



# PARENT BULLETIN

## JUNE 2018

### Upcoming Events

6 Jun	Athletics Carnival
8 Jun	Primary School Gala Day
8 Jun	Open Girls Touch Football
11 Jun	Queen's Birthday
12 Jun	Athletics Back up Carnival
12 Jun	P&C Meeting
19 Jun	Under 15's Girls Basket ball
22 Jun	Boys Hockey Knock Outs
29 Jun	Primary School Gala Day
2 Jul	Subject Selection Night Year 10 & 11
3 Jul	Zone Athletics
4 Jul	Zone Athletics
5 Jul	Cobbitty Public Schools Concert
6 Jul	NAIDOC Week Assembly
7 Jul	Cobbitty Markets

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Student & Teacher Success

As announced in the previous issue of Parent Bulletin, we were delighted to hear that our very own Ms Linda Le was announced as the Public Education Foundation Teachers Health Early Career Teacher scholarship recipient. On May 21, I was proud to attend the awards ceremony along with Mrs Amos to watch Ms Le receive her award. Ms Le was the sole teacher in the state to be recognised with this award to acknowledge her passion for her subject of Mathematics and efforts in engaging students across the first three years of her teaching career. Ms Le will now have the opportunity to participate in international professional learning so that she can enhance her practice even further. The entire EHS teaching staff congratulates Ms Le on her success.



It has also been wonderful to see so many of our amazing student success stories in the past month. Our representative cross country athletes won the Zone Carnival on May 31 with many individual accolades being earned. A huge thank you to Ms Victoria Jeffries for her tireless efforts in ensuring all our students had every opportunity to participate at this level.

We have also been fortunate to once again see Elderslie High School well represented at the Department of Education's representative dance festivals. In 2018 the festival program, known as "In the Spotlight", will showcase the talents of two of our individual students, Lilibeth Dell (Year 12) and Savannah Nenadic (Year 7) who will feature in the combined NSW Public Schools Senior and Junior Dance Ensembles respectively. Aside from this, our Ballroom, Dance Company and Dance Ensemble group performances were all selected to perform along with two of our amazing public speakers, Emily Condon (Year 9) and Jaiden Gardner (Year 8) who successfully auditioned to compete one of the shows. Congratulations to all students.

## Renovation Update

Most of the noisiest works within our renovation are coming to a conclusion now, with many aspects of external demolition complete. If you have driven down Hilder St recently, you would be able to see the new structures taking shape to mark the new entrances to the school, both near the current pedestrian gate and the bus bay. New pathways are being formed and the structure of the new glass waiting room is starting to appear. Our student body continues to display enormous tenacity in coping with a slightly restricted playground and changed pathways for movement around the school. The flexibility and understanding demonstrated by our students has been very much appreciated by our staff and we look forward to the point where we can all enjoy the improvements created in our school environment. At this stage, we are still due for completion at the end of July.

## Testing – NAPLAN and National Minimum Standard

Our Year 7 and 9 students completed the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy from May 15-17. The staffs were very pleased with the students' efforts across all areas of the examinations. Although our school was not chosen for NAPLAN Online testing this year, we may still be asked to implement the new testing structure in 2019. While there has been much discussion in the media of late regarding the future of NAPLAN testing, no firm decisions have been made at this stage. Many Year 10 students recently participated in the first round of Minimum Standard Testing in Literacy and Numeracy. These tests, organised by Mrs Tracy Samuels (Head Teacher Secondary Studies) via NESA allowed students to participate in online quizzes to allow them to receive the HSC in 2020 or beyond. The Minimum Standards Tests allow students to show their skills in basic literacy and numeracy needed for everyday life. If students did not yet achieve this minimum standard, there will be another opportunity to do so late this year.

## Year 7 2019 Enrolment

Thank you to the great many parents who have applied for their Year 6 children to attend Elderslie High School in 2019. As parents would know, our local area enrolments are guaranteed a place in next year's Year 7 cohort before we can offer any places to students beyond the local drawing area. As per the school's policy on out of area student enrolment, we have now convened our annual panel to consider all other applications and determined our offers along with our waiting list. Families will be advised of the outcome in the next few weeks. Those students being offered a place will then be sent enrolment forms which need to be returned to the school promptly.

## Musical Success

Enormous congratulations to the Creative and Performing Arts faculty for their work in producing this year's

incredibly successful musical, A Chorus Line. I know of few schools who produce a musical every year simply due to the amount work involved and I would like to publicly acknowledge the work of our Relieving Head Teacher CAPA, Ms Samantha Dennis and her amazing team of Ms Rysko, Ms Prigg, Mr Webb, Mrs Carusi, Mrs Grimston-Eason along with Ms Gulley and Mr Baylis. The CAPA faculty strives to give our students amazing opportunities from performing on stage to learning the art of backstage sound and lighting and their tireless hours of work paid off with the most polished of performances. Our students never cease to amaze me with their performing arts talents and I know many of our school community members would join with me in commending the efforts of our students and staff. It was also wonderful to be able to host Stage 3 primary school students from Spring Farm and Elderslie Public Schools for our Matinee on May 31.

