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Term 1 April 2017

#### DIARY DATES

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> April Staff return Term 2
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> April Anzac Day Public Holiday
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> April Students return Term 2

Senior College HSC year begins

Anzac Day Assembly

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May P&C Meeting Mon 8<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> May NAPLAN

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> May Yrs 11 & 12 Parent/Teacher night

Mon 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May Reconciliation Week
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> May Annual Flag Ceremony
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May GAT Challenge Day

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May Sorry Day Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June P&C Meeting

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> June Subject Selection Night

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> June Yrs 7-10 Parent/Teacher night
Wed 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> June Yrs 11 & 12 Prelim Yearly Exams

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> June NAIDOC Assembly
Tues 27<sup>th</sup> June Year 7 Vaccinations
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June Formal Assemblies
Last day Term 2

NEXT P&C MEETING
WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017
AT 9:50 am
IN THE STAFF COMMON ROOM

WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!

#### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Wow, what a term, the past 10 weeks have just flown by and our school has accomplished so much already. Our students have thrown themselves into their studies and experienced success on the sporting fields, in the creative arts and in the area of leadership. If our students and staff can maintain their current level of enthusiasm and dedication, this truly will be another amazing year for the community of Airds High School.



Recently Mr Keith Fennell was awarded a National Excellence in Teaching Award. He was one of only 3 teachers from all of NSW (both Private and Public Education) to achieve this honour. The ceremony was held in Melbourne with a lot of dignitaries attending. Mr Fennell said he had met several very impressive educators and he hoped to tap into their expertise to help our students further. If you would like to read more about this, please check out the local newspapers.

Year 11 student Venita Mailei recently became the Australian National U17 Champion in shot put with a best throw of 14.77 metres. This is an outstanding effort and our students and community are rightly very proud of Venita. Several fund-raising activities were held to help Venita in her pursuit of excellence and I am sure Venita would like me to publicly thank Ms Tate, Mr Rosete and her peers for their support and encouragement. I have been reliably informed that Athletics NSW have a fantastic story about Venita if you would like to check it out or visit our Airds High School Twitter or Facebook page.

We have had two more teachers appointed permanently to Airds High School as of 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Ms Stephanie Hall is Language other than English (LOTE) and English as a Second Language (ESL) specialist. Mr Nathan Halliburton is a Personal Development, Health and Physical Education specialist, who has been employed at our school for many years as a temporary teacher. Both teachers will strengthen our school and further drive our commitment to improving student learning outcomes.

Our Stage 6 students have just completed their Preliminary HSC end of year examinations. They will commence their HSC pattern of study on the first day of Term 2. This is the first year that we have had both Year 11 and Year 12 studying alongside each other and we are all excited to see the results they will achieve. Ms Kylie Lowe has been working extremely hard to ensure that our students remain focussed on the task at hand.

Our school has been working with Ms Sophie Partridge from the Communication Directorate to improve the way we communicate. Parent Focus Groups involving our feeder primary schools have already been held to see how our school is viewed in the community. The information gained will be used to determine how we can communicate better with all stakeholders. You can expect to see changes to our newsletters, website and even reports

We are in the final year of our School Plan 2015 – 2017 it has recently been revised and will shortly be uploaded to both our school website and our school app. I would like to thank all the staff, community members and students who have made a contribution. All schools now measure their progress against the School Excellence Framework with either external validation or internal assessment being conducted annually before being uploaded onto School Planning and Reporting Online (SPaRO) website. These truly are exciting times, with the focus on improving student learning outcomes through collaboration and consultation between the entire school community.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and I am looking forward to seeing you all next term, at one of our school functions.

Mr S McGuire Principal

#### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT STAGE 4

Thanks to all of the parents and carers that have supported us throughout Term 1. We really do value working in partnership with you to improve the educational outcomes for all students.

There have been attendance interviews for all students who are not meeting expectations in Years 7 and 8. If you or your child has been



interviewed please continue to promote positive school attendance – every day, on time. Please refrain from making appointments during school hours – try and get the appointments after 3pm or during the school holidays. Every minute that your child misses means they fall behind in their classwork.

As the cooler months approach, please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform with a school jumper. It may not seem important, but how our students look conveys a lot about our school to the wider community. When our students are out of uniform they send a message that we don't care about how our students look, that we don't care how we are perceived in the community and that we don't enforce school rules. We are trying very hard to change the public perception of our great school and uniform is one way that we can do this. At the end of the day, students are expected to leave the school grounds in their full school uniform.

On a similar note, we have had to take steps to stop our students going on to the grounds of Briar Road Public School as some students were not representing our school very well. Students were yelling, swearing, running through gardens and disrupting learning. They are compromising the safety of the pre-school and infants students. This is also not fair to the primary school teachers and students. For this reason, all students are

no longer able to go on to school premises until after 3pm. The only students who should be on school site after 3pm are those that have to collect younger siblings. We appreciate those students who have supported this initiative.

Thanks to all of the parents and community members who continue to 'like' and 'share' our Facebook page – that is how we get all of the positive stories about our school out in the general population. Keep accessing this page to keep up- to- date with all of our school events.

Unfortunately, we have had a number of parents whose behaviour has not met the expectations and standards outlined by the Department of Education. Please understand that our staff have a job to do and they are not there to be verbally abused because you do not like the information they are giving you. If you have a complaint to make, we have processes for that. If you become abusive it will not be tolerated and we will enact the Inclosed Lands Protection Act. Thank you to those parents who always co-operate and support us – it is appreciated.

Finally, I hope that you all have a wonderful Term 1 break with your children and look forward to working with you all again in Term 2.

Mrs J Fuller Deputy Principal

#### DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT STAGE 5

It has been a fantastic start to 2017 and I am very pleased to be part of the Airds High School team. My background is as a Mathematics and Science teacher at Sarah Redfern, John Edmondson and most recently, James Meehan High School.

As Deputy Principal of Stage 5 at Airds High School, I am responsible for supervising Years 9 and 10 students. I have been very impressed by the young people I have encountered who consistently display good manners, respectful behaviour and dedication towards their learning. I would like to thank families for the fantastic support for student achievement and when in times of trouble. By working together towards common goals, we can maximise opportunity and achievement for our students.

In addition to supervising stage 5, I oversee attendance across the school. There are many students who are striving to achieve 100% attendance and you may have heard about the weekly draw for awards for those who achieve this goal. We currently have a leading year group, Year 7. Week after week, there are more Year 7 students achieving 100% attendance than any other year group and I would challenge others to attempt to defeat them next term.

