CHHS NEW STAFF PROFILE – MISS CUTLER

1. Where have you come from before teaching at CHHS?

I grew up in the Wauchope area and went to school locally. I studied in Sydney, but returned home in my holidays. So, a country girl at heart – I escaped from Sydney whenever I got the chance!

2. Tell us about yourself and what experiences/skills you bring to CHHS?

I come off a beef farm west of Wauchope, up at Birdwood so I love being outside working on the farm, and working with cattle, horses, and dogs. I also am passionate about cooking and sewing, hence the reason why I am a TAS teacher! Studying in Sydney definitely offered me the chance to experience a very different way of life, and develop many different skills.

3. What have you seen at CHHS that you are excited about?

I’m finding everything at CHHS exciting, and absolutely loving my time here so far. I love being able to teach a practical subject and see the kids produce something they have planned and worked hard on in Textiles and Food Technology. The distance education aspect is something new to me and I am enjoying interacting with a range of kids from different areas of the state. I am fortunate to be able to experience teaching face-to-face at school, as well as DE.

4. What are you looking forward to being involved in at CHHS?

I am excited about getting involved in the school, in lots of different activities! I’m looking forward to completing this year and the many different experiences that will be available to me. I really enjoy spending time on the Ag farm, with the Cattle Show Team and the students working with different animals and equipment.
For Years 7, 8 and 9

Tuesday 26 March 2013

3.45 pm – 6.00 pm

BOOK ONLINE NOW

Go to:


- Enter Event Code: 3Q4PJ
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- Enter your details
- Choose the teachers you wish to see
- Choose the times you wish to attend

Please feel free to ring Ms Cook on 6556 8194 if you have any questions or are having difficulty making a booking.

If you would like the newsletter emailed to you please contact the school on 6556 8100 or email deborah.dewar@det.nsw.edu.au
2013 has brought about some new opportunities for a number of the Year 10 students. This year, Ben Andrews, Dale Chaplin, Georgia Choat, Alex Coull, Blade Dudley, James Kennedy, Jake McKinley, Luke Miles and Paul Stone have undertaken a project to work with local TAFE teacher, Kosta, to landscape the grassed area near the senior COLA.

This work will be carried out over a number of weeks across Terms 1 and 2 with the students being able to access a number of different work places to obtain ideas, equipment and materials for the job.

The first step was to work out a few of the logistics. The group expressed their ideas, desires, designs and possibilities for the beautification project. They then mapped out and prepared the area and went to a few of the local businesses to look at materials and ideas for plants. They dropped in to Think Safety, Austral Bricks and Diamond Waters Nursery who were all very helpful and supportive of the students and their questions.

The work has been interrupted with the bad weather but as you can see from the photos, work is progressing well. Keep up the great work Ben, Dale, Georgia, Alex, Blade, James, Jake, Luke and Paul! We look forward to seeing the completion of the project.
All of our students have the opportunity to achieve their best and to assist we have purchased a licence to [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au). We hope that students and parents will access this site throughout the year to understand how to study more effectively.

To support our senior students we are currently planning study skills days and parent information evenings to provide another level of support. This support might include presentations from successful past students, current staff who mark the HSC and parents sharing successful experiences.

In the meantime, please log on to the website, have a look around.

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**Information for Parents and Students:**


Great news! Our school has subscribed to the ELES Online Study Skills Handbook.

The ELES Online Study Skills Handbook provides a comprehensive and interactive online guide for the school community (students, parents and teachers) as to the study skills needed for success in high school studies. This approach taps into students’ affinity with technology to create a new and effective way to improve students’ study skills.

This is a great online resource for parents and students to address all their study skills issues and concerns and enable students to learn new ways to improve their results at school. The handbook has a huge amount of information for both students and parents as well as a large number of interactive activities.

To access the handbook, go to [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au) and log in as a subscriber with these details:

Username: camdenhaven
Password: 40success

The topics currently covered by the handbook are:

- **at home**
  1. Home Study Environment
  2. Organization and Planning
  3. Time Management Skills
  4. Managing Workload
  5. Dealing with Distractions
  6. Overcoming Procrastination
  7. Developing Motivation
  8. Goal Setting
  9. Lifestyle and Balance
  10. Managing Stress

- **at school**
  1. Will we ever use this?
  2. Using Classtime
  3. Asking for Help
  4. Dealing with Conflict
  5. Groupwork Skills

