

School News

Illawarra Sports High School

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Respectful Responsible Learners

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Welcome Mr Keiren Spillane (Relieving) Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our new, improved newsletter. Many parents, teachers and even some students have approached me recently, unhappy with the previous newsletter. Most people feel that it was not completely representative of the school. I

was disappointed that it didn't reflect so many of the good things going on at Illawarra Sports High School. We have also decided to change the way that it is accessed by our community. We are going a little bit 'green' by not printing copies for all students. There will be copies left in the foyer and distributed to some of our contributors however for the majority of us, it will be distributed on line. Students will receive each edition in their education email address and parents will be able to register with us to receive the newsletter in their own email address. This should be a one off registration that will allow you to become more informed. If you have any queries or feedback please do not hesitate to call or email the school.

2011 has already seen many changes among the staff at Illawarra Sports High School. Three of our longest serving teachers have now retired.

Mr John Thompson (maths) retired in week 3 of this term and Mrs Maggie Bronneberg and Mrs Trish McKenzie (both HSIE) have completed their retirement paperwork in the last week. The bad news is that ISHS loses 3 of its most experienced teachers and their retirement leaves a big hole in the mathematics and HSIE faculties. The good news is that I have never seen the three of them happier than now, excited about the next stage of their lives. John, Maggie and Trish have devoted their working lives to the education of young people and have had a positive effect on literally thousands of young people. Although these outstanding teachers will be sorely missed, I hope you can all join with me in wishing them a long, healthy and enjoyable retirement.

Illawarra Sports High School is a comprehensive high school catering for the needs of our local community as well as our sports students. I am often quite proud of the achievements that many of our students attain every day and I hope that this newsletter reflects just some of these. As our school

community becomes more informed, we are more likely to celebrate our students and community achievements.

I hope you all enjoy reading about our school and I look forward to your feedback

DEPUTIES C Campbell and B Hughes (Relieving) Deputy Principals

Wow, we can't believe its June already and the year is nearly half over! Mr Hughes and I have been relieving as Deputies since the beginning of the year and it has been a fantastic experience. We have really enjoyed the opportunity to meet with students and parents and to work closely together to make every students education at Illawarra Sports High an enjoyable and valuable experience.

Mr Hughes and I had the pleasure of judging the Year 7 and 8 Masterchef competitions and it was fantastic. Congratulations to our winners. My highlights were the delicious poached pears and the lovely crumbly butter shortbread. I'm so impressed with the skills our students have learned in the kitchen and encourage all parents to keep them cooking at home! Year 7 and 8 have also been involved in anti-bullying seminars delivered by the Wollongong Hawks earlier this term. The sessions were valuable in teaching our students strategies to cope with bullying and we thank the Hawks for donating their time and expertise.

Year 9 will be participating in Respectful Relationships seminars later this term. The Seminars are aimed at giving students skills and knowledge about how to develop healthy relationships with other people. The workshops are hands on and students will have the opportunity to participate in lots of scenarios and role play to practise the skills they learn.

Our senior students have been hard at work this term with exams and assessment tasks as they prepare for the School Certificate and the Higher School Certificate. It was great to meet some of the year 12 parents at our Year 12 parent teacher evening earlier this term. Year 11 and 12 can often be a stressful time for students and parents. We are looking at running some workshops later this year for those students in year 11 and 12 who are struggling with stress and anxiety associated with school. Remember there is help out there so any students or parents who need help coping with the demands of year 11 and 12 please don't hesitate to contact Mr Hughes or myself.

Thanks to those parents who have been so supportive in getting our students into full school uniform. Mr Hughes and I

have been working closely with students and parents to help those families who are having difficulty in this area. With the onset of winter and the cold weather lots of students have been coming to school in coloured jumpers and hoodies. We want to take this opportunity to remind parents that hoodies are not a part of our uniform and students who come to school in hoodies will be asked to remove them and offered a jumper from our uniform pool to wear for the day. The other area that is still causing concern is shoes. Despite what your students tell you, canvas shoes with or without laces are not to be worn to school for health and safety reasons as well as the fact that they provide absolutely no protection from the rain in wet weather.

We are looking forward to meeting lots of parents and students on parent teacher interview day last day of term. Parents should look out for the booking sheet that will be mailed home with your students report. We are also looking forward to rewarding our achievers at our merit assemblies on Wednesday the 20th of July.

