



PARENT BULLETIN

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Staffing Update

At the end of Term 3 a number of staff departed from our school. Firstly, Mrs Bright who started her maternity leave prior to the birth of her baby. We wish Mrs Bright and her family the best. During this time, Ms Sakaio will be taking up a temporary position in the HSIE faculty. You can find Ms Sakaio in the D Block history staffroom. Secondly, Mr Nair left our school during Term 3 and Mr Prasad will fill the vacant science position until the end of this year.

Acknowledging Excellence

On Wednesday 13 September 2017 I was both proud and honoured to attend the Minister's Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement and Teaching Excellence, to see Ms Cavaleri, Hannah Trethewy and Deni Hoxha receive their awards from the Honorable Rob Stokes, Minister of Education. The school nominated Hannah and Deni Hoxha for the student category and Ms Cavaleri for the teaching award. We were over the moon to learn that all three nominations were successful. Thank you to Mrs Martin and Mrs Lawrence who played a major role in completing the nominations.



World Teachers' Day

Friday 27 October 2017 will be World Teachers' Day. On the day members of our Student Representative Council will attend a morning tea to acknowledge the efforts and commitment of our teaching staff. The celebration will be acknowledged on our Twitter account and the school website.

HSC Examinations

Year 12 commenced the HSC examinations during Week 2 and will conclude in early November. We wish them well and look forward to hearing about their achievements in the near future.

2017 Annual Presentation Evening

I hope everyone is able to join us for one of our school's major events – our Annual Presentation Night on Tuesday 12 December 2017. We are aware that this evening goes for approximately 2 1/5 hours but it is the only time that we come together as a whole school community to celebrate the 2017 efforts and achievements of students, staff and school. So, that said, I hope you can attend.

Mrs Fawcett, Principal

Upcoming Events

24 Oct	P&C Meeting
25 Oct	Yr 12 2018 Evening
26 Oct	MYC Year 7 Boys Group Year 10 CAPA Rehearsal
27 Oct	Year 11 Recognition Assem
31 Oct	Year 10 CAPA Evening School Spectacular Rehearsal
2 Nov	School Spectacular Rehearsal
3 Nov	History Elective Excursion
4 Nov	Animal Nursery (Saturday)
6 Nov	Year 10 Exam Week
9 Nov	Yr8 STEM Police Talk
13 Nov	Year 10 Exam Week Year 8 ESSA Testing Week
16 Nov	Year 12 Formal Western Sydney University Day
17 Nov	School Spec Rehearsal
21 Nov	P&C Meeting
22 Nov	School Spectacular Rehearsal
23 Nov	Year 9 CAPA Evening School Spectacular Rehearsal Year 10 West Tigers Knockout Rugby League game
24 Nov	School Spectacular Rehearsal Year 10/11 Youth Pathways

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From the Deputy Principals

Jennifer Lawrence (DP Years 7, 9 & 11)

Year 12 2018 – Assessment Information and Information Evening As you would know, at the start of Term 4, our Year 11 students commence HSC course work and are now officially Year 12 students. All students have received their new assessment schedule booklets that detail all assessment tasks being conducted within each subject along with due dates. Assessment tasks conducted within the school based assessment program count for fifty per cent of a student's total HSC result and in this means that every task counts in helping students achieve the best results possible.

On Wednesday, October 25 at 6.30pm, we are holding an Information Evening for our 2018 Year 12 students and their parents. All students have already received invitations to this event which will deliver a crucial insight into HSC assessment, N determination process, organisation strategies and also key events in the Year 12 calendar. We strongly encourage a parent to attend with each student so that we can answer the pressing questions you may have about the year ahead.

Change of Subjects for 2018 Year 12 HSC Students

A number of students have asked about the process of changing their subjects. As a school, it is our firm belief that students undertaking 12 units rather than the minimum of 10 is the best curriculum model for the vast majority of students. Keeping 12 units (usually this means 6 subjects) rather than reducing to 10 units means that students retain a "safety net" which means that if something goes wrong during Year 12, a buffer exists to ensure that a good ATAR can still be obtained. Historically, a great many of our best Elderslie High School graduates have also kept the full 12 units for the whole duration of Year 12. The next step for students wishing to change their pattern of study will involve students completing an application form before being interviewed. Students who have increased their curriculum load through starting new extension courses will be interviewed first as these students will have up to 14 units of study which is obviously a heavier load than other students may have. When these students have been processed, other students will be able to apply.