- **specific skills**
  1. Reading Skills
  2. Writing Skills
  3. Mathematical Skills
  4. Language Skills
  5. Research Skills
  6. Presentation Skills
  7. Science Skills

- **tests and exams**
  1. Summarising
  2. Active Studying
  3. Preparing for Exam Blocks
  4. Test-Taking Techniques
  5. After Tests & Exams

- **extra “general” mini-units**
  1. Starting Secondary School
  2. Becoming a Senior Student
  3. Bullying: Issues and Strategies
  4. Managing Part-Time Jobs
  5. Your Brain and Memory
  6. Live Your Best Life
  7. Educational Kinesiology
  8. Living Across 2 Houses
  9. Travel: A Motivator to Learn
  10. Uni: Lecture Note-Making

- **extra “technology” mini-units**
  1. Technology Tools
  2. Basic Computer Skills
  3. Be CyberSmart
  4. Useful Apps for iPads
  5. Microsoft OneNote

In addition to the huge amount of content, the systematic program for students to work through includes online quizzes, summary sheets, worksheets, lots of FAQs answered, articles and links, online polls, facility to submit questions, helpful grids and planners, jokes and quotes, student thoughts, images and photos, students can submit ideas to win, competitions, audio and video files, streaming audio (to allow students the option to read or listen to the content) and new content added regularly, new units added each year, new features added regularly. There is also a tracking system where students save the results of their end of unit quizzes and modules over the years.

**Please note:**
The above user name and password is for the use of the secondary school parents and students AT OUR SCHOOL ONLY. Please do not pass our school’s details onto students or parents from other schools or other individuals or organisations as this is a prosecutable breach of copyright and also will result in frequent password changes for our school. Please also ensure you read through the terms of use the first time you access the handbook.

We encourage all parents and students to take advantage of this opportunity to further develop their students’ study skills abilities through this online resource.

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The Shoehorn Sonata Excursion
Monday 4 March saw students from Year 12 Standard English travel to the University of New South Wales to see a performance of the play *The Shoehorn Sonata* at the Fig Tree Theatre. The students are studying the play for their HSC and are required to analyse the visual elements and techniques employed by the composer. The opportunity to view the play and personally experience the visual components provided an invaluable learning opportunity for the students.

NSW English Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum
Four members of the English Faculty recently travelled to Canberra to participate in the Distance Education Conference in preparation for the implementation of the new syllabus. Although the conference specifically focused on resourcing our distance learners, the workshops and presentations were equally valid for our face to face students. Presenters included Lindy Billing from the Board of Studies and Greg Alchin and Kym Knight from Distance Education. We were also very fortunate to secure the expertise of English consultant, Prue Greene, who has furnished us with many inspirational ideas and future support in the planning and implementation stages.

Over the coming months, the faculty will be reviewing and evaluating our current programs and adapting them to suit the new content. Whilst in Distance Education, each of the centres across the state has taken responsibility for the re-writing of learning materials for Years 7 – 10, with a view to sharing them with their colleagues in other schools through the resource depository known as EQUELLA.

The structure and many of the features of the current English syllabus have been retained, however, the content has been organised by key processes, such as:

- engaging personally with texts
- developing and applying contextual knowledge
- understanding and applying knowledge of language forms and features, and
- responding to and composing texts

The new syllabus will give students textual experiences that provide insights about the peoples and cultures of Asia and aspects of environmental and social sustainability. In addition to this, students will increase their knowledge base and skills in language and more specifically grammar.

2013 will see the familiarisation and planning stages of the new syllabus, with the implementation of the content scheduled for Years 7 and 9 in 2014 and Years 8 and 10 in 2015. Parents seeking additional information can go to the following link on the Board of Studies website: [http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/new-nsw-k10-syllabus/](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/new-nsw-k10-syllabus/)

Student Work
Year 9 has been studying a unit called *Poetry that makes you feel*. Students from 9EC1 were given a poem in which the poet expressed their personality in terms of a colour. They then had to compose one of their own by choosing a colour which best described aspects of their own personality, or that of someone close to them.
Here are some impressive examples:

**Silver - Just Like Me** by Molly McLaren

Silver describes me
It’s my moods and personality
Silver is bright and outgoing but can seem dull in the dark
Silver glitters and will dance and shine in the light

Silver is playful
Silver is shining
Silver is always, always trying
Yet gold is on top of the podium

But Silver keeps on and will not stop striving to achieve
Lit up is my expression
Determined is my mood
I’m not easily shaken because I’m hard like metal
But I’m also welcoming to everyone
Silver is me