*Kind regards, Mrs Jenny Lawrence*

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPALS Natalie Martin (DP Years 7, 9 & 11)

### Skoolbag App

The Skoolbag App recently updated and there are a few changes parents need to consider. When opening the App it requests your email and you need to set up an account. The App prompts parents to select the year groups for your children. If you did this, you may not be receiving messages. We use the App to send out general messages to the whole school and do not at this stage send messages to only one year group. **To receive all the messages you need to unselect the Year groups your children are in.**

### Travelling to and from School

Students travelling to and from school are expected to follow the EHS behaviour code at all times. If students are engaged in negative behaviour whilst in school uniform the Department of Education expects the school to implement its discipline policy, even if they are on their way to or from school. This is particularly important at places like Narellan Town Centre and in the main street of Camden. Unfortunately, the poor behaviour of a few students can have a big impact on the school's reputation in the community. We acknowledge that the vast majority of our students are appropriately behaved at all times.

### Parent Teacher Night

The Parent Teacher night for Years 7-12 will be on Wednesday July 25. Reports for Year 11 were issued in Week 5 of Term 2 and reports for Year 7-10 will be issued in Week 9 of Term 2. Make sure you save the date for parent teacher night. Online bookings for school interviews will open in the last two weeks of this term.

**Sorry Day** On May 25, I took Maddison Kuiper of Year 8 and Piper La Hay of Year 11 to represent Elderslie High

School at the Sorry Day ceremony at Mount Annan Botanical Gardens. The official Sorry Day was on Saturday May 26 and commemorates the past mistreatment of Indigenous people. During the event there were speeches from two ladies who had both been taken from their families as young children and mistreated in children's homes. Both of these women lost their connections to family, land and culture. A representative from FACS also spoke about the role the Government agency had played in taking children away from their families. After the speeches, there was a smoking ceremony and we all walked through a bush path to the Sorry Day Memorial where Piper and Maddison laid a wreath from the school. After the ceremony everyone, walked to the Seedbank to partake in a celebratory lunch. A reminder for parents that the school NAIDOC week assembly is coming up on July 6. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly and the community lunch after the assembly.



**Joanne Amos (Acting DP Years 8, 10 & 12)  
Subject Selection Night for Year 10**

A quick reminder that Year 8 and Year 10 will be participating in subject selection presentations on Monday 2 July. The Year 10 students and parents are invited to the Subject Selection Evening presentation on Monday 2 July commencing at 6.30pm. Mr El Haj and Ms Mac Mahon have been meeting with Year 10 to discuss their subjects and they have included more detailed

information further in the bulletin that will help Year 10 in making their decisions.

**Uniform**

The vast majority of our students wear our uniform with pride at all times. At Elderslie High School, student uniforms are checked daily during roll call and students are followed up if they are not wearing our uniform. As the weather gets colder, we would appreciate it if all families could check that their children are well equipped with correct jumpers and jackets. Black, all leather shoes are also an essential component of our uniform and should not feature any white trimmings. Uniform items can be purchased online or at the uniform shop that is open before school each Monday or after school every Wednesday and Thursday.

**Mobile Phone Use and Social Media**

Every year, we speak to students about the appropriate use of phones and social media, with a great deal of time spent working with students to remind them when they have not used their phones responsibly or engaged in inappropriate contact using social media. Parents and students are reminded that sending or receiving child abuse material is a crime. It is also essential to emphasise that students are bound by the school's Mobile Phone and Internet Usage policies and while some of the interactions may occur before or after school, they can significantly impact the wellbeing and safety of students at school. Therefore, it is important that we seek support from parents in monitoring their child's phone usage and support the school's policies.

**Year 12 News**

Year 12 should have just completed their third assessment task and would now have some valuable feedback and a new focus for their improvement. The next step in their HSC campaign is the Trial HSC Examination starting 25 June, 2018. Hopefully, all students have devised a study routine and have endeavoured to work with their teachers and mentors. There is still valuable time to get ready for the path ahead. I wish you well.

**Year 8 Project Innovate**

Our first rotations for Project Innovate have just concluded and feedback from the students and staff have been very positive. We finished the rotation with a showcase of our products to Mrs Lawrence and Ms Martin who were extremely impressed with the diversity of talent on display and the uniqueness of some of the ideas presented. All Year 8 classes will be changing so that 8S and 8M will be researching Rockets, 8Y and 8T will be investigating How to Make their Bodies Move and 8C and 8I will be designing Rollercoasters. We are looking forward to more collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking during this rotation. Please see photos on last page of The Parent Bulletin.

