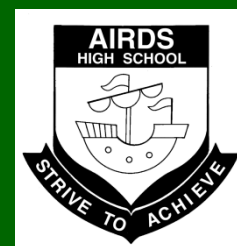


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Term 3

September 2016

DIARY DATES

Wed 21 st Sept	Year 12 Graduation 6pm
Fri 23 rd Sept	Last day Term 3
Mon 10 th Oct	Term 4 begins
Wed 12 th -14 th Oct	GEM, MMM Hike to RNP
Thurs 13 th Oct	HSC begins – English 1 st paper
Mon 17 th Oct	Year 9 Fast Forward to WSU
Thurs 27 th Oct	Careers Expo – School Hall
Mon 31 st Oct – 4 th Nov	Years 7 & 8 Swim & Survive
Thurs 10 th Nov	Miezio Challenge
Fri 11 th Nov	Celebration Day
Mon 14 th Nov	Beginning of new school year
Wed 30 th Nov	Year 12 Formal
Fri 16 th Dec	Last day Term 4

NEXT P&C MEETING
WEDNESDAY 2nd November 2016
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.

On Wednesday evening 24th August, I had the pleasure of witnessing the performances of our students during our School Values Showcase. Our students and their teachers worked extremely hard to refine their acts and it was a little disappointing that the venue was not filled to capacity, so that children could have experienced playing in front of a full house. The support given by Mrs Vickie Hughes (Principal of Briar Road Public School) and Mr Robert Patruno (Principal of Dorchester School) is much appreciated! Thank you to Ms Feld and her team.



On Thursday 1st September, I attended the eighth annual "Parents Conference" at John Warby Public School. This year's theme was "The Power of Positive Thinking". Over 180 community members attended, the guest speaker Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir was truly inspirational and she gave willingly of her time and energy.

She is a truly remarkable woman who left a huge impression on everyone in the room. Our fantastic Year 12 hospitality students under the guidance of Ms Tull provided the catering for lunch. Thank you to Ms Drakefield and Ms Vongsouvanh who also assisted with the preparation of food for the day. Needless to say everyone left well fed and with a smile on their face. Well done to Ciara Loli, Josh Dent, Douha El Tahach, Shantel Eteaki, Jake Taylor and Cougar Smith. Ms Frahm and two of her Year 9 students provided photography for the entire day, capturing this amazing event.

Recently I received news that two of our amazing staff have been selected to receive Campbelltown Network Public Education Awards. Congratulations to Ms Narelle Barker for being selected in the executive category and to Ms Nardine McCabe for being selected in the School Administration Support Staff (SASS) category. Needless to say both of these awards are well deserved!

Our School Captains for 2016 Shain Krapljanov-Sparks and David Ta'ase and our Vice Captains Ciara Loli and Davidson Nguyen have done a fantastic job leading our student voice and promoting our school in the local community. They have set the standard for all the leaders that will follow them and their contributions to our school will be sorely missed.

Year 12 are completing their final week of classroom learning at AHS. I would like to thank each and every one of these amazing students for the contribution they have made to our school and our community. Please support your child by encouraging them to spend the remaining weeks before the HSC examinations start, studying and revising course work. Our teachers are always willing to support and encourage our students, so do not hesitate to ask for help.

We recently finished the refurbishment of Block 5 (Administration Block) at a cost of \$300,000. The refurbishment included; a relocation of the Senior Executive Offices, upgrades to the toilets, relocation of the Print Room, new floor coverings, installation of LED lighting, repainting of the ceiling, replacement of office doors, the installation of a second glass doorway and partition for student safety, creation of a Meeting Room and the establishment of a Parent/Community Room. Feedback from both students and community members has been extremely positive.

Our community has worked hard over recent years to improve our school image. The wearing of the correct

school uniform has a significant role in the way our school and our community are viewed by the general public. The correct school uniform is available on our website and our school app. At the next Parent & Citizen meeting we will be discussing whether or not our school should continue to sell uniforms onsite or whether we should relinquish that responsibility to LOWES.

I wish everyone a relaxing holiday, good health and good fortune and I am looking forward to seeing you all next term.

Mr S McGuire - Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL YR 8, 10 & 12 REPORT

What a long and busy term! Thank you to all of our students, parents and community who have been so supportive and understanding throughout our renovations. They are complete now and I think you will agree that they do make our school look so much better, not to mention safer. Our next phase will be to focus on the front gardens as they are in desperate need of some attention.



Don't forget to check out our Facebook page – Airds High School Official and find us on Twitter. We really want these social media platforms to be informative and positive. They are both ways that we can promote our school, its students, staff, parents and community. We try very hard to get as much information as possible on these sites. We ask that you look, like and share, comment if you want, but any negative comments or comments with inappropriate phrases or language will be deleted straight away. We really want to get the message out to everyone – we have a great school and we constantly strive to recognise our great people and our great programs. Thank you to all of those members who have embraced this technology – it has been so heartening to see it embraced so positively.

Just a reminder about the Year 11 and 12 Parent-Teacher Breakfast on Friday September 16 from 7:45 – 8:45 am. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to have a chat with all of their teachers – finding out what they need to be focussing on in the lead up to the HSC examinations. We look forward to seeing all parents and carers on Friday morning. Congratulations to our Year 12 Leadership Team who came up with this excellent idea.

