PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Our Pink and Blue Day also held this week was very successful. A large amount of money was raised for both men’s’ and women’s’ health needs. Congratulations and a big thank you to the whole school for their efforts but a special thank you to Mrs Wilson and the members of the SRC who planned and coordinated the wide variety of activities.

The Schools Spectacular begins tonight and students and staff have been rehearsing all week at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. We have students performing in dance items and as members of the combined choir with some students travelling to Sydney to attend the dress rehearsal matinee today.

On Thursday next week we will welcome our Year 6 into the school for their Orientation Day activities and that night there will be a parent information evening. I’m looking forward to meeting new students and parents at these events.

Mrs M Hutchinson

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YEAR 7 SCIENCE

Year 7 Science students constructed a large-scale stream tray from scrap wood, sand and plastic. It was populated with paper model buildings to represent towns in the local area with three rocks for North, Middle and South Brother mountains. The Camden Haven River (simulated by a trickle of water from the top of the tray) ran for three days and helped model the dynamic flow of a river system and demonstrated weathering and erosion on the surface of the Earth.
The Year 9 Drama class were invited to perform two of their assembly items at a PBL Teachers Expo recently. PBL stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning and promotes good behaviour in schools to enhance student learning.

The Year 9 class performed one play about Camden Haven High School’s six school expected behaviours. This was an entertaining performance as it involved school coloured pom poms and some enthusiastic cheers! The second performance was about getting to class on time. This was demonstrated using the usual excuses students have for arriving to class late.

Overall the students enjoyed the day in Port Macquarie and represented the school well. They received many compliments and thank you’s which was very pleasing. It was also helpful that the school bus was in Port, as the students then picked-up the balloons for the Year 12 school formal that evening. So thank you Year 9 Drama for helping the school out!

Go Camden Haven!
Pink & Blue Day was held Tuesday 23 November and what beautiful weather we had to undertake our annual fundraiser.

This year we had the pillow fight on the balance beam, tug-of-war, egg throw, staff versus students in netball, touch football and of course our traditional futsal. The staff reigned supreme (well in netball at least!). The others saw very close score lines but the students took out the touch football and futsal.

The SRC did an amazing job organising these activities, setting up the school with decorations and cooking up a storm with a delicious BBQ and the sale of cold drinks and slushies. This year also saw live music being performed by some of our very talented students and a fierce best dressed competition among both staff and students (well actually it was the staff that were the most competitive – maybe because they were losing on the field!).

All up we raised over $1600 for cancer research. Thanks all for your support and participation. We truly have a great school community.

Mrs S Wilson - SRC
YEAR 9 GOLD COAST EXCURSION

Two weeks ago 85 students embarked on a week long adventure. They were transported by bus to Runaway Bay Sports Centre where they cohabitated with their friends in bunk style lodges for four nights. Night time activities included bowling, ice skating, shopping and a night at Outback Spectacular, a fantastic range of new experiences for many.

Tuesday was spent at Dreamworld where many students overcame their fears to tackle some scary rides, especially the Buzz Saw. Wednesday was spent at Wet’n’Wild, a great water park that allowed many of us to cool off. The rising temperatures didn’t stop many students from taking on the rides at MovieWorld. Favourites there included the Scooby Doo ride as well as the Arkham Ayslum.

Overall it was a great success. It was a pleasure getting to know the students better in a more relaxed setting; we have a truly great year with loads of fantastic people.

Thanks to Ms Miller, Mr Hetherington, Mr Schouten, Mr Bennett, Mrs Schouten and Mr Dickenson for all their efforts and constant support throughout the five day excursion.

Mrs C Harland - Year Adviser
Eighty five Year 7 students travelled to Crowdy Bay National Park last week to take part in the annual Diamond Head Science excursion. We started at Kylie’s Hut taking part in activities aimed at developing observation and problem solving skills. We then walked along the coastal route to Diamond Head camping area, taking in the stunning geological coastal landforms along the way.

At Diamond Head we stopped for a delicious BBQ before using the afternoon to explore the various types of life present in the rock platforms. Everyone had a great day and members of the public commented on how well behaved and polite the students of Camden Haven High School were!
Students from Camden Haven High School have travelled to Sydney to perform at the NSW Public Schools Spectacular at the Entertainment Centre in Sydney. The students formed part of the Combined Choir and Dance ensemble. They will perform four shows over two days. The Schools Spectacular will be televised on Nine on Saturday 5 December. Below are photos just in from yesterday’s dress rehearsal.
CHHS has introduced a number of exciting Learning and Support programs this year to support students using funds from the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) Equity Funding (aka Gonski).