## PBL REPORT



### Be reflective at the canteen!

Students have explored what it means to be reflective at the canteen. Managing our time effectively during breaks can lead to making healthier food choices when at the canteen. During DEAR students watched a video clip outlining the effects too much sugar can have on our bodies and our learning. Eating too many sugary foods and drinks can make you feel full for a while but your body misses out on the good stuff, like proteins, vitamins and minerals, the important fuel for growth and learning development. Students discussed the importance of managing their break to ensure they have time to view the menu, choose healthier options and sit and eat without being rushed. When we are rushed for time, we don't always put a lot of thought into what we choose from the menu and can often pick foods that are easy to eat on the run. Often these foods fall into the sometimes category on the Healthy Food plate, things like sugary drinks and foods with no nutritional value. If our body is not fuelled by nutritional foods our concentration, organisational skills and energy levels suffer. We are being reflective when we manage eating times and make healthy choices.

## MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

### Round 3 Win

The Mock Trial Competition is organised through the Law



Society NSW, and involves school teams opposing each other in 'mock' court cases. The cases are either civil or criminal, and each school

is allocated as either the defence or prosecution. The cases are scripted by the Law Society NSW, and are designed to engage the students in various legal matters. Elderslie High School has had a long running tradition of success in the competition, with Ms Dennis and Ms Roberts leading the teams in previous years.

This year's Mock Trial Team is comprised of four Year 11 students, fifteen Year 10 students and Ms Farrar as the teacher coordinator. The Year 11 students typically perform the speaking roles of barristers, whilst the Year 10 students usually undertake witness or court duty roles.

So far, the team has successfully won both point scoring trials, against Broughton Anglican College and Mount Annan Christian College. Our next trial is scheduled against St Patricks College for Girls, Campbelltown.

I am immensely proud of the team's efforts thus far. Well done Mock Trialers!

**Ms Farrar**

## CHAPLAIN NEWS

### Student Wellbeing Initiative – Breakfast Club

Elderslie High School now has a Breakfast Club operating every Tuesday morning commencing at 8:10am in Food Lab 1. Students are encouraged to come along for a morning feed and chat over cereal, fresh fruit, juice and toast. Food has kindly been donated courtesy of Coles, Woolworths and Citycare.



**Kim Toovey, School Chaplain and Jacob Balestri**

## SECONDARY STUDIES

### Minimum Standards

Last week over thirty Year 10 students sat their Minimum Standard tests in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. All received their results in Reading and Numeracy immediately and are now awaiting their writing results in the next few weeks. Most students successfully achieved the Minimum Standard and are now eligible for their HSC. If you would like your child to sit these tests next term, they need to see Ms Samuels so that I can arrange a practice test time.

### Elevate

Some of the Year 11 ELEVATE students have had a couple of weeks break as we moved to subject specific sessions. From next week I hope to see all students as Ms Dokmanovic talks about what a Band 6 looks like in English which is relevant to all students as their only compulsory subject.

### ELEVATE Schedule

T2	6	7/6	What does a Band 6 look like?	Ms Dokmanovic
T2	7	14/6	Scholarship Registration	Ms McMahan
T2	8	21/6	ATAR calculator	Mrs Martin
T3	1	26/7	Higher Order Thinking	Mrs Lawrence
T3	Weeks 2+		ALARM	Ms Samuels

**Ms Samuels Head Teacher Secondary Studies**

## Senior Learning

We currently have eight Year 10 students participating in the Youth Engagement Strategy at Campbelltown TAFE every Friday this term. These students are attending an early Childhood Education course which involves both theory and practical components.

Students are continuing to access many and varied work experience opportunities. Some of these include days spent at Campbelltown Hospital as a nurse and being a fire fighter at NSW Fire and Rescue in Alexandria.

The RSA course on Tuesday, 29 May was a great success and 30 of our students now have a qualification that can assist them in acquiring casual work either now or in the future.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Ace Your Exams seminar that we had organised for Year 12. I hope that in the future, sessions such as these will be accessed more widely by our students. Some Year 12 students are currently completing their Early Entry applications for the University of Notre Dame. Thank you to those students who attended our session with representatives from Notre Dame. The feedback was very positive and the session was informative and useful. The closing date for Early Entry is July 31.

A reminder to Year 12 students that the Australian Defence Force will be visiting the school to talk to you about recruitment, application processes, requirements and courses available. This will take place in the Library on Tuesday June 19 at 12.15pm. We hope to see you there if you are interested in a career with the Defence Force. We are currently taking applications from interested Year 11 students for Secretary For A Day. This is an opportunity for students to learn about key portfolio areas in the Department of Education as well as shadow senior officers, attend meetings and participate in operations of state office. Previous successful applicants from our school have said it helped them with their confidence and leadership qualities and that they really loved and appreciated the experience. Please see me for more details.