Last week we celebrated SASS Recognition Week – we truly have the most outstanding non-teaching staff. They go above and beyond each and every day for our entire school community and I think it worthy of recognising them again through this newsletter. They are led by two of the best in Mrs Bain and Mrs Strange. Thank you once again to all of our SASS – we would be lost without you all, whether it is in the Front Office, Print Room, Science,

TAS, Library, our GA, or supporting our students in the classroom – you are all outstanding! Thank you!

We have been focussing on uniform and punctuality to school as there has been a dramatic decline in both of these areas of late. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who always support us with this. We are a uniform school and we provide uniform at a significantly cheaper cost than in the shops. That said, if cost is still an issue for you please contact Mr McGuire to discuss this further. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform each day. Items that are not included in uniform (and have never been part of the uniform) are black tights. Tights are not pants and should not be worn as pants to school. Likewise, the short sport shorts are also not uniform. So, please ensure girls are wearing black pants or black school shorts each day. Pants and shorts should also have no logos on them. As always, students need to be in black leather shoes for their own safety. They need their feet protected in practical subjects such as Science, TAS and Art. Jumpers have also been an issue – all junior students need to wear the bottle green school jumper and seniors need to be in the black school jumper. Hoodies are absolutely unacceptable at school.

Punctuality to school is important – all students need to be at school at 8:50am. Arriving late to school significantly impacts your child's learning and creates severe disruption to the class that they arrive late to. Please prevent this from happening by ensuring your child arrives to school on time each day.

Students leaving throughout the day continue to be problematic as well. If your child needs to leave during the day, this needs to be planned and a signed note sent in to school with them. Students who are sick and need to leave early will be assessed by our First Aid Officer and then you will be contacted if need be. Students who contact parents to go home early will not be allowed to leave without a call from parents and carers to the relevant DP and the reason explained. Students are not to negotiate their early leave with you during the school day. Many students are leaving school for unacceptable reasons. Unless they are sick or have a scheduled appointment, they need to remain at school for the entire school day.

Congratulations to Ms Barker and Ms McCabe who have been successfully recognised and will be presented with Campbelltown Network Awards next term. Both staff members work tirelessly for students and staff and it is well deserved recognition for the work that they do.

Have an enjoyable break with your children and we look forward to Term 4. Remember that the new school year for all of your children will start in Week 6, Term 4. That will be here before we all know it. For our Year 10 students, you will need to be in senior uniform, so start getting prepared!

Ms J Fuller – Deputy Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL YR 7, 9 & 11 REPORT

Term 3 has been exceptionally productive and rewarding. Here at Airds HS, every student has the potential to learn and be a part of a vibrant educational community. Students are encouraged to strive for excellence, do their best, ask for assistance if needed and take every opportunity provided to them.



The past ten weeks have been exciting and certainly eventful. Students have been able to be part of a number of great events including excursions, Gala Days, Camps, Careers Days, Leadership Opportunities and Educational Workshops.

This term, the School Values Showcase was held at Campbelltown Arts Centre. The showcase was an opportunity for students to demonstrate the school's Positive Behaviour for Learning values of "Safe, Respectful Learners" in a harmonious environment supported by parents, community and staff. Student performances included solo vocalists, Indigenous dances, the Shining Stars Dance Troup, video demonstrations, physical fitness routines and piano solos. Audience numbers comprised parents, students and guests, including principals from our feeder primary schools. All thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Students in Year 7 participated in Gala Days, a Pacific Islander Workshop and developed their abilities in creative arts with educational instruction by a team of visiting personnel from the Art Gallery of NSW. They also participated in the "Rock and Water" program learning how to improve inner strength, character, communication and solidarity.

Year 5 and Year 6 students from our local primary schools commenced their transition program to Airds HS and were engaged in lessons prepared by staff from various KLAS. It was evident they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we look forward to seeing them next term when they visit again. We must commend our Year 9 student leaders who worked with the visiting students in each of the lessons. They made the primary school students feel they were part of the school and have already established some positive peer relationships. It is extremely rewarding as an educator to see how our students are presented with a responsibility and successfully take up the challenge demonstrating exemplary leadership skills in the process. Year 9 rounded off the term nicely with a trip to the snow.

Year 11 students have been to Wollongong University for orientation, sat their Trial examinations and have now commenced their next round of HSC studies.

Other fantastic programs that have supported our students this term are Triple MMM for boys, GEM for girls and Sista Speak for our Indigenous girls with Bro Speak to follow.

Indigenous students also participated in the Careers Expo at Olympic Park. The SRC engaged in a leadership day and continue to develop their profile in the school.

NAIDOC week celebrations opened with a smoking ceremony performed by Uncle Ivan an Aboriginal Elder as well as Rhett Burraston, a young Aboriginal man. Activities included an assembly with guest speaker Beau Champion former NRL star who is now a Kari ambassador. The theme of NAIDOC Week was highlighted throughout the assembly – "Songlines". Year 7 and 8 students were also treated to a special performance by Ryka Ali an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander performer and his grandmother. Students were active participants in dance routines and our boys had the opportunity to hone their skills in the art of playing the didgeridoo.

