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Term 4 Week 5

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Portfolio Presentation



'Plan-it Youth' Mentoring



Principal's Report



Cybersafety – Parent Information Night

Each term, the school offers a parent information session. Last week we had Police Youth Liaison Officer, Senior Constable Darren Fleming, make a special presentation to parents about cybersafety and other issues concerning teenagers.

The key message from his presentation was about parent responsibility:

- Parent monitoring of devices and internet use. In most cases parents have purchased the devices and online access.
- Responsibility and ability of parents to block sites.
- Parents setting guidelines for the safe use of technology from an early age.
- Parents setting specific times for technology use.
- Parents ensuring that technology is used in family spaces – young people using technology in a secluded or private area are at greater risk.
- Parents are reminded that young people may not only be exposed to cyberbullying – they may be exposed to high level risk of a criminal nature. So parent responsibility in setting expectations, supervising and monitoring becomes even more important.

Bullying

This message below was included in my Principal's message in this year's May WaraStar.

Waratah Campus does not tolerate bullying – we have strong policies and procedures that aim to

prevent issues and to respond accordingly when needed. While we do not have a major issue with bullying at Waratah, it is wise to give regular information about such procedures.

One of these is related to the behaviour of bystanders – students who may observe bullying. Bystanders can do one of three things:

1. Do nothing
2. Encourage the bullying behaviour
3. Speak out against the behaviour

The bully uses the silence of the crowd to try to take charge. Bullies can only succeed when bystanders stay silent. The silence is a way of supporting the bully.

Some students may actively encourage bullies by making comments directly, or in a range of ways, including social media. They may also encourage bullies by their physical presence or actions. Bullies like the support of others.

When bystanders intervene in a positive way, bullying stops. Students can speak up and stop the bully. You can even do this in cyberspace. Onlookers such as Facebook friends can stop bullying by speaking out against it. You could say "Stop – we don't treat people that way here".

It takes courage to speak up, however if a student does speak up and others support them, then everyone can help to stop the bullying. If you and your friends show disapproval of their behaviour, bullies soon stop.

Let's make this school and cyberspace safe for everyone. Let's make sure we do not tolerate bullying behaviour towards anyone. If you see bullying, speak up. If you are scared to speak up, get your friends to join you and speak up together.

Again, I would like to state that we do not have a major issue with bullying – however, it is worth being proactive with the aim of prevention.

**Mr D Fuller,
Principal**

Peer Support Leadership Training for Year 9

It was a great privilege for Mr Noud and myself to train 31 Peer Support Leaders in week one of this term. We were overwhelmed with applications for Peer Support this year, and would like to thank all the students who put in an application. Next year we hope to extend this opportunity to all students showing an interest.

The training took place over two days, and the aim is to give students opportunities to build positive relationships across the school, to develop and practice leadership skills, to develop confidence, enhance their social skills, teach them skills that are highly regarded by employees to take personal responsibility; encourage participation and give them opportunities to demonstrate initiative; and develop organisational and time management skills.

All the activities the students did over the two days were highly engaging and interactive. The program was very enjoyable for all participants as well as the facilitators. We were very lucky to have shared a lovely lunch together, and thanks goes to Marcelle Powell who catered for our morning teas and lunch celebration on the second day.

The photos included are of one of the creativity and team building activities, where students worked in groups to create a Melbourne Cup outfit or a Halloween costume using only newspaper and tape. The results were amazing.



Our Peer Leaders have already been put to work in Week 2 for a two-day Year 4 Transition event. They worked tirelessly all day, and were very mature. All students were a credit to themselves and the

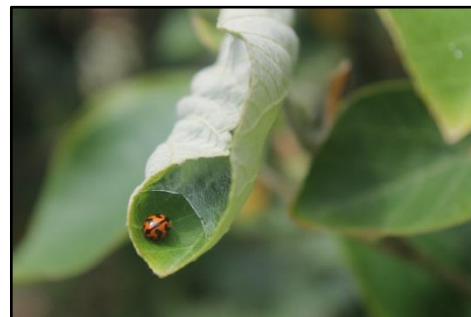
College. The Year 4 students looked happy and well supported during their visit, and we have had really positive feedback.

Congratulations 2016/2017 Peer Support Leaders! You shone during the training and performed brilliantly in your first peer support event.

**Mrs Louise Payne,
Head Teacher, Wellbeing**

Year 9 Photography Excursion

Newcastle Beach 2016



Community Liaison Officer's Report

Since our last Wara-Star, we have had many wonderful events and happenings. Towards the end of Term 3, we held our Year 10 Portfolio Presentation with many fabulous community business people on our panels. Year 10 presented well, leaving our business panel members extremely impressed. Among the guest panel members was Gavin Morris (local TV weatherman) who gave great feedback regarding the process and the high standard of presenters. Many thanks goes to our community guests for volunteering their valuable time.