**Red Just Like Me** by Emily Stevens

Seers
I am red because red seems like it has a hidden side
And has lots of different shades
No one knows what’s lying beneath
No one knows that I’m crying inside
No one has peeled back the layers to reveal the real me

On the outside you see a girl who is
Crazy, wacky, sometimes scary, intense and vibrant
But underneath I am just a ‘girl’
Trying to live my own life
Sometimes I seem normal but a second later
I am doing something completely unpredictable

I am sunny and dramatic at first
But no-one takes the time to actually realise
How different I am

I can be moody and dark blood red at times
But a minute later I am bright and happy
I am strong willed and fiery
Sometimes I’ll blow your mind

But until someone cares enough to look beneath the surface
I will here with the same smile and scary eyes
I’ve been wearing for a while

**Lily is a Rainbow** by Talysha Hamilton

Lily is red; strong and striking
Lily is orange; bold and mysterious
Lilly is yellow; bright, full of happiness and joy
Lily is green; easy-going and gentle
Lily is blue; cool, calm and understanding
Lily is purple; likeable and beautiful, inside and out
Lily is pink; soft and kind

And just like a rainbow, when she is around
Everybody stops and stares
She doesn’t cry out for attention
But gains it from her natural beauty
And just like a rainbow,
She stands out from all the grey clouds that surround her

**Beige - Just Like Her** by Eve Wallace

Beige best describes her
Calm, respectful, playful
Beige is the basis for uncontained creativity, originality
Nurturing any other colour it may encounter
Beige is often unnoticed
But still it stands steadfast to bring everything together
It fills all the missing spots
And strengthens structures

Beige is a constant reassurance of sturdiness,
And durability
Basic and understated
But vital

Beige’s mood is determined by everything that surrounds her
But her state of mind never wavers
By keeping everything together,
Beige keeps others strong
Congratulations to the cattle team for their efforts and successes parading and judging at the Camden Haven Show. Well done – a good start to another busy year for our cattle team! Thank you to the dedicated students who volunteered their time over the two days assisting with the petting farm. It was a popular attraction.

Camden Haven High School entered Buff Pekins and Japanese Bantams in the poultry section. Our roosters were Champions in their breed sections and we also claimed six first prizes and two seconds with our hens, pullets and cockerels. Well done to the students who care for the birds and helped to groom and prepare them for show. A great result!

Ms Graham
Agriculture Teacher
Parents and carers are often unsure about what information will be covered with students during the year – particularly with senior students. This can lead to some stress as they are unsure whether students will receive all the necessary information and meet the various deadlines (especially later in the year).

So I would like to let students, parents and carers know about some of the ‘big ticket’ things which will be happening across the year. This is over and above the numerous day to day activities that take place.

**Year 10**

**Work Experience**

Every Year 10 student has now completed a ‘Work Readiness’ Program as part of our Options course. This means that they are now able to take part in work experience. This program is not compulsory, but we do encourage students to get involved for a week. At a time that they feel is right for them, and experience the world of work and sample some different job and career options. Forms for work experience are available from me in the Careers office.

**Year 10 Interviews**

Every Year 10 student will be interviewed in Week 3 of Term 3 to assist them in the process of making subject selections for the senior school.

**Year 11**

Every Year 11 student will be interviewed late in Term 3 to assist them with the transition to the HSC year/program. This will involve looking at how they have coped in Year 11 and discussing any changes to their subject pattern as they move into their HSC courses.

**Year 12**

There will be quite a few things happening for Year 12 this year – particularly in Term 3, which tends to be a very busy time.

**Scholarships Seminar**

I’ve titled this ‘Accessing Free Money’ and it is essential for all students (and their parents) who are considering going to university next year. This will run in the first week of Term 2. I’ll provide further details in the next few weeks.

**Introductory Interviews**

We will interview every Year 12 student in Week 4 of Term 2. This will just be a very quick interview to gather some information on their plans for 2014 and will allow us to then find specific information which students will need to assist them with achieving their 2014 goals.

**Full Interviews**

Every Year 12 student will be interviewed again in Week 3 of Term 3. This will be a longer interview and then we will be able to use the information we have put together for each student (based on the introductory interviews) and help students with the many and varied decisions they will have to make at the end of the HSC.
UAC and Early Entry Schemes Seminars
I will be running a number of seminars for students around the middle of Term 3 to go over the process of submitting university course preferences to UAC (the Universities Admissions Centre) and also to look at the various early entry programs and provide assistance with applying for these.