As students in Senior College 1 and Year 12 will be sitting their Higher School Certificate in Term 4, I'd like to remind them of the advice I gave previously - to develop a study program that allows adequate preparation time, avoid leaving everything to the last minute and to also ensure they get enough sleep and exercise to maintain good health.

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication this term. I wish all students, staff, parents and community members a happy and safe holiday. Another successful term has been completed. Well done and congratulations to all.

Ms M Feld
Deputy Principal

YEAR 7 REPORT

Swim and Survive 2016

In Week 4, Term 4 (Monday 31st October – 4th November) Year 7 will be involved in a Swim and Survive program. This will be held at the Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre in Bradbury. The program is a week long program where students learn vital lifesaving skills in the water. Permission notes have been handed out during year meetings. It is a compulsory school event in which all students should be attending regardless of their swimming ability.

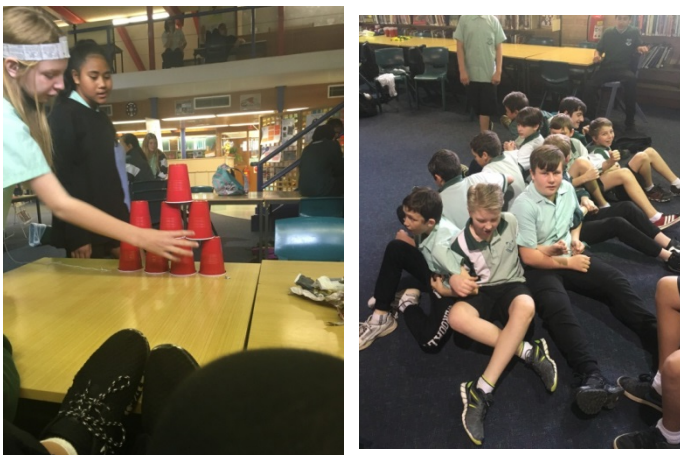
Rock and Water

On the 8th and 9th September all Year 7 students participated in the Rock and Water Program. The Rock and Water Program is an educational program that aims to enhance the social, emotional and spiritual development of boys and girls. Its focus is on the qualities and developmental tasks that young people face when growing up. Especially nowadays, living in a multi-cultural, fast changing society, there is a desperate need for guidance of youth in finding their way to happiness, real strength and meaningfulness. The aim of the program is to build a Rock and Water Person. This is a person who is aware of their own qualities and who has the courage to follow their feelings, who is willing to discover their own

path and who will be able to manage the responsibilities and challenges they encounter on their way through life.

Boys and girls have many similarities, but they have, of course, many gender-specific differences. This adds to their richness, but it also means that they will be confronted with different developmental tasks, which generate specific challenges for their upbringing and education.

We would like to thank Macarthur Youth and Family Services for coming in and running this incredible program for our students. All the students thoroughly enjoyed the activities and it was a great few days working on team building, sense of self and relationships.



Attendance

Congratulations to the following students in Year 7 who are currently sitting at 100% attendance for Term 3. Keep up the great work guys!

- Mikaela Doyle
- Fiaologo Iakopu Mu
- Alapati Iosua
- Liam John
- Noah Larkin
- Semu Leului

House Keeping

Congratulations to the majority of Year 7 students who are arriving on time to school and to those wearing the correct school uniform. This term we have started our detention room at lunch time and any students who arrive late to school and/or without correct school uniform will have a lunch detention. If this continues students will be issued with a formal caution. If your child is late to school or is unable to wear the correct uniform please send them with a note explaining the reason so the students are not given these consequences.

Similarly if your child is absent for a partial or whole school day it is a requirement to provide the school with a note explaining the absence within the week they are away. Please ensure this occurs as it is affecting students overall attendance. Students are reminded that to participate in excursions that their attendance needs to be above 85%. Students have been reminded in Year meetings that giving notes to their parents and carers is their own responsibility. Please ensure that students are giving you permission notes as unfortunately some students have been missing out on events as they have not returned permission notes within the due dates.

If for any reason you have any questions or concerns about your child please do not hesitate to contact me at the school or make a parent appointment to see me. If we work together we should see great success out of this amazing year group.

I hope you have a safe and happy holiday!

Ms S Zalewski
Year 7 Adviser

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**Safe
Respectful
Learners**

YEAR 12 LEADERSHIP REPORT

It's been a great year for the Year 12 Leadership Team, we have participated in numerous activities in which the school was also happily involved in.

Just recently we hosted our very own assembly which raised awareness about mental illness as well as showcasing our lifetime partnership with our local Harmony House. Our flower fundraiser was successful and we raised over \$170. It was a day to remember with our entire school listening, highlighting the issue of mental illness and its effects on an individual. We talked about where and how to get assistance, the help lines available and the various outlets to approach when faced with issues.



Photo: Our leadership team with Harmony House representatives

Earlier this year we participated in the Leukaemia Foundation's 'World's Greatest Shave'. Two of our captains David Ta'ase and Davidson Nguyen 'shaved for a cure' and raised over \$1600. A wonderful effort from the whole school community.



