End of term 1 Message
As first term ends it is pleasing to report that the vast majority of students are focused and trying their best. A big factor is that we are expecting more of students with regard to attendance, punctuality, uniform, playground behaviour and students speaking appropriately. Together these steps are having a very positive impact on school tone, student attitudes and student performance at school. Thank you to all parents for your support. Teamwork between parents and the school is essential if students are to get the most out of school and perform to their potential.

Also congratulations to the many students who have received positive comments from teachers and the community - you continue to bring credit to yourselves and the school. I would like to also acknowledge the massive efforts of so many staff who have put in the extra time so these activities run smoothly and are great for our students.

The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
The National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence is an opportunity for students, teachers, parents and the whole community to take a stand together against bullying and violence. This annual day provides a focus for our school to say Bullying. No way! and to strengthen the everyday messages that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time.

To Say NO to bullying and to spread the word a Mad Hat Day was held. This was supported.

Congratulations to Melissa, the winner of the Anti-bullying poster competition. And Urim, the winner of the MAD – Hat. Well done!

Mrs G Sterjovska

High achieving students have fun at the show
This year one hundred excited students from Years 9 - 12 attended the Royal Easter Show as part of our Incentive Excursion Program. A great day was had by all who attended. Students had the opportunity to explore the Woolworths Food Dome, observe the produce displays, interact with farm animals, enjoy the rides and of course...
purchase showbags. There was also the opportunity to have your photo taken as part of a promotion for the Chanel Seven TV program Your House Rules. Mrs Flowers, Mrs Ramsay and Miss Cindy couldn’t resist the offer. Congratulations to all students who attended for their excellent behaviour and cooperation.

Life Aboard the Queen Mary 2

Ariana from the Queen Mary 2 came and gave the students in Hospitality a talk on her role as an Environmental Officer (below is an email she sent to the school)

Dear Gerry,

I just wanted to thank you once again for your hospitality and for making me feel as if I was at home. I really enjoyed the talk with the kids yesterday and it was an honour for me to be invited by you, I’m so happy :))))

I think you are the most generous person I have ever met, so glad to have met you. I like to learn from the people I meet in life and I am very grateful for what you have taught me and wanted to share it with you. I wish you all the Best in life.

All my love
Ari

Dragon Boat Racing for Sport

Dragon boat racing is a great sport. Each week, over 20 students from different years participate at the Lake Illawarra Rowing Club.

Volunteers from the Club teach us techniques to be able to paddle in time with one another. It is important to be able to work as a team in order to paddle as one. Over the past weeks we have learned to keep the boat steady and not to tip it over. The dragon boat is carved like a dragon and is large enough to hold 22 people. This sport is great exercise and is lots of fun!

Elizabeth Boyd Yr 8

Colour My World

Another colourful addition to the school’s Permaculture garden has been created by students from Class 4 and Class 3 of the IEC. The students have produced twenty beautiful new signs to help identify the diverse range of fruit trees in the garden. The signs are completed and will be placed in the garden in the coming weeks. We thank the students of Classes 4 and 3 for their colourful and informative contribution to the garden. Eleven of the students will be graduating from the IEC at the end of Term 1 and leaving for different high schools so we thank them for their beautiful contribution and for all their hard work in the school garden while they have been at
the WHS and wish them much luck and success in the future.

A Sea of Orange at WHS

On Wednesday 20th of March, the IEC students went to Chatswood IEC for a celebration of Harmony day. We watched the concert.

Firstly, we arrived at the school 10:45 am. It was long on the bus so we felt tired. Before the concert we ate our recess.

Then, in the concert we listened to some students in a band. They sang and played the guitar, piano and different kinds of drums. Everyone liked the drums and guitars. From our school Maurice talked about the importance of Harmony Day while Natcha showed a PowerPoint slide show. We felt special and proud.

We came back to Wollongong Station at 3:45 pm. We had a good time.

Miho Matsufuji
IEC Class 2

WHS in Safe Hands

Eighteen students from Years 10-12 undertook a First Aid Course through Wollongong First Aid at Warrawong High School on 21st March. This qualification provides the skills and knowledge required to provide first aid response and life support until the arrival of medical or other assistance. It is required by many employers and looks good on a student’s resume. It is essential for employment in Child Care, Aged Care and Nursing. Everyone involved enjoyed doing the course and was presented with a certificate to include in their portfolio.

