PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Camden Haven High has much to be proud of - championship sporting teams and individuals, award-winning students, an experienced teaching staff, a diverse curriculum and a dedication to excellence which permeates all aspects of our school. Your children - our students - have this term excelled in academics, music and the creative arts, sports and debating - but also in service to the community and in care and compassion for each other and others with whom they interact each day. We have the highest of expectations and encourage all to continue upholding our three core values of Respect, Responsibility and Doing Your Best. By maintaining these standards all our students will be ready to meet the challenges of today’s and the future world.

This term students who have been members of the SRC will conclude their current term. I wish to thank all of them for their dedication and support of the many initiatives of the SRC over the past twelve months. Being members of the SRC they have been challenged to do their best, volunteered their time and talents to help others, and developed lasting and positive relationships with all members of our school community. I would also like to thank Mrs Wilson for the leadership and guidance she has provided to all students. I would encourage all students in all years to consider nominating to represent their year group in the elections which will be held later this term.

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Students from Year 8 Agriculture - Mrs Neville’s 8TG1 and Miss Cutler’s 8TH2 - have recently participated in the Cows Create Careers Program. They have helped raise two Friesian dairy calves for three weeks, lovingly named T-Bone and Lady David by each class respectively. These two calves were very kindly donated by the Baker family who run a dairy at Kendall.

Cows Create Careers is a community, education and industry partnership. It is a significant Dairy Australia project designed to increase the awareness of dairy industry careers by offering education and pathway opportunities to senior school students. The two classes were responsible for feeding the calves twice a day, measuring and mapping their growth rate, monitoring the calves’ health and ensuring the calves had a clean, safe and dry environment.

The calves have now gone back to their home at the dairy to grow into milking cows. The students are now working in groups in class to complete several Dairy Australia tasks to be submitted to the Cows Create Careers competition. They will be participating in this competition along with several other schools in the Mid North Coast region, and will attend a presentation day on Monday, 20 October.

Many thanks to the Baker family of Kendall for their support of our school’s programs.

Ms Cutler
BIG DAY AT UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

On Tuesday 12 April a number of Year 9, 10 and 11 students travelled to the University of Newcastle. This annual event gives students studying an information technology course such as computer programming an opportunity to hear from speakers about career opportunities in industry. Held at Newcastle University Great Hall, companies and organisations such as CSIRO, WiseTech Global, NIB, Greater Newcastle Building Society, HP, LEGO Education, Group X and the Australian Computer Society were in attendance.

It was amazing for us to hear how many opportunities there are in industries never previously thought of as having employment for those wanting careers in information technology areas. The day certainly gave students an insight into all the possibilities of careers in I.T. in the future.

YEAR 9

I have had very good reports regarding the Year 9 peer leaders who are assisting with Year 6 into 7 Transition at our feeder primary schools. By all accounts they are showing themselves to be responsible young citizens.

We are on the countdown to the final preparations for the camp. Accommodation, activities and transport has been checked and rechecked. All that is required now is for the final payments and forms to be submitted. I will be issuing the documentation for permission, medical, rooming mates and lunch orders in Week 8, to be returned by Week 10. I will need all funds paid by the last day of term, as cheques have to be written first week back. Our numbers have dropped, so the final cost is still at $590. I will give students in Week 8 notice of their balance due.

Fundraising raffle – for Father’s Day - thanks to Oasis Restaurant, North Haven, Design Carpets Carpet Court Port Macquarie and Laurieton Motors Mechanical for the donations for the major prizes. It will be drawn 4 September, so I need all students who have taken tickets to return them to me on 1 September please.

Mrs Devine - Year 9 Year Adviser
Recently a team of 18 selected CHHS students were invited to a McDonald’s presentation on career pathways and traineeship opportunities. This invitation was offered as a result of the successful partnership forged by Year 9 student Opal Sloan and Mrs Jenny Schouten as her ‘Job Coach’. Mr Paul Ashton, Human Resource Manager and Traineeship Adviser has been extremely impressed by the Work Readiness Programs offered at CHHS & the support students receive in the workplace from the Support Team. The students impressed him so much on the day that he has offered a number of traineeships, casual work and an ongoing partnership with our school. McDonald’s are recognised worldwide for their training and the opportunities they provide. Students were treated to a free lunch which they all enjoyed very much.

We would also like to thank our generous local businesses houses that support our Work Readiness Programs including M&H Mechanical, Camden Haven Golf Club, Five Star Car Detailing, IGA, Woolworths, Laurieton Library, Kendall Public School and our local pools. Our students receive intensive job training, together with ongoing support to the employer and student through our job coaches and networking with employment support agencies.
GOOD NEWS FROM THE SCIENCE FACULTY

I have recently received a letter from National Youth Science Forum signed by the Director Damien Pearce, congratulating our school:

“I am writing to advise that your student Samantha Kirkwood has been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum in January 2015. This a great credit to your school and I congratulate you on having a student of this calibre.”

Well done Samantha!