Photo: Ciara Loli, Samuel Vyizigiro, David Ta'ase, Davidson Nguyen, Angela Frans, Justin Peachey

TRANSITION DAY REPORT

Year 6 Transition Day 1

A big welcome to the Year 6 students from both our local feeder schools and other primary schools with students attending Airds High School next year. There were a range of activities that the students participated in whilst getting to know other students and the teachers that they may have next year. Thank you to the following teachers and members of staff for helping out on the day:

Mr Davidson - HT	Mr Wagner - PDHPE
Ms Simms - Assistant	Ms Addamo - SLSO
Miss Frahm - Art	Miss Martin - BBQ
Ms Tull - Robotics	Ms Childs - BBQ
Ms Cruz - English	Ms Trindall - Aboriginal Education
Mr Fisher - Science	

Also a big thank you goes out to the Year 9 Mentors on the day who did a fantastic job working with the Year 6 students.

Caitlyn Vidovic-McCarthy	Bradley Rencewicz	Bailey Fletcher-Colvin
Fatima Saleh	Mattysen Siilata	Chelsea Askew
Alison Bow	Sean Smith	Noelle Aiga
Faith Faleali'i	Alyssa Gimbert	Craig Gilbert
Raymond Mu	Ley Bannan	Jade Ashe
Pandora Taala	Sophie Walsh	Madison Dunn
Jye Robinson	Zachariah Potts	Luki Mu
Seanelle Everingham	Zaahra Al-Katify	Courtney Hardy & Alyna Kino

The second transition day is occurring on 20th October from 9.30am – 2.30pm. On this day parents are invited to attend our parent information session. Parents will then receive the parent handbook, which includes a list of items that each student will need next year as well as being able to purchase their child's uniform.



Parents of Year 7 students in 2017 are reminded that during Weeks 7, 8 and 9, students will attend two full days at Airds High School on the Wednesday and Thursday of each week. They are also reminded that school starts at 8.50am and finishes at 2.50pm. The students will need to be in full Airds High School Uniform. If there are any further questions which you may have or issues with this please contact the Head Teacher for Year 7 2017 Mr Davidson or the Year Adviser Ms Radford.



BOOK WEEK

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating books and Australian authors and illustrators. Classroom teachers, teacher librarians and public librarians develop activities, offer competitions and tell stories relating to a theme to highlight the importance of reading. This year at Airds High School we celebrated book week with a character dress up day and trivia activities.

It was great to see so many students and staff get creative and create their own costumes. The day was a great chance for students to express themselves and have a bit of fun dressing up!

Congratulations to all students that participated in the day and we hope to make it bigger and better next year!



Miss Zalewski -
Teacher Librarian



ENGLISH REPORT

The English faculty celebrated National Literacy and Numeracy Week this term with a series of fun events from 6-word stories to a rap battle at lunch time which drew quite a crowd to witness brave students attempt facing off opponents with poetry on the spot. The board games day on the Friday was well attended, and the word challenge had students from all year groups busy accumulating new words.

Ms Cruz continues her awesome work with more interviews on the Airds High School youtube channel: we've seen more scholarship winners and looked back on the past successes of those year groups still with us. Tune in next time and share our collective awesomeness with your loved ones!

NAPLAN results have been distributed to those students in Years 7 and 9 who undertook the tests in May. Our year 9 students made huge gains and it is pleasing to see the hard work of our staff and students reflected in their results.

Years 11 and 12 recently completed their Trial HSC examinations, and the level of commitment shown by them is to be commended. They need to maintain their enthusiasm as we count down to the 13th October – the first day of the exams with English Standard and English Advanced students writing from 10.25am. They have all done the hard work and need to use the upcoming holiday period to consolidate their knowledge. All the best to our senior students.

Ms N Barker
HT English

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

CAREERS REPORT

- I would like to start by acknowledging the 14 Bricklaying boys who have been doing an outstanding job in having already completed the half way mark of their 5 week Bricklaying course. These boys have been learning a variety of skills that will give them the opportunity to obtain an Apprenticeship in the Building industry. Our Principal Mr McGuire has also been generous enough to provide the opportunity for these boys to complete their white card training course with no cost involved.
- Airds High School in Conjunction with SWSI TAFE will be running the **Primary Industry Horticulture Certificate II Course**. This course is open to students 15 years and above, parents, siblings or members of our community. We are lucky enough for the third time

to be able to run this course at Airds school one day a week. This course will start in March 2017 and conclude Term 4. On completion of this course you will attain a certificate II in Primary Industry (Horticulture). If you are interested please let me know ASAP as **applications close 12th of October**.

- Airds High will be hosting the **Apprenticeship and Traineeship Expo** on the **27th October**. Please see leaflet enclosed in the newsletter.
- The itrack mentoring program is coming to a close on the 20th September and I would like to acknowledge the Year 9/10 students that have been mentored by outside professionals in relation to their future careers.
- Year 9 Fast Forward excursion to Western Sydney University is taking place on Monday the 17th October 2016.
- The following courses are available:
 - Diploma of Engineering – technical (Mechanical) – Granville College
 - Telecommunications Career in 1 Year
 - Plumbing, Carpentry and Electrical pre-apprenticeship program is available at Miller from the 4th October – phone: 9682 0492 or Kylie 0488090314
- Year 12 need to complete their (UAC)University Applications by the **30th September**. Any queries over the holidays please phone: 1300275822
- Thursday 15th December 2016 NSW HSC results will be released
- If your child requires a tax file number they can come and see me or they can make one online by accessing the Australian Taxation Office website.
- Athena Institute of Health and Beauty is offering a wonderful opportunity for our Year 12 students or members from our school or community to get all dolled up for their formal for \$1 or any other special occasion.
- Western Sydney University Day at Campbelltown is taking place on Wednesday, 26th October.
- Please encourage your Year 10 child to take up the wonderful experience of participating in the work experience program. This program will continue to be available until Week 6 Term 4.
- The SWSI 2017 booklets are available in the Careers office for students to enrol in TAFE in 2017.
- Please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