To help families to correctly explain absences for legal reasons, there will be a booklet of forms sent home. These will allow you to tick the correct category for the absence. An accompanying explanation will provide information to support your explanations and to describe what constitutes a legal absence. Remember, every absence impacts on a student's progress and ability to achieve their best, so it is important that students are only away from school when there is a legal reason.

I look forward to the remainder of 2017 and working together to achieve the best possible outcome for each individual student. Please feel free to contact the school for any concerns around your child's progress. The Year Advisers are always the first port of call followed by the Head Teacher of the year group, but I am always pleased for the opportunity to speak with parents on the phone. You can also book an appointment for a face-to-face meeting.

Mrs J Bullock Deputy Principal

We are:

## Safe Respectful Learners

#### **YEAR 7 REPORT**

My name is Erin Radford and I am the Year 7 Year Adviser for 2017. I have been teaching at Airds High School for the past 7 years. You can find me in the Science faculty staffroom. I feel very lucky to have been given this opportunity to support and encourage your children throughout their high school years. I am the first point of contact if you have any questions



relating to your child and their time at Airds High School.

Year 7 has settled in nicely to their classes this term. There is lots of learning going on in each and every class, which makes me proud. Some of the extra-curricular activities that we have participated in this term outside of the classroom include:

- Camp
- Airds High School Swimming Carnival

- Zone Swimming Carnival
- SRC Nominations
- Happiness Week
- Moving Up program
- Harmony Day
- Sista Speak
- Bro Speak
- Attendance Excursion Sydney Royal Easter Show
- Aladdin Musical (Support Students)

Many of the Year 7 students have participated in one or more of these activities that have given them the confidence to make new friends, positive choices and engage in community and cultural awareness.

A big thank you this term to our wonderful SLSO's, Ms Childs, Mr Meizio, and Ms Addamo, who have been a wonderful help settling in each and every one of our Year 7 students.

#### Uniform

I am very proud of the way that most students are wearing their uniform with pride. Please remember that full school uniform is the green cotton button up collared shirt with the Airds High School shorts or plain black pants (No Tights/Leggings/Jeggings/Jeans) and black shoes. Students must also bring their PE shirt to get changed into on days that they have either Sport or PDHPE. Coming into winter students must be wearing the Airds High School Bottle Green Jumper or school jacket. No other jumpers/jackets will be accepted.

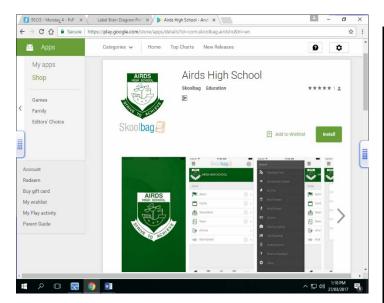
N.B. Any student wearing the wrong uniform will be issued a detention at lunch time.

#### Scooters / Skateboards and Bikes

I have become aware of a number of students riding their scooters, skateboards or bikes to school. This is great and we have storage available for the students to store it during the day; however, a HELMET must be worn when riding these to school and for them to be able to be stored. This is not only a school rule but also the LAW.

#### Attendance

Year 7 currently have 69/87 = 79% of students above 85% and this is fantastic. Each term students who have over 85% attendance will be invited to an excursion to celebrate their achievement. This term is The Sydney Royal Easter Show. However, the number of students arriving late to school is not as good. Please remember that school starts at 8.50am and this is when the school gates close. Your child needs to be on school grounds before this otherwise a note explaining why they were late (on the day) or absent (the day after return). This note goes straight to the office or can even be explained by downloading the skoolbag app in the app store or google play as seen below.



#### SRC

Congratulations to the following students on being chosen as representatives of Year 7 for the school SRC:

- Lamara-Rose Gillett
- Mariam Saleh
- Harmony Maxwell
- Molly McDonald
- Tyreese Tailby
- Zachary Perry
- Jay Hicks
- Thor Dickerson-Lloyd
- Benjamin Stansfield



#### **Vaccinations**

A big congratulations to the very brave souls who received 2 needles for their vaccinations on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. There were a few tears along the way but everyone got through the morning unscathed for the most part. A Zooper Dooper tends to fix everything when you're sore. A card stating what vaccination they had was sent home with them.

#### Camp

Year 7 enjoyed their first High School Camp on  $20^{th} - 22^{nd}$  February. They went to the Outdoor Education Centre at Morisset. For some of these students this was the first time being away from their parents. They had an absolute ball and enjoyed all of the activities that they had to offer especially mud world. There were plenty of fears conquered throughout the camp and plenty of new friends

made. Thank you to all of the parents for both dropping off and picking up some very tired munchkins on the Wednesday and for also washing all their sticky, muddy clothes. A big thank you to Mr Meizio and Mr Davidson for helping out at this camp. Our next big camp will be to the snow in 2019 and I can't wait to do it all over again with this amazing bunch of kids.























































#### **Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to all of the Year 7 students whot participated in the swimming carnival. A large number of representatives from Year 7 then competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Well done to all of those participants representing our school with pride and to those students that attended on the day but did not participate but rather chose to cheer on their fellow class mates. Our next carnival is the Athletics Carnival which is held on the school grounds next term.



















#### **Bro Speak**

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys were lucky enough to have an artist help them in creating a mural for the new hall. It looks amazing and we are all very proud of their efforts.



#### Happiness Week - SRC

Year 7 SRC students along with the help of Ms Rix implemented a number of activities for Happiness Week. Below are some images of the students and their activities. Well done to each and every one of them.









Miss E Radford Year 7 Adviser

#### YEAR 8 REPORT

#### Attendance and Uniform

Congratulations to the following students who currently have **100% attendance** for Term 1, 2017. A fantastic achievement for these students, keep up the great work.

- ✓ Victoria Aston
- Kayde Karaitiana
- ✓ Alapati Iosua
- ✓ Tyrell Moore
- ✓ Alexander Gimbert
- ✓ Shane Potts
- ✓ Fialogo lakopo Mu
- ✓ Anthony Munokoa

Congratulations to the majority of Year 8 students who are arriving on time to school and to those continually wearing the correct school uniform. This term we have continued 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.

\*A reminder that all students are to be wearing cotton collared button up shirts - sport shirts are only to be worn during sport and PDHPE lessons.

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 at it is affecting students' overall attendance.

