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### School Evaluation

In September of this year the school embarked on a whole school evaluation which focused upon teaching and learning, assessment, technology, welfare and school culture. The evaluation involved online surveys for all staff, students and parents, focus group interviews of students in each year group and parents and individual interviews of randomly selected staff and parents. The information collected from each source is currently being collated and will be issued in a report later this term. The report will highlight strengths and areas for further consideration which will inform our strategic planning for 2014 and beyond. The purpose of this evaluation is to ensure that our students continue to receive the highest quality teaching and learning experiences possible.

Thank you to the many parents who completed the online survey as part of this evaluation, your feedback and comments are greatly appreciated.

### Digital Education 2014

The Digital Education initiative of the previous federal government as you are aware ends this year. In conversations with parents, staff and students it is apparent that overwhelmingly the laptop program in schools should continue. It is also clear that neither the federal nor state government will fund the distribution of laptop devices to students in Year 9, 2014.

Therefore, school personnel are currently in the process of determining the specifications of appropriate devices and negotiating with local suppliers the cost and availability of laptop devices that students can purchase for use at school in 2014.

This information will be communicated to students and parents as it becomes available to us.

### Riding to School Safely

In previous newsletters I have raised my concerns about students riding to school without appropriate safety head gear. Unfortunately, some students persist in riding to school without helmets. In future students who are seen to be riding without appropriate safety helmets will have their bikes confiscated. The confiscated bikes can then be collected by parents or by students when they have the appropriate head gear.

### Elective Fees 2014

As communicated previously the collection of elective fees

2014 has commenced. All students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been informed of their successful elective selections for 2014. Students have also been informed that to secure a place in their desired elective, a minimum of 50% of the elective fee must be paid prior to the commencement of the course. As always financial assistance is available on application.

Students who do not pay the associated elective fee will be given the choice of selecting an alternative elective that does not attract a fee.

### HIGHLIGHTS THIS ISSUE



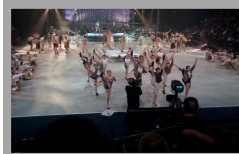
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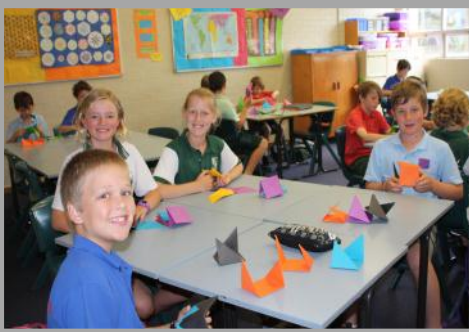
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## YEAR 5 SAMPLE LESSON DAY



Last Monday students in Year 5 from our local Community of Schools came to Woonona High School to experience a day as a Year 7 student. The Year 5 students attended sample classes in Food Technology, English, Mathematics, Science and Technology. The day was topped off with a sausage sizzle for lunch.

The day forms part of Woonona High School's extensive transition program for students from primary to secondary school. It gives students a chance to familiarise themselves with the school and staff and to meet fellow students. A big thankyou to Miss Amy Packer and all the teachers involved in making the day valuable and enjoyable for all students.



As can be seen from the photo, students in the Technology sample lessons enjoyed making colourful acrylic necklaces

In the Mathematics classes the Year 5 students created colourful cubes out of six parallelogram puzzle pieces in a shape / language exercise.



In Science, the students enjoyed an experiment called "The Amazing Elephant". Food colouring, Peroxide, detergent and Potassium Iodide were mixed together with amazing results.

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On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October Year 11 students were fortunate enough to attend RYDA at the Albion Park Sport and Recreation Centre. Upon our arrival we were joined by a small group of Corrimal High students. Throughout the day the volunteers took us around in small groups to activities that explored the dangers of driving. The activities included a stopping distance exercise that demonstrated braking in a dangerous situations and how speeding can affect the time it takes for the car to come to a halt. We talked about driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol and we were also talked to by a Police Officer, and a lady living with a brain injury.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for the time and effort they put into RYDA. It was such a valuable experience and we feel very lucky to have participated in it. All of the students who attended definitely took the information to heart and as a result will become better and safer drivers.