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We're looking forward to your company on this journey into the world of cyber-communication. Of course, if you have any problems with the email list, feel free to ring the school for advice or email illawaspor-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au with the subject line "Email List Help".

Click here to view the current [Term Planner](#) of school events.

English News

This year has begun very positively for the English faculty after the outstanding success of three 'Band 6' results in last year's HSC. These results, as well as the overall performance of our students, speak volumes about what can be achieved through commitment and hard work.

It has been a busy semester. The junior and senior English courses are well underway with programs aimed at developing knowledge and skills to prepare students for assessments and examinations.

Students recently sat the National NAPLAN tests, and the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate are to be held later in the year. It is understandable that some parents are concerned about the literacy levels of their children. With this in mind, the English Faculty strongly encourages students to read through the class study of literary works and also through regular library lessons where students are able to select books of their own choice.

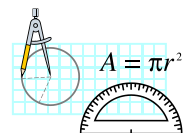
We, as teachers, highly value the support of parents who encourage their children to establish a reading routine at home. This practice is highly beneficial in helping students to successfully meet the challenges of this subject.

Attached is some of the work that we have completing in class this semester; a [short story by Stephanie Kuzmanovska](#) in 7G and a [newspaper article by Bianca Knight](#) in 10B.

E Tosh
Classroom Teacher

Maths News

On Friday May 13 Illawarra Sports lost the services of an excellent mathematics teacher when John Thompson retired.



John is a former School Captain of Berkeley High School and taught at Illawarra Sports/Berkeley High School for 22 years. He contributed much to the running of the faculty and taught all levels of Mathematics with a sensitive and compassionate nature that was appreciated by most students.

John also contributed to the school by serving as the TSP Hockey Coordinator and coach over many years. Even at the "young" age of 60, John is still playing competitive grade Hockey on the weekends and has represented both Illawarra and New South Wales for many years.

He also encouraged many students “to give to those less fortunate” by coordinating the 40 Hour Famine and assisted in the running of many welfare educational forums.

Thank you, John for your long service to ISHS. Your expertise will be greatly missed.

The Mathematics Faculty would also like to welcome three new members of staff.

Peter Holliday comes to ISHS from Elderslie High (in the Macarthur area) with many years experience teaching all levels of Mathematics. He also comes with great experience and passion for many sports including Soccer and Cricket.

Troy Pilon comes to ISHS from Warilla High where he taught many different subjects. Troy has a long and distinguished career in professional Basketball and is already contributing to the school in both Rugby League and Basketball.

Maxine Lapham comes to the school from Figtree High where she was a valued member of the Mathematics faculty over many years.

We welcome all these new members of the faculty and look forward to their contribution to the learning of Mathematics at ISHS.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind students and parents that all students should have their Mathematics exercise book, textbook and calculator at school for every Mathematics lesson? It is a cause of much frustration for staff when a large number of students “forget” their equipment on a regular basis. The support of parents in ensuring that students bring the required equipment at school would be much appreciated.

Also can I advise students and parents that there is an opportunity for all students to get extra (free) tutoring in Mathematics every Wednesday from 3pm to 4pm in Room K10 (Mr Dawson’s room). Just turn-up (with a positive attitude) and get some extra help.

Mr Dawson
Head Teacher Mathematics

Science News

Year 11 Marine Studies students have already completed their Applied First Aid and Resuscitation Certificates. At present they are observing the local marine environment and ecosystem at Lake Illawarra.

Year 12 Biology students will be visiting the Human Diseases Museum at the University of NSW on June 17. This is also an assessment task.

As part of the Illawarra **Partnership in Education (iPie)**, **Year 12 Physics** students were engaged in an HSC enrichment course with Figtree High School in Mr Kennedy’s physics room. They were given the opportunity to meet and work with an HSC Physics Marker which provided them with a comprehensive understanding of what is required to answer an HSC Physics question at a high standard.

The **Chemistry** and **Biology Enrichment Days** will be held later on this term.

On Wednesday May 18, **visiting Year 5 & 6 students** were engaged in various activities in Mrs Thomas’s science lab during **Open Night**. Mrs Thomas, Mr Jones and Mr Gander were able to demonstrate various science topics and also encouraged students with hands-on activities such as using binocular microscopes, chromatography, electrolysis, geology, chemical reactions and human anatomy.

