



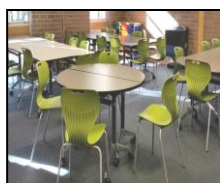
PARENT BULLETIN

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Education Week Highlights

Education Week is a celebration of public education and we chose to acknowledge the achievements, commitment and cooperation of our students at our Year 7-11 Recognition Assemblies. All the assemblies were well attended by parents and family members and we thank everyone who came along to support not only your child but also the school. The 2017 theme for Education week was 'I Learn We Learn'. We all know that everyday at school we learn, whether it is from a teacher or fellow student, and we were pleased to recognise this during Education Week. Like many schools, we are learning the importance of creating future focused or flexible learning spaces and thanks to the leadership of Mrs Amos, we now have created a flexible learning space within our library. Photos of the library below show what a dramatic change has occurred in this space.



During Education Week this year Dylan Macclou, Year 11, was selected as part of the Secretary for a Day program to shadow Deputy Secretary Mr Murat Dizdar. Dylan was selected as one of twenty or so students in NSW to shadow one of the State Office team. He attended the launch of Education Week and participated in discussions/forums on student wellbeing, anti-bullying and artificial intelligence. Dylan thoroughly enjoyed the experience and was a great ambassador for public education and the school.



The 2017 Ultimo Drama Festival was also held during Education Week. The Macarthur Schools Year 11 Drama Ensemble performed admirably on the evening and Blake Penfold was one of the two comperes. It was the best festival I have attended and it should be noted that Ms Dennis coordinated the event for the Operational Directorate. Congratulations to everyone involved.



Upcoming Events

29 Aug	P&C Meeting
29-30 Aug	Open Netball
1 Sept	Girls KO Cricket
2 Sept	Animal Nursery Cobbitty
5 Sept	Year 10 Geography Excurs
6-8 Sept	State Athletics
8 Sept	Dance Spectacular
11 Sept	Year 7 Vaccinations
11 Sept	Year 11 Assessment Period
13-15 Sept	Year 9 PASS Camp
18 Sept	Zone Gala Day
19 Sept	Year 7&9 CAPA Evening
20 Sept	Heartbeat Excursion
20 Sept	White Card Course
21 Sept	Year 12 Gradation Evening
22 Sept	Year 12 Picnic Day
25 Sept	School Holidays till 6 Oct
9 Oct	Students Return
11 Oct	Year 11 Recognition Assem
16 Oct	HSC Commences
20 Oct	School Spectacular Rehearsal

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Narellan Chamber of Commerce Breakfast

On Tuesday 15 August 2017 I attended the breakfast meeting with our two captains, Hannah Trethewy and Deni Hoxha. Mr Dominic Perrottet, NSW Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations was the guest speaker. The presentation was excellent and we would like to thank Camden Council and Mr Chris Patterson for supporting the attendance of our school leaders. It was an opportunity to learn about future plans and directions for not only the State but also for our local area.



Official Ceremony to Celebrate the Spring Farm Public School OOSH Grant

On Tuesday 15 August 2016 Deni Hoxha, school captain, and I attended the official ceremony at Spring Farm Public School. The school was successful in obtaining a grant to support the commencement of the OOSH that will be of great benefit to the school community. Sarah Mitchell MP, Minister for Early Childhood Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Mr Chris Patterson, MP Member for Camden attended. Thank you to Mr Jance, principal Spring Farm PS for inviting us to attend.



Year 12 all the best for your HSC

On behalf of the school I would like to wish Year 12 all the best in their preparation for the HSC examinations and also acknowledge our captains Hannah Trethewy, Deni Hoxha and our Vice Captains Alexander Berry, Gillian Kowalick, Lillian Ralston, Antonio Macora, Jack Armstrong and Luke Voegt. Well done and all the best!

NAPLAN results

The school received our 2017 NAPLAN data last week and an initial review indicates very pleasing growth for our Year 9 students. Growth was well above expected State average growth and it was evident that our writing platform is having an impact.

A more detailed analysis will be undertaken and this will be presented to the P&C in Term 4.