#### **Permission Notes**

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. Students are reminded that to participate in excursions their attendance needs to be above 85%.

#### **Excursions and Fundraising**

In the coming days - Thursday 6th April we will be taking 58 of our Stage 4 students to the **Sydney Royal Easter Show** as an attendance reward day. These students are sitting above 85% and are being rewarded for their efforts. As a school we managed to get extremely discounted tickets with students paying only \$16.50 for a whole day of fun and celebration. Keep your eyes peeled for photos in the next newsletter.

Next term Year 8 will be organising and running our first **Airds High School Colour Run** during cross country as their major fundraiser for the year. Please help us support the Year group and fundraising committee to make the day as successful as possible. More details to come closer to the date!

#### **Sport**

Congratulations to all students in Year 8 who have trialled for SSW teams and those that have participated in various knockout games throughout this term.

Great effort in trialling for Sydney South West Teams: Alexander Gimbert (Hockey) & Eliza Siilaata (Touch)

Special shout outs to students in Year 8 who were selected to represent Airds High at the zone swimming carnival: Reion Jarrett, Perosi Papalii, Shane Potts, Awatere Nukunuku, Jacob Dunn, Isoefa Faleali'i, Teyja Hape & Saige Wolfenden.

Congratulations to the following Year 8 students who have been recognised as always giving 100% in school sport lessons: Noah Larkin, Tyrell Moore, Jacob Dunn, Anthony Munokoa, Dean Whitmore, Jonnery Brown, Omar Yassine, Reion Jarrett, Awatere Nukunuku, Shakayla French, Fialogo Iakopo Mu, Harmony Dodge-Clarke, Tahnee Thorn, Saige Wolfenden, Teyja Hape, Maegan

Streeting, Kyiesha Sanchez-Sayers, Shaun Carr & Savannah Ellis.

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 continued success with this fantastic year group. Enjoy the holiday break and wishing you all a safe, happy, family-filled Easter.

Miss Zalewski Year 8 Adviser

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

#### ENGLISH REPORT

What a massive term this one has been! By now, everyone will have seen the great unveiling of the new look English faculty area. The English staff enjoyed working together as a team to brighten up our environment and make it more welcoming for our students. The great unveiling was planned for the Years 4, 5, 6 Open Night and it was wonderful to meet so many of our parents and demonstrate how using ALARM and portfolios work to improve the outcomes of our students.

Our Senior College students have by now completed their Preliminary Course in English and Drama. It is hard to believe that these students begin their HSC course content in a couple of weeks, but we are impressed by the hard work they have put in to prepare for this important transition.

Mr Fennell has taken his Stage 5 GAT students through the first round of their mentorship with IM Advertising. The staff there are immensely passionate to help our students, and their company is abuzz every time our students go there. The agency is getting great feedback from their clients and that can only be a huge positive for us. Zahraa Al-Katify and Grace Taloaloa have shown excellent leadership in the class, assisting students with peer editing and generally keeping the class growing.

Next term, we will see the Stage 4 and Stage 5 Premier's Debating Challenge taking off, as well as the NAIDOC Speak Up! for Stage 4 Aboriginal students. We have an enormous wealth of talent in our junior debaters and we look forward to some exciting rounds of verbal edge between our local schools.

Ms Rix has been very impressed by the work of her Senior Drama class. They have been working on a group project to produce a performance of The Breakfast Club as their final two Assessment Tasks. It was amazing to see our students step out of their comfort zones and work so brilliantly together, taking ownership of the script and transforming it to reflect their own world, and in the process demonstrating such enthusiasm for their own learning. The class invited Mrs Fuller and Mrs Lowe to watch their play and both teachers were impressed by just how far these students have come in such a short time.

Drama Club has been honing their skills of improvisation on Thursday afternoons after school. Students have been learning how to work collaboratively to endow a space and advance a plot using nothing other than quick-thinking, physical movement and unscripted dialogue. It has been wonderful to see so many new faces each week as word of mouth has spread and the overwhelming response, through a lot of laughter, has been that Drama is fun. We hope to show the AHS community some of our new skills at Flag Ceremony.

Mrs N Barker and the English Faculty Team

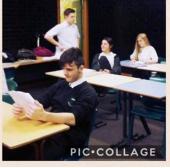


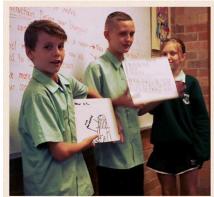


























#### CAREERS REPORT

- Please 'like' our Airds High School Careers News Facebook page for updates on jobs, open days, short courses, traineeships and apprenticeships
- Students attending TAFE and completing their TVET courses please make sure you are on time to TAFE and if you know in advance that you need to leave early or if you know you will be absent please see me ASAP.
- Careers resources are available in the Careers office in the library anytime and will also be available in the library for students to borrow, use, explore.
- Careers Adviser can be of assistance for career counselling, resumes, tax file numbers etc
- 28th April Fast Forward Year 11 Conference
- 1st May 5 Week Bricklaying Course will commence.
- · itrack mentoring will start Week 3 Term 2
- 11<sup>th</sup> May we will be hosting our Careers Expo in the school hall for students in Years 9-12. More details to follow on our Facebook pages.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> May Year 9 Western Sydney Presentation evening.
- 30<sup>th</sup> May Selected Year 12 students who are considering university study will be attending Western Sydney University open day at the new Parramatta campus.
- 31st May Year 7 students will be participating in the Aim Higher Careers production period 2 in our school hall. This production is a multi-media and popular culture to engage, inspire and inform Year 7 students about the many different progression routes into tertiary education.
- 1st-4<sup>th</sup> June HSC and Careers Expo at Royal Hall of Industries Moore Park is open for all interested. For more information visit www.hscandcareers.com.au
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> June Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Alternative Entry program is open for those students who do not receive an HSC or will receive an ATAR lower than their chosen career choice.
- 8<sup>th</sup> June MACE Expo at Minto for Year 10 students
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June 25<sup>th</sup> June Western Sydney Careers Expo, The Dome, Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park
- 2<sup>nd</sup> August UAC applications open for 2017 and students will only be able to list 5 preferences, all preferences will be considered in the early round offers and there will be an offer round based on ATAR before Christmas.
- 29<sup>th</sup> September UAC applications close.

Ms A Fitas Careers Adviser

Mobile phones are not to be used during the school day

#### LIBRARY REPORT

#### **Premiers Reading Challenge:**

The 2017 Premiers Reading Challenge is well under way with lots of our students participating! The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools.

