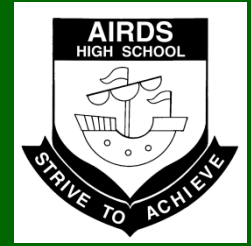


# Airds Announcer

"A place to learn, lead and achieve your personal best"

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Term 2

June 2015

## DIARY DATES

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Staff Development Day
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Students return Term 2
Mon 20-24 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 12 Trial HSC exams
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> July	G & T Science excursion
Tues 28 & 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Regional Athletics Carnival
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Year 10 Fast Forward
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Year 10 Science excursion
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> August	High School Numeracy Challenge
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	G & T Middle School Challenge
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 7 vaccinations
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Parent Conference – John Warby
Mon 14-18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year 11 yearly exams
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Last day Term 3

**NEXT P&C MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2015  
AT 10:15 am  
IN THE STAFF COMMON ROOM**

**WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU  
THERE!**

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to the families and friends of Airds high School.

Term 2 is drawing to a close and everyone is eagerly looking forward to a well-earned break. Staff and students have achieved a great deal in ten weeks. Here is a quick overview of what has been achieved this term.

Two school carnivals have been held (cross country & athletics), Half Yearly Examinations have been completed and semester one reports have been completed for all of our students. Parent/Teacher interviews will be completed on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm. I hope to see many of our parents there as this provides the ideal situation to discuss the way forward for our students.

Well done to all of our students and staff who recently competed in the cross country and athletics carnivals and have been selected to represent our school, our zone or our region. These days provide opportunities for all competitors to learn that it's not



about the winning or losing, it's about having a go! Being able to handle defeat and having the resilience to get up and try again, is what life is all about! This year our cross-country athletes demonstrated that if you have a go, you could be surprised by the outcome. Our school did not finish last in the zone carnival, this may seem like a small achievement but "from little things big things grow". Next year we will continue our climb up the ladder in all competitions.

Our school community has worked tirelessly over recent years to create a culture of high expectations for staff, students and community members. We have seen significant improvements in attendance, engagement in learning and pride within both our school and the community. Now is the time to raise the bar further, as always I am asking for your assistance, as we will only achieve real success for our students by working in partnership.

Firstly, for our students to achieve the best possible education they need to attend school every day, arriving punctually before 8.30 am. It is imperative that all students attend roll call to have their names marked off and receive the daily messages. If a student does not attend roll call a letter will be electronically generated and sent home indicating that they have been absent for the day. If your child is late to class or misses a lesson, not only do they disrupt their own learning but also the learning of others. The teacher must now spend valuable time going over work that has already been covered in class, without this your child will fall further behind. Please encourage your child to take ownership of attendance.

Secondly, the best way to demonstrate pride in our school and our community is by proudly wearing our school uniform. Students, parents and the community helped to design our uniform and it is the expectation of our staff, P & C and School Council that every child be in uniform every day. Leggings, tracksuits bottoms and jeans are not part of our uniform, the wearing of these items reflects badly upon our students and our school. The correct uniform can be found inside your child's diary. Uniforms can be purchased from our front office and are sold at a discounted rate. Should you require financial assistance, please see one of our fabulous office staff to negotiate a discreet payment plan.

Finally, we must teach our children to use social media appropriately. It is not socially acceptable to harass, malign or threaten others via text messages or on Facebook, snapchat, twitter or instagram. Recently a number of issues have come into our school and community because of the inappropriate use of social media, outside of school hours. Our school will not tolerate harassment of any type and I will have no hesitation in using the DEC suspensions and expulsion policy. Schools should be safe

havens for students, staff and community members, please work with us to ensure this is the case. All serious threats should be reported immediately to the police.

Our school values showcase will be occurring during Term 3, with the specific date to be announced early in the new term. It would be fantastic if members of our community got involved as well. If you have an idea, would like to perform or are willing to help in any way please contact the school. Remember many hands might light work!

I wish everyone good health and good fortune and I am looking forward to seeing you all at some point during Term 3.

Mr S McGuire Principal

**We are:**

**Safe**

**Respectful  
Learners**

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL YR 7, 9 & 11 REPORT

It's hard to believe that we are half way through the year! Like all terms, this one has certainly been busy. Our staff have been focussed on improving our assessment practices across the school and have attended two afternoon workshops to address this, with two more to come in Term 3. Our assessment professional learning team of Ms Heffernan, Mr Buckley and Mr Wallace have engaged us with relevant and current research into assessment best practice with a view to improving how we assess your child. This team have done an amazing job and I know that 2016 will bring about positive change for your child in this area.



Our staff have also received training from NSW Health in the correct administration of the EpiPen for students with anaphylaxis. There are growing numbers of students with this condition and I strongly urge all parents to make contact with us to ensure that our school records are up to date with regard to your child's medical conditions. If we don't know, it makes it impossible to provide the proper care and management for your child. Anaphylaxis, along with many other medical conditions such as asthma, require a health care plan from your doctor. It is imperative that as a parent, you get the necessary plan and provide us with a copy.

We have had a number of queries about uniform and with the colder months, uniform standards have slipped. Our school is a uniform school which is supported by both our P&C and our School Council. One of the greatest benefits

of being a uniform school is safety for your child. Our students are easily identified at school if they are in their uniform. They are also protected from accidents that may happen in practical subjects when they are wearing their black leather shoes. Another positive is school pride – the correct uniform is a reflection on our school, and as a school, we have a lot to be proud of. Wearing uniform is just one way of showing this. Students will continue to be issued detention for uniform infringements. We understand that, sometimes, there may be issues with uniform, and we ask that you send your child with a note. Students will receive detention for:

- Tights
- Short football / sport shorts
- Hoodie style jumpers
- Jumpers other than the bottle green (junior) or black (senior) school jumpers
- Shoes other than black leather shoes

In recent weeks, we have had a drafts person out to draw up plans for the renovation of our Front Office block. We are looking at having these renovations done for the start of 2016. The main reason for the renovations are the safety of your children and there will be a wall built near the Front Office, preventing students from walking in and out of the school during the school day. This will put a greater onus on students arriving at school on time as this access point, along with all school gates, will be locked at the start of the school day and only opened at the end of the day. For those interested the plans can be viewed at the next P&C meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July in the staff common room.

Thank you to all of those parents who attended parent-teacher night. To those of you that couldn't make it, I urge you to look at your child's report and discuss their learning with them. It would be great to see more parents involved in our school and parent-teacher night is one way that this can happen. When we are working together, we can all make a difference to your child's education.