VET Awards

On Monday 14 August 2017 Mrs Martin, Mrs Johnson, Ms Crossingham, Mrs Saunders and myself attended the Ultimo Operational Directorate Vocational Education and Training Awards. This year the school nominated two students. Jessie Tanner for Hospitality, Food and Beverage and Connor Burgin for Sports Coaching. Both students, should be exceptionally proud of their achievements. Being recognised at this level is certainly an honour. Congratulations Jessie and Connor.



Mrs Fawcett, Principal

From the Deputy Principals Jennifer Lawrence (DP Years 7, 9 & 11)

NAPLAN Update

On Friday, August 18, all Year 7 and 9 students received their personalised NAPLAN results in hard copy form. For Year 9 students, their results package also contained a report on whether they prequalified for the Stronger Standards HSC which requires a minimum of Band 8 in reading, writing and numeracy. Whilst Elderslie High School congratulates all our students who have met this new minimum early in one or more of NAPLAN area, it is important that all other students remember that there is ample opportunity for all other students to demonstrate this standard over the next three years through biannual online testing available at school. In fact, there is also the opportunity to achieve the standard for up to 5 years after the HSC. I have included additional information from NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) for parents to read about NAPLAN and the HSC Minimum Standards.

On top of the usual NAPLAN process, NESA has asked all schools to trial the new Online NAPLAN format. The purpose of this trial is to provide information to the testing authority about the readiness of schools to administer NAPLAN in its new form and for schools to become familiar with the new test structure and platform. All our Year 7 and 9 students were to experience the NAPLAN readiness testing in Week 6. On behalf of the school, I would to thank Mrs Amos and Ms Dokmanovic who worked tirelessly on rolling out this trial. Thank you also to our students and parents for your patience and preparedness to organise headphones.

Year 11 Transitioning to Year 12

As Year 11 approach the end of their Preliminary courses, a number of them have already asked me about the process of changing their subjects. As we explained at the Subject Selection Information Evening held prior to the commencement of senior schooling, it is our firm belief that 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.

Despite this, there is a process for dropping subjects that all Year 12 students must go through. This involves students completing an application form and then having an interview with school staff to discuss their future goals and to help determine if the course the student wants to drop is the best course for them to eliminate. In this way, we are confident that our processes provide the best possible guidance to support students in their future transition to the world beyond school.

Students will be able to pick up their application forms at the first Year Assembly for Term 4. Following the submission of forms, interviews will be scheduled across Term 4. The first group of students to be interviewed will be those students who are picking up additional units. This group includes all those picking up Extension History or Extension 2 in English or Mathematics as they will have in many cases, have up to 14 units of study. When these students have been processed, other students who have applied will be interviewed.

EHS Trials New Anonymous Bullying Referral System

Elderslie High School will be trialling a new platform in which students can anonymously report a bullying or harassment concern to the school. The system, entitled “Speak Up Now” is produced by a company called Whispli and is a secure method of two way communication that allows students to let us know about something that may be going on while encrypting their device so that their privacy is protected. When the platform commences, students will be able to locate the weblink from our school’s website or by scanning the QR code from one of the many posters that will be placed around the school. We look forward to “Speak Up Now” working effectively alongside our existing welfare procedures to support all out students. More information will be available in the near future.

Natalie Martin (DP Years 8, 10 & 12)

Year 12 Upcoming Events

Year 12 only have a few weeks left until they have completed their school life. In the final week of school Year 12 will have their Graduation Ceremony on 21 September at Camden Civic Centre. Students have been asked to invite two family members as numbers are limited at the venue. Year 12 will also have their annual Picnic Day on 22nd September which is on the last day of the term. The school provides this so that students have a chance to spend a final day together to reflect on their time at

Elderslie. Under no circumstances are students to become involved in ‘muck up’ activities at school. We recognise that students enjoy celebrating during their final days at school so Year 12 are working with us to organise some staff versus student games and a student showcase assembly in their last week of school. These activities are provided so that staff and students can appropriately farewell Year 12. Finally, Year 12 will be issued with permission notes to attend the Year 12 Formal on 16 November at City Beach Function Centre.

Supporting your child through the HSC

- Encourage your child to build a support network of teachers.
- Make sure there are friends and families around your child for guidance and a helping hand.
- Talk to your child! Keep the lines of communication open at all times (especially during the most stressful times such as assessment periods).
- Stay informed by attending and speaking to teachers and university representatives.
- Negotiate your expectations around study, free time and leisure activities. This may require some flexibility on your part.
- Celebrate successes throughout the year. This can be as simple as improving the result in a task or achieving a short-term goal.
- Aim to reduce the family stressors on your child, especially around examination time.
- Be realistic as to what your son/daughter may be able to achieve in the HSC. Provide as much practical, loving support as you can!

