PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Only six weeks into this term and students and staff have all been actively engaged in a wide variety of activities within classrooms as well as across sporting and cultural activities. This week staff and students hosted a transition evening for students and parents for Year 7, 2015. The Year Adviser for 2015, Ms Bovey-Mendez, Stage 4 DP, Ms Miller, HT Welfare, Ms Winfield, Transition Officer, Erika Turner together with SRC students welcomed and guided visitors around the school to show case our wonderful facilities as well as provide an insight into the wide variety of curriculum opportunities available to students. The very well attended evening has received positive and encouraging feedback. Thank you to all involved. This weekend will see our students and teachers at the Camden Haven Show, with entries in several areas, including cattle judging and providing a petting zoo for children. I hope the weather holds and a great weekend is had by all who attend.

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There was a strong underlying theme of promoting a positive culture for all at the annual Camden Haven High School SRC training day, held at the Laurieton United Servicemen’s Club on the 21st of February. The CHHS SRC gathered this year to grow together as leaders within the school and outside community and to also liaise with each other in outlining and expressing our views on the school’s bright future for 2014.

The day started off with recognition of what it takes to be a leader. Deputy Mayor of the Port Macquarie Hastings Council, Mr. Adam Roberts spoke to us about his personal adventure in the world of leadership outlining certain key characteristics such as resilience, communication and understanding. We asked him questions surrounding his achievements and journey as well as questions on how we can serve our school and promote what a wonderful place it is to the community.

We then began the process of brainstorming and developing our ideas. We focussed on equally representing our student body with endeavours ranging from sporting and the academic to the arts and participation. We recognised that with such a large and diversely talented student body we need to promote everybody’s individual achievements.

The day was successful and we would like to extend many thanks to Deputy Mayor Mr. Roberts for inspiring us, the LUSC for their generous hospitality and also Mrs Wilson our SRC coordinator for providing our passionate and opinionated group with the structure and support we often require.

Please, if you have any questions or ideas to express to our SRC, pop a note into the SRC suggestion box or approach one of the SRC representatives within your year.

Erica Johnson – Year 12
As parents and teachers, we all know that the best way to improve the behaviour of children is to recognise good behaviour when we see it. Positive Behaviour for Learning is a program that is built upon this very concept.

The main principles behind PBL are

1. Student misbehaviour can be changed (taught)
2. Environments can be created to change behaviour (instructional)
3. Changing environments requires change in adult behaviour (teaching)
4. Adult behaviour (teaching) must change in a consistent and systematic manner
5. Systems of support (effective instructional environments) are necessary for both students and adults

At CHHS we believe that by helping students practice good behaviour, we will build a culture of student success and growth.
WOMEN IN ENGINEERING

Early in January Samantha Kirkwood, Year 11, attended the UNSW Women in Engineering Camp in Sydney. After finding out about this camp from one of her teachers, Samantha applied online, sent in an application and was one of the successful applicants. She stayed on campus for the week, dining at on-campus restaurants and living the dormitory life.

Samantha, and approximately twenty other students from all over NSW, visited all the Engineering Schools within the University and participated in an activity at each one. Some of the activities included soldering in electrical engineering, making frozen yoghurt and sampling a bionic eye implant.

During her stay the group climbed the Harbour Bridge at night, visited QANTAS and went inside an Airbus A380, lunched with Marie Bashir at Government House and toured the ABC Studios.

“The field of Engineering is heavily dominated by men, and UNSW has made it a mission to increase the representation of women. We believe that the first- and most important - step is simply exposing yound women to what engineering is all about. Informed, bright, science-minded, problem-solving women can be attracted to a career in engineering: it is a way to help people, creative, interesting, in demand and well paid.”

