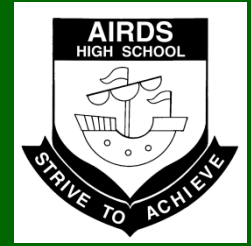


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DIARY DATES

Thurs 14 th Aug	Girls in Science Forum-selected students
Wed 20 th Aug	Year 11 Biology excursion G&T Challenge Day
Fri 29 th Aug	2014 Parent Conference – John Warby PS
Tues 2 nd Sept	40 th Anniversary Open Day
Wed 3 rd Sept	Year 7 vaccinations
Sat 6 th Sept	40 th Anniversary Dinner
Wed 10 th Sept	Football United Gala Day School Disco
Mon 15 th -19 th Sept	Year 11 yearly exams
Fri 19 th Sept	End of Term 3
Mon 6 th Oct	Public Holiday
Tues 7 th Oct	Staff and students return Term 4

**NEXT P&C MEETING
WEDNESDAY 3rd September 2014
AT 10:15 am
IN THE STAFF COMMON ROOM**

**WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU
THERE!**

Check our website: airds-h.schools@det.nsw.edu.au

AIRDS HIGH SCHOOL 40th ANNIVERSARY

We invite you to join us in the celebration of the 40th year of Airds High School providing excellence in public education.

This is a significant milestone for our school and our community. We have planned a number of events to celebrate. These events include:

- Open Day – Tues 2nd September
- 40th Anniversary Dinner – Saturday 6th September
- School Fete – Saturday 11th October
- Commemorative Pavers

Please come along and support us, we look forward to seeing you at one of these events.

Celebrating

40 years of excellence in public education

at
West's Leagues Club
10 Old Leumeah Rd, Leumeah
Saturday September 6, 2014

Cost: \$50
Time: 6pm
Banquet Meal
Drinks not included

RSVP: Friday August 29, 2014
Lisa Weeks - 02 4625 5811

Payment: cash, credit card or cheque at the school. Electronic payments through Airds High School website.
Payments to be received by 29/8/14.
Late payments can not be accepted.
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CLO / P&C REPORT

Welcome back for what I'm sure will be an interesting and exciting Term 3. We have many events planned for students, parents and the wider community so please be sure to put them in your diary and come along to our upcoming celebrations.

The annual Parent Conference will once again be held at John Warby Public School on **Friday 29th August**. These conferences are always a great day for parents from local schools to come together and enjoy interesting and relevant presentations from a number of educational leaders. This year's conference theme is 'Creating Tomorrow's Leaders' and promises to be a very informative day, helping parents to assist their children in developing great leadership skills. I believe this will be a great conference for parents of high school students as one of the planned presentations focusses on ways that

parents can help their children transition from high school into a rewarding and successful career. As our children get older and come to the end of their schooling, it can be very difficult as parents to know how to assist them to enter the workforce, apply for university or TAFE positions, or even just help them decide on what they want to do next. I'm sure the workshop that will be presented by MWLP Partnership Brokers will have many handy and practical strategies that will ultimately lead to a smoother and more successful transition for students from school into the wide world of the workforce or tertiary education. The day begins at 9:00am and will finish at 2:30pm. If you would like to attend please let our front office know by Friday 15th August so that you can be registered for the day. Morning tea and lunch will be provided and I would encourage all parents to attend what I'm sure will be an enjoyable and extremely informative day.

This year, Airs High School is celebrating its 40th Anniversary and we have planned a number of events in order to commemorate this milestone. All past and present staff, students, parents and community members are invited to attend each event and it will be a wonderful opportunity for many people to catch up with old high school friends and share memories as well as achievements. Our first event is the **Open Day**, which is being held on **Tuesday 2nd September**. This day will give parents and past students the opportunity to come into our school, have a look around at the great teaching and learning that happens here on a daily basis, as well as all the incredible resources the school is lucky enough to have. It would be great to see as many past students and members of staff here on that day so that they can see how far our school has come in 40 years and the incredible academic, sporting and performance opportunities our students now have available to them.

On **Saturday 6th September** the school will be holding an **Anniversary Dinner** at **West's Leagues Club**, starting at 6pm. All past and present staff, students and family members are invited to attend what I'm sure will be a very memorable and enjoyable evening. Tickets are \$50 per head and can be purchased through the front office of Airs High School (not at the club). All payments for tickets must be made by 29th August. No late payments will be accepted. For further information regarding the dinner please contact the school on 4625 5811.

The biggest endeavour we are taking on for our 40th Anniversary celebrations is the **School Fete**, to be held early next term on **Saturday 11th October**. Staff and students are already working tirelessly to organise what we hope will be a wonderful day for our school families and the wider local community. We are planning to have rides, showbag stalls, car wash, sideshow-type games, food stalls, entertainment and much, much more happening on the day. The P&C will be holding a stall on the day, probably selling a variety of items such as books, DVDs, clothing, plants and cakes. It would be great to see as many people as possible there lending a hand on fete day as well as enjoying the festivities, as 'many hands make light work'. Just half an hour of your time helping at

a stall can make a huge difference to another person's day. I look forward to seeing as many people as possible at these upcoming anniversary events where we celebrate the achievements and progress of Airs High School from 1974 to the present day.

The P&C is planning to hold a Father's Day Stall again this year, some time during the week leading up to Father's Day, which is Sunday 7th September. We will once again have a great range of very affordable gifts for students and staff to purchase for their Dads, Grandpas or other important males in their lives. The gifts will include items such as car wash kits, puzzle books, key rings, mugs, photo frames, socks and much more. The Father's Day Stall here at Airs High School gives us a chance to help the students show their appreciation to their Dads and understand the importance of family and just how special belonging to that family can be. Please keep an eye out for further information about the Father's Day Stall that will be sent home with students closer to the date. It will also be displayed on the notice board at the front of the school once a definite date has been decided on.