Creating a garden bed

When setting up a garden you need to get to know the soil in your garden; to recognise those areas that get the most sun, the areas that tend to hold moisture and the areas that are the most windswept. This way you can determine the best placement of garden beds and plantings. Different plants respond best to different types of soil and methods of soil preparation, so it is wise to look at the preferred growing environment for each plant and group plants that like the same conditions together.

Compost is the ultimate soil improver. When compost is worked through soil it becomes more porous, allowing air and water to reach growing roots more easily. Compost also releases important nutrients from the organic matter it contains as it decomposes. Creating a balance of carbon and nitrogen in your compost is important, and an ideal mix for compost is two parts dry material, two parts green material and one part well-rotted manure (for example ‘Dynamic lifter’).

Although creating your own compost can take several weeks or months, it can be a useful way of using kitchen scraps, lawn cuttings, and waste paper. This in turn will
reduce the amount waste thrown out in your weekly rubbish collection, and reduce the pressure on our local environment.

composting in the permaculture garden

Raised garden beds providing a fertile growing environment. The beds are improved regularly with the addition of compost, green manure (comfrey or grass clippings etc), ‘Dynamic lifter’ (well rotten manure) and straw or hay. This is providing beneficial for the plants and the members of the Warrawong High School community.

Recipe: perfect for using up tomatoes!
Fast Basic Tomato Sauce (from Stephanie Alexander’s kitchen Garden Companion)
Makes 1 ½ cups.

1/3 cup olive oil
1 onion, finely chopped.
1 fresh bay leaf (or dried could be substituted)
500g ripe tomatoes, cored and roughly chopped.
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped.
8 sprigs basil, oregano or mint.
Salt and pepper (or a shake of chilli flakes)
Extra freshly torn herbs (optional), to serve.

Heat oil in large non-stick pan over a medium heat, add onion and bay leaf, then cover and cook for 5 minutes or until onion is well softened, but, hardly coloured. Uncover and add tomato, garlic and herbs. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently for 10 minutes or until tomatoes have collapsed. Add salt and pepper or chilli flakes to taste.

To make sauce like consistency, blend in food processor or blender until desired texture. Remove bay leaf and tomato skins before pureeing if desired. Sauce may be reduced further over a high heat to make a more concentrated sauce.

This is a perfect sauce for meatballs and pasta dishes.

High Flyers
Two of our year 9 boys, Petar Stojanovski and Riste Naumoski have impressed staff with their fantastic magical card tricks. These budding Magicians are potential stars of the future.

Congratulations Chelsea Sullivan, Courtney Sullivan & Brittany Constable who were selected in the Southern Illawarra Open Touch Football team.

Congratulation to the following students for achieving perfect scores in Academic Monitoring this term:
Year 7
Edvina Birdaini, Maddison-Rose Chesterton, Courtney Donley, Samantha Hayes, Soad Khaled, Matthew Korte, Chayce Lamovsek, Haley Mallia, William Masima, Steven Mason, Maddison Mitrevski, Jennifer Saveska, Alexandra Trucido, Ciarme Valentine, Kelly Veljanovski, Kubra Yavuz,

Year 9

Year 10
Kaell Jorge, Hawraa Mrad, Chelsea Sullivan.

Year 11
Ali Fazli, Rebecca Hasiuk.

Year 12
Salije Fazli, Meri Ivanovska, Angeli Jammal, Melissa Kettlewell, Caitlin Mitrevski, Kristina Nikolovska, Tereza Pejovska, Michael Potts, Keriman Rakipi, Christopher Ravarua-Etita, Sushma Rawat, Phuong Tran, Saliha Ugur, Merve Yavuz.

For more details on Academic Monitoring please contact your child’s Year Advisor

Gearing up for Winter
As the cooler weather approaches, students should begin to wear winter uniform. A reminder that jumpers/ Jackets must be either a school jacket or plain black without any other badges or markings. The warm top must be the outer uniform layer. Beanies & tracksuits are not uniform.

Boys Winter Uniform
- white skivvy or polo shirt with school emblem
- plain grey trousers
- black hooded jacket with school emblem or plain black jumper
- sturdy enclosed shoes/joggers (black, white or grey in colour)

Girls Winter Uniform
- white skivvy, polo shirt or blouse with school emblem
- WHS checked skirt or tailored black trousers
• black hooded jacket with school emblem or plain black jumper
• sturdy enclosed shoes/joggers (black, white or grey in colour)

For more information please refer to the schools uniform policy which can be found on the school website.

