



# CALLAGHAN COLLEGE

## WARATAH CAMPUS NEWS

2019 Term 4  
Newsletter



### Quick Highlights

#### CELEBRATING LEARNING

Students showcase their learning with enthusiasm and pride at our campus Open Day in December. Thank you to all our community who came along to support our students.

For instructions on how you can provide event feedback go to page 3.

#### STUDENTS EXCEL IN GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

Our Year 8 students excel at the Hunter/Central Coast Junior Geography Challenge, with one of our teams finishing 2nd overall.

See our Facebook page for more details

#### WARATAH ARCHIE COMPETITION WINNERS

The inaugural Waratah Archie Portrait Competition Winners: 1st Place - William R. (centre), 2nd Place - Victoria M. (left) and 3rd Place - Krishna K. (right)

See our Facebook page for more details

## 2019 WRAP UP

*by Ms Hayley Macdonald, Principal*

As the school year draws to a close, it is with great pride that I look back on the year and the wonderful achievements and outstanding learning of our students during 2019. From our best ever result in the Science and Engineering Challenge and Year 10 National Science Assessment VALID, to a strong performance by our Year 7 and 9 students in NAPLAN, 2nd place in the Junior Geography Challenge and the fabulous showcase of student learning at Onsite and Open Day, there's been loads to celebrate.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our end of year award ceremonies. These are very significant events in our school calendar where we have the opportunity to celebrate all that we have achieved as a school community over the course of the year. Students were recognised for a wide range of skills, qualities

and interests - from sporting and academic pursuits to the arts and music, citizenship, fitness, a love of reading, innovation and everything else in between. We are truly a diverse school community with many different talents and skills and we support, celebrate and encourage them all.

Our students constantly impress me with their talent and innovation, but their achievements and progress would not happen without quality teaching. We have such dedicated and talented teaching and administration staff here at Waratah and I'd like to thank all the team for your hard work over 2019.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the staff members who are leaving us at the end of 2019, particularly Mrs Blake, our long standing TAS teacher who is retiring after 19 years at Waratah. I wish you all the very best. Cont. back page...



# OUT & ABOUT

A snapshot of some of the activities beyond the classroom.

## CHOW DOWN FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Year 10 students organise a fun afternoon of activities, dancing and performances, raising \$1770 for Beyondblue.



## AN ADVENTURE IN STEM

Students from our iSTEM and Aboriginal Education programs build and race electronic bikes in the Hunter Electric Vehicle Festival. Our 'Goanna' bike finished 3rd!



## WHITE RIBBON BREAKFAST

Flynn, Bailey, Fletcher, Kaiden and Ms Macdonald represent our school at the White Ribbon Breakfast to show our support for eliminating men's violence against women.



ENJOYING THE SUPERCARS AT THE NEWCASTLE 500. WHO SAID KISS CANCELLED?



YEAR 9 AND 10 PASS STUDENTS INSTRUCT YEAR 7 IN SWIM AND SURVIVE SKILLS AT LAMBTON POOL



OUR INTENSIVE ENGLISH CLASS VISIT THE HUNTER VALLEY ZOO



STUDENTS FROM THE PASS ELECTIVE ENJOY PERFECT CONDITIONS FOR SURFING, HIKING AND KAYAKING AT THEIR OVERNIGHT CAMP TO PORT STEPHENS



## BRINGING HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY TO LIFE

After the recent successes of our students in the Junior Geography Challenge and Australian Geography Competition, we're putting the spotlight on HSIE in this Newsletter. We talk to Head Teacher Yvette McShane:

**Q. What is HSIE and why is it such an important area of study?**

**A:** HSIE stands for Human Society and its Environment. It is the study of how humans interact with the world, how society operates and how it is changing. Through the study of HSIE, students develop the skills to prepare them to actively and responsibly participate as informed citizens in the contemporary world.

**Q. What subjects and opportunities does our HSIE Faculty offer at Waratah?**

**A:** We teach the mandatory Geography and History curriculum for Years 7-10. We also offer elective subjects and are very excited to be starting three new elective subjects in 2020 – Culture and Languages in Year 8 and Commerce and International Studies in Stage 5. The HSIE Faculty also organise a variety of enrichment activities for our students including excursions and participation in external competitions and challenges.