Thank you to Georgia Cunnion and Alyssa Heyward for representing our school and attending the Young Women's Leadership Seminar in Sydney on Thursday May 17. It is great to see that we have wonderful students who take advantage of leadership opportunities when they arise. I am currently preparing post school destination plans for all Year 12 students. These interviews generally take place in their study periods. However, if students are willing to stay back on their early finish days, I would love for them to come and see me so we can organise an appointment time.

The NSW Department of Education is looking for the next generation of high-achieving HSC students to pursue rewarding careers as teachers in NSW public schools. Find out more at: [teach.nsw.edu.au/getpaidtostudy](http://teach.nsw.edu.au/getpaidtostudy)

Students interested in attending TAFE can sign up on their ambition webpage to receive tailored course and career advice: [tafensw.edu.au/ambition](http://tafensw.edu.au/ambition)

I hope to see your child in the Senior Study soon.

***Ms R Whitfield Senior Studies/ Year 11 Adviser***

## CAREERS

Term 2 has proven to be eventful in the Careers sector of Elderslie High School.

Over 150 students from Years 10 and 12 will be attending the Careers Expo on June 7, which will be a fantastic opportunity to gather information about the different options available after completing school. Students are encouraged to always take advantage of opportunities to explore their options.

Parents of students in Year 10 are invited to attend a Subject Selection Information Evening on Monday July 2 at 6:30pm in the school hall. On the night, essential information about subject selection will be distributed and different faculties will be present to answer questions about the courses offered within their faculties. I will also be present on the night to answer your questions and discuss pathways to school-based apprenticeships and traineeships, external VET courses, and pathways to work, TAFE and university.

Ms Mac Mahon and Mr Wasim have been interviewing Year 10 students in regard to their Career options and Subject Selections.

Please remind your child to check their school emails regularly as there are many opportunities and lots of information in regards to university options, open days, scholarships, ATAR information, workshops for parents, homework centres to name a few.

We also have the Elderslie HS Careers page and JOB JUMP with lots of information.

Finally, I invite parents to contact me via phone on (02) 4658 1110 or via email on [Wasim.El-Haj1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Wasim.El-Haj1@det.nsw.edu.au) to ask questions about Careers and the initiatives we are running.

***Wasim El-Haj, Relieving Careers Adviser***

## GEOGRAPHY NEWS

### Geography Excursion

On Thursday April 12 Ms O'Brien's Year 12 Geography class visited the Sydney Aquarium as part of their compulsory field study aspect of the Stage 6 Course. The field trip involved a guided tour from a respected tour guide, as well as a hands-on experience of relatable material. The excursion was designed to suit the outcomes of the course, specifically the case study of The Great Barrier Reef. The simulated context provided students with a greater understanding of the Coral Reef ecosystem. The behaviour and engagement of Year 12 should be commended. It was a great day had by all.



*Ms O'Brien*

### Society and Culture Excursion

On Friday 23rd March, Year 12 Society and Culture students visited the State Library of NSW to spend quality time investigating their Personal Interest Topic (PIP). Students were provided with an informative study pack, with clear and useful links to equip students to access quality and reliable articles relative to their PIP topic. The library has an allocated section for past student exemplars of Band 6 quality, allowing students to interact with and guide their own proposals. The PIP is an aspect of the Stage 6 Course, requiring students to create their own proposal and use primary and secondary research methods to draw conclusions on a topic of their choice. The PIP is worth 40% of the overall Year 12 Mark and is a critical component to deepen social and cultural literacy skills. The day was extremely useful and gave students an opportunity to interact with a different learning environment.



*Ms Mulligan*

## AGRICULTURE NEWS

*So much exciting news!*

### Camden Show

Students from Years 7 -10 assisted with the preparation of our poultry and of our display for this year's **Camden Show** and it was pleasing to see the older students guiding the younger ones in such a positive manner. As Camden Show is only a few days before we need to take our poultry into Sydney Royal, we only enter a small team in the School's section at Camden. We were very pleased to learn that our team came first in this section.

A team of very enthusiastic students competed in the Young Farmers Challenge and, although they didn't place this year, they represented the school proudly.

Our Paddock to Plate Display in the School's Tent was on Bees. It showed the stages involved in the production of honey as well as the important role that bees play in the pollination of many of our crops. There were lots of activities for the young spectators who were guided by our students manning the display throughout the two days of the show. Thanks to the dedicated students who gave up many hours of their time to help with the display and who encouraged the young visitors to use the interactive components of the display.

### Sydney Royal Show

On the day before the Easter break, 150 of our Agriculture students attended an excursion to the **Sydney Royal Show** where they were able to see, first hand a, large selection of the different breeds of livestock involved in Australian Agriculture.