The 2017 Challenge started on Monday 6 March and closes Friday 25 August (midnight) for students. For more information, please contact Ms Zalewski in the library



#### **STEM** in the Library

We have started to set up a maker space in the library to undertake STEM activities across the school. We have recently received approval to purchase laptops and virtual reality goggles to add to our 3D printer, lego wall and mine craft capabilities. This is an exciting move forward for the school and we look forward to seeing the students engage with these activities.



#### **Weekly Library Activities**

Weekly library activities continue each day and we are beginning to see increased numbers of students participating.

- Makerspace Mondays
- Tuesday Trivia
- Winner Wednesday
- Coding Club Thursday
- Film Friday

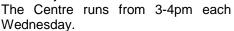
All activities are open to all year groups and are free. Prizes awarded each week for creative thinking. As well as these activities, the library is open before school, during recess (seniors only) and lunch for borrowing and computer use.

#### **Wednesday Afternoon Homework Centre**

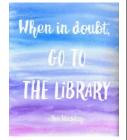
The Homework Centre is back again for 2017. The Homework Centre is open to all students and is used for students who need extra help with homework or assessment tasks or students who need to use library resources including books and/or computers for research.

The centre is free and each week a variety of teachers volunteer their time to help tutor all students. Students are

provided with light snacks and refreshments each week. Students must return their notes to the library, spare notes available for collection in the library.



Miss Zalewski Teacher Librarian



#### MATHS and SCIENCE REPORT

Wow! Term 1 has really flown by. All of our staff and students in the Mathematics and Science faculties have worked extremely hard to achieve and improve on the learning outcomes set out for this term. All students have been working towards or are currently completing their first assessment tasks for this year with excellent results being achieved across all years. Our Senior College students have completed their Preliminary courses and are about to start their HSC courses next term.

In addition to the wonderful things happening in our classrooms, we also had a very successful Promotion Evening for future students of the school. We would personally like to thank all parents and future students who attended the evening and made it the success it was.

Early next term, we will be working towards Half Yearly Examinations. Students will be provided with revision in class but any extra revision that your child can complete at home will assist them to achieve the best possible result.

Wishing you all a safe break over the Easter period.

Mr Toovey and the Mathematics and Science Faculty

#### SPORT REPORT

Wow..what a term of sporting achievements & rain! Some of our sporting events have been postponed numerous times due to the wet fields. Luckily other sporting events have not been affected by the wet weather and our students have showcased a lot of sporting talent and produced outstanding results.

Congratulations to the following students who have demonstrated outstanding skill and team work to be selected to participate at a higher level. The Airds High School students, staff and community are very proud of your efforts. Well done and best of luck in the up and coming sporting events!

**Venita Mailei** (Year 11) won GOLD in shot put at the National Athletics Championships at the Olympic Stadium, Homebush, on the 27<sup>th</sup> March. Venita threw a massive

14.77m!













**Briana Dean** (Year 9) has been selected to represent the Sydney South West region in the U16's Girls Touch Football team. Briana will play at the NSW CHS Touch Football Carnival in Mudgee on the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April.



**Jaycob Oloaga** (Year 12) has been selected to represent the Sydney South West region in the Opens Rugby Union Team.



**Raymond Mu** (Year 10) has been selected to represent the Fisher Zone in the U15's Rugby League team.

Samantha (Year 11), Alyssa (Year 10)

& Alexander (Year 8) Gimbert all represented the Fisher Zone at the secondary hockey trials for the Sydney South West teams. Samantha was selected to represent the SSW region at the NSW State Carnival in Tamworth in May.



Zac Ratuvou (Year 11), Elvis Oloaga (Year 11) & Kamuta Figata (Year 10) have been selected to represent the Fisher Zone in the Open's Rugby League team







#### **House Captains**

Congratulations to the following Year 11 & 12 students who were elected as House Captains for 2017 by students in their house groups:

Blue Tongues: Captains – Brianna Syron & Bryce Johnson. Vice Captains – Yolandi Fuimaono & Steven Leului.

Green Hornets: Captains – Joel Etherington & Gab Turanganivolo. Vice Captains – Sione Teisi, Madison Tidmarsh & Daniel Koteski.

Red Devils: Captains – Jayden Vidovic-McCarthy & Zac Ratuvou. Vice Captains – Rose Taala & Bryce Melville.

Yellow Taipans: Captains – Venita Mailei & Tonu Papalli.

Vice Captains – Samantha Gimbert & Tom Munokoa.

#### **School Swimming Carnival**

Our annual school swimming carnival was held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at The Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre (Bradbury Pools). It was great to see so many students attend, dressed up in their house colours and

participate in lots of events. Thank you also to the many teachers who also dressed in house colours and assisted in making the day run so smoothly. Congratulations to the following swimming age champions:

12 yrs girl ~ Lamara-Rose Gillett (Blue Tongues)

12 yrs boy ~ Tyreese Tailby (Yellow Taipans)

13 yrs girl ~ Brooke Rosa (Blue Tongues)

13 yrs boy ~ Michael Wilson (Green Hornets)

14 yrs girl ~ Saige Wolfenden (Red Devils)

14 yrs boy ~ William Heggarty (Green Hornets)

15 yrs girl ~ Casey Tidmarsh (Green Hornets)

15 yrs boy ~ Cory Heggarty (Green Hornets)

16 yrs girl ~ Praise Varu (Blue Tongues)

16 yrs boy ~ Rick Thorn (Green Hornets)

17+ yrs girl ~ Madison Tidmarsh (Green Hornets)

17+ yrs boy ~ Tom Munokoa (Yellow Taipans)

Well done to the School Swimming Carnival winning house the **GREEN HORNETS** with 231 points.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Blue Tongues (204 points)

3<sup>rd</sup> - Yellow Taipans (149 points)

4<sup>th</sup> – Red Devils (147 points)

#### **Zone Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to represent Airds High School at the Fisher Zone Swimming Carnival:

12 years – Marshall Budge, Jake Sherman, Tyreese Tailby, Zachary Thomson, Kelli Faleali'i, Lamara-Rose Gillett, Montannah McAuliffe & Hayleigh Sutherland.

13 years - Rheyce Adams, Nahi Hona, Reion Jarrett, Perosi Papalii, Shane Potts, Benjamin Stansfield, Michael Wilson, Awatere Nukunuku & Brooke Rosa.