Dr. Alex Bannigan - Communications and Development Manager, University of NSW
Students from the Year 9 and 10 Marine and Aquaculture Technology classes and Year 11 Marine Studies classes undertook their swimming skills tests on 5th March at Kendall pool. All students performed well, completing their 200 m swim, 25 m fully clothed swim, treading water for five minutes and swimming 10m underwater. Troy Wilkinson (Year 11) was the fastest swimmer and completed his 200m swim in less than 3 minutes. The students also enjoyed practising their snorkelling techniques such as stride entry, duck diving and clearing their snorkels. It was a lovely morning out and the sun was shining! Well done to all who participated.
This year we are continuing and maintaining links in Newcastle in a pursuit to further support our students. Once a Term representatives from Camden Haven High School attend a joint meeting in Newcastle to discuss ways to support the youth in the local community. The network meeting consists of representatives from Jobquest, the Police, Distance Education and District Office Personnel. Connections made over recent years, have enabled CHHS to establish support centres in the area. These support centres are located throughout the Newcastle area at Broadmeadow PCYC, Toronto Neighbourhood Centre and Rutherford Community Centre. The centres are primarily used for students to meet with teachers, have one on one tutoring and assistance with their studies and future direction. The centres have many resources available to them and provide a safe and positive learning environment.

We value the connections made and hope to be able to continue to support our youth. If you would like to know more about these centres and programs please contact the school.
Tamika and Tinarrah Denniss, two distance education students, attend the Research and Arts Health Centre in Tamworth every Tuesday to create art and learn about healthy living options. This initiative is organised by the University of Newcastle and NSW Health who work together to research kidney disease in Aboriginal Australia. The Arts Health Space in Tamworth is a space where women come together to create art with professional artists and to meet visiting health professionals who talk about health issues, cook healthy food and introduce new mums to information that assists them. Both Tamika and Tinarrah are producing outstanding artworks that will be showcased in the Hunter later on in the year.

2104 DE CAMP

The DE camp is coming up in Term 2 on the 5th to the 8th May. It costs $100 and this includes accommodation, activities and food for the four days. Those students who are interested need to contact their Stage Coordinators for more information. Students and supervisors can arrange their own travel to Shoal Bay, OR take advantage of our free bus pickups at Macksville and Raymond Terrace early in the morning on Monday 5th May. Eligible supervisors can claim a subsidy for travel costs through Camden Haven High School DE. Ask your Stage Coordinator for the paperwork needed and keep your travel receipts.
On Monday March 7, sixteen eager Preliminary HSC dance students fronted at Camden Haven High School to participate in an intensive all day workshop. The students came from Kempsey, Newcastle, Bathurst, Taree, Wauchope and Port Macquarie.

The day consisted of workshops in Performance, Composition and Appreciation. Students study the dance as a single course subject, as it is not offered at their local school. Often this is the only opportunity for them to get some face to face tutoring with their teachers.

The day was extremely successful and students participated eagerly, although I think by the end of the day many were ready to go home to bed.

The following teachers were responsible for organising the day Ms. Webber and Ms. Navan, both teachers took turns to deliver workshops addressing areas of study from the syllabus. Thank you to Ms. Tutalo who also attended the latter part of the day and delivered an excellent session.

Single Course Days run once a term and we encourage all students who study dance to attend. The Term 2 date for Preliminary HSC dance is yet to be confirmed but is likely to happen earlier in the term.

Again a big thank you to all those students who attended and we hope that it was a beneficial day for all involved.

Happy Dancing!
SCHOOL NOTICES

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Years 7, 8 and 9 Parent / Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 25th March 2012
3.45 pm – 6.00 pm

BOOK ONLINE NOW

Go to:
- Enter Event Code: H7JY6
Click on GO
- Enter your details
- Choose the teachers you wish to see
- Choose the times you wish to attend

Please feel free to ring Ms Cook or Ms Sass on 65568194 if you have any questions or are having difficulty making a booking.

UNIFORM SHOP

Now arrived - CHHS business shirts! Male and female styles - sky blue for juniors and white for seniors. Available from the uniform shop for $27.00. The shop is open Tuesday 8:30 - 11:30 am, and Thursday 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Mrs. McInnes, Uniform Shop Coordinator
LOCKERS FOR SENIORS

Year 11 and Year 12 students are eligible to have a locker. Just pay $25 deposit to the front office and take the receipt to Ms Collard in the demountable staff room on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. You will then be allocated a locker. There aren’t many left, so be quick!

CAREERS NEWS

WHS WHITE CARD TRAINING

Students intending to undertake work experience at a ‘construction’ site MUST have a Work Health and Safety (WHS) white card. Visit the Careers office to register your interest in undertaking the two day course here at CHHS.

