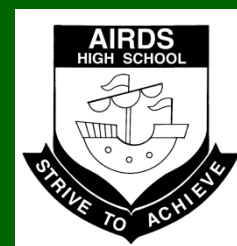


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Term 2

June 2016

DIARY DATES

Mon 18 th July	School Development Day
Tues 19 th July	Students return Term 3
Thurs 21 st July	Zone Athletics
Wed 27 th July	Year 7 Vaccinations
Tues 9 th August	Year 8 Subject Selection Parent Information Session 6pm
Mon 15 th -19 th August	Trial HSC Exams
Tues 16 th August	Junior AECG Public Speaking
Thurs 18 th August	Years 7 & 8 Gala Day

NEXT P&C MEETING
WEDNESDAY 3rd August 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.

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 29th June between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. 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. Special mention must be given to Jake Taylor and Aurin Jones who will represent our school and region at the State Cross Country Championship. 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!

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. It was fantastic to see so many of our students and their families present at the recent Stage 6 subject selection evening.

Firstly, for our students to achieve the best possible education they need to attend school every day, arriving punctually before 8:50am. It is imperative that all students attend every lesson to have their names marked off and receive the daily messages. If a student does not attend class a letter will be electronically generated and sent home indicating that they have been absent or partially 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 on our website. 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 Department of Education (DoE) 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.

Congratulations to Mr Matthew Hill and Mr Roy Marks who were permanently appointed to Airds High School as substantive classroom teachers in our Support unit. It is fabulous to see that their hard work and dedication to our community has been rewarded. I am sure that they will both make significant contribution to our school and the community.

Over the holidays work will begin on the refurbishment of Block 5 (Administration Building). The demolition and construction that will take place during Term 3 will have a significant impact upon staff, students and community members and I ask for your support and patience during this time. It is important to remember that a little short term pain is necessary for long term gain. Our upgraded facilities will provide for a safer and more secure learning environment for all.

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

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL YR 8, 10 & 12 REPORT

Term 2 has really flown by – we have had many extra-curricular activities that have allowed our students to shine in a variety of fields. From the Flag Ceremony to the Athletics Carnivals to our Formal Assemblies, there have been plenty of opportunities for your children to show us their many talents. It has been lovely to see so many parents, carers and friends supporting our students and our school by attending these events. We look forward to your continued support and involvement in your child's education.



Over the holidays building work will commence in Block 5, our administration block. Whilst it will be inconvenient during the build, the end result will be a safer school for your child. We apologise in advance for the inconvenience and ask parents to be aware that there may be periods when you can not access the school. These will not be long periods of time, but may be necessary for your own safety.

As always, and particularly during the renovations, we remind you that if you wish to see a staff member you can do so by making an appointment, drop ins are not

accepted. It causes great disruption to the organisation of our staff if they are constantly responding to drop in appointments. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

It was great to see the Year 10 and 11 students and their parents at the Subject Selection Evening held last week. This was an opportunity for students and their parents to gain more information about the compressed curriculum and the subjects on offer for 2017. Over the next week, students will be having personalised interviews with Ms Fitas (Careers Adviser) to discuss post-school pathways and ensure that subjects your child have selected are aligned with these pathways whilst also satisfying BOSTES (Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards) requirements for the award of the HSC. Should parents and carers still have more questions, they can contact the Year Advisers (Year 10 – Mr Rosete, Year 11 – Ms Adair) or the Head Teachers for the year groups (Year 10 – Ms Barker, Year 11 – Mr Wagner). Both Ms Feld and myself are also available.

On June 3, a team of HSLOs (Home School Liaison Officers) interviewed approximately 70 students whose attendance was less than 85%. This means that these students have missed approximately 3 weeks of learning this year. This significantly disadvantages them when compared to their peers and puts them behind. Please support your child by ensuring they come to school every day, on time, ready to learn. If they are sick, please send a note to explain the absence within 7 days and if your child needs appointments please try and schedule them after school. We understand that this isn't always possible, but if it is, please do so.

Our Year 12 cohort are planning a number of initiatives to support their wellbeing as they head rapidly towards their HSC exams (with their Year 11 peers). It has been great to see these students stepping up and raising social awareness for organisations such as the Cancer Council, and later this term, Harmony House. A reminder to all Year 12 students and their parents that Mr McGuire has stipulated that attendance at the formal is only for students who maintain an attendance rate of above 85%.

Finally, thank you to all of the students, parents, carers and friends of Airds High School that have been supporting our official Facebook page. It has been great to see that the page has been embraced as a tool for communication and recognition. Remember, if you want to comment, please keep it positive. If you have negative feedback please direct it through the correct channels at our school rather than in a public forum – negativity reflects poorly on us all and we are all trying to improve the reputation of our great school.

I hope that you have a wonderful holiday with your children and enjoy the extra time with them. I look forward to seeing you all in Term 3, which is also a very busy term in the Airds High School calendar.

Ms J Fuller – Deputy Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL YR 7, 9 & 11 REPORT

Term 2 has been a busy and productive time and students at Airds High School have been actively engaged in a number of activities.

Years 7 to 10 "Shining Star" students from our Support Unit were able to demonstrate their agility and skills in dance at Bankstown Sports Club. Their performance did them proud and they should be commended for the manner in which they represented the school. Congratulations to Ms Bartolillo for her skills in choreography and for her assistance to the students.