Ms A Fitas
Careers Adviser

Mobile phones are not to be used during the school day

SPORT REPORT

Congratulations to the following students who represented Airds High School at the Fisher Zone Blues Awards that were held on Wednesday 6th September. All of these students represented the zone in the various sports mentioned and were great ambassadors for the school.

Joel Etherington	Open Boys Basketball
Kamuta Figota	U15 Boys Rugby League
Elvis Oloaga	U15 Boys Rugby League
Alexander Gimbert	Open Boys Hockey
Justin Peachey	Open Boys Hockey
Jake Taylor	Open Boys Hockey
Samantha Gimbert	Open Girls Hockey
Alyssa Gimbert	Open Girls Hockey
Ameyah Hape	Open Girls Netball
Aurin Jones	Open Boys Soccer
Jayden Vidovic-McCarthy	Open Boys Soccer

The following students received Zone Blues medallions for excelling in their particular sports. They were:

Jonnelly Brown – 12 years Boys Athletics Age Champion
 Jake Taylor – Cross-Country
 Ameyah Hape – Netball
 Samantha Gimbert – Hockey

Well done to all of the above mentioned students and good luck with your future sporting endeavours.

Airds High School Sports Presentation

Just a reminder that our sports presentation will be held on Tuesday 6th December starting at 9 am. It would be great to see as many parents of the students receiving awards there on the day. Invitations to individual students will be issued during Term 4.

Mr S Wagner
 Sport Organiser

FOOTBALL UNITED GALA DAY

Each year a selected number of talented students from Years 7-12 participate in the Football United Gala Day at Valentines Sports Park, Glenwood. These days are prestigious events where around 200 students from schools across Sydney participate and compete for the title of NSW champion. The gala days are labelled Harmony Day, Peace Day and Multicultural Day to outline the importance of each of the elements in today's schools and communities. They use team building activities and reward each team for demonstrating good sportsmanship, fair play and good team spirit. Airds Open Boys team traditionally compete extremely well and usually find their way into the finals with success in a number of gala days. It was no different this year. In the coming weeks the final gala day of the year will take place. We wish the Open Boys all the best and I say a big thank you to all the participants and helpers throughout the year.

Mr S Miranda – Football United Organiser

FUTSAL

During the year a NSW Regional Futsal tournament was held at Minto Sporting Complex. Mr Halliburton and myself were lucky enough to coach these Open and Junior Boys teams. We had some help from the senior boys who selected the sides and helped coach them in preparation for the tournament. The Open Boys came up against some hard competition and were unlucky not to make the finals. The Junior Boys fought hard and had some good results but also were unfortunate not to make the finals. I would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Halliburton for organising the day and helping out with his expertise. I look forward to being a part of it all again next year!!

Mr S Miranda

PREMIER'S SPORTING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Sporting Challenge is a state wide whole school initiative that aims to engage students and staff in sport and physical activity and encourage choices towards a healthier more active lifestyle. To coincide with the Olympics, the PSC adopted a 'green and gold flavour' that ran for 10 weeks in Terms 2 & 3. At the end of each week students and staff recorded their physical activity in order to achieve a participation, bronze, silver, gold or diamond award. The more minutes they exercised the closer they reached a diamond award. It was encouraging to see a number of staff participate and enjoy the bragging rights of who is fitter and better!! I would like to thank all the staff and students who participated and I hope that you are continuing on a journey to a happy and healthier lifestyle.

Mr S Miranda

GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE

Chris Lawrence Cup

The 2016 Chris Lawrence Cup culminated in an exciting day at Glenfield recently. This year's local Legends Shield competition saw 22 teams in the juniors and 15 teams for the seniors participating. These teams represented over 16 schools from the South West Sydney Area, all vying to represent South West Sydney in the Legends Shield Finals to be played at Macquarie University Sporting Fields later in the term. Airds High School had a team in both divisions and played superbly throughout the tournament.

The senior girls from Airds stamped their authority early in the day by winning three games in their pool but were unfortunately beaten in the semi-final. The best on the day for the seniors were Karissa Viane and Praise Varu. Unfortunately we lost Madison Tidmarsh early due to a knee injury and we wish Madi a speedy recovery.

The junior girl's team finished atop their respective pool on the day and went on to qualify for the finals. True to their form in the qualifying rounds and semi-finals, Airds were victorious in the division and were fitting winners on the day. Big congratulations to the junior girls who will now go to Macquarie University and represent South West

Sydney in the Legends Shield Finals day in August. The best of the juniors were Renee Papalli, Jaya Saunders and Rebecca Taala.

All students were great ambassadors for Airs High School and represented the school with passion and pride. Well done girls!