Ms J Fuller  
Deputy Principal

### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL YR 8, 10 & 12 REPORT

It's hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of term two, it has been a busy and exciting ten weeks and some really amazing things have happened. Before reflecting on the first semester of 2015, I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and dedication in providing a supportive learning environment for the students of Airds High School. Without their tireless work, very few of the things that make Airds High School such an outstanding place to learn and work would simply not happen.

Semester One has had a great number of highlights where our school has had the opportunity to showcase not only the talent of some of the student body but also the school's collective commitment to striving for excellence. Airds High School truly is a place where each and every student can feel valued, supported and partake in a vast

number of activities that allow them to develop their strengths and foster their individual interests and passions.

This semester, students have had the opportunity to participate in a number of Science excursions- the Museum of Human Diseases, the National Park and Sydney University. Additionally, students from Airs High School were given the opportunity to participate in the Youth Environmental Forum.

Keen historians and students of English were given the opportunity to see a production of 'Elektra/Orestes' through our partnership with the Belvoir Street Theatre in Surry Hills. Airs High School was represented at the Aboriginal Debating Competition at Parliament House and a number of students thoroughly enjoyed their experience of the Bangarra Dance Company at the Sydney Opera House.

From a Wellbeing perspective, students have been participating in Peer Support- a program which is proving to be hugely successful, allowing students in Year 10 to develop their leadership skills while working with and mentoring Year 7 students. The SRC is having an extremely successful year supporting such initiatives as the Biggest Morning Tea. It is extremely rewarding to watch our wonderful students grow as young people by participating in activities that develop their capacity to be informed and active citizens.

My personal highlight is always the Airs High School Flag Ceremony, which was once again a huge success that was thoroughly enjoyed by staff, students, parents and community alike. The cultural performances were exceptional and the entire vibe of the day was fantastic. It is always humbling and inspiring to watch the traditional presentation of the many flags that represent the vibrant cultural mix of the Airs High School community of which we are so proud.

Lastly, I would like to wish all staff, students, parents and community members a happy and safe holiday. Congratulations on the completion of yet another positive term at school. I would also like to wish our Year 12 students the very best of luck as they spend the holiday preparing for their Trial HSC Examinations which will be taking place in Week 4 of next term.

Mr J O'Neill  
Relieving Deputy Principal

## YEAR 8 REPORT

### Positive attendance and uniform

Term 2 we have been concentrating on Year 8 students wearing the correct uniform and achieving positive attendance. Congratulations to the following students who have an outstanding attendance and are constantly wearing the correct uniform.

Noelle Aiga, Zahraa Al-Katify, Chelsea Askew, Bailey Baxter, Dean Brown, Mohamed Darwiche, Tresley Faamausili, Kumuta Figota, Bailey Fletcher Colvin,

Harrison Foster, Alyssa Gimbert, Courtne Hardy, Ryan Hick, Blake Hunter, Jason Khuth, Jacob Lardner, Maria Lilomaiva, Luki Mu, Raymond Mu, Brooke Pepper, Kayla Reid, Jye Robinson, Jaya Saunders, Sean Smith, Elenora Taala, Pandora Taala, Lucy Taylor, Rick Thorn, Christina Tran, Sophie Walsh and Caleb Winch. Keep up the great work in Term 3. These students were selected to be a part of our Wellbeing Day to participate in bowling and laser shooting at Macarthur Square.

### Athletics Day

What a great day! I consistently saw our Year 8 students having fun and participating in various events. Congratulations to Maria Lilomaiva and Brooke Pepper who broke our school records in high jump. We also had three students obtain age champion for their efforts on the day. Congratulations to Maria Lilomaiva, Brooke Pepper and Craig Nelson. Well-deserved awards to you all.



### What is coming up for Year 8

#### Term 4

Please keep making payments towards your child's camp. Your account needs to be paid by the end of Term 3. The cost is \$250 per student. I will be sending home a few more notes to students who will be attending.

#### Term 3

Next term Year 8 will be holding a Walk-a-thon to raise money for our snow trip next year. Whatever students raise will go off their account. We will be walking the cross

country course (1 lap = 800m). Students will get sponsored per lap. Our aim is to complete 40 laps in one day. This will equate to 32000m.

In the last week of Term 3 we will also be running a car wash. If you would like your car washed please let Miss Tate know ASAP. \$20 for a vacuum and wash. Or just a wash is \$10.

Ms N Tate  
Year 8 Adviser

## YEAR 9 REPORT

It has been a busy year so far for the Year 9 cohort. So far they have had to negotiate electives, assessments, exams, welfare days, carnivals, school celebrations, extra curricula programs and because they are not busy enough some are even negotiating casual employment. Do they have time to sleep? Despite all these challenges Year 9 have stepped up to the plate and shown they are ready to tackle anything that comes their way.

In Term 1 and 2 as part of their development, Year 9 participated in two stage show productions by Brainstorm Productions; 'Verbal Combat' and 'The Hurting Game'. Each show highlighted the implications of harassment and negative use of social media. The students engaged in some workshops and saw firsthand how the use of social media can have devastating consequences on ones wellbeing.

In sport, the following students have performed well at the school carnivals; Swimming – Madison Tidmarsh, Cross Country – Saga El-Tahach and Travis Webster, Athletics – Samantha Gimbert and Travis Webster all won their respective age champion categories. Saga finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Fisher Zone Cross country and Travis finishing 1<sup>st</sup> at Fisher Zone district and qualified for the regional carnival missing a place at state by a narrow margin. Great efforts from both of these students. Samantha Gimbert has also represented Fisher Zone and Sydney South West in Hockey. At such a young age being part of the Open's team is a great experience and shows the skill level Samantha has in the sport.

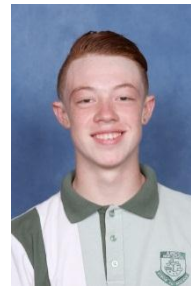
*Madison Tidmarsh*

*Saga El-Tahach*

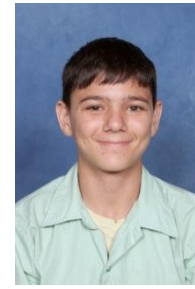
*Samantha Gimbert*



It has been pleasing to see so many students involved in extra curricula activities, with students representing the school in the Graffiti Art Project. Logan Mapp, Joshua John and Joshua Stirling all contributing to the restoration of the boys toilets. Their next project is the Maths Corridor, thanks to Ms Taylor for her guidance and support of the boys.