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

UOW - Entry Requirements for Undergraduate Teacher Education

From 2016 ALL students entering an undergraduate teacher education program MUST meet the THREE BAND 5 BOSTES Requirement with one subject being in English (Standard or Advanced). This is true for all NSW universities.

The University of Wollongong has the following options available:

1. Directly from Secondary School Requirement: 3 x Band 5 (1 in English) from 2016 - 4 years of study
2. Double Degree B Social Science/B Primary Education OR Degree B Social Science (Psychology)/B Primary Education 5 years of study (2.5yrs. + 2.5yrs – pathway also to being a school counsellor)
3. Complete undergraduate degree + post graduate teacher education degree - Minimum 5 years of study (3yrs. + 2 yrs.)
4. Commence undergraduate degree at university and transfer after one year IF student has good academic results (Credit Av) in first year of university studies - Minimum 5 years of study (1yr + 4 yrs.)

Students need to check with individual universities their policies and options / pathways into teacher education from 2016.

2014 UMAT EXAM

UMAT - Undergraduate Medicine & Health Admission Test

You must sit UMAT to be considered for entry into Medicine at UNSW, UNE, Newcastle, BOND, UQ, Uni of Adelaide, UTAS, Monash, and Uni of WA. Also for Optometry at UNSW, Vision Science at Flinders, Dental Sciences / Oral Health at UQ, Adelaide, LaTrobe, Uni of WA, and Clinical Sciences at Charles Darwin, Flinders and Health Sciences at La Trobe.

For Full details you must see UMAT 2014 Information Booklet which is downloadable from the website.

Registrations are now open for this year’s UMAT exam and close at 5pm on Friday June 6, 2014. Exam is on Wednesday 30th July.

See http://umat.acer.edu.au for all details
UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

Year 12 University of New England Open Day overnight visit May 1st and 2nd. This is a great opportunity for all year 12 students and including non ATAR HSC candidates.

MyDay is designed to offer Year 12 students an opportunity to experience a day in the life of a university student. These events are also an ideal opportunity to gather key information about course application requirements, course content and delivery style, scholarships, on campus accommodation etc. There are a number of course specific events in Bathurst, Wagga Wagga, Albury-Wodonga, Orange, Dubbo from February to August, as well as a general Open Day in Port Macquarie. Please note: you need to register for these sessions. For details, please see: http://www.csu.edu.au/go/myday (or see the sheet on the next page).

TAX FILE NUMBERS FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS

The easiest way to get a TFN is through your school. Most public and private secondary schools are registered with the program. By applying through your school you don’t have to provide any documents to prove your identity, because the school verifies this. However, you will still need to include on your application form some details from your Australian birth certificate or Australian citizenship certificate, or overseas passport.

If you don’t have a TFN you could have more tax withheld from your pay, or be unable to receive the government benefits you are entitled to such as Youth Allowance. See your school Careers Adviser for more information and who to get the application form from in your school.
REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL

Ben Makin, Toby Otto and Anthony Owers travelled to Coffs Harbour on Monday 24 February to represent the Lower North Coast Zone and trial for the North Coast Volleyball side. The team competed against Mid North Coast, Northern Rivers and Far North Coast to show who had the potential to represent the North Coast at Orange later this term.

The first game was our toughest challenge with the North Coast coach and his school team representing Far North Coast, showing some height and determination. Anthony and Ben started as our outside hitters and passers, putting in a great performance throughout the first set. Both boys showed great defence and attacking skills, which kept LNC in front. Some great setting from the Wauchope boys and hits through the middle saw us take the first set.

However in the second set, there was a little drop in intensity and increase in urgency from FNC. Our boys continued to work hard, with Ben moving to the middle and putting up some great blocks, however it was not enough, taking the game to a third set decider.

It was too and fro in the final set with both teams taking the lead at various times, however solid serving and hitting from FNC saw them take the game 2 – 1, with our boys getting a great chance to showcase their skills.

The second game was against Mid North Coast, who just beat FNC in a fairly one sided 3 set game, so the boys needed to be on their toes. Ben again played in the middle and showed some solid blocking and hitting skills, whilst Anthony continued on the outside; passing well and serving to difficult areas. Toby also got his chance to get into the game and learn a little more about the positional play of the setter. Some great setting saw our boys able to work together and take the game 2 – 1.

