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WEEK 10 EDITION

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Girls thrive in STEM program

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Waratah students take leadership skills to the community in the Amnesty Student Leadership Conference.

Check out the article inside to find out more about the conference and the important themes discussed.

SNAPSHOTS

Out and about at Callaghan Waratah.



It was great to see so many of our students and staff supporting the recent Wear it Purple Day celebrations in solidarity with our diverse LGBTQIA+ communities. Thank you to our LGBTQIA+ student group for hosting a cake and lolly stall at lunch and for decorating the school in purple. We pride ourselves on having an inclusive culture here at Waratah.



Waratah's Chess team has progressed to the finals of the NSW Junior Chess League after defeating Belmont Christian School in round 5.



Nashi R. (Year 8) represented our school at the state semi-finals of the 2022 Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award after an outstanding performance in the regional finals.

Nashi delivered her 5-minute prepared speech titled, "Say Cheese" as well as a 3-minute impromptu speech at NSW Parliament House along with other semi finalists from across the state. This is an exceptional achievement. Well done Nashi!



Waratah's debating teams have continued their winning streaks and are through to the knockout rounds.

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Eight students from Callaghan joined other students from across the state in Sydney in week 7 for the annual Capoeira Encounter, hosted by Project Bantu and STARRTS. The program utilises the tools of martial arts, music and dance to promote empowerment, respect and self awareness.



Year 9 students in the Marine and Aqua Culture Technology electives visited a local fisherman's coop as part of their investigation of the importance of local fisheries to the economy. They observed the boats in the fishing fleet, found out about the fishing methods used and received a guided tour of the coop facilities.



Music students showcased their learning to staff and students last Friday at a lunchtime concert.



Forty Year 7 and 8 students took part in a Creative Writing Workshop facilitated by staff from the University of Newcastle.

PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

Ms Nicole Avard, Acting Principal

Term 3 is nearing its end, bringing some welcome Spring weather ready for the holidays. Let's hope that Spring also brings a drop in winter flu and Covid cases.

There is much to celebrate since our last newsletter. Nashi R (Year 8) progressed to the state semi-finals in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition (see page 2), our Chess team made it through to the finals of the NSW Junior Chess League, our debating teams have continued their winning streaks, Josh (Year 10), Billy, Ella and Kulan (Year 7) represented the Hunter with excellence at the NSW CHS Athletics Championships (see page 9) and Zoe (Year 7), Jerry (Year 7) and Ebony (Year 9) won Mulloobinbah Make a Difference Awards at last week's award ceremony (see page 10).

In addition, our Student Leadership teams engaged over 100 student leaders from local public schools in important discussions on social justice issues in the Amnesty Student Leadership Conference (see page 5).

We've also marked a number of special events as a school community, including **Wear it Purple** and **R U OK?** days. These days provide timely opportunities for us to discuss the importance of looking out for each other and celebrating our diversity. It was wonderful to see so many staff and students supporting these important initiatives (for more, see pages 2 and 11).

In week 8 we joined schools across the state to recognise our non-teaching staff for the important work they do to support our students, teachers and community. Our Senior Executive staff hosted a morning tea to personally thank our wonderful SASS team here at Waratah.

Finally, as many of you will be aware, the Prime Minister has announced a National Day of Mourning on Thursday 22 September to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth. The school will be closed on this day and any excursions that were organised for this date have been rescheduled.

Have a wonderful holiday everyone!



Student Leadership Conference

Waratah students take leadership skills to the community

Over 150 student leaders from local public high schools came together in August for the Amnesty Student Leadership Conference, hosted by Callaghan Waratah.