I would also like to stress that I am always available to talk to parents as well as students – feel free to give me a call at the school or make an appointment if you have questions or concerns.

With the Careers Program at Camden Haven High School, we want to ensure that no student or parent ever needs to say – “I didn’t know, I didn’t hear or I must have missed it”.

Mr D Gray
Careers Adviser

ROTARY LONG TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE
Applications are now open for students between the ages of 15 and 18 years to participate in a life changing experience. Applications are available from your local Rotary Club or on the Rotary Youth website www.rotaryyouthexchange9650.com.au under the heading “Apply Now” applications close 6 May 2013.

Applicants, following an initial interview with their local Rotary Club will have a further interview 1st / 2nd June 2013 with the District selection panel. Successful applicants then will attend two briefing weekends during 2013 before departing January 2014.

For more information please check the website or contact Ms Westman at the school on 6556 8100.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
I hope everyone has settled into Term 1 and everything is going well. We have had a successful start to 2013 in the uniform shop, with many families and students coming through to purchase uniforms.

I would like to say a big thank you to my volunteers who helped me over the busy period – you were amazing! Thanks to Karen, Kirsten, Cindy M, Cindy Mc, Anne and Pete!

Autumn is here and the mornings are getting cooler. We have CHHS Fleecy Jackets (Hoodies) in stock, and CHHS trackpants. Students are welcome to come in before school/recess on Tuesdays, and lunch time/after school on Thursdays if they need to purchase any uniforms. I will fit them with their correct size and they can pay by either cash or use the credit card authorisation form. Our price list and forms are available to download from the school website.

Ms C McInnes
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
On Thursday 21 February nearly forty zone representatives travelled to Kempsey to compete for a chance to trial for the North Coast Team.

Many of our athletes competed in a number of events and performed strongly throughout the day. Others had a more restricted schedule which meant we were able to fill out their program with some extra events. We entered a team in the mixed all age relay, with one competitor from each age group (12 years – 17+ years). The team performed strongly and earned our school some valuable points towards overall champion school.

A number of our athletes qualified through to the next level by finishing first or second in their event, or in top four for the 50m freestyle (which is the only 50m event held at the carnival). We also had a number of strong relay teams with the 13 years boys, and 15 years boys finishing first, and the 14 years girls and 16 years girls finishing second in their age groups. We had two athletes who won finals in multiple events:

**Samantha Kirkwood** – 50m free, 100m free

**Jacob Sansom** (who undertakes his schooling through distance education) – 200m free, 100m free, 100m back (in a zone record), 50m free (in a zone record), 100m fly, and the 200 Individual Medley.


We had a number of students who figured closely in age champions with only one able to take a title on the day. Congratulations to Jacob Sansom.

Congratulations also to all swimmers on gaining selection to the Regional Carnival. Thank you to all the parents who travelled with the students to be there in support on the day. Congratulations to everyone for a wonderful day. Due to the efforts and participation of the students we finished a close fourth overall behind the winners for the first time, Nambucca Heads High School. Another huge thank you to Mr Mearrick for driving the bus, Mrs Hicks for helping run the team on the day, Ms Purnelll who was also there to organise and assist in the running of those selected to the next level and the PD/H/PE faculty for helping to organise things in my absence.

Mr Dalton
CHS Sports and Carnival Coordinator
A number of our students qualified for the Regional Swimming Carnival held in Coffs Harbour. They were: Jack Chapman, Tom Lewis, Zachary Alchin, Mitchell Kirkwood, Paul Jamieson, Maddison Newman, Molly Fraser, Jacob Sansom, Brooke Williams, Lillian Barry, Samantha Kirkwood, Ben Makin, Cameron Kaul, Trent Finch and Arora Attenborough.

The relay teams swam well with the Under 13 boys (Zac Alchin, Paul Jamieson, Mitchell Kirkwood and Tom Lewis) not quite making top four place getters. The 14 girls (Molly Fraser, Arora Attenborough, Brooke Williams and Maddison Newman) came fourth in a strong field of competitors. Lillian Barry was the reserve. The 15 boys (Trent Finch, Cameron Kaul, Ben Makin and Jacob Sansom) won the race by half a length of the pool. Jeremy Murison who was an original in the team was unable to attend.

