PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year has arrived so quickly!!

Each year’s end always brings with it a tremendous sense of accomplishment, and so many things have been accomplished at CHHS this year the as I outlined at the Annual Awards Evening on Monday. Our students have been involved in an extraordinary number of activities during the year. Throughout all of these activities our students have demonstrated much enthusiasm, great dedication and strength of character.

As the school year for 2014 draws to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help, support and interest during the year. We have had another very busy and successful year and you, as partners in the education of your children, deserve much of the credit for that. Many thanks also go to our students, student leaders, teaching and non-teaching staff and members of the P&C and our broader community. It is the support of the entire school community that helps make our school a great place.

For those leaving CHHS this year I would like to wish you all the best for the future. If you have students staying with us then I look forward to working with you all next year to keep making this a fantastic place of learning.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer vacation - see you in 2015.

Margaret Hutchinson

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Having won the annual Camden Haven Community of Schools Rotary Robotics Competition, Hannam Vale Public students cashed in their prize and joined two teams from Camden Haven High School on the road to the Regional Championships in Sydney on 24 November.

The competition required students to design and program a bot to complete 12 tasks. It also had an Engineering component where teams have to front three different panels of judges and discuss their designs, show their research skills and demonstrate their teamwork; all core skills for working in engineering teams in the future.

The most experienced team from Camden Haven High School came second in the robot challenges, and right up until the last round of the day Hannam Vale were coming third with a score of 86, one ahead of Queenwood’s Year 10 team. Alas in the last round they were bumped to fifth. Nevertheless the intrepid Year 5 and 6 students impressed so much they won the Judges Award.

**ICAS SCIENCE RESULTS**

Congratulations to all Camden Haven High School students who participated in the 2014 International Science Competition and in particular those below who achieved outstanding results:

**Distinction**
Daniel Johnson (7), Luke Mudge (8), Emily Legge (8), Aaron Johnson (9), Ryan Noar (10), Beth Wheeler (10), Bruce Cable (10), Emily Stevens-Seers (10), Isaac Bruggemann (11), Kaleb Cosier (12).

**Credit**
Jacqueline Smith (7), Matthew Burgess (7), Robbie Usher Clark (7), Nathanael Bruggemann (8), Zac Alchin, Braden Kaul (8), Emma Kaul (8), Tom Lewis (8), Kartia Hudson (8), Jack Beukers (8), Griffin Ferguson (9), Toby Buckley (9), Callum Vanderent (9), Abbie Moss (9), Matthew Sheppard (9), Jack Sheppard (9), Jaimee lee Ashe (9), Cameron Kaul (10), Joshua Godwin (10), Will Kilgour (10), Dylan Frith (10), Grace Gudgeon (10), Gabrielle Hobson (10), Patrick Moulds (10), David Jackson (10), Eve Wallace (10), Charlie McAlpine (10), Riley Papas (10), Samantha Kirkwood (11), Liam Boehme (11), Shaemus McLaren (11), Zoe Lane (12)
RESEARCHING CLIMATE CHANGE

Whilst it seems that all but a few are thoroughly convinced by the Science that Climate Change is happening, we are all a little unsure of how soon, how much and how will it affect us.

Marine Studies students from Camden Haven High School are embarking on some research work locally to contribute to the global information about the changes that are taking place right here in as close to us as The Wash House Beach Platform.

These students along with their teacher, Dr Deborah Geronimi will commence a detailed and rigorous study program in 2015. An important aspect will be to ensure that data is accurate as possible and kept up to date in the coming years. Also important will be for the information to be available to the public. This will be done in combination with the Camden Head Pilot Station and its latest project of placing QR codes around the Pilot Station and break wall. QR or Quick Response Codes are a type of two-dimensional barcode that can be read using smartphones and dedicated QR reading devices, that link directly to text, emails, websites, phone numbers and more. QR codes have been gaining popularity worldwide in the recent years. From advertisements, brochures, and newspapers to corn mazes and tombstones, QR codes have been printed on everything and made out of everything. QR codes are for all community members- no longer the domain of the young and tech-savvy. This project aims to make use of the technology so people of all ages and interests can find out the latest in data about the Research work and Climate change.

