



# PARENT BULLETIN

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Sound of Music

Just before the end of last term many of our talented CAPA students, staff and stage crew participated in our 2017 musical – The Sound of Music. Each year I am impressed by the quality of the performance, but this year's would have to be one of the best. Audience participation was also at a high with tickets sales reaching maximum capacity for each evening.

There were many staff involved in the musical production ranging from helping with the construction of props, choreography, orchestra, vocals, coordinating back-stage crew, ticket sales, promotion, just to name a few. But there is a group of staff who are heavily involved each year and I would like to thank Ms Dennis, Ms Hissey, Ms Prigg, Ms Christensen, Ms Rysko and Ms Duroy for their enthusiasm and willingness to support the creative and performing arts at Elderslie High School.



### Farewell and Welcome

At the end of last term we farewelled and thanked Ms Walker our Japanese/English teacher. Ms Walker has been at the school for 18 months and in that time she has made a significant difference to the delivery of Japanese and English at the school. Ms Walker will be returning to her home town and we wish her every success in her future endeavours.

The vacant position created by Ms Walker's departure has already been filled. At the beginning of this term we welcomed Ms J Bun. Ms Bun will be located in the English staffroom.

### School Spirit

I am proud to say that Elderslie High School won the Zone Athletics Carnival. Although it was a close competition we were successful in retaining the Clutha Cup. Our students were asked to participate and do their best and that is exactly what they did. Because of their consistent effort and willingness to compete even if it wasn't an event they usually participated in, the result was that they boosted our point score each and every time. The school spirit on the two days was extremely positive and great to witness.

### UBS Young Womens Finance Academy

Katelyn Gwilliam was nominated by the school in late Term 1 for the UBS Young Women's Finance Academy. We were notified that Katelyn's application was successful in Term 2. During the July school holidays, Katelyn attended the UBS Finance Academy held at Dunmore Lang College, Macquarie University. We are very proud of Katelyn and she is to be congratulated.

### Leukaemia Foundation Recognition

The Leukaemia Foundation NSW/ACT Campaign Team invited two representatives of the school to attend the World's Greatest Shave Thank You Function on Tuesday 27 June 2017. Ms Le and Indi Glancey Year 7 represented the school at the event. You may remember that the students/SRC raised over \$19000.

## Upcoming Events

31 July	Yr 11 Assessment Week
31 July	Education Week
1 Aug	P&C Meeting
1 Aug	Bridge Building Excursion
1 Aug	Year 12 CAPA
1-2 Aug	SSW Athletics
3-4 Aug	Drama Festival
4 Aug	Pathway to Dreaming
7 Aug	Yr 11 Assessment Week
17 Aug	Yr 11 B Street Smart
22 Aug	Dance Transition Rehearsal
23 Aug	Year 11 Debate

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The school was presented with a plaque as we had raised the most funds in NSW/ACT. This was a fantastic achievement and everyone involved is to be congratulated.

### **Education Week**

I look forward to celebrating Education Week (Week 3) and hope that as many parents as possible can attend our Year 7 to 11 Recognition Assemblies. All students will be receiving a letter in regards to Recognition Assemblies dates and times.

### **New Finance System Update**

EHS has recently transitioned to the new NSW Public School's Finance system. Your patience and understanding while the staff are in the initial transition phase of the new system is appreciated.

We anticipate the transition phase will extend until staff are confident and accustomed with the new procedures and workflow.

The Online Payment option has now been reinstated on the school website, <http://www.elderslie-h.schools.nsw.edu.au> which is now our preferred payment method.

Payments continue to be accepted at the Student Office between 8.30am – 2.15pm

*Mrs Fawcett, Principal*

## **From the Deputy Principals**

### **Jennifer Lawrence (DP Years 8, 10 & 12)**

#### **Year 11 Preliminary Examinations**

As parents of Year 11 students know, the Preliminary (Year 11) course is drawing to a close and the last two weeks of this term (Weeks 9 and 10) will see our final assessments take place before students move into the HSC course at the start of Term 4. These final assessment tasks take the form of end of course examinations. Teachers will provide assessment notifications at least two weeks prior which will detail the general structure of the examination and topics to be assessed. The best advice we can give our students however, is not to wait for this notification as the indicator that it is now time to start studying. Instead, a measured and careful approach starting right now is crucial if students are going to perform at their best. At the end of Term 2, at the point of Year 11 Semester 1 reports being distributed, Ms Roberts and I met with a large group of our most hardworking, yet in many cases, unsung success stories amongst the Year 11 student cohort. We were privileged to be able to chat to these students and present them with merit awards for their efforts. Student recipients were not necessarily the first place recipients of their classes, but rather, the awards were presented to students who try their best and often go unnoticed. In all our interviews with these students, when we asked what the secret to their success was, they largely told us the same thing: that their success was based on starting their preparations early, not leaving things until the last minute

and taking on board the advice of their teachers. I therefore implore our entire student body to take heed of this fantastic advice from their own classmates.

