



# CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WARATAH CAMPUS NEWS

TERM 2 WEEK 3 EDITION 2025

## WEEK 3 EXCURSIONS & EVENTS

**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID - YEAR 8**  
13<sup>th</sup> May

**HUNTER JUNIOR CHESS - ROUND 2**  
13<sup>th</sup> May

**CAREERS EXPO - YEAR 10**  
16<sup>th</sup> May

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY  
COMPETITION**  
19<sup>th</sup> May

**CAMPUS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**  
20<sup>th</sup> May

**CALLAGHAN COLLEGE P&C MEETING**  
26<sup>th</sup> May

## UNIFORMS

With the change of weather, jumpers and jackets are starting to be worn to school. During this changeover, let's remember the importance of our Callaghan uniform. It reinforces our sense of community, both on and off school grounds, and helps students take pride in our school.

If your child is in need of winter uniform items, these can be purchased from The School Locker -

**Callaghan Waratah Uniform Shop**  
Open 1pm to 4pm on Wednesdays

**University of Newcastle Shop**  
Shop 1, Floor 2  
Shortland Union Building  
130 Callaghan Drive  
CALLAGHAN NSW 2308

Purchase can also be made [online](#).

If you have uniform items that your child no longer needs, please consider donating these to the school for other students to use. Items can be dropped off to our Administration Office.

Welcome to Week 3! We'd like to wish a heartfelt Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers, aunties, and female carers in our Callaghan Waratah community. Thank you for everything you do to support our students. We hope you all had a wonderful day yesterday!

This week, our HSIE and Science teams are busy creating exciting learning opportunities for our students through the Australian Schools Geography Competition and VALID Trials. The VALID Science Trials are especially important, as they allow our students to help shape a statewide assessment tool that will benefit science learning for years to come.

In sports, our students continue to excel, stepping into leadership roles as they assist our Partner Primary Schools with their carnivals and events. We look forward to sharing updates on our boys' Bill Turner Cup journey as they advance to Round 3 after their recent win against Newcastle High. A big shout-out to our amazing coach, Abby Salter! We also want to wish Ella (Yr 10) the best of luck as she competes in the NSW CHS Hockey tournament this week, representing the Hunter team. Our best wishes also go to our 13s Rugby League team, as well as Kaelen (Yr 8), Tyler (Yr 8), and Zac (Yr 10), who will be refereeing at the upcoming PSSA Touch tournament.

Our Junior Chess team is set to compete against Merewether High in Round 2 of the Hunter Junior Chess League early this week. In addition, interviews for Year 7 ASPIRE places are ongoing, and students in our Support Faculty are back to enjoying Community Access excursions on Fridays.

A dedicated group of tech-savvy students is working with Mr. Mayall to build a hydrogen-powered vehicle for The Hydrogen Grand Prix (H2GP). This project is a fantastic opportunity for them to develop their creativity, problem-solving skills, and hands-on experience. After a successful practice session at the RC racetrack, the team is excited and ready for the challenge!

We're also pleased to announce that the After School Study Program has returned for Term 2 on Thursday afternoons in the library. It's fantastic to see so many students making use of this support. At the same time, our EAL/D Homework Club will be available to help newly arrived students with their literacy skills. A big thank you to all the staff who consistently support these valuable programs.

Have a great week ahead!

## STAFF FEATURE

This week we meet Ms Beattie, a member of our amazing Administration Team.

### What is your role at our school?

I work in our administration office, where I assist with parent and student enquiries, first aid and our sick bay.

### What is your favourite book, podcast or movie?

My favourite podcast is Australian True Crime

### What are some of your favourite things to do?

I love hanging out with my kids, as well as going to the gym.

### What do you love most about working at Callaghan Waratah?

I love the Administration Team that I work with and our supportive environment.

A big thank you to all of our Administration Team that support our staff, students and families every day.





## SNAP SHOTS

### OUT & ABOUT AT CALLAGHAN WARATAH



The kitchen is heating up each Tuesday, with our Café Obsidian team serving up tasty lunches for our staff. This is a wonderful opportunity for our special education students to plan, promote, prepare and manage the lunches, with dishes ranging from pork burrito bowls to pork belly bahn mi being served! Earlier this term, chosen students from across our Callaghan Pathways schools participated in a Leadership Day. This was a productive and exciting day, creating opportunities and nurturing the talent of our future Callaghan student leaders. Well done to Mr Mayall and his team for their achievements in The Hydrogen Grand Prix. This is an exciting project that sees students develop their creativity and problem-solving skills.

## STAR STRUCK 2025

It's time to light up the stage again, with rehearsals for Star Struck 2025 now underway.

Callaghan Waratah will be appearing in Cast B this year. Book your tickets and come along to support the amazing talents of our students.

Performance dates and details -

FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> June - 11am (CAST A)  
FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> June - 7pm (CAST B)  
SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June - 1pm (CAST B)  
SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June - 7pm (CAST A)

Tickets available from [Ticketek](https://www.ticketek.com.au).