Ms Sharp (Year 11 Year Adviser)



#### TO PARENTS OF YEAR 6 STUDENTS WHO WILL ATTEND YEAR 7 AT WOONONA HIGH SCHOOL IN 2014:

Did you know that Woonona High School has its own uniform shop to supply students with the current Year 7 uniform?

Also, we are arranging a morning to do fittings for your children at **Russell Vale Public School Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> of November at 8.30 am, Woonona East Public School on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30am and Woonona Public School on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30am**. This will give you the opportunity to fit your child in the correct sizes and also the opportunity to order and pay (**cheque or cash**) for your child's uniforms. The orders will be ready to be collected at the Year 7 Orientation Day on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

**Eftpos is also available by phoning the Woonona High School Office on 42841513.**

Alternatively you can get your child to try on sizes and take an order form home to pay at a later date as you will know what sizes your child will need.

However, if this date is inconvenient for you please note that the Uniform Shop at Woonona High School is open every **Thursday morning from 8am till 9.30am** and our friendly volunteers will ensure your child is fitted out in the correct uniform.

Please note that Crystal Bears (Corrimal) are not our supplier therefore we are unable to exchange or refund on items bought from them.

Thank you Renae, Jackie & Trish



## YEAR 9 VISUAL ART

Year 9 Visual Arts have been learning the art of sculpting with hebel bricks and various carving tools. Their designs are inspired by Oceanic Art and were able to base their sculptures on animals, human or abstract shapes. As an unknown artist said " There is an artwork trapped in every block of stone. It is up to an artist to set it free".



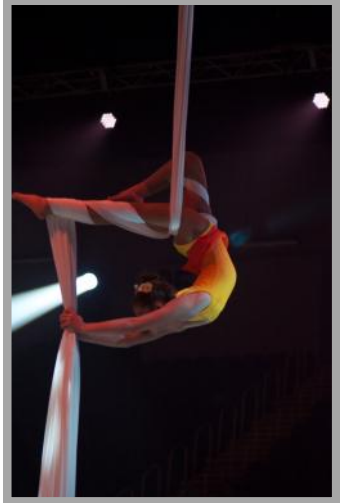
As can be seen from the photos the results of this exercise were outstanding. I'm sure all parents would be very happy to display these sculptures in their homes and gardens.



## SOUTHERN STARS

The official photos of Southern Stars 2013 have now been released.

They are fantastic photos of our students and other cast members and we would like to share them with you.



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## AT ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

This week at assembly, two of our winter sporting groups were recognised for their fantastic efforts during the season. Both groups were undefeated throughout the season and won their respective grand finals.



The boys Frisbee team lead by Mrs Neukam (our PDHPE exchange teacher here from Germany for the year) were undefeated throughout the winter competition. They defeated Corrimal High School in the grand final 25—2. The team members were Rhys Phillips, Tyrrell Hillier, Reece Matheson, Trent Cooksley, Kyle Stewart-Hubbard, Mackenzie Nash and Ryan Taylor.

Frisbee is a relatively new zone winter sport being played against Northern suburbs schools on a Wednesday afternoon. It has only been offered as a sport for the last two years and in this time Woonona High School as won the competition and been undefeated both years.



Mr Witcher and the Junior Boys Soccer team are pictured here at assembly. The boys were undefeated throughout the winter season and won the grand final against Keira High School 2-0. The team members were: Sam Rogers, Liam Harris, Lachlan Jones, Gerome Waters, Kurt Decker, Cody Bain, William Gilmore, Luke Geloven, Luke Boshario, Sam Ridgway, Cameron Logan, Steve Bailey, Alexei Rosser and Lochlan Weir.

## SRC REPORT

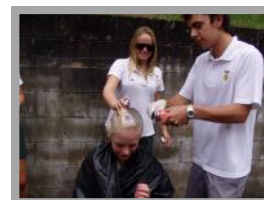
Woonona High School is embarking on numerous activities this term. The SRC have begun collecting money from students to support the bushfires that are currently taking place. As this is a recent issue the SRC wanted to raise money promptly to actively help all the people that have suffered through the fires. After two collections, we managed to raise an impressive \$245 which will be matched by Woolworths.