### **Staff Professional Learning**

Our teaching staff at Elderslie High School has spent many hours during Term 2 engaged in highly effective professional learning. We spent two after school sessions during Term 2 engaged in examining contemporary learning practices that promoted faculty and individual teacher reflection about our practices. We were delighted to hear from Associate Professor Judy Anderson from the University of Sydney who presented a keynote address about STEM education in schools. Judy is the Director of the University of Sydney's STEM Teacher Enrichment Academy and gave our staff some great insight into implementation approaches of these new pedagogies within schools. We then followed this up with workshops on creative thinking, teaching collaboration and communication, and heard reports from the inaugural coding and STEM class units being undertaken during 2017.

At our most recent School Development Day on Monday, 17 July, we spent significant time beginning to develop our new school plan for the next three years. Our staff also began explicit professional learning around management of students with behavioural needs. This professional learning highlights our staff's commitment on an ongoing basis to reflecting on their practice and sharing what works best.

### **Parents and Citizens Association Success**

We would like to pass on a huge thank you to our amazing P&C Association for their tireless work in support of our school. The P&C is a small but committed group of parents who recently raised over \$1600 at our Bunnings barbecue on Sunday, June 18. Our next fundraising barbecue will take place at school on Friday evening, September 8 for Dance Spectacular but if parents are unable to help out at that time, there are many other ways you can lend a hand. You may be able to donate a box of soft drink cans which can be dropped off to the school at any time. Alternately, you may be a local butcher or bakery owner who can donate sausages or bread rolls. In any case, funds raised are passed on to the school to directly benefit our students.

Our P&C meetings are held in the school library on Tuesday evenings at 7pm in Weeks 3 and 7 each term and we are always looking for more parents to join us. Our meetings feature a faculty presentation on each occasion that gives parents direct insight into what happens in Elderslie High School classrooms and what better way to find out what is happening at school than to come along?

### **Concerning Television Programs**

Many parents may be aware of several television programs aired on Netflix recently that may present confronting

themes. "13 Reasons Why" and "To the Bone" contain graphic imagery and content such as adolescent suicide and eating disorders. Expert bodies such as the Butterfly Foundation and Headspace have raised concerns about these shows and have launched information about how parents might respond to them. These information packages are available online by following the links below. I strongly urge you to read these documents.

<https://www.headspace.org.au/news/how-to-talk-to-young-people-about-13-reasons-why/>  
<https://thebutterflyfoundation.org.au/about-us/media-centre/media-releases/netflix-to-the-bone/>

## Natalie Martin (DP Years 7,9 & 11)

### NAIDOC Week

On Thursday 29 June Elderslie High School celebrated NAIDOC week by holding an assembly and a community lunch. The theme of NAIDOC week 2017 was 'taking the next steps' and a major focus of the assembly was about the preservation of Aboriginal language. There was a larger number of Aboriginal students involved in the assembly this year, which was due to the work of Mrs Jeffries our Aboriginal Education Coordinator. Mr Jayson Neill, a representative from the Department of Education, was invited to speak at the assembly, our choir sang the indigenous version of the National Anthem, our senior students explained the significance of fire, water and earth and two of our Year 8 girls Abby Lenard and Samantha Rouland performed speeches they wrote for the Speak Up competition. Other students developed a presentation, which explained the significance of NAIDOC week in Australia. The assembly concluded with Mrs Fawcett who presented the ZONTA Leadership Award to Georgia Eggert who was selected from all the applicants from NSW and ACT for this prestigious award.



The parents, staff and students who attended the assembly were also invited to our community lunch which allowed for casual conversation to celebrate our student achievements and to further develop and improve relationships with our parent community. Many of our students attended the morning tea and enjoyed celebrating Aboriginal community, culture and language.

### Uniform

Students were informed at a whole school assembly in Term 2 to wear the correct school uniform. Many boys have been wearing grey and khaki pants with elasticised ankles, which **are not** school uniform and should not be worn to school. If your child has grown out of their uniform, new items can be purchased from our school uniform shop or online at the following website:

<http://www.daylightsportswear.com/elderslie/>

Students are also required to wear the school tracksuit pants on Wednesdays and under no circumstances are hoodies permitted. Our school policy is to take acquire and hold the hoodie or jacket for the day and provide an item to the student from our clothing pool. From the beginning of Term 3 students will be given consequences for not wearing the correct uniform to school and all staff will be implementing our uniform policy. Parents can refer to the school website for more information about our policy and uniform shop opening hours.

