



**CALLAGHAN
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Waratah Campus

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL

House spirit was alive at our 2022 Campus Swimming Carnival. It was great to see so many students having a go, cheering their peers and earning points for their House.

Check out all the action from the day on page 6.

SNAPSHOTS

Out and about at Callaghan Waratah.



Year 9 History students recently experienced a hands-on presentation about trench warfare and World War One. Participants were given a rare opportunity to examine artefacts such as gas masks, shells and shrapnel. Thank you to Shane Blackman and Living Histories.



Commencing high school can be daunting, however with the help and guidance of our Peer Support Leaders, our new students can have the best start. Congratulations to our Peer Support Leaders for 2023 who are ready to support our incoming Year 7 2023 students.



English came alive recently, with class 10B1 enjoying 'campfire' hot chocolate and marshmallows whilst sharing their Victorian Era writing.



Year 7 classes have been working on the topic of energy. Students built their own roller coasters to develop an understanding of potential and kinetic energy.

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Every year, Sculptures By The Sea features artworks along the Bondi to Tamarama coastal walk. To coincide with this event, several students were treated to artist-led sculpture making workshops at Callaghan Waratah, before heading to Sydney to view amazing sculptures dotted along the coastline.



Our EXCEL Art in Action elective students developed an appreciation for the life and work of Vincent Van Gogh at the Van Gogh Alive exhibition. This amazing, immersive experience gave students an opportunity to step inside some of Van Gogh's most famous works to gain new perspectives.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Ms Hayley Macdonald, Principal

Welcome to Week 4 of our final term for 2022! Our classrooms have been very busy places over recent weeks with lots of learning and final assessments taking place. We are also preparing our school's end-of-year events and ceremonies to mark students' transition to the next phase of their learning journeys. I encourage all students to stay focused on their learning over the weeks ahead and to enjoy the upcoming celebrations.

There's been much to celebrate since our last newsletter: Zoe (Year 7) and Ebony (Year 9) received 'Making a Difference' (MAD) awards at the Muloobinbah AECG MAD Awards Ceremony (see page 8); Kulan (Year 7) and Josh (Year 10) achieved outstanding results at the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships (see page 6); and there was a fabulous display of House spirit at our fun-filled campus swimming carnival (see pages 6-7).

Our newly appointed Peer Support Leaders and our EALD Student Leadership Group did an exceptional job supporting Year 6 students with additional needs on day 1 of our Great Start transition programs. It was a joy to witness the hospitality, empathy, and leadership they showed to our visitors. Well done to all involved!

Transition events for Year 6 into Year 7 2023 and Year 10 into Year 11 2023 will continue over the term. Please see the calendar on the last page for upcoming transition dates.

Years 7, 8 and 9 will complete Check-In Assessments in reading and numeracy starting next week. Check-in assessments are mapped to the NSW Syllabuses and National Literacy and Numeracy Learning Progressions and support schools to assess and monitor student learning. They are designed to be quick, consisting of between 40 to 50 multiple choice questions completed online. Students are not required to study for these assessments.

Finally, please note that there are updated COVID-smart settings for schools following National Cabinet's decision to remove isolation requirements for positive COVID-19 cases. You can read a summary of these settings on page 12. In addition, the Department of Education has given an additional school development day on Monday 19 December 2022. This means that the last day of term for students has changed to Friday 16 December.

Enjoy the remainder of the term everyone!



YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Student voice

Over the last two school holidays, Dexter (Year 10) had the opportunity to engage with civic leadership, policy development and democratic parliamentary debate through his participation in the NSW Youth Parliament.

The program involves young people creating reports with recommendations on issues for change within each government portfolio. Dexter chose to be part of the Justice Committee and assisted to develop a report and recommendations on youth justice and recidivism. All the reports were debated during a mock sitting week in NSW Parliament House.

"The Opposition put up an amendment to replace our committee's final recommendations," said Dexter. "Unfortunately, it was this dissenting version that was eventually passed."