The next upcoming event is “Jeans for Genes Day” which will be held Friday the 8th of November. Last year Gloria Jeans was a major sponsor of the day and we are currently working on getting Gloria Jeans to once again donate cups, straws, flavoured powders, etc. so we are able to sell drinks at the canteen. Students on the day are permitted to wear jeans however, anything other than that will not be accepted. Not only are pupils getting behind this worthy cause but we also have three students volunteering to shave their heads for “Shave for A Cure”.



We are in the process of deciding on a date for this but it will arise sometime in November. Last year we had two students that undertook the courageous act to shave their head and it is pleasing to see this year the number has grown.



In addition to all these charities, we wanted to continue with the Christmas drive that we were a part of last year. Toys 'n' Tucker is focused on providing families with food and gifts for Christmas. Just a small donation from everyone within our school will help countless families who are in need experience the Christmas spirit.

Report by Emily Turcato

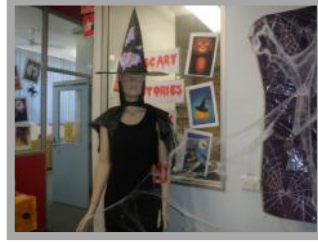




LIBRARY



## SCARY STORIES WEEK



This week students were tangled in spider webs and spooked by bats and witches, each time they entered the library, as we celebrated Scary Stories week. A display of our most blood curdling books was also on hand to entice our readers.

We also held several competitions using technology, called QR codes. Students were allowed to use their mobile phones in the library to engage in a book hunt. They simply had to scan the QR codes below to locate several horror stories.



## BOOK CLUB



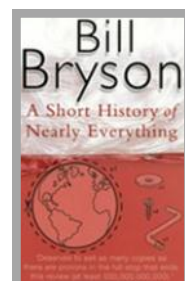
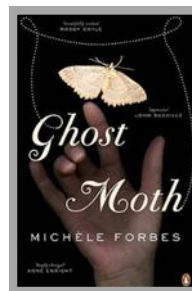
This week our guest speaker was Relieving Deputy Mr Brophy who spoke about J K Rowling's new book *The Casual Vacancy*. This book is very different from her previously novels which concentrated on the fantasy genre. *The Casual Vacancy* is a novel about a small town. When Barry Fairbrother dies in his early forties, the town of Pagford is left in shock. Pagford is, seemingly, an English idyll, with a cobbled market square and an ancient abbey, but what lies behind the pretty façade is a town at war. Pagford is not what it first seems. And the empty seat left by Barry on the parish council soon becomes the catalyst for the biggest war the town has yet seen.



This fortnight I spoke about local author, Anh Do's new book, *Weir Do*. Anh Do author of the award winning book *The Happiest Refugee* has written a fabulously funny book about a boy whose first name is Weir, and of course, his last name is Do. The book explores the funny adventures Weir-do has when he starts a new school. A hilarious book and well worth a read!

## NEW BOOKS

We have purchased a lot of new books in the library recently. Some of these include:

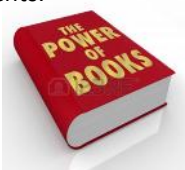


## READING

### Benefits of reading for pleasure

A recent study by the Department of Education in the UK has found the following benefits of children reading for pleasure.

- Regularly reading stories outside school is associated with higher scores in reading assessments.
- There is a positive link between positive attitudes toward reading and scoring well on reading assessments.
- Reading and enjoyment has been reported as more important for children's educational success than their family's socio-economic status.



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## Looking for something to entice your teenager to read?

### The hottest books at the moment for:

Junior Teenage Girl:

The Divergent series by Veronica Roth

Senior Teenage Girl:

Looking for Alaska by John Green

Both Junior and Senior Boys:

The Heroes of Olympus Series by Rick Riordan and

The Skulduggery by Derek Landy

### Reading begins at home

Children who grow up with parents who read on a daily basis are more inclined to be readers. Toddlers who literally sink their teeth into brightly coloured sturdy board books will move on to engaging books that squeak, toot and make noises. Eventually the idea that print has meaning will become a reality and revisiting familiar, favourite books, will start building a child's sight vocabulary.