Supporting students with homework

Below are some tips for parents to consider when supporting your child to complete homework.

1. Set up a homework-friendly area.
2. Schedule a regular study time.
3. Help them make a plan using the assessment booklet which is available on the Elderslie High School website.
4. Keep distractions to a minimum.
5. Make sure children do their own work.
6. Be a motivator and monitor.
7. Praise their work and efforts.

Children need to develop a good work ethic which will set them with life-long skills that will help them to become successful adults. Students at Elderslie High School have access to Mathletics (Years 7-10), Stile (7-8) and Squirk (Year 7-10) which are all websites designed to support learning in Mathematics, Science and other key learning areas. If your child does not have access to these sites, they will need to speak to their classroom teacher for Mathematics and Science and Mrs White for Squirk.

Message from the ARCO

"Go back to where you came from"

This phrase has been heard in the media quite a few times this year. It has negative connotations, suggesting that people of "other" background, cannot make an equal contribution to the Australian way of life, when in fact the Australian way of life involves the contribution of many ethnicities. From different cuisines, to the contributions made to science and the arts, migration has made Australia what it is today. It also does not acknowledge the fact that the land in which we educate our students is Indigenous land. So when people use phrases like "go back to where you came from", they are simply being offensive and are not considering the enormous impact on the wellbeing of others.

When people make assumptions about the nature of a persons' ethnicity or mock a person's accent, they are suggesting that their culture is inferior to others' and by extension, any words spoken by them are irrelevant. This is of concern as it makes it difficult for effective teaching practice to occur, and students may feel as though they cannot share their perspective. 'Banter' in the form of racial slurs is also not appropriate in a respectful school environment. Those that have never experienced racism in their life cannot comprehend the hurt felt as the result of someone claiming they should lighten up because "it's just a joke".

We encourage students to keep in mind our positive behaviour learning values. Be responsible and speak respectfully. Reflect on past actions and words spoken. It doesn't matter if you've lived here for a few months, 200 years or 40 000 years; everyone who chooses to make Australia their home deserves to feel a sense of belonging.

Ms Jan, Anti-Racism Contact Officer

Pathways To Dreaming

Western Sydney University – Campbelltown Campus

On 4 August 2017, Tiarne, Abby, Dylan, Ethan, Sam, and Ms Jeffries attended this cultural day. During the day our group was welcomed by an Elder and then we were sent off to our group activities. The activities we participated in were Storytelling, Aboriginal Beading, Aboriginal Dance, Aboriginal Science, and About Boomerangs, these were run by many elders from our community.

Storytelling: A man called Uncle Al told us about commercial and industrial fishing. How it affected the ocean and the mobs because they took all the tuna and other fish and sold it to China, Japan, and other countries. It affected them because they lost most of their trade to barter for other food that they provided their mob. When he was a young man, his mob fished 60 miles away from the South Coast and caught tuna the size of 6 feet or 182cm. They don't catch fish that size anymore. – **Dylan Bell**

Aboriginal Beading: We learnt about Aboriginal Beading and that a woman could be identified where she was from based on what beads she would wear. The mentor showed us different pictures and we had to guess what the necklace were made from. For example a daughter of someone important (e.g a medicine woman), the daughter would wear a necklaces made from her mother's hair and beads. Other necklaces were made from wallabies' teeth and echidna spines. After that we chose beads and made our own bracelet, once made they were tied off and we were able to take them and wear them. – **Tiarne Phillips**

Aboriginal Dance: At the university we did Aboriginal Dancing with a young Aboriginal man. The dance was about the bird 'Willy Wagtail' and the dance is about how the bird moves. Then he showed us how to play the didgeridoo and taught us about all different animals throughout the dance. – **Abby Lenard**

Support Unit

Community Access Program

This term students are developing independence in planning, purchasing and preparing healthy meals. We are learning about planning a meal around a budget and choosing a balance of foods based on the Australian Guide for Healthy Eating. The first lesson in planning a nutritionally balanced breakfast encouraged students to try new food combinations and they were pleasantly surprised that they enjoyed these new foods. Delicious scrambled eggs on english muffins, toasted cheese and spinach toasties and banana, blueberry and yoghurt smoothies were just some of the culinary delights the students cooked up with great success. We are looking forward to planning our healthy lunch box, dinner and healthy snacks menus in the coming weeks.