Koori Kids Visit Sandon Point

On Friday 5th April our Koori kids visited Uncle Dootch at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy. Kory and Daneal Kuiper, Jade Bird, Courtney Donley, Riley Bailey, Kaylan LaCrosse, Riley Humphries, Dom Joannu and Tylah Sturgess enjoyed the story of the burial site, washing their hands using leaves from the “soap tree”, a traditional Smoking Ceremony and a barbeque lunch. The weather was very kind. It was an informative and very enjoyable experience for all. We are hoping to see a performance by the Bangarra dance group for our term two cultural experience.

Ms Ella’s Year 8 class showing of their Ginger Bread Houses

UOW Year 10 Future Finder Information Evenings

A chance for Year 10 students and parents to speak with university staff about the courses on offer at UOW.

Tuesday, April 30 (Week 1 Term 2)
University of Wollongong - Uni Hall
Northfields Avenue
WOLLONGONG NSW
6.30pm - 8.30pm

What are you interested in?

Clarifying your passions and interests can be a good starting point to answer this question. The next step is working out your strengths. You should have an idea of your academic skills, so when you add these strengths to your interests, you should come up with a study area that you find appealing.

In addition to the people you know - it’s a good idea to speak with the experts. UOW staff are here to help you, and answer any questions you have one-on-one.
We’re just as passionate about your future as you are; so we’re holding two Year 10 Information Evenings to help you get on the right track to changing your world!

We’ll talk to you about:

- Selecting subjects for years 11 and 12
- Applying to UOW, and applying to universities in general
- Important information on the HSC
- The ATAR

Scaling

There will also be opportunities for you to speak to UOW staff, current students and academics. These are great nights to get all of your questions answered in the one place at the one time.

REGISTER NOW TO ATTEND

GO TO:


"Future Students"

“Book into an Event” or “Meet us Information Evenings”

“Year 10 Future Finder Information Evenings – Wollongong – Book online”

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**Student Representative Council**

Strong leadership within the school is paramount for continued improvement and success. At Warrawong High School we promote ‘leadership at all levels’ inclusive of: students, teachers, executive and senior executive. We believe these groups along with families provide the supportive guidance for students to achieve their personal best as they develop their personal individual values and attitudes.

At the beginning of this year the Student Representative Council (SRC) was elected from the student body, this included a number of representatives being chosen from their respective years. Each member had to display certain qualities in order to be considered for election these included: exemplary attendance, behaviour and school citizenship. However the quality most sought was that of being an excellent role model for others across all aspects of school life.

The selected 26 students are led brilliantly by teachers Miss Green, Miss Atkinson and Mr McCall. Together they have developed an impressive Strategic Plan which revolves around 4 main objectives in 2013: Raise the profile of the SRC within our school, Promote the core value of respect within the school culture, Strengthen student participation in school projects, provide leadership opportunities within the SRC. Strategies have also been developed which are also an integral part of achieving their goals.

On Friday 10th May 2013 the SRC will be formally inducted into their leadership role at Warrawong High School.

They will undertake the pledge of:

**Charter 1**

Respect

As active citizens of the school community and SRC Representatives our ideas and opinions will be routinely sought and respected.

**Charter 2**

Decision Making

We accept the opportunity to contribute to and participate in decision-making in our school.

**Charter 3**

Inclusiveness.

We will promote respect for others; inclusive of gender, special needs, cultural background, sexuality and socio-economic status.

**Charter 4**

Support

We accept the responsibility of supporting students and teachers through all aspects of the school life including curriculum, welfare, sport, inclusive of whole school and out-of-school activities.

**Charter 5**

Teamwork

We will present our skills, values, knowledge and attitudes to the SRC in a unified and collegial manner.

As a member of the wider school community, I invite you to attend this formal assembly which commences at 10:30am in order to celebrate our future leaders.