**Q. What does a typical day look like for a HSIE teacher?**

**A:** Full of variety! We could be delivering content or skill-based lessons in the classroom or taking students on fieldwork trips that help them engage in the world around them. We also coordinate whole school events to raise awareness and commemorate events related to our subject area such as ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day, NAIDOC, Earth Hour and Environment Days.

**Q. What does it take to excel in HSIE subjects?**

**A:** All students can excel in HSIE subjects by actively participating in learning activities and experiences and completing class and assessment work to the best of their ability. Having a good awareness and curiosity about what's happening in the world is also important, as is developing the future learning skills of creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration.

**Q. A goal for 2020?**

**A.** Our Faculty would like to increase our environmental education in practice around the school campus. Maybe we'll see a new Enviro Club up and running.



Do you have feedback on Open Day?

Your feedback on this event is important to us and will inform our future event planning. Please scan the QR code to access our short Open Day evaluation survey for parents and carers.



YEAR 8 TEAM FINISH 2ND IN  
HUNTER/CENTRAL COAST JNR  
GEOGRAPHY CHALLENGE!



YEAR 9 VISIT THE JEWISH MUSEUM IN  
SYDNEY TO ENHANCE THEIR STUDIES OF  
WW2 AND THE HOLOCAUST.



TILLY AND MATT FROM YEAR 10 MEET  
102 YEAR OLD WAR VETERAN, ALF  
CARPENTER, IN PREPARATION FOR THE  
HUNTER COMBINED SCHOOLS ANZAC  
SERVICE 2020



YEAR 7 PARTICIPATE IN A GEOGRAPHY  
FIELDTRIP TO HUNTER WETLANDS



## A TASTE OF YEAR 7 WRITING SKILLS

*An extract from Chapter 1 of 'Perwinkle' written by Amielle and Emily*

A young girl by the name of Celestia Morgan sat on a bridge with her mum. They both wore huge smiles across their faces and let rest in their hair two small periwinkle flowers.

They looked nearly identical with their copper brown hair, slightly tanned skin and golden flecked blue eyes. Celestia and her mum were often asked if they were in fact twins, but the younger was always quick to inform the

mistaken they weren't. The people would then apologise profusely and compliment the mother on her youthful appearance and ask how she raised such a polite child.



THIS ARTWROK BY KIERA FROM  
YEAR 8 WAS THE INSPIRATION FOR  
THIS STORY

## INTENSIVE ENGLISH CLASS EXPO

Students from our Intensive English Class proudly performed and showcased their learning to their families and community representatives at our annual IEC Expo.



## News from the Gunya Room



HELEN AND NELLIESHA SHARE THEIR  
REFLECTIONS ON THEIR 6 DAY ADVENTURE TO  
THE NORTHERN TERRITORY TO ATTEND THE  
DEADLY CULTURAL CONNECTION CAMP



STUDENTS AND STAFF JOIN IN THE 'WALK A  
MILE' EVENT IN THE NEWCASTLE CBD TO SHOW  
SUPPORT FOR ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



STUDENTS PRODUCE STUNNING ARTWORK AS  
PART OF THE SISTASPEAK PROGRAM



## CALL FOR RECIPES AND STORIES FOR HARMONY DAY 2020

In preparation for Harmony Day 2020, our school community is putting together a Taste of Harmony recipe book. The purpose of the book is to share and celebrate each other's cultural heritage through food and stories.

### Want to get involved?

- Share a family favourite recipe and/or short story for inclusion in the book, maybe one that reflects your family's cultural origins or identity.
- Share a photo or picture to go with your recipe and story.