Year 7 students also experienced some wet and wild weather when they went on camp to Cataract Scout Park for three days. Students participated in team building activities and social skills activities and were able to get to know each other in a less formal environment. Thanks to Ms Zalewski and Mr Halliburton for coordinating the camp. Later in the term Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) students from Years 5 to 8 participated in the Community of Schools NAIDOC Day. Ms Trindall and her team arranged for our students and those from our local primary schools to participate in a day full of activities that included indigenous games and creating mural artworks, not to mention having a great lunch provided by Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation.

The annual Flag Ceremony on the 8th June was a grand celebration of some of the cultural groups represented at Airds HS. This spectacular event involved students from Years 7 to 12 and showcased their many talents in dance and song. The audience was made up of students from Airds HS, our local primary schools, parents and friends of Airds HS, and local dignitaries including Mr Greg Warren MP. Ms Zalewski and her team did an excellent job organising the event.

Year 10 and Year 11 Senior College 1 students and their parents were invited to attend an information session focusing on subject selection for 2017. Lyn Kenny, a Board of Studies Liaison Officer presented expert knowledge of Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) requirements for a Record of Student Achievement (RoSA), the Higher School Certificate (HSC) and the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). Year 10 and 11 students and parents were then able to speak to representative school staff regarding appropriate subject choices. Students should continue to engage in discussion with teachers about their course of study to ensure they have made appropriate choices.

In addition:

Student reporting for Semester 1 has been finalised. Subject reports identify what students have been studying and acknowledge what they have achieved. Reports also include advice from teachers about what students can do to build on their results. Students are encouraged to implement the teacher feedback for improvement into their study program. They are also encouraged to reflect on their performance and talk to their teachers on a regular basis about their work.

Wednesday 29th June marked the Semester 1 Parent Teacher night for Years 7-12 held in the school hall. These evenings are always a fantastic opportunity for parents and students to engage in meaningful conversation with their child's teachers. Staff at Airds HS are always happy to provide students with suggestions and recommendations for improvement on their performance.

Students in Senior College 1 and Year 12 will be sitting their Higher School Certificate in Term 4. Students are encouraged to develop a study program that allows adequate preparation time to avoid leaving everything to the last minute. While preparation is important, student wellbeing is also important and students should ensure they get enough sleep and exercise to maintain good health.

To all our students, staff and parents, I wish you a safe, calm and restful holiday.

Ms M Feld
Deputy Principal

Year 10 Subject Selection



YEAR 8 REPORT

It has been a very busy term and I would like to wish my Year 8 group a happy and safe holiday. As their year adviser I have had the opportunity to work closely with them and I am very proud of the progress they have made.

Two things that distinguish this group and have made me very proud to be their year adviser is the great effort they have displayed in wearing their full school uniform and the positive behaviour they have displayed in their attitude to school and learning.

Looking forward to an exciting new term at Airds High and working together with my students and their parents to achieve better results and allow them to reach their full potential.

Mr F Khalifeh
Year 8 Adviser

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Safe
Respectful
Learners

YEAR 9 REPORT

Snow Camp

We are on the countdown for our Snow Camp which we are all very excited about. It has been 2 years in the making and we are almost there Year 9. The weather has definitely been making a cold impact on us here at school, which means there has been snow falling. This is great news for all those students coming on camp. Just a quick reminder about the final payments for camp, they are due by the end of term. Students were also given a second permission note; if they wish to snowboard they need to bring this note back to me ASAP. The medical consent form needs to be completed on-line and the website address is on the permission note given to your child. Thanks for your support and help in this matter. It is important that this is completed or your child will not be able to come to camp.



Sporting and school achievements standouts

Congratulations to Mohammad Skandari and Brooke Pepper who made it to the Regional Cross Country Championships. Great run at Zone and I wish you both the best of luck for your next run.

We had our athletics Carnival on the 15th June and our standout performers on the day were Craige' Nelson, Brooke Pepper, Bradley Rencewicz and Blake Hunter. Well done to you all and good luck at Zone.

Our Flag Ceremony saw many Year 9 students step up and get involved. Congratulations to Noelle Aiga, Elenora Taala, Pandora Taala, Mohamad Darwich, Kamuta Figota and Raymond Mu. Great performances up on stage.



Fundraiser

Big thank you needs to go to Ms Drakefield for all her hard work at our recent fundraiser. I must also thank the students who gave up their athletics day to help out and raise money for our year group. Well done and thank you to Alison Bow, Jade Ashe, Courtne Hardy, Seanelle Everingham, Fatima Saleh, Zaahra Al-Katify and Sophie Walsh. Lastly, a big thank you to everyone that supported us on the day.





I would also like to remind students who have outstanding chocolate money to pay it to the office please. This needs to be paid ASAP.

Ms Tate
Year 9 Adviser

SRC REPORT

The SRC have had a busy Term 2. We now have two meetings a week, Monday recess and Wednesday at lunch. Our second meeting is attended by Mrs Meg Mitchell who has been working with our school leaders on a range of projects around the school. Mrs Mitchell has some great ideas and we welcome her to our team!