The Community Centre in Airs is currently running a number of Certificate and Diploma courses, with a preference being given to local Airs residents. These courses are in the areas of Retail, Computers, Business, and Community Services with VET fee help available, meaning there is no up-front payment required. Successful completion of these courses can open up many doors for young people, as well as anyone that might be wanting to return to the workforce or change career paths. If you have any enquiries or would like to register for any of the courses, please call the Community Centre on 4625 8212.

I hope everyone has a very productive and enjoyable term, making the most of all the wonderful events that will be happening here at Airs High School. If you have any questions or comments in relation to this report, please don't hesitate to contact me at school on 4625 5811. My door is always open to students, staff and parents and I am here to assist in any way that I can. Week A I am at school on Monday and Wednesday and Week B I am at school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I look forward to working with many of you throughout the term and enjoying the planned celebrations with you all.

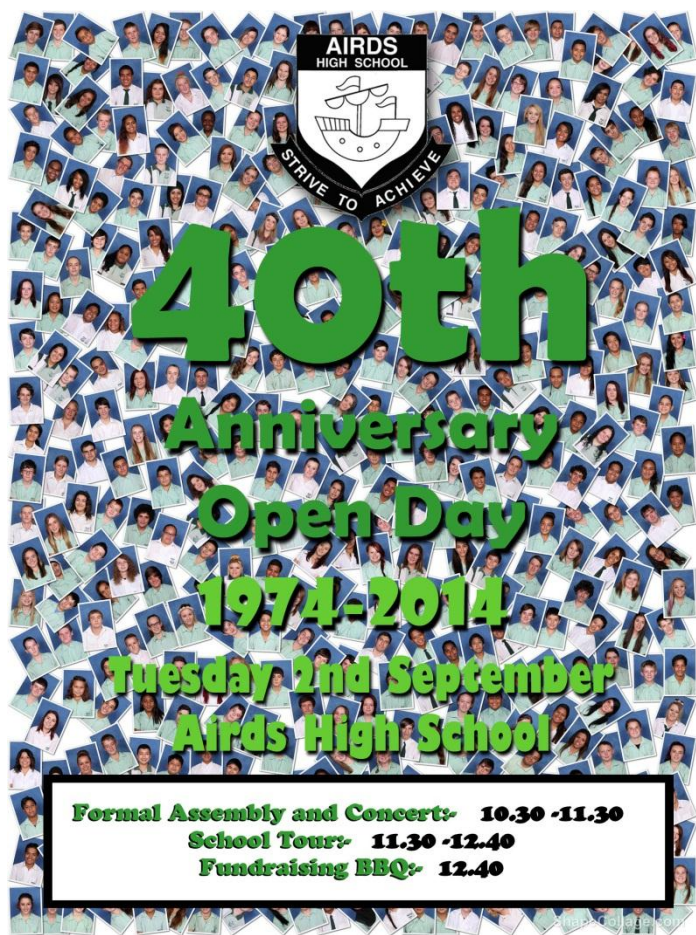
Melanie Cutts
Community Liaison Officer
P&C President

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I would like to remind everyone that I am at Airs High School on Wednesday and Thursday this term. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. Until next time, cheers.

Mr R Hodgson JP

ENGLISH REPORT

What an exciting start to Term 3!

Brianna Syron and Madison Tidmarsh presented informative and passionate speeches at NSW Parliament House in front of many distinguished guests at the start of Week 2. Brianna then went on to take 3rd place in the Impromptu Speech section. This is such an achievement for both of our students and they are to be commended for their participation in this wonderful program.



FROM THE PASTORAL CARERS DESK

Wow, welcome back, we are now well into Term 3 and half way through the year. Last term we saw many encouraging achievements and positive outcomes through the extra programs, events and activities at Airs High School, and this busyness will continue all this term.

Recently, “**Education Week**” was recognised throughout NSW. It was a great opportunity to celebrate the success and importance of school communities, and the contribution they make in society. It’s also important to acknowledge the dedication and energy of all staff as they support students throughout the year. The staff at Airs; continue to go the extra mile in providing opportunities for education and personal development. And I believe they deserve our praise, and we should be thankful for their continued commitment to public education and this school community.

Also recently, I read an interesting article that says studies have shown that people who regularly practice being thankful have a leg up when it comes to their health. Robert Emmons, a psychology professor at the University of California in Davis, has been a leading researcher in this field, its called “**Positive Psychology**”.

His research has found that those who adopt an “attitude of gratitude” experience many health benefits. They are more likely to be: happier, healthier (both physically & mentally), maintain a brighter view of the future and are more able to cope with problems when they arise...Maybe this is something worth thinking about.



National Literacy and Numeracy Week is fast approaching and the Literacy Committee are running a series of mini competitions for the students. Each week the teachers will be looking at a prefix or suffix to words – that is, a starter or an ending for words – that are relevant to their KLA. We hope that the students come on board and get involved in their chance to gain more merits and small prizes. This weeks’ prefix is SUB. How many ‘sub’ words will you learn in your SUBjects this week?

7 Kookaburra's Book Launch



What a pleasure it was to see the parents and friends of students in 7 Kookaburra English attend the official launching of their published book – *The Book That Never Was*. Ms Cruz worked tirelessly to ensure that this was a special time for our students. Copies of the printed books were signed by the budding authors at the highly anticipated launch, and they were a sell out! We will be ordering more copies in time for the school's 40th Anniversary Celebrations, so if you would like a copy, please see Ms Cruz for details.

Congratulations to Ms Cruz and the students of 7 Kookaburra on such an amazing accomplishment. Well done!