Post School Expo

School leavers and their families are encouraged to attend the Macarthur Post School Expo to support students with a disability to make plans for their future. There will be representatives from a range of support services along with NDIS, TAFE, university, and Centrelink information to guide you through the post school options available.

When: 14 September 2017

Time: 10am to 3pm

Venue: The Cube, Campbelltown Catholic Club

Coding in the Classroom

Students are engaged and being challenged this term as we embark on our Integrated unit of study on Coding. Students have enjoyed investigating and developing the programming skills behind popular computer programs such as Minecraft, and learned how they can develop the skills to become programmers of their own coding creations. Our first assessment task will involve the students designing and coding an interactive, animated e-card to be sent to a recipient of choice, while later in the unit students will be developing and coding their own online game.

Library Report

The library has undergone a stunning re-structure. It is now an open plan space with room for a makerspace. The desktop computers have been replaced with brand new laptops which students can access in class time and in breaks.

Added to this, there is lovely new furniture to enhance the learning experience. There are collaborative working spaces for group work, individual carels, comfy bright orange chairs and more. We hope our new 21st century learning space appeals to our students. Certainly we have had a lot of visitors! At this point we would like to give a big shout out to the little army of Year 8 students who moved 9000 books. Twice! They are: Isabella Amos, Isabella Stootman, Cael Stevenson and Madeleine Sharp. We couldn't have done it without you!!

Fiction loans are up this semester, with books like Skulduggery Pleasant being in high demand. Our new graphic novels are also flying off the shelves. We endeavour to keep up to date with new fiction and have all the Children's Book Council books that have been shortlisted for National Bookweek.

I would like students to come and recommend book titles to us, and we then purchase these. The library should be filled with books the students love, so please encourage your child to come and let us know what they would like to see on the shelves!

The library also offers homework help and help with assessments for students 7-12. Please ensure your child knows that help is available.

I would like to remind parents that we subscribe to SKWIRK. The logon is elderslieyr7.1, or 7.2 etc up to 7.25. If the student is in Year 8 it is elderslieyr8.1 etc. And so on up to Year 10. The password is dingo. There is a wealth of material there to help students with assignments. We also subscribe to a video database called Clickview. To access Clickview you first Google "Clickview" online. Type in student's email address. Select Elderslie High. Then search topics that are relevant to the assignment, eg Ancient Egypt etc. There are also 'How to..' videos for Maths and other subjects. These have a teacher explaining how to do the maths problem, for example.

The library is also equipped to print students' work. It costs 10 cents for black and white and 50c for colour. Students are able to print before school and in their breaks. So, if you are up at the school, please come in and see our exciting new space!



TAS – Home Economics

Year 11 Hospitality: Food and Beverage

The Year 11 Hospitality has have been busy throughout 2017 developing and refining their culinary skills. The students have been involved in numerous practical tasks to develop these skills. Recently, the students have been learning the precision cuts that are required and have been delivering them to the industry standard. The Cluster B Practical Assessment Task required the students to undertake a full day incursion to complete a three-course meal. The entrée consisted of Salt and Pepper Squid with mixed greens. The main was marinated lamb cutlet, marinated chicken wing, sweet potato mash and a chili lime salad served buffet style. Dessert was a Raspberry and chocolate muffin with raspberry coulis. The students did an amazing job to complete this three-course meal in the given timeframes. Well done!



