Camden Haven High School is currently participating in the NSW Law Society Mock Trial Competition. This is a state wide competition, beginning in regional round robins against schools on the North Coast from Coffs Harbour to Gloucester and progressing to knockout rounds.

The ‘Camden Haven Law Enforcers’ Team includes Legal Studies students Erica Johnson, Alana Kidd, Emily McColgan, Tyson Wiegold, Dale Finch, Dylan Wood and Hayden Clarke, along with supervising teacher Ms Melissa Alexander. The team have diligently applied themselves to each of the trials and had the opportunity to experience roles such as being a barrister, instructing solicitor, Magistrate’s clerk and witness in the context of both criminal and civil trials. The team has had the privilege of receiving coaching from Mrs Georgia Flynn of Higgins and Dix Lawyers, Laurieton, who has given up her own time to assist the students in constructing their case (very gratefully accepted by the students!).

The magistrates presiding over the trials are volunteer local solicitors and magistrates, and the ‘Camden Haven Law Enforcers’ have received accolades as well as practical advice in areas from cross examination of witnesses to language to use in court. Despite having had three ‘away’ trials, the ‘Law Enforcers’ have proven strong adversaries and are currently unbeaten, including their Round 4, 29 point victory over Wauchope High School under the authority of ‘Magistrate’ Jodie Thurgood, Solicitor from Stacks, Port Macquarie (pictured below, with the team and supervising teacher Ms Alexander).

The NSW Law Society Mock Trial Competition is sponsored by the University of Sydney, with the overall winning team receiving a monetary prize. Fingers crossed for our Camden Haven High team for the rest of the competition.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Ms Alexander who developed the skills in our students and coordinated Camden Haven High School’s participation in this exciting and rewarding competition. We wish Ms Alexander the best for her career in Queensland – she will be greatly missed by students and staff.
Early in May Quota Camden Haven invited students from Camden Haven High School to participate in their Ambassador of the Year Program. Four students from Arora Attenborough, Jordan Frith, Annaliese Allsop and Max Wilson spoke on individually chosen charities supported by Quota International at the LUSC. This involved the students researching from 19 Third World country projects, choosing one that appealed to them the most which they then presented a speech on. Quota Camden Haven support this program for the students and it is well worth it as not only are the students gaining valuable skills and experience, there is also practical solutions provided to these projects by the students receiving prize money which goes directly to their chosen project. This is a fantastic program run by Quota Camden Haven as the students feel like they have actually helped others less fortunate.

Two of these students, Arora Attenborough and Max Wilson were able to present their speeches to Quota’s District Conference on Saturday 15th June held at Tuncurry. Here the program was promoted to all Quota members in the district as the students gave their speeches. “The students were passionate, competent in research skills, humorous and did CHHS proud. The students really provided pleasure to the women in attendance”, said Mrs June Daniels from Quota Camden Haven. The District Governess of Quota, Janette Wood was thrilled the students made the effort to travel to Tuncurry on a Saturday afternoon and spoke of the hope she has to expand this program to more students next year.

Arora Attenborough and Max Wilson with Quota members

**Wearing Our Uniform With Pride**

As the weather starts to turn cooler we would ask that school jumper/jackets or plain blue jumpers/cardigans are worn. We would also like to remind the school community that ‘rugger’ shorts are NOT part of our uniform. Girls’ shorts must be blue and of a modest length.

The procedure for being ‘out of uniform’ is as follows:

1. A note must be brought from home.
2. The note is taken to Ms Kneipp or the Stage Deputy Principal.
3. The student’s note will be signed for the day.
4. The names of students out of uniform without a pass will be recorded.
5. Repeat offenders will be dealt with through the school discipline system.

Mrs Margaret Hutchinson

PRINCIPAL
Members of the Bangarra Dance Theatre held a workshop at Camden Haven High School on June 12. The workshop was run by Sidney Saltner and Patrick Thaiday and is a regional initiative organised by the DEC Arts Unit.

It attracted 100 Aboriginal students from ten schools in the area, providing an opportunity to learn some traditional and contemporary indigenous dance. It also gave students the chance to be selected for the prestigious Aboriginal Dance Ensemble. This ensemble performs at the State Dance Festival and Schools Spectacular annually and showcases the talents of indigenous students in NSW state schools. Four students from Camden Haven High School were shortlisted for selection and appear in the photo below.

