

CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WARATAH CAMPUS NEWS

2019 Term 3
Newsletter



Quick Highlights

WE ARE LIVE@LIZOTTE'S

Students from Waratah, Wallsend and Jesmond Campuses will share their musical talents with a live audience at Callaghan College Presents Live @ Lizottes on Thursday 26th September 2019.

See our Facebook page for more details.

BEST USE OF TECHNOLOGY

Callaghan College was a finalist in Best in STEM and Best in Technology at the Australian Education Awards - WE WON BEST IN TECHNOLOGY! This highly prestigious award is the result of outstanding work by an incredible team of staff.

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Our best ever result in the Science and Engineering Challenge- 4th overall and 1st in the bridge building challenge.

See the News section of our website for more details.

TERM 3 WRAP UP

by Ms Hayley Macdonald, Principal

It's been another action packed term with some wonderful achievements.

We're thrilled that Callaghan College was selected from a strong pool of highly regarded schools as the winner of the Best in Technology Award at the Australian Education Awards. While winning awards isn't our goal, it's wonderful to celebrate when our school receives external recognition for amazing work our staff do around the purposeful integration of technology in the classroom.

Our students were also recognised for excellence in a number of areas:

- 4 High Distinctions and 8 Distinctions in the 2019 Australian Geography Competition; 2 Student Leadership Awards at the AECG Making A Difference Ceremony (see our 'Update from the Gunya Room' on page 4 for more details); 20 Academic Excellence Awards at the Callaghan Education Pathways Awards Ceremony during Education Week (see page 5); 2 students qualifying for NSW State Athletics Championships (see page 7); and our Chess Team progressing to State Final!

Congratulations to all our students involved and the staff and family members for behind the scenes support and guidance.

I hope you have a well deserved break. We look forward to seeing you in term 4.

OUT & ABOUT

A snapshot of some of the activities beyond the classroom.



SUPPORTING TRANSITION

This term we had a number of activities to support successful transition for our students and our partner primary schools. Thank you to the teachers and students involved in welcoming our future students for a taste of high school learning on our Year 5 Taster Day.

Thanks also to Jesmond Campus for hosting our Year 10 students at the esCALate Careers Expo and Taster Lessons. These events support students become more familiar with our Senior Campus.

CAPA EXCURSION TO SYDNEY

Year 10s recent study tour of Sydney took in the Museum of Contemporary Arts and the NSW Art Gallery's Archibald Exhibition.



A BREATHTAKING PERFORMANCE BY OUR DANCE GROUP AT THE HUNTER DANCE FESTIVAL



OUR TALENTED AFRIGIRL'S DANCE GROUP PERFORM AT THE NEWCASTLE YOUTH INTERAGENCY MEETING



YEAR 9 PHOTOGRAPHY EXCURSION TO NOBBY'S BEACH



STUDENTS MEET MATH'S IDOLS, EDDIE WOO & ADAM SPENCER AT THE ENDGAME STEM EXTRAVAGANZA AT UON

TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

With Reading Hour on Thursday 19 September, we're putting the spotlight on English in this Newsletter. We talk to English Teacher Anna Milat:

Q. What is English about?

A. English is about using and appreciating the power of language. It allows us to develop a deep understanding of ourselves and the world around us. We learn how to use language to communicate effectively and in increasingly sophisticated ways.

We also learn to appreciate other cultures and times through the study of literature, whilst gaining insight into global and local affairs through critically analysing a range of texts.

It's also about encouraging our imaginative spirit through creative writing and drama classes.

Q. What are your top tips for parents who may have reluctant readers?

1. Encourage reading for fun by choosing books relevant to your child's interests.
2. Find characters that your child can relate to from their own experiences.
3. Find formats that work best for your child - remember reading can take many forms, including graphic and online.

Q. What does a typical day look like as an English teacher?

A. Classes could be creating nature inspired HAIKUS (Japanese poetry) or constructing visual representations of key ideas. This may be followed by a Year 8 class learning to effectively communicate their views on important issues affecting their world. Then they might delve into the world of theatre, with a Year 9 class studying Shakespeare's classic Romeo and Juliet, followed by Macbeth with Year 10 in preparation for their senior studies.

They also support school cultural celebrations in classrooms, including NAIDOC. This year, our students participated in a range of activities to appreciate Aboriginal culture, including studying Indigenous musicians and creating posters on this year's theme.



YEAR 7 AND 8 PRESENT THEIR LEARNING PORTFOLIOS

Well done to all the Year 7 and 8 students who have already presented their learning portfolios to panels of teachers and peers. Staff have been very impressed by their honest and thoughtful reflection on their learning, the quality of their portfolios and the analysis of their evidence to support their growing competence in future learning skills (Critical Thinking, Communication, Creativity and Collaboration). All Year 8 individual grades are available in Yr 8 Future Learning on Canvas and Year 7 grades will be available at the end of this week - be sure to click 'show rubric' to see results.