School Attendance

A good record of school attendance contributes enormously to academic success. Attendance is recorded on a student's report and is often of particular interest to future employers when they are looking for reliable applicants. At Elderslie High School, we acknowledge students who have good attendance through the provision of the Exemplary Attendance Award. Students who receive these awards are recognised twice per year at school Recognition Assemblies.

Occasionally, we have students who are late to school with no valid explanation. If your child is in this situation, we ask that you send a written note explaining the lateness so that partial absence becomes explained. Alternately, parents can contact the school by telephone or bring their child to the student office to be signed in. Students who have no explanation will be given a detention with the Deputy Principal.

I have also included an interesting chart that explains the cumulative impact of ongoing absences and lateness. When absences from school are regular, it becomes very difficult for students to keep up with course work and in extreme cases, this can result in referral to the Home School Liaison Officer Program. If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please contact either one of the Deputy Principals or the Head Teacher Welfare, Mr Ben Townsend.

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but....

If your child misses.....	That equals...	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling that's
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is....	And over 13 years of schooling that's....
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then YES, attendance does matter!

Natalie Martin (DP Years 8, 10 & 12)

Year 12, 2017

Year 12 are now into their second week of HSC examinations. Once the examinations have been completed, all students in Year 12 will need to complete the sign out procedures. This involves returning textbooks, paying outstanding fees, collecting their Year Book and a post school destination survey form. Students are welcome to see their teachers but must not disrupt or interrupt lessons once they have completed the HSC.

The Year 12 Formal is on 16 November at the City Beach Function Centre on Marine Drive Wollongong. I am sure that many students are very excited about this upcoming

event. A reminder that all students will need to be inside the venue by 6.30pm at the latest. The evening concludes at 11.00pm so students needing transport home will need to be picked up by their parents on time.

Year 12 students are invited to a morning tea with staff on Friday 15 December to celebrate the completion of the HSC and share results if desired. Mrs Mac Mahon our Careers Adviser will be collecting the post school destination forms at the morning tea. The forms have been emailed to the student Department of Education email accounts as well. I would like to encourage all students to attend the morning tea as your teachers look forward to meeting up with you after you have received your HSC results.

Year 10

Year 10 students have their final examinations in Week 5 of this term. All students with outstanding work will need to ensure that they have completed and handed it in to classroom teachers in order to satisfy the RoSA requirements. In Week 7, Year 10 students will transition into their Year 11 classes. Students will not be able to change their courses until the beginning of 2018 as this time period is provided to students so that they can have an experience of senior schooling and assess their subject choices.

From 20 November onwards Year 10 students continuing on to Year 11 at EHS are permitted to wear the senior school uniform or if not they are to continue to wear their junior uniform until the end of the year. During Year 10 Transition (then in Year 11 and 12) the start time for all students on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday is 8.40am and as a result students this will be permitted to go home at 12.15pm every Tuesday as per senior school arrangements. Each Wednesday the start time is 8.55am and Year 10 will continue to participate in school sport in order to meet the mandatory sport hours. All students will be issued with information about the transition process in an upcoming year meeting.

Some students will not be permitted to attend the End of Year Function due to poor attendance, behaviour concerns or lack of application in class. The Deputy Principal will inform students of this well before the date of the event. Students who are considering leaving school should make an appointment with our Careers Advisers Mrs Mac Mahon or Mrs Rouen to arrange work experience.

Aboriginal Education

Mrs Jeffries and I nominated two students for an Aboriginal Student Achievement Award. I am very pleased to announce that Courtney Jones and Georgia Eggert, Year 12, were successfully selected as recipients of a Sporting Excellence and a KARI All Rounder Award respectively. The award ceremony is being held at the Event Cinema Campbelltown on Monday 23 October 2017.

Finally, KARI is an organisation that provides services to Aboriginal students and their families and offers scholarships for students in Year 11 or 12. Anyone interested in applying for one of these scholarships must contact Mrs Jeffries our Aboriginal Student Coordinator.

STUDY SKILLS HANDBOOK

Learning Collaboratively

We are all different in the way we prefer to learn. Some students like to work in groups, and others prefer to work alone. Some students like to discuss things over Skype or Messenger and some like to work together in person. There is a reason why we have the saying 'two heads are better than one', so let's see how this applies to different types of students.

If you think you always prefer to work alone:

It is great that you are very self-sufficient. Students who prefer to work alone are often confident in their own abilities. However, sometimes, these students make it more difficult for themselves by not asking for help when they need it. So if you are this type of student, don't struggle on alone when you get into difficulties or don't understand something. Being able to ask for help when you need it is an important skill for academic success. Just become more aware that you don't always ask for help and instead try reaching out a little more when you need help.