### Poultry

Each year, we load up our trailer and take a large team of poultry into Sydney Royal. One of the highlights is rearing our meat birds for the Meat Bird Pairs Competition. We receive 14 day old meat birds 6 weeks before the show and a team of dedicated students rear them, record their growth rate and feed intake as well as monitoring climatic conditions.

This year we were very proud to be invited by the RAS and Stegglers to take part in a video showing our journey growing and preparing our meat birds for competition. The film crew spent a day in the Ag Plot filming students carrying out a range of activities with the birds. The video was shown continually on 2 large screens in the poultry pavilion throughout the 12 days of the show. Elderslie already has a fantastic reputation amongst the poultry fraternity at the show and this video continued to show the school in a very favorable light.

We have a large range of pure breeds at school and many of these were entered in the Schools Classes. We also enter the Hyline Egg Laying Competition where we received 6 young birds late last year and then select a team of 3 to enter the show.

The week before the show is incredibly hectic. The birds need to go into the Royal 3 days after our local Camden Show. We have a bit of a production line going with the more experienced students supervising the washing and the younger students are always keen to do the blow drying. Eventually, our 40 birds were ready for the show. Our results this year were fantastic. The Meat Bird competition had entries from 75 schools around NSW. Our Meat Bird Male Pair was awarded first place and hence the Championship Award. Our Male AND Female Meat Bird Carcasses also won first place in their respective classes

and the males were then awarded the Champion Meat Bird Carcass. This made us the most successful school in this completion. We came home from the show with the wonderful Sydney Royal Medallion, 3 beautiful glass trophies and a very substantial amount of prize money. This is the 3rd year in a row that we have won the overall competition.

In the School Pure Breeds classes we won 8 Championship Ribbons and one Reserve Champion making us the Most Successful School Exhibitor in the poultry classes.

Five of our very keen student; Olivia De La Mare, Hannah Jenkins, Logan Ockers, Jacob Evans and Bryce Bachner competed with 45 others in the Poultry Showmanship Competition, where they presented their chosen bird, discussed its features and answer any questions that the judge asked. This is a fantastic opportunity for students with a passion for poultry to demonstrate their skills. All of the students spoke with knowledge and confidence. Hannah was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Olivia 3<sup>rd</sup>. The students were treated like celebrities whenever they went into the poultry pavilion wearing their Elderslie Agriculture shirts and came home from the event full of enthusiasm to plan the breeding program for the year.

### Alpacas

On Easter Monday, the Alpaca Team: Chloe Gardner, Breanna Craig, Mikayla Craig, Jaiden Gardner, Angel Greener, Caitlin Green, Caitlyn Greenland and Maddison Hallworth, took 8 alpacas to Sydney Royal to compete in the Alpaca Showmanship and Stockmanship classes. The team have spent many hours patiently training the animals for this event. Chloe was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in her stockmanship class and Breanna was awarded 4<sup>th</sup> place. Special mention was made of Jaiden for his fantastic handling of his animal. In the schools class the following day, the Elderslie Team came 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Animal Nursery News

Our Animal Nursery at Cobbitty Markets continues to be popular with both our students, who generously volunteer their time to help, and with the young visitors to the markets. It is a pleasure to hear so many positive comments about our students from the parents who bring their children to visit. Thanks to all of our amazing student helpers who give up their time on a Saturday to help with this event. Thanks also to those wonderful parents who assist with set-up and pack-up.

## SCIENCE NEWS

### Year 12 Biology Excursion to the Museum of Human Disease

On Monday May 28 our senior Biology students attended the UNSW Museum of Human Disease. This excursion was to supplement coursework for the Search for Better Health unit of work. The students engaged in investigating various interesting and confronting specimens of disease. They

gathered information on the cause, symptoms, treatment and prevention of infectious and non-infectious diseases. Students interacted with the lecturer and viewed several videos of case studies where disease was identified, symptoms observed and medical treatments demonstrated. The excursion was enjoyed by the students, many of whom related the information learnt to their tertiary schooling and career goals.

*Jenny Woo*



## SPORTS NEWS

### U15 NSW CHS Netball Knockout

The Under 15's Netball team competed at the U15 NSW CHS netball knockout again this year. The team played 15 games, which were tiring for both spectators and players alike. Every year it amazes me just how talented the sportswomen of Elderslie High School are. Without fail they push their bodies to the limit and never give up. The team demonstrated good sportsmanship and pure grit to win all but two games, going down only to Westfields Sports and Hills Sports High Schools. The competition conveyor commended the students on beautiful manners, comradery and skill. The team managed an outstanding 2nd place in the state beating countless schools. This is an absolutely unbelievable result considering it is such a competitive sport with a huge talent pool. Congratulations girls - I couldn't be more pleased for you.