Miss Zalewski and Mr Tyler



Girls Rugby League Legends Shield – NSW Final

More than 600 of the game's female junior players from across NSW met at North Ryde's Macquarie University Sports Field this term for the 15th annual Legends Shield. The Legends Shield event is the annual grand final for Legends Shields held across NSW.

The Champion teams of each of the individual Legends Shield vie for state supremacy across the event. Airs High School won the South West Sydney Chris Lawrence Cup to come up against 27 of the best teams from across the state to play for the Legend title.

With strong teamwork, a rich motivation for success and plenty of hard work our girls won their games getting us into the finals to play against the top 3 teams in the state. Unfortunately we lost in the final to the overall winner of the day.

The girls did our school unbelievably proud with best on the field going to Eliza Siilata and Renee Papalli. The girls showed their never give up attitude and were constantly praised for their sportsmanship and fun loving attitude. It

was incredible to see our girls really step up against much larger schools and even more impressive to hear such positive feedback about the manner of our students.

We couldn't be more proud! 3rd in the state – what an achievement!

Miss Zalewski and Mr Tyler





TAS REPORT

Term 3 is over and what a term it was! It was pleasing to see our TAS students continue to do well.

Ms Tull's Year 12 Hospitality students took part in catering for the Parent's Conference again this year held at John Warby Public School. They worked exceptionally well with Ms Tull and Mrs Drakefield. The feedback received from

many of those who attended was extremely positive. They commented on the excellent job these students did on the day and how wonderful they looked in their chef's uniform. The class was a smaller group this year but worked tremendously well and was able to successfully cater for the Parent's Conference for yet another year. Well done to all the students involved in this function along with Ms Tull and Mrs Drakefield!

As this term draws to a close, we would like to request that any outstanding fees be paid and accounts finalised for this year if you have not already done so. If you are unsure of the cost or amount outstanding for your child's fee then please contact us in TAS and we will be able to provide you with the correct information.

Our Year 11 and Year 12 students sat their Trial exams during this term. The TAS staff would like to wish our Senior College 1 and 2 students all the best as they will be sitting their HSC exams at the start of next term. It is recommended that students book in a study time with their teachers to get any help they need before their exams. If you have any questions regarding your child's exam then please contact our staff members who will be able to answer any questions you may have.

Have a safe holiday and we look forward to providing you all with updates from TAS for next term.

Ms N Vongsouvanh
Head Teacher TAS





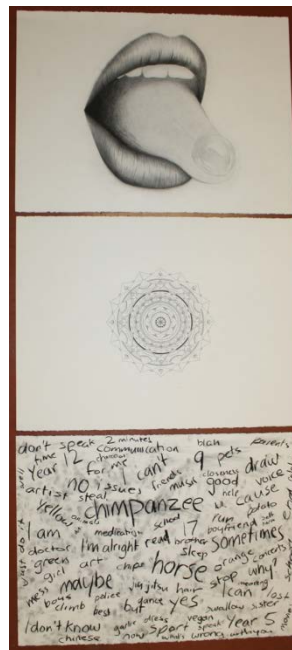
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Nickolas George



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CAPA REPORT

It has been an extremely busy time since our last announcer in CAPA. 26 students attempted the HSC in Visual Arts and Ceramics. The Year 12 Visual Arts have completed and submitted their practical bodies of work. Students and Visual Arts teachers are anticipating pleasing results. These have been sent off to Olympic Park to be marked alongside all other students who are studying Visual Arts for their HSC. Year 12 Ceramics and Year 11 Compressed Curriculum have completed their HSC course. These works were assessed at school by the specialist marking committee. As this is the first year after the introduction of the compressed curriculum we had two classes attempting their HSC in Ceramics.



Angela Franks



Ashley Davis



Chloe Montcalm-Sparks



Thomas Wright



Davidson Nguyen

Year 10 Visual Arts have completed their Ceramic busts, which are in the process of being fired in the schools kiln. They are now working on a built and local environment unit. Students will be honing their skills in lino block printing.



Year 9 Visual Arts are working on an Environmental Texture unit. Students will be experimenting with different mediums to create a series of textural works.

Year 10 Photography have completed their unit on Conceptual Photography and are now working on a Stop Motion Animation. Year 9 Photography are studying the photographer Eadweard Muybridge and are creating still images and GIFs that show movement.

Stage 4 Visual Arts classes are working towards completing their practical and theoretical work for their yearly assessment. The Figurative Sculpture assignment was completed showing students gaining more knowledge about artists and their artworks.



Year 7 Clay Beasts

Stage 4 classes have also participated in Art Pathways. A project in collaboration with Art Gallery NSW where staff from the gallery came to Airds High School and all students participated in a workshop led by the gallery staff. Students then were taken to the AGNSW where they were engaged in tours and workshops. This project is to introduce and motivate students' awareness of the importance of Visual Arts.



Year 7 Art Pathways Incursion

Support classes have been creating artworks based on a variety of topics. Prada created a series of artworks inspired by Ancient Greece. They created ceramic vessels and cardboard replica shields and hand weapons. Students also created a Laurel Wreath Crown and Cloak. Manolo created artworks related to the Viking Period and the study of early Celtic designs. All students hand sewed a Viking hat and made cardboard replicas of Viking shields and hand weapons. Bianco studied a unit of the Ancient Chinese culture. These hard working students

created a Chinese Theatre mask, a Traditional Chinese fan, a Chinese dragon puppet, Chinese papercuts and lantern and drawings using the Chinese Zodiac symbols. The topic for Gucci this term was Space. Students created found object sculptures of aliens. These were photographed and used as inspiration for creative writing. Cooper also created aliens using found materials. Planets were made using collage.