Research confirms that a supportive home environment with a positive attitude towards reading, in which children have access to a range of books especially libraries, establishes reading habits that are sustained for a lifetime.

## MANGA/ANIME CLUB



The Manga/Anime club meets every fortnight on Tuesdays at lunchtime. Activities include Manga book reviews and watching Anime Movies. This fortnight we watched the latest BLEACH movie. This series, created by Tite Kubo, follows the adventures of Ichigo, a teenager with the ability to see ghosts. When his family is attacked by a Hollow — a malevolent lost soul — Ichigo encounters Rukia, a Soul Reaper tasked to hunting Hollows, and inadvertently absorbs her powers. Now, Ichigo must dedicate his life to protecting the innocent and helping tortured souls find peace.

BLEACH is tremendously successful around the world with over 75 million copies in print in Japan alone. If you have a reluctant reader at home, get them to try this.

Mrs Roddis  
Teacher Librarian

## Did you know that you can make payments to your child's school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school's website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

### What expenses can be paid online?

- Voluntary School Contributions
- Subject Contributions
- Excursions
- Sport
- Creative and Practical Arts
- Sales to Students
- Other

### When?

This payment method will go live on 14/10/13.

### How?

Log onto School site at <http://www.woonona-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>. Click on "Make a Payment" and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.



## YEAR 11 WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON STUDY SESSIONS

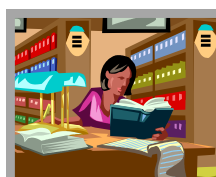
Year 11 students have begun their Year 12, 2014 HSC studies. The HSC year for many can be a very busy, demanding and sometimes stressful year. Setting a regular pattern of study early on in the year is necessary for being successful in Year 12.

As Year 12 students are no longer required to take part in sport on Wednesday afternoons this creates a perfect opportunity for an extra study and revision session. Mrs Pickering has organised to have the library available on Wednesday afternoons for Year 12 study sessions.

The library will be open from 12.30pm to 2.30pm for Year 12 private and group study. Mrs Pickering will be available for subject support and lunch will also be provided.

Please see Mrs Pickering when you arrive on Wednesdays or straight after roll call if you require lunch.

Year 12 students are urged to take advantage of this great opportunity to have a structured study period with school resources available and teacher help provided.





## CAREERS

Mr Chamberlain



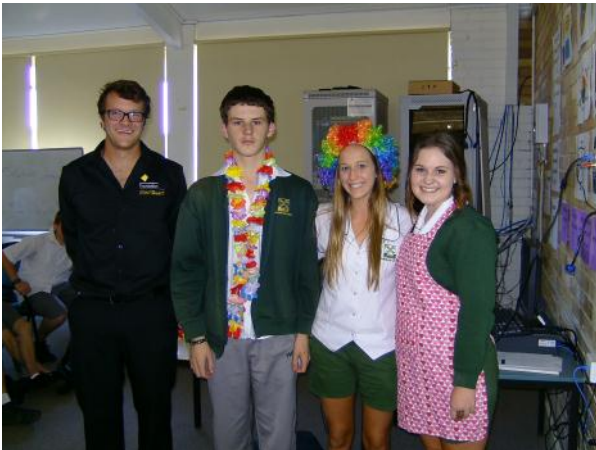
### START SMART

On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2013, Chuck from the Commonwealth bank came to Woonona high school to talk to all of Year 10 students about budgeting and our careers. Chuck gave us useful information for our future and was very helpful for many students regarding wise decision making.

Chuck picked students to get out the front and participate in many different discussions, making the performance fun and interesting to watch. Throughout this performance, he left students speechless with his magic tricks.

Chuck presented to our year a PowerPoint, showing us what is and what isn't a successful budget. This information will be very handy for everyone so we can make smart financial decisions later on in our future.