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**School Development Days to Start Term 2**

For 2013, there will be two school development days to start term 2. These will be on Monday April 29 and Tuesday April 30 - students return to school on Wednesday May 1. Staff use these days to develop teaching skills and work on new programs. The second day this year is a government initiative to give teachers a day to start preparations for the new national curriculum which starts rolling out in 2014. This roll out will continue over at least the next 4 to 5 years. School development days are pupil free and parents are asked to make alternative arrangements for the supervision of their son/daughter. Parent support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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**What’s Happening in Sport**

**Open Boys Futsal**

The Open Boys Futsal team played in the South Coast regional championships on Friday March 15. They had an enjoyable day against some strong opposition. They finished 4th in their Pool. The results for the day were:

- **Round 3** vs Elizabeth Macarthur – 2-2 Draw – Goals: Stefan Dimovski, Chris Cugalj
- **Round 4** vs John Therry – 2-1 Loss – Goal: Stefan Dimovski
School Athletics Carnival
This carnival will be held on Friday 24th May. Which is week 4 of Term 2. This carnival is compulsory for all students to participate in as it contributes significantly to their PD/H/PE report marks. Students will be preparing for this carnival in the first four weeks of Term 2 during their PE lessons.

Open Girls Touch Football
The girls played in Southern Illawarra Touch Football championships on Friday 22nd March. They achieved some fantastic results finishing 2nd on the day and will go on to represent our school and Zone at the regional championships to be held in Ulladulla. Also, from this tournament three girls were selected in the Southern Illawarra team, they were: Chelsea Sullivan, Courtney Sullivan, Brittany Constable.

The team: Chelsea Sullivan, Courtney Sullivan, Brittany Constable, Allira Carrucan, Jessica Gil, Sharon Opo, Courtney Oxborough, Brooke Smith, Rhiarn Quintal, Jade Rainford, Jen Saveska
Coach – Miss A. Allnutt

School Cross Country
The school Cross Country was held on Tuesday 26th March. A fantastic day was had by all with great participation and enthusiasm displayed. The winners of each age group were:

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SRC Update
Over the last term the SRC have been working extremely hard on a number of projects. Most recently the SRC worked collaboratively with the IEC to celebrate Harmony Day. Harmony day is all about people learning to live in harmony in our ever changing
Australian community. Together with senior sports studies students and Mr Davis the SRC helped to coach the IEC students on how to play cricket and then participated have a friendly match. The SRC provided a BBQ lunch for all SRC members, student helpers and IEC students and opened the BBQ to all students of WHS at lunch time. The BBQ was a great success because of the overwhelming efforts of the SRC and particularly because of the leadership skills of Keriman Rakipi who ran the BBQ event extraordinarily well. Over the past few weeks the SRC have been collecting money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Yesterday Andrew Sousa, Adam Ryan and Christian Stojanovski all shaved their heads in the main quad at lunch time. Jayden Stedman from year 8 also volunteered on the day, well done boys great effort! Particular thanks goes to Michael Potts in year 12 who volunteered to wax his chest to support cancer research. This was an obvious crowd pleaser! The entire WHS community also celebrated with a crazy hair day, with colour spray available for a gold coin donation.

Estimates are that we have raised over $500 for the Leukaemia Foundation!

**SRC Leadership Team**

The Student Representative Council is made up of those students who have been elected from each year group to be the school leaders for their year. The role involves these students in making decisions for the rest of the school, co-ordinating charity fund raising and school dances, providing advice to the staff and being consulted by outside agencies who seek the opinion of students. Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to the SRC for 2013

Yr 12: Bradley Veljanovski, Tereza Pejovska, Saliha Ugur, Michael Potts, Keriman Rakipi, Merve Yavuz
Yr 11: Ali Fazli, Kristine Hoang, Cindy Sousa, Jove Micevski
Yr 10: Adam Ryan, Edlyn Townsend, Emerald Paterson, Brook Smith
Yr 9: Kerem Yavuz, Zac Bardevski, Kieren Worthington, Djordji Suleski
Yr 8: Samantha Rodrigues, Shaima Haddara, Tyga Bar, Andrew Sousa.

Yr 7: Ramadan Fazli, Hayley Mallia, Jennifer Saveska, Christian Stojanovski
Support Unit: Hristina Rizovska and Tarne Ravarua:

**60 seconds with Sandra... Featuring Neil Pearson**

1. What’s your star sign? aries
2. How old are you? 72
3. What celebrity would you most like to invite for dinner? Billy Connely
4. What’s your favourite movie? Lord of the Rings
5. What’s your favourite TV show? Megabuilders
6. Any nicknames & why? Pearso, cause people are too lazy to say my whole name
7. What sports teams do you follow? Dragons, Waratahs, Swans & any other side that’s winning
8. Tell us an interesting fact about yourself I was a licensed plumber for 26 years.
9. What’s your favourite song? Shine on you crazy diamond by Pink Floyd, Born to Run by Bruce Springsteen, the list goes on and on……
10. What’s your first memory? Walking with my Mother to watch my Father excavating a dam on our farm.