The SRC have been working hard to raise money this semester. From selling pizzas at Flag Ceremony, to shaving heads for cancer research, SRC have been learning the art of a good sales pitch and certainly, reaping the rewards. The World's Greatest Shave earned the Leukemia Foundation a massive \$1,653! Special thanks go to the staff and students who sponsored our school captains and supported their efforts.

We have a few projects in the pipeline. As a result of student requests, SRC are arranging for soap dispensers to be put in student toilets and will be running a campaign to educate students on the importance of hand sanitation for maintaining good health. We are also looking into a water fountain that encourages students to recycle their bottles and thus, be more environmentally conscious.

We are discussing some options for beautifying and creating new spaces for students in the playground, and we look forward to updating you on our progress here. Please remember that if you have any ideas or suggestions that you would like your SRC representatives to act upon, leave a note in the suggestion box in the library or approach one of our team.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

Ms Jude Rix

CAREERS REPORT

MACE Careers Expo

Thank you to Mr Rosete and Mr Miranda for escorting the Year 10 and 12 students to the MACE Careers Expo on the 9th June. Students thoroughly enjoyed all the information and opportunities available to them during and after their school years.



- Notre Dame Young Achievers Early Offer Program for 2017 has opened. Year 12 students who would like to go to university should apply as an alternative or first/second option. Applications close 29th July 2016. One application form and one interview and the process is complete. Students will even find out before they sit their HSC if they have been accepted relieving the pressure.
- Year 10 and Year 11 students will be able to pick their TVET courses for 2017 in Term 3.

My door is always open to both students and parents including recess and lunch. Below are various career opportunities. If you are interested please come and see me for further details.

- **Australian Theatre for Young People School Holiday Workshops**
Short Film Course 4th – 8th July
Screen Acting 4th – 8th July
Skitting Around 4th – 8th July
What happened to Alex Barton? 11th – 15th July
Young Women's Theatre Lab 11th – 15th July
Investigative Scene Work 11th – 15th July
Voice and Accents 13th – 15th July
Contact: hello@atyp.com.au

- **The University of Sydney STANSW HSC Science Exam Preparation**
4th to 6th July
- **UNSW Industrial Design Workshop**
12th July 9.30am to 3.00pm
UNSW Kensington Campus
- **UNSW Interior Architecture Workshop**
14th July 9.30am to 3.00pm
UNSW Kensington Campus
- **UNSW Architecture Workshop**
15th July 9.30am to 3.00pm
UNSW Kensington Campus
- **UNSW Landscape Architecture Workshop**
15th July 9.30am to 3.00pm
Gallery, Ground Floor, West Wing, Red Centre Building, UNSW

MJH Group Cadet Program

The MJH Group and McDonald Jones Homes will be offering cadet positions for 2016 Year 12 school leavers. This is an exciting opportunity for students to enter the residential construction industry. This is a 4 year cadetship that will provide opportunities across a number of business units whilst completing 2 accredited qualifications. For more information contact Mark Maguire on 02 4918 2645.

Day in the Life of a Hospitality Professional

6th July, 9.30am to 2.30pm.

High school students can experience studying at a tertiary level and what it's like to work in a 5 star hotel, restaurant, events or travel business.

VET Information and Digital Technology

National ICT Week 6th to 13th August

ICT companies and associations, tertiary trainers and Government Departments come together to highlight ICT opportunities.

VET Tourism and Events

Campus tours & workshops at Macleay College Open Day
Journalism, Business and Events Tertiary - 6th August

Expos for Students with a Disability

18th August – Liverpool Catholic Club

25th August – Campbelltown Catholic Club

<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ndco>

Resources for People with a Disability My Choice Matters

Helping access your local communities, finding work, personal goal setting help.

<http://www.mychoicematters.org.au/>

Defence Jobs Job Finder

<http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/job-finder-tool/#/>

Ms A Fitas

Careers Adviser

ENGLISH REPORT

It has been such a busy term with a phenomenal amount of things going on. Mr Fennell has taken his Stage 4 Debating team to great heights with a huge win over Sarah Redfern High School. Congratulations to Mr Fennell and his team – Jassy, Grace, Mycharlah and Tahlia. We wish them well in the next round, against Elizabeth Macarthur High School.

In the second half of the term, the film class has started more practical work with groups each shooting at least one scene from their original scripts before attempting to edit them, assess how to improve and re-shoot. The Airds High Youtube channel finishes Term 2 with another teacher interview and the second half of "The Pen" - based on a story by Failuma in Year 8 and enacted by a group of Year 9 students. Mr Gentle who left our school at the end of Term 1 has even beamed into the show to say hello again and share his positive memories.

Our senior students are getting ready for the home run – only one module to go before their Trial HSC in Week 5. These forthcoming holidays will be jam packed with revision and essay writing in preparation.

For our junior students, the best type of homework for them is reading. Reading allows one to use their imagination, make assumptions and question their world. One of the strategies that a student can use is to Make Connections with the book. These can be connections with themselves, other texts or even the world. Try asking your child questions about what they have read and what connections they can make.

Making Connections



Text to self

Text to text

Text to world

Enjoy your holidays!