14 years – Jacob Dunn, Isoefa Faleali'i, William Heggarty, Logan Hoskins, Travis Jenkins, Kane Rice, Teyja Hape, Mycharlah Pritchard & Saige Wolfenden.

15 years – Junior Ale, Jarod Gillett, Cory Heggarty, Travis Jenkins, Sam Samaauga, Briana Dean & Casey Tidmarsh.

**16 years** – Bailey Fletcher-Colvin, Jake Ling, Zac Potts, Rick Thorn, Brooke Pepper & Praise Varu.

17+ years – Bryce Melville, Tom Munokoa & Madison Tidmarsh.

#### **Sydney South West Knockout Competition**

A massive thank you so far to Mr Tyler (Boys Basketball), Mr Moss (Boys Soccer), Ms Hall (Boys & Girls Volleyball), Mr Miezio (Boys Volleyball) & Ms Childs (Girls Volleyball) for coaching our sporting teams and organising games already this year. We are all very proud of the commitment our students have shown in representing Airds High School. The following sports are coming up soon for students to represent the school. Students are to listen out for announcements at assemblies for trial dates and times.

SPORT	COACH	First game
Girls Opens Basketball	Ms Zalewski	Away Game vs Strathfield Sth HS April
Boys Rugby League Buckley Shield	Mr Tyler/ Mr Vamvas	Home Game vs Ingleburn HS Term 2
Boys Opens Touch	Mr Fisher	Central Venue 16 <sup>th</sup> May @ Vale of Ah, Auld Ave, Milperra
Girls Open Touch	Mr Marks	Central Venue 16 <sup>th</sup> May @ Vale of Ah, Auld Ave, Milperra
Boys Rugby League Uni Shield	Mr Tyler/ Mr Vamvas	Away Game vs Sarah Redfern HS Term 2
Boys Opens Hockey	Ms Tate	Away Game vs John Edmondson HS by 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Girls Opens Hockey	Mr Moss	Central Venue 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Girls Opens Netball	Ms Radford	Central Venue @ Endeavour Park 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Girls 15's Basketball	Ms Zalewski	Away Game vs Miller HS by 11 <sup>th</sup> August
Boys 15's Basketball	Mr Tyler	Home Game vs winner LizMc/Amb by 11 <sup>th</sup> August
Girls 15's Netball	Ms Zalewski	Central Venue @ Endeavour Park 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept

#### **School Sport**

Many of our students have been enjoying school sport, despite the wet weather affecting our opportunity to participate outdoors this term. Just a reminder that Sport is a compulsory part of your child's schooling (Years 7-11) and so it is imperative that students come to school ready to participate with their full sport uniform to change into. Students must change back into their full school uniform at the conclusion of sport.

This term we have had some outstanding achievers. Congratulations to the following students who continually participate and give 100% to all sporting activities

**Year 7**: Alvin Leituala, Tyreese Tailby, William Heggarty, Tevita Peter, Michael Wilson, Jahziel Imoa, Christian Brownlow, Jordan Blundell, Alyssa Van-Lienen, Dakota Green, Tanesha-Lee Cole, Hanna Zreika, Mychael Pritchard, Lamara-Rose Gillett.

Year 8: Noah Larkin, Tyrell Moore, Jacob Dunn, Taaroa Munokoa, Dean Whitmore, Jonnery Brown, Omar Yassine, Reion Jarrett, Awatere Nukunuku, Shakayla French, Fialogo Iakopo Mu, Harmony Dodge-Clarke,

Tahnee Thorn, Saige Wolfenden, Teyja Hape, Maegan Streeting, Kyiesha Sanchez-Sayers, Shaun Carr & Savannah Ellis.

**Year 9**: Ameyah Hape, Hayden Fuentes, Junior Ale, Briana Dean, Khyra Musgrave, Bronwyn Oloaga, Renee Papalii, Mycharlah Pritchard, Taalia Rohrich, Rebecca Taala, Sam Samaauga, Kyesha Bishop, Richard Nguyen, Salvation Leatuafi, Codey McDonald, Cory Heggarty & Trenzae Crummer.

Year 10: Madison Dunn, Jasmine Slavin, Ley Banan, Faith Faleali'i, Scott Attenborough, Luki Mu, Pandora Taala, Elenora Taala, Noelle Aiga, Jacob Lardner, Tresley Faamausili, Jarod Gillett, Raymond Mu, Zac Potts, Mohammad Skandari, Iosefa Faleali'i & Peter Taavao.

**Year 11:** Praise Varu, Ngatamaine Teinangaro, Venita Mailei, Porotesano Leului, Taituha Nukunuku, K-Lib Tanea, Gab Turaganivolo, Jayden Vidovic-McCarthy, William Rice, Bryce Melville, Samantha Gimbert, Etone Mati-Leifi, Joel Foy, Daniel Koteski & Kaitlyn Tidmarsh. **Year 12:** Jared Hayward, Aaron Lynch.

Best of luck to all students in the up and coming sporting events! Please come and see me in the PDHPE staffroom and/or check the Sport noticeboard for more information.

Ms F Williams Sports Organiser

#### **Boys Open Volleyball Report**

On the 6th March the Boy's Open volleyball team played their first knockout match against Miller High School on home base in the school hall. The team consisted of team Captain Joel Etherington, Gabriel Tuaganivola, K-lib Tanea, Sione Teise, Jaycob Olooga, Tray Hoskins, Raymond Mu, Zac Ratuova, Kamuta Figota and Samaauga Samaauga. The boys were a little shaky to start losing out in the first game but picked up with a strong fight in the second game. Unfortunately, by the third game we fell short and were unfortunately defeated by Miller High School who played a challenging match. Special thanks to Mr John who stood as referee and Livigistone Meafua who plays professionally for West Sydney and gave up his time to help coach the team. Well done to the boys for their after school commitment and sportsmanship.





Airds boys demonstrating teamwork and setting skills on the court.

Ms Hall Open Boys Volleyball Coach

#### Girls Open Volleyball Report

On the 24th March, Airds Girl's Open volleyball competed in their first knockout round against Holsworthy High School in the Airds school hall. The girls showed incredible talent and agility on the court proving to be a challenging opponent for Miller HS. The girls only just missed out on winning the first match and went on to win the second and third games, however only just missed out winning the game by two points to Miller High School. Miller HS coach commended Airds' girls on their high performance throughout the entire game. Congratulations to team captain Rose Taala, Mylove Puia, Ngatamaine Teinangaro, Vanessa Siitia, Elenora Taala, Praise Varu, Fialogo Mu, Renee Papali, Briana Dean and Claren Nookura for their outstanding performance commitment to training. Special thanks to Mr. John for refereeing the game.