SPORTS NEWS

Athletics

The SSW Regional Athletics Carnival was held on the 1 and 2 August. Elderslie High School represented the region to an outstanding level, with the following students displaying stand out performances in the following events:

- 13 years Girls Mackenzie Court 2nd 1500m, 2nd 800m, 4th 100m
- 13 years Girls Bianca Chauvin 1st 400m, 1st 800m, 3rd 100m
- 13 years Boys Bailey Morris 2nd High Jump
- 14 years Girls Shae Elguindy 2nd Hurdles, 3rd 800m
- 14 years Girls Erin Wooldridge 1st 3000m
- 14 years Girls Relay team 2nd (Kiara Bloor, Erin Bloor, Shae Elguindy and Tia Keighran)
- 14 years Girls Tia Keighran 2nd High Jump
- 15 years Girls Ella Wooldridge 1st 400m, 1st 800m, 1st 1500m, 1st 3000m
- 15 years Boys Angus Powell 1st Triple Jump
- 17+ Girls Hannah Wright 2nd 400m
- 17+ Girls Reese Bacon 1st High Jump
- 17+ Boys Brock Chisholm 2nd Hurdles
- 17+ Girls Relay team 1st (Hannah Wright, Reese Bacon, Brearna Palmer, Jamie McMurdo)

Cross Country

Ella and Erin Wooldridge did very well at the All Schools Cross Country, placing 11th and 13th in their respective age groups. Ella has been selected to compete at the National Cross Country Championship in the U/16 Team. We wish her well in the national competition.



Sporting Awards and Recognition

Erin Wooldridge has been awarded the Chairman's Award for the Sydney South West Academy of Sports for 2017. Congratulations Erin!

Netball

The U/15 Netball Team excelled this year at CHS Final 16 Netball, tournament placing 6th in the State. Congratulations to Ms Golden (Coach) and the team on this incredible result.

Our Open Netball Team has successfully qualified for the CHS final 16. Good luck to this team, who have qualified for the 4th year in a row.



Basketball

Congratulations to the U/15 Girls Basketball Team who won a nail-biting game against Sefton High School to advance to the next round of the knockout competition. Good luck in the next round of the competition.



The U/15 Boys Basketball Team played a difficult match against Robert Townson High School, unfortunately coming away without a win. The boys played with excellent sportsmanship and skill despite the loss. Highlights included Rikki Boys sinking not one, but two halfway shots and Douglas Cazalet (Year 7) stepping up into a team with students from Year 9. Well done gentlemen!

Touch Football

The Elderslie High School Girls Touch Football team travelled to Dunedoo to play in the knockout competition. Although they didn't come home with the win, our girls represented Elderslie to an outstanding level in particular

displaying excellent sportsmanship and team spirit. Well done girls and to Ms George (Coach)!and

Congratulations to all our sportsmen and women who have represented Elderslie High School.

Ms Duroy (PDHPE Teacher)

Rugby League Team – Year 7

On Thursday 20 July, Elderslie's Under 13's Rugby League Team competed in the Wests Secondary All Schools Gala Day held at Eschol Park Sporting Complex. It was freezing and very windy, but the boys were pumped to play.

Our first game was against Robert Townson HS, we thought we were going to be up against a strong team they did have one very fast player and that was enough for them to beat us by two tries. We still had a chance to make the Semi Final if we won the next game; we played Ingleburn HS. There were some big strong boys in their team but we were able to hold them off and get a few tries in but in the end they won by one try. We then played a consolation match against Macarthur Adventist HS, and we scored a couple of awesome tries, we tackled really well too. We WON this game!

All the boys put in a great effort on the day and I'm proud to be a part of the U13's Rugby League Team.

Players: Riley Crick, Matthew Greene, Kurt Sorensen, Tyde Pilsworth, Matthew Coss, Jack Bond, Bailey Cudmore, Sean Cannon, Riley Howard, Cooper Howard, Hunter Harbidge, Omar Mahmoud, Nicholas Morris and Domenico Pollicina.

On Wednesday 26 July, our U/13 Rugby League Team played in the Quarter Finals of the West League Cup at Eschol Park. We played Moss Vale HS, we thought we could beat them as we beat them in the trials but we still had to play some good footy.

It was another windy day but we boys were revved up to play. We went out hard and strong and scored a couple of quick tries, we were looking good by half time with Moss Vale not getting any over the line. Going into 2nd half we still had to keep playing hard and we scored more tries and conversions, and by not allowing Moss Vale to score, we WON the game 32-0. We now go on to play in the Semi Finals. Great game boys!

The team players were: Riley Crick, Matthew Greene, Kurt Sorensen, Tyde Pilsworth, Matthew Coss, Jack Bond, Bailey Cudmore, Riley Howard, Cooper Howard, Hunter Harbidge, Omar Mahmoud, Domenico Pollicina, Jack Abboud, Isaiah West, and Ezakye Murray.