The possibilities for access to data seems endless with information about the heritage and environmental aspects of the area high on the agenda as well as the concept of a bird watch project with potential to be interactive for guests and visitors to the cottage.

Community College coordinator, Tom Ferrier is very excited with the possibilities, especially with the links to bird and plant Identification and the education aspect for the animal diversity of the rock platform.

Teacher Deb Geronimi is looking forward incorporating the program with the work on litter already completed with EarthWatch. This study has been used and published by the CSIRO.

The project is receiving great support from the Camden Haven Tourism Cooperative as well as the Beach-to-Beach project. Pilot Station, Manager, Ross Butlin is enthused about the possibilities of real tasks for students leading to real jobs locally in the future. A win all round for the environment, people and our community.

For more information contact Ross, Camden Head Pilot Station 65596699 pilotstation@chace.org.au, or Dr. D Geronimi, Camden Haven High School 65568189.
On 25th November, 2014, an excited group of students boarded the train for Sydney and six days of hard work and fun. Assisted by Mr Dick, Miss Webber and Ms Waite, they attended three days of rehearsals at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Sixteen students were performing as part of the ‘Combined Choir’ and another ten students in the ‘Combined Dance’. A special mention goes to Tainga Savage who performed with the Aboriginal Dance Company choreographed by the Bangarra Dance Theatre (seen centre of the photograph).

On Friday 26th November, forty two lucky students travelled down by early bus to watch the preview performance. The general consensus on the show is that it was “spectacular”. A long bus ride home followed the three hour event, but it was definitely worth the trip to watch the School Spectacular live. Our performers remained to participate in another three shows. The live performances were held on Friday 26th and Saturday 27th November, and televised on NBN that Saturday night. A weary group returned home on the following Sunday bringing with them many memories, and a taste for the spotlight.

All performers thoroughly enjoyed participating in such an amazing, huge event, with over 3500 public school primary and secondary students involved. It is a credit to our schools, teachers and students that a performance of such high standard has been created every year since 1983!

The students involved in School Spectacular were:

**Combined Choir**

Gabriel Dick, Lillibet Skerritt, Bea Firth, Lindsay Kaul, Kate Nelson, Abby Wilson, Harley Lindley, Ryan Dawes, Connah Wilson, Tim Olander, Maddy Williams, Joel Burton, Isaac Bruggemann, Liam Boehme, Aaron Bruggemann, Nathaniel Bruggemann

**Combined Dance**

Paige Wilkie, Charlotte Cable, Taylah Murray, Kirra Duck, Kate Rackley, Claudia Levi, Emily Stevens-Seers, Angela Coull, Inndia Vitnell, Kate Simpson
SCHOOL CUP POINTS

Throughout the year students can earn positive points for everything they do with schooling. Students are encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities as well as aim for the highest in the classroom and the playground. Teachers award these positive points via the school management software, Millennium. Students and parents can track their progress by using the student millennium portal.

At the end of each term the house group with the most points for that term is rewarded with the top 20 students in that group invited to a rewards day as well as the top 5 students in the other house groups.

The athletics, swimming and cross country carnivals are added to the individual student scores to provide a term result as well as a total score for the year.

2014 Carnival results

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Due to the large variances in house numbers there is a handicap system to ensure fairness.

In 2015 there will another opportunity for School Cup Houses to earn points through the termly school cup day which will include a wide range of activities enabling all students to build points for their house group. This day will include touch football, basketball, futsal, handball and other novelty activities.

During term 4, the Watson house had a massive resurgence and with this won the term four rewards day excursion as well as the annual competition.