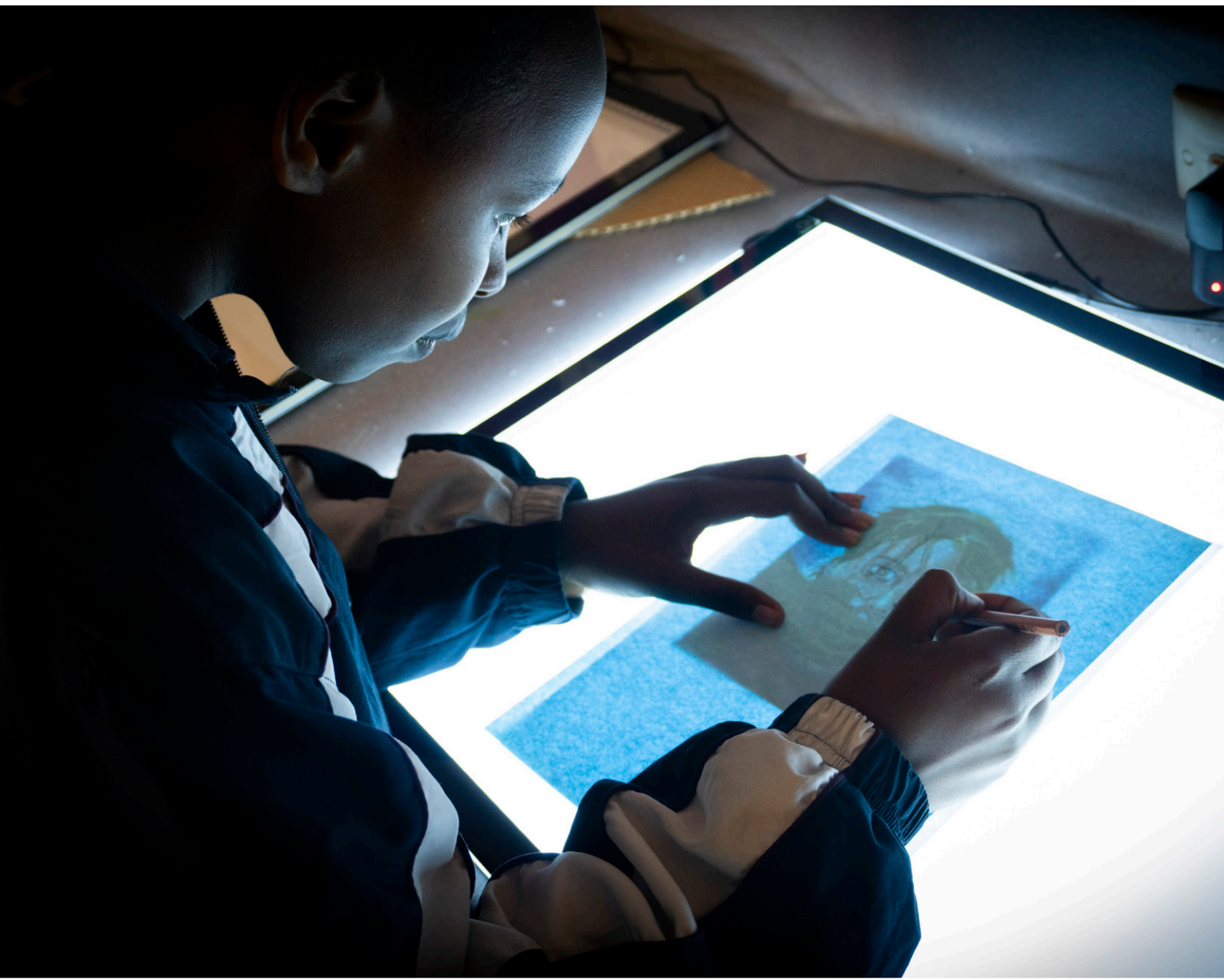
The aim of the conference was to give students the opportunity to engage with important social justice issues and reflect on how they can become agents of change in their community.

The group explored challenges in sustainable development, cultural inclusion and human rights through a combination of forums and workshops. They were also mentored by local artists in the use of film, story, drama, movement, song, visual arts and technology to influence change.

"Young people care deeply about the issues impacting our world and given the right opportunity, knowledge and skills, they can be supported to mobilise their tremendous energy and dedication to make a real difference," said Ms Macdonald.

Students from Callaghan were responsible for every aspect of the conference design - identifying workshop topics, designing the program and briefing the facilitators.

"We are extremely proud of our three student leadership groups for organising this wonderful event and for sharing their leadership skills with the community."





GIRL POWER UNLEASHED

Waratah girls thrive in HunterWise STEM mentoring program

A lucky group of Year 8 girls have had the opportunity to work alongside local STEM professionals and student mentors from the University of Newcastle to solve local community issues, as part of the 10-week HunterWise program.

