Year 10 Bushcraft excursion to Climbfit in Sydney

COMING UP

17th February  
Swimming Carnival

1st March  
Year 10 Parent Info Evening

7th March  
Year 10 Vietnam Day 1

10th March  
Year 10 Vietnam Day 2

15th March  
Year 11 Parent Info Evening

25 - 28th March  
Easter Weekend

29th March - 8th April  
Year 12 Exams

8th April  
Last Day Term 1

25th April  
ANZAC Day Public Holiday

26th April  
Staff Professional Development Day

27th April  
Students first day Term 2

Congratulations to Year 12 Student Hephzibah Crossing for achieving a Merit Scholarship to Sydney University in the Agriculture and Environment Faculty

Hephizibah with Professor Alex McBratney (Dean of Agriculture and Environment at Sydney University) attending the High Achievers Breakfast.
PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

It has been a pleasing start to the year with students quickly getting back into campus routines. I wish to congratulate Year 10 students and their Year Advisers, Mrs Sach and Mr Wright who have led the transition from Umina to Woy Woy. The students have settled in well and are already showing the signs of an exceptional year group.

The campus has had a number of staffing changes this year with Jane McGuinness transferring to Wyong HS, Cheryl Rix transferring to Gosford HS, Josh Wade promoted to HT Maths at Erina HS, Sheree Gilchrist and Tina Rennie on 12 month leave and retirements of Alan Touzel, Bill Gorman and Michael Wilson.

I would like to welcome new staff for 2016:

Chelsea Cole – Maths teacher
Margaret Owen – English teacher
Jane Crump – HT Math

Heather Brown – permanent appointment HSIE
Dilan Houston – permanent appointment HSIE
Matt O’Keefe – HT Special Education

We also have the following staff who will be returning as temporary teachers:

Jade Leon – Maths
Lauren Muller – PDHPE
Liz Elbra – PDHPE
Mark Thomson – IA
Sue Lammert – Maths
Ellie Simpson – English

Jay Blue – Home Science
Julie Faulds – Industrial Technology
Stephanie Prior – English
Esteban Gordin – Maths
Nadia Scott – HSIE
Lisa Beer – English

A couple of reminders:

If you are wishing to take your child out of school for an extended period of time for things like family holidays or medical procedures it is important you notify the campus before the event by applying for Exemption leave. This form can be picked up from the administration office and needs to be returned with a letter explaining circumstance before the event.

Our canteen has always relied on voluntary assistance for it to operate. New volunteers are always welcome and I urge parents, if able to provide assistance to contact the canteen supervisor, Diane Williams to discuss how you could help our students.

Under work, health and safety policy all students must have the correct footwear to be able to undertake practical lessons. If students do not have the correct footwear theory work will be provided for them.

Finally I would like to congratulate the 2015 Year 12 cohort. This group were highly regarded by staff and HSC results were extremely strong with many outstanding individual results. Many of our students have gained entry to university (53 first round offers) with Hephzibah Crossing receiving an ATAR of 87.3. Due to the unique and diverse range of opportunities the college is able to offer many of our students have taken up apprenticeships, full time work and studying with other training providers in specialised vocational areas.

David Allomes
In October 22 students and 4 steers from Brisbane Water Secondary College attended the 2015 Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza held in Scone NSW. Schools and breeders represented many areas across NSW with over 300 head of cattle and more than 750 students participated in the event.

All students who attended displayed great enthusiasm in the preparation of cattle for competition and outstanding conduct throughout the show where excellent showmanship was displayed. Throughout the weekend students of BWSC also enjoyed meeting students from other areas of NSW. The Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza is a very educational show with Junior judging, Meat Judging competitions at the local abattoir and an Interactive Cattle Judging Clinic held at the Scone saleyards.

One of the key aims of the BWSC Cattle Program is to develop personal skills within our students including confidence, communication and teamwork as well as obvious practical skills in cattle handling and husbandry. We would like to thank all of our cattle breeders for their on-going support as well as our sponsors Umina and Woy Woy Rotary Clubs for enabling this program to continue. We are also thankful to Mr Warwick Bateman for his participation in assisting at the show as well as past BWSC student Luke Boxsell who donated much of his time in supporting our students in the preparation of cattle.

This year we were also joined by the Umina Rotary club, demonstrating their support to our students by attending the show and contributing to the needs of our drought stricken farmers by holding a fundraising stall at the show.

**Cattle Classes**

In a very strong Field BWSC in partnership with A & H Kelleher and P&M McCredie was awarded a 4th place ribbon in the Light Middleweight class and a 5th in the Heavy Middleweight Class.
YEAR 10 CHILD STUDIES

Congratulations to our new House Captains

**Booker:**
Captains - Tahlia Boyd & Ronan Bennett
Vice Captains - Rochelle Anderson, Hayden Crowson & Kieran Braddish

**Webb:**
Captains - Janelle Rooney & Zac South
Vice Captains - Jasmine Wolfe & Jye Sliman

**Crommelin:**
Captains - Sarah Hogg & James Johnson
Vice Captains - Sala Harrington & Jye Gemmell

**Davis:**
Captains- Ebony Millgate & Ben Pettit
Vice Captains - Maddison McLeod & Jack Naylor
YEAR 12 FUNDRAISER

Thank you to all students and staff for supporting the first Year 12 Fundraiser.

OFF TO A GREAT START!
Year 11 Screen and Media class setting up REDHEAD lights

Year 12 Entertainment class building set elements in the workshop