The RAM is:

- based on student need
- evidence based
- an efficient and transparent way to fund schools
- able to provide certainty for schools
- sustainable and adaptable.

It provides more flexibility to manage resources to meet the needs of our students and school community. It is a needs based funding model that recognises how each school is different and distributes resources fairly and transparently.

The school has employed additional School Liaison Support Officer and teacher time to get these great programs in place. As there are simply so many programs to mention in one newsletter, we will be focusing on a couple each fortnight to let you know just what we are doing to help support our students.

**Girl Talk**

Girl Talk is a weekly peer support program made up of girls in Years 7-10. The senior girls act as valuable mentors and buddies for the junior students to help them in their transition to high school. The program aims at building self-esteem, overcoming peer pressure, developing leadership skills and recognising the value of community service.

Topics discussed in the weekly program included body image, friendships, parents and family as the girls develop their skills in health, make up, skin care, hair, etiquette and deportment.

The Girl Talk program was created and organised by School Learning Support Officers, Mrs Bradney and Mrs Schouten.

**iPad Learning Program**

During 2015 teachers were trained by Aspect (Mr Craig Smith from Autism Australia) in the use of iPad apps targeted for use with Autism Spectrum Disorder students.

Mrs Kranitis conducted a survey and targeted a small number of students and parents who study via distance education for a trial program of technology learning programs delivered through the iPad classroom. Staff have been upskilled in the apps and have commenced using the iPads with students in the program. The program will continue in 2016 and expand once staff and students are proficient in using the technology.
Staff at Camden Haven High School have supported Movember for the ninth consecutive year taking the funds raised over the $20,000 mark. Mr Mearrick said “Growing a moustache for charity is a bit of fun in a bid to raise awareness about men’s health - prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health issues such as depression”. During the month staff used their moustaches to instigate discussion with colleagues and students about the importance of men taking care of their health.

If you would like to support our male staff members in their pursuit of moustaches and fundraising follow the link to donate to this great cause.

https://au.movember.com/donate
Students enter distance education for a variety of reasons, but it’s great that DE students still develop a sense of belonging, even though they might not be actually sitting in a classroom.

One such student is Isabella Baer, who enrolled at Camden Haven High School in Year 9 of our Distance Education in 2015.

Isabella loves studying Art and thinks Ms Waite is a great teacher.

Isabella emailed us one of her artworks, and has given us permission to publish this in our newsletter.

It is great to hear that Isabella feels she is every bit a member of Camden Haven High School community as our face to face students.
SCHOOL NOTICES

UNIFORM SHOP

The end of the year is fast approaching with only three weeks left of the school year. It is hard to believe. The uniform shop is now well stocked up and ready for our new Year 7 enrolments and I am looking forward to seeing lots of new faces.

The shop will be open on Thursday 3 December (Orientation Day). Opening hours are from 1 - 4pm and then 5 - 8pm. Uniforms will be available for purchase before and after the parent information evening. I strongly encourage parents and carers to purchase uniforms before the end of the year as our first week of trading in January can get quite hectic.

Payment options include cash and eftpos. I look forward to seeing you soon in the uniform shop.

Mrs K McInnes - Uniform Shop Coordinator
BEACH TOUCH FOOTBALL

Year 7 students - both boys and girls - competed in beach touch football played at Maroubra Beach Sydney on 25 November. They were coached by Ms Lloyd-James and Mr Wilkinson. The teams represented the school with great sportsmanship and team spirit! The teams played six fiercely tiring, sandy games against Sydney government and non-government high schools and they represented us proudly and played exceptionally well. Both teams played good tactical games but a few drop balls meant we didn’t feature in the place getting but everyone involved will take away a great experience which will help them play better, stronger, faster and harder next year!
DUNBOGAN BOAT SHED

Sunday 29th November 2015
8:00am until 12:00noon

Come and celebrate the b2b Riverwalk link between Dunbogan Reserve and the Boat Shed

Bacon & Egg Rolls
Fruit Salad & Yoghurt

Raffles & Merchandise available

Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated

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