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Waratah Campus

WARATAH CAMPUS NEWS

**TERM FOUR 2022
WEEK 8 EDITION**

CELEBRATING 2022

A Wonderful Waratah Year

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URBAN CHALLENGE

Year 9 discover Sydney CBD and surrounds in an amazing race style clue chase camp experience.

Check out all the action from their adventure on page 16.

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

Ms Hayley Macdonald, Principal

It's hard to believe this year is already drawing to a close. What a year it's been – from the trials of Covid absences in terms 1 and 2, to the joy of the return of camps, whole-school assemblies, excursions and community events, we've continued to adapt, seize opportunities and support each other as a school community.

As always, learning took centre stage this year. I've loved visiting our classrooms and witnessing the vibrant discussions, uh huh moments and personal demonstrations of grit and focus that characterise learning. I encourage you to talk with your teen about their learning this year – What are they most proud of? What topic/s captivated their interest? Where did they make the greatest improvements? What goals did they achieve? It's important to acknowledge and celebrate their effort, not just their results.

As a school community, we will come together to celebrate effort, citizenship, leadership and achievement in our end of Year Award ceremonies in Week 10. Please see our calendar on the last page for event dates and times. If your child is receiving an award, you will receive an invitation in the mail in the coming weeks. There is no limit on the number of attendees per student this year and we encourage families to attend.

On Thursday of week 10 we also have our annual Christmas prize draw (see page 23 for details). This is always a fun and festive event and we encourage students to come to school dressed in a Christmas theme. Our SRC are also organising a Wishing Tree for donation to local charities. This will be positioned in the library, and we look forward to it being well supported.



I would like to acknowledge and congratulate some students for their exceptional achievements over the last four weeks:

- Chelsea Y (Year 9) trialled and was selected to represent the Hunter/Central Coast team in the Junior State Debating Championships. Special mention also to Zanetta H. (Year 9) who received automatic entry into next year's team after her outstanding performance at the trial.
- Olivia, Grace, Addison and Jessica (Year 8) won 'Outstanding Project' at the Presentation Evening of the Hunter Women in STEM Education program (for more see page 14) and our collective group of 16 girls excelled throughout the 10-week program.
- Our Stage 5 Aboriginal Studies class initiated and hosted a whole-school fundraiser to raise awareness and money for the fight towards justice for Cassius Turvey, successfully raising \$860.
- Our school captains, Yidaki group and Defence Force Cadets contributed to a very special Remembrance Day service.
- Aspiring school leaders, Ebony, Tan, Zoe, Flo, Zanetta, Finn, Jack and Nguyen (Year 9) shared their Captaincy speeches with the school. It was wonderful to hear their thoughtful messages and very mature ideas for our school. The 2023 captains will be announced at the Year 9 Presentation Day assembly on the 13th December 2022. I will inform successful Captains this week.
- Year 9 Music class wowed students and staff at a special lunchtime performance in week 6.
- Year 10 successfully started their transition to Jesmond Senior Campus and preparation for stage 6 learning.
- Year 9 students participated in The Urban Challenge in Sydney – it was great to see students stepping outside their comfort zone and taking on the challenges involved (for more, see page 16).

Thank you all for a wonderful year. The next few pages capture some of our many highlights!

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe break together with your family and friends. I look forward immensely to 2023 – we have many exciting projects install!



SNAPSHOTS

A celebration of learning at Callaghan Waratah in 2022.



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SPORTS REPORT

Breaktime sport is back!

The end of term 4 tends to be a quieter period in representative sport as the Hunter SSA and CHS competitions wrap up for the year.

However, weekly school sport is still in full swing and students are enjoying the new offerings of surfing lessons amongst other activities.

Thank you to all the Year 7 and 8 families who supported the Swim Survive Program in week 6. This is a mandatory part of the stage 4 PDHPE curriculum and students learned important swim safety skills in preparation for summer, including safe entry and exits, dry rescue, water rescues and recognising dangers. Thank you to our Year 9 and 10 PASS students who helped instruct the program.

Break time sport is back by popular demand in week 9 with a lunch time seven a side soccer competition. Register your team by submitting a registration form to Ms Bradley by Friday this week.

