

# SCHOOL NEWS



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**Mr Michael Gerritsen**  
**Relieving Principal**

*A message from the...*

## Principal

Welcome to the first term of the 2012 school year, and a special welcome to the new Year 7 students. As a school community we are looking forward to continuing the strong emphasis we have on 'Respectful, Responsible, Learners'. ISHS Staff strive to provide your child with a professional, safe environment focused on students achieving their best.

We congratulate Mr Keiran Spillane (Relieving Principal ISHS 2011) for his promotion to Principal Oak Flats High School. We welcome Mrs Kylie Wood as our new Deputy Principal 2012, who joins us from Moorebank High School in Sydney's south west. She along with Mr Brad Hughes also in the role of Deputy Principal will work with staff students and the wider community building upon the fine work of 2011.

As a school community we value your thoughts, ideas and support. We encourage you to speak to staff, enabling staff to understand your child better maximising learning opportunities. We seek your support in ensuring your child attends every day, and when this is not possible we ask that you provide a note explaining the absence.

As a parent you naturally want the best for your child. It is our aim to provide a quality education for your child, and by working together in 2012 we can achieve this.

## *and...* Deputy Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and give you all a little insight into my teaching background. I have grown up in the Illawarra and for the last ten years been commuting to Sydney South West region teaching at Moorebank High School. My teaching background is in Home Economics, but for the last two years I have been working with students with behavioural difficulties.

I have been so impressed by the school community at Illawarra Sports High and the way in which students and staff have gone out of their way to make me feel welcome. I have spent the last two weeks observing students in the classroom and witnessed a large number of students being engaged and immersed in their learning environment.

As the year progresses I look forward to many more newsletters whereby I can communicate to you all of the fantastic events that are happening in the school community.



**Ms Kylie Wood**  
**Deputy Principal**

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# Important Information

## Attention Parents of Year 7 and 8

### School Survey for NSW Priority Schools Programs

Over the next two weeks you will be asked to fill in and return the Priority Schools Programs survey form. The forms will be handed out to students during roll call.

These forms are extremely important. By filling in and returning the form you will help our school to receive extra funding. The funding will be used to develop special programs to assist your child's literacy, numeracy and success at school.

If you choose to fill in the form there are 3 simple things to do.

Fill in the survey form

Put the Survey into the envelope provided. Seal the envelope and write your child's name on the tear-off tab.

**Give the sealed envelope to your child to hand in at roll call before Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> March.**

The school will not open your envelope.

No one at school will see what you have written on the survey form.

The school will send your sealed envelope for electronic scanning.

We strongly urge all families to take the time to fill out the survey and return it school. Students who return their survey by the due date will receive a chocolate for their effort.

Thankyou for your assistance.

## School Chaplain

Illawarra Sports High School is in the process of applying to the federal government for funding to enable the school to employ a school chaplain to assist in the delivery of student welfare initiatives in our school.

We envisage our School Chaplain would be used to perform the following duties in our school

provide pastoral care and personal assistance for students, staff and parents of the school community in coordination with the school counselor and other support staff

- assist in the development and continuation of the school's welfare programs
- provide an early intervention framework for addressing student welfare needs
- facilitate small group programs targeting students at risk
- support families of students who have a diagnosis on the Autism Spectrum or other Behavioral Disorders



# Year Advisors News

## YEAR 7

Most of the jitters and nerves have disappeared as Year 7 have begun to settle into high school life. Students have been placed into their classes and met their teachers. Many students have made new friends.

Term one has only just begun and already we have seen some great achievements from some Year 7 students. Congratulations to all students who participated in the swimming carnival held in week two, and well done to those students who made it to the next level!! Melissa Peterson should also be congratulated on winning the weekly PBS draw. Melissa was lucky enough to receive a \$5 canteen voucher!!