Assessment Tasks are rapidly approaching, including **Year 12 Chemistry** on Wednesday June 7.

Science 9.S3 Mr Gander

In science the students blend some peas in order to extract the DNA that is in the nucleus of cells. As well as gaining firsthand experience extracting DNA in the lab, students learn about enzymes and immiscible liquids.

We could see the DNA from the peas and it was gross, it looked like a grass milk shake with oil on top and some sticky thing in the oil. It was pretty cool but gross. We learnt that everything living has DNA.

Logan Stoker, Yr 9

We extracted DNA from peas and we learnt that everything has DNA.

Kelly McDougall, Yr 9



Visual Arts News

In the Visual Arts faculty we like to celebrate fantastic work by putting it on display for both students and staff to enjoy. In Term 1 of 2011 students in Years 9 and 10 taking Elective Sculpture were given the opportunity to display their work in the Library. The class project was an Alice in Wonderland inspired 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party'. Students needed to use their creative skills and imagination to create a tea party table setting, inclusive of food, cutlery, plates and cups constructed entirely from paper. While the project challenged students creative abilities, students also developed their skills in team work and communication, cooperating together to produce an exciting and colourful work. Miss Lennon would like to congratulate her class for an outstanding effort.

K Lennon



TABS Faculty

(Technology and Behavioural Sciences)

New Head Teacher

Hi everyone! How wonderful it is to have the opportunity to connect with parents, students and the local community through our school newsletter.

My name is Amanda Orator. I grew up in the Penrith area and started teaching in 1992. I moved to the South Coast nine years ago where I had been teaching at Nowra High School before successfully acquiring the position of Head Teacher TABS at ISHS at the beginning of 2011.

The first thing I noticed when I clicked on the ISHS Website was the fantastic pictures of the students engaging in their learning with each other, with technology and with their teachers. When I actually arrived at the school it was the wonderful leafy environment that caught my eye, quickly followed by the bright PBS signage...RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, LEARNERS. I instantly found myself getting a good feel about ISHS.

I've heard it said that teachers and students form the glue that holds a school together. Nowhere have I found that saying to be truer than here at ISHS. I was immediately made to feel very welcome by everyone associated with the school. Students say "Hi Miss!" or "Morning!" as I walk through the corridors. The students in my classes always have a smile for me and are courteous and cooperative. The TABS staff are a wonderful support to me as I move through the gradual process of settling into a new school. Nothing has ever been too much trouble. They are all wonderful, committed educators who consistently try to provide the best learning opportunities for their students. They are tireless in the pursuit of supporting the overall development of their students to become individuals with a solid values system and a good work ethic.

There have been a lot of changes to staff and school procedures since the beginning of this year and there is definitely a sense of growth and renewal in the direction that ISHS is heading. I am very much looking forward to being a part of this change and can only see a bigger and brighter future for all who are associated with the school.

I would like to encourage all parents to keep the lines of communication open between themselves and their child's TABS teachers through reading this newsletter. Parents are more than welcome to make contact with us at any time to discuss the progress of their child. The TABS Faculty will regularly keep parents informed of the new and interesting things happening across the different subject areas we teach and we look forward to strengthening the link between school and home.

A most sincere thank you to all the students and staff at ISHS for my wonderfully warm welcome.

Ms Zoratto



What's Happening in TABS

Students in Food Technology, Basic Catering, Technology Mandatory and Hospitality along with their teachers have been preparing many yummy treats this term. A sample of what Year 9 Food Technology will be preparing is provided for your enjoyment. Look out for more delicious recipes in future newsletters.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Raspberry Slice

Ingredients:

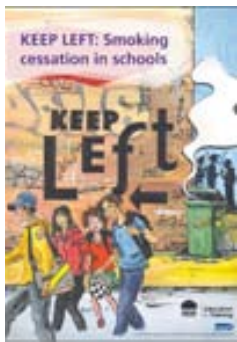
125g butter
 ½ Cup sugar
 2 eggs
 1 ½ Cups SR Flour
 Raspberry Jam
 ½ Cup Sugar
 1 Cup coconut



Method:

- Cream Butter & sugar together
- Add 1 of the eggs
- Add sifted flour. Mix well.
- Spread thinly in a flat well greased tin
- Spread with raspberry jam
- Beat remaining egg & sugar together. Add coconut
- Spread over jam
- Bake in a moderate oven 180c for 30 minutes.
- Allow to cool before cutting

PDHPE News



KEEP LEFT: Smoking cessation in schools

Smoking by young people is a serious health concern. Any exposure to tobacco smoke is risky and there is no such thing as a safe cigarette.