Please email your contributions to [georgie.gallagher1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:georgie.gallagher1@det.nsw.edu.au) by Friday 28th Feb. 2020

# CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN 2019



FIRST IN YEAR - MATILDA N. (YR. 10), AVA S. & MIRANDA T. (YR. 9) JONATHAN I. (YR. 8), TESLA M. (YR. 7)



SOZDAR S. (YR 8), MOSES M. (YR 7) AND MUHAMMAD A. (YEAR 9) RECEIVE THE WELCOME AWARD

End of year celebrations at Callaghan College include a number of awards ceremonies. These special events give our school an opportunity to celebrate all that we have achieved as a school community over the course of the year.

It is also a chance to recognise individual student success for students who have shown commitment to their studies and have contributed positively to the culture of our school.

This year there was a wide range of skills, qualities and interests acknowledged – from sporting and academic pursuits to the arts, music, citizenship, innovation, technology and leadership and many more.

Congratulations to all the students who were recognised at our Campus Presentation Day as well as those students who, along with students from Jesmond Senior Campus and Wallsend Campus, were celebrated at The Great Hall at the University of Newcastle for the Callaghan College Excellence Awards Ceremony.



HELEN T. (YR 7), JORDAN R. (YR. 8) AND BAILEY S. (YR 9) RECEIVE A DEADLY AWARD



COREY D. (YR.7) RECEIVES A SPECIAL EDUCATION AWARD



SHAQAYEQ B. (YR 8) RECEIVES THE PUBLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION SOCIAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP



MR TIM MCCALLUM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SCHOOL PERFORMANCE FROM DOE WAS ONE OF THE MANY VIPs IN ATTENDANCE, HERE WITH OUR EXEC TEAM



TESLA, M., MONTANA D. AND GRIFFIN, E. RECEIVE THE P&C AWARD FOR DEMONSTRATING THE QUALITIES OF CITIZENSHIP.



*Looking after each other.*

## TECHNOLOGY HOLIDAY GUIDE

Adapted from an article in Parenting Ideas

Concerned about how to help your teen manage and balance screen time over the holiday period? Martine Oglethorpe from the Office of E-Safety Commissioner offers some tips for parents and carers:

### Understand the battle

It is important parents know the beast they are dealing with and the pull that many of these devices have. The social networks are designed to keep us liking, commenting and sharing. The games cajole us into having 'just one more' turn at being the last man standing. These technologies tempt us to reach just one more level, or to scroll for just a few minutes more. Our brains experience a dopamine release and a sense of insufficiency when we use a device. There is always something else to do or something else to scroll through, or one more YouTube video to watch. So our kids are up against it when trying to control their time on a device. We need to help them with that.

### Get outside

We can complain that our teens never go outside, but sometimes we have to physically get out there with them or offer opportunities in which being outside is appealing. We have to work a little harder at this today because we are competing with a device that answers many of our teens' perceived needs. We need them to know that their needs are greater and more varied than what their screens can offer.

### Have some rules

Rules can be established regarding time limits, devices in bedrooms, device-free meal times, etc. Whatever you decide is important, be sure that you have those discussions with your kids. And any discussion around rules or consequences should happen away from the screens so they are clear on the expectations.

### One console on one television...outside the bedroom

Having only one television that is connected to a gaming console or to Netflix is a good way of ensuring that the device gets shared and one child doesn't monopolise the screen. And leave consoles out of bedrooms where the appeal of just one more quick game can very quickly rob them of important sleep time.

### Role model

Make sure you are showing your kids how you want them to be. Have times when the devices are put away and you give full attention to the people around you. Use the Screen Time feature on iOS products to monitor just how you are using your technology and whether you could be making some changes. Kids learn more from what we do than what we say.

We know the technology isn't going anywhere, and we know there are many wonderful benefits that screens provide. But ensure that holidays and downtime hours can be filled with many different experiences and in ways that leave your kids in control, even if you have to work a little harder to give them that.

For more advice for parents and carers to help teens have a safe, enjoyable experience online, visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



*With thanks to some of our community supporters.*



# FROM CHAOS ON CAMPUS TO CELEBRATING OUR HIGH ACHIEVERS



## SHARKS TAKE OUT THE HOUSE CHAMPION 2019

Our school community has celebrated excellence in Sport as part of our end of year award ceremonies this week. Congratulations to all our award recipients and the Sharks for taking out the winning Sports House for 2019 with 843 points. The Tigers and Vipers tied for second on 783 points, with the Devils finishing on 730 points.