*Mrs Ros Potter*

We have many exciting things to look forward to! Year 7 have their first peer support day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Peer support programs aim to strengthen relationships between year 11 students and year 7 students. Year 11 students' mentor and guide year 7 students through a range of values based activities whilst being excellent role models.

We also have the year 7 camp at Cataract Dam coming up on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. We are all very excited to go away with our new friends. Everyone is looking forward to the activities especially the obstacle course so we can get muddy!!! A reminder to parents that the final payment for camp is due before the first of March.

Mr. Gander and myself look forward to a fantastic year!!!



*Mr Joe Gander*

*Mrs Potter*

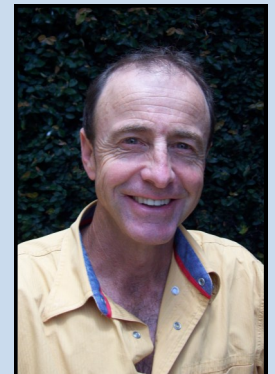
## YEAR 8



Don Woods Photography 2011



*Mrs Jane Jarman*



*Mr Ross Thomas*





# Year Advisors News

## YEAR 9

This year has seen a change in the Year Advisors for Year 9. With Ms Evitt gaining a position at Kanahooka High School, Ms Mills has taken over her role and while Ms Pettit is on maternity leave, Ms Hall is taking her place. Ms Mills can be found in the HSIE Staffroom in K Block, while Ms Hall can be found in the PE Staffroom in the gym.



*Ms Brooke Mills*



*Ms Ranay Hall*

Both Year Advisors have been impressed with the Year 9 students and how they are settling back into school. It has been excellent to see majority of students coming to school prepared, willing to learn and in the correct school uniform. Exciting news for the students is that their laptops have started being handed out. These are a great way to enhance learning in the classroom; however, it is still essential that every student still comes to school prepared with their books and pencil case.

We are both looking forward to getting to know more of the Year 9 students and trust it will be a great year!

*Ms B Mills and Ms R Hall*

**Respectful Responsible Learners**

Year 10, have returned to ISHS this year as part of the senior school. From day one, they looked great in their new white shirts prepared for the challenges ahead. They will be the first group not to sit the School Certificate and the first to be reported on using new assessment guidelines. Most students will be continuing with the subjects they chose in Year 8, but there has been the opportunity to choose a new Z-elective, with Child's Play and Forensics being popular new editions to the wide variety of subjects available at ISHS.

Many Year 10 students have embraced our system of rewards, (PBS), diligently collecting merits and getting them to me so they can receive silver and gold certificates. At the end of last year, 3 students, Shaniya Bloomfield, Natalie Da Silva and Isaac Keenan reached Diamond category. This means that they have received 9 silvers and 3 golds, 45 merits in total from at least 3 different Key Learning Areas. This will be very impressive on their resumes.

We are fortunate to have 4 responsible Year 10 students on the SRC for 2012. Samantha Cole, Emily Meldrum, Daniel Skourmallas and Joshua Smithers will confidently take on the role as student representatives for our year group on the student council.

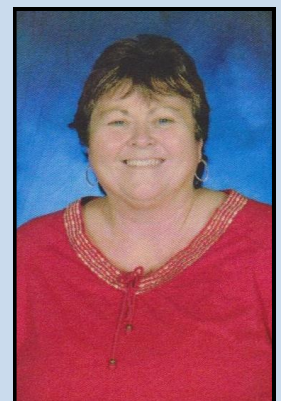
The swimming carnival was on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February and Kathy Sharp, Logan Stoker and Sarah Tome got into the carnival spirit and swam impressively.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new students enrolling in Year 10: Paora Kemp, Mariam Kaadan, Jordan Forsyth, Daniel Neal, Kristy Toomey and Angelica Guitterez and wish them well with their studies this year.

Finally, I encourage all Year 10 students to apply themselves to their studies with diligence and industry in order to make the transition from Year 10 to the Higher School Certificate as smooth and successful as possible.