Airds girls' volleyball team with coach Miss Hall and boys team captain Joel Etherington.



Airds girls team cheering as they won a point against Holsworthy High School.

Ms Hall Open Girls Volleyball Coach

#### **Open Boys Soccer**

The Airds High Open Boy's soccer team played Leumeah High in their first round. Our boys showed plenty of courage, determination and skill but unfortunately lost 2-0. It was a close game in which our team got better as the game progressed and we were unlucky not to score a number of goals. Todd Leslie and Bradley Bennett were outstanding in the backs keeping us in the game until the end. Jayden Vidovic-McCarthy and Aurin Jones controlled the centre well and were involved in everything.

The team included Aurin Jones, Jayden Vidovic-McCarthy, Brayton Jones, Joel Etherington, Jaycob Oloaga, Bradley Bennett, Mohammad Skandari, Mohammad Zreika, Travis Webster, Todd Leslie, Timothy Matagia, Josef Treiblmayr, Bastan Al-Khamesi, Mahmoud El-Tahach, Jonathan Souleyo, Jake Ling.

Mr Moss

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.

#### ABORIGINAL EDUCATION REPORT

Our Aboriginal dance group had the pleasure of performing in the Bangarra Dance Workshop this term. The students learnt Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander dances. All students were engaged & respectful. One of our year 12 students, Joel Etherington, was also selected to participate in the school spectacular this year. It was his first ever dance workshop. Great effort by all our dancers .



Our Bro Speak Boys designed and created this mural with amazing artist Lotte Smith. These Deadly Young Men tell the story of Aboriginal Peoples loss throughout history and the rebirth of a new generation and unity. It is great to see Aboriginal culture depicted in a modern artistic way.





#### SRC REPORT

What a massive term this has been for SRC! In Week 6, we ran the SRC elections for Year 7. We were impressed that so many students stepped up and presented their speeches at Year Meetings. Staff commented on the day that they were the best speeches that they had ever seen our junior cohort present and we look forward to these students playing a huge role as a student voice throughout their time in the AHS community. The successful candidates were:

Harmony Maxwell Lamara Rose Gillett Molly McDonald Tyreese Tailby Benjamin Stansfield Laura Sampson Zac Perry

I am sure Year 7 would be pleased for me to take this opportunity to thank their student mentors from Year 10 who workshopped with them to produce their speeches and provide them with strategies for public speaking. These Year 10 SRC students have been invited to badge Year 7 at their Formal Assembly at the end of this term.

In the first week of their tenure, our newly elected Year 7 students volunteered to run the second of our big events this term, The Happiness Project. As a part of the school's Harmony Week program, the students worked tirelessly to encourage our staff and students to consider what makes them happy, to collaborate safely and respectively with others, and to support the happiness of those in our community who are not as lucky as we are. The highlights of the week were definitely the Wall of Kindness, the making of the banner which will be presented for display in the library, and the bake sale that raised funds for Stewart House. We are very excited to announce that the proceeds of this particular endeavour raised over \$150 to help children find their happy place. Well done, Year 7!

Our wonderful SRC have helped run a lot of events this term and have been strong ambassadors of our school. They helped to run the Community Forum at the Catholic Club and led tours around the school on Years 4,5, and 6 Open Night. Their organisation, leadership, and strong values of respect and striving to do their best meant that these initiatives ran smoothly with wonderful feedback from parents and the community about their efforts.

This term, SRC have also advocated for the student body concerning how our school assemblies are run and this has led to assemblies becoming much more streamlined and student-focused. Thanks need to be given to Brianna Syron for giving an impassioned speech at assembly on SRC's behalf about the playing of the Dharawal version of our National Anthem. Combined with our Happiness Project, it is wonderful to see our students work toward creating a better school culture and a stronger community.

We look forward to an exciting Term 2! Have a happy and safe Easter.

Ms J Rix SRC Coordinator









# 'MAKE A DIFFERENCE' Community Day

Earlier this term, we were blessed to be given the opportunity to showcase our wonderful school to our local community. The Community Conference hosted by Airds High School was held at Campbelltown Catholic Club and had representatives from our feeder schools, Briar Road, Bradbury and John Warby Public Schools. We hired a bus for the transportation of some of the parent attendees.

The day started very powerfully with Airds High School students meeting and greeting both dignitaries and parents from all four schools. The students looked incredibly professional and sounded eloquent with their greetings. Airds High School provided a child minding facility of highly motivated and keen Senior Students studying "Community and Family Studies". These students had set up educational games and came armed to have fun with the children of the participating parents at the conference. Highlighted was our team of musicians singing and playing guitar whilst waiting for the day to commence in a decorated room showcasing all four schools.

The day comprised of three sessions inclusive of our Senior Education Director informing us of the changes to our local area and the local decision making processes.

Her informative and valuable session was supported by our outside Government Agencies who provided a wealth of knowledge for our future direction. The primary schools presented a plethora of examples of best educational practices.

In the second session, we were blessed to see the wonderful band play from Bradbury Public School and hear famous stories from their gifted and talented classes. John Warby Public School presented their incredible array of learning spaces and had confident student leaders speak with pride. To learn about the flourishing garden maintained by the students and it's uses for teaching lessons was a real highlight. From Briar Road Public School, we heard how wonderful the students have been at utilising differing learning spaces and creating differing playground spaces with focusses on structured games. The sensible playing area allowing quieter students to have a bit of time out and enjoy quieter surroundings sounded very appealing.

Airds High School showcased the differing projects of success from our science projects to our Student Representative Leadership focus. We also learned an incredible amount of positive information regarding Airds Compressed Curriculum for Years 11 and 12. We were lucky enough to here from our Year 8 Public Speaking winner presenting his winning speech about the dangers of technology with gusto and pride. All four schools were dynamic in their presentations and the feedback from our parents was consistently high in requesting further presentations of their successes.

The third session comprised of our indigenous and Polynesian communities showcasing their networks and points of contact for resources and support services. We had the wonderful opportunity of viewing two beautiful Polynesian dances with pride for us to highlight their culture. The ladies and students provided a very dynamic end to the day.

The feedback from the day highlighted it as overwhelmingly successful with many of the comments requesting further days. The majority of comments appreciated the efforts that the schools went to showcase both their students and their programs and were thankful for the opportunity of seeing such a commaraderie of teamwork between both Primary and High Schools.