Finally, Ms Bradley is working hard to tally final points (from carnivals and representative sport appearances) to determine the winning house and sportspeople of the year for 2022. It's looking very close!

Stay tuned for the announcements at our Presentation ceremonies and Christmas Gotcha Draw.



Olympic story to inspire students

Three time Olympian Matthew Gray will be connecting with Year 9 students on Friday as part of Olympics Unleashed program.

Students will learn from Matthew's Olympic journey about how to build resilience, the importance of setting goals and how to find your passion.

He will share how he overcame challenges to compete at the very highest level, and how some lessons he's learned in sport can help students to be the best they can be – whether that's in school, at home, on the sporting field or with friends.

Tune into Facebook on Friday to learn more about Matthew's visit.



OLYMPICS
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is coming to our school!



SAFE TALK

Courage through storytelling



This term a small group of learners had an opportunity to engage in a meaningful journey of storytelling at The Hamilton Community Hive.

Led by storyteller - Simon Oats, learners took time to consider how they can use their personal history to shape a story.

Each participant picked a 'critical moment' from their life experience and learnt to shape that moment into a story to generate empathy, connection and advocacy. Hosts, Wesley Mission, created a safe and creative space for gathering.

The bond, trust and revelations that unfolded throughout the day were remarkable and reflected the courage of our young storytellers. Each storyteller brought their own unique heritage and perspectives to the way they shared experiences that shaped them.

Thanks to all the teachers who made this possible, especially Anna Milat. Her gentle and brave presence shaped the culture of togetherness on the day.

We look forward to using our storytelling skills to bring us together as a school community.



YEAR 7 VIKINGS

Creative learning in Class 7R

7R have been investigating global voyages by The Vikings. During their studies, they learnt that chess pieces were found in a cave in 1831, just off the coast of Scotland.

How did The Vikings learn about a game invented in India circa 600AD??? Someone must have gone on a journey in a longship!

As part of our studies, 7R decided to replicate the original chess pieces, but this time using clay rather than walrus tusk or whale bone!

Thank you to Ms Currie for a fun and interactive learning experience.



TASTE THE WORLD

Cooking in TAS

Year 8 and 9 tastebuds were transported throughout the world during Term 4, with Year 8 cooking fried rice and Year 9 cooking tacos.

These two dishes are just a small example of the many wonderful dishes that are created throughout the year in our TAS kitchens.

Not only do these classes teach necessary cooking life skills, but they also create a pathway into hospitality careers for the budding chefs, cooks and kitchen hands amongst our students.

We're looking forward to seeing what they serve up next!



EXCELLING IN STEM

Waratah girls blazing a path in Science, Technology, Engineering & Math



On Tuesday 1 November, a group of our Year 8 girls joined more than 100 students from local high schools at the University of Newcastle for the conclusion of the 2022 HunterWiSE Schools Outreach Program.

HunterWiSE aims to positively impact perceptions of STEM careers amongst school aged girls in order to increase overall participation in STEM by women.

During the 10-week program, our girls enjoyed a site visit to Newcastle University and worked in small groups, supported by a HunterWiSE mentor, to develop STEM-based solutions to local community problems.

On the final night of the program, participants presented their projects in research-style posters and pitched their solutions to industry judges. The judges' scores recorded on the night were added to the poster scores to determine the overall winner.

We are thrilled to share that the 'Outstanding Project' was awarded to Callaghan College Waratah students Olivia, Grace, Addison and Jessica for their project 'Our New and Improved Bins'.

This team was sponsored by Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group and supported by mentor Elise Buller.

Judge's comment: "This was a great end-to-end approach and used data and customer feedback to inform the solution. The pictorial and 3D printing test presents a compelling prototype. The thinking behind cost of the solution for ease benefit is seen by using crates to take to the local return and earn. The benefit goes to the school community rather than individuals which is highly inclusive and well thought through!"

Congratulations to all our Waratah participants and thanks to Miss Johnston for your support!