Ms N Barker

HT English

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

SCIENCE REPORT

First semester has come to an end and the Science faculty would like to thank our parents for their continued support. We would like to ask that you check to make sure that your child has their Science book and plenty of pens available for next term (it is surprising how many students don't have them). All girls should have a hair tie available in case they are doing experiments and need to tie their hair back as a safety feature. Please be reminded that students cannot eat or drink in the labs as there are chemicals used and dissections completed which could cause students to become sick if ingested.

Thank you,
Ms Stoddart, Ms Radford, Ms Raju, Mr Tyler, Mr Fisher

Year 7

Year 7 have now finished the topic "Move over Einstein". This topic is designed to allow students to gain the building blocks of both the scientific vocabulary and skills that are required for experiments, which are necessary for the rest of their schooling life and into their future as adults. They have also finished their second Physics topic "Opposites attract". This topic is designed to allow students to reflect on the natural occurring phenomena of gravity and electrostatic energy.



Year 8

Year 8 have now finished the topic "Running Out of Resources". This topic aims to teach the students about the fundamentals of the Earth's resources and how they are used in everyday life. The students will have gained an understanding of Non-Renewable Energy (Coal and Oil) and the different types of Renewable Energies (e.g. geothermal, solar, and hydroelectric). They have now started the topic "Adapting to Chains", which looks at ecosystems and the plant and animals relationships within them. The students gain an understanding of how every plant and animal affects each other. Ms Raju, Mr Fisher and Ms Radford, three of our teachers were lucky enough to visit The Australian Plant Bank at The Australian Botanical Gardens (Mount Annan) to extend upon their knowledge of this topic and identify some activities to use within the class room.



Year 9

Year 9 are currently finishing off the topic "Sickly Cycles". This topic aims at giving students a deeper understanding of how the human body works. A major part of this subject allows the students to perform first hand dissections on animal organs. This hands on approach helps reinforce the concepts being taught in theory lessons. Students will then become familiar with certain organs and the role they play in keeping our body nice and healthy.





Senior College 1 Senior Science and Year 12 Senior Science

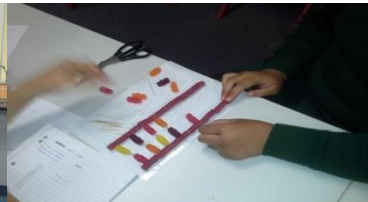
Senior Science is currently finishing off the topic "Medical Technologies". They have looked at a number of systems within the human body and how they can be repaired if broken or damaged through artificial implants. They have completed a number of practical experiments and research to go along with their theoretical knowledge.

Next term they will be travelling to the Museum of Human Disease to extend upon their knowledge of diseases within the human body (**Cost \$12, due to the front office + Opal Card for train travel with approx. \$10 on it**).

For the final term before their HSC the students will be completing their last topic Disasters. They will be sitting their Trial HSC in Week 5 of Term 3 so they should be spending their time wisely during school holidays studying.

Year 10

Year 10 are currently completing the topic "In Your Jeans". The topic is designed to give students an understanding of genetics through DNA and the coding of it for physical traits. The students are currently researching for their assessment task, how modern biotechnology is helping couples have children (through IVF and Artificial Insemination) as well as looking at the use of Stem Cells and Cloning.



Mobile phones are not to be used during the school day

MATHS REPORT

It is hard to believe that half the year has passed us already! Teachers have been most impressed on how students have conducted themselves during the examination periods this term, particularly Year 7 facing their first formal assessment period. Students should now focus on improving their results by participating in all class activities with focus and a determination to succeed! Please remember if your child is experiencing difficulty in Math, please contact the faculty through Head Teacher Ms Stoddart who can help give ideas on tutoring through our school's homework centre. Congratulations to the following students for excelling in their classes this semester:

Teacher/Class	1 st in class	Most improved
Ms Raju Yr 7 GAT	Jamal Baklaje	Jackson McCoy
Mr Khalifeh Yr 7A	James Bow	Maegan Streeting
Ms Odecki Yr 7B	Aroha Sellick	Zack John
Mr Khalifeh Yr 8A	Jack Huang	Taalaa Rohrich
Mr Bodeker Yr 8B	Hayden Fuentes	Marycate Attard
Ms Odecki Yr 8C	Claren Nookura	Jeff Huang
Ms Raju Yr 8 GAT	Grace Talaoloa	Jassy Vyosimana
Mr Rosete Yr 9A	Mohammad Skandari	Jaya Saunders
Mr Khalifeh Yr 9B	Blake Hunter	Andrew Streeting
Ms Odecki Yr 9C	Luki Mu	Edward Barrett
Ms Raju Yr 9 GAT	Alison Bow	Chelsea Askew
Mr Khalifeh Yr 10A	Jake Field	Jeremiah Pone
Mr Fisher Yr 10B	Alexander Pippen	Hassan Saleh
Ms Odecki Yr 10C	Porotesano Leului	Brittany Holahan
Ms Raju Yr 10 GAT	Jonathan Souleyo	Samantha Gimbert

Students are reminded that they need to be prepared for learning each and every lesson with an exercise book, pens and pencils. Some students are forgetting to bring their equipment to every lesson which makes it difficult for them to complete their work and is leaving some students with gaps in their learning. Students are welcome to store their books within the Math faculty if they are having difficulty in organising themselves for school on time.