Ms N Barker
Head Teacher English

YEAR 12 REPORT

Absolutely fantastic, that is how I would like to describe my wonderful Year 12 and their behaviour throughout their Trial HSC Examinations. Students were respectful of their fellow peers and their right to sit an uninterrupted and peaceful paper. It is always a challenging time for students during exams as they must follow a strict code of conduct. Year 12 conducted themselves in a mature manner and are well on their way to becoming the successful young adults we know they can be. Hopefully by now our students are beginning to see the benefit of all the hard work and preparation for this stressful time and see that with the right amount of effort, the examination period can be made less arduous and with any luck all of our students get the fantastic marks that they deserve. I would like to extend my congratulations on a job well done and take this opportunity to say just how proud I am of your growth and development as a year group.

On another note our elusive jackets are still in the process of being completed and the bargaining process has begun with the company as to what compensations we will be receiving as a result of the complications with the order. I encourage parents to talk with their children and try to get

them to remain positive during this inconvenient position we have been placed in. I see no benefit in cancelling the order completely and have our students walk away without a senior jacket at all. Thank you for your continued support on this matter.

Something more positive, our formal is fast approaching and I assure you all that the building will not be turned around at customs and sent back overseas, it is very much ready, willing and able to accept us on the night. However; one thing that might get you turned around at the door is not having an invite. Please make sure that you pay the \$100 to the front office and ask to put it under Year 12 Formal. You may pay this amount all at once or you are most welcome to make payment instalments at a more relaxed pace. Either way make sure you communicate with the front office in a timely manner.

Please keep up the good work and do not lose sight of the finish line, now is the time to dig deep and really bring it home hard. I look forward to working with you and supporting you all for our final home stretch leading up to the HSC Examinations. Lightfoot out!

Mr D Lightfoot
Year 12 Adviser

**Mobile phones are not to be used
during the school day**

PDHPE REPORT

Staff news

Ms Simms had a beautiful baby girl on the 18th of July. Little Pippa Clare was born at 5.38pm, weighed in at 3.59kg and was 55cm long. Both Miss Simms and Pippa are doing well.

I would also like to welcome and acknowledge Mr Miranda who will be relieving for Ms Simms. Thank you Mr Miranda and keep up the great work!

We have also had our Head Teacher away in Europe for 5 weeks so this has seen Mr Alone take over Mr Wagner's classes. Don't worry though, Mr Wagner will be back in Week 6 as I know many students have said how much they are missing him.

PDHPE news

It has been a busy three weeks in our department. Mr Halliburton has successfully run the Fisher Zone Athletics Carnival held at Campbelltown Sports Stadium. We had many successful students make it to the Regional Athletics Carnival held in Week 3. I must congratulate Maria Lilomaiava for coming 1st in 12 year girls high jump. She is now off to the State Carnival for Athletics. Mr Bromley, Mr Alone, Mr Latulipe and Mr Tyler have been working hard with our rugby league teams. Both boys and girls teams have represented our school with pride and courage. Well done and keep up the great effort for your future games.

Football United

If you are involved with Football United Mr Miranda would like to remind you that it is on every Monday after school on the oval.

Ms N Tate
Relieving HT PDHPE

Year 12 Flexible Leave students can not come back on to school grounds once they have left

SUPPORT REPORT

'Together we can make a difference'



Term 3 has got off to a good start with all classes in the Support Unit back and focused on their schoolwork. This term we have some exciting units of work to learn about including a History unit on Ancient China, and a Science unit on Chemical Reactions. As part of these units, the students will be visiting places like the Chinese Gardens and doing a variety of exciting science experiments in class.

At the end of last term, Gucci and Manolo were lucky enough to visit the Science Centre in Wollongong as part of their Forces unit in Science. It was a great day. The students' behaviour was exceptional and they showed a keen interest in all the presentations throughout the day. I would like to say a big thank you to Rob Williamson who drove the bus for us on the day.

The students in the Support Unit have all been putting in a great effort so far this year. In particular, Mr Gentle would like to acknowledge the efforts of his students Haley Lardner and Joseph Michael for consistent great achievement in class. Mr Foster would like to recognise Ethan Guyer for being a studious, conscientious, hard working student. Jack De Britt has recently joined Mrs Robinson's class and is doing an exceptional job, improving his attendance from 50% to 100%. In Mr Farmer's class, Jake Ling and Joseph Matagia have been working hard in numeracy showing great improvements while showing a consistent work ethic. Evelyn Lardner in Mrs Green's class needs to be recognised for her fantastic efforts towards her work placement and Kayleeigh Johnstone has consistently shown a great effort to all her work so far this year. Lastly I would like to acknowledge Jacob Woodin in my class who has shown a great level of maturity this year with his application to both work experience and TAFE. Well done to all of these students!

Mrs B Basman
Support Teacher

VET REPORT**Vocational Education and Training(VET) Mandatory 35 hour Work Placement News**

Year 11 VET students are now beginning their first **mandatory** 35 hour Work Placements. It is important for students to complete the Work Placement to achieve their HSC. Please encourage your children to go to Work Placement and to complete the experience of working in a real life situation. If students are sick, they must obtain a doctors certificate and catch up on the days missed. The students need to complete the Mandatory Work Placement Journal, have it signed by all parties and hand back to their VET teacher. Students need to complete 2 Work Placements (70 hours) during the course of the 2 years of their HSC. If you have any concerns of your child's Work Placement, please do not hesitate to contact their VET teachers or Ms Coogan (VET Coordinator).

Personal Protective Clothing and Fees

It is important that students are wearing the correct PPE (personal protection equipment) e.g. chefs uniform and the correct shoes e.g. lace up leather shoes, leather jogggers with full leather uppers or work boots for their practical subjects. Any students not wearing the correct PPE or shoes will not be allowed to take part in the practical lessons and this could have an effect on the students' competencies in their subjects.

Fees for students VET subjects need to be paid as soon as possible, as this allows the teachers to buy the resources needed to complete the practical components of their subjects. Please contact your students VET teacher of current fees to be paid.