Pictured from left: Inndia Vitnell, Darby Bennett, Patrick Thaiday, Tainga Savage,

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**NSW CHS Team Selections**

Congratulations to our students on their outstanding achievements – selected for NSW CHS Teams to play at Australian Championships

**Damian Sewell** (Year 12) in the 2013 TransTasman NSW CHS State Volleyball Team to play at the Gold Coast, Qld from 8 – 15 June

**Michael Wolstenholme** (Year 10) in the U15s NSW CHS Rugby League Team to play from 21 – 28 June

**Benjamin Turner** (Year 11), **Brock Buttsworth** (Year 12) and **Tomas Lewis** (Year 7) – selected in the North Coast team to compete at the CHS NSW Cross Country Championships on 19 July at Eastern Creek
Year 8 have embraced project based learning and are well and truly into the production of their activities and products for their course – Enterprise Skills Program. Students were only limited by their team’s imaginations. The ideas flowed from bike renovation, recycling paper, scented soaps, boxes of kindling, magazine production, doll making, to event management, national poster creation, vampire video and children’s table and chair sets.

The teams learnt the importance of communication, teamwork and problem solving as they planned, sourced and budgeted before starting to produce their items. Now they are the production stage.

“It has been absolutely amazing to watch the students along with the staff embrace this style of learning. And embedded in the activities are those fundamental learning skills that lead to success in future life,” Jenny Hamilton said. Jenny credits a lot of the success of the program to a group of dedicated teachers.

Along with the creation of a magazine, vampire video and an entertainment team to oversee a Camden Haven talent quest, a team is in the process of filming the activities for later reference.

Currently teams are taking orders for soaps and kindling, with forms available from the front office. And a call has gone out for old push bikes which are being renovated to be shipped to Ethiopia as hospital transport to assist in patient care. This is a nationwide initiative that students have become involved in and the community response so far has been excellent.

Mrs Jenny Hamilton
Head Teacher – Vocational Education and Training
The Year 8 Debating Team of Max Wilson, Arora Attenborough, Jordan Frith and Jesseka Potts have had a busy couple of weeks as they travelled the coast to participate in Rounds 1 and 2 of the Premier’s Debating Challenge.

Round 1 against Westport High School saw them arguing the affirmative side of the topic ‘That online learning is better than books’. Whilst they put forward a solid case for their argument they were unfortunately defeated on the day.

Round 2 took them to Macksville High School to debate the topic ‘That the media should stop reporting on the private lives of celebrities’. Taking the negative side for this argument they had the harder position and despite excellent speeches from all members of the team, the adjudicator ruled in favour of Macksville High.

Despite defeat, all members of the team displayed significant improvement in the presentation of their arguments in Round 2 and are looking forward to meeting Melville High School in Round 3 later in the year.

The following composition by Daisy Skerritt from Year 9, received top marks in the creative writing section of the Semester 1 Exam. Students were asked to use one of four pieces of stimulus. The picture on the right is the one which inspired Daisy:

Haley leaped into the crisp afternoon air, allowing herself to feel weightless. She soared through the vast expanse of blue sky as though she was an eagle. Haley was in a state of blissfulness, defying gravity and soaring among the stars, when her tattered, red sneakers came back into contact with the dry, brown dirt and the feeling of joy turned to that of disappointment and fear.

“She’s off with the stars again,” sneered Billy the bully and his entourage chuckled, following blindly the orders of their sergeant. Hayley felt a sharp, cold object smash into her already bruised back, knowing full well what it was; the crushed cola can Billy and his crew kicked around in their attempt at sport. Their real sport, however, was making Hayley’s life a misery and confining her life to one on the ground, instead of among the stars where she belonged.

Hayley walked away defeated, tasting the bitter taste of unacceptance that always came after contact with her peers.

Upon arriving home, Hayley kicked off her beaten sneakers, got a bowl of cereal and made a beeline for her room, not wanting to come into contact with anyone at all. She flipped on the lights and an awesome array of shimmering stars was projected onto her deep blue walls. Hayley was instantly calmed by the sight of her beloved stars, and sat cross-legged on her soft, fluffy carpet, eating her cereal and focusing on nothing else.
When she had finished her cereal Hayley got up off her floor and moved to her astronomy poster littered desk and took out her leather bound journal where she poured out her emotions, and no matter what she said, she never felt judged.