Riley Crick, Year 7



Mock Trials Update

A group of dedicated Year 10 and 11 students have again embarked into the world of Mock Trials. These students have been working hard during lunchtimes and after school to perfect their knowledge of the legal system, court processes and the cases they are studying. The team has excelled during the Round Robin trials of the competition. The team members from Year 11 are Lachlan Willingham, Jacob Reed, Dylan Thorpe, Erica Sheather, Anneliese Munro and Amy Oreshkin. From Year 10 there is Georgia Cunnion, Brianna Panepinto, Matthew Guthrie, Serena Chowna, Nancy Haggerty and Lucy Mottram. These students have made the 2nd Elimination Round and are to be congratulated on this massive feat. They are one of only 32 schools left out of the 152 schools in the State that participated in the competition this year. I would like to wish them the best of luck for the 2nd Elimination round which will take place during the last weeks of August.



Miss A Roberts

Public Speaking & Debating Update



Congratulations to Erica Sheather from Year 11 on her fantastic effort in the **Quota Club of Macarthur Student of the Year** event held at the Camden Civic Centre on Monday, 14 August, 2017.

The **Year 9 debating team** consists of Breanna Craig, Cassandra McMurdo, Lachlan Taylor, Hannah Bachner and Savannah Corcoran. The **Year 10 debating team** consists of Georgia Cunnion, Nancy Haggerty, Alyssa Heyward and Serena Chowna. Congratulations to both teams on their wins over Mount Annan High School and Robert Townson High School. The final round of the zone saw our Year 9 and Year 10 Teams battle it out to decide the zone. It was an excellent debate, with the Year 10 team winning. Congratulations to the Year 10 team on their win over Liverpool Girls High School in the Inter-Zone Final. Good luck to the Year 10 Team in the Regional Quarter Final against John Edmondson High School. Stay tuned for the result of that encounter!



The **Year 7 & 8 Debating Teams** consisting of Rory Munro, Zayne Lewis, Kasey McDermott, Liorah Millar, Briannan Eggert, Alice Haggerty, Kathleen Van Niekerk and Gemma Stiff, defeated Leumeah High School in Round 1, but were defeated in Round 2.

We are still organising our two debates against Elizabeth Macarthur High School. The teams will then need to compete against each other to decide who will win the zone. Stay tuned for the outcome of the remaining debates!

Best of luck to all of our teams in the coming weeks!!

Ms Dennis

CAPA Update

The **next CAPA Evening will be Year 7 & 8 on Tuesday, 19 September, 2017**. Please come along and support the Music, Drama, Dance and Visual Arts classes, as well as the Dance Ensemble and Junior Drama Ensemble.

The **CAPA Calendar Photo Day** was on Wednesday, 9 August, 2017 and all of the dancers who participated had a great time having their photo taken for our 2018 calendar.

Elderslie High School's Dance Spectacular will be held on Friday, 8 September, 2017 in the School Hall from 7.00 pm. Tickets will be on sale at the door. Our Partner Primary Schools will be invited to see the show during Period 3 on that day and the whole school will be invited to attend during Period 4. This is an event not to miss!

On Sunday, 20 August, 2017 the Year 9 and 10 Dance Elective classes, Dance Company and Dance Ensemble, performed in the **Dance Blitz Eisteddfod** at Ambarvale High School. We were awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th place on the day. Congratulations to all of the students who represented Elderslie High School and to Miss Rysko and Miss Duroy for preparing the ensembles and class groups.

Congratulations to the Year 11 Drama class on their wonderful performance at the **Drama Festival Ultimo Public Schools**. They presented an entertaining piece titled "Treat Yourself to a Little Retail Therapy".

Congratulations to the **HSC Dance students on surviving their Practical Examinations** on the Monday, 7 August, 2017. Well done to all of the students involved.

Congratulations to the **HSC Drama students on surviving their Practical Examinations** on the 21 August, 2017. Well done to all of the students involved.



The **HSC Music Practical Examinations** are approaching. Music Practical Examinations will be on Thursday, 7 September, 2017. Good luck to all the students involved.