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

Our girls have enjoyed a site visit to Newcastle University and have been working in small groups, supported by a HunterWise mentor, to develop STEM-based solutions to local community problems.

They are currently completing their STEM-inspired projects ready to present to industry representatives, teachers and their families at the end of the program.

"I never knew how many areas were included in STEM," said participant Nashi R. "It's a fascinating area and meeting the people doing research helped me understand it more."



SPORTS REPORT

Developing and building on our talents

It's been a lively few weeks in representative sport with the school fielding teams in girls and boys' basketball and girl's netball in the respective Newcastle City Zone gala days.

Josh (Year 10), Kulan, Ella and Billy (Year 7) represented the Hunter with excellence in the NSW CHS Athletics Championships, each finishing in the top 12 in the state in their individual events. A special mention to Kulan who placed 4th in the 200m, only narrowly missing out on a medal.

Back at school, students have been making their choices for School Sport in term 4. Students were emailed instructions for how to make their selection, along with their individual webcode. For more information about school sport, please see Mr Goodfellow.

Remember to tune in to Daily Notices and the Sports Report at assembly for upcoming representative sport opportunities during Term 4.





Clockwise from top left: Josh (Year 10) placed 8th in discus, Kulan (Year 7) placed 4th in the 200m, Billy (Year 7) placed 8th in the 800m and Ella (Year 7) placed 12th in the 1500m. Congratulations to you all!

THE GUNYA ROOM

Updates from our Aboriginal Education team

It's been another busy term in Aboriginal Education with the SistaSpeak and BroSpeak programs, transition events, excursions and awards:

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

Waratah's Aboriginal Student Leadership Group (ASLG) did another outstanding job leading the high school transition program for Aboriginal students in Year 6.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to Ebony (Year 9), Zoe (Year 7), Jerry (Year 7), Ms Swindale (CAPA teacher) and Ms Freeman (CAPA teacher) who were all nominated for a 2022 'AECG Making A Difference' award. We are excited to announce that all 3 of our student nominees received awards in recognition of their leadership and commitment to Aboriginal education.

ABORIGINAL NUMERACY GALA DAY

A group of Year 7 and 8 students explored mathematics in sport in week 9 at the Aboriginal Numeracy Gala Day at McDonald Jones Stadium. They joined students from other local schools to practise their numeracy skills through engaging in rugby league skills, working out salary caps and building their dream NRL team.



Thank you to the University of Newcastle and the Newcastle Knights for making this opportunity possible for our students.

BRO-SPEAK

Our 2022 BroSpeak program is well underway and the boys have been learning leadership, job readiness and conflict resolution skills, as well developing cultural connections.

In week 7 they tried their hands at building a gunya (shelter) as part of their cultural excursion to Nobby's Beach. Next term they will be visiting Baiame's Cave.



WELLBEING

Looking after each other

R U OK? DAY

Students and staff donned yellow accessories on Thursday 7 September in recognition of R U OK Day.

Our Year 7 Wellbeing team also hosted a special R U OK assembly reminding staff and students of the importance of making meaningful connections, being a good friend and checking in with ourselves and each other to start important wellbeing conversations.

We can all change a life by asking R U OK?, listening, encouraging action and checking in. Check out [R U OK?'s resources](#) for tips on how to start a wellbeing conversation.



SCHOOL CAMPS

YEAR 9 THE URBAN CHALLENGE

Don't forget to return your permission notes for the Year 9 Urban Challenge. Closing date for registrations is Friday 23rd September.

YEAR 7 SUMMER SPLASH DAY CAMPS

After the disappointing cancellation of our Year 7 camp in term 1, we are offering an alternative camp experience for Year 7 for Term 4 - a long day "Summer Splash" camp. More details coming soon.

HELP DURING THE HOLIDAYS

When you don't feel yourself or things are getting too much, there is always help available. While school is closed for the break, you can access help here -

LIFELINE

13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

BEYOND BLUE

1300 22 4636
beyondblue.org.au

QLife

1800 184 527
qlife.org.au

1800RESPECT

1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

headspace

1800 650 890
headspace.org.au/
ehheadspace

Suicide Call Back

1300 659 467
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Kids Helpline

1800 55 1800
kidshelpline.com.au

SMITH FAMILY SAVER PLUS PROGRAM

The Smith Family is offering eligible families up to \$500 towards their children's education costs as part of their financial education and matched savings program, Saver Plus.