### Year 8 STEM Showcase

On 22 June the Science faculty held their first Year 8 STEM showcase. Students presented their major projects, which focused on forensics. Many parents attended this event and it was fantastic to see students who were proud of their achievements and able to demonstrate a deeper knowledge of STEM through their experiences as a result of participating in this course. Congratulations to Mrs Woo and Mrs Nath who coordinated this event.



### Year 12

At the time of this publication, Year 12 will be completing their Trial HSC examinations. If your child was unwell and unable to attend an examination, it was important, that the school was contacted and that the relevant paperwork was completed and submitted upon their return to school. Parents can contact Ms Martin or Mr Marshall for further guidance and information.

At the end of the Term Year 12 will have their graduation and picnic day to celebrate the end of their final year of school. Mrs Shortt will be coordinating a series of events to ensure that your child's final weeks of school are celebrated appropriately and safely. Permission notes will be distributed within the first few weeks of this term. It is important for Year 12 students to remain focused on learning so that they can achieve to their best potential in their final assessments and the HSC examinations.

### Premier's Student Volunteering Awards 2017

All students up to Year 11 are invited to register for their Awards. GROW THROUGH GIVING.

What's in it for me?

Here are five great reasons to get involved:

1. Build the skills and experience to get job ready
2. Make a difference in your local community
3. Meet new people and hang out with new friends
4. Get involved with something you're passionate about
5. Have fun, get healthy and keep fit.

ENJOY THE RECOGNITION

You'll get a lot of satisfaction out of volunteering and now, through the Premier's Volunteer Recognition Program, you can also be recognised for your volunteering efforts.

You can be nominated in the following categories:

- STUDENTS UP TO YEAR 9 a minimum of 3 months regular volunteering and 13 hours in one year
- STUDENTS IN YEAR 10 a minimum of 6 months regular volunteering and 26 hours in one year
- STUDENTS IN YEAR 11 a minimum of 12 months regular volunteering and 52 hours in one year.

To participate log into

<http://www.volunteering.nsw.gov.au/volunteers/recognition-and-awards/nsw-premier-s-volunteer-recognition-program/student-volunteering>

Nominations close in September so come and see Mrs Rouen or Mrs Shortt for details on registering your hours.

### Pathways to Dreaming

Last term Year 8 Aboriginal students got the opportunity to go to Western Sydney University Penrith campus for the program Pathways to Dreaming. This program gives students more of an understanding about their Aboriginal culture. The day began with a talk from a few Western Sydney University students and a talk from two Aboriginal elders. We then did a number of activities such as each of us having turns of making a robot move and dance; and there were Aboriginal traditional sports including protect your baby etc. The last activity they did was a scavenger hunt what they did was get a bunch of clues and go around the campus and find them in a certain amount of time. Miss Jeffries and Dylan were a team and finished first, making them the winners that day.

**Samantha R**

### Nationally Consistent Collection of Data 2017

Will take place on 21 July, 2017.

- The data collection by the Commonwealth Government will provide an annual national snapshot of all students with disability across all schools in Australia and the adjustments that they are receiving consistent with the obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and *Disability Standards for Education 2005*.
- The data will help education authorities and schools to better target programs and resourcing decisions.
- The information is provided to the Commonwealth as a series of number sets that cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.
- More information can be found on the schools website on the home page.

Parent Information is available online at:

<https://docs.education.gov.au/node/32685>

## MATHS NEWS

### Maths Gifted and Talented Excursion:

On the 8 June, sixteen lucky Year 8 Math students had the privilege to attend an excursion to Holroyd High School with Miss Le. There we participated in a maths competition called *The Lachlan Macquarie College Yr 8 Mathematics Gifted and Talented Day*. This Year 8 Maths Gifted and Talented Day encourages students to broaden their knowledge and learning experiences within the maths course.

It was set out a little like *Tournament of the Minds* or the *Da Vinci Decathlon*. Once we got there we were split into three teams – table 1, table 2 and table 3 – and although we were all of the same school, it was each to their own. We were competing against a dozen other schools – the best of the best. In some cases, the one school had up to four or five teams meaning we had to go hard or go home if we were to pull out on top.

Throughout the day each group participated in various tasks such as problem solving, engineering, heads or tails, using logic, etc. Each question we tried to answer got harder as we went along. For some of them we spent a whole half hour just working on that one question. Miss Le couldn't even figure out one it was so difficult!!! Personally, my favourite part was the engineering activity. Each team was given a hand full of spaghetti, a roll of sticky tape, a piece of paper and the task to create a shape which could hold 200 Maltesers nice and neatly. That meant that once poured in they couldn't roll around, be stacked on top of one another or be able to roll out of the shape. At the end of the day all Elderslie teams had come along way and finished in the top eight.