WANT TO KNOW WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THEIR TEACHERS?



Check out some of the Staff Shoutouts that have been anonymously submitted by students on Canvas this term:

"I would love to recognise Miss Salter for all the amazing wonderful things she does for everyone, making all our classes fun and for making the rock band performance perfect."

"Shout out to Miss Ozawa for always greeting us with a smile in the morning and keeping up to date with our wellbeing."

"Shoutout to Ms Thomson. She's an absolute legend - she always has organised and well prepared lessons and is such a lovely person to talk to."

"Shout out to Aunty Robyn for always supporting students in class and making sure they're on top of their game."

"Shout out to Ms Marcelle! The most lovely person to speak to and always there when I need help."

"Shout out to Mr McGavern – He's creative and well versed in the subject of bio-mechanics which proves helpful in learning CrossFit in the classroom and in practical."

"Mr. Simpson for being a cool music teacher, being easy to understand and always there to lend a hand."

"I would like to recognise Ms Milat for being an amazing teacher. She is the reason why I come to school as she makes my day!"

Did you know?

Research identifies Positive Teacher-Student Relations as one of the key drivers of student engagement in school. The results of the 2019 Tell Them From Me Student Survey revealed that positive relations between students and staff at CCWTC are well above the state average.



COMMUNITY MENTORS BRING NEW SKILLS

A group of our students have been fortunate enough to be part of a mentoring program through the Men's Shed & the Hunter Multicultural Communities at Waratah.

The students are learning new skills, including communication in the workplace setting and teamwork, with the help of community volunteers.



Update from the Gunya Room

It's been another busy term in Aboriginal Education with our Aboriginal Dance and Yadagi (Didge) Groups proudly performing and sharing their culture at numerous community and school events.

Our 10 Week BroSpeak and SistaSpeak Programs are well underway, with students enjoying their cultural projects and looking forward to the cultural excursions planned for next term.

We are extremely proud of two students and two staff members who received awards at last week's regional AECG Making a Difference Awards Ceremony - Congratulations to Ariana Shiner (Yr 8) and Lyric Tarawa-Smith (Yr 9), who both received Student Leadership Awards, and to our Deputy Principal, Mr Lindsay Morrow and Aboriginal Educator, Aunty Robyn Hill-Smith, who were recognised for their contributions to Aboriginal Education.



CALLAGHAN EDUCATION PATHWAYS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TWENTY WARATAH STUDENTS AWARDED FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT THE CALLAGHAN EDUCATION PATHWAYS AWARDS CEREMONY IN AUGUST



STUDENTS FROM ACROSS CALLAGHAN EDUCATION PATHWAYS SING AT OUR CEP AWARDS CEREMONY

Term 3 has seen Callaghan College host a number of important ceremonies and events to celebrate student success and collaboration across the College campuses, as well as with our 15 partner primary schools.

From the NAIDOC Celebration for all our schools held in August at our Campus, to the Callaghan Education Pathways Awards Ceremony for Academic Excellence, celebrated at University of Newcastle's Griffith Duncan Theatre, the spirit of collaboration and respect has been at the forefront.

It is wonderful to see our students inspire the next generation of Callaghan students at these events.



esCALate Expo gives all Callaghan Year 10 students a chance to explore a range of inspiring career and education pathways.



Waratah hosted NAIDOC Celebrations for whole of CEP this year - students from all our partner schools participated.



College Principal, Ms Kylee Owen with our Australian Education Award for Best Use of Technology on behalf of the school.



All Callaghan College and Partner primary schools are getting ready for this year's Digital Media Festival. Save the date: 31 Oct.

Looking after each other.

GOT A GOTCHA YET?

CCWTC remains firmly committed to recognising and rewarding Positive Learning Behaviour from all our students. This is being driven through our House Points Challenge, which totals awards from Gotchas, attendance, Faculty Excellence Awards and school representation.

This means each time a student is recognised for positive behaviour, they are rewarded, as is their house.

After consultation with the students on how we can improve the program, we are now rewarding students with prizes such as movie tickets to Event Cinema's Kotara and Glendale, Hunter Ice Skating Stadium, Unreal VR Charlestown, Strike Bowling Charlestown, Holey Moley Mini Golf, Strike Laser Tag, Red Alert Laser Tag and Revolution Trampoline Park. This is all thanks to these generous community supporters. The prizes are awarded as the weekly Gotcha prize. You can view the positive acknowledgements your child has received from staff on the Parent Portal.

BTW: Sharks are now in the lead heading into week 9 in the House Point Challenge. Competitive parents take note: by participating with your child in the maths challenges on Facebook you could help earn 10 points for your child's house!



With thanks to some of our community supporters.