To join Saver Plus, you must:

- Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card AND an eligible Centrelink payment*
- Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- Be 18+ years old

Some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for include uniforms and shoes, books and supplies, sports fees and gear, lessons and activities, camps and excursions.

For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus Coordinator:

Cynthia Culhane

cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au

Mobile: 0418 699 646

Holiday Activities

Our Wellbeing team recommend checking out Up and Up who are offering free Introduction to Graffiti workshops at Newcastle Museum Park in October. For details email: info@upnup.com.au

CAREERS NEWS

Upcoming SBAT opportunities and more

There are more exciting school-based apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities coming up that we encourage our Year 10 students to look into.

Students and parents are welcome to contact our Careers Advisor Mr Mayall to discuss these opportunities and to request assistance with applications.

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. For further information and to apply visit-
<https://leisureemployment.com.au/certificate-iii-aquatics-and-community-recreation/>

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 or Certificate II in Retail.

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.

For interested Year 10 students, please click on the relevant link below to apply for the position.

Cert II Supply Chain Operations

[Thornton – Plumbing](#)

[Wallsend – Plumbing](#)

Cert II Retail

[Kotara Showroom](#)

PART TIME JOBS

Keep an eye on Daily Notices for upcoming part-time job opportunities.

Please see Mr Mayall in the Careers Room if you need a hand with your resume.



UNI STEPS

Selected Year 9 students took part in a Uni Steps Workshop facilitated by The University of Newcastle, focusing on "Financial Literacy". Students discussed financial matters in everyday life, inclusive of the importance of budgeting.



JOBQUEST

A group of Year 9 students did a wonderful job upgrading the Aboriginal Garden next to the Science block as part of the JobQuest program. The students gained tangible skills in landscaping while meeting a community need.

DEFENCE TRADE CAREERS

Trade Careers Information Session and Kuttabul Base Visit



Discover where the Australian Defence Force can take you at an upcoming Defence Careers information session.

During the session, the team will deliver a 30-45min Defence Careers presentation including:

- The trade roles available the Navy, Army and Air Force
- the recruitment processes for all entries
- what to expect from Online Aptitude Testing and Careers Coach Interview
- fitness requirements (including a brief demonstration)
- upcoming Defence Work Experience Program/DFR events

- how to apply
- how to seek additional information

Date: Thursday 6th October 2022

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Newcastle Defence Force Recruiting Centre, 528 Hunter Street, Newcastle

Parking: Beyond 5pm, there is free parking in close proximity to the venue.

REGISTRATION –

Please [click here](#) to register for the Trade Careers Information Session.

Note: This session is open to students in Year 10-11 and their parents.

WHITE CARD TRAINING

Students (14 years +) interested in completing their WHS White Card are encouraged to register their interest with Mr Mayall in the Careers Office in the library.

The course will only run if we get a minimum of 15 students register interest. The course will run at school in term 4 and cost \$99 per person.

DIARY DATES

SEP

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Public Holiday

SEP

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Last day of term 3

OCT

10

First day of term 4

NOV

07

Term 4 P&C meeting

NOV

21-23

Year 9 Urban Challenge camp

NOV

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Year 7 Summer Splash Day camp

NOV

29

Year 6 Orientation Day

DEC

12

Year 8 Award Ceremony (am)

Year 7 Award Ceremony (pm)

DEC

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Year 9 Award Ceremony (am)

Year 10 Graduation (pm)

ARE SCHOOL EMAILS GOING TO YOUR JUNK FOLDER?

Our school uses School Bytes for online permission notes as well as much of our email correspondence with families.

If you are a parent or carer using an Outlook email address (i.e. @outlook.com, @hotmail.com, @live.com.au) and you're not receiving emails from the school sent through School Bytes, or if the emails are going to the junk folder, you can fix the problem by following the steps at: ["How to add School Bytes to your Outlook safe senders list."](#)



A reminder that all outstanding camp payments are due in November.

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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