



**CALLAGHAN
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Waratah Campus

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WEEK 5 EDITION

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A Celebration of Achievement

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School camps are back and Year 10 have recently returned from their ski trip.

Check out our article inside to see what our students got up to and how they conquered the slopes.

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SNAPSHOTS

Out and about at Callaghan Waratah.



Students from Callaghan Waratah recently visited Council Chambers to participate in a Mock Council. This initiative allows students to develop Notices of Motion about key issues they are passionate about and present them to the Lord Mayor.



Our Dance Ensemble recently took part in the Hunter Dance Festival. It was an amazing experience for our group, performing with a theme of True Colours - exploring the importance of believing in yourself and always supporting those around you.



Our Aboriginal Dance and Yadagi Groups recently performed at Awabakal Preschool's NAIDOC celebration.



A big welcome to Alfa who has recently joined us in Year 7. We wish you all the best on your learning journey at Callaghan Waratah.

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Students from Years 7 and 8 recently enjoyed a high energy performance from Backflips Against Bullying. During the performance, discussions around anti-bullying were mixed with parkour and acrobatics. Students were enthralled by the performers' talents, whilst learning key life skills to empower positive change.



Year 7 and 8 students recently had an amazing adventure exploring Newcastle's street art with Newcastle Afoot. Our students even designed a joint street art artwork at Playstate Curate with artist Jakeob Watson. This artwork now takes pride of place here on campus.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Ms Hayley Macdonald, Principal

Term 3 has certainly got off to a flying start with our Deadly Awards, first College musical - Grease, the Hunter Dance Festival, Year 10 Snow Trip and much more.

I had the pleasure of joining Year 10 and staff on the snow trip in week 3. It was quite the adventure with windy, wet conditions testing our resilience. I'm very proud of the students and staff who embraced the challenge with positivity and cheer and made the most of their time on the slopes. We were all very relieved to see the sun on day 3!

We are introducing an annual camp for each year group as part of our school's Wellbeing plan. Year 9 is next with the Urban Challenge in Sydney in term 4. I look forward to seeing our Year 9 families on Wednesday evening for our camp information session.

Like always, our Aboriginal Education team hosted a truly beautiful Deadly Awards Ceremony in Week 2. Congratulations to all the students who received an award. These awards recognise academic excellence, commitment to learning, school cultural and sporting representation, as well as leadership. It was wonderful to have so many community members join us for this special celebration. See page x for photos.

I'd also like to extend my congratulations to our school dance group, debating teams, members of the ensemble cast for the Grease production, athletics stars and our two Year 8 public speakers- Nashi and Anopa who have represented our school with distinction at their respective events over the last few weeks. Also a special mention to our students who have qualified for the NSW Athletics State Championships (see page 5 for more details).

Have a wonderful remainder of term everyone!



SPORTS REPORT

Developing and building on our talents

It's been a successful term in representative sport with a number of students qualifying for state championship events.

Congratulations to Jemima (Year 9) who placed 2nd in Vault in the NSW CHS Gymnastics Championships, to Mia and Jack from Year 7 for their efforts at the NSW CHS Cross Country Championships, and to Ella, Kulan and Billy from Year 7, as well as Josh from Year 10 for qualifying for the NSW CHS Athletics Championships.

Our campus Netball and Basketball teams are heading out next week to represent the school at Zone Gala days. We wish them all the best.

Thank you to Miss Bradley for her ongoing support and guidance of students pursuing representative sports opportunities. We encourage students to listen out for Miss Bradley's Sports Report at assembly each week for upcoming opportunities.



Congratulations to our students (clockwise from top right) for their achievements in sport - Josh from Year 10 for athletics, Jemima from Year 9 for gymnastics, Ella and Billy and also Kulan from Year 7 for athletics.

DEADLY AWARDS

Recognising our strengths within our Deadly Community

Callaghan Waratah proudly hosted our Deadly Awards on Friday 27th July. These awards recognise the strength, commitment and success of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait students in academic excellence, commitment to learning, leadership and sporting and cultural representation.

Each award that is given is hard earned. Firstly being nominated by their teaching staff, with our Aboriginal Education and Support Team carefully considering each student and their achievements.

The awards were a showcase of the talent and success of our students, along with recognition of the great work of our teaching and support staff that foster this success.

We'd also like to thank our extended Callaghan community for attending the awards. Many family and friends came along to the school, watching the awards and staying on for a BBQ afterwards. We are so pleased to have families and friends back on campus and sharing the successes of our talented students.