CARE.RESPECT.SUPPORT

Bullying is never OK and Waratah Campus works hard to prevent and respond effectively to bullying behaviour at school.

Our anti-bullying approach is informed by the new NSW Government Anti-Bullying Strategy.

This strategy includes a step-by-step guide for parents and carers who are concerned their child may be being bullied:

- **Listen calmly and get the full story**

Encourage your child to talk about what happened. Listen carefully and ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when.

- **Reassure your child**

Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse.

- **Ask your child what they want to do – and what they want you to do**

Helping your child to find their own solution will help them feel that they have some control over the situation. If your child is reluctant for you to speak to school staff, reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help.

You can also make an appointment to meet with your child's Year Advisor.

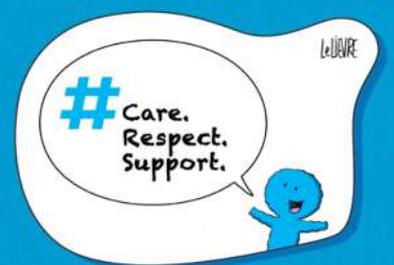
- **If you are concerned about the matter please contact the school.**

When you contact the school, we will work with you and your child to access support.

For further tips to help your child feel safe, see the parents and carers guide on <https://antibullying.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers>.

Did you know?

Having a disagreement with a friend, or a single incident or argument is not defined as bullying. These behaviours may be upsetting, and should be resolved, but they are not bullying.



Sports update.

STATE COMPETITION NO SWEAT FOR CALLAGHAN

It's been a busy term in representative sport with the school fielding teams in girls and boys basketball, 9's rugby league and girl's AFL knockouts. Our College girl's touch footy team competed in the state final 10 competition, 8 students from Waratah competed in the Hunter Athletics Championships, with 2 students progressing to the State Championships in discus - congratulations Jane and Josh!

Back at school, the BreakTime Soccer competition has been in full swing with 10 teams (including 1 staff team) vying for a place in the semi finals. After the success of the staff team in the BreakTime Basketball competition last term, we had high hopes that staff would continue their winning run this term. However, it seems basketball is not their strong suit!

Thank you to Ms Lenton for coordinating the BreakTime Sports competition and to Ms Bradley for her ongoing support and guidance of students pursuing representative sports opportunities.

WANT TO PLAY?

Any students interested in representing the school in 14's netball next term?

Listen out for Sports Report at Monday Assemblies for a call out.



JANE & JOSH FINISH 8TH & 5TH IN DISCUS AT THE STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS



COLLEGE TEAM RIBBONS AT THE IOTAS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL & SOME EXCELLENT INDIVIDUAL RESULTS FROM WARATAH ATHLETES



JOSH, FLETCHER, KAIDEN, BAILEY, CODY, LAURA, JANE & JOY (ABSENT) COMPETE AGAINST THE BEST IN THE HUNTER AT THE HUNTER ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS



ARAGON'S MIXED TEAM PLACES 3RD AT THE HUNTER MOUNTAIN BIKING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The last word.

CCWTC'S WORK WITH PARENTS GAINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

A group of parents have been working with some of our teachers and the University of Newcastle in an innovative partnership exploring the future of education. Their work has been recognised as having the potential to benefit students in other states through an invitation to present at a national conference.

The parents and teachers met weekly for 7 weeks to reflect on some of the bigger questions in education, such as the role of technology, ethical decisions, equity in education and how teaching might be done differently and better in future.

Languages Teacher, Lauren Taylor said one of the biggest things she got out of the group was a deep appreciation for the important role parents play as partners in education.

"I knew about that the research, but this process really cemented it for me. The lens of parents is so important, and their perspectives aren't always what you'd predict"

To learn more, contact HSIE Teacher and Program Coordinator, Ms Sheena Roberts.



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SAVE THE DATE...

CEP ABORIGINAL RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY | 19 SEPT

College and Partner Primary school students will receive their awards at Wallsend Campus.

READING HOUR | 19 SEPT

Join in this national campaign to encourage reading by picking up a book and reading for an hour with your children.

YEAR 7 TARONGA ZOO EXCURSION | 24 SEPT

Year 7 Science Classes visit Taronga Zoo.

PASS & CROSSFIT CAMP | 25- 27 SEPT

Year 9 & 10 PASS and Crossfit classes head to Gerringong.

LIVE @ LIZOTTES | 26 SEPT

Purchase your tickets from Lizottes for a night of great entertainment from some of our best performers across the College.

LAST DAY FOR ELECTIVE CHOICES | 26 SEPT

Remember to submit online. Speak to Ms. Brown if you have any questions.

LAST DAY OF OF TERM 3 | 27 SEPT

TERM 4 COMMENCES | 14 OCT

Welcoming back our students for the first day of Term 4.



DID YOU KNOW?

Our canteen
now has eftpos.

Email your story or photos to:
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