Dexter described the whole experience as a great learning opportunity. "It helped me understand how parliament works, hear young people's perspectives from across the

state, learn about policy development and meet numerous Members of Parliament, as well as the Governor of NSW."

Students interested in applying for the 2023 program can register at <https://form.jotform.com/222349220030945>



Above: Dexter with The Hon. Chris Rath, Member of the Legislative Council.

BOXING FIT

Fitness and fun outside the classroom

Students and staff in our Tutorial Centre have been going to the Police Citizen's Youth Club (PCYC) at Broadmeadow each Thursday for a structured fitness program, including boxing, strength and agility training.

The PCYC's specialised trainers facilitate the program, giving our students advice and intensive training to boost their fitness level, as well as their self confidence and self discipline.

"It's fantastic to see the students (and staff) so engaged with the program and the progression in their skills and fitness from week to week, said Ms Marcelle, Tutorial Centre Teacher. Fitness training has so many physical and mental health benefits and we hope that as students experience these benefits for themselves they will be motivated to continue training in their personal time."



SPORTS REPORT

Swimming carnival fun and rugby league achievements

2022 has been a big sporting year, with regular tournaments, events and weekly sport options resuming after COVID lockdowns and restrictions. We're finally getting "back to normal" and it's great to see our successes, both at school and College carnivals, as well as in representative sport.

Our school made waves at our recent campus swimming carnival, held at Speers Point pool. House colours were on show, with everyone getting into the spirit and cheering participants on from the poolside. Congratulations to our age champions (refer to list on following page), as well as the winning House - the Sharks. Thank you to Miss Bradley for organising the event.

In other sports news, Kulan (Year 7) and Josh (Year 10) competed in the NSW All Schools Athletics Championships over the holidays. Kulan placed 3rd in the Boys 12 Years 100m, 200m and 400m and Josh placed 11th in the Boys 15 Years Shot put and 12th in the Boys 15 Years Discus. These are outstanding results - congratulations boys!

Finally, our Under 13s and Under 14s Rugby League teams competed in the 9-a-side Gala days for their respective age groups in weeks 2 and 3 of term. Both teams showed huge improvements throughout the events, narrowly missing the finals. Well done to all involved.



Our Under 13s rugby league team (above), put in a huge effort in the 9-a-side Gala Day. We also saw many achievements at our swimming carnival, with lots of fun throughout the day.



CARNIVAL RESULTS

Congratulations to our Age Champions -

12 YEARS	Shimeya F	Jack S
13 YEARS	Amy L	Otis D
14 YEARS	Addison C	Harry D
15 YEARS	Amie S	Zepplin W
16 YEARS	Chelsea Y	Paddy C



1st PLACE - SHARKS
192 Points



2nd PLACE - VIPERS
187 Points



3rd PLACE - TIGERS
167 Points



4th PLACE - DEVILS
104 Points



MAD AWARDS

Recognition in the MAD Awards

Congratulations to Zoe (Year 7) and Ebony (Year 9) who received 'Making a Difference' (MAD) awards at the Muloobinbah AECG MAD Awards Ceremony at the end of last term.

The girls were selected from numerous nominees in their award categories and we are thrilled that they have been recognised for their outstanding contribution to Aboriginal Education.

We'd also like to extend our thanks and congratulations to two Waratah CAPA teachers, Ms Swindale and Ms Freeman, who were recognised for their exceptional contributions to Aboriginal Education in our school and the wider community through MAD award nominations.

Our Waratah Aboriginal Dance Group also performed at the ceremony, proudly sharing their cultural dances with the audience. The girls, under the guidance of Ms Freeman, have worked really hard on their performance pieces throughout the year and generously perform in their personal time at community events.



SAFETY IN TAS

Be prepared to participate in TAS classes



Safety in TAS and Science is important. The busy kitchen, workshop or laboratory environments of practical lessons pose a number of work-related risks, including burns from spills or injury from falling equipment. This is why it's essential that students keep themselves protected with the appropriate safety equipment in these classes.