FUN TIMES ON CAMP

Year 10 Ski Trip

School camps are returning and we're excited that we can offer these opportunities to students across all years. Camps are a great way of taking learning outside the classroom, participate in fun activities and foster camaraderie amongst students.

Our Year 10 students recently returned from their 3 day adventure on the Australian Alps. The trip included overnight coach travel from the school to the ski fields, 3 days of lessons and action on the ski fields, along with nightly group activities.

Although the weather conditions were not the best for day one and two, our students battled through and still made the most of their time. With the sun coming out on day three and students having refined their skiing skills, everyone definitely enjoyed their final day.

We're looking forward to our Urban Challenge camp for Year 9 in Term 4. 2023 camps are already planned and we'll be sharing more information on these later in the year.







CREATIVE LEARNING

Making science fun and accessible for everyone



Our learning initiatives continue to be implemented throughout our classrooms, with a great example now taking place within Year 8 Science.

Imagine having to read a science article that was written for a professor. Or an article that is full of technical diagrams with little information. Or a paper that was written for a biologist when you're studying geology! Some articles are written in a way that prevent certain audiences from engaging and learning from the article content.

Year 8 are currently exploring this and are taking learning into their own hands, enabling access to science for everyone.

Often, reading science articles and literature can be a confusing and dry experience. Sometimes the choices of how information is communicated prevents people from being engaged.

Year 8 will be looking at this problem and with the help of Mr Ellul and Ms Johnston, they will be collaboratively analyzing science articles to create something original and engaging.

Our students have been provided with a range of informative science articles. With these, they will develop their ability to organise and question information and think through the ways ideas and facts relate to each other.

Armed with this learning, Year 8 will then work collaboratively to create a science article for a specific audience. How might Year 4 learners be engaged in understanding the food chain? How might people from different language backgrounds be able to access the fascinating world of evolution? What would be the best way a neurodiverse community know about adaptation?

Throughout this learning experience, our students will need to draw upon various attributes of the Learning Disposition Wheel, including building new ideas, making and expressing meaning, focus, teamwork and of course, empathy to consider the needs of their audience.

As they create their bespoke scientific reading, they will be engaging in creative tools and thinking deeply about communication.

We can't wait to read the results!

WELLBEING

Supporting our students

We're super excited about the changes we're making in our Wellbeing Hub.

During Term 2, the Wellbeing Team asked students for their feedback on improvements we can make to the Wellbeing Hub.

Their feedback will be put into action, with one of the main updates being the installation of a new kitchen. This new kitchen supports our breakfast club and lunch activities. Installation has commenced and we can't wait to use our new kitchen soon.

We're looking forward to further improvements being made throughout the rest of the year.

CLUBS

On Tuesdays at lunch time, we dedicate the library area for our campus clubs. These clubs are a great way of exploring your interests and making new friends.

Currently we have clubs for Dungeons and Dragons, Manga, Chess and Minecraft.



WELLBEING GROUPS

TOP BLOKES

14 students from Year 9 and 10 are engaging in the Top Blokes Mentoring program. Topics covered within this initiative include peer pressure and risk taking, mental health and healthy relationships.

RAP-A

From Week 5, 13 students from Years 7 and 8 will be involved in the Resourceful Adolescent (RAP-A) program. This program encourages students to work together to build resilience and promote positive mental health.

MINDFUL MONDAYS

A group of Year 9 and 10 students have been selected to participate in a group program that will focus on pro-active coping strategies for managing anxiety, stress and feelings of overwhelm.

We encourage all students to drop into the Wellbeing Hub during break times to learn more about our programs and activities.

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

Wear It Purple Day is on Friday 26th August.

Wear It Purple strives to foster supportive, safe and empowering and inclusive environments for rainbow young people. This year's theme is "Still Me, Still Human".

Our LGBTIQA+ group, along with their supporters, have been busy planning for this day. Their aim is to foster a supportive, safe and inclusive environment for young people within the LGBTIQA+ community.

As part of the celebrations, an out of uniform day will be held. Keep an eye and ear out for details on other activities planned for this day.

We're looking forward to seeing lots of purple throughout our campus on Friday 26th August!

SBAT OPPORTUNITIES

News from our Careers Team

There are a lot of exciting SBAT opportunities coming up that we encourage our Year 10 students to look into.

SBATs (School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships) are more than just part-time jobs. They are a great way to set yourself up for the career you want while you're completing your HSC.