At the beginning of Term 4, we had an exciting start with two days Transition for Year 4 primary school students. The students were all very nervous to start with, however, the nerves turned to happiness and laughter by the end of the day. Our newly trained Peer Support Leaders were amazing in showing our primary partners (Year 4) around the campus for their taster lessons. The day would not have been as successful without the assistance of The Salvation Army members who went **above and beyond**, by not only supplying us with sausages for our barbeque for the two days, but also cooking for us. Thank you champions. Adam from the Salvation Army, also

brings the BBQ trailer in every Tuesday morning and cooks pancakes for our Brekky Club. Many thanks for this.

Last week we celebrated another fantastic finale to Semester 2's WTC Plan-it Youth Program, with a group of Year 9 students giving a speech which was the first time for most in getting up in front of an audience. Congratulations to the students who completed the PiY Program and becoming 'public speakers'. Plan-it Youth offers students the opportunity to look at career paths and directions from trained volunteer mentors who give up two hours every Monday to mentor small groups of our students. The mentors bring with them a wealth of expertise and knowledge from their years in business and training. A special guest mentor, Grant Walmsley (former local Newcastle band member of Screaming Jets) popped in to join the celebration and gave some insight into his world of music to some student mentees who wanted to learn more about the industry. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please phone the school to discuss it with me.



We are very fortunate to be part of a community that never stops giving. Our dynamic community businesses give us valuable time and donations throughout the year. Some of these include The Ethnic Communities Council, with the use of their buses, Bunnings with donations, Bakers Delight, The Salvation Army, Plan-it Youth Mentors and Youth with a Mission (WYAM). On behalf of Waratah Technology Campus, a great BIG thank you.



Last Tuesday one of our student mentees, Rachel and I visited 'Balance' in Mayfield where Melanie took us on a guided tour to show Rachel what it's like to be a fitness trainer. Melanie was very informative and described her role and what she does, in great detail, giving Rachel a deeper understanding of what it is like to be passionate in a chosen career. While we were there, two Newcastle Knights players came in and were kind enough to pose for a photo.

In Term 3, Ellie Rodger, one of our School Captains, had the opportunity to participate in a two-day event run by the Department of Education called 'Secretary for a Day'. This is an elite program which enabled Ellie and other students from different schools to shadow 'The Secretary for Disabilities' and to learn about aspects which affect education among the disabled and what facilities are put in place to support them and their families. On the second day Ellie participated in a 'Leaders Forum' where selected students discussed concerning issues which are pressing schools. Some examples of these were, wellbeing, healthy canteens and Positive Behaviour Learning. The forum also allowed student leaders to give vital feedback into the 'Tell Them from Me' survey. Ellie believes 'The Secretary for a Day' was a once in a lifetime experience for her, inspiring her and exposing her and other students to options and other opportunities.



We are lucky at CCWTC to be a multicultural school and are planning to showcase this by opening up an area of the grounds with more outdoor learning spaces. These spaces will provide areas to learn in a safe 'outside classroom' setting. Spaces like the Yarn Circle and the DOLA are two such places.



Darren & Melissa accepting an Award for their involvement in many of the Aboriginal Dance & Didge activities in the College

Ms Marcelle Powell, Community Liaison Officer



THE UNIFORM SHOP

New Uniforms for 2017

It is recommended that if you require new uniforms for 2017, that you come in for a Uniform Fitting before the end of Term 4.

We recommend this, so that the wait times over the January period are reduced, making the shopping experience more pleasant. We welcome lay-bys but you are able to take the uniforms after your fitting if you choose.

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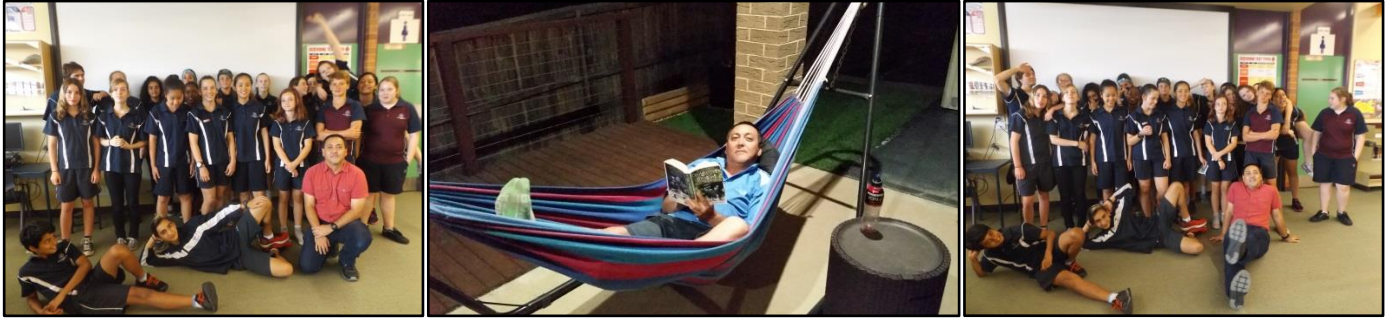
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Welcome back to another edition of news@our library. **Any time is a good time to start thinking about an amazing read** that will keep you rapt in a

good story for a couple of weeks. My congratulations to our three Principal's Reading Challenge Award winners, **Phoebe Conway, Samantha Howard and Blaise Gossner**. Awesome work! I am very proud of you all. Phoebe's advice from her assembly speech resonates loudly for me still: *"Books aren't limited to just words on a page. No, they're so much more than that. Books can make you feel alive and some books can even make you feel whole again."* This is so true: Books not only transport you to amazing adventures in other places or worlds, but they also help on a more tangible level by improving literacy levels amongst anyone who reads widely.