Ms Stoddart
HT Math/Science

PDHPE REPORT

Congratulations to the following students for their excellent efforts in PDHPE this semester. All of these students worked extremely well in both the theory and practical aspect of their respective subjects. Keep up the great work in Semester 2.

Year	Class	Student
YR7:	- 7 PDHA - 7 PDHB	- James Bow - Awatere Nukunuku
YR8:	- 8PDHA - 8PDHB - 8PDHC - G&T	- Dylan Longley - Hayden Fuentes - Renee Papalii - Alyssa Gimbert
YR9:	- 9PDHA - 9 PDHB - 9PDHC - 9 PASS - 9 Coaching	Mohammad Skandari Raymond Mu Scott Attenborough Mohammad Skandari Mohammad Skandari
YR10:	- 10 PASS1 - 10 PASS2 - 10 PDHA - 10 PDHB - 10 PDHC	Jonothan Souleyo Bryce Melville Bryce Melville Jayden Vidovic-McCarthy Josiah Siilata
YR11:	- 11 Coaching - 11 SLR - 11 PDHPE -	Mackauley Jones Jaycob Oloaga Mackauley Jones
YR12:	- 12 Coaching - 12 PDHPE - 12 SLR -	Hans Taala Angela Franks Jake Taylor

Mr S Wagner
Head Teacher PDHPE

SPORT REPORT

Zone Cross Country

A small representation of 20 students from Airds High School attended the Zone X-Country Carnival at Mt Annan in early June. Despite having a limited amount of competitors we still managed to gain some excellent results.

Both Jake Taylor (18's) and Aurin Jones (17's) finished first in their respective age groups which was outstanding. We also had two students Brooke Pepper (15's) and Mohammad Skandari(15's) finish third in their age groups. Samantha Gimbert (16's)and Emily Holman (18's) came fifth in their respective events.

Congratulations to all of these students as they then had the opportunity to compete at the Sydney South West

Cross Country Championships which was held on the 16th June. Well done to all of the students who represented the school on the day and in the future.

Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival was held on the 15th June on the school grounds for only the second time in my time here at Airds High School. We did this to save the time and cost of students having to travel to the athletics track in Campbelltown and also to try and increase the number of students attending the carnival. We could not have hoped for a better day with perfect weather. After a cold start to the day we had a blue sky for the entire day making it perfect weather for spectators and participants alike. The day was a huge success with a healthy amount of students attending and participating on the day. We were also able to run a fund raiser for our Year 9 students via a barbeque and cake stall which meant all money spent on the day was able to be utilised by the students of Airds High School.



Congratulations to the yellow house who won our second house carnival for this event.

Yellow – 1027 points

Green – 889 points

Red – 927 points

Blue – 616 points

A big thank you to all the staff members for their assistance on the day as 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 Years 11 and 12 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 who advanced to the Zone Carnival

which will be held in the first week of Term 3 at Campbelltown Athletics Stadium. This year it will only be held on one day which will be Thursday 21st July. This has been done to reduce the cost to students and to also try and increase the attendance of students from all schools on the day.



The age championships on the day were:

Boys:	
12 Years	Jonnelly Brown
13 Years	Eneseli Kamuta
14 Year	Samaauga Samaauga
15 Years	Travis Webster
16 Years	Jayden Vidovic-McCarthy/Joshua Stirling
17 Years	Jake Taylor

Girls:	
12 Years	Fialogo Iakapo Mu
13 Years	Ameyah Hape/Eliza Siilata
14 Year	Pandora Taala
15 Years	Brooke Pepper
16 Years	Saga El Tahach
17 Years	Emily Holman/Suliana Makahunui



Mr S Wagner
Sport Organiser

Hockey

Open Girls

Congratulation to our girls who won their second round match against Leumeah at Moorebank Hockey Fields. Our standout performers on the day were Samantha Gimbert, Alyssa Gimbert, Venita Mailei and Madison Tidmarsh. This meant the girls proceeded to the third round where they competed against Elderslie High School. Unfortunately the girls lost but put in a valiant effort. Well done girls, you were great ambassadors for our school.

Open Boys

What a great game of hockey. The boys defended well and just missed a few opportunities to put the ball in the nets. At the end of full time the game was nil all against Bonnyrigg High School. The boys went into extra time where the score was still nil all. This meant the boys would go into their first penalty strokes. Joel Ethenington scored a beautiful goal to put us up 1 nil, but unfortunately we went down 2 – 1. What a great fight boys. Our standout performers were Aurin Jones (our new energiser bunny), Joel Etherington and Alexander Gimbert.

TAS REPORT

GAT REPORT

The Stage 4 GAT class went to the Powerhouse Museum on Friday 10th June 2016. They are studying robotics as part of the TAS KLA and the whole emphasis of the excursion was to understand the history of robotics and learn how to program a sophisticated software and hardware called Arduin. We are the first high school from the Campbelltown region to request programming as part of our tour and the organisers were very impressed with how quickly this class adapted to programming and making the hardware unit (led) lights flash and do all sorts of tricks. They loved it!



