July All students return to school.

Reports issued to Years 7 to 9

31 July CHS Cross Country

6 August Parent/Teacher interviews Years 7-12

13 August Year 10 to 11 (2010) Parent Evening

7pm

7 August Regional Athletics

14 August Next Bulletin

18 August P&C Meeting – 7.30pm Staff Common Room

24 August Trial HSC commences

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Mr Arrowsmith is at a Principals' Conference in Albury from 9-11 June and then he is on leave until next term. I have been given the privilege of managing the school while he is away. I feel very grateful to be given this opportunity as I enjoy working with the wonderful students here at Woonona and I know that Woonona High School has so many learning opportunities available for these students.
2. **Parent Teacher Afternoon** – Half Yearly Reports to Parents will be issued for Year 10 on 22 June and for Year 11 on 26 June. Students in Years 7-9 will receive their reports on 28 July 2009. This will be followed by a Parent/ teacher interview afternoon on 6th August 2009 for all students in Years 7-12. Students will be issued with appointment sheets along with their reports. Parents may contact the school at any time to

consult about student progress. The first contact should be with the relevant Year Adviser.

3. **School Uniform.** - Your support is appreciated in ensuring your son/daughter continues to comply with the wearing of correct school uniforms (school & PE). As the cooler weather arrives, students are reminded that the outer layer of clothing (that which is visible) is to comply with the school dress code. The school jumper is the dark school green or the spray jacket. Parents and students are asked to support this request as the dress of students does influence the perception of the school in the community. The wearing of a uniform also has economic and welfare advantages. Jo's Dressing Room at Woonona can supply full school uniform.
4. **Education Week** had many positives for the school and our first Excellence Assembly of the year presented the students' achievements in a great light. The parents, grandparents and supporters were all impressed.
5. **Work Experience** - A big thank you to Mrs Repetylo and Mrs Crump for the Organisation of Work experience in Week 8. This valuable experience helps students assess their work possibilities.
6. **Decision Time (for Yr 10 students)** – students in Year 10 will begin a process to assist students with decisions as to **a)** whether to return to school in Year 11 2010 AND if so **b)** what subjects to consider. All Year 10 students will be allocated to volunteer teacher advisers. These advisers will explain the HSC process to the students and guide them through their decision making for 2010. On Thursday 13th August parents and their son/daughter are welcome to attend an evening about Year 11 2010. This will commence at 7:00 pm in the Hall. Representatives from Wollongong University and TAFE will be in attendance to provide information about their respective institutions. Teaching staff will be in attendance from 8pm to assist with information about subjects on offer. **Please support this important evening.** The selection process will continue until all students have discussed their selections with their adviser.
7. **Year 6 students' visits** - our feeder schools sent their Year 6 students to us for "taster" lessons in TAS, Science, Language, PDHPE and Music. Again, this takes a great deal of logistical organisation and then support from the whole staff to enable us to present the Year 6 students with a worthwhile experience.
8. **Canteen**- We are still in need of helpers, if you can spare 4 hours once a month, it would be much appreciated. If you can assist us please phone Sharon or Marg at the canteen.

9. **Media Permission.** In order to recognise the successful efforts of students we require permission for names and images to be used in our school publications, including on our website. With this bulletin there is a media permission note. Please respond to the various choices on this note and it should be returned to roll teachers. This permission note also will be on the website.
10. **Bulletin on Website** - Our website is now active and it is growing in the information it supplies. Mr Mete has been instrumental in making this website active and we have many ideas for its use as we add both staff and student information. Our address is www.woononahigh.nsw.edu.au

Susan Pike

STUDENT WELFARE

Writing a Note

Have you written a note for the teacher explaining all absences? Absences must be explained promptly and will be recorded as an unjustified absence by the school after seven days. Absence explanation notes should be dated, with your child's name and class, the days and dates they were absent, the reason for the absence and be signed by the parent/caregiver. Currently we are in the process of writing half yearly reports for all students. On each report there will be a record of all explained and unexplained absences both for whole days and for partial absences. Any partial absence is recorded as a half day absence on the Department's reporting system. Please check that all absences are explained before reports are issued. Ring Mrs Pickering if you have any concerns.

Risky Business: Attention all year 9 Parents

On Tuesday, 23rd June, all year 9 students will be involved in an information day on: Cyber use/Sexting, Drugs/Alcohol, Sex and Legal Issues. We have invited personnel with expertise in these areas to discuss these adolescent issues with our students. One of our staff will also be involved at each session. As a precursor we are holding an information hour for all year 9 parents to raise awareness about adolescent issues.

Information Evening for year 9 parents:

Raising Awareness about Adolescent Issues. A must for all students

Date: Tuesday 16th June Time 6.30-7.30 Place: Staff Common Room

Guest Speaker: Senior Constable Simone Johnson, School Liaison Officer

Other staff in attendance: Mr Buswell- Year 9 Adviser, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Whittingham- School Counsellors, Mrs Corderoy -District Guidance Officer, Mrs Pickering- Head teacher Student Services

We will be sending a flyer home to each year 9 parent this week.