*Miss Golden*

### Zone Cross Country carnival

The Elderslie High School team competed at the Camden Equestrian Centre on Thursday May 31. I would like to thank and congratulate all students who competed at this carnival. Due to your determination and contribution to our school team, Elderslie High School was awarded first place at this carnival for 2018. The following students are off to the regional cross country carnival on June 1:

Amanda Condon	Connor Bell	Mackenzie Court
Bree Barlow	Ethan Vasquez	Erin Wooldridge
Georgia Wright	Isabella Barna	Bianca Chauvin
Madison Pilsworth	Sophie Latimer	Shae Elguindy
Noah Amos	Jy Mammoliti	Erin Bloor
Ella Wooldridge	Kye Sutherland	Estelle Hollinshead
Georgia Nies	Ellie Baer-Tomlinson	Ahlan Sklenar
Mitchell Oyston	Jenna McGuire	Casey Middledorp
	Natasha Burke	Rebecca Stiff

Congratulations to the following students for their selection into the following SSW teams:

### **SSW Open Girls Netball Team**

Kiara Bloor has been selected to play in the SSW Open Girls Netball team

### **SSW Open Girls Hockey Team**

Montana Patterson has been selected to play in the SSW Open Girls Hockey team.

### **SSW Open Golf Team**

Robbie Minns and Nichals Zelesco will be competing on the SSW Open Golf Team at the NSW CHS Championships.

## **SRC NEWS**

### **Harmony Day**

At Elderslie High School we celebrated Harmony Day on March 27. It was a successful day, raising close to \$300! We achieved this by students donating a gold coin to wear an orange accessory. In return, the SRC gave them a paper orange hand on which they wrote their name, background and religion on. The SRC then placed the hands around a world globe to represent multiculturalism in our school. Harmony Day is celebrated throughout Australia on March 21 every year. It celebrates the cultural diversity throughout the whole country. It corresponds with United Nations' International Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world. By Australia celebrating Harmony Day, Australia is maintaining this multicultural success.

### **Sustainability At Our School!**

We have been working as a student body to come up with ideas to make our school more eco-friendly and sustainable. This term we are focusing on reducing single-use plastic in our canteen such as replacing plastic straws with biodegradable options! We are also in the process of developing our recycling initiative to run hand in hand with the Return & Earn Program. We hope to set up bins around the school to collect cans used by our peers and in turn exchange them for 10c each. These funds will go towards maintaining sponsorship for our World Vision kids. Watch this space – lots of exciting things happening!

### **SRC Upcoming Events**

This term, we have a couple of upcoming major events including Diversity Day on Friday Week 7 (this will be a mufti day, gold coin donation with proceeds going to our World Vision kids!) and the Biggest Morning Tea which is taking place on Friday Week 8.

In Week 7, Diversity Day will be all about celebrating the difference between people, such as cultures, sexuality and religions we as humans believe in. Diversity is about acceptance and respect. We must understand that everyone in our school is different in their own ways,

which we must respect. It is important that all our students are in a safe, positive and nurturing environment. In our school, 3% of the students in our school are indigenous students, and 13% are from are different background other than English. These people deserve the exact same acknowledgements and respect as others receive who have a foreign ethnicity.

In week 8, the Biggest Morning Tea is an event for the Year 12 students and teachers. We bring in food and drinks for the participants in the library, where they can celebrate their schooling life. Last year's was a huge success, and we hope that the students will enjoy it as much as they did in the previous years.



## **PATHWAYS TO DREAMING**

This term our Year 8 Aboriginal students joined the Pathways to Dreaming program.

### **What is Pathways To Dreaming?**

Pathways to Dreaming is designed to engage Year 8 to 12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in education. Students are mentored by Western Sydney University students and alumni, who act as older friends to support and encourage them to achieve their aspirations. They take part in academic and Aboriginal cultural enrichment workshops at the University and the cohort at each school devises and implements a group project, with mentors facilitating that process. At the end of each year there is a celebratory event where the group projects are showcased.

Students join the program from Year 8 and continue until they finish school.

The program is currently running in 30 South-Western and Western Sydney high schools in the Campbelltown, Liverpool, Penrith, Fairfield, Blacktown and Blue Mountains areas.

### **Year 8 Introductory Day WSU Campbelltown May 18 Aboriginality**

On Friday Holly, Poppy, Brielle and I went to WSU for the Pathways to Dreaming program. It was overall a really fun and educational day, however my favourite activity was the Aboriginality workshop. I think it was really good to 'Bust the stereotypes.' I think it was very good to feel like

we are one step closer to making Australian stereotypes disappear and especially working with other schools it was really good.