A big thank you to Miss Le for organising such an event for the sixteen of us. We had great fun on this excursion and hope to have the opportunity to take part in something just as exciting as *The Lachlan Macquarie College Yr 8 Mathematics Gifted and Talented Day* again.

**By Isabella Stootman**  
**8MATE**

## SCIENCE NEWS

### Homework Books

Students in Years 7-10 had Science Homework Booklets issued by their class teacher, during week 1 of Term 3. Homework reinforces concepts learnt in class and makes up a proportion of the student's final mark. Year 7-8 have an online subscription to STILE, which was a part of Year 7 course charges.

STILE has Science content from Australia's leading Science institution CSIRO, featuring relevant and current information.

Students will be provided with a booklet that guides learning. Please ensure that your child logs on weekly, sign on completion and shows their teacher. The code that is provided lasts 8 days and after that date your child will need to be reassigned another code.

Years 9 -10 will have hardcopy booklets, that they will write in and submit weekly to their teacher. Homework forms a part of student revision and promotes regular habits, which is an essential skill in their senior studies.

If Homework booklets are lost they can be downloaded from the school's website at:

<http://www.elderslie-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/ehs-faculties/science-agriculture/homework-booklets>

**Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers**

It is that time of year again, Woolworths is giving out stickers to shoppers from July 26<sup>th</sup>. Please collect stickers and stick them on sheets and have your child place completed sheets in the box located in the Student Office Foyer or to their Science teacher. We will be using the rewards to purchase Science equipment that will aid the learning of all students. Thank you in advance for cooperation.

*Science staff*

**TAS Home Economics**

**Year 11 Textiles and Design**

During Term One and Two, students in Year 11 Textiles and Design have been developing their skills in textile design, manufacture and decoration in the completion of their first project for the unit 'Bag Bonanza'. The students chose a bag design from a selection of patterns provided by the school and had to choose their fabrics and decoration techniques from one of four design inspirations including, Oriental Wonders, African Safari, Tribal Tributes and Vintage Vogue. Each student was required to complete an accompanying portfolio to document their design process. The students found the project challenging, yet enjoyable! Images of their work can be seen below.



**Year 10 Textiles Technology**

During Semester One, students in Year 10 Textiles Technology have been learning about Japanese culture and specific links to textile design and manufacture. Each student completed preliminary research on textile items used in Japanese culture and traditional textile fabric decoration techniques.

Students then used their knowledge in the design and manufacture of a textile furnishing item based on Japanese textile design. Each student chose different symbols to assemble using patchwork, appliqué, Shibori dyeing and Sashiko embroidery. Images of the students' work can be seen below.



On Monday 29 May, 2017 Year 9 and 10 Textiles Technology students participated in a fabric decoration workshop provided by a local supplier to learn new fabric colouration and decoration techniques which they will be able to use in their upcoming projects. Techniques included fabric marbling, sun painting, printing, fabric crayons and Shiva sticks. Below are some images of students enjoying the workshop.



**Year 8 Textiles Enrichment Day**

On Thursday 25 May, 2017 selected students from Year 8 participated in a textile enrichment day where they designed, created and decorated an individualised tote bag. During the earlier part of the day, students learnt several tie-dye techniques which allowed them to colour their bag. After this, students learnt how to use a material called Soluweb where they created their own personalised fabric to use for a motif on the front of their bag. Throughout the afternoon, students learnt how to use the sewing machine in the application of their embellishment techniques and final construction of their bag. All students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to extend their knowledge in the area of textiles. Images of student work and involvement can be seen below.

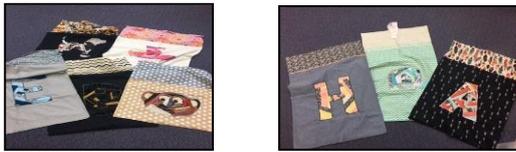
*Contributed by Mrs Saunders*



**Year 9 Textiles Technology**

Year 9 Textiles students have made excellent progress over the last 2 terms. The class displayed their creativity and outstanding sewing skills to design and produce a drawstring tote bag for their sewing equipment. The class are currently making a pair of Pyjama pants and a tie dyed accessory. This is such a dedicated and hardworking class. I

can't wait to see to what they are capable of creating for project three.