Airds High School was very proud of its Student Leadership Team, the "Community and Family Studies" students and all performers who represented our school with pride. We also wanted to extend a note of thanks and congratulations to all of our participating schools and a huge thank you to all of our participating parents. It was a team effort to make the day successful and we feel we "Made the Difference" to successfully bring all of our educational brokers together and enjoy the company of community and each other in a nice setting. Thank you everyone.

Mrs J Fuller, Ms M Mitchell and Mrs R Bain



















#### ANNUAL FLAG CEREMONY



#### **Airds High School Flag Ceremony Cultural Competition** "OUR CULTURE, OUR STORIES"



#### What's Your Multicultural Story?

The competition invites all students across year groups to think about our diversity and how this year's theme "Our Culture, Our Stories" is relevant to them.

Budding young artists, photographers, film makers, writers and poets are encouraged to submit entries and interpret the theme in a way that tells their unique story, as well as our collective narrative as a community.

#### Prizes (double movie passes) will be awarded for each category for all stages:

Art	Photography
*Max size A3	*Max size A3
Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8)	Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8)
Stage 5 (Years 9 & 10)	Stage 5 (Years 9 & 10)
Stage 6 (Years 11 & 12)	Stage 6 (Years 11 & 12)
Poetry	Narrative
*Max 1000words, 1 setting, 2 characters	*Max 1000words, 1 setting, 2 characters
Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8)	Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8)
Stage 5 (Years 9 & 10)	Stage 5 (Years 9 & 10)
Stage 6 (Years 11 & 12)	Stage 6 (Years 11 & 12)
	Film
	ax 3mins
	(Years 7 & 8)
Stage 5 (	Years 9 & 10)
Stage 6 (	fears 11 & 12)











Entries close 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

For further information please see Miss Zalewski or English and Art Staff





AIRDS HIGH SCHOOL PROUDLY INVITES YOU TO OUR 27TH ANNUAL

#### FLAG CEREMO

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

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#### PASTORAL CARER REPORT

The end of Term 1 is almost here and how quickly the time goes! It has been a very busy term, with so many great opportunities provided by our dedicated staff. I hope all our students have enjoyed their learning experiences this term at Airds High School and I hope our families appreciate the ongoing care and support that Airds provides.

This year Easter falls in the middle of the school holidays again so I would especially like to wish everyone an enjoyable break with family and friends. It's a time for us to hopefully relax, and maybe consider the good things that life can offer us... "Happy Easter".

Anzac Day is on April 25th, at the end of these holidays. It's again a time to think about our values and the freedom we all enjoy as Australians. It's a time to commemorate and honour those who've served... "Lest We Forget"

EASTER and ANZAC Day...I ask, how do these days make you feel? I know holidays are great and we all need holidays, but these special days are worth thinking about. For me; it's a time to reflect, and I feel humble and thankful, because through the sacrifice of others, I have hope...hope for a better future.

In Term 2, I will be at Airds on Wednesday. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Until next time, cheers, Mr R Hodgson JP

#### Rob Hodgson - 10 years

Rob Hodgson has seen a lot as he approaches 10 years in his role as School Chaplain in 3 schools in Sydney's South West, Airds High School, John Warby Public School also Ambarvale High School. They call him the Pastoral Carer and he considers the opportunity to serve these school communities a real privilege. A background in Youth Work and Community Welfare helps him provide support and meet the diverse needs in these schools. He says, "Schools are a focal point for the community, where early intervention in social issues can be achieved." He is there to help these schools, supporting students, families and staff. He is not the School Counsellor and not the Scripture Teacher, but he does provide guidance through a wide range of issues. However, the opportunity is there

to meet peoples' spiritual needs as well; if desired, in a non-denominational way. And this is a key difference to his role. He says, "I feel blessed, and am thankful to be part of the school team...serving others gives me a real sense of purpose."

Rob is an exserviceman... ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day are important dates on his school calendar.



#### P&C REPORT

What a busy and successful first term we have had at Airds High School this year. There have been so many amazing achievements by our students and staff this term and it's great to see so many people taking pride in our school. Students have been involved in mentoring programs, dance workshops, the new drama club, zone sports team trials, Harmony Day celebrations and many other activities that have really enhanced the learning experiences of our children. Thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard to make sure our students have these amazing opportunities that allow them to broaden their horizons and experience such a stimulating and fulfilling learning environment. We are very lucky to have such wonderful staff members at Airds High School who work so hard for our children and go above and beyond the call of duty so often to make sure all the students in their care are engaged in their learning and reaching their full potential.

On Wednesday 1st March the P&C held its Annual General Meeting. Thank you to all those parents and community members who were able to attend that meeting where our executive committee for 2017 was elected. The committee for this year is as follows:

President: Melanie Cutts

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President : Miriana Ostoin 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President : Joanne Venn

Secretary: Robyn Bain

We are still looking for someone to take on the role of Treasurer for this year. Rob Hodgson has been the Treasurer for the P&C for a number of years and has done a wonderful job, but he now has extra responsibilities in his chaplaincy role so needs to hand the Treasurer's position over to someone else. It is not a difficult position and Rob is more than happy to help whoever takes it over until they feel comfortable and confident with what they are doing. If you are interested in volunteering for this role please come along to one of our P&C meetings, or you can contact Rob at the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays if you would like to discuss the position.

At our last meeting we also farewelled one of our very long-standing P&C members, Judith Ferderer. Judith has been a member of our School Council and P&C for the last 10 years and has made a huge contribution to our school during that time. She has been involved in every aspect of the P&C, from sausage sizzles to fundraising stalls, and her enthusiasm and energy have always been infectious and greatly appreciated. We thank Judith for all the amazing work she has done for Airds High School over the years and hope that she will be able to visit us and share a cuppa and morning tea with us whenever she can. We wish Judith and her family every success and happiness in the future and thank her for the incredible impact she has had on our school and its community.

Our senior students have just finished their Preliminary HSC studies, culminating in their yearly exams in Week 10. Our students have worked very hard during the term to get through the large volume of course work and assessments now required with our compressed curriculum. Next term these students will begin the HSC course in preparation for the HSC exams at the end of this year. I would like to congratulate these students on all their hard work so far this year, and encourage them to really apply themselves to their studies for the remainder of the year. Educational opportunities are one of the most empowering tools we can give our children and can really make a difference to the course of their futures. I'm looking forward to seeing the HSC results for Airds High School students continue to improve as our students embrace the importance of education and all the opportunities our school is providing them with.