Ms R Tull
HT Secondary Studies

METALS & ENGINEERING

On Thursday 16th and Friday 17th of June I had the pleasure of taking both Year11 and Year12 Metals and Engineering students for our inaugural visit to Eagle Vale High School to utilise their state of the art Trade Training metalwork facilities. This is an essential partnership I have been building on for quite some time between our two schools and am pleased to say that it was a complete success.

Our boys were asked to find their own way to and from the venue and given specific dress requirements to be able operate certain machinery in the workshop. Not only did they come on time and with all safety equipment asked of them, they assembled on the first day at our designated meeting point half an hour early and were dressed in full school uniform as well keen and eager to start the project. They looked fantastic and represented our school with dignity and pride. They continued this positive, dedicated and mature attitude into the venue and were outstanding for the entire two days. Teachers from Eagle Vale HS were pleased at how well our students behaved during their practical work and several comments were said to me regarding just how trustworthy the boys were in the workshop. The students were able to complete a full project in just two days due to their enthusiasm and devotion to the subject. Not only were they at the venue early on the first day but they were earlier again on the second day and on both days we had students working through their lunch time to get the job done.

Another highlight of the two days was when the students asked me on the second day can we just have one lunch in the middle so we can have a BBQ with each other. This was out of their own pocket and this saw the Year 11 and Year 12 students breaking bread for the first time. The boys were also generous enough to offer the teachers some food and thanked them for allowing them the

opportunity to come and use their state of the art facilities. The biggest moment for me was when our boys all banded together to help one of our students get over the line on the last day. This required them to stay behind after they were dismissed to help finish off a few crucial spot welds and folds for the toolbox.

This proves the camaraderie between our boys and that our school values are being understood and displayed especially when we need it most. This is a fantastic insight into how our Compressed Curriculum could be when combining both our Year 11 and Year 12 students for Metals and Engineering. The boys should be commended for their efforts and should know that they have made me very proud to be their supervising teacher.

Due to the success of this inaugural Trade Training Centre Partnership of Schools visit, we have not only forged an essential partnership with Eagle Vale High School and its teacher's, we have also cemented the acceptance and respect of our students throughout the Eagle High School teaching community. This positive relationship will definitely be built upon in the coming years and in turn will mean greater, and improved educational outcomes for our students. The plan in the future is to hopefully bring the addition of our Trade Training Centre for Construction into the mix which will spread the positive word of our school and its state of the art facilities throughout the greater community.

Cheers boys and thank you for representing our school so well

Mr D Lightfoot

There have been plenty of events happening in TAS over the term. It is my great pleasure to recap some of these for you...

Ms Drakefield's Year 9 and 10 Child Studies and Year 12 Exploring Early Childhood classes have been doing a wonderful job with the all too cute preschool children at Briar Road PS. Our Year 9 and 10 Child Studies students have been going to the preschool once a fortnight and Year 12 Exploring Early Childhood students have been going once a week to do various activities. This has allowed our students to build a fantastic rapport with the preschool students, this excellent partnership was showcased during their magnificent joint performance at our Flag Ceremony. Well done to Ms Drakefield and the students from her Year 9 and 10 Child Studies and Year 12 Exploring Early Childhood classes.

Year 10 and 11 students are facing that all important time of the year of having to choose their elective subjects for next year. This Year 10 students had the privilege to take part in the Taster Days which gave them an insight and a general overview as to what subjects are available to them. Mr Lightfoot, Mr John, Ms Tull, Ms Drakefield and I were able to provide students with plenty of information

regarding our TAS subjects. It was extremely delightful to see the number of students and parents at our Subject Selection Evening. We had the pleasure of having Ms Lyn Kenny who is the Senior Pathways Officer and Ms Johanna Vance who is the Manager of Secondary School Programs attend the night to provide their knowledge and expertise on VET and TVET subjects. Ms Lyn Kenny provided valuable information on VET subjects and Ms Johanna Vance provided information on TVET subjects. Students and parents were given further information about their patterns of study which helped them with their subject choices. If there are any questions regarding any TAS subjects please contact any of the TAS staff who would be more than happy to provide further details.

Have a safe break over the holidays and watch this space next term for plenty of exciting things to report.

Ms N Vongsouvanh
Head Teacher TAS





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CAPA REPORT

Visual Arts

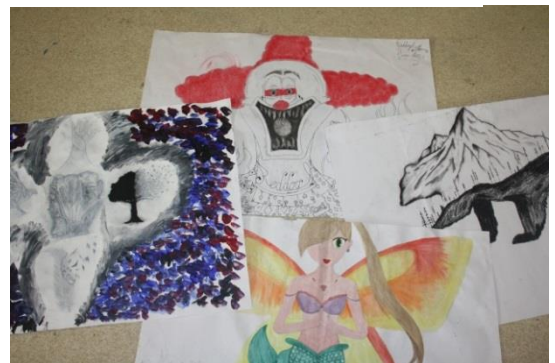
This term Year 12 Visual Arts and Year 11 and 12 Ceramics are working on their Bodies of Work for the HSC. All practical works have to be completed by 29th August. We appreciate parents' efforts and support so our students can perform to their full potential.

Year 11 and 12 Ceramics



Year 10 Visual Arts have completed their mixed media artworks and their ceramic bust that has been influenced by the Surrealist movement.

Year 10 Visual Arts



Year 10 Photography have been learning about identity in photographs and have created some excellent double and triple exposures.