**Year 11 Design and Technology**

Year 11 Design and Technology have successfully completed their first design project. Students had to use an old food favourite as the basis for a business launch. Students successfully created a range of products from a variety of mediums to help advertise the food item. Student worked in the computer labs, timber, textiles and food rooms to create their merchandise. As part of the project students recorded their process in a folio. The level of creativity and professionalism was evident in the mini market stall. Staff and students were invited to attend to taste the food products and provide feedback on the promotional material. The project was a great success and provided students with the skills required for the second project on children's education.



Year 11 Design and Technology also visited the Powerhouse Museum in term 2. Students encountered some amazing new technologies and the physical products they helped to create. It is absolutely mind blowing what can be created with a laser cutter, 3D printer, sound recognition and coding software. Students attended a coding workshop during their visit which has inspired some interesting possible ideas for their major works.



**SPORT NEWS**

**ATHLETICS**

**ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The Elderslie High School Athletics team represented the school at an exceptional level at the recent zone carnival at the end of term 2. Many of our athletes took home top 3 finishes in their events demonstrating that Elderslie High School is a force to be reckoned with in sporting skill and achievement.

Congratulations to all of the students who represented Elderslie over the two-day carnival and in particular, to those students who excelled in their events.

Ella Wooldridge (15yrs Girls) and Brock Chisholm (17-18yrs Boys) took out the overall Age Champions for their respective age groups, with Elderslie High School taking out the overall point score of the zone carnival, finishing on 2589 points.

**ATHLETICS CHEER TEAM**

Thank you to the Elderslie High School Cheerleading Team who supported our athletes at the carnival. The team consisted of Chloe Pasterfield and Tahlia Verry (Year 7), Nikeeta Chapman, Lauren Deaman, Leana Golledge, Hannah Langton, Monique Palmer, Hannah Penfold and Kathleen Van Niekerk (Year 8) and Lilibeth Dell (Year 11).

**CROSS COUNTRY**

**REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to all of the students who represented both Elderslie High School and the Macarthur Zone at the Regional Cross Country Championships on 15 June 2017. The following students have qualified for the state carnival, coming up on 21 July.

12 years boys	Jy Mammoliti	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
13 years girls	Mackenzie Court	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Bianca Chauvin	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
14 years girls	Erin Wooldridge	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Shae Elguindy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Erin Bloor	9 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Estelle Hollinshead	10 <sup>th</sup> Place
	School Team – Erin, Shae, Erin and Estelle have qualified as the school team for the NSW CHS Carnival	
14 years boys	Rikki Boys	7 <sup>th</sup> Place
15 years girls	Ella Wooldridge	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	Ellie Baer-Tomlinson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Ahlana Sklenar	7 <sup>th</sup> Place
16 years girls	Jenna McGuire	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
18 years girls	Gillian Kowalick	1 <sup>st</sup> Place

**SWIMMING**

**NSW ALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Several of our elite swimmers have continued to gain success in their personal events at the NSW All Schools Swimming Carnival.

Aleksandria Ilic (15-16yrs Girls) placed 4<sup>th</sup> in 200m Individual Medley and 9<sup>th</sup> Place in 15-16 100m Breaststroke.

Natasha Burke (17yrs Girls) placed 6<sup>th</sup> in 400m Freestyle, 5<sup>th</sup> in 200m Butterfly, 7<sup>th</sup> in 200m Individual Medley and 6<sup>th</sup> in 400m Individual Medley.

Vanya Kamenjas (15yrs Boys) placed 1<sup>st</sup> in 50m Freestyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 50m Butterfly, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 100m Freestyle and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 100m Butterfly.

## OTHER SPORTING NEWS

### HOCKEY

Daniel O'Daly has demonstrated great skill and achievement in his hockey endeavours, qualifying for the Open Boys NSW CHS Hockey side, which placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the NSW All Schools Hockey Championship. He also represented Elderslie High School at the SSW Primary School Hockey Carnival, working as an umpire for the day.

### TOUCH FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Jessica Shepherd, Erin Bloor, Kiara Bloor and Georgia Nies who have qualified for the Open Girls SSW Touch Football Team.

### TRIATHLON

The Wooldridge family have once again proven they are unstoppable in Triathlon events, taking out line honours in their respective age groups at the Diamonds Women Triathlon in Penrith and in Port Stephens in May.



Erin Wooldridge (14yrs Girls) was also awarded runner up as Junior Sport Person of the Year at the West Leagues Club Sports Awards. Ella Wooldridge (15yrs Girls) won the all ages Enticer distance (200m swim, 10km bike and 2km run), and the Enforcer (400m swim, 15km bike and 4km run) in Port Stephens.

### GOLF

Nicholas Zelesco and Robbie Minns qualified for the SSW Golf Team, competing at the NSW All Schools Golf Championships in Newcastle.

### GYMNASTICS

Telisha Trevithick and Olivia Drieman were selected in the SSW Gymnastics team to compete at the NSW CHS competition.