Gucci Aliens



1 Bianco Chinese Masks and Papercuts

Ms Bateman, Ms Fenton, Ms Frahm & Ms Adair
CAPA Classroom Teachers

School starts at 8:50am 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.

YEAR 10 REPORT

Year 10 have been kicking goals over the last two terms. It has all been about making choices and creating positive change for the community and themselves. In SSK the students have been developing skills in planning and promoting positive change in life. A small contingent have taken the initiative to promote a fundraising event that will take place in Term 4 to support a local charity.



In regards to making choice all students have finally selected their subjects for the start of Year 11. I have to commend Year 10 on their maturity and approach to the process. They have actively consulted with staff and our Careers Adviser and taken the opportunity to visit career development days to re-enforce their decisions.

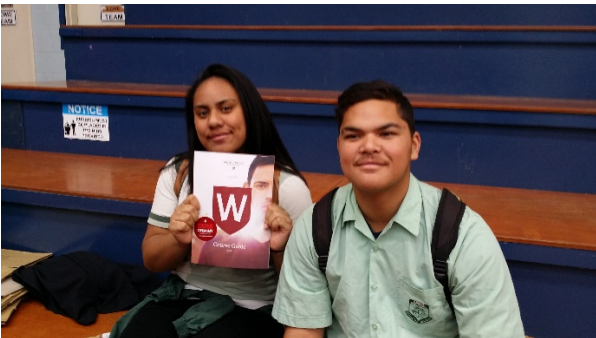
We have been fortunate that some of our students have elected to participate in the Bricklaying training course. Logan Mapp, Kyle Osborne and Joshua John have left such a good impression that the provider is enthusiastic in coming back again next year. A great initiative from our careers department and well done to these young gentleman for being great ambassadors.



In sport we have had many students shine, Elvis Oloaga dominated in rugby league and Venita Malei has once again shown what a future star in Athletics she is going to be with a crushing victory in Shot Put at the CHS Athletics carnival, this will now take her to All Schools and potential as an automatic qualifier for Nationals. Fantastic work Venita and best of luck, I'm sure you will represent with distinction.

A huge congratulations to Madison Tidmarsh who received the local Macarthur District Indigenous Student Award. A fantastic effort and a testament to the commitment and dedication she shows every day at school. She is a fantastic ambassador for our school and a deserving winner of the award.

Jaiden Vidovic-McCarthy, K-Lib Tanea and Gabrielle Turanganivolo have been kicking goals in the MMM program, they have learnt a great deal in respect, team work and what it means to be a positive role model. Their presentation at showcase was a testament to their growth this semester.



So what have we got to look forward to? Term 4 will see all of Year 10 participate in the Love Bites program which is a collaborative project with Macarthur Family Youth Services highlighting and empowering students to the implications of Domestic Violence. With this issue being such a strong issue in our public eye. It will be a fantastic opportunity for these students to developed the skills to identify and deal with life in a positive manner.

Our reward day this year will be going to Jamberoo Rec Park. This will take place during Week 5.

Mr Rosete
Year 10 Adviser

BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE REPORT

West Leagues Cup

It has been a successful campaign by both our Under 13's and 15's squad with both teams advancing to the finals campaign of the competition. The Under 13's had some good wins against Ambarvale, Thomas Reddall and a tough draw with Leumeah. They eventually bowed out during the quarters against Eagle Vale which was a missed opportunity and a high scoring contest. All the team played with distinction and have the makings of strong team progressing on in future years.



The U15's had great wins against Ambarvale, Leumeah and Thomas Reddall. In the Quarters they were promoted to the A grade tier due to their positive performances and soundly accounted for Sarah Redfern before having to play their semi-final 20 minutes later against Eagle Vale HS and only just losing. It would have been interesting to see them play the game under different circumstances but alas it was not to be.





In the Rugby 9's tournament all our teams played with pride our best performing team was our Yr 7/8 squad who were undefeated until playing the eventual champions in on the day. A huge thanks to Mr Tyler & Mr Miranda for their support and mentoring of these squads.

Mr Rosete - Rugby League Organiser

GEM REPORT

On the 10th August, Ms Mak ran a session with the girls about self-esteem and body image. They brought in photos and made them into a scrapbook. It was very enjoyable for the girls who spent time working on their communication skills. I would like to thank Ms Mak for taking the time to run this session with the girls.



The girls are currently preparing for their camping hike in the Royal National Park first week back next term. In Weeks 9 and 10, they will be learning to put tents up/down, completing some basic first aid and taking a practice walk. This will be an extremely valuable experience for the girls and I encourage you to be supportive of their endeavours. Permission notes and money need to be returned to the office by the end of the term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Miss Simms – Supervisor of Girls

PASTORAL CARER REPORT

Wow, Term 3 is almost over and we have seen many encouraging achievements and positive outcomes through extra programs, events and activities at Airds High School. "Education Week" was recognised recently throughout NSW, it was a great opportunity to celebrate the success of school communities, and acknowledge the important contribution schools make to our society. At Airds High, the dedicated staff, support our students all year, providing wonderful opportunities in education and personal development, with genuine commitment and energy.