*Logan Mapp*



*Joshua John*



*Joshua Stirling*

17 students have been selected to participate in 'The University of Western Sydney Program - Fast Forward'. It is a fantastic opportunity to be mentored and to extend their skills over the next four years. Hopefully they will grab this opportunity with both hands as it is an excellent pathway to future tertiary study. I know I was immensely proud to present their awards at the initiation ceremony back in March and happy to see their enthusiasm to be part of the project.

16 students also have been participating in the Gifted and Talented Program. In this program the students have been putting their creative talents to mentoring and developing the local community of schools. The feedback from staff at the primary schools was glowing. These students were fantastic ambassadors for the school and showed what talent lies within Airs High School.

Links to Learning' begins in Term 3 with 15 students ready to engage with developing life skills and personal development. This will run on Wednesdays and is an excellent opportunity for the students to engage with the school at a different level. Year 9 students are also involved in the MMM program, a mentor initiative placing kids with positive male role models. Their work has included a community garden project at Macquarie Fields for a local pre-school. These students once again gained glowing praise for their work.

Congratulations to Brianna Syron for receiving the Hardy Foundation Scholarship in the Public Education Awards. This grant is awarded to female students who have showed progress academically and work in the community. Brianna qualified for the Sirius award which like the Star in the Sky means she has shone brightly last year. Brianna made significant academic



improvement last year and is a regular in the school dance ensemble. She has also been a part of the School Representative Council and finished second in a state public speaking competition. Outside of school Brianna has been a pioneer for young women and is refereeing in the local Campbelltown competition for Rugby League. At the state function Brianna was an excellent ambassador for the school and a deserving recipient for the scholarship.

Year 9 is engaged with the community and showing what great ambassadors they can be. With all this work outside of the classroom we need to remember that it is in the classroom that we need to achieve as well. So where to from here, Term 3 brings the usual challenges of classwork and assessments but the snow trip to Jindabyne is what most students are looking forward to.....

Mr S Rosete  
Year 9 Year Adviser

## CHILD STUDIES

In Child Studies we have been studying families, pregnancy and childbirth. The students chose to recognise their Mums with a Mother's Day morning and afternoon tea. This included a hand massage, scones with jam and cream and a gift bag with a hand made candle by the students.

It was great to see so many special people come to the school from the community and enjoy the time together in a positive environment. Hope to see you all again next year.



Ms J Drakefield  
Child Studies Teacher

## SCIENCE REPORT

The year is racing past us once again, and left behind a very busy Term 2. We were delighted to see an increase in effort leading up to the Half Yearly Examinations this term, which has added to the pleasing results that have come out in the student's reports. Below are the 1<sup>st</sup> in subjects for each of our junior classes for both the exam and their overall assessment.

### Year 7

Teacher	First in Examination	First Overall
Drakefield	Andy Gibbons	Tremayne Beve-Leigh
Holmes	Hayden Fuentes	Hayden Fuentes
Stoddart	Latai Funaki	Sean Cruz

### Year 8

Teacher	First in Examination	First Overall
Drakefield	Courtnie Hardy	Courtnie Hardy
Holmes	Craige Nelson	Craige Nelson
Stoddart	Jacob Lardner	Kamuta Figota
Radford (G & T)	Alison Bow	Alison Bow

### Year 9

Teacher	First in Examination	First Overall
Holmes	Samantha Gimbert	Samantha Gimbert
Holmes	Saga El-Tahach	Saga El-Tahach & Henry Lealuga-Puhatau
Stoddart	Nahi Hona	Nahi Hona

### Year 10

Teacher	First in Examination	First Overall
Radford	Prima Isogon	Prima Isogon
Holmes	Jaymee Saunders	Ashleight McGarrigle
Stoddart	Jason Kasemsuk	Melissa Simpson

Students across the grades have started to implement the Eco-Schools framework into their lessons in Term 2. We have seen the completion of rubbish and energy audits, all of which was conducted by students to assess how sustainable our actions are. This has made both students and teachers aware of how their actions are affecting the environment. It has also created an awareness of the costs that energy and rubbish



collection impact on our homes, school and community and what strategies we can use to limit our carbon footprint and save money and resources.



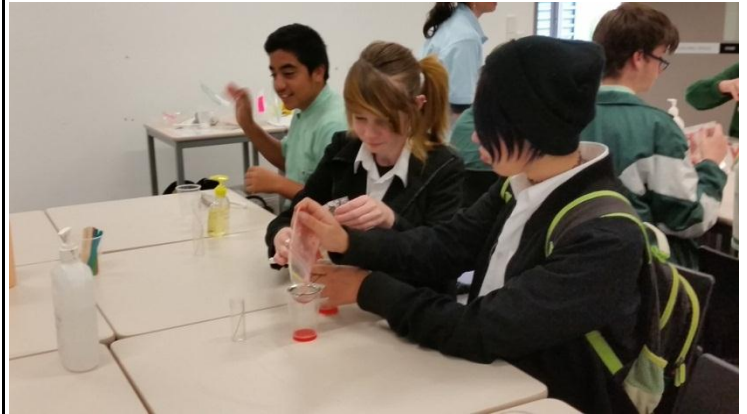
Early next term we see our annual environmental activities showcased. Our Year 11 Senior Science class is busy preparing our National Tree day activities, while later in the term we will celebrate National Environment Week. Information about these events will be coming soon. If you would like to offer your expertise in tree planting or offer material to help our native seedlings grow, please contact Ms Radford in the Science staffroom. Big thanks to Campbelltown Council who is yet again supporting our efforts by supplying native seedlings for the students to plant.

Well done to Year 7 on the completion of their first semester at High School! Late this term Ms Drakefield's class were learning about the classification of living things, and enjoyed dissecting some squid to learn about their characteristics.



### Sydney University Excursion

Week 8 saw the University of Sydney's Camden campus throw open its doors to high school students. The students from Year 9 – 10 were treated to a talk by the well acclaimed Dr Karl Kruszelnicki, who inspired the entire audience with his vast knowledge and ideas. Throughout the day students took part in activities within the university's classrooms and science laboratories. These activities were run by students currently attending the university and research professors. They got to see and touch state of the art equipment and learn about the vast array of careers in the Science field.





## LIBRARY REPORT

### Wizz It Up – Gifted and Talented

Wizz it Up is a day of serious academic challenges run by Thomas Reddall High School. Four teams of stage 4 and stage 5 students competed against other schools from around NSW. To warm the students up, they were presented with a long test with questions from Science, English and Mathematics. Then it was time for General Knowledge and then Morning Tea! After a delicious morning tea in the fresh air and sunshine, our contestants were given three sheets of A4 paper, a ruler and told to estimate the height of the gymnasium building. The challenge concluded with the construction of a net-like structure to catch falling objects. All Airds High School teams participated with enthusiasm and sportsmanship – the stage 4 girls scored a solid 6th place as did the stage 5 girls! Congratulations to all participating students.