If you have the opportunity, do look at our amazing Waratah Technology Campus **Facebook library page** and save it on your BYOD to keep up-to-date with important events or competitions happening in the library. This is where I will keep you informed of new developments or interesting news from the world at large to do with new books and reviews.



I would also like to heartily congratulate all the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge Award recipients. This was a fantastic effort by the following students who will receive their certificates in the upcoming Year assemblies: Blaise Gossner, Samantha Howard, Minh Pham, Saige Stow, Breana Balino, Amy Ho, May Ho and Amy Phillips.



If you're inspired, go and attend the upcoming writer's event on 16th November with Matthew Reilly. I had the opportunity once to listen to Kate Constable, an established Young Adult author, talk about her craft and it was such a rewarding experience.



Sport Mid Term 4

Australian Futsal Team

The following students have been selected in the Australian Futsal Team to tour in 2017. Both students have declined this outstanding offer:

Tiahna Robertson, second year in a row, being selected in the 13 years team to tour the UK and Scotland from 20 April to 9 May 2017. Tiahna has been selected as a goal keeper from the Australian Futsal Championships during the October holidays.

Ruby Rickard has been selected in the 14 years team to tour Brazil from the 10th to 29th August 2017. Ruby was selected as a defender from the Australian Futsal Championships during the October holidays.



Georgina Markovich has been selected to tour Barcelona for her FFA Futsal Club, Phoenix from the 27th February to 11th March as a defender.

NSW Athletics All Schools Championships

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for and competed at the All Schools Carnival:

Year 8 – Amy Phillips (Pole Vault)

Year 9 – Jemma Cox (Discus)

College Cricket

The following students have represented the College in the Open Boys Cricket team and are progressing well in the CHS competition:

Year 9 – Lachlan Summers

Year 10 – Cormac McHenry

14's Netball Team

The following students were selected in the 14's Netball team to represent the campus at the Zone Gala Day:

Year 7 – Lilly Black, Breanna Bochenek, Hannah Capper, Isabelle Riley and Casey Watt



Year 8 – Nikolina Burt, Clarissa Moran and Amy Phillips

Year 9 – Oaklee Tighe

Natasha Burt (Year 9) also attended as the team umpire.

Special Education Unit

Community Access

This year students in the Special Education Unit have been participating in Community Access. This program occurs on Friday each fortnight and aims to improve student confidence in meeting new people, making purchases, accessing shared community facilities and targets a range of in-class topics in Numeracy, Literacy and PDHPE.



This year we have had access to the *Waratah Police Station* and was shown around by Constable Darren Fleming our Police Liaison Officer. We have also accessed *Supa Putt* at Broadmeadow, *Lambton Pool*, The *ANZAC Memorial Walk*, *Waratah Village* and *Balance Swimming* at Mayfield. This Term we are looking forward to visiting Maitland Gaol and also a return to Lambton Pool.



Photographs shown are from 18th March at the Lambton Pool Fun Park where we enjoyed the water games and a gourmet BBQ.

Special thanks to Mr Bull and Ms Powell for being able to drive the bus for us, when required. The students have really enjoyed these opportunities.

Mr S Williams, Special Education Teacher



2298 Community Garage Sale

Hosted by Waratah/ Mayfield Multicultural Men's Shed & Waratah/ Mayfield Community Garden

Need to sell some of those extra items in the house? Do you make your own homewares or designer accessories? Are you a local artist and want to promote your work?

Waratah/Mayfield Multicultural Men's Shed and the Waratah/Mayfield Diversity Garden will be hosting a 2298 Community Garage Sale on **Saturday 10th December**. This is a great idea to bring our community together and launch our very own 2298 markets! All it costs is \$10 for your own stall. To get involved and reserve your own stall just contact Brittney on 02 4960 8248, brittney@eccnewcastle.org.au.

All funds raised are to go to the Community Garden and Men's Shed. For those of you who would like to come along and see if you can find some treasures entry is FREE.

Fun and Fitness

Athletics is for EVERYONE regardless of your ability

Adamstown New Lambton Athletics Club holds weekly Friday night twilight competition from 5:15pm at Alder Park, Bridges Road, New Lambton, from September through to March.

Girls and boys from 3 years of age, of any ability, are encouraged to register with us. Our emphasis for athletes is very much on personal improvement and participation, and for the parents – active involvement and encouragement.

Registration fees start from \$120, and will cover up to 21 nights of competition with us. If you are not sure about athletics or are new to the sport we can offer a FREE two week trial so why not come and give athletics a try. For more details and information, visit our website www.anlac.org.au



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