Homework Centre: A reminder to all parents and students

The homework centre is open each Tuesday afternoon from the end of period 5 until 4.30pm in the school library. Students can stay for any length of time up to 4.30pm. We now have a year 12 student who is helping with the tutoring. So if homework needs to be completed or if an assignment needs to be done or if you need help with any school work come along and get help. Please utilise this very valuable resource to help you when needed. Mrs Abrahams and Mrs Pickering

YEAR 9 REPORT

Thank you to Mr. Bradley who has been filling in as Year Nine Student Adviser while I have been doing Mr. Lewis's role as Head Teacher this term. I know the students enjoyed having Mr. Bradley to assist them; however I am very happy to be back doing this role of helping out all the Year Nine students.

Monitoring for this term is progressing well and students should be receiving their monitoring cards soon if not already by the time this goes to print. Again if you have not seen your child's monitoring cards and wish to know how they are going you can email me at DAVID.BUSWELL1@det.nsw.edu.au

Monitoring has been a valuable tool for assessing where students are up to and how they are coping as the year continues. It also gives me a chance to talk to some students one on one about issues they are facing and how they can resolve these.

The government technology rollout with laptop computers for all year 9 students is still on track to occur later in the year. Mr. Arrowsmith has been discussing with groups of students some of the challenges they will face with their laptops, not only in the classroom, but taking them home and maintaining them. The feedback from students on these issues has been honest and informative for the school as we all try to manage this transition.

Mr Buswell

YEAR 11 REPORT.

Year 11 students have been extremely busy these past weeks putting the "finishing touches" to their study plans to ensure that they were prepared for their Half Yearly Examinations which concluded last Friday. I'm sure that students were well prepared for their examinations and took the opportunity to avail themselves of the considerable experience and expertise of their teachers and practice exams in the lead up to their Half Yearly.

I'm sure that students are eagerly awaiting the return of their examination papers and results to see where they may improve ready for the next round of assessments. One outcome that you can be sure of, is that there will really be no surprises and that if you were well prepared the sound results will follow. Teachers are busy

marking papers and preparing Half Yearly Reports. Please ensure that you help yourself by being at school, being in class and working to the best of your ability.

Mrs Harris

SRC Report

Most important event coming up is:

A School Disco – Super Heroes and Villians

When - Wednesday July 1st

Where – The School Hall

Starting - 7.00 pm.

The theme is to be Super Heroes and Villians, so come in fancy dress, and show us your stuff. There will be prizes for the best dressed and most original dresser.

Fun Run / Cross Country – The prizes have arrived. They will be presented at the next Tuesday assembly.

Jump Rope For Heart – It rained on May 27th -Jump Off Day, but we managed to still have fun and all the iceblocks were eaten with gusto by the Jumpers. What happens now? The SRC asks for sponsorship forms and money raised to be handed into the front office, so we can quickly send away for the prizes. Please note that all sponsorship forms must be given back even if you didn't raise any money. So hunt them out and hand them to Mrs Peetz in the Maths Staffroom or to the front office.

CAREERS

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

All year 10 students will be attending Work Experience from Mon. 15th June for one week. All students have been requested to contact their employers to let them know that they will be starting next week. While on Work Experience students are to fill out a Log Book. We wish them all a rewarding week.

JULIUS MEDIA

Julius Media in Sydney offer courses in Music and Events Management plus Entertainment Technical Production. Scholarships for 2010 are also on offer. Visit their website for more information:

www.juliusmedia.com

AUSTRALIAN INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

AICM are holding an Open Day on Sat 20th June from 10am-2pm at 114 Victoria Rd, Rozelle. To register your attendance call 9637 0777 or email Katrina.quintal@aicm.edu.au

For more information, visit www.aicm.edu.au

NURSING EXPO

The Royal College of Nursing Australia will hold an Expo on Sun. 28th June from 10am-3pm at the AJC Convention Centre, Randwick. This is a must visit for

anyone considering Nursing as a career. For more information visit www.rcna.org.au

YEAR 11 STUDENTS

HONEYWELL ENGINEERING SUMMER

SCHOOL Honeywell will once again offer their Summer School to current Year 11 students interested in studying engineering at university in 2011.

