

CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WARATAH CAMPUS NEWS

2019 Term 3 Newsletter







Quick Highlights

NAIDOC EVENTS VOICE, TREATY, TRUTH

Our Aboriginal Dance and Yadagi (Didge)
Groups have been representing
Callaghan at several events in July and
August to celebrate NAIDOC Week.

See our Facebook page for more details and photos.

HOUSE POINT CHALLENGE DEVILS IN FRONT

Congratulations to Devils House - with a 4 point lead ahead of the Sharks. Points are now also awarded to students demonstrating our College values. Remember all points go to House Champion, announced at End of Year

FUTURE LEARNING HAPPENING NOW

Innovation, creativity and critical thinking were showcased by our Year 10 students at last term's community exhibition of Personal Pursuit Projects.

A number of students presented their work - extraordinary achievements

WELCOME TO TERM 3

by Ms Hayley Macdonald, Principal

We have a wonderful Term ahead with many exciting events for the students and families alike. Please check our calendar on the back page of this newsletter, and keep in touch with updates via our Facebook page and Canvas app so you don't miss out.

Education Week is week 3 - a number of our students and teachers will be joining our partner primary schools, along with Jesmond and Wallsend Campuses for a celebration at the Griffith Duncan Theatre to honour students who have shown excellence in their pursuit of education this year.

We are thrilled to be shortlisted for the *My Community Project* grants. We are campaigning for three new synthetic multisport playing fields so our students can play all year round. To win, we need all our community to vote for us (synthetic playing fields, Waratah) at mycommunityproject.service.nsw.gov.au Please vote by 16 August (voters must be 16 years or over).

Make sure you read our student column "saving the planet one bottle at a time" by our passionate Year 8 News Team.

Finally, we are very excited to support Callaghan College Wallsend Campus this August (14-17) at the performance of Aladdin. Everyone's welcome. It promises to be a magical production with over 120 students involved.

Have a great Term 3 everyone!

OUT & ABOUT

A snapshot of some of the activities beyond the classroom.

VARIETY NIGHT

150 talented Waratah students performed and assisted behind the scenes on 4 July in front of two packed audiences (the matinee inspired 400 partner primary students). Our soloists, duos, along our Vocal Groups and bands were pitch perfect. Plus so many wonderful dance performances.

Back by popular demand, our Lip Sync battle between Team Tarrant and Team Blight. Team Blight a clear favourite this year!

There was also a student art exhibition in the hall on the night.

CHESS TEAM WINS!



ARTWORKS CHOSEN FOR LOCAL EXHIBIT

William R, Griffin E and Krishna K attended the prestigious Artcastle program in the holidays.

Their individual projects created during the three day workshop were part of a public exhibition hosted by TAFE NSW.











Faculty in Focus: Science

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

With Australian Science Week on 10 - 18 August, there is no better excuse to take a closer look out our Science Faculty. We ask the big questions of Head Teacher, Mrs Worth - why is science super critical today?

Q: Why is science so popular right now?

A: Science is the subject for the curious minds! From how something works, to why something happens the way it does, it is the basis for so much of our lives. It covers such a diverse range of areas – from questions as large as the universe, to as microscopic as our DNA. And it provides a framework for investigating some of the most important issues of our time – like the environment.

Regardless of what area of science you might be exploring, science requires critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration – which can take you just about anywhere!



Q: WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE AS A SCIENCE TEACHER?

A: You could be with a Year 7 class working out how different types of mixtures can be separated. Then jump into the world of forces, with Year 8 students investigating magnetic friction and electrostatic reactions. Prep for a practical investigation exam, and set up the stations for students to showcase their working scientific skills. On to a practical, with Year 9 students dissecting a brain and an eye as part of understanding human biology. And finish up with Year 10 studying chemical reactions. There is never a dull moment!

Q: Do we have any budding young scientists in the making?

A: Yes we definitely do! 8C recently competed in the ME Build Me a Future day at University of Newcastle. They showed a keen aptitude for innovation, problem solving and team work while doing the hands-on STEM challenges.

Want to know more? Check out our instagram page (scienceccwtc) and take a look inside the Waratah Campus science classrooms.









WRITING MASTERCLASS WITH JACK HEATH

Students will get an opportunity to learn valuable creative writing skills from one of Australia's leading authors, Jack Heath on 6 August.

Jack's first novel was published when he was only 19, and he has now written more than 20 books, including Cut Out, Liars, Fail Safe and the Danger series. This is one of a number of initiatives brought to our students by our Library staff.

TERM 3, 2019
Student voices.