The other area to consider is that when you talk about things with other people it can often help you to see things from a different perspective. By discussing ideas with another person, you also may find you clarify your own thoughts. By not being open to collaboration, you might not develop your ideas as well as you could or you might not see potential issues that a fresh pair of eyes and ears might discover. If you haven't done much collaboration, give it a try and you might find yourself surprised at how valuable you find the experience.

If you already love working with other people:

Make sure that you always contribute equally and don't expect other people to do all the work for you.

Working with other people doesn't mean cheating. For example, it is ok to discuss an assignment and what you think it is about and how you might approach it, but it is not ok to write the assignment together and hand in similar pieces of work.

Working with other people also doesn't mean wasting time. If you are working with other people make sure you are staying on task and not getting distracted.

Every now and then you have to do things on your own. If you always do your Maths homework with your friends, you might not really know what you can and can't do on your own. The first time you find this out could be a test which could be a big issue. Always ask yourself if the work you are doing is going to be enhanced by collaboration or

if it is more appropriate to try the work on your own.

It is important each night to have a certain amount of homework time on your own. If you want to collaborate when you are working at home, make specific times to do this. Don't skype the entire night with your friends. Instead have set times for collaboration and set times for independent work.

You and your parents can learn more about group work skills at www.studyskillshandbook.com.au by logging in with the details below and working through some of the units.

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Password: 128results

WELFARE NEWS

During Term 3 the following productions and workshops were organised for Year 7 to 9 students.

Sticks & Stones Production – Year 7 and 8

Years 7 and 8 participated in the educational theatre production 'Sticks and Stones'.

Two energetic young performers explored the different forms of bullying in the playground, street and at home. The production addressed anti-bullying and provided strategies for conflict resolution, anger management, assertiveness, and breaking the cycle of violence.

Schoolyard scenarios were used to encourage students to have empathy and understanding: invading people's personal space, homophobic and racist remarks, domestic violence and intimidation in person or on the internet are all illegal and have serious consequences.

The award winning show shone a spotlight on negative patterns of behaviour that could develop through inappropriate modelling from peers, family members, TV and computer games. It examined the link between hormones, adrenalin, the "fight, flight" response and alcohol fuelled violence.

The hard-hitting narrative was punctuated with circus skills to demonstrate co-operation and strategies for improving self-control through breath, focus and channelling energy into positive pursuits.

Sticks & Stones Anti-Bullying Program Covered the topics of:

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| ✓ Bullying | ✓ Digital Citizenship | ✓ Empathy |
| ✓ Resilience | ✓ Conflict Resolution | ✓ Positive Behaviours |
| ✓ Respectful Relationships | ✓ Consequences and the Law | ✓ Safety |
| ✓ Domestic Violence | ✓ Assertiveness | ✓ Communication Skills |

Cyberia Production – Year 9

Year 9 students participated in an educational theatre production called Cyberia. The production addressed cyber bullying in schools and helped to improve student mental health and wellbeing. The production worked in consultation with IT, education and mental health experts, their creative team wove together true stories of Gen Y/Z's internet experiences. Cyberia posed questions about how the digital age is affecting our brains, our humanity and our future. Students found the production to be relevant, entertaining and informative.

Cyberia production covered the topics of:

- Cyber Bullying
- Digital Citizenship
- Social Websites
- Internet Security
- Exclusion, Alienation, Isolation
- Responsible use of technology
- Internet addiction
- Impulse control
- Online reputation

Digital Thumbprint Presentation – Year 9

We recently welcomed the digital education program, Digital Thumbprint to deliver their workshops to our Year 9 students. Delivered in the Library to students by a facilitator, the program's fun and interactive workshops were tailored to the needs of our specific year 9 cohort. Designed to empower and inform Australia's young digital natives, the workshop taught students the advantages of having a positive online presence and armed them with the vital information they need to stay safe online.

