PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Only two weeks into Term 4 and as you read through the newsletter you will see the many activities that have already taken place for both our face to face and our distance education students.

I would like to thank all the parents who attended our SRC Induction Assembly on day one. Your support is always very much appreciated. I would like to congratulate all the SRC representatives who have been elected for the upcoming year and look forward to working with them to make the school a safe and enjoyable place for all. I would also like to thank all the students who nominated, or were nominated as School Leaders. It was very closely contested by all nominees. Congratulations to the 2014/2015 School Captains Imogen Deutscher and Isaac Bruggemann and the Vice Captains Kirsty Kneipp and Jordan Potts.

The school hosted a mini school camp for distance education students from Years 7 to 11 during week one and this was highly successful. The students were able to engage in lessons, visit the Ag farm and local activities as well as meet and interact with students onsite. It was a very positive experience for all involved.

Our HSC students are currently well underway with their HSC examinations and these are progressing smoothly. Just a reminder to parents that the HSC Formal will take place on Wednesday 12th November 2013. Year 7 - 10 students should be preparing for their end of course examinations which begin over the next couple of weeks. Reports will then be completed ready for mail out before the end of the year. It is very important that students understand school does not conclude, however, until Wednesday 17 December 2014.

I look forward to another big term and thank you all for your support of our students in their participation of the many various activities we implement here.

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2015 SCHOOL CAPTAINS AND SCR REPRESENTATIVES

The 2015 Captains and Vice Captains of CHHS were announced at the Year 12 Graduation Assembly last term by the outgoing leaders. Congratulations to the incoming Captains Imogen Deutscher and Isaac Bruggemann, and Vice Captains Kirsty Kneipp and Jordan Potts. The student body and staff would like to commend all the students who nominated to be one of the school leaders. It was a tightly contested election.

First day back this term saw our SRC inducted along with the school leaders for 2015. We have a productive and enthusiastic SRC and we are already planning events for our annual Pink & Blue Day which will be held on Thursday 20 November. Please book the date!! And start looking for something to dress up in pink and/or blue. There will be activities from period 4 onwards. All money raised will go to support men’s and women’s cancer research. Remember, any suggestions for the SRC can be placed in the Suggestion Box outside the Uniform shop.
CALLBACK FOR DANCE STUDENTS

Callback is an annual showcase of the best of the HSC Dance practical examinations from all across NSW. To be nominated for Callback, performances should not only demonstrate a highly skilled practical ability, they also need to be supported by an excellent theoretical understanding. This means that nominated performances are close to or are awarded full marks.

This year students have received a number of nominations. Georgie Walsh was nominated for two out of three components. Her Core Performance and Major Study Performances were identified by HSC Dance examiners as exemplary examples. Laurissa Mangold was nominated for Core Performance, Core Composition and Major Study Performance, meaning that 80% of her HSC Dance examination has been identified in the top mark range. Madeleine Harley was nominated for Core Performance and Major Study Performance and Teghan Johnson for Major Study Performance.

Camden Haven High School is extremely proud of the achievements of these students which is indicative of their talent, hard work and dedication. The school runs Dance as an elective in Years 9-12 and regularly performs in state-wide initiatives such as Schools Spectacular and the NSW State Dance Festival.

Callback will be held at the Seymour Centre, Sydney on 12-13 February 2015.

Mrs Livingston
The sun was shining, the birds were chirping and it was holidays! However, this didn’t stop nine students from CHHS volunteering at the inaugural Bravehearts White Ribbon day at LUSC on Sunday 28th September. Jedd Boyan, Imogen Deutscher, Carley-Rose Taylor, Leeah Brown, Sarah Wilson, Bianca Neisler, Jordan Grieve, Melissa Cook and Isabella Thompson took time out of their holiday to help our community and assist the Camden Haven Bravehearts organisation promote the great work they do in the community.

Their volunteering tasks ranged from manning the face painting stall (where they quickly became budding artists), assisting with the pony rides, blowing up balloons or supervising at the jumping castle. These students willingly did what was asked of them by the organisers. Thank you for being such wonderful and helpful people. Our community and our school really appreciates what you did.

Mrs Wilson
Talented students in Year 8 have been expanding their knowledge of the influence Aboriginal and Asian knowledge and cultures have had on Australian society. This Australian Curriculum focus culminated in a Sydney excursion in the last week of Term 3.

The excursion allowed students to immerse themselves in Asian and Aboriginal cultural experiences and reflect on how these cultures have contributed to Australian society. They enjoyed a visit to the Indigenous Unit at the University of Sydney, partook of a banquet at Chinatown, visited Paddy’s Markets and the profoundly tranquil Asian Gardens at Darling Harbour. Sydney Museum was hosting The Celestial City exhibition that told the city’s Chinese story and a visit certainly added to students’ understanding.

Building on the knowledge gained on the excursion, students are now preparing to present a conceptualisation of what Australian society may look like in twenty years time. Their presentation will occur on Thursday 13 October at Camden Haven High School from 11.30 to 1 pm. Invitations will be issued to all parents of the students who attended. It would be appreciated if those who wish to attend please contact the school to assist with catering.
On the 8-10 October 12 distance education students from across the state attended the “Connected Learning” themed Minischool onsite at Camden Haven High School.