Regional VET Awards

We have nominated one student for the Regional Vocational Education Awards for 2014. The student is Ben Ling for Sports Coaching taught by Mrs Simms. In order to be eligible, the student had to be studying a school VET subject in the HSC year of the course and show outstanding achievement of course competencies and complete work placement to a high standard. We wish Ben all the best and will find out how well he has done in an award ceremony to be held in late August this year. The Regional student awards are only available to Year 12 students in their current year of study in their vocational course.

VET Work Inspiration Program

Manufacturing Skills Australia (MSA) offered the opportunity for 8 of our Year 10 students the chance to meet with people from the industry as part of a five-day *Work Inspiration* program. This gave the students experience for them to understand the many various careers path within the Manufacturing Industry. The students visited various TAFE campuses and Business's such as Smith Crisps Factory, Textiles Factory and Metals Engineering Factory and behind the scenes at the Power House Museum, Sydney.

On day five, the students had a graduation ceremony. This gave the students the opportunity to share their

experiences from the Work Inspiration activities and to present what they have learnt about the Industry. They were also presented with certificates recognizing their achievements.

The students that participated were: David Baker, David Ta'ase, Nadine Hakes, Joshua Dent, Cougar Smith, Nickolas George, Latham Osborne, Christian Woodin

Below are some pictures from the Graduation Ceremony:



Heather White RTO with Cougar Smith



*Students David Baker, David Ta'ase, Nadine Hakes, Joshua Dent, Cougar Smith, Nickolas George, Latham Osborne, Christian Woodin.
- and Business Partnerships*

Regards
Ms P Coogan
VET Co-ordinator

Student Safety Alert – please only park in the allocated parking spots in the bus bay

SRC REPORT

Term 3 is looking to be quite busy for the SRC this year. Coming up on Wednesday Week 9, the 10th September, the SRC will be running the second Disco for the year. The theme for the Disco will be "Flashback – The Past meets the Present". Students are encouraged to dress up in the favourite retro clothing, or simply dress in casual clothing. Remember, however, that appropriate footwear must be worn for all school events.

The Disco will be running from 5.30-9pm, and permission notes will be given out during Week 4. Notes MUST be returned to Mr Wallace by Monday 8th September. The Disco will once again be free, however students should bring money to purchase Glow Products and food and drinks on the night.

Students are reminded that attending the Disco is a privilege. In order to be eligible to attend, students must not be on Amber or Red monitoring, must be present on the day of the Disco, and must have attendance of 85% or above.

Coming up on Saturday October 11th, Airs High School will be running a Fete to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the school. SRC representatives for each year group will be running an activity on the day to help raise money for their year group:

Year 7: Candy Bar

Year 8: Hot Dog Stall

Year 9: Balloon Popping Skill Game

Year 10: Cake Stall and Balloon Animal Stall

Year 11: Car Wash

Year 12: Showbag Stall

To ensure the success of the Year 7 and Year 9 stalls, some donations from the community are required. Year 7 students are seeking glass jars for their Candy Bar, and Year 9 requires small items that can be rewarded as prizes for their skill game. If anybody is able to donate these items, can you please deliver them to the school ASAP.

If any members of the community wish to assist on the day of the Fete, or wish to set up a stall, can they please contact the school on 02 46255811.

Mr Wallace
SRC Coordinator.

CAREERS REPORT

Yr 7

Selected students must attend Burnside every Tuesday in casual clothes. Students should only be in the foyer at 9:20am.

Yr 9

Links to Learning students must attend every Tuesday and they must also attend all the free excursions provided.

Year 10

Students will be having Careers counselling interviews in order to assist them with subject selections for their senior years.

Year 11

Students interested in a TVET course for Year 12 2015 must see me ASAP.

Year 12

Year 12 Careers Counselling interviews will be taking place this term in order to sort out your post school options.

UAC – University Guides have arrived!! Applications for University open on the 6th of August and on-time applications close on the 30th of September. They cost \$29.

Sydney Design School Information Evening: Thursday 28th August at 6pm.

UNSW Open Day: Saturday, 6th September, 9am – 4pm.

UOW College Open Day: Saturday 16th August @ 10am. UOW College offers university preparation courses that can guarantee entry into a range of UOW Undergraduate Degrees. After successful completion of the course you are guaranteed entry into the first year of a range of UOW undergraduate degrees. They also offer a range of exciting Certificate IV and Diplomas. The most popular Diplomas are the Early Childhood Education and Care as well as Nursing. There are also two new courses this year - Community Services and Aged Care! UOW College is proud to offer diversity and equity scholarships too. Visit www.uowcollege.edu.au

University of Wollongong: Early Admission program is opened from the 1st of August until 29th of August.

JMC Academy Open Day: Sydney Campus, 561 Harris Street Ultimo, 16th August 2014, 10.30am.

Sydney Film School Open Day: Saturday 20th September: 2pm-5pm.

UTS Open Day (City campus): Saturday 30th August 2014, 9am - 4pm - for life on campus. View program and register online at openday.uts.edu.au

UTS Open Day (Kuring-gai campus): Saturday 6th September, 11am - 1pm - Interested in a career in education, sport & exercise or nursing.

Australian Catholic University: Saturday 6th September 8.30am-2.30pm. ACU Strathfield will be held on Saturday 13th September 8.30am-4pm

Ms Fitas
Careers Adviser

National School's Tree Day

This year Airds High celebrated the National School's Tree day with a full day of planned activities. These activities were planned by Mrs Stoddart, and her team of Year 11 Senior Science students who have been studying a topic about plant growth. The Year 11 students put together a presentation to deliver to Years 7 and 8, and arranged an activity to teach them about planting seeds to germinate and hopefully place in the garden beds within the school.

Years 9 and 10 participated in a planting session, with 48 plants donated by Campbelltown Council. We were also lucky enough to be sponsored by Clinton's Toyota in Campbelltown, who provided tree guards, stakes and gloves.