She started an entry...today’s was short.

I’m over it now; punished for being excited about the miracle of human consciousness. Because I find things beyond kicking coke cans interesting. I want to be away from here, closer to where I belong. I want to be with the stars.

She then finished her entry with the seal she used every day at the end of every entry:
I wish I was as large as life, as radiant as the sun and holding hands with the stars.

Hayley clutched her books to her chest, willing for her wish to come true. Feeling defeated once again, Hayley padded over to her bed and fell asleep, repeating her wish over and over like her mantra.

In her dream, Hayley was soaring again as she was earlier that day, except it never ended. She never came into contact with the solid ground, just soaring in that blissful state of calmness. This was the same in every one of her dreams, but what happened next was something she had never experience before. Hayley’s glide began to progress upwards, slowly increasing the gradient until she was entering the night sky. She closed her eyes and soared blindly through the cold air and when she opened them again, everything had changed. Her continuous glide came to a halt and she was static. At first, Hayley was disappointed that her glide was not eternal, but when she realised what she was, she could taste excitement welling up her throat.

Hayley was the moon.

Hayley was as large as life, as radiant as the sun and, against all odds, she was hand in hand with the stars. Only in her dreams had her wish come true, but for Hayley that was enough.

Daisy Skerritt (9EC1)

By DE student, Nicholas Northam (Year 8)
The Southern Network Dance Festival was held at Melville High School on 19 and 20 June. Nearly sixty Camden Haven High School students performed at the event. The students were fantastic and are to be commended on their beautiful performances and exemplary behaviour at the festival. Our Year 10 students even made the news on NBN with their item ‘She Wolf’ – (http://www.nbnnews.com.au/index.php?s=dance+festival)

Year 9 also performed their bird inspired routine, ‘Rio’, in style. The CHHS Dance company performed two items. A contemporary work entitled ‘Trapped’ and an entertaining jazz, ‘Circus’. Ms Rowe's Dance Ensemble performed an energetic dance, ‘Just Dance’.
We also had two student backstage helpers who deserve a special mention. A big thank you to Daisy Skerritt and Dayne Sommer. I would personally like to acknowledge the hard work of Ms Kyna Waite, Mrs Nicole Hicks, Miss Naomi Miles and Ms Shana Rowe. Their assistance, patience and hair teasing skills were very much appreciated. Thank you to Mr Peter Dick who took some amazing photographs. Thank you to all of the parents, students and teachers who came to support our students at the event. Once again, it was a sell-out performance, so congratulations to all involved.

Our next performance opportunity will be the CHAFFS performance in early Term 3. We hope to see you all there!

Ms Julia Tutalo
Dance Teacher and Southern Network Dance Festival Event Director
Sock it to Suicide
On 20 June the SRC held a fundraiser called ‘Sock it to Suicide’. This charity provides support in the prevention of teenage suicide. We raised about $400 even though many students were at the dance festival and other events. The money we have raised will be sent off to the White Wreath Foundation. Thank you for donating.

Boot Scootin’ Judges
In May the library held a number of activities to help promote country books. Some of these activities included naming the cow and line dancing. Brigitte Beyer, Candy Welsh and Owen Geard (members of the SRC) helped out as judges for the line dancing. They had a very hard time choosing the winners for each category.

Best female dancer – Maddy Watton
Best male dancer – Jordan Frith
Best all rounder – Kartia Hudson
Best teacher dancer – Ms Cook
Most enthusiastic teacher – Ms Miller
Best dressed teacher – 1st – Ms Rudder
2nd – Ms Glase
3rd – Ms Rienstra

Social
On 18 June the SRC held the Term 2 Social with the theme of ‘Around the World’. It was great to see so many people show up and dress up for the theme. Emily Asbury, one of our very enthusiastic Year 10 SRC members chose many winners of prizes throughout the night. Congratulations to all the winners of those prizes. Thank you everyone for coming and we hope you all had a great night.

AFL Girls
On 5 June the CHHS girls AFL team travelled to Coffs Harbour to play in the Swans Cup. This group is supported by the SRC. The girls all played well but unfortunately didn’t win. They all had a great time against other teams and enjoyed the day. Good job girls!