The **KEEP LEFT: Smoking cessation in schools** program is available at our school to help students stay smoke free and avoid or reduce smoking related harm.

When faced with situations involving possible exposure to tobacco smoke, students are taught to **KEEP LEFT**, or ('stay on the safer side of the road') by choosing the lowest risk strategies.

KEEP LEFT: Smoking cessation in schools includes a meeting with students who are experimenting with smoking to encourage them to quit. **KEEP LEFT** promotes helping young people who smoke to:

- Recognise the early symptoms of dependence on nicotine
- Cut down the number of cigarettes smoked to reduce nicotine levels
- Stay connected to their family and school networks
- Quit smoking

The following teachers at our school have been trained in the **KEEP LEFT** approach

Mrs Potter, Ms Grey and Ms Hilton

Students interested in quitting smoking, or who wish to talk about their smoking, can also contact one of these staff members.

If you would like any further information, or you wish to discuss this further, please contact the school on 42711099

Year 11 PDHPE Abseiling

Mt Keira provides a fantastic view of the Illawarra. However, when you're hanging 30m from a cliff edge, it's hard to enjoy the view and not look down.

Last week, Year 11 PDHPE students took up the challenge of abseiling and rock climbing up Mt Keira. "Optimum Experiences" guided 40 students through the instructional and safety requirements, and they all managed to push themselves outside their comfort zone to take the plunge. Some went even further and abseiled down the wall face frontwards.



This amazing opportunity provided the students with an experience that they'll never forget and they all learned something new about themselves. All students encouraged each other and they are to be congratulated on their efforts.

J Grey



Library News

As the weather gets colder, the Library is a great place to come at Recess and Lunchtimes with our air conditioners working hard to make it toasty warm inside. We always have new resources to be borrowed and you can read on our comfy chairs or take home a book.

Some new titles include books by the **Top Gear** crew, the latest instalment in the Mortal Instruments Saga **The City of Fallen Angels** and Jodi Picoult's latest **Sing You Home**.

Congratulations to **Laura Brown** of Year 12 and **Mr Cupitt** for winning our **Adventure Reader's Competition!** Both Laura and Mr Cupitt borrowed books from our display and won a National Geographic Polar fleece jumper and Backpack.

Come and check out our new **School Stories Competition** and borrow a book from the display to go into the draw to win your own copy of "Monster High".



Careers News

All students, parents and carers who are interested in receiving regular updates and information relating to Careers via email should simply send an email to simon.king@det.nsw.edu.au with your request.

Recently students from Years 10 and 12 attended the Illawarra Careers Expo with many students advising that they thought the experience was very valuable. Please see Careers for any help with follow up questions.

Upcoming events:

June 10 Teaching Careers conference at UOW.

June 15 Bluescope excursion looking at Careers in the Steel Industry including trades opportunities and Engineering cadetships. Limit of 20 students.

June 16 NSW Minerals Council 'Careers in Mining Dinner'. Available to senior students. Places limited. Please see Careers if interested.

June 28 Year Mock Interview program

June 29 - July 1 Responsible Service of Alcohol, Responsible Conduct of Gambling and Bar Operations course.

June 27 - July 1 Year 12 VET students work placement week.

- Year 12 students considering applying to go to UOW are reminded that Early Entry applications open on July 1 and close 5pm September 1.
- Year 10 students are reminded to see Careers if they would like to buy a University Admissions Centre (UAC) Year 10 Subject Selection guidebook. This booklet will assist with knowing what subjects are recommended for particular university courses. Cost \$4.00.
- All senior students who may be interested in a specific work experience program that will assist them to get a job please see Careers to see if we can support you to achieve your goals.