A tree care group has also been established within the school. The students will be out weeding, mulching and watering during lunchtimes on Tuesday of week B. Parent involvement is welcome and for further details please contact Mrs Stoddart in the Science faculty.





SCIENCE REPORT

Science Week 16-24 August, 2014

The Science staff have been very busy organising exciting events to celebrate this year's Science Week.

Year 7 have the opportunity to go to a Forces filled excursion to Luna Park where they will experience first hand friction, gravity, air resistance and centrifugal force, hopefully while screaming their lungs out! The excursion date is August 22nd and cost \$34.

Year 8 will be enjoying our annual excursion to The Wollongong Science Centre, an engaging and interactive experience for all learners. The excursion is on 18th August and costs \$11.

Year 9 students can attend a day at The Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) to discover the importance of nuclear energy as a resource in Australia. The excursion will be held on 26th of August.

All of Year 10 will enjoy a morning of fun activities to explore Senior Science, a subject offered in Year 11. Mrs Stoddart will provide examples of the practical work undertaken in this valuable ATAR subject. The Year 10 morning will be held on 22nd August at no cost to the students.

Our lovely Year 11 Biology students will be enjoying a day full of local flora and fauna at Mount Annan Botanical Gardens for the Australian Biota Study day on 20th of August. This annual excursion is an enriching experience and valuable preparation for HSC Biology. Cost to students is \$19.

Selected AHS girls who excel in scientific thinking have been invited to the Girls in Science Forum, held at the Garvan Institute of Medical Research. The event includes tours of this important research facility, and opportunities to meet successful women in Science. The Girls in Science forum is on 14th August and cost \$6.80.

Please check next Airds Announcer for photos. For further information on any of these excursions, please contact the Science Staff.

YEAR 7 REPORT

It has been my pleasure to take over as Year 7 Year Adviser for Miss Tate as she will be relieving as Head Teacher PDHPE for the first five weeks of this term. I would like to congratulate everyone in Year 7 for their behaviour during Roll Call and Year Meetings and being a very welcoming cohort. During the first three weeks of school there have been quite a number of outstanding achievements I would like to mention:

- Congratulations to Maria Lilomaiava and Brooke Pepper for their efforts at the Regional Athletics Carnival. Maria finished 1st in high jump and 3rd in long jump while Brooke finished 4th in high jump.

- Many of our students, both boys and girls, have represented our school in numerous rugby league events. The behaviour and sportsmanship displayed by the year group has been wonderful.
- Year 7 continues to have the best attendance of the cohorts in the school sitting on just above 89%. This number is in decline and has dropped around six per cent from half way through term one so I would like to encourage parents and caregivers to ensure their children are at school learning as often as possible.

In Week 9 all Year 7 student will be participating in Rock and Water programs aiming at reducing bullying and harassment and giving students resilience skills. On the 8th September we are having a Welfare Day in which we will be making a time capsule to be opened when they are in Year 12. Students are encouraged to bring in small items that they may want to put in; they need to be able to fit into a box.

Mr S Bromley
Relieving Year 7 Adviser

YEAR 9 REPORT

Earlier this year the female students in Year 9 attended a workshop called KYUP. The workshop was delivered by Melanie Thomas and was supported by 7 times World Surfing Champion Layne Beachley's Aim for the Stars foundation. Melanie is a self-defence educator who has trained in Hapkido, the Korean art of self-defence since 2000. She held the title of Australian Hapkido woman of the year 2005.

The Year 9 girls responded positively to Melanie's down-to-earth approach to personal safety and her compelling stories. As a teen, Melanie herself was bullied and bullied other girls. As a young girl she experienced domestic abuse – before going on to be an advocate for self-defence and personal safety awareness.

The students of Year 9 were taught safety tips that relate to real-life scenarios such as public places, public transport and parties. The girls learnt important skills like:

- Replace fear with confidence
- Trust their instincts and make smart choices
- Use the power of their voice to defuse dangerous situations
- Get away from a situation that doesn't feel right
- Break the cycle of bullying or violence by reporting it.

Melanie Thomas presenter KYUP Project.



Last semester, a number of Year 9 students attended a special presentation from the New South Wales Rural Fire Service. During the presentation the students learned about:

- The history of the RFS
- How volunteers help the community
- Bush fire safety plans
- Bushfire fighting equipment

The students were then shown the features of the latest RFS Fire truck and the latest in fire fighting technology. The students were given the opportunity to get "hands on" with the fire fighting equipment. All of the students involved were excellent ambassadors for our school and our community. Most of the students involved expressed an interest to further their knowledge and awareness of Bushfire fighting and volunteering in the community.

For further information on joining the RFS visit: www.rfs.nsw.gov.au



VISUAL ARTS/CERAMICS

During Week 2, selected Visual Arts and Ceramics students from Years 9 to 11 were invited to attend an art workshop run by international artist Hahan. As part of this workshop, students were able to learn about Hahan's artistic practice, and ask him questions about what it is like to be a professional artist. Students were also very fortunate to watch Hahan create a demonstration artwork, and they were able to learn about some of his drawing techniques.

Students were then asked to create their own artwork based on the theme of things that "haunt" their lives. The drawings that they created during the short workshop were of an exemplary level, and the conductors of the workshop from Campbelltown Art Centre were highly impressed with both the skills and behaviour of our students.

The drawings that were created by our students will now be collated and transformed into a digital magazine, which will be freely distributed to coincide with the opening of Hahan's exhibition at Campbelltown Arts Centre. I would like to congratulate all students who attended the workshop and encourage other students in the school to attend future opportunities such as this.

Mr Wallace.