### EQUESTRIAN

Congratulations to Nicola Raiti, of Year 7, who competed at the Interschool's Equestrian State Championship. She competed in the Led Class, Rider Class and Ridden Class.

### ORIENTEERING

The Taylor siblings displayed outstanding skill in the SSW Orienteering Competition. Lachlan Taylor, Year 9, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 14-15 years boys event with Stephanie Taylor, Year 7, placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the 12-13 years girls' event. We congratulate them on this fantastic achievement.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

Under 13 boy's Country Cup Rugby League at Kirkham oval - the under 13 boys school football team played at Kirkham oval on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2017. The boys played very well and tried their hardest, The boys put in an outstanding effort and played a great game of footy. They played 3 games. The first and second games the boys played were close. The footy team is made up of football players and soccer players. On the day they all tried very hard to play their part in the matches.

In the last game of the day for the boys tried their absolute best to win. In this final game against Moss Vale, the boys had an absolute brilliant game and put some plays together to break through Moss Vale's line to score the tries, the defence of the Elderslie boys was excellent. In the next football day/game we hope the boys continue to play their best.

*By the trainers Lachlan Wood and Justin Williams.*

### LAWN BOWLS

Joshua Lord, Rebecca Lord and Brianna Smith have qualified for the SSW Lawn Bowls Team.

## Debating Update

The Year 11 & 12 Debating Team, consisting of Ashleigh McMurdo, Dylan Maclou, Jasmine Cardona and Mitchell Oyston, won all three rounds at the Zone level. They then went on to win a Regional Quarter Final Debate against Liverpool Boys High School. Next they defeated Macquarie Fields High School in the Regional Semi Final. They competed strongly in the Regional Final, but were defeated by East Hills Boys High School. Well done to all!

The Year 11 Debating Team, consisting of Anneliese Munro, Ben Morgan, Erica Sheather and Merralisa Wintzloff won their Round 1 Debate against John Edmondson High School. They then went on to be defeated by Hurlstone Agricultural High School in Rounds 2 and 3. It was a tough zone and the Round 3 debate was better than any Regional Final I have seen in the last few years. Congratulations to all!

The Year 9 Team consists of Breanna Craig, Cassandra McMurdo, Lachlan Taylor, Hannah Bachner and Savannah Corcoran. The Year 10 Team consists of Georgia Cunnion, Nancy Haggerty, Alyssa Heyward and Serena Chowna. Congratulations to both teams on their wins over Mount Annan High School.

Congratulations to the Year 10 team on their win over Robert Townson High School. Good luck to the Year 9 Team against Robert Townson High School next week. The final round of the zone will see our Year 9 and Year 10 Teams battle it out to decide the zone. Stay tuned for the result of that encounter!

The Year 7 & 8 Debating Teams will be starting their 2017 campaign in the next few weeks. The practice debate and workshop was Week 2 of this term. So stay tuned for updates on our progress!

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

*Ms S Dennis*

### Public Speaking

Congratulations to Briannan Eggert and Zayne Lewis from Year 8 on their selection as hosts for the Drama Festival Ultimo Public Schools at NIDA. Briannan and Zayne were selected from many students from the Ultimo network. Well done to both of you!

Good luck to Erica Sheather from Year 11 in this year's Quota Club of Macarthur Student of the Year competition. Stay tuned for the results of this event.

**The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award** is an annual event held by The Arts Unit. The competition will be held on Monday, 24 July, 2017 at Elderslie High School. This year Breanna Craig and Cassandra McMurdo from Year 9 will represent Elderslie High School in the competition. Good luck to Breanna and Cassandra.

*Ms S Dennis*

### CAPA Update



#### **The Sound Of Music**

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the presentation of **The Sound Of Music** to the school community on the 1 – 3 June, 2017 in the School Hall. The Cast, EHS Orchestra, EHS Event Management Team, VET Entertainment students, Visual Arts Team and the CAPA Faculty worked tirelessly to present one of the most beloved musicals to date. Over 400 people viewed the three evening performances and students from Elderslie Public School and Mawarra Public School viewed the Dress Rehearsal. Lots of people who attended commented on the enthusiasm and talent of all involved and were thrilled to see so many talented performers. Many thanks to the staff and parents who either attended one of the performances or assisted with the organisation for the

event. Your support was greatly appreciated by both the students and CAPA Faculty.

We would also like to thank our kind sponsors: Show OZ, Macarthur Trophies and Engraving, R. Newman and Sons and Macarthur Events. Thank you to all who supported our School Musical in 2017. We are not sure how we top this one, but we will be back in 2018!!