**Maddison**

### **The Amazing Race**

I was one of the 3 Year 8 students selected to participate in Pathways to Dreaming. Pathways to Dreaming is a program for Aboriginal people to understand their culture more. Last Friday we went to Western Sydney University to do four different activities. I will be writing about The Amazing Race.

The Amazing Race is a race where you get a list of questions you have to answer about the university such as what subject does building 5-7 cover or where was this photograph taken? We had to run around the university and answer all of these questions, we were playing against a different school.

We ended up winning the race and because of that, we won a big box of chocolates to share. We also got to choose from a box of prizes.

**Holly**

### **Anatomy**

One of the things we learnt about was Anatomy. We were quizzed about the structure and organs in our body and learnt what these organs did in our body which was very interesting. Two university students that were studying this topic spoke to us about the subject and their own personal experiences with university. We asked questions and they responded, giving us a detailed idea about the topic, anatomy and medicine. I learnt a lot in those thirty minutes.

**Poppy**

### **Year 9 Workshop Day WSU Bankstown May 25 Criminology**

Last Friday a few other students and I attended a Pathways to Dreaming Workshop at Western Sydney University, Bankstown. On this day we completed a number of tasks such as hand dancing, criminology and linguistics. My personal favourite was the criminology workshop. During this activity we had a look at the evidence found against Ivan Milat, to come to a conclusion whether or not he was guilty for several murders. The evidence shown included his whereabouts on the days the victims went missing and all the interrogation. Once we had discovered that he was guilty we watched a short documentary and learnt more horrific but interesting information.

**Samantha**

### **Language Dancing (with hands)**

At the Pathways to Dreaming Workshop we participated in a program that was essentially dancing with our hands.

First of all we learnt about Aboriginal language and what it means. We then had to write a poem about what is home to us. Home could be where you actually live or a representation of what home feels like. For example: Home to me is open land and nature, the sound of birds and the breeze from the wind that is home to me. After writing our poem we then had find a partner to come up with hand gestures that relate to our poem. This was a good workshop as we learnt about the culture of our language, how to write poems, and how to have fun while doing both of these things.

**Tiarne Phillips**

### **FACES OF EHS**

I am very proud to have Samoan heritage as we are very family orientated. We love to get together and there are always family gatherings for example we go to church and after that we go to my Nan's house which is like a meeting point for my entire extended family. We all bring a plate of food each. A dance my culture does is the Haka and women aren't allowed to do it due to disrespect. My favourite part of my culture is definitely the food because it not only tastes good but brings us together.

**Rashaun Trevillion Nimarota**

In 10 years' time I see myself pursuing a Masters in English at university, and funding myself by tattoo design and artistry, as I am very passionate about art. I also aspire to have my art showcased in galleries across the world.

**Mykaiah Lopez**



**Mykaiah**



**Rashaun**

### **DEBATING UPDATE**

The Year 12 Debating Team, consisting of Mitchell Oyston, Anneliese Munro, Dylan Maclou, Erica Sheather and Merralisa Wintzloff won both their Round 2 and 3 Debates against Elizabeth Macarthur High School. They are now Zone Champions. Good luck to the team at the next level.

The Year 11 Debating Team, consisting of Nancy Haggerty, Serena Chowna, Georgia Cunnion and Matthew Guthrie won their Round 2 Debate against Sarah Redfern High School and their Round 3 Debate against Prairiewood High School. Good luck to the team in Round 3.

Year 9 & 10 Debating teams will be starting their 2018 campaign in the next few weeks, so stay tuned for updates on our progress!

Congratulations to Jaiden Gardner from Year 8 and Emily Condon from Year 9 on their selection as hosts for the ***In The Spotlight Dance Festival*** at the Seymour Theatre Centre. Jaiden and Emily were selected from many students from the Ultimo network. Well done to both of you!

**The Plain English Speaking Award** is an annual event held by The Arts Unit. The competition was held on Friday May 18, 2018 at Elderslie High School. This year Georgia Cunnion from Year 11 represented Elderslie High School in the competition. Thank you to Zayne Lewis, Marshall Kickert, Gemma Stiff and Hayley MacAllister from Year 9 who chaired the event. Georgia won her way through to the Regional Final and will compete at this level in early June. Good luck Georgia!



#### **Ms Dennis**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the presentation of ***A Chorus Line*** to the school community on the May 31 – June 2, 2018 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 entertaining musicals to date. Over 400 people viewed the three evening performances and residents from Carrington Nursing Home and students from Elderslie Public School and Spring Farm Public Schools 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 2018. We are not sure how we top this one, but we will be back in 2019!!

#### **Creative and Performing Arts Faculty**

### **CAPA UPDATE**

**Dance Transition Program** is back for 2018. Three of our partner primary schools, Mawarra Public School, Elderslie Public School and Cobbitty Public School are very excited about participating. The third rehearsal for this program will be on Tuesday, June 12 2018 from 3.25 pm – 5.00 pm in the School Hall.