SAVING THE PLANET ONE BOTTLE AT A TIME



By Chloe, Nicole, Grace & Abbegail, Year 8

As part of 8D Future Learning, we have been researching and discovering ways we can improve our school, and help the environment be free from plastic cans and bottles, in order to keep our atmosphere cleaner.

In Australia, more than 30% of agriculture land is considered severely degraded. In NSW, we are considered one of the most polluted states in the whole of Australia.

Our team wanted to help by starting within our school. We are focusing on recycling as it not only decreases pollution, it also helps protect our wildlife and natural habitats, and reduces the need for extraction (mining, quarrying, logging).



Our main goal is to make the environment and our school's environment ecofriendly by becoming part of 'Return and Earn'. This is a government program to collect bottles and cans and return these containers to a central return point, to receive a cash refund that you can then use for fundraising.

With the money we raise from the return and earn we would like to have solar panels for the school. Plus, less plastic packaging in the canteen and cleaner playgrounds and areas in the school.

In the coming few months, we will be placing recycling bins in each faculty to collect bottles and cans for the Return and Earn bins.

Please remember, don't place paper, rubbish and other substances that are not included in return and earn into these bins when they become available. Please help us save the environment and improve our school grounds by placing your plastic cans and bottles in these bins.



Music and movement can have a powerful impact on our moods and behaviour.

As part of Refugee Week, the intensive English class introduced class 8U to Capoeira Angola, an Afro-Brazilian non contact martial art that includes play, dance, music, language and song.

Neema said "the class brought us together with people we didn't know, I feel happy to learn the dances from another culture".

In partnership with STARTTS, we have been delivering a weekly Project Bantu Capoeira Angola Program to students from refugee and migrant backgrounds.

Project Bantu aims to improve physical fitness, encourage teamwork, promote positive social interaction and boost self-esteem for participants, many of whom are facing unique challenges in integrating into a new culture, community and school.

More information on Project Bantu Capoeira Program can be found at:

https://www.startts.org.au/services/childrenand-young-people/capoeira/



COLLEGE AWARDS CEREMONY As part of Education Week Callaghan College is hosting an awards ceremony to recognise students from across the Callaghan Education Pathways.

More than 180 students will receive excellence awards from across the 18 primary schools and three campuses that make up Callaghan College . The event is at Griffith Duncan Theatre, University of Newcastle at 5pm on 8 August.

TERM 3, 2019 College Connections.























More than 90 Callaghan College students lit up the stage at Starstruck in June at Newcastle's Entertainment Centre. The students performed in four massive performances over a two day period in front of thousands of people.

This year Callaghan had another stellar cast, with individual students chosen as featured dancers and singers, as well as members of the Starstruck Orchestra and Choir. We also had our dance ensembles from all three campuses including members of Callaghan's Aboriginal dance group.

And our ever popular puppets that are handmade by students and staff at Wallsend Campus were a real hit.

A huge thanks to the parents and staff who supported this epic performance undertaking, with preparation, costumes and rehearsals, not to mention the logistics of being part of such a large performing work with hundreds of students from the Hunter involved.

















Does your child
have an interest in music or
performing arts? We have plenty of
opportunities. Speak to Mr Simpson in
the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty.

Looking after each other.

FEED THE MOB: WINTER PASTA



Ingredients

- 375g pasta shells, spirals
- 175g thinly sliced bacon rashers
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic (or 2 cloves of garlic)
- · 3 green onions thinly sliced
- 75g butter
- 1/3 cup of plain flour
- 4 cups of milk
- 11/2 cups of grated mozzarella cheese
- 2 tablespoons of chopped parsley
- 2 tomatoes thinly sliced
- 11/2 cups of coarse breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon olive oil

Method

- 1. Cook pasta in a large pot of boiling, salted water. Follow packet directions until tender. Drain, transfer to a large heatproof bowl.
- 2. Preheat oven to 180 degrees, or 160 degrees for fan forced ovens
- 3. Cook bacon in a large non-stick fry pan, when cooked, add garlic and onion. Cook for 2 minutes or until onion is soft.
- 4. Melt butter in the same pan over a medium heat. Add flour. Cook, stirring constantly for 8-10 minutes or until mixture boils and thickens. Stir in 1/2 cup cheese and add parsley. Add to pasta and bacon mixture. Toss to combine. Season with salt and pepper.
- 5. Spoon mixture into an oven proof dish or baking tray. Top with tomato. Sprinkle with breadcrumbs and remaining cheese. Drizzle with oil.
- 6. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until top is golden brown.
- 7. Stand 2 minutes and serve.

Recipe generously supplied by Darren & Feed the Mob Friday. Join us any Friday lunch in the Gunya room.



