It was wonderful to welcome the parents of students in Years 7, 8 and 9 last week to what was a very successful afternoon. Students that are supported in their learning with parents working closely with teachers are more likely to be successful in their learning and achieving their short term goals and ultimately their goals for life. Interviews for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 will be held in Week 2 of next term, on Thursday 8 May. This year I have introduced a Student of the Week Award (as part of our Awards Scheme) which acknowledges a student each week, who has made an outstanding effort to uphold our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Do Your Best across the school, whether it be for in classroom activities or some other contribution to either the school or within the community. This has been well received by students and will continue to be a feature of our weekly assemblies. Lastly, a reminder that school resumes for all students on Tuesday 29 April and will be a Week B on the timetable.

I would like to wish all students and staff a happy, safe and relaxing vacation and a Happy Easter.

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BOARDIES DAY

On Thursday 27 March the SRC ran an out-of-uniform day to raise money for our local surf clubs. Rain was a plenty but that didn’t dampen the students’ spirits.

The SRC representatives did an amazing job changing venues at the last minute. Due to the weather we couldn’t run our organised ‘flags’ which we were going to do in the Volleyball sand, and the pillow fight on a balance beam ended up being in the performance shed instead of the oval. They quickly ran around moving mats and beams and vaults! What an effort!

The SRC do a wonderful job with these days as they miss certain periods of classwork to set up the activities. They then catch up on their work at a later date. The SRC representatives are committed to the school and are responsible young men and women. They always put in the extra to make the day as enjoyable as possible.

We have got some more ideas for our next out of uniform day after seeing the huge success and participation in the pillow fight. Thank you to Dale Finch for his organisation of the pillows and Laurieton Plumbing for donating these. Sorry some didn’t make it back! They got the sheer stuffing beaten out of them as you can imagine.

Great fun and great participation. Thank you all for a successful day - we raised over $400!
BUSY BAKERS

Year 7 Technology Mandatory - Food have been busy creating muffins in their practical lessons. As you can see from the photos there was a lot of chocolate involved in the preparation and serving of these culinary delights.

Year 8 Technology Mandatory- Textiles have been very busy tie dying and marbling fabrics ready to construct their bags. I am amazed at the colour combinations that the students have managed to create and cannot wait to see the end results. Photos will be published on completion of the projects.

Year 9/10 Creative cakes have been covering an Easter theme. Some pictures of their Easter Muffins are included.
CLOSE THE GAP DAY

On Friday 21 March, Years 7-10 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) students and their friends attended the Close The Gap event at the Birpai Land Council in Port Macquarie.

Close the Gap is a campaign which aims to achieve health equality between ATSI and non-Aboriginal Australians within a generation.

A broad array of community services and health providers promoted their services, providing information and a range of activities.

Aunty Lisa Evans and Aunty Betty Niddrie came with us and enjoyed the day of activities, performances and a healthy lunch.

Our local Federal Member, Dr. David Gillepsie attended and opened the new outdoor BBQ area, vegie patch and chook shed (with a rooster called Gilly).
POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

- To support PBL at CHHS we are focussing on trying to catch students being ‘good’. You might be able to help us out. This simply means that when your child is behaving in a way you like, you can give him / her some positive feedback.

- Positive feedback is sometimes called ‘descriptive praise’. Try to say four positive comments (praise and encouragement) for every negative comment (criticisms and reprimands). The 4-1 ratio keeps things in balance. Remember that if children have a choice only between no attention or negative attention, they will seek out negative attention.

- We look forward to your support - and catching our students doing the right thing.

JESUS RACING LIFE CHOICES SEMINAR

On Monday March 24, our school hosted Andrew ‘Fishtail’ Fisher as he joined us to talk about his career as a V8 racing car driver. Andrew drives the ‘Jesus: All About Life’ V8 Ute, and travels around Australia to talk to students and teachers about his life and encourage them to make courageous life choices. Students had the opportunity to see some pictures and videos, helping to illustrate the fast-paced story of his racing career - which had some very exciting moments in it! Along with highlights and low-lights of his career, Andrew’s presentation focussed on issues of smoking, drinking, speeding, drugs, sex, and God, which captured the students’ attention as he challenged them to make courageous decisions in life. Throughout the seminar, there were many statistics presented to the students on each of these issues, and Andrew also shared some of his own heart-wrenching experiences which brought tears to the eyes of many. He shared an incredible story about his daughter Lily who was born with only half of her heart. He was told by the doctors at the time that the most humane thing that he could do was to let his child die. Andrew and his wife Annmarie chose to go against the doctor’s advice and decided to give their daughter a chance at life. This courageous decision was shared to our students, and as it was, every student was glued to their seat.