I would like to thank Mr Chamberlain for organising this wonderful performance and Chuck for coming to Woonona High School to talk to Year 10.



### YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience is coming up; 18-22 November. All Year 10 students are to participate. Many have returned their Student Placement Records to the Careers Office. They are due on 7 October. I have sent a letter home with all Year 10 students to parents explaining the Work Experience process.

### DEC CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE

A reminder the NSW Department of Education and Communities provide a free Careers Advisory service online or over the phone from 19-24 December; following the release of HSC results. This service can be accessed on 1300 300 687 or at [www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au).

### UOW SCHOLARSHIP EXTENSION

The University of Wollongong has extended their scholarship application deadline to the 17 of November.

Please do not wait until the 17th to submit your application as email traffic will be very high on the day and this may cause problems with the online process.

### UOW OPTIONS DAY.

**UOW open day is on Friday 3 January 2014.**

Your ATAR may be higher or lower than you need, and you don't know what to do. It doesn't matter what your situation is, you have lots of options at UOW, and our Options day is where we'll help you find them.

Our academic staff, representatives from [UOW College](#) and [TAFE](#) as well as current students will be here to help you:

- Choose the right degree
- Modify your UAC preferences
- Plan your pathway to UOW
- See [our campus](#) and facilities
- See our [accommodation options](#)

Bring your HSC and ATAR results on the day so we can help you and give you the best advice. This will be your last chance to talk to UOW staff before [UAC preferences](#) close on 4 January.

Bookings for this event aren't required. You can arrive at a time that suits you between 9am and 2pm on the day. For enquiries, call us on 1300 367 869 or email [uniadvice@uow.edu.au](mailto:uniadvice@uow.edu.au)

### FACULTY/CAMPUS TOURS

Faculty tours will be available on UOW Options Day at 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 12.30pm and 1.30pm. Enjoy a tour around the campus with current UOW students, and see the facilities specific to your faculty of interest. Bookings are not required, Signs will be displayed on the day directing you where to meet.

### TAFE NEWS

**TAFE Illawarra enrolments for 2014 open 2 November.**

**TAFE Illawarra Course Information for 2014 is now online and can be found at the TAFE website**

<http://www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au/>.

**You may also call course information on 1300 766 123.**

**Booklets with course information have not yet been released, they are currently being printed. I will have copies of these booklets as soon as possible.**

### TAFE Illawarra Pre Apprenticeship Courses

TAFE Illawarra are offering the following Pre-Apprenticeship Courses for 2014 in the following Trade and Technology areas. Please check your email for a schedule of pre apprenticeship testing dates as well as contact details of course administrators.

Engineering  
Bricklaying  
Drainage  
Electrotechnology (Career Start).  
Carpentry

### TAFE Illawarra Information Day

The Northern Districts TAFE Choices Day is coming up on 2 November from 9am – 2pm. **The Northern District includes Dapto, Shellharbour, Wollongong, Wollongong West and**

Other TAFE Illawarra Choices Day Information Sessions are being held throughout the Institute between Saturday 2 and Thursday 7 November (campus specific dates and times have been emailed to all Year 12 students).

**If you are wishing to enrol in TAFE for 2014 you will need to attend this Information Session.**

#### **DEGREES @ TAFE ILLAWARRA – INFORMATION EVENING**

TAFE Illawarra offers an exciting range of degree level programs and invites school staff, students and parents to learn more on Wednesday 16 October at Shellharbour Campus. The Institute's three degrees include:

- The Bachelor of Early Childhood and Care (Birth – 5)
- The Associate Degree of Accounting
- The Graduate Diploma of Leadership (VET Sector)

The information session will be held on:

- Wednesday 16 October, 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Shellharbour Campus, Building J, Ground Floor, Room 04.

With an enviable reputation for producing highly competent, industry-ready graduates, our programs result in positive outcomes for students for the following reasons:-

- Degree programs are developed in consultation with industry to ensure currency and relevance
- Courses focus on applied rather than abstract skills
- Smaller class sizes
- Caring and friendly staff
- Practical, student focused teaching strategies
- Seamless pathways between TAFE NSW qualifications

The session will provide excellent opportunities to speak with teachers and learn more about the reasons why a degree with TAFE Illawarra is the right pathway for your future.