Formal Recognition Assembly Award Recipients Term 2 2014

Senior Executive Awards

Year 7	Maria Lilomaiaava
Year 8	Michael Anderson
Year 9	Joel Etherington
Year 10	Mitchell Wright
Year 11	Festus Vyimana
Year 12	Stephanie Naicori

School Values Awards

Year Adviser	Award recipient	Award recipient
Year 7 Ms Tate	Caitlyn Vidovic-McCarthy	Craig Gilbert
Year 8 Mr Rosete	Chantelle Robertson	Blake Trudgen
Year 9 Mr Clements	Ashleigh McGarrigle	Makayla Larkin
Year 10 Mr Buckley	Yohana Challab	Emily Moore
Year 11 Miss Taylor	Marrenars Srey	Khaled El-Tahach
Year 12 Mr Lightfoot	Jessica Rendell	Kira-Leigh Moore

Congratulations to all of these students who received these prestigious awards. Formal Recognition Assemblies take place at the start of each term in our school hall. It was pleasing to see the number of parents who attended our assembly. All parents are more than welcome to join

us during these occasions to help celebrate the success of their child.

Ms N Vongsouvanh
Head Teacher of the Wellbeing Team

TAS/CAPA REPORT

TAS and CAPA students have hit the ground running for Term 3. Our Year 12 students have completed their trial HSC exams, giving them a taste of what to expect for their actual HSC exams. I am certain that their trial HSC exam results will be a motivator for them to reflect on what they will need to do for their actual HSC exam.

Some of our Year 11 VET students have commenced their mandatory work placement. It is advised that students speak with their teachers to get all the relevant information and paperwork they require prior to going out as it is compulsory for students studying a VET subject to successfully complete work placement to be deemed competent for their course.

Year 7 Technology Mandatory classes have now commenced their second rotation with their new respective teachers.

Kookaburras – Ms Vongsouvanh
Opals – Ms Coogan
Wallabies – Ms Vongsouvanh
Diamonds – Ms Drakefield

These new rotations means there are new fees required. Your child would have brought home the fees note outlining the amount and equipment required for each class. If you have not already paid your child's fee in full, it would be appreciated if this could be paid promptly to the front office.

During Week 2, Mr Wallace and Mrs Bateman organised for selected Visual Arts and Ceramics students from Years 9 to 11 to attend an art workshop run by international artist Hahan. As part of this workshop, students were able to learn about Hahan's artistic practice, and ask him questions about what it is like to be a professional artist. Students were also very fortunate to watch Hahan create a demonstration artwork, and they were able to learn about some of his drawing techniques.

Students were then asked to create their own artwork based on the theme of things that "haunt" their lives. The drawings that they created during the short workshop were of an exemplary level, and the conductors of the workshop from Campbelltown Art Centre were highly impressed with both the skills and behaviour of our students.

The drawings that were created by our students will now be collated and transformed into a digital magazine, which will be freely distributed to coincide with the opening of Hahan's exhibition at Campbelltown Arts Centre.

I would like to thank Mr Wallace and Mrs Bateman for organising this program for our students and also

congratulate all students who attended the workshop and encourage other students in the school to attend future opportunities such as this.

The Formal Recognition Assemblies took place at the start of this term and it was pleasing to see students being acknowledged for all their efforts and dedication throughout all of Term 2 during this assembly. It is extremely delightful to see all the students who received awards for outstanding academic achievement in TAS and CAPA subjects. Well done to all of the following students who received an award.

TAS Faculty Awards –

Year 7 Technology Mandatory:

7Opals – Michael Sherry
7Wallabies – Christina Tran
7Kookaburras – Alyssa Gimbert
7Diamonds – Raymond Mu

Year 8 Technology Mandatory:

8A – Britney Holahan
8B – K-Lib Tanea
8C – Tara Bell

Year 9:

Child Studies – Tara Drake
Automotive – Adrian Endicott
Construction – Bradley Bennett

Year 10:

Food Technology – Madison Fabricato
Timber – Emily Moore
Metal – Samuel Vyizigiro

Year 11:

Hospitality – Bryant Li
Food Technology – Anthony Le
Construction – Jayden Clarke
Metal – Liam Osborne

Year 12:

Food Technology – Brittany Rose
Metal – Benjamin Ling
Construction – Robert Clark-Hirka

Support:

Gucci – Aaron Lynch
Prada – Rylii Sperring
Blundstone – Joseph Michael
Manolo – Ethan Guyer
Bianco – Keltin Watkins
Cooper – Sean Marcera

CAPA Faculty Awards –

Year 7 Visual Arts:

Opals – Edward Barrett
Wallabies – Christina Tran
Kookaburras – Zahraa Al-Katify
Diamonds – Tatiana Mizzy-Ngati

Year 8 Music:

8A – Wendell French
8B – K-Lib Tanea
8C – Todd Leslie

Year 9:

Visual Arts – Jessica Wirtz
Photography moving – Fereshta Rezaie
Photography still – Makayla Larkin
Music – Joel Etherington

Year 10:

Visual Arts – Emily Sutherland
Photo still – Yohana Challab
Music – David Ta'ase

Year 11:

Visual Arts – Joshua Woodin
Ceramics – Livigisitone Meafua
Music – Amy McDonald

Year 12:

Visual Arts – Samuel Bowden
Music – Catherine Tofilau

Support:

Cooper – Caleb Winch
Gucci – Etone Mati Leifi
Prada – Kayleeigh Johnstone
Blundstone – Haley Lardner
Manolo – Sean Briggs
Bianco – Ryan Hick

It is certain that there will be plenty to report on in the next issue as there are loads of activities happening throughout this term.

Ms Vongsouvanh HT

If your child is absent from school, we need a note to explain the absence WITHIN 7 DAYS – this is a legal requirement otherwise the absence will be marked as unjustified. Thank you for your co-operation.

ADMINISTRATION

Please be aware that the school office now offers eftpos facilities, online payment is also available through the school website.