FROM THE GUNYA ROOM

Community connections and outreach

Acknowledgement of Country

Last week, Ebony S. (Year 9), Robyn D. (Year 7) and Amelia D. (Year 10) continued our school's long term association with the NSW Psychology Conference by proudly opening the event with an Acknowledgement of Country and cultural dance performance.

Fundraiser in memory of Cassius Turvey

Our Stage 5 Aboriginal Studies class initiated and hosted a whole-school fundraiser to raise awareness and money for the fight towards justice for Cassius Turvey, successfully raising \$860. The class handcrafted jewellery, platters and Christmas decorations to use as raffle prizes and baked treats to sell at their lunch time store. Thank you to all the students and staff who gave generously to support this important cause.



THE URBAN CHALLENGE

Fun times on the Year 9 Camp



On the 21st to the 23rd November Year 9 students participated in The Urban Challenge in Sydney. This unique camp experience was a wonderful opportunity for them to explore Sydney, familiarise themselves with how to navigate the hustle and bustle of city life, gain confidence using public transport networks and experience some of what the city has to offer culturally, educationally and socially.

In small teams and dressed in themed costumes, they embarked on a clue chase around Sydney Harbour, Bondi and surrounding suburbs – collaborating to solve riddles, find locations and discover their next challenge.

Challenges were run via an interactive website where teams were required to upload blogs and photos to record their progress. Points were awarded for challenge completion, with bonus points given for best costumes and completion of bonus challenges. Families also joined in the fun from home by completing parent challenges to contribute to their team's point score.



Students had many wonderful experiences during their adventure, including a silent disco and night camping on Cockatoo Island, a ten pin bowling and pizza night, a night staying in a YHA Hostel and a dip in Bondi Icebergs.

In addition, students had the opportunity to create a positive social impact by completing a community service activity with Cook4Good. Students cooked and packed meals for those in need and engaged in conversations about the factors that cause homelessness to understand that homelessness is not always a choice.

Every team member was delegated a functional role in their team and each team was responsible for their money, transport, timings and meals so students learned important skills in cooperation, independence, planning and social awareness.

Thanks to all teams, teachers and parents who participated on The Urban Challenge in support of the students! It was great to see students stepping outside their comfort zone and taking on the challenges involved. The final team point scores were very tight and we can't wait to announce the winning team at our Year 9 Presentation Ceremony in week 10.







GET SET FOR 2023

Meeting our future students and getting ready for 2023



Year 6 students enjoyed a wonderful day of learning, connection and fun at our Basecamp orientation event.

Students met their peer support leaders and participated in a number of high school learning activities in their peer support groups:

- Walking Together – building cultural awareness through play, story telling and learning about the land
- Artist in Residence – designing, drawing and print making
- The Beat – exploring music and music making
- Sport Quest – teamwork and competition in the hall
- New Connections – making new friends in a new school with our School Support Officer Mel
- Imagineers – a design challenge that required curiosity, problem solving, creativity and teamwork!

The focus was on finding out more about Waratah Campus and building a strong teamwork ethic.

Our Year 9 Peer Support Leaders were amazing and went above and beyond to ensure our future students felt welcomed and engaged.



A big thank you to our teachers, support staff and students who participated and featured in our Orientation Video Series.

This series is shared with our partner primary schools and their Year 6 classes. The videos provide valuable information and feedback for our future Year 7 students, getting them off to a great start. Topics covered include a campus introduction, reading timetables, uniform and technology requirements, learning and wellbeing.

See you again soon Year 6!



Abby Salter
Music Teacher - CAPA



YEAR 10 TRANSITION

Year 10 have embarked on their transition to senior studies with a two week intensive transition program at Jesmond Senior Campus.

The program began with individual student interviews with Jesmond and Waratah staff. These interviews were a wonderful opportunity for students to share their personal goals and aspirations for senior schooling and for senior educators to get to know students.

Students are now immersing themselves in senior campus life with daily taster lessons in HSC elective subjects and interactive workshops on wellbeing, study skills and much more.

CAREERS

News from our Careers Team

YEAR 9 PATHWAYS

This week Year 9 are participating in several activities to assist them to reflect on their ambitions, interests, strengths and abilities, as well as gain a greater understanding about future study pathways and career options.