### Middle School Challenge Tournament 1

The Gifted and Talented Program has seen success this term with differentiated curriculum and withdrawal lessons continuing with the Year 9 G&T cluster group. The Year 9

students once again stepped up to the challenge when they hosted the Term 2 Airds High School 'Gifted and Talented Middle School Challenge' on the 5th June 2015. The participating schools were; Briar Road PS, John Warby PS, Bradbury PS and Woodland Road PS. The students showed great organisational and leadership skills and were excellent ambassadors for Airds High School.

The Year 9 Students received great feedback from all of the visiting schools and their teachers for the outstanding enthusiasm and knowledge shared with the primary school students. I am really proud of the maturity, passion and willingness these Year 9 students have shown and they are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Congratulations must go to Briar Road Primary School who won the first challenge for this term. Looking forward to the next challenge day!

Special thanks to Mr Gentle and Mr Tyler for their tireless support and organisation and of course to the Year 9 Gifted and Talented students who continue to make Airds High so proud.

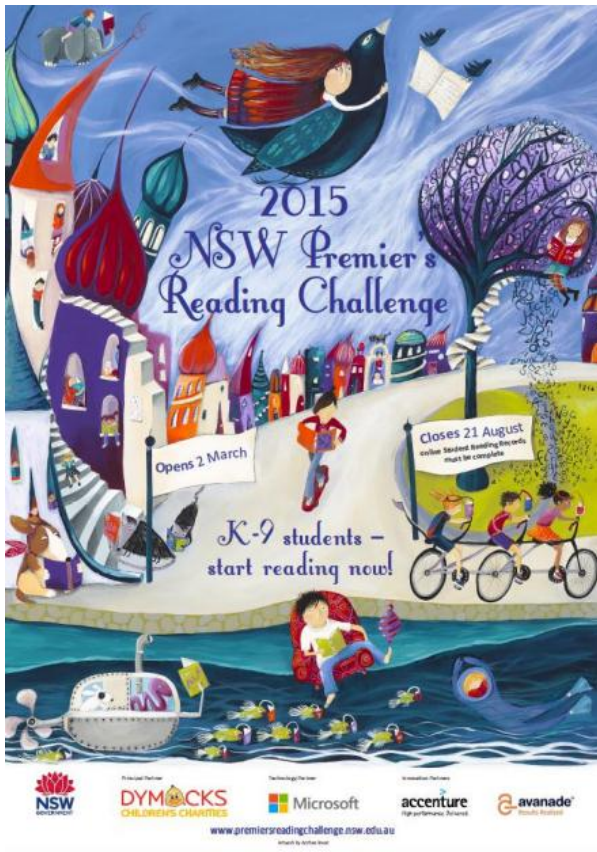
### Thursday Afternoon Homework Centre

Every Thursday in the library from 3pm – 4pm, we are offering a variety of activities for all students. We have had a very positive response for our homework centre this term and would like to see the numbers continue to increase. We supply a lovely afternoon tea for all students that attend and teachers supervise all activities and are available to support students with their assignments and classwork generally. Most faculties have representatives at the library, but if your child would like a particular teacher to support them, then please get your child to contact us in the library. If your child would like to attend the Thursday Homework Centre please arrange for them to get a permission note from Miss Zalewski. We look forward to helping your students!

### Library Report

The Library has recently purchased many new resources including the 2015 Excel HSC and Preliminary text books and fiction and non-fiction books for the students' enjoyment. We also continue to use our class set of beanbags to support reading for leisure. It's fantastic to see the number of students who now come in and check out the "recently released books" display before anything else as well as the class groups who have regularly been using the relaxed reading area when completing the Premiers Reading Challenge. Presently, our borrowing statistics reflect an increase in reading across all year groups which is great to see.

Our Library Monitors continue to do an outstanding job assisting at recess and lunch in many ways. They run the Circulation Desk and also help with the reshelving of books and keeping things tidy, as well as many other Library-related tasks that need doing. This frees us up so that we can work with students during break times, helping them find resources and reading material or providing technology assistance. We could not assist your children in this manner without our wonderful monitors who give up their time.



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

**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.**

**TAS/CAPA REPORT**

Term 2 has been a very busy term for TAS/CAPA. To start the term, Ms Adair and the Music students were busy rehearsing for their Flag Ceremony performances. As a result, some quality performances were presented to the school and a number of younger students have started to become involved in the event. I would like to thank Ms Adair for all her hard work on the lead up to the Flag Ceremony, and for her efforts on the day. Without her dedication and work ethic, this day would not have been possible.

Recently, the Music room has also received a very generous gift from the friends and family of a member of the community, simply known as Chemina. As an expression of thanks, the senior Music students would like to dedicate a performance in honour of the family who supplied us with such wonderful instruments. This performance will take place on the presentation night. The instruments gifted to the school will enhance the quality of performances from our students.

Students in both Year 11 and Year 12 Visual Arts and Ceramics have been working hard to complete their Bodies of Work. As a reminder, the Year 12 Body of Works are due on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm. We look forward to seeing students complete these projects and encourage students to work consistently till completion. To assist students in Year 11 and Year 12 to complete their work, Mr Wallace, Ms Taylor and Ms Bateman will be opening up the Visual Arts rooms during the holidays. The rooms will be open on both Thursdays, from 10am to 3pm. We encourage all students to attend, as the days will allow students some extra time to work on their projects.

The TAS department has also been very busy this term. Earlier this term, the Child Studies classes held a Mother's Day morning/afternoon tea. This increased community participation and helped build relationships with students and parents in an environment requiring no negative feedback. There was a great turn out from parents for both the Year 9 and Year 10 classes. Thank you to Ms Drakefield and her classes for putting on such a great event!

**The Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year Awards - 2015 Short List**

The 2015 CBCA short list has been announced. The following books are already on the PRC booklists with more titles to be added in 2016.