On Tuesday, 1 August, 2017 the **Year 12 CAPA** students will present their HSC performances and projects to an audience of parents and friends. Tickets are on sale from the Student Office and are \$6.00 for all. Doors open at 5.45 pm. See you there!

**The next CAPA Evening will be Year 7 & 8 on Tuesday, 19th 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.



Late in June, the Dance Ensemble and Dance Company represented Elderslie High School in the **Dance Festival Ultimo Public Schools** at the Seymour Centre. Both groups performed extremely well and enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Miss Rysko and Miss Duroy for their support of the groups.

On Saturday, 22 July, 2017 the Dance Ensemble and Dance Company will be performed in the **Sydney Eisteddfod** at the Science Theatre, University of NSW. Both groups performed exceptionally well in NSW's number one eisteddfod.

Congratulations to the Year 11 Drama class for the fantastic effort in the state **Theatresports Challenge**. This year the event was held at Tara Anglican School for Girls. Our team looked amazing, sporting their Musical T-shirts and plaits, as they went into battle against 7 other teams. It was a shame not to see more local schools competing in this event.



On Wednesday, 9 August, 2017 the Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 Dance classes, Dance Transition Ensemble, Dance Ensemble, Dance Company, Ballroom Dance Ensemble, Orchestra and Vocal Ensemble will be participating in a **Photo Day** from 8.30 am – 12.15 pm.



The students will need to bring all of their dance costumes and uniform to school so their photo can be taken for the **CAPA Calendar, 2018**. Permission notes are due to the box in the Studio by Monday, 31 July, 2017.

**Dance Transition Program** is back for 2017. Our partner primary schools are very excited about participating. The fifth rehearsal for this program was on Tuesday, 25 July, 2017 in the School Hall.

**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!

The Year 11 Drama students will be representing Elderslie High School at the **Drama Festival Ultimo Public Schools** on Thursday, 3 August at NIDA. The students are very excited to present their piece titled Treating Yourself To A Little Retail Therapy on the evening.

Congratulations to Nikki Wilson and Erica Sheather, from Year 11 Drama, on their selection to attend the **State Drama Camp, 2017** at Elanora Conference Centre. The girls had a fantastic time extending their skills and meeting other dedicated Drama students from across the state.

The **HSC Dance Practical Examinations** will be held in Tuesday, 8 August in the School Hall. Good luck to all of the students involved.

The **HSC Music Practical Examinations** are approaching. Music Practical Examinations will be held on one day during the two-week period from 4 September to the 15 September, 2017. Good luck to all of the students involved.

So during 2017, come along and enjoy the performances of our talented CAPA students.

#### CAPA Faculty

### CATHING UP WITH ALUMNI

#### Michelle Wagstaff Achievements since 1993 at Elderslie High School

To be honest I had no idea what I wanted to be when I left school, until I met my Textile teacher Ms Wheeler. She was an inspiration, an amazing aspirational teacher who is creative and showed me what it was like to be a designer.



I fell in love with design. I wanted to become Fashion Designer.

In Year 12, I came first in the State for 3 Unit Textile and Design and came in top 5% for 2 Unit Textiles for which I received The Premier's Award. I was accepted into UTS and completed Fashion and Textiles Degree, 4 year course with Second Class Honours.

#### Achievements since 1993

During University, I was a finalist in the Smirnoff Fashion Awards with my designs. When finishing University, I decided to do a Post Graduate Diploma in Education, Design and Technology, for the fear of not being able to find a design position. It was a cut throat industry and still is.

My first job was with Freidelle children's wear and this was prior to computers and designs were drawn by hand. I was travelling to Paris, London twice a year and was responsible for the range with little real industry experience.

Next was Skye group which is a group of brands where I designed Oshkosh children's wear, Pierre Cardin, Industrie Men's, TYR and Finz swimwear. Being a small company I had to design, source, spec tech, pattern make and follow each design to production.

I joined Seafolly as Senior Designer. This was a whole new world. I now have a huge team of graphic designers and pattern makers and assistants. I can focus on design and travel to exotic beach locations such as Ibiza, St Tropez, Paris, and London. I was fortunate to have my designs at the Mercedes Fashion Week this year.



Over my career I have been to many different countries such as Brazil, Germany, Hong Kong, Paris, China, India, Madrid, Nice, London, New York, Hawaii, Detroit and California.

There is a lot of pressure to perform, but I love my job. I wouldn't change it. There is nothing better than being overseas and seeing someone enjoy your product or reading comments on Instagram. It's so great to be able to do something you love for a career. It's a passion not a job.



# Post School Expo for Students with Disability

**MAKE PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE!**



School leavers and their families will have an opportunity to visit a variety of services to discuss the options and help available when they leave school.