Footwear is an important safety item. The NSW Department of Education requires students and staff to wear enclosed leather footwear in all Industrial Arts and trades workshop areas, canteens and kitchens and Science laboratories. Sandals, open footwear, ballet flats and canvas shoes are not permitted in these areas.

We ask families for your support in encouraging your child to be lesson-ready with the right equipment and footwear. If students present for a practical lesson with inappropriate footwear and miss mandatory practical activities they may not meet all required outcomes for a course.

BE TAS & SCIENCE CLASS READY!

To ensure you're ready to participate in your TAS and Science classes, come to class wearing your enclosed leather shoes (must meet Australian/NZ Standard 2210). Suede leather is acceptable.

Note the following are unacceptable forms of footwear -

- Sports shoes
- Converse (Canvas material)
- Dunlop Volleys
- Sandals
- Ballet flats

Students who show up to class without the required footwear will be asked to -

- Change into appropriate footwear supplied by the school
- If refused, students will complete alternate work set by the teacher

Check your timetables and ensure you're always TAS and Science class ready.

WARATAH WONDERS

Upgrades and improvements around campus



With a campus of Waratah's size, there's always improvements or developments happening. Along with the general upkeep of buildings and assets, classroom layouts require regular upgrade to support contemporary teaching and learning practices.

Upgrades were recently completed to our Drama Theatre, with new curtaining, lights and sound equipment installed. The adjacent outdoor performance space with tiered, sandstone block seating is also close to completion ready for our next lunchtime CAPA concert in week 5.

Repairs and improvements on our hall roof are due for completion at the end of next week and we are looking forward to the return of indoor PE lessons, assemblies and end of year award ceremonies to this space.

The roof of the main building G Block will be replaced over the Christmas Holiday period and 6 classrooms will be upgraded in this building over the first 6 months of 2023. In the interim, de-mountable classrooms with air-conditioning will be located in Harris Street playground and the back oval.

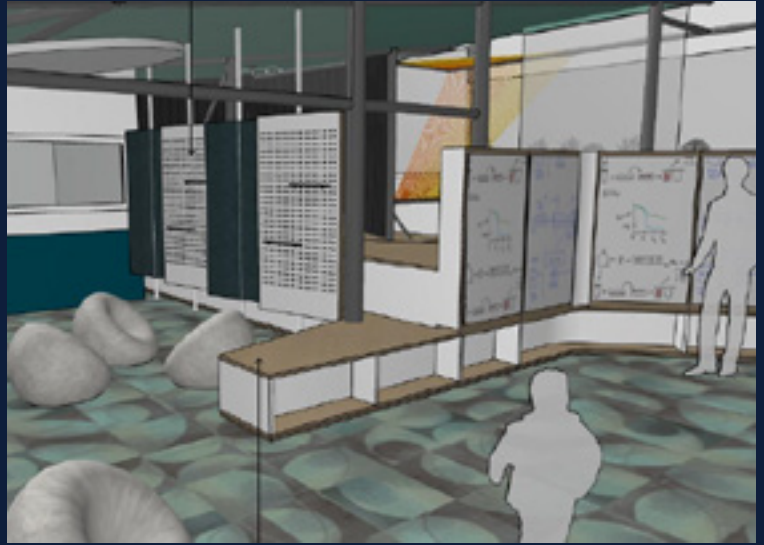


WARATAH WONDERS continued

Upgrades and improvements around campus

And most exciting of all, during 2023 work will commence on our innovative new learning area within our library. This space will include a tech lab, podcasting studio, a small performance space, a maker space work bench, quiet instructions areas and a display gallery.

We know that engaging learning spaces improve student engagement and academic performance and so upgrades to our physical spaces will continue to be an important part of our journey to transform learning here at Waratah.



WELLBEING

Lovebites Workshop

As part of our school's Wellbeing program, Year 10 students participated in the Love Bites workshop at the start of the term.

Love Bites aims to provide young people with a safe environment to examine, discuss and explore respectful relationships, as well as equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to have respectful relationships.

Students learned how to identify what respectful relationships looks like and engaged in creative activities to explore the topics of gender expectations and relationships, seeking help and supporting friends.

