From the Principal

School Captains 2015
This year’s School Captains elections required nominees to make a written application addressing set criteria. The applications were read by a panel made up of the SRC Coordinators, Year 11 Adviser, current School Captains and Deputy Principal. Successful applicants were then asked to speak to all Year 11 students and available staff in the Hall. Year 11 and all staff were given the opportunity to vote using a ballot system. After a rigorous process our School Captains for 2015 are Emerald Paterson and Adam Ryan. Congratulations to Emerald and Adam. Thank you Mr Boscoscuro and Ms Cutajar for overseeing the election process.

Victor Chang Awards
On Tuesday 18th November I attended Figtree High School for the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Awards 2014. Amongst many other high achieving students across the Illawarra and South Coast, Emerald Paterson of Year 11 received the award for her outstanding achievements in Science at Warrawong High School. Emerald was nominated for the award by our Science Faculty.

Road Safety
With our new pedestrian access to the school permanently in place, the Roads and Maritime Services are working to improve the parking and bus zones outside the school. In the meantime it is important that parents and other family members take care when dropping off and picking up their children. Last week there was a car accident when someone did a u-turn across double lines and some of our neighbours are complaining that their driveways are being blocked.
Head Teacher Teaching and Learning

One of our executive positions is Head Teacher Teaching and Learning currently held by Ms Horsley. Her role is to mentor beginning teachers and support them through the teacher accreditation process. She also leads professional learning for staff around literacy and numeracy while also overseeing the Gifted and Talented programs for our students. Ms Horsley was successful in applying for the Relieving Head Teacher Science position for 2015 at Lake Illawarra High School. Ms Cairns from our Special Ed Faculty was successful in gaining the Relieving Head Teacher Teaching and Learning position in Ms Horsley’s absence next year. We wish both of them well in their new leadership opportunities.

School Appearance

Some of the stand out features of Warrawong High, as one enters the school, are the vast grounds and gardens, sports complex, Permaculture garden and the appearance of our buildings. Through the work of staff to maintain these facilities and areas, namely our cleaners, Permaculture gardeners, General Assistant, staff and students we are striving to constantly improve the physical and aesthetic appearance of the school.

Like all schools in the state, at Warrawong High School we are entering into the new school planning cycle 2015 - 2017. Mr Hughes and Mr Morris had been working on the planning approach before I entered the school and this term we have continued that work. We have been working with the Head Teachers and staff to gather feedback about school directions and looked at a range of school data including NAPLAN trend data, attendance, wellbeing and behaviour etc. This work will continue throughout the term and at the School Development Days at the end of the year. Students feedback will also be included to determine the school’s 3 Strategic Directions for the beginning of 2015.

End of Year Expectations

The school year officially finishes for students on Wednesday 17th December. Staff will continue on for two professional development days on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th December. While we have events such as yearly reports handed out towards the end of the term and Presentation Day on Friday 12th December, these days do not signify the end of the year. Students are expected to attend school up to the last day and both work and behave according to school expectations.

School resumes on Wednesday 28th January 2015.

Mr R Coleman
Principal
Support Canberra Excursion

Support students recently enjoyed a day trip to Canberra. The excursion included the Australian War Memorial and Questacon. The War Memorial included a wide range of amazing exhibits and artefacts which provided an invaluable educational experience for the students. Questacon presented a world of science with all kinds of interesting activities and displays. The dinosaur coprolite (poo) fossils provided quite a few laughs.

PD/H/PE Wall Sit Challenge

Congratulations to Ali K & Abdul who successfully smashed the WHS Wall Sit Challenge with a time of 35 minutes and 35 seconds.
IN2UNI Unique Experience Day

On the 6th November 55 students from Years 9 and 10 participated in the University of Wollongong’s IN2UNI UNIque Experience Day. Students spent a whole day as guests of the university exploring the campus, finding out about life at university and getting involved in lots of fun workshops and activities. Students also attended a ‘taster’ session to find out more information about the area of study that interests them. Students were very positive about the experience and for many it opened their eyes to what university is all about and what they might go on to study at UOW in the future.

Project Neptune: Fishing Update

Thank you to Fishcare volunteer Andrew Conner for providing an overview of the rules, regulations and best practices to the students who have chosen fishing for sport this term. A reminder the WHS annual deep sea charter is scheduled for week 8 Thursday November 26th (weather permitting). The charter costs $40. Places are limited and priority goes to the students doing fishing for sport. Any other students who may be interested in attending need to collect a permission note from Mr Nordstrom in the Support Unit or Ms Dus in the IEC.
Support Unit Blitz the Mini Olympics!

On Thursday 23rd October, 7 students competed at the Kerryn Mccann Athletic Centre for the annual Mini Olympics. Every student was an excellent role model for Warrawong High School and we brought home a swag of medals. The results were:

Dawn Watkins—GRAND CHAMPION for the whole event including 1st 50m, 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 1st 400m

Khaya Malinga—3rd 400m, 3rd 800m, 3rd long jump, 3rd high jump
Jarrod Nelson-Giatras—1st high jump, 2nd turbo throw
Sally Norman—3rd long jump
Dylan Ray-Blair—3rd turbo throw

Congratulations also to Casey Palmer and Grace Barnett who just missed out on a place in their events. Well Done!!

Mr Morales
Special Education Teacher
Halloween Trick or Treat?

Support students decided to combine the ‘trick’ with the ‘treat’ in food tech classes for Halloween. Students made cupcakes and egg eyeballs with their own spooky designs. Unfortunately they weren’t able to scare anyone as they were gobbled up very quickly.

Stephen Mason with his eyesore eyeballs!

Dawn Watkins with her spooky creation!

Mr Morales & Ms Cutajar
Special Education Teachers

Year 9 Sculpture Art
From Wednesday 5th November to Friday 7th November, 21 students ventured to Penrith by train to compete in the F1 in Schools State Final. It was an experience the kids will never forget and we can’t wait to do it all again next year.

Fabulous creations inspired by our equally fabulous Art Teacher Mr Shaw.

**F1 in Schools Finals**

From Wednesday 5th November to Friday 7th November, 21 students ventured to Penrith by train to compete in the F1 in Schools State Final. It was an experience the kids will never forget and we can’t wait to do it all again next year.
ATTENDANCE - IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY

There has been a positive trend in non genuine absences declining; which in turn has led to enhanced learning outcomes for our students.

As a school community, let’s keep making the hard decisions by saying NO to absences other than Illness. Giving in is the perfect way to leave permanent scars on our students’ education potential.

Should you require assistance in saying NO to your son/daughter with regard to any matter, including unacceptable absence, please do not hesitate to contact his/her Year Adviser.

Let’s work together to make a difference to your child’s future.

Be on Time, Be at School, That’s the Rule!

MOTOWN TYRES

Proud supporter of Warrawong High School.

123 Flagstaff Road

Warrawong

Ph: 4274 3330

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.