Individually all competitors swam in their races. Fortunately Tom Lewis who was unwell, was able to swim in the relay at the end of the day. Arora Attenborough swam an extra race – 400 metres freestyle. She swam strongly in the relay as well. Samantha Kirkwood qualified coming second in the 50m free with a fast time of 29.78 and unfortunately for Samantha the 15 and 16 girls could not field a relay team with absent swimmers.

Jack Chapman qualified for the 12 years boys 100 breaststroke in 1.41.50. Ben Makin qualified for the 15 years boys 100 butterfly in 1.19.15 and took the place of Jeremy Murison in the 15 boys relay team who won their race. Jacob Sansom was a standout with qualification in four individual events (Boys 14 200 free, 50 free, 100 fly and 200 IM) and was the fastest swimmer in the 15 boys winning relay team.

Distance Education student Jacob Sansom gave his peers a ‘swimming master class’ at the recent school swimming carnival. From this carnival Jacob and other students from Camden Haven High School have progressed to the zone, regional and now state CHS swimming carnival.

Camden Havens U/15 boys 4x50 freestyle relay team including Trent Finch, Cameron Kaul, Jeremy Muirson and Jacob Sansom have progressed to the state swimming carnival on the 4 – 6 April. But before Jacob can join his new friends at Camden Haven he must first compete against Port Macquarie’s own James Magnusson at the NSW Open championship at Homebush.

Recently turning 14, Jacob is in very rare company being a young junior competing against our Olympians. He will compete in the 50m freestyle against Magnusson. Jacob will be searching for a personal best time to try and get into the final and pit himself against the best in the world. Although the 50 metre freestyle will be very exciting, he is looking to his stronger stroke, the backstroke. He has qualified for the 50 metre backstroke, 100 metre backstroke and 200 metre backstroke. Jacob is the current NSW U/13s backstroke champion and will be hoping to improve on his times and gain valuable experience that will assist him for years to come.

Jacob joined Distance Education at Camden Haven last year in the aim of prioritising his swimming training and events as well as gaining a valuable education. Distance Education allows Jacob the opportunity to travel to all the events necessary to hopefully become a future gold medallist for Australia. We all wish Jacob the very best of luck in the upcoming NSW Open championships.
### Week 7 Term 1 Score Update

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### YR 7 > 10 POINTS
- Beard, Chloe +13
- Beauchamp, Kade +21
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- Cook, Melissa +14
- Cunningham, Ethan +18
- Davis, Melissa +16
- Fardy, Corrin +35
- Franklin, Tess +15
- Garison, Lani +11
- Gill, Meghan +18
- Godwin, Sarah +18
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- Hudson, Kartia +16
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- Kaul, Braden +14
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- Kaul, Nathan +27
- Kirkwood, Mitchell +11
- Lockhart, Jordan +14
- Macindoe, Hudson +12
- McDonald, Ethan +17
- McGregor, Savana +13
- Moores-Griffin, Tynan +20
- Moss, Reuben +19
- Neisler, Bianca +14
- Newell, Rani +11
- Newman, Maddison +17
- Priest, Sienna +23
- Rowan, Heath +11
- Skerritt, Lillibet +19
- Thompson, Isabella +12
- White, Jessica +12
- Wilkie, Paige +27

### YR 8 > 10 POINTS
- Allsop, Annaliese +18
- Ashe, Jaimee +12
- Attenborough, Arora +24
- Barry, Lillian +24
- Buckley, Toby +12
- Buttsworth, Lyndal +33
- Coull, Angela +12
- Crumpton, Sarah +12
- Davis, Samuel +14
- Deutscher, Livinia +22
- Frith, Jordan +12
- Lloyd, Michael +12
- Madden, Shania +13
- Mason, Darryn +17
- McQuillan, Charlotte +15
- Moss, Abbie +16
- Mozeley, Montana +14
- Murray, Taylah +16
- Simpson, Kate +20
- Thornton-Collins, Casey +12
- Tweddle, Kate +13
- Wilson, Max +22

### YR 9 > 10 POINTS
- Kaul, Lindsay +12
- Williams, Lily +12

### YR 10 > 10 POINTS
- Asbury, Emily +18
- Batty, William +14
- Boehme, Liam +15
- Buttsworth, Sherena +12
- Collier, Brody +18
- Deutscher, Imogen +19
- Farnsworth, Blake +13
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- Kelly, Joshua +14
- Kneipp, Kirsty +12
- Lambert-Bignell, Blayne +13
- Lowe, Felicity +20
- Magann, Madeleine +13
- Mepham, Tayla +12
- Nash, Jessie +25
- Robertson, Hayley +12
- Stone, Paul +16
- Thomson, Abbie +13
- Wilson, Connah +13