We encourage both students and parents to talk to our Careers Advisor Mr Mayall about SBATs and the opportunities that are available.

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

CERT III AQUATICS & COMMUNITY RECREATION

This School Based Traineeship is designed to engage young adults in the aquatic, sport and recreation industry.

Students will train and work across a variety of roles, including pool lifeguarding, swim teaching, sport coaching and customer service.

The program is the perfect opportunity for those students who are looking to gain a head start in their careers or expand on their workplace readiness and life skills for post schooling pathways.

CERT III HEALTH SERVICES ASSISTANCE

In this role as a Health Services Assistant your responsibilities will include -

- Assisting patients with activities of daily living including sponging and bathing
- Changing and making beds
- Feeding people
- Assisting with pressure area care
- Transferring and positioning of patients
- Assisting patients with their mobility

You will learn how to do your job through comprehensive training at TAFE with ongoing development and support from the nursing team at your local facility. As part of the Traineeship you will be required to complete up to 100 shifts over two years which will need to be negotiated with your facility Nurse Manager or delegate.

In addition, you will be required to complete HNEH orientation and comply with the NSW Health immunisation policy prior to starting work.

Benefits of a traineeship

- Achieve a Nationally Recognised Qualification – Certificate 3 (Health Services Assistance) HLT33115
- Provides a pathway from school to a career in nursing/health
- It's an opportunity to combine training and employment as you earn an income and gain experience
- The Health Services Assistance – Certificate 3 contributes to your HSC ATAR
- Able to provide proof to potential future employers that you can perform the job

CERT II SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATIONS - PLUMBING

Reece plumbing are looking for Year 10 students to undertake School-based Traineeships where you will work towards a Certificate II in Supply Chain Operations. The traineeship will involve working in a Reece branch as well as completing certificate requirements e.g., workbooks and on the job training and assessments.

If you are successful, you will work one and half days a week as well as you must be available on Saturdays and during the school holidays.

Your Roles would Include:

- Embracing the Reece values, policies, and procedures
- Customer Service
- Completing all requirements of the certificate
- Processing sales
- Stock Management
- Answering the phone to take messages and orders
- Communicating with customers and staff
- Building product knowledge
- Providing follow up to customers
- Contributing to maintaining the branch at a high standard.

OTHER 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.

ENTREPRENEURS HUB

A space for young leaders, creatives, innovators and inventors



The Young Entrepreneurs Hub program is currently running at Newcastle Digital Library.

The Young Entrepreneurs Hub is a fortnightly two-hour workshop that teaches young people essential entrepreneurial skills like budgeting, marketing and professional networking, that are useful both for starting their own businesses as well as highly transferrable to most forms of employment.

Through the year YEH host a series of programs for young people to participate in. At each program, participants receive tailored support from the YEH team, access to industry mentors and opportunities to join specialised masterclasses to help them with their business.

To be eligible for YEH you must be aged between 13 and 25 years, want to build new skills, meet great people and make connections, have a business or social idea that you want to launch or have a desire to form one.

The Young Entrepreneurs Hub is a really informal space open and is a great way of connecting with new people and learning business and social skills.

Sessions run fortnightly on a Thursday afternoon.

YEH is also currently inviting participants to take part in a Pitch Event in November. Participants go into the running for a prize of \$500 to give their business idea or other professional development a boost.

If you are interested in learning new skills, making new contacts or playing with the idea of starting your own business, get in touch with Young Entrepreneurs Hub.

For more information contact – Cheryl Royle on 0407 991 277 or cheryl@hunterfuturepreneurs.com.au

<https://events.humanitix.com/yeh-currentmonthly-sessions-november-2022>

DIARY DATES

AUG 17 Year 9 Camp Information Session	AUG 18-19 Year 10 MyHSC@CCJC Course Selection	SEP 14 R U OK? School Assembly
SEP 21 Live@Lizottes	SEP 23 Last day of Term 3	OCT 10 First day of Term 4
OCT 11 Year 7 Immunisations	OCT 21 Swimming Carnival	NOV 21-23 Year 9 Camp Urban Challenge Sydney

OFF AND AWAY
IN CLASSROOMS
EVERY DAY!



LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO REDUCE DISTRACTIONS
AND IMPROVE LEARNING.

WHAT WE WEAR
SHOWS WE
CARE!



LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO LOOK OUR BEST
AND ACHIEVE OUR BEST.

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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