They then had to double up and play Northern Rivers who appeared to be the weakest team there. However fatigue began to creep in to the game with all the players not being as crisp as the first two games. Toby continued to chase loose passes and put up some decent sets, whilst Ben had another shot on the outside. In the end our team was not up to the challenge and we lost 0 – 2.

This made it difficult for our boys to get a show in for the possibles / probables game, however Anthony was asked to have a crack. In the end some of the older boys were a little stronger with their attacking, but he was asked to be a reserve for the North Coast team, should anybody pull out. Congratulations to all the boys on their great performances and I am confident with a little more training this year, they will be certain contenders in 2015.

GOOD LUCK U15 TOUCH FOOTBALL TEAM

To our 15 years Touch Football teams who were all competing in their knockout day, as well as trialling for places in the Lower North Coast teams, and our hockey boys who are trialling for a spot in the LNC team this week.

Reports will come in the following newsletter about their conquests.
ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday 20 February, about 30 zone representatives travelled to Kempsey again to compete for a chance at progressing on to trial for the North Coast Team.

Many of our athletes competed in a number of events and performed strongly throughout the day. Whilst 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 both the All age relays, with one competitor from each age group (12 years – 17+ years). The teams performed strongly with both qualifying to compete at the Regional carnival at Lismore on Tuesday 11th March.

We were able to enter a 14 years boys relay team, and after some juggling and moving a 13, 14, 15 and 16 yrs girls relay team, with most teams filling up in their age. The 14’s and 16’s swam strongly and were able to qualify to the next level, whilst the 13’s and 15’s narrowly missed out finishing a close 3rd.

A number of our athletes qualified through to the next level by finishing 1st or 2nd in their event, or in top 4 for the 50m freestyle (which is the only 50m event held at the carnival).

Those who won a spot through included:

Congratulations to all those athletes 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. It ran well even with a hold up at the beginning due to traffic congestion from the south and a small accident on the highway from the north, preventing a number of school athletes and officials from being able to make it in time for a 9 am start.

A great day was had, finishing the Individual Medleys in the rain, which did not dampen the spirits or efforts of our swimmers or their supporters. This year was our best result, where through most of the carnival we were sitting in a close second, and fighting to take the top spot. Unfortunately as the 50 free and final events finished up, the big strong squads from Macksville and Nambucca Heads were able to overtake us giving us THIRD PLACE. This is the best result for the school this decade and could not have been achieved without the marvellous efforts and performances of all who attended on the day.

A huge thank you to Mrs Hicks for helping organise the team in the lead up, as well as on the day; as well as for helping out Wauchope High when one of their athletes required medical attention and she stepped up to ensure their athletes did not miss their events.

REGIONAL BASKETBALL TRIALS

Three boys travelled to Lismore to represent the Lower North Coast Basketball team on Friday 28 February, and trial for a spot in the North Coast team. Ari Vanderant, Brenden Jensen and Joshua Kelly played against Mid North Coast, Far North Coast and Northern Rivers to showcase their skills, hoping to get the chance to trial for the Combined High Schools (CHS) team.

Congratulations and good luck to Ari Vanderant who was selected into the North Coast team which will travel to the Sutherland region during week 10 to trial for the CHS team.
ARE YOU BORED WITH THE SAME OLD ACTIVITIES?
DO YOU WANT TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?

Why not come and try SCOUTS!

Scouts is for Boys and Girls aged from 6 to 26.

As a scout you can: go canoeing, ride a flying fox, go caving, abseil down a cliff, go hiking and camping, learn to fly a plane, make new friends, learn new skills and much, much more.

Could you be interested? Come and give it a GO! Your first four weeks are free!!
For meeting times and more details, please call: 6359 5224

Hastings AECG Meeting Thursday 13 March

Venue: Wauchope Primary School
Time: 4pm. To 4.30pm (Aboriginal Members ONLY)
All members meeting starting at 4.30pm.

Apologies

The Hastings Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and Department of Education & Communities Memorandum of Understanding

General Business:
Can schools please bring along a name who will be signing on their schools behalf?
Charles Sturt University Memorandum
School Reports
Can schools please bring along their information pro-forma?
General Discussion from schools (5) mins
if schools would like to present anything for discussion.

This is ONLY a DRAFT copy of the Agenda