Recently, I've talked with an increased number of people about feeling stressed and worried....and it is true to say that there are times when we all feel this way! Anxiety, is considered a natural reaction, it seems many people can experience a heightened nervousness about various situations and life in general. But for some people anxious thoughts, feelings, or physical symptoms can become so severe and upsetting that they interfere with their ability to go about their daily lives. Sometimes simple changes to lifestyle can help lower stress and anxiety. Including regular exercise, lowering alcohol and caffeine, enjoying activities and interests, improving time management skills, meditation and relaxation time, and adequate sleep can all help to lower anxiety. However, if anxiety is affecting a person's work, school, home life or relationships then professional assistance from a doctor or psychologist should be considered...the School Counsellor could be helpful.

I hope everyone has a safe, happy and restful holiday, as we ready ourselves for a busy Term 4. Next term I will be at Airds High School on Wednesday and Thursday. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Until next time, cheers.
Mr R Hodgson JP

ADMINISTRATION

Absentee Notes

Please ensure you put your child's full name on any absentee notes. There are quite a few students who have the same christian name and so it is sometimes difficult to know who the note is for.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open from 8:00am – 2:00pm every school day.

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Airds High School has a smart phone app that can be downloaded from either Google Playstore, Windows Store or the iphone App Store. Through the app we provide calendar events, news and information about Airds High School. Absentee forms can be filled out and payments made.



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Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

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6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
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SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

Increased penalties for School Zones. Current as at 1 July 2016



Means that in the area in the direction of the arrow, you must NOT STOP your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Maximum Penalty

\$433

+ 2 Demerit Points



Means that you have no more than 2 minutes for drop-offs or pick-ups of passengers or goods and the driver must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle.

Penalty

\$180

+ 2 Demerit Points



Means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Penalty

\$325

+ 2 Demerit Points



DOUBLE PARKING

You are **NOT PERMITTED** to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

Penalty

\$325

+ 2 Demerit Points

- STOP in a NO STOPPING zone: **\$325 + 2 Demerit Points**, or STOP on or near a Children's or Pedestrian Crossing: **\$433 + 2 Demerit Points**
- STOP on path/strip in built up area: **\$180 + 2 Demerit Points**
- STOP or Park in a Disabled Marked Area without a permit: **\$541**

Please Note: fines subject to change without notice. Current to 30 June 2017. These penalties apply to offences in school zones during posted school hours.

Be Allergy Friendly

Help Protect Friends With Allergies.

- *Don't share food with food allergic friends.
- *Don't share medication it could be toxic to others.
- *Always wash hands with soap and water after eating.
- *Ask what your friends are allergic to and help them avoid it.



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2. If eligible, the NDIS will organise a meeting with a planner to **establish your goals for therapy**. Call us for assistance with goals prior to your meeting.
3. Your planner will allocate you a funding amount and provide you with a list of providers during which you may select **Communicate Speech Pathology's mobile service**.
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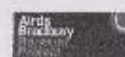
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HEAD LICE TREATMENT OPTIONS

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

There are two treatment options for head lice.

1. Mechanical removal (removal with a head lice comb)
2. Chemical removal

Mechanical removal

Mechanical removal involves applying normal hair conditioner to dry hair. After covering all of the hair with the conditioner untangle it using a normal comb and separate the hair into sections. Then use a fine long toothed metal lice comb to comb through the hair in sections. The conditioner doesn't kill the lice but it stuns them for about 20 minutes making it easier to remove them. The lice comb will remove nits (eggs) and the stunned lice. Wipe the comb on a white tissue and check for any lice or nits. Keep combing until no more appear on the tissue. This method should be used every second day until none remain (usually about 7 to 10 days).

This method is the preferred way to treat head lice because it is effective, does not contribute to insecticide resistance in head lice and also has a low risk of skin irritation.

The mechanical removal method also helps manage head lice before they become established on the head. Keep a good head lice comb in the shower and every time your family washes their hair comb through with the lice comb. This makes sure the lice are caught before they lay too many eggs.

If your children are old enough to wash their own hair encourage them to use the comb themselves. Or keep the comb handy to where you wash your children's hair and use it every time you wash their hair.

Chemical removal

If you choose to use a chemical treatment, remember to follow the instructions carefully. Don't be tempted to re-apply the same chemical treatment if it doesn't appear to be working. Instead change to another treatment that uses a different chemical compound or use the comb and conditioner method. You must repeat the treatment in 7 days to kill any newly hatched eggs. You will also need to use a lice comb to make sure the treatment is working. If you find dead lice the product has worked. If you find live lice, the treatment has not worked.

When your child is free of lice and nits, remember to check regularly with a fine toothed lice comb and conditioner. Early detection and treatment will prevent re-infestation of family members and classmates.

What to do about bedding and clothing

Research suggests that bed linen, hats, clothing and furniture do not harbour or transmit lice or nits and that there is no benefit in washing them as a treatment option. Nits and lice only live on the human head. They quickly dehydrate and die if removed from the head.

*This information is based on information provided on the NSW Health Nitbusters website.