By Lillian Barry and Livinia Deutscher
**Library News**

**Year 12**
The library has just acquired the latest HSC Exam Booklets containing sample answers from last year’s HSC. These are for Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Economics, English, PD/H/PE and Legal Studies and are available for overnight loan. A wide variety of study guides are available for Year 12 as they prepare for their Trials.

**Students in 8C and 8A**
All students in these classes are to have finished reading their twenty books for the Premier’s Reading Challenge before the end of August. Please encourage your student to read regularly so they achieve this goal. Suitable books are available for loan from the library.

**Before School**
Every morning the library is a buzz of activity as students work on research projects, complete homework or read. Students are able to use the facilities 8.30 – 9.00 each morning and at lunchtimes.

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**Dare to Dream**

Earlier this term boys from CHHS attended a workshop with Jeremy Donovan. Mid Coast Connect worked with Jeremy Donovan, Brand Ambassador-GenerationOne to provide programs aimed at sustaining motivation and building aspirations in the young people in the Hastings region. Jeremy spread the message that with aspiration, determination and self-belief, everything is possible. “If you have dedication and commitment you are destined to achieve, strive to be the best you can, apply yourself”, said Jeremy.

Jeremy encouraged students to assess themselves and ask the following questions:

*Dreadms, goals, aspirations – what do you do to achieve your dreams?*

*Look at the choices you are making. Are you throwing away your dream?*

*Are your choices serving you in your dream?*

*Guide yourself to your dream – you have to first believe you can do it.*

He talked about how we are masters of distraction and asked students how much effort they were going to apply to achieve their dreams. “Find people to invest in your dream, invest self-belief in your dream and don’t be limited in your dream. Dream to achieve”. “Any challenge should not define who we are, don’t allow it to hold you back or limit you. Change the way you think about things and do things to better your life. Self-belief is the biggest thing, when you fall over your dream picks you up, don’t give up,” continued Jeremy.

For further information on GenerationOne or Jeremy Donovan check out the websites:

http://generationone.org.au/  
CHHS Year 10 Parent and Student Information Evening

Students of Year 10 and their parents/carers are invited to an information evening at Camden Haven High School

Date: 25 July (Thursday of Week 2 in Term 3)
Time: 6pm – 8 pm
Venue: MPC at Camden Haven High School

Agenda – Selecting Subjects for Stage 6

The purpose of this evening is for students of Year 10 and their parents to talk to individual staff about specific subjects for Years 11 and 12. All faculties will be represented with ‘stalls’ set up with information, demonstrations, slide shows and student work relating to the subjects available.

You are welcome to walk around and look at the ‘stalls’ and spend your time as required. There will be no stand up and talking by presenters. This occurred in Term 2.

As well as staff from the school, there will be guests available to talk to about other aspects of Years 11 and 12. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Guests

- HSC Options in Vocational Education: Jenny Hamilton
- HSC Options in Tafe: Merryn Farrell / David Gray
- School Based Traineeships: Kim Clark / David Hamilton
- Career and Tertiary Information: David Gray
- Fast Link (Year 11 leavers): Jenny Hamilton
- Subject selection process / dates / classes: David Hamilton
- Subject specific information: Faculty Head and/or staff
- Learning support: Rob Schouten
- Welfare / Year 11 issues: Michael Fowler

The information presented on this night is critical to all students and their parents/carers. We hope you are able to attend.

NSW Team Selections

Congratulations to Jarrod Smith (Year 12), Joel Kennedy (Year 9), Wade Bellamy (Year 10), Sienna Buckley (Year 10), Shannye Hartland (Year 10) and Kristen Francis (Year 10) – selected in the NNSW team to play at the National Futsal Championships in Sydney from 29 September to 3 October 2013
Recently we had a visitor – Mrs Lloyd James a computer teacher from CHHS. She showed showing how to use a computer to find the Camden Haven High school website. On the CHHS website we learned lots about the subjects on offer. We enjoyed the Robotics photos and German movie. Together with Ms Lloyd-James we took the photo below, wrote this article, added the photo and emailed it for publishing.

Welcome to Herons Creek. We are the best school ever. We have 36 kids in our school and have the best football players. Our school is eco-friendly we have lots of chickens and rabbits. We also grow all of our vegetables. It is a great school because we have lots of fun. The canteen is yummy and scrummy.