Apprenticeships and Traineeships in 2012 Information Session:

Students leaving school at the end of this year and looking to start a full time apprenticeship or traineeship have a great opportunity to get all the information they need. The sessions are designed to give students the best opportunity possible to secure one of the apprenticeships or traineeships on offer in the region.

Students and their parents will be able to receive information from and talk to employers, group training companies, current apprentices, TAFE NSW and many others involved in the apprenticeship system. They will learn:

- What employers look for when choosing apprentices and trainees;
- Where to find apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities; and
- How to develop a strategy to give you the best opportunity to be successful finding the apprenticeship or traineeship you want.

Dates and Venues

Wednesday 1 June 2011 Illawarra Master Builders Club
Tuesday 7 June 2011 Shellharbour Workers Club,

Bookings and further information by contacting Workplace Learning Illawarra on 4225 2526 or by email to info@iswlp.org.au

TSP and SPORT

School Sport

I would like to thank all the students, parents and teachers who helped by being organised, allowing sport to start successfully this year.

Payments for year 7 sport (Term 1) should have been completed by the end of term 1. If this has not occurred \$45 can be paid to the Sports Excellence office. There are still a number of outstanding payments and if this cannot be rectified we may have to stop the use of Berkeley Stadium in term 3 to reduce losses.

Term 2 sport selections for years 8-11 started on Monday 28th March Term 1. As with term 1 there was a variety of activities offered, ranging in price from \$0- \$100. Students had the opportunity to select an activity to meet their interests and financial constraints. All students were required to make three choices. It is important that consideration was given to all three choices as I couldn't guarantee that all students would obtain their first choice, due to number constraints and staffing limitations. The rolls for term 2 sport were put up around the school on Monday 4th April.

All non TSP students from years 8-11 should have their name on a rec activity roll. All students who are on the roll of a sport that costs have been invoiced for that cost. If there are any problems they need to see me.

Payment for sports for term 2 should have been finalised. If any family is having trouble making payments for sport please contact the school so an extension can be arranged. All sports for term 2 are paid for by the term and not weekly. All sports are invoiced so any outstanding payments remain on a student's record.

Mr McPhillips
Sports Organiser

Volunteering

SES – Mr Gander

During sport time on a Thursday students at Illawarra Sports High have the opportunity to become an SES Cadet. The aim of the Cadet Program for Secondary Schools is to provide students with the skills, knowledge and attitudes required to achieve an understanding of the NSW State Emergency Service and its role in the community. All the students really enjoy learning about the SES and get to see the SES up close with excursions to the SES headquarters. Mr Gander

Every Thursday afternoon for sport my friends and I do SES. We wear a SES uniform and are training to be SES Cadets. Maryanne from the Albion Park/Shellharbour branch comes and trains us. Our PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) consists of: Shirt, Jacket, Pants, Shoes, Hat, Gloves, and Safety Glasses. We are about halfway into the course and I can't wait to see what comes during the rest of the course.

Lera White, Yr 9



We went to Shellharbour SES headquarters for an excursion to learn about what they do and the equipment that use in their work. I found it fun and exciting to learn because it was a new experience.

By Dale Bromley, Yr 11

We went to Shellharbour SES headquarters to check out how the SES gear was used and how all the stuff works. It was good because we got to do lots of fun stuff and the food was good.

By Tim Cole, Yr 11

TSP Sport

Graduates Continue To Excel

Whilst our focus and energy is always with our current group of athletes, I was certainly distracted on the weekend by the astonishing progress of some of our recent graduates. Saturday's Illawarra Mercury reported on two major milestones that two of our highly successful 'footballers' are currently enjoying. In the 'World Game', **Corey Gameiro** who I was still teaching at ISHS last year was selected in the Young Socceroos squad for a week long camp in Germany. Corey who is an established member of English Premier League club, Fulham FC's Youth Team, will play a match against his German U 19 counterparts, in the coming weeks.

Thousands of km away and in the 'religion' they call the AFL; **Aidan Riley** was preparing to make his debut for the Adelaide Crows against premiers, Collingwood. Named on an extended bench, Aidan's rise to the highest level has been dramatic, with his elevation a reward for the wonderful work ethic and commitment that he has displayed.