Keep in touch with whats happening at AHS by downloading our school app. It can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Passwords to log into the app are:
username – community
password - airdshs

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT 7, 9, 11**Year 11 Important Information**

Year 11 students have one term to complete their Preliminary Course. It is important they maintain focus which includes **attendance, completing course work and assessment tasks**. The following is some information for students to explain what they will receive depending on when they leave school. While most students complete the Higher School Certificate (HSC) just over 10% leave school before the HSC.

BOSTES developed the Record of School Achievement or RoSA, for students leaving at the end of Year 10 or attending school beyond Year 10. The RoSA is a cumulative credential. It details all results for a student up until the date of leaving school. The RoSA has immediate use for students leaving school prior to getting their HSC. As it is cumulative, the information shown on any given student's RoSA will change depending on when the student leaves school.

Here is a brief overview of what students will receive:

Successfully completing Stage 5 and leaving at the end of Year 10

These students will receive a RoSA listing their Stage 5 courses with an A to E grade for each course as well as achievement details for any completed Vocational Education and Training (VET) or Life Skills courses.

Leaving during Year 11

Students leaving during Year 11 before they complete any Preliminary courses will receive a RoSA that lists their Stage 5 courses with their results as well as a list of Preliminary courses they participated in and the date they left school.

Leaving at the end of Year 11

Students completing Year 11 will receive a RoSA listing their Stage 5 and Preliminary courses with their results.

Leaving during Year 12

Students leaving during Year 12 before completing their HSC courses and examinations will receive a RoSA listing both their Stage 5 and Preliminary courses with their

results and also a list of HSC courses they participated in and the date they left school.

Completing Year 12

Students leaving at the end of year 12 will receive their HSC with a list of their courses and results.

Students Online

Students Online is a purpose-built website for NSW senior students.

All students from Year 10 onwards have access to their personalised Students Online account. This portal is managed by BOSTES and gives students access to their results for Years 10, 11 and 12. Students can generate an interim report known as a Student eRecord. A Student eRecord can be printed and shown at job interviews or to further education providers. Students should speak to their Year Advisers if they do not have access to their Students Online account.

Recording Extracurricular Achievement – up2now Learning Portfolio Website

The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) recognises that many employers and places of further education are interested in more than academic results and has developed an online resource as an adjunct to the Record of Student Achievement (RoSA) to help senior secondary students bring together evidence of a range of extracurricular activities.

The up2now – my ongoing learning portfolio website (<https://www.up2now.net.au/people/login>) allows Year 10, 11 and 12 students to record, organise and share evidence of their extracurricular activities, such as first-aid qualifications, involvement in extra-curricular activities or volunteer work.

Using up2now provides students with the opportunity to develop skills in describing, organising and presenting their broader learning, community service and volunteering involvement, and other results, awards and achievements. Students can use up2now to share this information with prospective employers or use it to access other education or training pathways.

Students will receive a personalised email to their school email address which can be accessed through their student portal. The email includes an up2now invitation and their login credentials. If students need support in using the site, please refer to the 'How to' section of the up2now website where they will find a user guide to step them through the process of creating portfolios.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have further questions about this project.

Year 12 Graduation of Laptops

In 2011 the Digital Education Revolution NSW Program rolled out the Lenovo ThinkPad Edge 11 'Green' laptop to all Year 9 Students under the Commonwealth

Government's National Secondary Schools Computer Fund (NSSCF) initiative. Since then these students have used these laptops in the classroom and at home for educational purposes. Under the Digital Education Revolution – NSW Policy guidelines, 1.9: Ownership of laptops will be formally transferred to students who have completed Year 12 in 2014. Laptops remain the property of NSW Department of Education and Training until transfer takes place. Congratulations! By proceeding to sign and complete the Transfer of Ownership Acknowledgement & Acceptance form, you will be acknowledging and accepting the transfer of ownership of your DER-NSW Lenovo ThinkPad Edge 11 'Green' laptop. Information and forms will be given out in Year meetings if you have any questions contact Miezio or Mr Lightfoot.

Year 7 Kookaburra Book Launch



I would like to congratulate Ms Pia Cruz & Year 7 Kookaburra for the successful launch of their book of short stories - The Book That Never Was which now can be accessed online at Amazon.com.

Escalating a Situation through the use of Social Media

Since the inception of social media and the ease of access students have to it, it comes as no surprise when some people abuse this tool while others use it to their and others benefit. Most of the students use it well and for the benefit of them and others, while some use it to gossip, slander and ridicule others. I would like to place it on record that any student who escalates a situation through the use of social media will incur the same punishment as those directly involved. We expect more from our students in this regard. Take the option to not get involved or report inappropriate language and behaviour to a parent, teacher or the police.

Mr J Miezio
Deputy Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT YR 8, 10 & 12



The process of subject selection is upon us for Year 8 and Year 10. By the time this edition comes out, Year 10 would have had their Subject Selection Day and their Parent Information Session. I would like to thank all of the parents and carers who came to the session. We hope that it provided you with a greater understanding of the expectations of being a senior student and of the various pathways that are available to your child. We look forward to strengthening the school-family partnership to ensure that your child has chosen the appropriate pathway for them. Should you, or your child, require further assistance in this process, I would like to remind you of some key personnel at our school:

Mr Matthew Buckley – Year Adviser

Ms Adriana Fitas – Careers Adviser

Ms Ros McClure – School Counsellor

Mr Peter Giltrow – School Counsellor

All of the staff can be contacted on our school number 4625 5811.

Year 8 will be commencing their subject selections towards the end of the term. For the first time in their secondary education, they will make a significant choice in regards to the subjects that they choose. They will spend

an afternoon with various key learning areas (KLA) to learn what electives are on offer for them in 2015. I urge parents to become involved in the process and guide your child to study electives which they like, or, are interested in. Picking subjects because they like the teacher or because their friends are picking it will often lead to poor performance and disengagement. Again, parents are welcome to contact any of the personnel listed above to assist in this process, the only difference being the Year Adviser, Mr Rosete.