#### **PLEASE REGISTER via RSVP to**

[illawarraBA.IT@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:illawarraBA.IT@det.nsw.edu.au)

(Registering is for catering purposes only)

#### **STUDENT MONITORING**

Last week student monitoring was completed for all students. Monitoring is carried out twice a term and recognises both positive effort and those who are not working to their ability. The monitoring indicates to students and parents how they are progressing in all subjects.

The monitoring cards will be handed out in roll call this week so if you have not seen your child's card or if you have any questions in regard to their progress, please do not hesitate to ring the school on 4284 1513.

#### **CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

There has been a good response to Breakfast Club being held two days a week, with 30-40 students coming on Tuesdays and Thursdays the last couple of weeks. Students and staff are very welcome to come along and enjoy a free brekky – toast, cereal or pancakes and fresh milk.

The My FRIENDS program is continuing this Term with Year 8's. This last week we have looked at the topic of 'Confidence' – what makes a confident person, how we can help ourselves be confident, and thinking about our personal strengths – what we are good at and enjoy doing. This is a great topic to help us see that we are all different, and we are all blessed with different strengths, personalities and temperaments.

Kind regards,  
**Rowan Keyzer**  
**School Chaplain**  
(At school Tuesdays and Thursdays)



#### **YEARLY REPORTS AND STUDENT ABSENCES**

Year 11 have received their yearly reports and other year groups will receive theirs later this term. On the front page of the reports student absences are shown. The report shows both partial and whole day absences as well as explained and unexplained absences.

Parents are often surprised at the amount of unexplained absences their children have had and occasionally the school has been asked to change unexplained absences on reports. Even with a note covering the absences they cannot be changed after the reports have been generated. School rolls are marked electronically and these tallies are rolled into the reports automatically.

Accurate student absence records are important to the school as they are an official document. Department policy also states that if a child is absent from school then a note explaining the absence should be forwarded to the school as soon as possible.

It is understandable that parents / carers can forget to write a note or that the note becomes lost. For this reason, once a month reminder letters are sent to the parents of students with unexplained absences. It is important that these notes be responded to so that records can be kept up to date.



## UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 4

Date	Event
4.11.13—8.11.13	Yr 12 VET Hospitality Work Placement
11.11.13 - 15.11.13	Yr 12 VET Metal & Engineering Work Placement
11.11.13	Remembrance Day Assembly
11.11.13 - 15.11.13	Yr 8 ESSA Online testing
18.11.13 - 22.11.13	Yr 10 Work Experience
21.11.12	SIPS & ISMS Showcase
25.11.13—29.11.13	Yr 12 VET Construction Work Placement
4.12.13	Yr 7 2014 Orientation Day
13.12.13	Presentation Evening 7pm
18.12.13	Last day for school day for students

## Uniform Shop - Term 4 2013 Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop now has an email address. To contact Renae or Jackie for any enquiries regarding uniform orders please email them at [woonahs.uniforms@gmail.com](mailto:woonahs.uniforms@gmail.com).

Uniform order forms can be downloaded from our website or they are available at the Front Office.

The Uniform Shop is open each Thursday from 8.00am—9.30am. If this time is unsuitable for you, orders can be paid for at the Front Office (Mon—Fri 7.45am to 3.15pm) and the items will be delivered to your child the following Thursday.

Don't forget about our online payment option when

### WOONONA HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop is now taking orders for Blazers and Ties.  
Delivery date is set for the beginning of the 2014 school year.  
The blazer is not a stock item and therefore is by order only.  
Ties however will be stocked.

School Blazer      \$100  
(sizes are available to try on in the uniform shop).  
Ties                      \$18

Closing date for orders is Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December.  
Please ensure that order and payment is received by 9.30am on this date.