Student feedback on the program was very positive -

"I think everything was explained very well and the way questions were explained and the people who were talking made me feel extremely comfortable."

The final session of Love Bites is a creative session whereby students can reflect on what they have learned throughout the day and turn this into an artwork that they would like shared with the community to help raise awareness of what respectful relationships look like. These artworks will be on display on White Ribbon Day on Friday 18 November.



YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Learn how to provide mental health first aid to young people



Callaghan College P&C Association invites parents and carers to participate in a Youth Mental Health First Aid course.

Facilitated by Melissa Griffin, Student Support Officer at Callaghan Waratah, the course will teach you how to assist adolescents who may be experiencing a mental health problem or mental health crisis until appropriate professional help is received or the crisis resolves, using a practical, evidence-based Action Plan.

Course format -

This is a 14-hour course and can be delivered as a 2-day face-to-face training package (7 hours per day) OR in a blended mode of 1 x 4 hour online course,

followed by 3 x 2.5 hour face-to-face sessions.

Cost -

2-day face-to-face training package - \$15pp
Blended mode - \$50pp

Why attend -

For improved knowledge of mental illnesses, their treatments and appropriate first aid strategies, and confidence in providing first aid to individuals with mental illness.

To register your interest and indicate your preferred course format please complete our expression of interest form at <https://bit.ly/3Bxhllm>

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our new kitchen area has now been installed in the Wellbeing Hub and our Breakfast Club is in full swing.

Students are welcome to drop in before school for Breakfast Club or make use of the kitchen facilities during break times.

A massive thank you to Bakers Delight Waratah Village for all your support and donations.

BACKPACK VENTURE

Thank you to Catherine and the team from Backpack Venture for their generous donation of backpacks filled with stationery and school supplies to support our students.

Ms Payne and Mr Morrow will distribute them this term.

Thanks so much Backpack Venture!



SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2023

Nominations and processes for deciding school captains

As we approach 2023 we have begun the process of electing new school captains. Aspiring leaders from Year 9 have been asked to complete a nomination and reflect on the unique skills and attributes they hope to offer to the leadership team.

The call to action for our captains is to be someone who models aspiration, curiosity and empathy. In 2023, the role of captain will evolve to include collaborating with teachers to shape the learning in classrooms and the design of the space itself.

Captains will work towards helping us make

the Learning Dispositions Wheel an authentic and important tool for us all.

Being a Captain is more than wearing a badge and running assemblies. The expectations we have of our captains are that they are modelling integrity in every interaction, big or small. They are inclusive, aware, relatable and hard working.

A workshop is being offered for nominees in Week 4 to reflect on the role and prepare their speeches for the Week 5 assembly.

We look forward to sharing with you the outcomes of this process.

ENDING ISOLATION

An update on COVID procedures

On the 30th September, National Cabinet announced a change to isolation requirements. From Friday 14th October, people who test positive to COVID-19 do not need to isolate. In line with this announcement, the NSW Department of Education have worked with NSW Health to support all schools to adapt to this change while continuing to prioritise student and staff wellbeing by minimising the risk of COVID-19 transmissions.

The ending of isolation requirements does not mean students should come to school if they are unwell. Students, staff and visitors should only attend school when they are symptom free. We strongly encourage all students, staff and visitors to follow the guidance issued by NSW Health. We will continue to send home students or staff displaying symptoms.

Anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 is strongly recommended to monitor for symptoms and test if they have any concerns, as well as wear a mask. We will continue to support our families to use rapid antigen tests (RATs) if symptomatic or if you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19. RAT testing may help identify the infection early and is important if you are in contact with people at greater risk of serious illness if exposed to COVID-19.