They connected with TAFE, University and industry professionals in a mini careers expo and worked on a Career and Transition plan to inform our school's careers team on individual student directions.

Students also completed an online work readiness program to help them identify specific skills and competencies that will prepare them for undertaking work experience or support part time work. This course complements existing school based, work ready activities that students will work through in 2023 career classes.

From tomorrow, students will start preparing for next year with a discussion about the processes and procedures around the Record of School Achievement (RoSA) and HSC, as well as 2023 courses and Year 10 calendar (fundraising, snow excursion, Peer Support program).

SBAT OPPORTUNITIES

Volkswagen are seeking expressions of interest from students who are interested in undertaking an SBAT at their dealerships across Australia.

There are over 30 sites across NSW and students can express their interest via the below link. The form is interactive and students should nominate "Other" and enter school-based apprentice/trainee. Volkswagen advise that they have a partnership with TAFE NSW to provide access to training for opportunities in the Automotive qualifications.

There may be the possibility of more than one SBAT per site depending on supervision and demand. Students can also pick multiple places for the jobs. There are two places in Maitland area, one at Cardiff and also Hamilton.

To apply - https://volkswagencx.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1LfwykeHKN8IHBH?Q_CHL=qr



YOUTH WEEK CONSULTANT

Newcastle City Council are seeking Expressions of Interest for two paid youth consultants aged 16 – 24 to assist with the development and delivery of City of Newcastle's 2023 Youth Week events.

This is a professional development opportunity for two young people with plenty of enthusiasm but minimal experience to work with mentors and gain invaluable skills in event management.

If you have any questions about Youth Week, the EOI or the position please don't hesitate to contact Nick Grinpukel, Youth Engagement Facilitator on (02) 4985 6605 or ngrinpukel@ncc.nsw.gov.au

Applications close Monday 5 December 2022

CHRISTMAS GOTCHA DRAW

Join in the fun and frivolty of this Waratah Christmas tradition



Our annual Christmas Gotcha Draw is back in 2022 and students are encouraged to come dressed in Christmas cheer on Thursday 15th December and join in all the festivities.

The biggest attraction is always the prize draw where staff nominate students for the draw who have demonstrated high attendance and a strong commitment to learning and school values throughout the year.

Names are randomly selected and students choose their prize from an array of wrapped presents.

There's also loads of student and staff games, including dance offs, tree decorating challenges and a best costume competition.

We can't wait to celebrate this fun day with students and staff.

BAKERS DELIGHT

We'd like to thank Bakers Delight Waratah for all your support and generosity throughout 2022.

Bakers Delight Waratah donate baked goods to our school to support our Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club is held in the Wellbeing Hub and allows students a place to congregate before school, share in some food and prepare for the day.

With Bakers Delight Waratah donating food, our students are well placed to start their day right. We thank you for your continuing support and generosity.



WISHING TREE APPEAL

The SRC is collecting gifts to donate to the KMart Wishing Tree to support people in need this Christmas.

Please consider donating a gift. Items such as books, gift cards, toys, sports equipment, toiletries, stationary, educational toys, books and back to school equipment are all welcome gifts. Please note - the gifts have to be new not used or second hand.

Please bring your gifts unwrapped and place them under the Christmas tree in the library.

Let's offer a little extra support and joy to those who are struggling this Christmas!



DIARY DATES

NOV 29 Year 7 Raging Waters Day Camp	NOV 29 Year 6-7 Orientation Day	DEC 02 Year 9 Olympics Unleashed
DEC 12 Year 8 Presentation Ceremony 9:15-10:30am	DEC 12 Year 7 Presentation Ceremony 12:15 - 1:30pm	DEC 13 Year 7 Taronga Zoo Science excursion.
DEC 13 Presentation Ceremonies Year 9 - 9:15-10:30am Year 10 - 12:15-1:30pm	DEC 15 Christmas Gotcha Draw	DEC 16 Final day of school year for students.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AND FEES

Please remember to finalise payments for any outstanding excursion, camp, elective and sport fees before the end of the school year.

Payments can be made in person at our Administration Office or online via the 'Make a payment' tab on our school website.



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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