The theme was based on getting connected to technology to assist with learning and getting connected socially with peers and teachers. I believe both of these goals were surpassed.

The agenda for the Minischool included face to face lessons for both junior and senior students. Students participated in art, woodwork, personal development and food technology lessons as well as sessions aimed at improving their study skills and writing skills. Supervisors were not left out as Mr Lyttle, Mr Canterbury and Mr Gray provided useful sessions to support them.
Social opportunities are extremely important for distance education students due to isolation, lack of organised activities and independent learning so it was truly wonderful to see some friendships begin and thrive.

Students and supervisors not only participated in lessons but also a wide range of social activities. Ms Glase, Ms Navan, Mr Squires and Mr Lyttle joined our students on a Hastings river sunset cruise, a Billabong zoo excursion (which gave Jasmine inspiration to study Animal Handling at Tafe next year) and probably the highlight of the week was laser tag (where Mr Williams and Mr Squires were ‘targeted’ by the students).

Below is a note left anonymously by one of the distance education students. This note not only provides teachers with positive reinforcement that we are doing a good job it motivates teachers to continue working for our students knowing that we do make a difference at Camden Haven High School.

“I have just loved this school. I love distance education and I love mini schools. Thank you for doing this. I have just come over a huge anxiety “thing” and this school has given me a lot of confidence within myself. About 6 months ago I couldn’t get out of the house, I was scared and it was just so stupid when I look back on it but thank you a lot this school is great.”
SCHOOL NOTICES

YEAR 7 INTEGRATED SPORT - 2015

CHHS Sport Philosophy

Sport and physical activity is a valued and accepted part of our school's curriculum, contributing to the development of the whole child. It provides a vehicle for social, physical, emotional learning.

Sport is a whole school initiative and in 2015, we are expanding our traditional sport program.

This year we have been working toward making significant changes to our sport program. We are moving from having a traditional sports afternoon on Wednesday afternoon to an integrated sport model.

In 2015, Year 7 will participate in their sports periods separate to other year groups. Examples of the possible times for Year 7 sport are below:

Sport periods could be single periods or doubles.

Year 7: Monday Week A (Period 2) Wednesday Week A (Period 5) and Tuesday Week B (Periods 1&2)

Years 8 / 9 and 10: Traditional Sport on a Wednesday

The expectations for the sports periods are as follows:

Uniform:
Wear Camden Haven High School shorts and PE shirt to sports periods. All students will be expected to get changed into their normal school shirt after the lesson.

Starting Sport:
At the start of the sport period, Year 7 students will line up outside the MPC. The teacher in charge of that year group will ask students to come into the hall and sit down in class groups to have rolls marked. Rolls will be marked at the start and finish of every sport. After rolls are marked, students will be sent to the sport they are participating in by class group. Students will take all bags with them to sport.

Follow our PBL Behaviour expectations:
Respect (follow all instructions without question)
Responsibility (Be in the right place at the right time)
Do Your Best!

Truancy: The process for truancy during sport is:
If students are marked absent from a sport a phone call will be made to the parent/carer during the sport period.
The first truancy offence in a term will result in a letter home.
Second truancy offence will result in a meeting with the Deputy Principal and Sports Organiser.

Arriving late, signing in late and early leavers from sport:
Students, who continually arrive late or sign in late to sport lessons or have an early leavers, will be issued with N Determination warning letters. If students are away for three sports afternoons in a term, they must have a written reason or medical certificate to explain their absence.

Participation:
All students will be required to participate in sports periods to the best of their ability. Students who continually refuse to participate will be interviewed with the Head Teacher of PDHPE and meetings with parents will be organised.
CAREERS NEWS

APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES
There are a number of apprenticeship and training opportunities available at the moment in our local area. Students will need to be available for a work experience with the host employers and be able to demonstrate they possess the following range of basic employability skills.

- Punctuality
- A good work ethic
- Communication skills in particular ‘listening’
- Personal presentation
- Numeracy and Literacy or demonstrated effort in these areas.

Southern Cross University Coffs Harbour Visit
Last reminder for students to return permission notes and $20 to the front office as the trip is on Tuesday 21 October. Hurry to get the last seats on the bus.

Tax File Number (TFN)
This is ‘strictly’ a Year 9 program, however I will accept all students who wish to apply during Term 4. Students will need to bring a photocopy off their birth certificate to my office where we can complete the application. I will mail off to the Tax office in around Week 6 and Week 11 this term.

SPORT NEWS

TOM LEWIS STATE CHAMPION

Tom Lewis in Year 8, is the 2014 NSW Combined High Schools State Champion for the 1,500m event, in the 14 years age division!!

Running on a very wet and windy day at the Sydney Athletic Centre, Homebush, Tom was too good for the State’s best middle distance athletes, finishing in first place in a new personal best time of 4.29.29, winning the NSW State Gold Medal.

Tom has been one of the State’s best for the last six years, and is still unbeaten at North Coast Regional and Lower North Coast Zone Carnivals. He has had an outstanding year, breaking track records at Regional, Zone and School Carnivals by large margins.