Our school has proudly joined the Digital Thumbprint program in its commitment to ensuring our students are savvy, responsible and proactive members of Australia's online community. Overall, the program proved to be a highly beneficial experience for students and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. For more information on the program and each of the workshops you can visit: www.digitalthumbprint.com.au/

HSIE NEWS

Year 10 Geography

Coastal Management Excursion

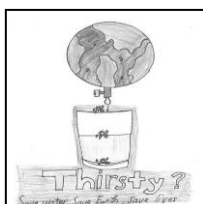
On the 5 September approximately seventy Year 10 Geography students attended the compulsory Coastal Management Excursion at Wanda Beach Cronulla. Ms Sakr, Ms Roberts and Ms Farrar accompanied their classes in order to get some hands-on experience in the form of coastal fieldwork. The day was run by the very experienced fieldwork teachers from the Royal National Park Environmental Education Centre. The students got to see first-hand



some of the issues facing the Australian coastlines, and some of the management strategies implemented to remedy them. This practical experience proved to be quite beneficial, as evidenced by the respectable results the cohort attained in their first Assessment Task involving writing a report on coastal management. The weather was perfect and the students should be commended on their excellent behaviour. Well done, Year 10!

SCIENCE NEWS

Science Week at Elderslie was celebrated in Term 3 Week 5 – The theme focused on the concept of a “Future Earth with a focus on Australia's sustainability in Science.” Students envisioned ways of saving our planet in poster form. Year 7, Ezakye Murray's impressive and informative entry won a movie ticket and in Year 8, Samantha Rouland won a ticket also for a correct quiz competition entry.



SPORTS NEWS

ATHLETICS

ELDERSLIE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Age Champion at the 2017 Elderslie High School Athletics Carnival.

GIRLS	AGE GROUP	BOYS
Jade Van der Saag	12 YEARS	Jy Mammoliti
Mackenzie Court	13 YEARS	Jack Kiggins
Shae Elguindy	14 YEARS	Rikki Boys
Ella Wooldridge	15 YEARS	Angus Powell
Jaide Gayle-Weiling	16 YEARS	Brendan Ross
Hannah Wright	17 YEARS	Brock Chisholm

NSW CHS STATE ATHLETICS Our Elderslie High School star athletics students represented the school at the NSW CHS Athletics Carnival in Term 3. They achieved the following results:

13yrs girls 800m – 2nd Bianca Chauvin, 3rd Mackenzie Court
 14yrs girls 90m Hurdles – 12th Shae Elguindy
 14yrs girls 400m – 8th Bianca Chauvin
 14yrs girls Relay – 14th
 14yrs girls High Jump – 9th Tia Keighran
 14yrs girls 1500m – 6th Mackenzie Court
 14yrs girls 3000m – 3rd Erin Wooldridge

15yrs girls 800m – 11th Ella Wooldridge
 17yrs girls 3000m – 4th Ella Wooldridge
 17yrs girls 2000m Steeplechase – 1st Ella Wooldridge
 17+yrs girls Relay – 12th
 17+yrs girls High Jump – 3rd Reese Bacon
 13yrs boys High Jump – 12th Bailey Morris
 15yrs boys Triple Jump – 13th Angus Powell

CROSS COUNTRY

NSW CHS STATE CROSS COUNTRY

At each level of the cross country carnival, if the top 4 runners from the same school cross the line before the top 4 runners from another school the entire team progresses up to the next carnival as the ‘school team’. At both the Zone and Regional carnivals, our 14yrs girls demonstrated their endurance and skill and qualified as the school team, successfully progressing to the NSW CHS All Schools Cross Country on July 21. Erin Wooldridge, Erin Bloor, Shae Elguindy and Estelle Hollinshead finished 2nd overall in the 14yrs girls division earning them the runner up title in the State and medals for their outstanding effort. Well done Erin W, Erin B, Shae and Estelle on a fantastic effort.



BASKETBALL

On September 18, our U/15 Girls Knockout Basketball team represented Elderslie High School at the SSW Knockout Basketball Competition at Minto Sports Stadium. The girls, having played exceptionally in their previous knockout rounds, won two very competitive matches against Casula High School and Canley Vale High School to earn them a place in the grand final. Our team played an extremely difficult match, coming off 2nd to Leumeah High School by only 10 points. Well done to Shantelle Hidson, Caitlin O'Flynn, Briannan Eggert, Victoria Davis, Emily Kierens, Tia Keighran, Georgia Nies, Molly Lewis and Shae Elguindy and to Ms Duroy (Coach) on their exceptional efforts and sportsmanship on the day.

ORIENTEERING

Lachlan and Stephanie Taylor competed at the NSW All Schools Orienteering Championships on 19 August. Lachlan placed 1st in his age group and Stephanie placed 3rd in her age group, both receiving medals for their outstanding efforts. Well done to both Lachlan and Stephanie.

INDOOR SKY DIVING

Congratulations to Elise Brown, Year 12, who competed at the annual Indoor Skydiving Championships in August.