COVID-smart measures

- Stay home and get tested if you feel unwell.
- Only attend school when symptom free.
- Take a Rapid Antigen (RAT) test if you are experiencing COVID symptoms.
- Take a RAT test if you have been exposed to COVID-19 to identify infection early.
- Keep your COVID-19 vaccinations up-to-date.
- Practice good hygiene with regular washing of hands and use of hand sanitiser.
- Regularly clean high touch surfaces.
- Keep windows and doors open to allow natural ventilation.
- Wear a mask when physical distancing is not possible and around those students and staff who are at greater risk of serious illness.
- Our school will continue to assess COVID-smart measures across activities and events.
- If a positive RAT test is recorded, record this Service NSW and notify the school.

CAREERS

News from our Careers Team

Students are encouraged to keep an eye and ear out for exciting career opportunities, workshops and exhibitions that are regularly shared throughout the school.

Check Canvas, listen for announcements in roll call and keep in touch with Mr Mayall for updates.

EDGE

An exciting careers day is planned for Tuesday 1st November at Jesmond Senior Campus, with a Job Readiness EDGE program taking place.

The EDGE stands for Education, Department, Grooming and Employability Skills. The workshop was created to address the gap between what students believe and what employers know.

During the day, students will learn about job readiness and what employers are really looking for – giving you the EDGE when starting out in the workforce.

During the day, you will:

- Hear from local employers, learn about careers in their organisations and find out what they look for in new recruits.
- Learn about different training and education pathways.
- Receive tips about personal branding, personal presentation and communication.
- How social media profiles can impact your career.
- Work with industry professionals to present your best self in areas of hair, clothing and skin care / make up.
- Get inspired by local Educational Pathways VET Ambassadors.

For more information, go to Canvas / Careers and look at the list of workshops available or see Mr Mayall in the Careers Office.

WHITE CARDS

Any student who collected a note for the White Card Course (WHS Construction) are requested to return these to Mr Mayall in the Careers Room.

SBAT OPPORTUNITIES

SBAT opportunities regularly become available with a range of local businesses. These currently include careers such as aged care, hairdressing, warehousing, dental, pharmaceutical and hospitality.

Get in touch with Mr Mayall for further information.

Current opportunities include:

AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICAL APPRENTICESHIP

Cessnock Motor Group is looking for a cohort of Certificate III Automotive Electrical Technology. This is located at their Mercedes-Benz Newcastle, Hunter Jaguar and Newcastle MG dealerships at Gateshead.

Students who would like to explore and apprenticeship with this great employer are asked to complete this [EOI](#). Applications close 4th November 2022.

KITCHEN OPERATIONS

Wallsend Diggers are currently seeking two SBATS in Kitchen Operations.

HAIRDRESSING

Opulence Salon located in Wallsend are currently seeking two SBATS in Hairdressing.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Two Business Administration SBATS are currently on offer. More information about these SBATS are available from Mr Mayall.

CHILDCARE

There are a number of vacancies in various child care centres in the local area for SBATS in 2023.

Head over to the Careers Office to discuss these opportunities with Mr Mayall.

DIARY DATES

NOV 7 Term 4 P&C Meeting Online (Zoom) 5.30pm to 6.30pm	NOV 17 Year 10 Portfolio Interviews Jesmond Senior Campus	NOV 21 MyHSC@CC Year 10 Transition Program Jesmond Senior Campus November 21 to December 2
NOV 21–23 Year 9 The Urban Challenge Camp	NOV 29 BASECAMP Year 6 Orientation Day	DEC 16 Last day of Term 4 for students

PRESENTATION DATES

Presentation assemblies for each year group are back on this year! We welcome parents and carers of award recipients to share in the awards and successes of students.

Presentations will be held in our school hall, with each year group scheduled as follows:

YEAR 7 DEC 12 12.15pm to 1.15pm	YEAR 8 DEC 12 9.15am to 10.30am
YEAR 9 DEC 13 9.15am to 10.30am	YEAR 10 DEC 13 12.15pm to 2.30pm

We ask that parents and carers arrive 10 minutes early to the above times to minimise disruptions once we commence.

Invitations will be sent out later this term.

STAYING IN TOUCH

Wondering who to contact for any learning or wellbeing issues relating to your child?

Visit our communication flow charts on our school website at <https://waratah-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/contact-us.html>

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