On Wednesday the 27th of March, Year 11 Biology and Class 4 of the IEC had the opportunity to hear a talk about coal seam gas mining and participate in a Q & A with Jess Moore of Stop Coal Seam Gas Illawarra Students heard about CSG and the 16 exploratory coal seam gas mining well approvals in and around the water catchment area of the Illawarra which have the potential to contaminate our water systems and supplies, as well
as of the potential health risks associated with CSG and of the dangers of leaking methane gas and fire. Students showed interest and participated positively in the discussions and were interested in following up with a letter campaign to the relevant government ministers.

For more information about CSG in the Illawarra go to: http://stop-csg-illawarra.org/
M Schettino

Westfield WARRAWONG

Westfield Warrawong is giving schools in the Illawarra the chance to win a share of $15,000 in their Sports Gear Giveaway. For every $40 spent at Westfield Warrawong from 9.00am Monday 15 April until 5.30pm Friday 31 May, shoppers can vote for their school. Participating stores include including Target, Big W, Coles, Aldi and Rebel Sport.

The school that receives the most votes will receive $10,000 to spend at Rebel Warrawong, Second place will receive $3,000 to spend at Rebel Warrawong and third place will receive $2,000 to spend at Rebel Warrawong.

You will need to register your vote/s and to do this you must present your receipts from the same day at the Concierge Desk on Level 1. For every $40 shoppers will receive one (1) voting form.

The winning schools will be announced on Saturday 1 June 2013, at 12.00pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our school and we hope you are able to support us.

Congratulations
To Mr Aaron Sorensen and his partner Prue on the birth of their son, Yoachim Sol Sorensen

No Teacher Supervision Before School
School operates between 8.30am and 2.55pm and students should not arrive too early each day as there is no active staff supervision outside these hours. Parents remain legally responsible for their child prior to 8.30am when supervision begins. If an emergency arises outside regular school hours, students should come to the front office for assistance.

Contact Numbers and Student Information
Please telephone the school immediately if there is a change in emergency contact numbers, address, medical status or other family circumstances. This information is essential so the school can deal most effectively with any emergency or other problem that may arise.
### Upcoming Events

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### Community Notices

WHS does not receive or accept any paid advertising for Community Notices. Also, we have no way of checking the bona fides of any information received. We encourage parents/caregivers to make all necessary checks prior to involving their children in activities listed.

### P&C Meeting

We have shifted the time to see if we can more parents to come along. Can parents please ring and register their interest with the office.

When: May 21st, 2013 at 5pm in the school foyer.

At the Parents & Citizens Association meeting we will talk about our start to the year including our annual plans, facilities, school fees, uniform and the welfare policy. In addition, we will discuss the future of the P&C, how to increase parent participation and how best the P&C can support the work of the school.

### Seminar for Parents and Role Models

Join Daniele Miller, one of Australia’s foremost educators, authors and media commentators on teenagers, for a presentation on the issues affecting our girls today. The author of teen parenting book “The Butterfly Effect” and “The Girl with the Butterfly Tattoo” - a book for teenage girls that encourages girls to question the limiting messages set by our society and inspires girls to be true to their own hearts and minds.

This seminar exposes the pain of teen girl world – the body image crises, low self-esteem, and constant bombardment with toxic and hypersexual media and marketing portrayals of women.

Daniele reveals the reasons that so many teen girls today are stressed, overwhelmed, exhausted and angry, and why too many are binge drinking, self-harming or going on extreme diets.

Daniele will give you the tools so that you can help girls cut through the negativity and bloom into happy and confident young women.

If you are a parent, professional, role model or individual from the community, come to this seminar and find out how you can support and empower girls in our community.

**When:** Tuesday 14th May 2013

**Where:** Illawarra Sports High, Gura St, Berkeley

**Time:** 6.30pm-8.00pm

There is no cost to attend the event but you need to register to secure your place by phoning Samantha at the Illawarra Women’s Health Centre on 4255 6900 or email samantha@womenhealthcentre.com.au

For more on Daniele Miller’s work please visit her websites:
- Enlighten Education – [www.enlighteneducation.com](http://www.enlighteneducation.com)
- Personal site – [www.daniellemiller.com](http://www.daniellemiller.com)

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