Tom’s PDHPE teacher, Mrs Rudder commends his attitude and effort in every aspect of school life and it is with this attitude and perseverance that Tom achieves so much.
Experience The Magic Of Hosting

In July our exchange student, Toon, joined our family. And when I say joined he literally did that. He has become my teenage son. Our experience as a family has been amazing and unforgettable.

Toon is leaving this week and I feel like my son is grown up and leaving home. There is nothing negative that I can say about our time with Toon. Toon has been through all sorts of things with our family. Through good times, like the birth of our new daughter, and not-so-good times (but nothing bad).

I would like to say my respects to Toon’s parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well mannered, well balanced son. We have so many fantastic stories from this exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are hosting again next July. We will have a friend for life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you WEP for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn’t have been possible without the WEP team. Only a quick few words to show my appreciation in meeting Toon and to WEP.

Enrich your home with a curious exchange student in January 2015

Request student profiles now to find out more!

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Explore The WORLD With WEP

I hardly seem to have a spare moment here!! After three weeks, things are starting to fall more and more normal and life here in is starting to become natural. Sometimes it feels weird to speak English!!

School, at first, was quite difficult because I am living in a small town, my whole class have known one another since they were of age. However, they were all friendly and I have made acquaintances with just about the whole school, so there is always someone to talk to or ask questions. The language difference isn’t too much trouble. Miming is funny anyway and it’s good for breaking the ice!

My host family are very accommodating and always have new things to share and do with me. I am trying my best to do the same back, bringing my own bit of Australia here with me in Belgium. We are celebrating Australia Day tomorrow and I am teaching them how to make pavlova.

See Home, Paris or New York in 2015 with WEP Student Exchange!

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Junior Golf Every Sunday

At the Kew Country Club

Introducing a New Time & Format

Now Starting at 1pm

Including a 45 minute Presentation with refreshments in the club house

Competent Juniors to play 9 Holes

Parents welcome to join in

Beginners will spend time receiving coaching from experienced coaches at the practice facilities before playing some shortened holes

Contact the Proshop on 6559 4586
What is a Department of Human Services Access Point?

An Access Point is a self help facility where you can access services from the Department of Human Services by phone and fax. There are over 230 Access Points in rural, regional and remote areas of Australia.

At an Access Point you can:
- have your Proof of Identity documents copied
- use the telephone to access the department’s self service options, claim Medicare rebates, speak to us or to call prospective employers
- fax and photocopy documents
- at some Access Points there is an internet enabled computer where you can search for a job and access a range of Government programs and services.

Please note: there are no Department of Human Services staff at this site. If you need additional help please use the telephone provided to call us directly.

How to contact us

Visit humanservices.gov.au for more information about payments and services or call the ‘13’ or ‘1800’ number listed that is most relevant to your situation.

Your local Access Point is:

Name of organisation: DHS Centrelink/Medicare
Address: 16 Bold St (in Aust Hearing)
Laurieton
Hours of business: 8.30-4pm, Tuesday-Friday

Locations for other Access Points can be found at humanservices.gov.au

Online services

You can use online services to report, update or view your personal details, make claims, report employment income and download forms.
Use my.gov.au to access online services.

Centrelink
Phone self service 136 240
To report income, activity test/participation requirements and changes to circumstances call 133 276 (13 EARN)
ABSTUDY 1800 132 317
Assistance for Isolated Children 132 318
BasicsCard Balance Check 1800 057 111
Disability and carers 132 717
Employment services 132 850
Families and parents 136 150
Financial Information Service 136 357
Income Management 1800 132 594
Indigenous 1800 136 380
Multilingual 131 202
Older Australians 132 300
Youth and students 132 490
Customer relations 1800 050 004
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TTY Enquiries Freecall™ 1800 810 586

Child Support
Phone: 131 272
TTY: Freecall™ 1800 631 187

Medicare
Phone: 132 011
TTY: Freecall™ 1800 552 152

CRS Australia 1800 277 277

Australian Hearing 131 797
TTY: 02 9412 6802

Note: calls to ‘13’ numbers are charged at a fixed rate. Calls to ‘1800’ numbers are free. Calls from public and mobile phones may be charged at a higher rate. TTY is for people who are deaf or have a hearing or speech impairment. A TTY phone is required.
Melbourne Cup Luncheon

The b2b fundraising committee request the pleasure of your company at

Lorne Valley Macadamia Farm

Bus departs Laurieton 11.30am at School of Arts returning from Lorne Valley Macadamia Farm at 4.00pm

Cost: $55 p/p incl Transport 2 Course Meal + Tea / Coffee

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE PRIZE for best dressed Male / Female CUP SWEEPS available on the day

Tickets are available from The Dunbogan Boatshed (cash only)

If you require further information please contact Mary Laing on 0402 659 449
Spring Fete

Kendall Community Preschool

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER

9am-1pm

sausage sizzle, craft making, face painting, preschool garden gallery tours, pony rides, cupcake decorating, garage sale, raffle, plants-a-plenty, ice creams........
2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:
- A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:
- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY
- ONLINE – It takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – Download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:
- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

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