Finally, in the 'football' code and cauldron that we only know of as State of Origin, **Trent Merrin's** selection in the Blue's squad is a remarkable story of persistence and discipline. As the feature story in The Sunday Telegraph sports section outlined, Trent struggled to control his weight as a junior player, which resulted in him consistently just missing selection in representative teams. Beginning during his time at Illawarra Sports High, Trent adopted and maintained a strict diet, which has ultimately helped him achieve at the highest level.

To all three boys, congratulations on these outstanding achievements and good luck in all the big matches ahead.

CHS Knockout Teams Continue Their Great Progress

With all of the CHS Knockout competitions well underway, the vast majority of our teams have enjoyed wonderful success.

Volleyball – Boys/Girls

For the first time in living memory, our boys and girls volleyball teams have qualified for the final four stage of the South Coast section of the draw. Each squad has recorded two positive wins over some talented and well drilled opposition. Most recently, our girls played almost faultless volleyball in dispatching Bowral HS, after their first round win over Albion Park HS.

After also beating Albion Park in the first round of the competition, the boys scored a nail biting victory in a thriller against Corrimal.

Next month, both squads will travel to Bomaderry to contest the finals of the South Coast region. We wish them well.

Cross Country Representatives Progress to Regional Level

A strong contingent of runners represented Illawarra Sports High, at last Wednesdays Zone Cross Country Carnival. Many of our participants finished high in the placings, with these students now progressing to the South Coast Championships near Nowra, on Friday, 3rd June.

Along with the many runners who finished in the top 10, I would like to acknowledge the following athletes who made the 'podium' after a fantastic effort on the day.

- Tegan Klusenber, 1st Girls 18's.
- Kasey Fraser, 2nd Girls 13's
- Tiarne Petrovich, 3rd Girls 14's
- Phillip Garbutt 3rd Boys 16's
- Josh Bingham 3rd Boys 17's

Bill Turner Cup/Trophy Squads Ready to Continue Tradition

By the end of week 5, both our U 15 boys and girls football squads, should have played their first matches in the prestigious "Bill Turner" competitions. With over 500 teams from 4 states and territories of the country, it takes a long and committed campaign to be successful. The boys held the cup up in 2008 and our girls have also been regular semi-finalists during the past two years.

Erindale College Sporting Visit

Having played out a 26 all draw with our Open Rugby League squad last week, Canberra sports college, Erindale, will next week send their Open Boys and Girls Football and Basketball squads north, to play our teams in another 'friendly' competition. The challenge will occur on Tuesday 31st May, with games in the school gym and Macedonia Park. Parents as always, are more than welcome to attend.

Touch Boys Once Again In Top 20

On the 10th June at the ISHS 'Touchdome', our elite Open Boys Touch team will take on North Coast Champions, Chatham HS, in what will be a skillful and exciting affair. With a number of CHS representatives playing, we will ensure that we have a large contingent of supporters to cheer our boys on.

Once again, we encourage parents and family to support our students in their endeavours.

Caitlin Foord's sterling progress has continued with her inclusion in the Matilda's (Australian Open Women's Team) train-on squad. A goal scorer a few weeks ago for the Young Matilda's, Caitlin will find out in the next few days if she had made the Matilda's touring team to Germany. We wish her the best in this endeavour.

Tennis Girls South Coast Champions

Our tennis girls have converted their fantastic training form into a Regional Title, with an outstanding performance in the South Coast Finals.

After defeating the 2009 State Champions, Figtree 5-1, in the semi-final, the girls convincingly outplayed Ulladulla in the decider. The team comprising Kate Lynch, Stephanie Pazarkoska, Renee Ahilas and Samantha Cole will now make the long trek to Griffith next term for the State Finals.

Our Congratulations are extended to the girls, as well as out TSP Coach, Dave Winly who has made an outstanding contribution to their development.

Netball Finals

The Boys Open Netball competition resulted in the ISHS team defeating Oak Flats, Warilla, Albion Park and Dapto High Schools that leads them undefeated through to the South Coast Finals to be held on Tuesday 2 August, 2011

The Girls Open Netball competition was equally impressive with four of their five matches resulting in a win and thereby qualifying them for the South Coast Finals also.

Congratulations to both teams.