Category	Title	Author and/or Illustrator	PRC booklist	PRC ID
Book of the Year: Older Readers	<i>Are you seeing me?</i>	Darren Groth	7-9	2511
	<i>The minnow</i>	Diana Sweeney	7-9	2380
	<i>The protected</i>	Claire Zorn	7-9	875
Book of the Year: Younger Readers	<i>The Cleo stories: The necklace and the present</i>	Libby Gleeson and Freya Blackwood (ill)	3-4	1309
	<i>The simple things</i>	Bill Condon & Beth Norling (ill)	5-6	2156
	<i>Bleakboy and Hunter stand out in the rain</i>	Steven Herrick	5-6	2225
Book of the Year: Early Childhood	<i>Nani the pony goes to the beach</i>	Alison Lester	K-2	9953
	<i>Pig the Pug</i>	Aaron Blabey	K-2	987
	<i>Snail and turtle are friends</i>	Stephen Michael King	K-2	2318
Picture Book of the Year	<i>Fire</i>	Bruce Whatley (ill) & Jackie French (text)	5-6	6166
	<i>Rivertime</i>	Trace Balla (ill)	5-6	2355
	<i>The duck and the Darklings</i>	Stephen Michael King (ill) & Glenda Millard (text)	5-6	2183
	<i>One minute's silence</i>	Michael Camilleri (ill) & David Metzenthen (text)	7-9	45432
Eve Pownall Award for Information Books	<i>Emu</i>	Claire Saxby & Graham Byrne (ill)	3-4	41911
	<i>Mary's Australia: How Mary Mackillop changed Australia</i>	Pamela Freeman	5-6	2349
Crichton Award for New Illustrators	<i>Little dog and the Christmas wish</i>	Robin Cowcher (ill) & Corinne Fenton (text)	K-2	4926
	<i>The lost girl</i>	Leanne Tobin (ill) & Ambelin Kwaymullina (text)	3-4	2326
	<i>Rivertime</i>	Trace Balla	5-6	2355
	<i>One minute's silence</i>	Michael Camilleri (ill) & David Metzenthen (text)	7-9	45432

Please remember that all Library resources can be searched from home via the student DET portal. In the portal, click on the 'My Library' button to access our internal search engine. Remember also that we welcome and encourage parents and carers as borrowers.

Miss Zalewski  
Teacher-Librarian/Gifted and Talented Coordinator





Ms Drakefield has also taken some students to AB Central to work on Keep Australia Beautiful and cleaning up the ponds area. This event was well represented and the students had a great day and enjoyed the BBQ. This led to further communications with Natalee Bonnell from AB Central and the school is now involved in how we can help to clean up other areas in the Airds Community. One area includes a dumping ground and we have offered the assistance of our Horticulture TAFE group.

As a reminder, students for TAS/CAPA are required to pay fees for many of the subjects. If you haven't already paid your fees, can you please make sure you do so ASAP. Fees allow staff to purchase goods and equipment for practical subjects and are required so that students can create their work.

YEAR	SUBJECT	FEE
Year 7	Technology Mandatory 1 & 2	\$40.00
	Visual Art	\$25.00
Year 8	Music	\$10.00
	Technology Mandatory 1 & 2	\$40.00
Year 9	Child Studies	\$20.00
	Food Technology	\$45.00
	Industrial Technology - Metal	\$35.00
	Industrial Technology - Timber	\$35.00
	Industrial Technology - Auto	\$35.00
	Music	\$20.00
	Construction	\$35.00
	Photography & Digital Media - Still	\$25.00
	Visual Art	\$25.00

Year 10	Child Studies	\$20.00
	Food Technology	\$45.00
	Industrial Technology - Metal	\$35.00
	Industrial Technology - Timber	\$35.00
	Industrial Technology	-
	Automotive	\$35.00
	Music	\$20.00
	Photography & Digital Media - Still	\$25.00
Visual Art	\$25.00	
Support	Visual Art	\$25.00
	Life skills TAS	\$20.00
Year 11	Metals & Engineering	\$35.00
	Construction	\$35.00
	Construction (white card)	\$20.00
	Food Technology	\$45.00
	Hospitality	\$60.00
	Hospitality uniform purchase	\$75.00
	Music	\$20.00
	Visual Art	\$25.00
	Ceramics	\$25.00
	Visual Design	\$25.00
	Photography & Digital Media	\$25.00
Year 12	Industrial Technology	\$35.00
	Metals & Engineering	\$35.00
	Construction	\$35.00
	Food Technology	\$45.00
	Hospitality	\$60.00
	Music	\$20.00
	Visual Art	\$25.00
Ceramics	\$25.00	

I would like to thank all staff in TAS/CAPA for their hard work during this term. Their dedication is evident in the quality of student work and the amount of extra programs that have been offered to students.

I hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to seeing what Term 3 brings for TAS/CAPA.

Mr Wallace  
Relieving Head Teacher TAS/CAPA.

## CAREERS REPORT

We now have our own Careers website. Our website is a valuable tool and is loaded with information that will benefit every student especially those in Years 10-12. Careers news will be updated on the websites message board daily.

Enjoy and any feedback is greatly appreciated.  
Have a relaxing holiday.  
Ms Fitas



[www.airdshighschoolcareers.com](http://www.airdshighschoolcareers.com)

I've put together a new website.

**UAC/VTAC/QTAC** It's a "One Stop Shop" for everything you need with Career Planning and help.

**VET**

**LATEST NEWS AND EVENTS** *CHECK IT OUT NOW!*

**WORK EXPERIENCE** *Ms Adriana Filas*  
Careers Adviser

**DO AN INTERESTS TEST**

**FIND A JOB**

**CHOOSE A UNIVERSITY**

**GAP YEAR**

**CREATE A RESUME**

**DEFENCE CAREERS**

**YOUTH ALLOWANCE**



**THE BEST WAY TO PREDICT THE FUTURE IS TO CREATE IT**



Mrs Stoddart EnvironMENTAL coordinator

**Tights and black jeans are not part of the school uniform and are not to be worn**

### EnvironMENTALS REPORT

This term the EnvironMENTALS were lucky enough to be invited to the NSW Enviro Youth Forum, held on World Environmental Day, at Taronga Zoo. The students participated in several workshops aimed at increasing their awareness of environmental issues from all over the world. The Year 8 and Year 7 students had the opportunity to discuss the environmental action that our school was taking with students from other high schools. They listened to the strategies that are being used by government and non-government agencies such as ANSTO and how they can be a part of creating a healthier planet. The students had a lot of fun too, spending the afternoon touring the zoo before the long journey home. The students were commended for their focus and determination on the day, and made some great contacts that will strengthen our environmental projects.

### SRC REPORT

On Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the SRC held a Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea to raise money for cancer research. In the quad, filled with warm winter sun, donated cakes and sweets, along with hot cups of tea were sold to a happy crowd. Year 11 students contributed to the atmosphere by providing live music to further entice students, staff and community members to stay and enjoy. The success of the day was confirmed with a sum of \$386 being raised. The SRC hopes this will become an annual event.