LAWN BOWLS

Brianna Smith and Joshua Lord competed on 12 – 14 September in Port Macquarie at the NSWCHS Exchange Event. They achieved the following results:
Brianna Smith – 1st in Pairs and 2nd in Fours
Josh Lord – 3rd in Fours and 3rd in Triples
Well done Brianna and Josh you are both exceptional ambassadors.

NETBALL

NETBALL GALA DAY

Our keen netballers had a fantastic and fun-filled day at the Netball Gala Day held on 18 September. Our students displayed excellent skill and sportsmanship on the day, taking out the following results:

Year 7 – 1st Elderslie 7s and 3rd Elderslie Team 2; Year 8 – 4th Warriors, 7th Diamonds, 8th Vicious and Delicious and 9th Elderslie Soccer Players; Year 9 – 6th Brady Bunch and 8th The All Stars; Year 10 – 6th 10B and 11th Elderslie Blue.

OPENS NETBALL

The Opens Girls Netball team have had another amazing year. The team showed great spirit and fought to win a number of games by only one point. Each player gave it 110% throughout the carnival, demonstrating true sportsmanship and camaraderie. Having such a generous and kind group of girls made my (Ms Golden) job and decisions as a coach easier. Over the two



days the team only lost to the schools that placed 1st to 4th in the competition. They overcame sore muscles and injuries to place 5th in the State. This is the highest result for our school in both under 15's and Opens netball. It must also be noted that the teams which come 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th are Sports High Schools with dedicated coaching staff and netball programs. I would like to also personally thank the parents for attending and supporting the team throughout the year; it is your commitment and dedication that has allowed the students to flourish. Finally, a huge thank you and farewell to the year 12 students (Sarah & Emily Crossan, Courtney Jones, Tenayah Nemes, Jamie McMurdo and Madison Bloor) who have been the core of the team for so long. You have done your school and families proud throughout your six years at Elderslie High School. Well done girls, what an achievement! (Ms Golden, Home Economics Teacher).



Ms Duroy (PDHPE Teacher)

TAS NEWS

Year 9 Textiles Technology

Year 9 Textiles successfully completed their first apparel item creating a range of unique and personalised pyjama tops and pants. The students all created quality items and learnt how to use the dreaded overlockers. I am continually amazed by the dedication and talent of every student in this class. The students are currently working on their inspiration mood boards and patchwork toys. They will be learning how to sew and clip tight curved and apply a range of new decorative techniques. Well done year 9 textiles on your enthusiasm and positive attitude towards every aspect of Textiles Technology.

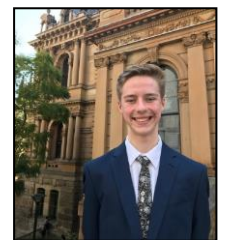


Public Speaking Update

Good luck to all of the students from Year 7 – 11 who will compete in the Elderslie High School Public Speaking Competition on Monday, 23 October, 2017 in the Studio from 7.00 pm. The winners will be announced in the next Parent Bulletin.

Congratulations to Georgia Cunnion and Blake Penfold from Year 10 and Dylan MacLough and Erica Sheather from Year 11 on representing their fellow students at the Graduation Evening on Thursday, 21 September, 2017. Congratulations also to Dylan and Erica on chairing the same event. Well done to all!

Congratulations to Blake Penfold from Year 10 on his successful hosting of the Daintree Concert Primary Prom at the Sydney Town Hall.



Ms Dennis

Debating Update

The Year 10 Debating team consisting of Georgia Cunnion, Nancy Haggerty, Alyssa Heyward and Serena Chowna won the Regional Quarter Final against John Edmondson High School and then the Regional Semi Final against Leumeah High School. They went on to compete in the Regional Final and were narrowly defeated by Sir Joseph Banks High School. Congratulations to Serena Chowna on her selection to the Regional Team for the Junior State Debating Championships to be held at the University of Sydney in early December. Good luck, Serena!

The Year 7 & 8 Debating Teams consisting of Rory Munro, Zayne Lewis, Kasey McDermott, Liorah Millar, Briannan Eggert, Alice Haggerty, Kathleen Van Neikerk and Gemma Stiff competed strongly in their zone. With Liorah, Briannan, Alice and Kasey winning the zone. They will now compete in an Inter Zone Final. Stay tuned for the outcome of the remaining debates!

Ms Dennis

CAPA NEWS

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in making Year 7 and 8 CAPA Evening a fun and successful evening. Well done to all!