Camden – 47910
Haven – 49432
Taylor – 44412
Watson – 50584

The lucky students have been given their notes and will be travelling to Majestic Cinemas, Port Macquarie where they will watch Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. Students may also get some time for some late Christmas shopping at Port Central.

Congratulations to this year’s School Cup winner – WATSON.
MAYOR VISITS CHHS

On the 27th November the HSC PDHPE class welcomed Mayor Peter Besseling to their classroom to discuss the important role of how local government provides health services and how they work with the state and federal governments. The students took notes and further developed their knowledge of health services by asking questions.

This lesson is very important for these students as this topic has been included in the HSC examination paper in the last two years and having the Mayor discuss local issues and examples will provide our students with a wide range of resources to address this question if it is included in the 2015 examination.

Boys BBQ with the Mayor

Mr Besseling also spoke with a selected group of young men about the importance of aiming for the highest and having respect for yourself and others. Mr Besseling reflected on his rugby career for the Waratahs and in Japan and also spoke about his political career. The students engaged with Mr Besseling and the room had a great ‘vibe’ about it with students in deep discussion about Mr Besseling’s career as well as enquiring about local issues.

The boys very much enjoyed the BBQ lunch that followed and even took a few selfies with the Mayor. Mr Besseling was very impressed with the Camden Have High School students and looks forward to coming back again.
LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday borrowing
Please remind your student/s to return library books, magazines & DVDs as they finish with them so they are able to borrow for the holidays. Readers who have been reliable may borrow extra books. The last day for holiday borrowing will be Tuesday 16th December.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Congratulations to the 56 students who completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014.

Of those, four were awarded the prestigious Platinum Certificate and six a ‘Gold Certificate’.

7C & 7A have commenced the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014. Any student who will be in Years 7, 8 or 9 in 2014 is also welcome to join. Of the twenty books participants are required to read, five are free choice. New books that have been added to the reading list for 2015 include the popular Fault in our stars and the Divergent series. More details are available on the website https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html.

Absent: Lauren Hrabak, Lani Garison and Heath Rowan

Library helpers
I appreciate the willingness of students to help out in the library.

Thank you!

Happy reading

Mrs Rienstra
ROCKY AND RICKINA UPDATE

Rocky has had a growth spurt and now weighs over 9kg! His body condition and coat continue to improve as he grows. Rocky is still very fond of Rickina. They often play together and share a night cage with each other. However they are spending more time apart as he enjoys playing and wrestling with the other boys Onyo, Anjas and Gunung. Rocky still needs lots of encouragement to climb so his food snacks and enrichment items are hung high in the trees, which does the trick.

Rickina now tips the scales at 7kg and is a very good eater. She is developing a very long and lush coat, making her even more beautiful. Rickina is very sociable with the other orangutans and is always the first to investigate any new comers to the group. She still likes to spend time with Rocky. They are getting more independent of one another, but if they are ever feeling anxious they always seek each other out for comfort.

The older and more advanced orangutans in baby school will graduate soon and move up to join forest school. This will leave Rocky & Rickina as the King and Queen of baby school! The first two photos are of Rocky and the second two photos are of Rickina.
DISTANCE EDUCATION NEWS

SUPPORT CENTRES

Feed back from Toronto support centre, PCYC Broadmeadow 2014 and Nelsons Bay PCYC

Times for support centre PCYC Broadmeadow 12-3 pm. A great term supporting students at the Broadmeadow PCYC. Jake Chatfield is the club manager at The PCYC.

Ms Hicks and Ms Lloyd-James worked with 6 students at the centre. Emma Bastock (10), Jes Smith (12), Max Hall (8), Mikayla Denmark and new student Genna McCarthy (10) all students are keeping teachers busy, with welfare and learning issues. Jodie Rowe and Matt Beyer (Art teachers from CHHS) came in as well to work with Jess Smith HSC student.