A very big thankyou to all students and staff who donated, especially Waminda Bakery and their star employee Kasey Wasson who donated a large selection of delicious items to sell. Your generosity and community spirit is much appreciated.

Sione Teisi  
SRC





### SRC Leadership Conference

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, four SRC representatives attended the annual SRC Leadership Conference at Prairiewood High School. Justine Peachy, David Taase, Gemma Stewart-Morrison and Akaicya Wood-Cutmore successfully submitted expressions of Interest to the school to attend the event. The students had a really good day and got a lot out of the leadership day, The students were separated from their school groups and mixed with other students from different schools. The students rotated around 3 different activities as a group to complete the challenge. Students and staff were provided with lunch; unlimited wood fired pizza made at Prairiewood High School. The students also got a leadership talk from Jason Taylor the West Tigers Coach. The students got a lot out of it and left with smiles on their faces and wearing the Airds High School uniform with pride. ☺

Gemma Stewart –Morrison  
SRC



### SRC Roll Call

With only one meeting a week, it just wasn't enough time for 2015's SRC, so with some voting, planning and approval of the senior executive, a new role call was made – the SRC Role call. Now with the ability to meet every school morning and discuss issues, fundraising and other plans with more time, we've planned and changed quite a few things amongst the school already. We've decided on the roles amongst the SRC - President, Secretary, Treasurer and Publicity Officers through majority vote for who we all thought was most suitable for such positions. Also making the Biggest Morning Tea an annual event for our school. There is also lots of support

towards the ideas we have all gotten to help our school in some way. Currently there are plans for a movie afternoon happening in Term 3 to help Lomandra School with their Kokoda walk. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we will also be hosting a BBQ to raise money and a day to plan more things for our school, mornings may be plenty but to really be organized, to work on all the ideas and other stuff that we have to support this school, a day dedicated to it will really prove helpful for the SRC to strive to achieve.

Pelagia Dmitrieff  
SRC Secretary

M Holmes  
SRC Coordinator

## SPORT REPORT

### Cross Country

We changed the format for the cross country this year. It was a compulsory event for all students and we made a whole day out of it. Congratulations to all students who participated and a special congratulations to the students who ran the distance and made it to Zone Carnival at Mount Annan Botanical Gardens. Due to the overwhelming numbers at our school carnival we had our biggest and strongest team represent at Zone. This meant for the first time in years we didn't get last place. We actually received 5<sup>th</sup>. I would also like to thank our principal Mr McGuire for his support in making our sporting carnivals better each and every year.

Congratulations to both Brooke Pepper and Aidan Ferderer who respectively had the fastest time for females and males over the whole day.





**Athletics Carnival 2015**

Our annual Athletics Carnival was held on the 10<sup>th</sup> June. With the weather holding out on us and an outstanding participation rate the day was very successful. The students were well-behaved and enthusiastically cheered on their housemates. The house spirit and passionate display of house colours from the students and staff was remarkable. Congratulations to the yellow house who won our first house carnival.

- Yellow – 729 points
- Green – 721 points
- Red – 673 points
- Blue – 579 points

A big thank you to all the staff members for their assistance on the day, it allowed the carnival to run smoothly and effectively. Thank you also to all students who contributed to make the day successful and a special thank you to those Year 11 sports coaching students who helped out on the day.



All students should be pleased with their efforts and should be congratulated on their high level of participation and excellent representation. There were a large number of talented athletes on the day that advanced onto the zone carnival. Zone will be held in the first week of Term 3 at Campbelltown Athletics Stadium. The dates are the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July.



The Age Champions on the day were:

<b>Girls</b>	
<b>12 Years</b>	<b>Grace Talaolia</b>
<b>13 Years</b>	<b>Maria Lilomaiaava</b>
<b>14 Year</b>	<b>Brooke Pepper</b>
<b>15 Years</b>	<b>Samantha Gimbert</b>
<b>16 Years</b>	<b>Vivica Papan</b>
<b>17 Years</b>	<b>Kimberley Gimbert</b>

<b>Boys</b>	
<b>12 Years</b>	<b>Maniala Degei</b>
<b>13 Years</b>	<b>Craige' Nelson</b>
<b>14 Year</b>	<b>Travis Webster</b>
<b>15 Years</b>	<b>Syammakh Hudaga</b>
<b>16 Years</b>	<b>Joel Etherington</b>
<b>17 Years</b>	<b>Cougar Smith</b>

#### Open Boys Hockey

Congratulations to the Open Boys Hockey team who won their first game against John Edmonson HS. The boys played a beautiful passing game and didn't give up. This meant that the boys would now compete at Central Venue for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> round clashes. If they won both games they would be one of the top 4 teams in Sydney South West. Their first game was against Bonnyrigg High School. This school beat the boys last year quite convincingly. This year was different though. The boys put in a big fight and were winning 2 nil at half time. Unfortunately the boys went down in the final half with the final score being 4 – 3. This is such a big improvement from last year. Hold your head high boys you played fantastically well. David Baker in goals played outstanding and saved many goals. Jake Taylor scored a beautiful goal against a NSW keeper and Brock Baker was our brick wall in defence. Well done boys!



#### Sydney South West Hockey

Congratulations to both Kimberley and Samantha Gimbert who competed at the State Championships held in week 5 at Albury. The girls were outstanding role models for our school and region. They played with so much heart, flair and passion. It was beautiful to watch these girls in action.

The quality of hockey that was displayed and the calibre of gifted hockey players during the tournament were outstanding. Their commitment and determination to the team was exceptional. Well done girls.



Nathan Halliburton  
Sports Organiser

#### FLAG CEREMONY

Airds High School celebrated its 25th annual Flag Ceremony on Tuesday 26th May 2015. The Flag Ceremony is a major event of the Airds High School year. It is a day when, as a school, we celebrate the diversity of cultures that make Australia a great country for us all. It is important that students respect and appreciate each other's cultures and backgrounds, and the school believes the Flag Ceremony contributes to this.

On the day students represented their national heritage with pride and dignity by presenting national flags and providing cultural entertainment. Music, songs and dances from other cultures provided the audience with an exciting experience as well as showcasing the great range of student's talents here at Airds High School. I would like to personally thank Airds High School music teacher Ms Adair for her tireless work in preparing the Airds High School musical items, your passion and commitment to music and the students at Airds High School is greatly appreciated.