Finally, I would like to encourage all our parents, carers and community members to attend our P&C meetings. They are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 9:50am and are very informal but extremely informative! Our Principal Steve McGuire attends our meetings and gives us an overview of what has been happening in the

school and informs us of any events that are coming up. We also have reports from a number of different members of staff from the school and everyone is encouraged to ask questions and make suggestions about what they would like to see happening at Airds High School. It is a great way to get to know our Principal, some of our staff members and other parents, as well as have a say in your child's education and the school environment. So please, come along and have a cuppa and a chat with a group of like-minded people who all have the success and happiness of our children at heart.

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and enjoys the break with their families. I would like to wish everyone a very happy Easter and I hope you enjoy all the chocolates and other goodies we allow ourselves to indulge in at this time of year! Please stay safe and we'll see you back at school next term, ready for more amazing personal and whole-school achievements.

Melanie Cutts P&C President.

#### **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

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.

#### **Opal Cards**

Students are reminded that they are required to tap on and off when travelling to and from school. This is a condition of using a School Opal Card. It is important to remember and the data gathered is used to determine demand for bus services. If students are not tapping on and off the service may appear to have limited patronage and could lead to cancellation of that service.







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#### Waranwarin Tharawal Child and Family Centre - Programs Registration Form

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#### Media/Photo Consent:

......do / do not give my permission for Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation Family Support Program to photograph my child / children.....

For promotional purposes, I am aware that some photos may be displayed onto the Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation

#### Participant Declaration:

Parent / Guardian Signature:

- to participate in all activities offered with their children
- All participants have the right to participate in a positive environment; bullying of any kind will not tolerated
- All participants will approach and adhere to the health, safety and well-being of all participants and staff.

  All participants must comply with procedures and instructions explained by Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation staff.
- All participants are required to maintain appropriate positive behaviors, no swearing, inappropriate physi
- All participant must NOT be under the influence of any drugs/substances or alcohol



# Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation Holiday Program

rharawal Aboriginal Corporation are offering activities throughout the Autumn holidays for families to attend.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2017  Family Movie Day  12yrs and under	11 <sup>ta</sup> April 2017	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2017  Family Fun Day 12yrs and under	13 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	14 <sup>th</sup> April 2017
	Venue: Dumaresq St Gnema Time: 10:30am		Venue: Waranwarin 105 Townson Avenue, Minto Time: 10:30am – 2pm	3	Public Holiday GOOD FRIDAY
	Parents required to attend		Parents required to attend		
Week	17th April 2017	18th April 2017	19 <sup>17</sup> April 2017	20th April 2017	21st April 2017
7		Catch 'n' Cook		Family Park Day	
0	Public Holiday	12yrs and under		12yrs and under Koo	Koori Clue Tall
	FASIER MONDAY	Venue: La Perouse (meet at Waranwarin) Time: 9:30am	%	Venue: Koshigaya Park, Campbelltown. Time: 10:30am – 2 pm	
		Parents required to attend		Parents required to attend	

Please contact Waranwarin ACFC on 02 98207447 to register for any of the above activities. There is no cost for most activities and refreshments will be provided.

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# Bring Your Bills

Come along if you need help with debts, fines and bills that you can't afford. Lawyers, financial counsellors, government and other support services will be present.

Monday, 10 April 2017 9.30am - 1pm 171-179 Queen St, Campbelltown MDSI Meeting room, Ground floor, Next to El Sadik supermarket

#### Do you have an old debt with **Energy Australia or Tru Energy?**

Come along and see if you qualify for their debt waiver program!

For more information contact Legal Aid Campbelltown on (02) 4268 2922





NAPLAN and HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

# HSC MINIMUM STANDARD



**ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS 2017** 

March 2017

In 2020, your child will need to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to qualify for a Higher School Certificate (HSC).



#### PRACTICAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS



The minimum standard will ensure that your child is ready for further education and training, employment and life after school.

The standard is set at Level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF), a nationally agreed standard of functional literacy and numeracy.

It means students can do things like:

Find the time and date of a music concert on an online ticket website	Calculate the quantity of paint required to paint a room	Estimate distance, travel time and costs for a transport route
Take notes from a lecture or training session	Create a personal weekly budget in a spreadsheet	Write a job application letter
Measure quantities to tollow a recipe	Follow satety instructions in an equipment manual	Enter data in a computer-based management system

#### **MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE STANDARD**



Your child will show that they have met the standard by passing new online reading, writing and numeracy tests.

They will take the online tests at school. Your child can take the tests up to twice a year in:

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Year 10

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Year 11 Year 12

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of for up to five years after they start their first HSC course.

Students can take the tests from next year when they are in Year 10.

Visit the demonstration site to see sample test questions:

https://hscliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au

#### YEAR 9 NAPLAN: A CHANCE TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE STANDARD

Your child can prequalify for the standard by achieving Band 8 or above in their Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests this year. This means that they won't have to take the online tests.

It is important for you to know that not all students are expected to achieve Band 8 in their Year 9 NAPLAN tests this year.



Your child will not be stopped from getting the HSC on the basis of their Year 9 NAPLAN results.

Your child's literacy and numeracy skills will continue to develop and it is expected that they will meet the standard either by the end of Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12.

Your child's school will provide support for them to meet the standard to get the HSC.

#### MORE INFORMATION

Contact your school principal for more detailed information about the minimum standard, or visit the NESA website:

http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au

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#### National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017

On 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 7 and 9.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 9-11 May 2017.

TUESDAY 9 MAY	WEDNESDAY 10 MAY	THURSDAY 11 MAY
Language Conventions	Reading test	Numeracy test
(Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)		
Writing test		

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May will be used a 'catch up' day for students who missed the test or were absent on a test day.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support

#### HSC Minimum Standard and NAPLAN for Year 9 Students

In 2020, your child will need to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to qualify for a Higher School certificate (HSC).

In line with the introduction of the HSC minimum standard in 2020, current Year 9 students have a chance to prequalify for the standard by achieving Band 8 or above in their Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests.

It is important to note that not all students are expected to achieve Band 8 in their Year 9 NAPLAN tests this year. Your child will not be stopped from getting the HSC on the basis of their Year 9 NAPLAN results.

More information - Contact Mrs Bullock (Deputy Principal) for more detailed information about the minimum standard, or visit the NESA website <a href="http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au">http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au</a>