The next CAPA Evening will be Year 10 on Tuesday, 31st October, 2017 from 7.00 pm in the School Hall. Please come along and support the Year 10 Music, Drama, Dance and Visual Arts classes. Tickets will be on sale from the Student Office and are \$ 6.00 for all. Doors open at 6.45 pm. See you there!

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the HSC CAPA Information Evening on Tuesday, 17th October, 2017 in the Studio from 5.00 – 6.00 pm. We hope you found the information presented informative and helpful in assisting your child to prepare for the HSC 2018.

Congratulations to the HSC Music students on surviving their Practical Examinations on the 7th September, 2017. Well done to all of the students involved.

CAPA Calendars are available for purchase from the Student Admin Office. The calendar would make a great Christmas present and is an excellent memory of this year's ensembles and events.

Elderslie High School's *Dance Spectacular* on Friday, 8th September 2017, once again, an amazing event. Many thanks to the students and teachers from Mawarra, Cobbitty, Spring Farm and Elderslie Public School for helping to make this event bigger and better this year. Congratulations to all of our Dancers, Year 11 and 12 hosts and the Event Management Team for making this year's event so successful.

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Dance Transition Program with Mawarra, Cobbitty and Elderslie Public Schools. You performed well at *Dance Spectacular*. Many thanks to Ms Jansen from Elderslie Public School and Mrs Fairweather from Mawarra Public School and Ms Butt from Cobbitty Public School for all of their support with this program.

Congratulations to Lilibeth Dell from Year 11 who performed in the State Dance Festival on the 11th and 15th September, 2017 at the Seymour Centre as members of the NSW Public Schools Senior Dance Ensemble. We look forward to Lilibeth's performance at Schools Spectacular in late November.

The Elderslie High School dancers have once again been accepted into Schools Spectacular for 2017 through an audition process. Congratulations to the twelve students from the group who have been selected to participate. The year's theme is 'Own the Moment'. It should be a fun, exciting experience for all involved. The School Spectacular dates are Friday, 24 November and Saturday, 25th November and tickets can be purchased from Ticketek.

Blake Penfold from Year 10 is wished the best of luck as he participates in the State Drama Festival on the 26 and 27 October at the Seymour Centre as a member of the NSW Public Schools Drama Ensemble.

The Elderslie High School Vocal Ensemble had a busy Term 3 with a vocal workshop, performances at school assemblies and CAPA Evenings. Sixteen of the members were also treated to a magical experience in Wollongong known as *Southern Stars*. Here are the highlights:

The Vocal Workshop, led by Ms Prigg, saw the involvement of 45 students from local partner primary schools and the Year 7 and 8 members of our own vocal ensemble. The students learnt about the importance of warming up the voice and were given instruction in this. Vocal harmonies were also a focus for the day, with the large group producing some amazing sounds using a three and four part harmony. Three songs were learnt throughout the day and presented in a concert for students, parents and staff members. The workshop was a huge success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Southern Stars, a concert extravaganza, not unlike The School's Spectacular, was held at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on the 25th and 26th August. Preparation for this event by our singers turned out to be greater than expected, but entirely worth it in the end. We faced long days of gruelling rehearsals, late nights and braved hours of freezing conditions while waiting between shows (an issue we intend on ironing out for future years!), but the overall experience was certainly one to remember! Congratulations to all the students involved.



The Vocal Ensemble members now brace themselves for an even busier Term 4, with performances at the Mawarra Public School CAPA evening, a Carrington Christmas Luncheon, as well as the Year 9 and 10 CAPA Evenings!

CAPA Faculty

PROPOSED CALENDAR – More detailed Calendar events can be found on our school website

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3A	23 October	24 October P&C Meeting	25 October Year 12 2018 Information Evening	26 October MTC Year 7 Boys Group Year 10 CAPA Rehearsal 3.20pm - 5.30pm	27 October Year 11 Recognition Assembly
4B	30 October	31 October Year 10 CAPA Evening School Spectacular Rehearsal	1 November	2 November School Spectacular Rehearsal	3 November History Elective Excursion Animal Nursery Sat 4 th
5A	6 November Year 10 Exam Week	7 November	8 November	9 November STEM Police Talk	10 November
6B	13 November Year 10 Exam Week ESSA Year 8 Testing	14 November	15 November	16 November Year 12 Formal Western Sydney University Day	17 November School Spectacular Rehearsal
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P & C MEETINGS 2017

ALL parents of students and
interested members
of the Elderslie community are
invited to
these meetings.

Our next Meeting for 2017 will be
24 October in the Library at 7pm