House Captain, Owen S. accepted the trophy on behalf of the Sharks.

## ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS

Our Junior and Senior Sports Boy and Girl of the Year were announced at the end of year award ceremonies last week, as was the Sporting Leadership Award and many other sports awards. Congratulations to Josh C. (Junior Sports Boy of the Year), Amie S. (Junior Sports Girl of the Year), Bailey S. (Sporting Leadership Award), Jane A. (Senior Sports Girl of the Year) and Fletcher M. (Senior Sports Boy of the Year) and all our award recipients.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JUNIOR AND SENIOR SPORTSPEOPLE OF THE YEAR AND SPORTING LEADER OF THE YEAR

## CROSSFIT ANNUAL COMP

Waratah Campus hosted the annual Chaos on Campus CrossFit Competition during Week 9. The competition brought together students studying the CrossFit elective from a number of local high schools for 4 grueling workouts testing strength, endurance, speed, agility, accuracy and power. Yet again, Waratah students dominated the event taking out 5 of the 6 podium positions. Check out our Facebook page for more details.



*The last word.*

## THE FINAL WORD

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During Week 9 our school community also recognised and said farewell to our 2019 Year 10 cohort. Completing Stage 5 marks a significant milestone in students' journey towards adulthood and an important stepping stone in the journey towards the next chapter of education, training and work. Well done Year 10 - you have worked hard, built lasting relationships and challenged yourselves. I am confident that Callaghan Waratah has prepared you well for success beyond Year 10 - whatever that may look like for you.

I would like to especially acknowledge and thank our outgoing senior leadership team, Mya P., Cala J., Natalia C. and Fletcher M. You have done an absolutely outstanding job as captains this year. I have never seen you perform your duties with anything less than the utmost commitment. You have been wonderful role models to our newly elected 2020 captains- Griffin, E. Joy, N., Miranda T. and Ava S. I look forward to introducing our new captains to you all in our first newsletter in 2020.

Finally, thank you to our parents and carers for the support you show the school and for trusting us in the privilege of educating your children.

Congratulations everyone on a wonderful 2019. Happy holiday season, enjoy the break, stay safe and I can't wait to see you all back here in 2020.



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## SAVE THE DATE...

### FIRST DAY FOR YEAR 7 2020 | WED. 29 JAN.

Please arrive by 8:45am for a Welcome Assembly in the Hall

### FIRST DAY FOR YEAR 8-10 2020 | THURS. 30 JAN.

School starts at 8:45am with Roll Call in the Hall  
**YEAR 7 WELCOME BBQ AND PARENT INFORMATION SESSION | TUES. 4 FEB. 5-7PM**

Join us in the Hall to receive more information about Assessment in Year 7 and the Technology Access Program. The BBQ will follow at 6pm. Students are encouraged to attend with their parents.

### YEAR 8 & 9 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION ON ASSESSMENT AND TECHNOLOGY | TUES. 11 FEB. 5PM

Join us in the Library to receive more information about Assessments in Years 8 & 9 and the Technology Access Program.

### YEAR 10 ROSA INFORMATION SESSION | TUES. 11 FEB. 5PM

Year 10 students and parents are encouraged to join us in the Drama Theatre for this 1 hour session.

### SCHOOL PHOTOS | WED. 12 FEB.

Annual school photos for all staff and students

### COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL | FRI. 14 FEB.

This event is for competitive swimmers who wish to compete for a chance to represent the College at the Zone Carnival.

### YEAR 6 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION | TUES. 25 FEB.

Join us at 5pm in the Library to find out more about high school learning at Callaghan College.

OUR ENTIRE TERM 1 2020 CALENDAR WILL BE AVAILABLE  
ON OUR WEBSITE FROM THE WEEK BEFORE SCHOOL  
RETURNS.

[HTTPS://WARATAH.SCHOOLS.NSW.GOV.AU/](https://waratah.schools.nsw.gov.au/)