It is countdown time for Year 12 as they head towards their last weeks of their secondary education. Whilst there may be a 'light at the end of the tunnel' – I would remind them that they still have a way to go. They will now be approaching their final assessment tasks and they need to make it count. They must be continually studying and revising, asking teachers for that extra help where needed. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that their Graduation will be on Wednesday December 3 at 6pm in our Hall. By this time all of the formal celebrations, HSC exams and signing out process will be finalised, allowing Year 12 to have a nice night to celebrate the end of their secondary schooling.

On a negative note, there are still far too many parents parking in the bus bay at the end of the school day, making it difficult for the buses to get through and dangerous for our students. Please respect the fact that the bus bay is a 'NO PARKING' area and collect your child from Briar Rd or Riverside Dr. Thank you to those parents that are concerned about the safety of our students and have been parking elsewhere. The parking fines for parking in a bus bay are also quite expensive and avoidable if you park elsewhere.

The toilets in Block 5 are only used for emergencies during lesson time. Unfortunately, a lot of students have been abusing the use of these toilets as a means to get out of class. For this reason, students have been told that they are to only come down on their own, with a note from their teacher if it is an emergency, or if they have a medical condition. Otherwise, they need to use the toilets in the playground before school, at recess or at lunch. If your child has a medical condition, I would ask that you call their Year Adviser to inform them of this. We may need to complete a Health Care Plan if this is the case also. The SRC has put a huge amount of money, time and energy into refurbishing the toilets in the playground. There is also a male and female teacher on duty each break and they patrol the playground toilets. There is really no excuse for your child not to be using them at recess and lunch.

Finally, on Saturday September 6th we will be celebrating our 40th at Wests Leagues Club. There is an invite in this edition. We would love to see as many past students, parents, teachers and community members there as possible. As there is alcohol being served, current students and children under the age of 18 are unable to attend.

If you can't make the Dinner, we would love to see you at the Open Day or the Fete later in the year.

Mrs J Fuller
Deputy Principal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Welcome to the families and friends of Airds High School. Recently I had the pleasure of attending a public speaking competition at NSW Parliament House. Our school was represented by Brianna Syron and Madison Tidmarsh. Both girls spoke passionately about the importance of family and community in the growth and development of our youth. Brianna and Madison spoke with confidence, enthusiasm and fluency and they represented their families, school and community with honour and dignity. Well done to these two gifted young ladies and to their teacher Mrs Barker!



It was with great pride that I travelled across to Eagle Vale High School to celebrate the completion of a 5 day program that focused on manufacturing as a career path. Eight of our Year 10 students were asked to participate in this partnership between the two schools and the manufacturing sector. The people involved could not praise our students enough for their punctuality, participation and work ethic. Well done to David Baker, Joshua Dent, Nickolas George, Nadine Hakes, Latham Osborne, Cougar Smith, David Ta'ase and Christian Woodin.

Ms Stoddart and a number of our students recently celebrated "National Tree Planting Day" by transplanting just under fifty trees along the northern and eastern

boundaries of our school fence. The idea started as a group project for our Year 11 students but it quickly took on a life of itself, as staff and students happily volunteered to participate. It is always pleasing to see our school getting involved in environmental projects.

Hopefully by now you would have received the first of our letter drops, advertising the upcoming celebrations for our 40th Anniversary. Staff and students have been working furiously to have everything organised. We are extremely lucky to have such dedicated teachers and appreciative students who value the many opportunities that Airds High School provides.


Our school fete will be held on Saturday 11th October 2014 between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm. Staff and students have been busy organising activities to run on the day. It would be fantastic if members of our community got involved as well. If you have an idea, would like to run an event or are willing to help in any way please contact the school. Remember many hands might light work!

I wish everyone a good health and good fortune and I am looking forward to seeing you all at one if not all of our 40th Anniversary celebrations!

Mr S McGuire
Principal

School starts at 8:30am EVERY day. Please ensure your child arrives at school before this time EVERY day. If they are late, they MUST bring a note from you explaining the lateness. Thank you for your co-operation


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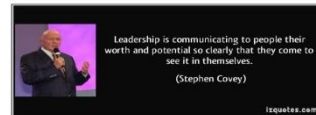
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You are invited to participate in this unique opportunity to have your name as a permanent part of our school.

For as little as \$18.00 your name or message will be engraved into a paver which will then be laid permanently in our School.

OPTION 1
Single name or message paver

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12th September 2014

Airds High School invites you, your child, your family, business or organisation to become a permanent part of our school's history. If you decide to take advantage of our offer your paver will become a part of our "40th Celebration", which will provide an enduring link between the past, present and future that includes the essential partnerships that make our school what it is - students, parents, school and community.

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To order your paver please complete the order form on the reverse and return it to the school.

Woodland Road Public School

Sunday August 17 – 10am to 3pm

WINTER FAIR

Show Bags

Silent Cake Auction

Devonshire Tea and Award winning jams

Chocolate Wheel

Rides



Crafts

BBQ and Raffles

Market Stalls

Footy Pass Entertainment Soccer Kick

Side Show Alley

5 Hour ride bands are available from the school
\$30 if ordered before 15th August or \$35 if purchased on the day.

Great Rides at the Winter Fair

The rides at our Winter Fair this year include a **giant slide, dodgem cars, pirate ship, Nemo castle and the Rocket ride**. We can offer a **special deal** for wrist bands at \$30 each for unlimited rides between 10am-3pm. **Buy them early and save as prices are higher on the day**. Wrist bands are sold Monday to Friday at the school office (cash only) between 9am-2.30pm at Woodland Road Public School, 20 Woodland Road, St Helens Park 2560. For enquiries please call the school office on 02-4626 2488 or Ann Borg on 0419431480

Thank you for your support and hope to see you at the Winter Fair.
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