On Tuesday, August 7 2018 the **Year 12 CAPA** students will present their HSC performances and projects to an audience of parents and friends. Tickets will be on sale from the Student Office early in Term 3 and are \$ 7.00 for all. Doors open at 5.45 pm. See you there!

Dance Company, Dance Ensemble and Ballroom Dance Ensemble will be participating in the ***In The Spotlight Dance Festival, 2018*** at the Seymour Theatre Centre in late June. Permission notes and payment for transport are due to the Student Office by Wednesday, June 13, 2018. Students need to finalise their Danceathon sponsorship and Costume Hire to participate in this event.

The Junior Drama Ensemble presented their first performance for 2018, ***Queues and Waiting Rooms***, on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 9.45 am in the Studio to members of the school community. The students did a fantastic job for their first performance.



**Vocal Ensemble uniforms** have arrived. Once students have made their payment to the Office they need to bring their receipt to the Studio to pick up their uniform. We are looking forward to seeing the ensembles all dressed up and ready to perform.

Students from the Macarthur Schools Year 11 Drama class have worked hard in a series of after school workshops to playbuild a piece to audition for the ***In The Spotlight Drama Festival***. We wish them well with their audition.

The Ballroom Dance Ensemble had a fantastic time viewing a performance of **Burn The Floor XX** at the International Convention Centre, Darling Harbour. The students are now inspired to finish preparing their item for the Dance Festival.



CAPA Faculty

### CATCHING UP WITH OUR ALUMNI

Isaac Lewis - Class of 2016

#### Achievements at Elderslie High School



- Performing at every school talent quest
- Achieving a Band 6 in music
- Performing at Western Sydney University in the high school student competition

#### Achievements since 2016

- In 2014 I began an adventurous journey as a solo instrumentalist playing one of his first performances supporting Wes Carr. I learnt my technical abilities from Australian idol, Tommy Emmanuel who met me later in 2014.
- Since starting fingerstyle guitar in 2014 I have now played many performances such as local festival Camden Shorts, Camden Cultural Festival and 2016 Fisher's Gig.
- I have released a debut single *Outbreak* with worldwide radio airplay.
- In recent times I have been working behind the scenes producing music for many local western Sydney artists including The Shang, Ayden Reeves and The Fat Controllers. You are most likely to catch me behind the decks at a local bar playing everything from Oldschool/Newschool RNB and House!
- I am also a guitar teacher at Utopia Music, have hosted community events and volunteered at a local commercial radio station, C91.3 once a week. I am passionate and dedicated to all styles of music and musicians which has led to me

starting and running my own Western Sydney based record label, Waratah Records.



### Year 8 Project Innovate Photos



## Opportunity to Attend Free One Day Parent / Carer Workshop for Parents of School Aged Children on the Autism Spectrum

Like all school-aged students, young people on the autism spectrum benefit from strong, positive relationships between home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers. This workshop is collaboration between Positive Partnerships and The Department of Education.

This workshop is suitable for parents, full time carers and grandparents.

What will you gain?

The Positive Partnerships parent/carers workshop intends to:

- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning
- Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your child
- Explore ways to work in partnership with your school
- Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers

### Workshop Details

Venue: Riverwood Education Office, 11 Union Street, Riverwood

Date: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018

Registration desk opens from 8.30am

Day starts at 9:30am and finishes at 2.30pm

Morning tea and lunch is provided.

**Places are limited and will be on a first come first served basis.**

For further information contact Rebecca Fee at Glenfield Education Office

Telephone: 02 9203 9959

**Please refer to the school website for the Registration Form, complete and return this form to Mrs Robinson or Mr Townsend.**

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

Wk	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6	Jun 4	Jun 5	Jun 6 Athletics Carnival	Jun 7	Jun 8 Primary Schools Gala Day Open Girls Touch Football
7	Jun 11 Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday	Jun 12 Athletics carnival Backup 3:30pmDance Transition 7pmP&C Meeting	Jun 13 Athletics carnival Backup	Jun 14	
8	Jun 18	Jun 19 Under 15’s Girls Basket ball	Jun 20	Jun 21	Jun 22 Zone Sports Meeting Dance Festival Boys Hockey Knock Outs
9	Jun 25	Jun 26	Jun 27	Jun 28	Jun 29 Primary Schools Gala Day Dance Festival
10	Jul 2 Subject Selection Night Year 10-& 11	Jul 3 Zone Athletics 3:30pmDance Transition	Jul 4 Zone Athletics	Jul 5 Cobbitty Public School Concert	Jul 6 Cobbitty Markets (Saturday) NAIDOC Week Assembly

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**P & C MEETINGS 2018**

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

Our next meeting will be:

**June 12<sup>th</sup>** in the Library at 7pm