Sixteen members of the Vocal Ensemble and Ms Prigg are rehearsing for their first year performing as part of **Southern Stars**. The students are very excited about this

performance. Stay tuned for more details about the experience in the next Bulletin.

The **Elderslie High School Orchestra**, under the guidance of Ms Hissey, participated in the Penrith Eisteddfod on Thursday, 10 August, 2017. The students were awarded third place in their category. Well done to all!

Once again this year, Ms Prigg and the Vocal Ensemble organised a **Vocal Transition Workshop** for students from our Partner Primary Schools. The students had a fabulous time improving their vocal skills and getting to know students at High School. All the students performed three songs at the conclusion of the day.

CAPA Faculty

Catching Up With Our Alumni –

Nathanael Stewart - Class of 2013

Industrial Technology/Sport

Achievements at Elderslie High School

- Awarded the Pierre De Coubertin Award 2013.
- Awarded a Band 6 in Industrial Technology Timber in the HSC.
- Awarded a Sydney South West Blues award in 2013.



Achievements since 2013

- Studying Design and Technology at the University of Western Sydney.
- National Junior Hockey squad 2015.
- Youth Olympic Gold medal (Hockey 5's) 2014.
- Australian U/21's team for Sultan of Johor Cup (Bronze medal) 2014.
- Player of the tournament U/18 men's national field Hockey Championships 2014.



Did you know that you can make Payments to your child's school online?

We have launched a new online payment portal linked to your school's website to make it easier for you

to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

What expenses can be paid online?

- School General Contributions
- Subject Contributions/Course Costs
- Excursions
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School newsletter copy

Year 9 NAPLAN results and the HSC minimum standard

Message from NESA

HSC minimum standard required to receive the HSC from 2020

Literacy and numeracy skills are the foundation for success in life after school. This is why eligibility for the HSC is changing. From 2020, students will need to show they have the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to complete everyday tasks.

Your child will have many chances from Year 9 to Year 12, and even after the HSC to show they meet the HSC minimum standard

Some students will meet the requirement early through their Year 9 NAPLAN results in reading, writing and numeracy. However, most students will show they meet the standard by passing short, online reading, writing and numeracy tests in Years 10, 11 or 12.

You can watch a short video that explains Year 9 NAPLAN results and the new online HSC minimum standard tests at www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au

Year 9 NAPLAN reports available in mid-August

Your child's Year 9 NAPLAN report will indicate which online HSC minimum standard test/s (if any) they will need to pass to be eligible for the HSC certificate. Remember your child has three more years of learning before the HSC and can take the HSC minimum standard online tests in Years 10, 11 or 12. Year 9 NAPLAN is a good chance to check they are on track or get support to meet the minimum standard by Year 12.

If your child has achieved a Band 8 or above in reading, writing or numeracy, the NAPLAN report will indicate that they have "Met the HSC minimum standard early" in the respective area/s.

Your child can sit the online HSC minimum standard tests when they are ready

There are three separate 45 minute online tests: reading, writing and numeracy. Students don't have to pass all three tests at once and can attempt each test up to twice a year.

The reading and numeracy tests each contain a maximum of 45 multiple choice questions.

The writing test will require students to respond to a question about a prompt or stimulus.

You can try some sample reading and numeracy questions at

<https://hsliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au/>

For more information visit www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au

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

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7A	28 August	29 August P&C Meeting Open Netball	30 August Open Netball	31 August	1 September Girls KO Cricket 2 September Animal Nursery Cobbitty
8B	4 September	5 September Year 10 Geography Excursion	6 September State Athletics	7 September State Athletics	8 September State Athletics Dance Spectacular
9A	11 September Year 7 Vaccinations Year 11 Assessment Period Commences	12 September	13 September Year 9 PASS Camp	14 September Year 9 PASS Camp	15 September Year 9 PASS Camp
10B	18 September Zone Gala Day	19 September Year 7&8 CAPA Evening	20 September Heartbeat Excursion White Card Course	21 September Year 12 Graduation Evening	22 September Year 12 Picnic Day
	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 25 September	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 6 October
1A	9 October Students Return to School	10 October	11 October Year 11 Recognition Assembly	12 October	13 October
2B	16 October HSC Commences	17 October	18 October	19 October	20 October 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 29 August
In the Library at 7pm

Term 4 Meeting Dates
24 October