We had our last visit for the 2014 year at the community centre here at Toronto is very friendly and a good spot for students to come to. The front office at the community centre is organised and gave us the bigger room to meet today. We had 6 families here supporting CHHS students Eyrin Orielly (new 10), Tobias Hudson (9), Sam Marr (9) Mitchell Adamson (8) Kirsty Gray (10). These students enjoyed visiting at Toronto support centre last week. Teachers Ms Hicks Ms LJ arrived at Toronto 12:30 and families were already waiting at the centre we are looking at 12:30/1 pm - 3:30 pm as a better time for this support centre. That time frame gives teachers driving from CHHS time for a pit stop and allows for roads works etc and set up before students arrive at 1 pm at the community centre Toronto.

Nelsons Bay PCYC times are from 11-1 pm On our last visit for 2014 there were four students attending the support centre at the PCYC Nelsons Bay. Students enjoy meeting each other and completing work with teachers. They bring coursework and forms to return to school. In attendance were Nathan Beadle (12), Taylah Gibbs (year 9), Darcey Fanning (Year 9) and Courtney Smith Yr 11.

This photo was taken at Nelson Bay PCYC one of the Hunter East support centres. In the background teacher Ms Hicks is supporting Darcy with his maths coursework. In the foreground are members from a hospitality certificate group that share the PCYC. During our visit the hospitality team presented their yummy work for our appraisal!

So coming to support centres can be fun, like meeting new friends or very helpful with completing your coursework and sorting out issues.
2015 INTENTION NOTICES

REMINDER
Intention notices for have been sent to students returning in 2015. Can you please return your completed intention notice ASAP to ensure you will receive your school work ready to start next year.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM OUR SUPPORT CENTRES

SCHOOL NOTICES

WANTED
We are in need of second hand uniforms.
If you have any CHHS uniforms your child no longer requires, we would appreciate your donation to the school emergency clothing pool.
Many thanks, Admin Staff.
ADVOCACY = “'standing by' someone, or 'speaking out' for someone's rights, or 'going into bat for another person' -- being 'on their side', especially when the chips are down.”

Who is the Advocacy Service for?
For people with any type of disability and their family or carers (e.g. a brain injury, an intellectual disability, a neurological disability, a physical disability, a psychiatric disability, a sensory disability). The service works in the Hunter, New England and Mid North Coast regions of NSW.

Disability Advocacy (DA) services are:

✔ ADVOCACY SUPPORT FOR INDIVIDUALS
  - Directly advocating on behalf of a person or providing information and advice so that a person can advocate for themselves (e.g. dealing with a landlord, support when going to court, support in dealing with the police or dealing with a legal issue, negotiating a better deal from a government department, dealing with guardianship and financial management orders, dealing with problems at work, school, TAFE or uni etc)
  - Linking a person with other relevant services (e.g. helping a person get legal advice from a solicitor or help from a financial counsellor).
  - Talking over a problem (e.g. Sometimes advocates can best help by simply listening and helping to think through options for moving forward)
  - Supporting an individual to take formal action on matters related to disability discrimination or making a complaint against a service provider (e.g. assisting a person to make a complaint with the Anti-Discrimination Board).
  - DA also has a specialist advocate who can assist people from a non-English speaking background and can sometimes link a person with a disability who need long term advocacy support to a volunteer advocate.

✔ SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY
  - Advocate for changes to policies and practices that are unfair to people with a disability (e.g. shortages of group home accommodation for adults with intellectual disability, younger people with disabilities forced to live in aged care facilities, poor access to transport for people with disabilities)

✔ EDUCATION
  - Providing education programs for: non-disabled people, workers in the field, family members, carers and people with a disability (e.g. rights training for people with an intellectual disability, advocacy workshops for accommodation support workers or carers of people with a disability).