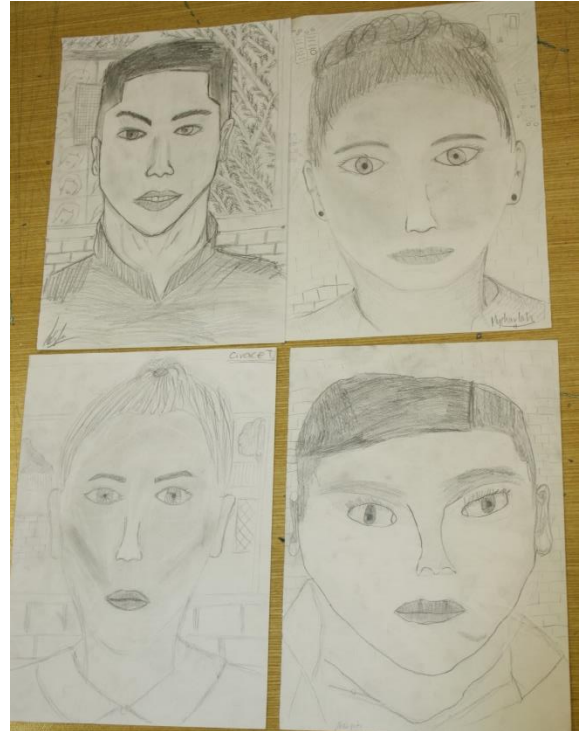
Year 9 Visual Arts have been studying symbolism in artworks and have created some Pop Art inspired celebrity portraits and personal symbol drawings using charcoals.



Year 9 Photography have been learning about photographer Annie Leibovitz and have created a tonal portrait using Photoshop and will participate in an appropriation photo shoot of Leibovitz's most famous photographs.



Year 7 created self- Portraits and their half year results were pleasing. Teaching staff thought all students were performing to the best of their ability.



Support classes have created artwork inspired by the Pop Art movement and then created their own Superheroes.





Music

It's been a very busy term for music students with Flag Ceremony and half yearly assessments. Students have been practicing very hard to perform items at formal assemblies. Year 12 are preparing for their final examinations next term and are accompanied by junior students in their musical pieces. Mr Risk from University of Wollongong has been working on a unit of Australian popular music which is celebrated by a joint performance by all three classes at formal assemblies.

Year 9 are working through the History of Music from the beginning of time, while Year 10 are working on Australian contemporary music. The students in Blundstone are continuing to improve their skills on keyboards and guitars.

A reminder to parents and carers to pay the required fees for each subject.

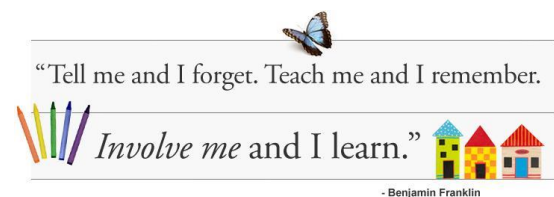
Visual Arts: Year 7-8 \$25
Year 9-10 Visual Arts and Photography \$25
Compressed Curriculum Senior College 1 & 2 \$50 per year

Music: Year 8 \$20
Years 9-10 \$25
Year 12 \$25

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.

SLSO REPORT



Ms Julie Hopwood, Ms Marie Addamo, Mr Alex Miezio and Ms Mel Childs are Student Learning Support Officers in mainstream classes. As part of the Learning Support and Welfare Teams in our school we support students within the classroom environment.

Ms Addamo and Ms Hopwood attended a two day Mental Health First Aid course to deepen their understanding of mental health issues with the ultimate aim of assist our students in need. Continuing professional development of **all** staff at Airds High School ensures all students have access to the curriculum and have the opportunity to achieve their personal best.

Often our students have medical, learning or emotional problems that may present an obstacle to their learning. If you know your child has an issue, please feel free to contact the school to discuss options available. The valuable information that you provide will help the school individualise learning plans for your child.

PASTORAL CARER REPORT

The end of Term 2 is approaching and we will be half way through the year. This term we have seen many encouraging achievements and outcomes through the extra programs, events and activities at Airds High School. The dedication and energy of staff in supporting our students is outstanding, staff continue to go the extra mile in providing opportunities for students in education and personal development. Congratulations to everyone for the strengthening of relationships, and service to our school community.

Friendships and relationships can be important to our overall sense of wellbeing. But how can we make friends and develop strong relationships. Well here are some thoughts that may help. Firstly, it doesn't just happen friendships require effort like anything worthwhile. Friends can be classmates, neighbours, co-workers or anyone you meet and greet. Just smile, say hello and ask a question to start a conversation. But be prepared, there's an element of risk in putting yourself out there. Friendships can bring support and joy, but occasionally however, they can bring strife...We are meant to have strong relationships and to live in harmony, but if we have a self-focus, relationships will break down, so to maintain friendships we must be committed. It is good for our wellbeing, and the wellbeing of others to have good friendships that promote unity and harmony.