Thank you, Mrs Young, for your hard work, support and supervision and to all teachers and staff involved in set-up and supervision of students. Your efforts made for a fantastic seminar!

Mrs Peereboom, Scripture Coordinator
GIDEON BIBLES

Year 7 DE students will be given a Gideon bible in Term 2. If any student does not wish to receive a bible, please contact Mrs M Ward in the DE office on 6556 8290 by the end of Term 1 (11 April 2014).

JAKOB SAMSOM

Swimming Club members Jacob Sansom and Matthew Pender.

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A visit the Manning Valley Learning Centre between 12.30 and 2:30 pm on Tuesdays is a great way to keep up to date with your Distance Education coursework. April and May visits will be a good time for students to complete their NAPLAN sheets at the centre and be awarded a week’s work. Term 2 CHHS visit the centre on 29 April, 13 May, 27 May, 10 June and 24 June 2014.

There is now FREE WIFI and Ipads to use at the centre. The friendly teachers can support your learning and help you with any subject. If you live in the Taree area and can make it to the centre on Tuesdays 12.30pm onwards, teachers Ms Masters, Ms Lloyd-James or Ms Gaynor would love to see you there.

Call your Area Coordinator Ms Fetzer to arrange an appointment its free 1800 815 301.
Here are two photos from a visit to Richard Jaeger a Year 9 student in the Newcastle area. Richard is part of a new approach to DE, he is pictured here meeting his two teachers Ms Lloyd-James and Ms Taube for all of his subject areas.

The two teacher program simplifies the interactions and issues between communicating and modifying work for students with difficulties. Students have issues with learning and communicating with CHHS for a number of reasons.
SCHOOL NOTICES

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - YEARS 10, 11, 12

Years 10, 11 and 12 Parent / Teacher Interviews
Thursday 8 May 2014
3.45 pm – 6.00 pm

BOOK ONLINE SOON

Go to:
• Enter Event Code: EFKFC
Click on GO
• Enter your details - Your name and your child’s name.
• Choose the teachers you wish to see (your child will tell you who their teachers are).
• Choose the times you wish to attend.
The site will open on Wednesday 9 April and close for bookings on Wednesday 7 May at 9 am.

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

CAN YOU SEW??

The Dance department are seeking volunteers to assist with their preparations for the Dance Festival. If you are handy with the needle and thread and have the time, we would love to utilise your skills! The Dance Festival is 18-19 June and we have a range of costumes that we need made for our students.

If you are able to assist, please contact either Ms Tutalo at Julia.tutalo@det.nsw.edu.au or Ms Waite at kyna.waite@det.nsw.edu.au

NAPLAN UPDATE

In addition to the NAPLAN information letter sent home recently, the following update has been issued by the Department of Education and Communities.

‘In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.’
UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE RURAL HEALTH

On Wednesday March 26 four students from Year 11 attended the University of Newcastle Rural Health Forum in Taree. As can be seen from the photos, in addition to a presentation and discussion there was plenty of hands on activities including emergency post-surgery (photograph), bandaging injuries and even the delivery of babies. Although it was a simulated activity it was very realistic.

Students could select to attend focus groups addressing Physiotherapy, Medicine, Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Pharmacy, Radiation Science, Nutrition and Nursing.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and I recommend to interested students attend in 2015. Carly Rosenberg, Kate Simpson, Madeleine Magann and Codee Connolly were excellent ambassadors for Camden Haven High School.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND VISIT

Friday 2 May 2014 is the annual Year 12 visit to the University of New England, Armidale campus.

Interested students should collect an excursion note from the careers office and return to the front office with the $35 by the end of first term.

TAX FILE NUMBERS FOR STUDENTS

If you are a secondary school student, the easiest way to get a TFN is through your school. Most public and private secondary schools around Australia are registered with the program.

By applying through your school you don’t have to provide us with any documents to prove your identity, because the school verifies this for us. However, you will still need to include on your application form some details from your:

- Australian birth certificate
- Australian citizenship certificate, or
- Overseas passport

OPENING THE DOOR TO TERTIARY STUDY

People often ask us how UAC can help them fulfil their goals of getting into uni or enhancing their education through further study.

To help us answer we asked three people to share their experiences in a short video.

If you have any questions about reaching your potential through higher education please call or email us, or talk to us on Facebook or Twitter and we’ll be happy to help you.
The under 15’s boys Soccer team were drawn to play Wingham High School at Omaru Park, Taree on Monday 24th March, 2014. Fourteen boys from years eight and nine were selected after several weeks of tryouts at Camden Haven High Oval.