To Find out more: Phone us or come to our office to find out if we can be of assistance. Alternatively try our web site www.da.org.au for more details about DA.
THE BEST HOLIDAYS HAPPEN AT CAMP

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Tick every box this school holidays with a Sport and Recreation Camp. Our popular Kids' and Family Camps offer a range of exciting activities to keep even the biggest kid entertained. Try your hand at over 40 different activities, including fishing, mountain biking, surfing, abseiling, crafts, kayaking, cooking and more, and relax knowing you’re in good hands. Kids' Day Camps start from $47. Family Camp weekends start from $168 for kids and $238 for adults. Kids under five years attend free of charge. Cost includes accommodation, meals and activities.

 Bonus! Residential Kids’ Camps include supervised transport from:

- Central Station, Sydney
- Parkes
- Lithgow
- Bathurst
- Orange
- Wellington
- Brooklyn
- Mooney Mooney.

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STUDENT CAREER PLANNING

School Based Apprenticeships, School Based Traineeships and Structured Work Placements are all excellent opportunities for students to gain valuable experience in workplaces while still at school.

School Based Apprenticeships, Traineeships and Work Placements are a great way for students to experience work and undertake formal, on the job training as part of their Higher School Certificate. “The program is a really great way to encourage students to see their futures. You see their confidence build, you see how they mature and even the businesses that employ them love having young people in the workplace,”

The latest research from Britain says that school students who have had at least 4 quality interactions with employers are 5 times more likely to be in Education, Employment or Training when they are 19-24. In other words, the more quality experiences you can get with employers while still at school – the better.

If you are a student or a parent/carer and want to know more about these programs, please speak to Mr Tony Dickenson the Camden Haven High School Careers Adviser.

More information available here

CAMDEN HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL’S own careers website for students, teachers and parent / carers too. You can find it at www.chhscareers.com

Students can also use it to create and save their resume, cover letters, career plans and more.

I have designed the website with both our students and our parent/caregiver in mind, to provide you with all the information you need about your child’s Career Planning and post school options – and the information is constantly changing in these areas. I would also like to communicate with you in regards to your child’s career planning, so I would ask that you choose your preferred form of communication below.

Please fill in (choose 1 or more) and return to school as soon as possible.

Parent Name: ____________________________
Parent Signature: ______________________________
Student Name: ____________________________ Student Year: ____________

Email – this is my preferred email address_________________________________
SWIMMING CARNIVALS 2015

Our swim annual carnival at LAURIETON POOL

Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 on Tuesday 3rd February 2015.

Year 7 and 8 on Wednesday 4th February 2015.

The aim of the carnival is to involve as many students as possible in friendly competition.

A RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THESE CARNIVALS HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY OUR SCHOOL

Students may make their own way to the pool and arrive between 8.30-9.00am. Normal school buses from Laurieton/Dunbogan/North Haven will drop off students at the pool on Tuesday and Wednesday. Buses will bring students to the pool from the school if students cannot make other arrangements.

At the conclusion of the carnival on both days students may make their own way home from the pool (A note is required from a parent/guardian). Buses will be available to bring students back to school to catch their normal school bus home if they cannot walk from the pool.

Normal lessons will occur on Tuesday 3rd February for Years 7 and 8.

Normal lessons will occur on Wednesday 4th February for Years 9, 10, 11 and 12. Students in Years 9 and 10 will participate in school sport.

A note is required from a parent/guardian if a student is not to enter the water or if there are special conditions that relates to the students safety during the swim carnival.

(please send this note to Mr Dalton before the carnival day or see Ms Cook on the day).

A note is required from a parent/guardian for a student to remain at the pool after the carnival (If there is no note then students must leave the pool). The note will be collected at the end of the day.
Free Dental Check Up for your Child at Lake Innes Medical and Dental Centre

With Christmas Holidays just around the corner why not take advantage of this time and book your child in for the dental treatment under the Medicare Dental Benefits Scheme. If your child is aged 2-17 and your family meets the means test you could be entitled for up to $1000.000 per child dental care which could include basic essential dental treatment such as check-ups, x-rays, fillings and extractions. Don’t wait until it is too late!


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