Honeywell Summer School will run from Sun 6th to Fri 11th December. Cost is \$595. Applicants will be selected on first in basis. Students can call into the Careers Office for an application form or visit their website: www.engineersaustralia.org.au/sydney

YEAR 12 STUDENTS

TRAINEESHIPS WITH DELOITTE

Year 12 students intending to study Commerce, Business or Accounting degrees are invited to apply for a Traineeship with Deloitte. Applications open in May and close Sunday 5th July. An Information evening is being held on June 17 from 5.30 - 7.30pm at Level 9, Grosvenor Place, 225 George Street, Sydney. RSVP essential to Elise Ianno on 9322 5405 or email: eianno@deloitte.com.au

For more information, visit

www.graduate.deloitte.com.au

GAP YEAR CULTURAL CARE AU PAIR

This is a great opportunity for Year 12s next year to work as a child carer in USA. Students can live with an American family and care for their children. Interested students can call into the Careers Office for more details or visit www.culturalcare.com.au

Mrs Repetylo / Mrs Crump

Careers Advisers.

SPORT

Area Cross Country

This is to be held at Nowra on 15th June.

Congratulations to all the students that were selected for the Northern Zone Team.

Good luck in Nowra.

Grade Sport: Grade sport has had a very slow start with the weather and our school byes. Hopefully the weather will improve and we can start playing against the teams in our zone.

Girls Basketball Team.

Congratulations to our open girls Basketball team on their great win against Casino High School. The girls had a very busy 2 days with flights to Ballina, mini bus to Casino, playing the game and then back to the airport to fly home. At present this talented team is in Terrigal playing the best 8 teams in NSW. After a win at Terrigal the team is now in the first four teams in the state. Well done girls. A very big thankyou to Leisa & David Miles for the wonderful organisation and coaching and to Mrs Smith (Social Science Staff) for taking the girls, as I was unavailable. Thanks also to the other parents who travelled to Casino.

Open Girls Touch Team.

Last week our Open Girls Touch Team travelled to Frogs Hollow at Milton Ulladulla to compete in the Southern Area competition. These girls won the Northern Zone competition and were very competitive at Ulladulla. The team played 2 games and won against Kiama. Thanks to Mrs Simpson, Ms Thomas and Mrs Williams for their support on the day. Thanks also to Mr McDermott (PE Staff) for coaching and managing the day.

School Athletics Carnival.

Our school athletics carnival was held on Thursday 11th June. The carnival was held on the school oval and surrounding fields. Students and staff enjoyed this day of sport and participation.

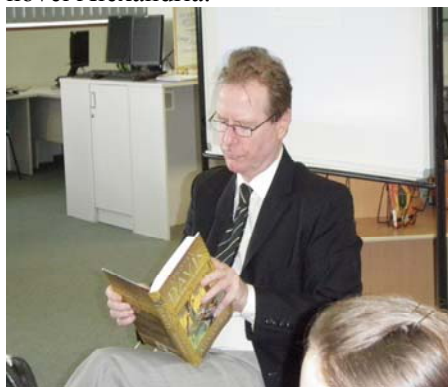
Mrs Sim

Sports Organiser.

LIBRARY

LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The second meeting of the Library Book Club was held on the 22nd May. The Principal, a keen reader was guest speaker and shared with the students his thoughts on one of his favourite authors Lindsay Davis and her novel Alexandria.



If your child enjoys reading encourage them to join the Book Club. It is a great way to meet fellow readers and expand their knowledge of enjoyable fiction.

NEW LIBRARY “ONLINE” BOOK CLUB

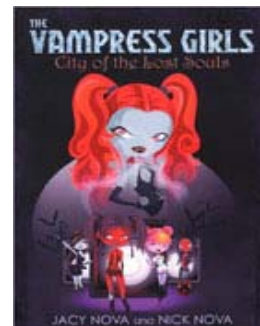
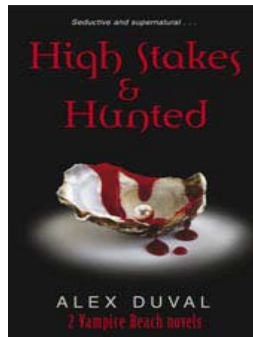
The Library now has an online Book Club for students to share their love of books. Students can tell us what they are reading, post book reviews and participate in online discussions. The Book Club can be accessed in two ways.

1. From home through the website <http://whlibbookclub.wikispaces.com>
2. Or at school through the student’s Intranet page.

Note first time users will be asked to join online and then Usernames and Passwords will be issued.

NEW BOOKS

Students have you finished reading the Twilight series and want more? Come and view our selection of new vampire romance books and vampire graphic novels. We have the Vampire Beach series, The Vampress Girls, House of the Night and much more.



HSC RESOURCES

A number of new HSC and Preliminary resources have been added to our Senior Study collection recently. They include trial papers, hard copy HSC exams and sample student answers.

ADVERTISEMENTS

1. Northern Illawarra AECG

The Northern Illawarra AECG welcomes all Aboriginal and non Aboriginal people to their meetings. Details for the next meeting:

Date: Wednesday 17th June

Time: 3.45pm

Venue: Keira High School

2. Trainee Childcare Position

There is a position available at Pioneer Road Long Day Care Centre at 20 Pioneer Road Bellambi.

The position starts at the end of August.

For more information, contact Sarah Coden on 0419 487 477.