DIGITAL DILEMMAS?

With so much conflicting information around the use of mobile phones and electronic devices, do you know what the right balance is for your own family situation?

Our school has been actively looking at healthy online behaviour, with presentations for Stage 4 students on Cyber Safety from our Police Youth Liaison Officer, Snr Constable Glossop recently on campus.

Parents also often ask our staff about getting a healthy balance for their child's use of digital devices. Our Deputy Principals, Nicole and Lindsay recommend parents take a look at the Office of eSafety Commissioner's website for tips.

Martine Oglethorpe from the Office of eSafety Commissioner has suggested nine digital guidelines for parents:

- 1. Know what the rules and expectations are at school (e.g. phones away in classroom)
- 2. Specify hours for digital use
- 3. Consider a digital device 'contract' to remove the grey areas around usage
- 4. Make the consequences clear from the start (e.g. taking away the phone or tablet for a set period of time)
- 5. Talk about respectful relationships, safety more than once. This is an ongoing conversation.
- 6. Be prepared to learn about social media as well as different apps and games that your children may be playing
- 7. Change the rules if necessary, based on your child's maturity, sleep habits and commitment to completing chores and homework
- 8. Keep digital devices out of the bedroom so that your child isn't disturbed through the night from chimes of late night texts, emails, calls and alerts.
- 9. Have a digital detox one day a week. This works best if parents do it to!

For more, go to: themodernparent.net

With thanks to some of our community supporters.



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KEEPING CAMPUS ACTIVE WITH MORE THAN 200 REPS...

That's not 200 repetitions! 201 students have represented our campus at sporting events already this year. It's been a busy first half of 2019, with lots of sporting activities well under way. Boys and girls teams have competed in league, soccer, and futsal knockouts; plus our boys cricket, girls volleyball and lawn bowls teams have represented the school. We have also been involved in the College volleyball and touch footy.

Sports Coordinator, Kerrie Bradley said '"all the students involved have represented the Campus with pride and passion!"

Good luck to all our College students who have been selected to represent Newcastle Zone at the Regional Athletics Championships next week.

WANT TO PLAY?

Any students interested in getting involved this term in basketball,

Listen out for Sports Report at Monday Assemblies for



JED, MITCHELL, BAILEY, NORTHERN 15'S AFL



BAILEY, NORTHERN NSW RUGBY LEAGUE Tournament



FLETCHER, NSW 16'S RUGBY UNION



FLETCHER, AMY, AMBER, RYLEY, CHS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS



MITCHELL S, NORTHERN 15'S AFL TOURNAMENT

The last word.



P&C UPDATE

Since taking on the role of P&C
President in Term 1, I've been making
my way around the campuses to
speak to our College Principals and
some of the staff, to understand how
the College-wide P&C can have an
active role in our school community.

It has been wonderful to get a much stronger sense of Callaghan College and the people who are leading it. There is so much passion and commitment from staff to ensure that Callaghan College is a place where students thrive and achieve their goals.

The P&C can play an important role for the College in building community in and around the schools. We can help nurture a strong sense of belonging among children, families and the wider community, by proudly celebrating what makes Callaghan College and its three campuses unique.

Any parents and carers can join us at our P&C meetings to share ideas and feedback. We meet once a term (Week 5) and we rotate between the three campuses. Our next meeting will be held on Monday 19 August 5.30pm at Waratah.

Hope to see you there! Sarah Nash, P&C President

> DON'T MISS OUR DIGITAL MEDIA FESTIVAL 31 OCTOBER 2019 WALLSEND CAMPUS



Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus

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SAVE THE DATE...

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS | 29 JULY

Book your individual interview slots via Sentral by 26 Jul

HUNTER DANCE FESTIVAL | 30 JUL

Our dancers are performing. Get your tickets from www.thenex.com.au

NAIDOC CELEBRATION | 1 AUG

Partner school students will join us at Waratah campus for celebrations

EDUCATION WEEK CEP AWARDS | 8 AUG

Invitations will be sent out to students involved in July

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK | 10 AUG

AUST EDUCATION AWARDS NIGHT | 16 AUG

Fingers crossed we win - Callaghan College finalists in Technology &STEM

ALADDIN | 15-17 AUG

Callaghan's Wallsend Campus production of Aladdin

P&C MEETING | 19 AUG

Parents and community welcome. Waratah Campus - 5:30pm-6:30pm.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST | 30 AUG

Celebrating the significant male role models in our students' lives.

YR 10 CAREER EXPO | 30 AUG

Year 10 students from Waratah and Wallsend get inspired

Email your story or photos to:
waratah-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au