The school community of Airds High School would also like to thank students and staff from Bradbury Primary School and Eagle Vale High School for providing such wonderful cultural entertainment on the day. The Bradbury school students' solo music items and Eagle Vales' Samoan and Tahitian dance groups added an extra element to our program this year and were thoroughly

enjoyed by all. It is heartening to know that staff and students from our community of schools are willing to give their time and pass on their experience to our school community. Your time and commitment preparing for and then performing in the event was greatly appreciated.

We would also like to thank the Nicholls Family for their fantastic Cook Island Dance Performance which is always a crowd favourite. It is again heartening to know that parents and community members are willing to give up their time and pass on their experience to young people. We thank you for enhancing our 2015 Flag Ceremony and look forward to celebrating 26 years of the Airds High School Flag Ceremony in 2016.



Ms S Zalewski  
Flag Ceremony Coordinator



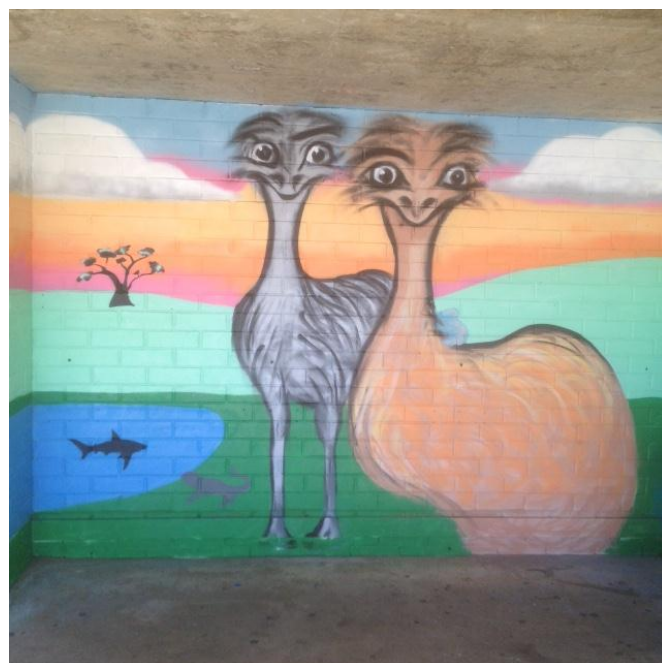
### SISTA SPEAK

This term our Sista Speak girls were fortunate enough to work with the talented Claire Nakazawa and Rachel Brown in creating a mural outside of the school library.

The mural is full of vibrant colours that adds a beautiful pop of fresh life to our school. The mural contains totems from our Sista Speak girls. These totems vary from shark, kangaroo, goanna and more. We also have our Aboriginal Education Officer, Bobby-Ann Trindall's totem of the emu.

The girls had a great day using spray paints to create their Deadly artwork. Each student created their very own piece to take home.

A big thank you to Mr Davidson, Ms Zalewski and Bobby-Ann for organising such a fun and creative day.



**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**

## P&C REPORT

Hi everyone, the P&C is excited to mention that during Term 3 we will be holding a Father's Day stall. Also I'm happy to say the Mother's Day stall was very successful raising \$183.80 profit on top of expenses. So thank you very much to all who bought a gift and an extra special thank you to everyone who helped to package, price and sell the Mother's Day gifts.

During Term 2 Maryanne Varu, Miriana Ostoin and myself went to Robert Townsend Public School for a forum about fundraising. We got some great ideas for future fundraising so look out for them during the year.

P&C meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month in the meeting room and we would love to meet new people and get some new ideas.

Kelly Butters  
P&C President

## CLO REPORT

It's hard to believe that we're nearly half way through the year already, but here we are at the end of what has been an extremely busy and successful Term 2 for Airs High School in so many different ways. Well done to all our staff and students for their amazing efforts and achievements and the sense of pride that this brings to everyone associated with our school.

During Week 6 we held our **25<sup>th</sup> Annual Flag Ceremony**, and the day was a huge success. Our students provided us all with some truly amazing cultural performances and also expressed through their dance and music the personal pride they have in their own backgrounds and the importance of their family traditions. This was wonderful to witness and an honour to be a part of. We were also lucky enough to be entertained by some students from Bradbury Public School and Eagle Vale High School. It was great to have students from other local schools participating in our Flag Ceremony and we thank them very much for being part of our event.

I would also like to thank all the parents, family and community members who attended our Flag Ceremony this year. We had 'standing room only' in our hall and it was truly wonderful to see so many people supporting our students and appreciating all the hours of practice, costume making, etc. that goes into making this day happen. A huge thank you must go to Ms Sarah Zalewski and her team of incredibly dedicated staff who spent countless hours organising everything for the Flag Ceremony this year. There is so much that has to happen behind the scenes of an event such as this, and the staff worked tirelessly for many weeks leading up to the day to ensure that everything ran smoothly. Airs High School Flag Ceremony is a major event in our local community, bringing much pride and positivity to our school, and I'm sure this will continue and become even bigger and better in the years to come.

I have had the pleasure of accompanying a number of our sports teams to their games this year and I have been extremely impressed with the attitude and enthusiasm of our students every time they have competed. I have attended girls' softball, and boys' and girls' hockey games, and all team members have played with great sportsmanship and amazing team spirit. I was personally encouraged and inspired by our students and the way they gave 100% effort for their team and their school, regardless of whether they were winning or losing. Thank you once again to Ms Nicole Tate who did a wonderful job of organising and coaching our teams and ensured that everything always ran smoothly on game day. I look forward to being involved with more of our school sports teams in the future.

Many parents will be pleased to hear that John Warby Public School will once again be hosting the **Parent Conference** this year. The date has been set for Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September and the theme this year is 'Happy Child, Happy World.' Anyone who has attended a conference in the past will know what a wonderfully informative and enjoyable day this always is. Our Year 11 Hospitality students will be catering for our lunch again this year and they always provide us with an extremely delicious meal! Details of the conference are yet to be finalised but please 'save the date' and further information will be sent home as soon as it becomes available.

There are a number of exciting events coming up in our community and it would be wonderful if students from our school and their families were able to get involved.