## CANTEEN HELPERS TERM 4

November 4	Wayne Regan
November 5	Jackie Overton
November 6	Chris Core
November 7	HELP NEEDED
November 8	HELP NEEDED
November 11	Nicole Richardson / Vacey Usher
November 12	Nicole Ficker
November 13	HELP NEEDED
November 14	Stephanie Cotterill
November 15	HELP NEEDED
November 18	Maryann Head
November 19	Susi Eager
November 20	HELP NEEDED
November 21	Ida Rasch
November 22	HELP NEEDED

### YEAR 12 2013

A reminder that next Friday 8 November is "sign out" day for Year 12. Students are to collect a sign out sheet from the Front Office, return any books or equipment then have the form signed by their teachers. Outstanding fees must also be settled.

Once students have finalised everything they are to go to Mr Bradley to collect formal tickets and references if one has been requested.

### THE HOMEWORK LEARNING CENTRE

The Homework Learning Centre is open in the school Library every Thursday from 3pm to 4.30pm.

Specialised teachers are on hand to help students and a light afternoon tea is provided.

This is an excellent opportunity for students to use the school resources and teacher's expertise to complete homework, assignments and study notes.



## Want to enhance your career opportunities? Need new skills to return to work or study?

### Wollongong Campus Outreach Unit is offering the following Access to Work and Training Courses in Semester 1, 2014

All courses will commence in February 2014

These courses include units that develop skills in a vocational area and skills to assist in returning to work or progressing to further study.

#### Course in Introduction to Computing

*Skills for Work and Training (Computing Skills) 10697 Certificate II*

This course is conducted 5 hrs. per week for 18 weeks and includes basic computer skills for people who have limited knowledge of using computers.

This course will **also** be conducted at Wollongong West campus.

#### Course in Introduction to Café and Hospitality

*Access to Work and Training (Café and Hospitality Skills) 10443 Certificate I*

This course is conducted 11 hrs. per week for 17 weeks and is for people who want to develop some employability skills to get a job or go on to further training.

#### Work Opportunities for Women Courses

*Skills for Work and Training (Office and Customer Service) 10697 Certificate II*

This course is conducted 11 hrs. per week for 18 weeks and is for people who wish to access employment, education and training to enhance career opportunities and employment skills.

Either enrol online via our website [www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au) or attend an enrolment / information session that will be held at  
Wollongong Campus, Foleys Lane, Wollongong  
Room L.G.19 (Building L, Ground Floor, Room 19)  
on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 11:00 am

All courses have a \$25 resources fee but **no** TAFE Administration fee.

**For further information contact  
Outreach Unit on 4229 0149**

*Courses will be offered subject to sufficient demand and resources*



Information correct as at 21.10.13

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# Community Noticeboard

## **SURF'S UP FOR DISABLED SURFERS AT THIRROUL**

Currently 8 high schools in the Illawarra encourage significant numbers of student volunteers to help at our Illawarra events. Volunteers are essential in making the day enjoyable and fulfilling for all and so we are asking for students to volunteer.

On Saturday 30 November the South Coast Branch of the Disabled Surfer's Association will be running it's 21st annual "Hands on Day" at Thirroul beach with everyone checking in between 9—9:30am at the tents set up at the southern end of the pool.

Our disabled participants, no matter how great the challenge, get the chance to enjoy what the rest of us take for granted—the beach and its waves.

Any student volunteer attending will have a great (and enlightening day) and certificates will be issued for their attendance. There will be more experienced volunteers on hand to help new volunteers.

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## Surfers!

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## Thirroul Beach "Hands on Day"

*run by the South Coast Branch of the DSA for the Region's Disabled Participants with the assistance of surfers, local schools and the general public*

**WHEN?** Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2013, 9am - 1pm. BBQ lunch is free to all registered attendees.

**WHERE?** Thirroul Beach — sign-in on the grassed area on the southern end of the Thirroul Pool this year.



**COST?** *FREE* to all volunteers and carers/ family attending;  
\$10 for participants,

**Other South Coast events this season:**  
Mollymook Sat Nov 16, 2013; Gerroa Sun April 6, 2014

check out <[www.disabledsurfers.org](http://www.disabledsurfers.org)>

For more info contact Ian 0421601222, Sandra 0402806622 or Jim 0458759999

**\*\*All participants receive a surfing medallion on the day\*\***

Taj Burrow says —  
"What's your problem? Give them a hand — I do so whenever I'm at home — sweet!"