Ms Duar
Camden Haven High School is offering a fantastic opportunity for DE students to engage in a mini-school from 8 - 10 October 2014. In the coming weeks students will be invited to attend this educational and fun packed social experience. Students will develop greater knowledge of technology systems employed at CHHS to engage students, as well as participate in some hands on face to face lessons. This mini-school will also see the first ever face to face and distance education SRC meeting. It is hoped that this opportunity will provide our distance education students with the same connection to CHHS and also allow them to develop their leadership skills.

Please contact your Stage Co-ordinator or Mr Shane Williams (Head Teacher Secondary Studies) on 6556 8242 for more information regarding the mini-school. In the near future an invitation and information booklet will be sent to supervisors and students.
Once again we have enjoyed a very successful term thus far with CHHS students excelling in the CHHS Work Experience program. As usual the favoured industries included education, child care, construction, engineering and our local vet clinics were popular too.

Each year one capable student is chosen to undertake the Taronga Zoo work experience placement. This year applications open on 10 October. This is a highly prized work experience placement so be prepared and apply early.

As the Careers Adviser, I find great pleasure taking our Year 12s to The University of Newcastle Callaghan Campus in the first week of third term. The students are really excited about this trip as their hopes and dreams become a reality.

Various universities in NSW offer alternative methods of entry giving our Year 12 students an opportunity to secure a course offer regardless of the ATAR ranking attained. Students can make applications to the University of New England through the school and Southern Cross University directly. For all other alternative entry arrangements students must apply through UAC.

‘Aim for the highest’ - Year 10 subject selection seminars and information evenings were well patronised and many parents and students visited the school for subject selection planning meetings.
Recently our U13’s Rugby League team played in the NSW Country Cup final against Red Bend College (Forbes) at Dubbo. Unfortunately the boys went down 30-22 despite putting in a strong performance.

The final saw the Northern NSW Champions pitted against the winners of Southern NSW. Camden Haven High School were the first ever North Coast school to be crowned Northern NSW Champions, so the boys were determined to go one step further.

Camden Haven conceded two tries to be down 12-0 in the first five minutes. They soon regained their composure and hit back with two tries of their own to Kaine Cafe and Jackson Brannigan to take the score to 12-10. Red Bend College were fortunate to score a length of the field try just before half time to take an 18-10 lead into the break.

Camden Haven came out strongly in the second half and controlled much of the territory and possession. Red Bend College scored against the run of play, and from there the Camden haven boys were chasing a big lead. Tries to Charlie Murray and Ryan Long got the boys close but unfortunately it wasn’t enough. Red Bend College held on to eventually win the game 30-22.

The boys can hold their heads high and should be very proud of their efforts. Camden Haven won thirteen out fifteen matches during their campaign and played with a maturity that was years ahead of their age bracket.

Coach Brett Anderson and Assistant Coach, Phil McVicar should be congratulated for taking this team so far and improving their football with every performance. Thank you to Ken Healey and Sally Kneipp for driving the bus and Riley Opdam, Grant Murray and Joel Kennedy for acting as team trainers and to all the parents and families for their support.

Camden Haven U13’s Rugby League Team: Tom Crossfield (C), Jackson Brannigan (VC), Cailob Moss, Leeroy Facey, Ronan Bailey, David Dawra, Charlie Murray, Jackson Wadwell, Max Harris, George Simiana, Jaxsen Miller, Brad Kneipp, Ryan Long, Liam Betts, Jaison Burge, Robert Cortenay-Morriss, Jack Chapman, Jesse Green, Kaine Cafe.
On Friday 1 August, fifteen athletes competed at Coffs Harbour International Stadium to represent the Lower North Coast and trial for a spot in the North Coast Athletics team. Qualifying members will represent at the NSW CHS Athletics Carnival which is held at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Complex from 4 – 6 September.

Tom Lewis performed strongly in his pet event, the 1500m. He came home strongly breaking a seven year old record for the 14 years boy in a time of 4:31.00. This outstanding effort is also a state qualifying time.

Tristan Bonney earned a spot in the open boys 200m, with an outstanding run. He narrowly missed a spot in the 100m which he described as “a hot field – you could throw a blanket over on the finish line.”

Matthew Rosenberg ran strongly in his 100m event, also earning a qualifying spot through to Sydney. This will be a first for Matthew at high school. Hugh Rackley qualified in both the shotput and discus events, winning the discus. Leeroy Facey, Jack Chapman, Logan Atkins, Grant Gardner, Tyrone Marshall, Anthony Owers, Dakota Bonney, Kylie Thompson, Sienna Priest and Molly Fraser also competed well at the carnival, doing themselves and the school proud by giving their all.

Congratulations to all our athletes who represented our school with wonderful reports about their behaviour. Thank you to all the support of the parents involved. It was a very successful day! Once again congratulations to those who are going on to represent at the State Carnival in September.

Mr Dalton

Sports and Carnival Coordinator
COMMUNITY NEWS

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