To build good friendships we should:

- Be around, or be available
- Share the things we like
- Be trustworthy and honest
- Be respectful
- Be caring and kind
- Have empathy and compassion
- Have humility
- Be encouraging and enthusiastic

All these create a sense of security and peace. And do you notice that these qualities of behaviour focus on giving to the relationship, rather than taking from it. *'A friend is one of the best things you can have but being a friend is one of the best things you can be!'*

In Term 3 I will be at Airds High School on Wednesday only. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Until next time, safe and happy holidays to all.
Mr R Hodgson JP

PICLO REPORT

Pacific Greetings to all staff, students and their families. Winter is certainly here and to make sure you are warmly dressed for the season, jumpers, jackets and trackpants are available for purchase from the school's Uniform Shop. Please make sure students wear their correct uniform each day as it instils a sense of pride in the community, school and the students themselves.

WSU (Western Sydney University) and PATHE (Pacific Achievement to Higher Education) have continued their great partnership with Airds High School by providing valuable Pacifica workshops for our students. Year 9 and 10 students participated in a workshop recently facilitated by Sharon and Ben. Both Sharon and Ben shared their stories of how and why they chose to go to university and the obstacles they had to overcome in order to attend. They spoke about how fortunate they have been to have had PATHE as part of their journey while at university. It has provided them with so much support and assistance. Students who attend WSU in the future will be encouraged

to know that there are people available to help and assist them when they attend university. Sharon also encouraged students to use parents and family as motivation to focus on school and to appreciate the sacrifices parents have made to enable their children to have a better education. *"Even though some of us may have parents who had no education, they (parents) still understand the importance of education,"* Sharon PATHE facilitator.

Sharon went on to say that students need to be responsible for their own learning and gave tips on organisation skills and time management. Some students volunteered to do some role playing on the positives and negatives of school behaviour and how to best handle a conflict situation while at school. Gabriele Turaganivolo Desmond Poutasi and Alfred Pritchard are three very talented young men who could possibly receive an Oscar for their performance of father and son in the Principal's office' Well done boys for your positive role modelling.



Thank you to all those Pacifica parents who attended the Subject Selection Evening for Year 10 recently. It was such a successful turnout and awesome to see you all taking an active role in your child's education. I hope the information on the night made it easier for you and your child to make those important decisions. If you would like more clarification please contact the school so that you have the best possible outcome for your child.

Hope you all enjoy the school break and will see you again next term.

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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.

Skoolbag App

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5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
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Expression of interest for Assisted Travel Support Officer (ATSO) position

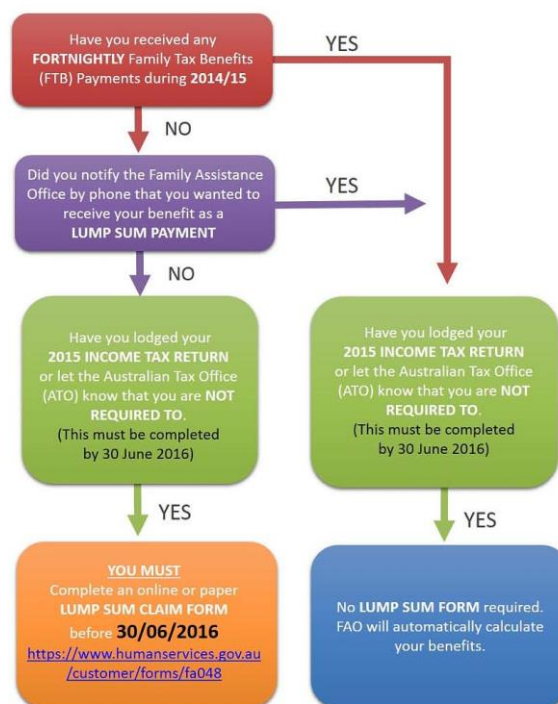
The Assisted School Travel Program (ASTP) often provides additional support to students with disabilities on transport. Assisted Travel Support Officers (ATSOs) support students with complex health or behaviour needs to ensure their safe travel to and from school. If you are interested in temporary part-time work as an ATSO the following website contains information on how to apply for the position.

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/progras/astp/index.php

For further information please contact ASTP on 1300 338 278 or email ASTP at atso.astp@det.nsw.edu.au



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For further information or any questions - Tel: 9889 4366 <http://www.vsoceania.com>

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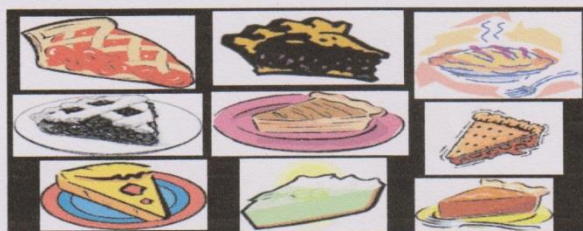
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DATES 2016

Day Group 11:30am - 1:30pm:

- Thursday 11th August
- Thursday 13th October
- Thursday 8th December

Evening Group 5:30pm - 7:30pm:

- Thursday 14th July
- Thursday 11th August
- Thursday 8th September
- Thursday 13th October
- Thursday 10th November
- Thursday 8th December

PLACE: Northcott Campbelltown Office
Suite 1, 101 Queen Street
Campbelltown

(Corner of Railway St - Centre Court Building)

Session Facilitator: Cheryl Paradella

COST: A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

RSVP: Kimberley Harrison (Northcott)

Phone: 02 4640 8700

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