**NDIS - Improved Life Choices - Accessing the Community**  
**Finding and keeping a job - SLES (School Leaver Employment Supports) - Financial Support**

**TAFE - University - Further Training and Education**  
**Traineeships & Apprenticeships - Support Co-ordination**

**FREE ENTRY**  
**10.00am - 3.00pm**

Revesby Workers Club - Thurs 10th August 2017  
Liverpool Catholic Club - Thurs 24th August 2017  
Campbelltown Catholic Club (the Cube) -Thurs 14th September 2017

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# Changes for 2018 admissions



## THERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 2018 ADMISSIONS THROUGH UAC:

### *The number of course preferences is being reduced from 9 to 5*

Offers were rarely made to preferences 6 to 9 in the old system and applicants can change their preferences as many times as they wish, so it's up to 5 preferences per offer round.

### *There will be an offer round after ATAR release and before Christmas*

This is so that ATAR-based offers can be made to Year 12 students earlier than January.

### *The early January round and the mid-January round will be combined into one round in the second week of January*

This is so that more offers can be made earlier in January.

### *Offers may not be made to all courses in December*

Some universities may wait until January to make offers to highly competitive courses. Consequently, those courses will be excluded from the December offer round. Details of courses that will not be included in the December round will be available on UAC's website in November 2017.

### *Universities will not exhaust their quota of offers in December*

While universities will be able to make offers to NSW HSC students in December, they will still be waiting for the results of other significant groups of students, such as IB students, interstate Year 12 students and current tertiary students. Consequently, universities will not fill the quota for any course in December; they will reserve sufficient offers to make offers to eligible students in January. The cut-off for entry in January Round 1 will not be higher than the December cut-off.

### *There will be no "Main Round"*

As more offers will now be made in December, there will no longer be the concept of a January Main Round. We expect most offers will be made in December and January.

All offer rounds will be named using the convention of month and sequence (eg December Round 2, January Round 1 etc.).

### *There will be no restrictions on making offers in the early offer rounds*

All offer rounds will be treated equally. Offers can be made to the highest eligible preference to any applicant in any round.

### *The SRS offer round will be in November*

Offers to Year 12 students based on Schools Recommendation Schemes applications will be earlier; now mid-November.

These changes simplify the process for applicants and institutions, allowing offers to be made earlier in the cycle, where possible, while still giving applicants plenty of choice and without disadvantaging those applicants who will still need to wait until January to receive their offer.

## KEY DATES FOR 2018 ADMISSIONS:

2 August 2017	applications open
31 August 2017	August Round 1 offers released
14 September 2017	September Round 1 offers released
28 September 2017	September Round 2 offers released
29 September 2017	on-time closing date for applications
12 October 2017	October Round 1 offers released
26 October 2017	October Round 2 offers released
16 November 2017	November Round 1 (SRS) offers released
23 November 2017	November Round 2 offers released
7 December 2017	December Round 1 offers released
15 December 2017	ATARs released
17 December 2017	change of preference closing date for December Round 2
21 December 2017	December Round 2 offers released
3 January 2018	change of preference closing date for January Round 1
12 January 2018	January Round 1 offers released
24 January 2018	change of preference closing date for January Round 2
31 January 2018	January Round 2 offers released
8 February 2018	February Round 1 offers released
15 February 2018	February Round 2 offers released



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

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3A	<b>31 July</b> Yr 11 Assessment Week Education Week	<b>1 August</b> SSW Athletics P & C Meeting 7pm Bridge Building Excursion Year 12 CAPA	<b>2 August</b> SSW Athletics	<b>3 August</b> Drama Festival	<b>4 August</b> Drama Festival Pathway to Dreaming
4B	<b>7 August</b> Yr 11 Assessment Week	<b>8 August</b>	<b>9 August</b> Ancient History Talk with Dr Estelle Lazer CAPA Calendar Photos	<b>10 August</b>	<b>11 August</b>
5A	<b>14 August</b> Yr 11 Assessment Week	<b>15 August</b>	<b>16 August</b>	<b>17 August</b> Year 11 - B Street Smart	<b>18 August</b>
6B	<b>21 August</b>	<b>22 August</b> Dance Transition Rehearsal	<b>23 August</b> Year 11 Debate	<b>24 August</b>	<b>25 August</b>

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Payments to your child’s school online?**

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- School General Contributions
- Subject Contributions/Course Costs
  - Excursions
  - Sales to Students
  - Other



Log onto School site at:

[www.elderslie-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.elderslie-h.schools.nsw.edu.au) Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or MasterCard.

**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 1 August  
In the Library at 7pm

- 1 August
- 29 August
- 24 October
- 21 November

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