Captain Logan Shaw won the toss and elected to play towards the southern end of Omaru Park. After some early fierce tackling the ‘Havens’ midfield slotted a sweet pass through the Wingham defence to allow Will Hay a sizzling shot past the goalkeeper, taking the ‘Havens’ to a 1-0 lead after 5 minutes. At half time Camden Haven High were still in the lead after surviving some Wingham shots from their eighteen yard line, well defended by the Haven’s keeper Aaron Johnson.

In the second half, the Haven’s continued to pressure the Wingham defence but kept pushing the ball over or around the posts with a very close effort by Michael Cain snuffed out by the Wingham defence on the goal line and making the coach Mr Hancock lose even more hair! Wingham had made some sizzling runs counter – attacking the Haven’s goals which were well defended by Jackson Miller and Harrison ‘the Tank’ Taylor. Ryan ‘Rhino’ Smith was relentless in the right fullback position stopping all moves along his wing. Zac “attack” Alchin was like a player possessed as he had to defend the most dangerous, speedy player on the opposing team, time and again snuffing out his attacks.

Tyler ‘the Juice’ Parsons was also unstoppable in midfield creating many opportunities for forwards Will ‘I am’ Hay, Jye ‘eagle eye’ Hartland, Nat ‘the’ Thompson and Heath ‘rocking’ Rowan. Joel ‘jumping’ Barton and Ben ‘dobby’ Morgan also made many penetrating attacks into the Wingham area to be chopped down every time by the imposing Wingham defence. Another counterattacking raid by Wingham resulted in an equaliser taking the match into extra time.

In extra time the Havens pressed and pressured the opposition defence and after a mad scramble in the Wingham goal area, Wingham counterattacked with their speedy captain who was too fast for the injured Haven defence scoring a golden goal at the 104th minute.

Both teams played with tenacity and sportsmanship that made them a credit to their respective schools. While Wingham progress to round two, Camden Haven’s will have to wait till next year!

Mr Hancock
Our senior boys’ soccer team has once again begun the competitive school season strongly with two wins against Westport High School and Port Macquarie High School.

In the first of these games Camden Haven dominated the midfield with many scoring opportunities being created wide with overlapping runs. Two early penalty goals helped ease the team into the match. Three goals later Camden Haven High School took the match with a convincing display of teamwork and strong defence.

Our second match against Port High was initially a more difficult encounter with both teams playing some skilful football. A nice left footed strike by Kyle Beard began the onslaught with Port High having no reserves to help rejuvenate their tired team. Goals by Aiden Shaw, Lachlan Moffat, Mitchell Williams, Toby Otto, Troy Wilkinson and Liam Lowhip ended this encounter with a 7-2 win.

Congratulations to all the boys for playing well as a team.

In further football news congratulations must go to seven of our boys who have recently been selected in the zone representative team. Lachlan Moffat, Mitch Williams, Nathan Storer, Tristan Bonney, Lachlan Price, Ryan Smith and Aiden Shaw played exceptionally well to win their selection. This is the largest contingent that our school has successfully had selected. These boys will be travelling to Coffs Harbour next term for the regional selection trials. Success at these trials may gain them selection into the regional team to play in the state finals.

Mr Rowe
COMMUNITY NEWS

**Beach to Beach Riverwalk**

**BBQ Fundraiser**
Join us and be part of this community project
– all welcome

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**15th ANNUAL**

**CAMDEN HAVEN**

**EASTER FAMILY**

**FISHING CLASSIC**

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$1600.00 IN PRIZES TO BE WON

- **$50.00 FOR HEAVIEST OF SPECIES**
  (16 SPECIES)
- **$100.00 FOR LARGEST FISH NOT ON LIST**
  (SHARKS AND RAYS EXCLUDED)
- **4 x $50.00 LUCKY ANGLER PRIZES**
- **10 x $10.00 PRIZES FOR ATTENDING WEIGH-IN**
- **$400.00 VALUE IN PRIZES FOR THE SPECIAL JUNIOR SECTION**

**ENTRY FEE**

- **ADULTS $6.00**
- **UNDER 16 $3.00**

FISHING COMMENCES 6.00am FRIDAY 18th APRIL 2014
AND CONCLUDES 12.00noon SUNDAY 20th APRIL 2014
WEIGH-IN AT 1.00pm SUNDAY 20th APRIL 2014
IN THE PARK NEXT TO THE CLUB

**BBQ AND DRINKS AVAILABLE AT WEIGH-IN**

ENTRY TICKETS AVAILABLE UP UNTIL 12.00noon
SATURDAY 19th APRIL 2014 AT DUNBOGAN BOATSHED & MARINA,
NORTH HAVEN BAIT & TACKLE, NORTH HAVEN BOWLING CLUB,
TACKLE WORLD PORT MACQUARIE

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