- The **Community Change Makers** are running a **Boonoke Place School Holiday Fun Day** on **July 10<sup>th</sup>** from **10am to 2pm**. This day is for all the family and will include a free BBQ lunch, bush tours, bush clean-up and art murals on blocks. It will be a great day to improve the community and spend some time with other families from the area. For further information please call Nat on **4629 3245**.
- **Campbelltown Council** is holding an **Emergency Planning Workshop** for people with disabilities and seniors. This will be held on **13<sup>th</sup> July** from **10am to 1pm** at the **Greg Percival Community Centre, Ingleburn**. For more information call **4645 4198**.
- **Naidoc Week** is being celebrated from **5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> July** and Campbelltown Council is running a number of events across the Macarthur region to allow us all to 'Learn, Respect and Celebrate.' For dates and details for the various events please contact the Council on **4645 4198** or visit their website at [www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au).
- **Pacific Harvest 2015** is being held at **AB Central** on **18<sup>th</sup> July** from **10am to 3pm**. This is an exciting event for all families to come together and

enjoy a free lunch, free entertainment and a free jumping castle for the kids. For further information please call Sita on 0487 627 816. Let's make Pacific Harvest 2015 a great day where people from all cultures come together and enjoy each other's company.

For more information on any of the above-mentioned events, please see the flyers at the back of this newsletter. Finally, I hope all our staff, students and their families enjoy a very well-deserved holiday break. Please be safe and spend some time relaxing and recharging, ready for what I'm sure will be a fast-paced and exciting Term 3.

Melanie Cutts  
Community Liaison Officer

### ADMINISTRATION

#### Absences

Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring that their children attend school regularly. We realise this is not always possible and children are required to take time off for various reasons. The Education Act requires parents/carers to provide the school with an acceptable reason for absences **within 7 days**.

If your child is absent, we would appreciate a phone call to the Office (ph: 46255811) in the morning. A note should be given to your child so they can hand it in to the Office on their return. Please include your child's full name, roll class, date of absence and reason for absence.

When you receive an absence letter from the school, you may notice that some notes have a time in brackets after the absence date. These are for a partial absence eg; coming to school late.

We appreciate your co-operation in this matter

### COMMUNITY NEWS

**6 JULY**  
FLAG RAISING CEREMONY  
NAIDOC COMMUNITY DAY  
9.30AM  
Morning tea on Council lawn  
(Cnr Queen and Broughton Streets, Campbelltown)  
10AM  
Flag raising ceremony  
10.40AM  
Street march to Bradbury Oval  
11AM - 3PM  
Community day: activities, lunch, entertainment and amusements.  
COST  
Free event  
CONTACT  
Debbie McCall 4645 4359

**8 JULY**  
NAIDOC TOUCH FOOTBALL COMPETITION  
WHERE  
Sarah Redfern Oval  
(Cnr Pembroke Road and Durham Street, Minto)  
TIME  
Registrations from 8am. Kick-off 9.30am sharp! Games continue until 4pm  
COST  
Free event  
CONTACT  
4645 4359

We all Stand on Sacred Ground:  
Lovers Respectful Cousins  
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For more information, phone 4645 4198 or visit campbelltown.nsw.gov.au

**Boonoke Place School Holiday Fun Day**  
10 July 2015, 10am to 2pm  
Free BBQ lunch  
Bush Clean  
Bush tour with Aunty Julie  
Art murals on Blocks

\* Only adults are permitted on tours and into the bush, unless their children are accompanied by a signed supervisor  
\* Appropriate footwear and clothing must be worn to work and walk in the bush.

Where  
At the end of Boonoke Place near the bush land

Call Nat on 4629 3245 for enquiries  
We can't wait to see you there!

**PACIFIC HARVEST 2015**  
18 JULY, SAT  
A B CENTRAL, 52 RIVERIDE DR, AIRDS  
10AM - 3PM  
FREE LUNCH...  
FREE ENTERTAINMENT...  
FREE CLOTHING...  
FREE JUMPING CASTLE...  
CONTACT SITA @ 0487627816  
ROSS LINDFORD 0487627816



### Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation Holiday Program



Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation are offering activities throughout the Winter holidays for families to attend.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>		30 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Family Movie Day</b> 12 years and under Venue: Campbelltown Dumaresq St Cinemas Parents required to attend with children 12 and under. 11.00am - 2.00pm		1 <sup>st</sup> July <b>Jaanimilli Early Links Library Launch</b> Open Event Venue: Waranwarin 105 Townsend Avenue Minto 11.00am - 1.30pm	
<b>Week 2</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> July <b>NAIDOC Campbelltown City Council</b> Open Event Venue: Cnr Queen & Broughton Streets, Street march to Bradbury Oval 9.30am - 3.00pm Contact 02 46454359	7 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Kids Cooking Day</b> 12 years and under Venue: Waranwarin 105 Townsend Avenue Minto Parents required to attend with children 12 and under. 8.00am - 2.00pm	8 <sup>th</sup> July <b>NAIDOC Touch Footy Competition</b> Open Event Venue: Cnr Pembroke Rd & Durham Street 8.30am registrations 9.30am - 4.00pm Contact 02 46454359	9 <sup>th</sup> July <b>TAC NAIDOC Family Fun Day</b> Open Event Venue: Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation 187 Riverside Drive Airds 10.00am onwards	10 <sup>th</sup> July <b>TALC NAIDOC Community Day</b> Open Event Venue: 220 West Parade, Couridjah 10am onwards Contact 02 46481059



Please contact Waranwarin, Tharawal Child and Family Centre on 02 98207447 to register for any of the above activities. There is no cost for these activities and refreshments will be provided.

COME JOIN IN ALL THE FUN WITH THE MOB

Campbelltown  
**Emergency Planning Workshop**  
For people with disability and seniors  
Learn more about how to prepare for an emergency in your community  
**Monday 13 July**  
10am to 1pm  
Greg Percival Community Centre,  
Cnr Oxford and Cumberland Roads, Ingleburn

- Interactive workshop
- Emergency Management services panel discussion
- Information stalls
- Refreshments

RSVP by Friday 3 July  
seniors@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au  
disability@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au  
or phone 4645 4198

**Let's Talk!**  
Free Individual Counselling Services by Judy Loadman  
Adv. Dip in counselling / GC (and) For women 18yrs and over

Dealing with issues such as:  
• Youth 18years and Over  
• Stress Management  
• Time Management  
• Family Therapy / Parenting Issues  
• Self-Esteem / Self-Acceptance  
• Emotional Issues (Guilt, Shame, Anger, Rejection)

• Anxiety  
• Grief  
• Depression  
• Time Management  
• Relationship Issues

Counselling Available: Mondays 10am-2pm and Wednesdays 10am-2pm

To book a session please contact  
Judy on 0421 924 928  
It is expected for clients to commit to their session time. In case of unforeseen circumstances please give 24hrs cancellation notice.  
Please arrive ten minutes prior to your session.