**Year 8 Happenings**

Congratulations to year 8 students for a successful semester. I have read reports recently and was pleased with the overall effort and achievement demonstrated by the students. Congratulations to all the students who have received School Cup awards and to Toby Buckley, gaining my Year Adviser’s award for his consistent achievement across all subjects. Ross Beames has also gained the Deputy Principal’s award this term.

Many activities have been undertaken during the semester, including active participation in the carnivals, cattle team and public speaking, as well as representing the school in the community.

It was disappointing that the Enterprise Skills excursion did not go ahead. Hopefully it will be better supported when it runs again on 6 September. Students have also started talking about the Gold Coast excursion next year. My suggestion is that money is started to be put aside for this – it will be at least $600 (very rough estimate – don’t hold me to this 😊 – ). If $10 per week can be put aside from now on, the costs will be easier to obtain.

I am looking forward to the rest of the year with the Year 8 cohort. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Mrs Devine
Year 8 Year Adviser

**Term 3 Years 7 and 8 Sport**

**Year 7 GIRLS**
- Railway Ground Kendall - Multisports $4
- Tennis Kendall Courts $4

**Year 7 BOYS**
Multisport at school – no cost

**Year 8 GIRLS**
- Laurieton Oval $4

**Year 8 BOYS**
- North Haven Beach $4
Parents/ Carers of Year 10 are invited to an information evening

Date: 18 July (Thursday of week 1 in Term III)

Time: 6pm – 7pm

Venue: Staff Common Room at Camden Haven High School

Agenda – Unpacking the Senior Years

The purpose of this evening is for parents of year 10 to attend information sessions by Staff about area of the senior years, and in particular at Camden Haven High. You simply attend during the evening and have presentations by staff followed by questions. Tea Coffee will be provided.

Sessions

- NSW Record of School Achievement (Year 10) – (RoSA) Margaret Hutchinson
- HSC requirements/Board of Studies / DEC Margaret Hutchinson
- Camden Haven HS Links Program Sharon Westman
- Subject selection process / dates / classes David Hamilton

Other information available

- HSC options in Tafe David Gray
- School Based Traineeships David Hamilton
- Career & Tertiary information David Gray
- Fast Link (year 11 leavers) Jenny Hamilton
- Vocational Education Jenny Hamilton

The information presented on this night is very valuable to all parents/carers. We hope you are able to attend.

Visit this website which contains this information:
www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au
RoSA (Record of School Achievement)
The NSW HSC Information for Year 10 students and parents
How your HSC works (Step 1 – Getting Ready)

If you would like this newsletter emailed please contact the school (6556 8100)
or email deborah.dewar@det.nsw.edu.au
Camden Haven High School was one of only 83 schools in NSW which took up the very generous offer by Football Australia to attend the International World Cup Qualifier involving Australia and Iraq. Over 3,000 public school children attended the event and were given the unique opportunity of marching into Stadium Australia under our school banner. They marched around the oval next to the actual field as well as travelling through the ‘catacombs’ of the stadium.

The experience and atmosphere of such an event was not lost on the excited students as they mingled with the other 80,000 expectant supporters who attended the event. All were well behaved and transfixed by the skill level and by seeing some of their heroes run around on the field. All of us rode the emotions of Australia’s near misses and the jubilation when Josh Kennedy finally netted the goal that will see Australia go to Brazil for the next World Cup.

Fortunately we were also seated right behind the goal where Australia sealed the win. Sincere thanks must go to our bus drivers, Mr Mackiewicz and Mr Healey for their expert navigation and endurance. It will be an experience that all of us will remember for a long time. Students are now asking about the next trip ... to Brazil?!

Mr Rowe
Community Notices

Teen Yoga at The Youth Hub

**Term 3:** Thursday July 25th - Sept 19th  
**Time:** 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
**Venue:** The Port Macquarie Youth Hub  
**Cost:** $63 for nine weeks  
**Equipment:** Mats and props are supplied  
**Phone:** Martine on 0403 841 685  
Class includes - a warm up, theme, relaxation & yoga poses to build strength, flexibility, calm, confidence and a challenge.

*Inspiring students to find peace, strength and clarity*