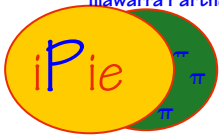
N Hill and D Nunn
Sport Excellence Centre

Buses

An inspector from Premier buses contacted me recently to inform me of some of the difficulties that our bus drivers have been facing recently. It is a condition of travelling on the bus that a passenger needs to have a valid bus pass or has paid a fare. People who are travelling with bus passes need to show their bus pass to the drivers on entering the bus. It is not appropriate to refuse to show the bus pass or pay the fare. The bus company reserve the right to refuse transport on the bus to any passenger (student or other) that fails to comply with these conditions. As a member of the school community, it is important that we develop a good name. It is disappointing that some of our community members do not follow these simple requirements.

K Spillane
(Relieving) Principal

Illawarra Partners in Education



A Slice of Pie

Illawarra Partners in Education (iPie) is a network of the three local high schools; ISHS, Warrawong and Figtree. They work in partnership to enhance the curriculum opportunities of students at the three schools to maximise efficiency and use of resources. For example, if a small group of students at one school wish to study a particular subject that is also offered at another school, they can study in partnership with the other school to complete their requirements for that subject.

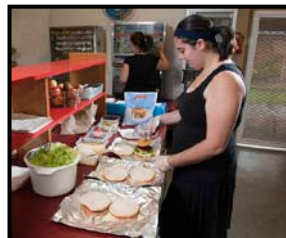
Continuing the tradition of sharing knowledge and experience, Head Teachers from HSIE (Human Society and Its Environment), TAS (Technology and Applied Sciences) Welfare and Science across the three iPie schools have met in recent weeks. Working as KLA groups (Key Learning Area) after school participants share ideas and resources to help improve the educational outcomes of our students.

The Science Head Teachers have planned a series of enrichment days for **Stage 6** students who will be 'Meeting a Marker'. The first of these involving **Year 12 Physics** and hosted by ISHS in Week 4. Other strands of Science will follow during the year.

Karen O'Malley
iPie Co-ordinator

Canteen News

ISHS has a canteen that offers healthy alternatives for students and staff for recess and lunch. It operates five days a week with a paid supervisor, Mrs Sadler, who has been involved with ISHS for many years.



If you are interested in volunteering in the school canteen and have a few hours to spare once a fortnight or more, please feel free to contact Mrs Sadler through the school. At the moment, there is a shortage of people for Fridays. Times are usually between 9:30am and 1:30pm. No food preparation experience is necessary and all cash is handled by school staff.

Come along and join the happy group of volunteers who enjoy a social, friendly atmosphere in our vibrant school canteen



Parenting teenagers?

Get some expert advice on building positive relationships. There are two courses coming up in the area:

"Equipping your teen for success"
Thirroul community centre
Tuesday June 7 at 7:00-9:30 pm
"Communicating with your teenager"
Dapto Ribbonwood Centre
Thursday June 23 at 7:00-9:30 pm

For more details and booking information go to
www.understandingteenagers.com.au

FREE TUTORING

Berkeley Neighbourhood Centre runs Free Tutoring in Maths and English, from Years 3 to Years 12 on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:15pm. All Tutors are qualified and have experience in tutoring.



Contact the Berkeley Neighbourhood Centre on 42711661 for more information or email Ange at byp@bigpond.net.au



Outreach Courses for Semester 2 2011 Information and Enrolment Sessions:

Dapto Campus

Introduction to Computers

Information session and enrolments at Dapto Campus – Tuesday 28th June 2011 at 11.00am – Block H – HG7

Work Opportunities for Women Introduction to Coffee Shop

Information session and enrolments at Dapto Campus – Tuesday 28th June 2011 at 10.00am – Block H – HG7

My Productive Backyard

Information session and enrolments at Dapto Campus – Tuesday 28th June 2011 at 12.00pm – Block H – HG7

Shellharbour Campus

Introduction to Computers

Information session and enrolments at Shellharbour Campus - Wednesday 29th June 2011 at 10.00 am - Block J - JG08

Work Opportunities for Women Introduction to Photography

Information session and enrolments at Shellharbour Campus - Wednesday 29th June 2011 at 12.00 pm - Block J - JG08

Computer Skills Development

Information session and enrolments at Shellharbour Campus -
Please contact coordinator to book for this course

These courses are free of the TAFE NSW administration fees but have a \$25.00 materials charge

For more information about any of these courses please contact the

Outreach Coordinator, Kathy Finigan on 42218939