### YR 11 > 10 POINTS
- McColgan, Emily +12
- Johnson, Erica +12
- Finch, Dale +17
- Biggs, Fiona +16

### YR 12 > 10 POINTS
- Egger, Melanie +12
- Geard, Owen +17
- Welsh, Candy +12
SCHOOL CUP - CAMDEN HAVEN WATSON TAYLOR

Same house names just different students! House groups will now be organised by grouping surnames and will be operating all year, offering all students the opportunity to achieve positive recognition in all aspects of schooling. This structure will hopefully encourage students to do their best all year round.

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So far this year students have been recognised for their involvement in the SRC, attending the swimming carnival, participating in sporting events as well as being responsible, respectful and doing their best in the playground and classroom.

The house group with the most points at the end of each term will receive a rewards day. Students with net 20 points will be invited to this rewards day. This term’s Rewards Day will be held in the last week of term.

NEXT P & C MEETING
ON THURSDAY 21 MARCH
AT 2.30PM
All welcome – please come along to support and learn about your child’s school
On Monday 11 March, our Open Girls Soccer team travelled to Lake Cathie to take on Nambucca Heads High School in Round 1 of the CHS Knockout Competition. The girls were eager to play after two weeks of cancellations due to the recent rain. They were greeted with nice hot and humid conditions as the game was scheduled for 1.30pm.

After a solid warm up, the girls took to the field with steel looks and determination written on their faces. Special thanks to the referee and opposition for paying tribute to Luke O’Neill with one minute silence before the commencement of the game. Samantha Piper and Wade Bellamy started with solid attack in the midfield, opening up space for Amelia Cook-Webber to place pressure on the Nambucca defence. Sherena Buttsworth was the smiling assassin, passing the ball off on every occasion into open play.

The first goal came in the fifteenth minute with a beautiful through ball from Kristen Francis to Wade Bellamy who cut through the defence to score. Spirits were high and the girls were on a roll. Fatigue became apparent towards half time but the girls put in when it counted. This led to a great run by Brooke Williams who crossed a ball to Amanda Bruce, who placed the ball into the back of the net. The girls went into half time leading 2-0.

This is how the score remained for the rest of the game. Our defence stepped up the second half, with Telia Ostler, Hannah Forwood, Sienna Buckley, Rachel Long and Halima Wambui keeping Nambucca out of their forward line. Kristen Francis was on fire, clearing the ball on every occasion and creating attack options for Georgia Choat and Tayla Mepham on the wings. Brittany Jolly was also solid in goals, reading every play and positioning the ball perfectly.

The girls worked as a solid team and I am so proud of the growth they have made throughout this season. A special thanks has to go to Mr Evans for his organisation and assistance with coaching. The girls now move on to Round 2 which is set to be against Melville High School at Laurieton Oval.

Ms Sami Dunk
Open Girls Soccer Coach
The first instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus has recently been paid to approximately 1.2 million families to help lighten the load of back-to-school costs.

For your school, this means financially-challenged families will have extra funds available to help buy the things their children need – whether it be uniforms, shoes, stationery, books or sporting gear.

Most eligible families would have received the payment automatically, however, some needed to update their child’s education details to ensure they received the payment, e.g. families with children starting primary for the first time in 2013 and children moving from primary into secondary school in 2013.

We are seeking your assistance to help spread the word that any families who think they are eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus January payment but are yet to receive it should contact Centrelink.

Please find below some information that you may wish to include in your school newsletter, website or official correspondence. We also have a range of information materials, including

- an information brochure and factsheet (in English and ten languages)
- a pathfinder to help families understand if they are eligible for the Schoolkids Bonus
- a postcard which provides helpful tips on how families can make the most of their back-to-school budget

You can download these materials at australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus. Hardcopies of the brochure and factsheet are also available (free of charge) and can be ordered by contacting us at schoolkidsbonus@fahcsia.gov.au

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions or require any further information please feel free to contact us on schoolkidsbonus@fahcsia.gov.au.

Have you received the Schoolkids bonus?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
Physical Culture
Enrolments are still open for 2013. Cost is only $6 per lesson. Contact Cheryle on 6585 4224 or 0408 231 253. All are welcome – come along and bring a friend!

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Sign up at Port Macquarie Hockey Field (Ocean Drive)
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