# Community Noticeboard

## Keeping Kids In Mind

A Course for Parents Experiencing Conflict After Separation

**1800 55 46 46**

### 2014 Dates

Parents love their children and want the best for them. However, after separation, parenting often gets much tougher.

Keeping Kids in Mind is a 5 week course for separated parents who are experiencing on-going conflict. The course is designed to:

- assist parents to see through their children's eyes the experience of parental separation.
- develop greater understanding about how to support children following family separation

The course covers the following topics:  
Grief and Loss after Separation  
The Hidden World of Children  
Rebuilding Resilience  
Bridging the Gap  
Looking Back and Moving Forward

Cost of course is \$100 per person including parent workbook.

All participants must register their interest in attending the course and participate in a pre-group interview prior to the course.

Keeping Kids in Mind is facilitated by qualified and experienced parent educators, counsellors and mediators.

NEI Courses marked with an \* are day time courses, all others are evening courses. Course dates and times may be changed, please check with relevant venue for further information. Certificates of attendance will be issued.

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29.1.14	5.5.14	15.7.14	14.10.14
4.2.14	7.5.14	16.7.14	15.10.14
5.2.14	8.5.14	22.7.14	28.10.14
11.2.14	8.5.14	23.7.14	23.10.14
18.2.14	13.5.14	31.7.14	23.10.14
25.2.14	15.5.14	31.7.14	28.10.14
27.2.14	20.5.14	5.8.14	3.11.14
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Wollongong*	Nowra*	Campbelltown	Campbelltown*
Campbelltown	Wollongong	Warnervale*	Fairfield*
Brookvale	Bankstown	Parramatta	Bankstown
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## IAssistSafety App

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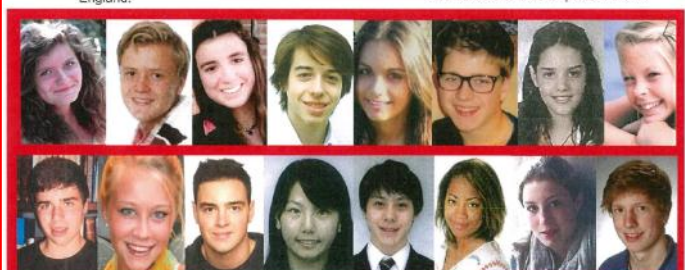
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## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!

### MORE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ARRIVING IN FEB 2014

October 2013 Latest news...latest news...latest news... latest news...latest news...latest...

<p><b>From France</b> Exchange student Anna, 15, has an eye for art and a fine sense of balance and rhythm. The good gymnast that she is, she is also musical. She sings, plays the guitar and wants to explore Australian culture and natural environment, and share her culture.</p>	<p><b>From Italy</b> Alberto, 17, has led his soccer team to success at top levels. He also enjoys playing basketball and is very friendly and independent. Living near Milan, he works hard at school and hopes to achieve his ambition of becoming a doctor one day.</p>
<p><b>From Austria</b> Theresa, 16, is from Vienna and, not surprisingly, music flows in her veins. She plays both the flute and guitar, and is with a brass band. A keen cyclist, she wants to make use of her skills for medical and humanitarian work one day.</p>	<p><b>From Germany</b> Jennifer, almost 15, spends time gazing in the sky as she is fascinated with astronomy. She is an excellent student and interested in foreign cultures and sports, including cycling and horse-riding. She plays the violin and flute, and is fluent in English and French.</p>
<p><b>From Japan</b> Miki, 16, lives close to the mountains in Kobe and particularly enjoys the outdoors and visits to hot-springs. A pleasant and caring girl, she is a well-rounded student who enjoys sports and has been to England.</p>	<p><b>From USA</b> Liam, 17, from Vermont is adaptable and athletic, and enjoys a raft of activities including soccer, tennis, swimming and trampolining. He has travelled around the USA and Canada and also speaks French.</p>



Their faces say it all: photos of exchange students to Australia who have completed their programs and returned home

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