*Mrs Lori Cracknell*

## YEAR 10



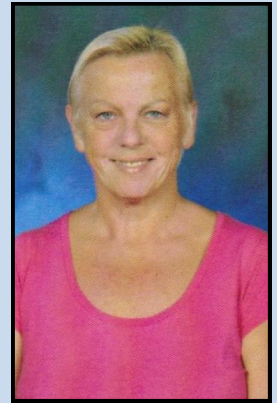
*Mrs Lori Cracknell*



# Year Advisors News

## YEAR 11

We would like to welcome you to a new year at school and the start of your Preliminary HSC year. This year Ms Haynes and Miss Starling will be your year advisors. Ms Haynes is located in the Music Staff room and Miss Starling in the HSIE Staffroom.



*Ms Susan Haynes*

We are both looking forward to working with you over the next year and are happy to assist you in transitioning into your new roles as Preliminary HSC students. We are both very impressed with the mature and dedicated approach you have taken so far this term. You have all returned with a positive attitude and a willingness to participate in all aspects of school life. We congratulate those students who have also committed to continually wear the correct uniform to school.



*Miss Kristy Starling*

We look forward to watching and assisting you being peer support leaders to the year 7 students and congratulate you on your success with the various activities you have already participated in with your Peer Support Groups. We look forward to a great few days with the Cross Roads program this term and the year ahead.

*Miss K Starling and Ms S Haynes*

## Respectful Responsible Learners

It has been a busy start to the year for Year 12. Our Formal, Fundraising, Jackets and Year Book committees are up and running and are busy planning for the rest of the year. Our Valentine's Day fundraiser was a huge success with dozens of roses being sold to romantics throughout the school, delivered by some angelic Year 12 students. Mr Dawson was the lucky winner of the raffle, scoring a gorgeous handmade heart cake and Mr Ellis won a yummy box of Lindt chocolates.

## YEAR 12

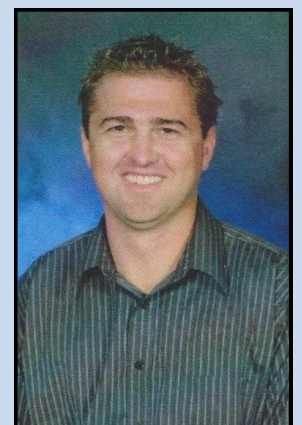
Thank you to all the staff and students who contributed to making Valentine's Day a huge success, most notably Elizabeth Kuskovska and the fundraising committee whose efforts have ensured we are off to a good start with our fundraising!

It's encouraging to see so many Year 12 students taking advantage of the Wednesday and Thursday afternoon study sessions in the Library. With half yearly exams looming and constant assessment tasks, these students are giving themselves every chance of success.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions regarding your child's HSC.



*Mrs Tarryn Goodyer*



*Mr Andrew Ryder*



*from the...*

# Science *faculty*

**Mr Balange** has relinquished his position as Head Teacher Science. He was a highly regarded member of staff who was well respected, and a wonderful teacher who has imparted extensive knowledge to countless students during his teaching career. He will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

**Mrs Margaret Thomas** will continue in the position of relieving Head Teacher Science.

**Mr Jones** is currently on leave.

The Science Faculty welcomes **Mr James Murada** who has returned to Australia after teaching overseas. He will primarily be teaching our junior classes and is proving to be an asset to our team.

**Mr Joseph Gander** is continuing in his role this year, also teaching Year 11 Physics and is sharing the position of Year 7 Student Advisor with Roz Potter in PE.

The Science Faculty has introduced a new subject with **Forensic Science** in the Z Elective for years 9 & 10. Students are exploring the science behind fingerprinting, DNA & protein analysis, blood grouping, soil testing and examination of handwriting specimens. This week the students have analysed class members' fingerprints which proved both interesting and enjoyable. Mrs Thomas is very excited about teaching this course.

Mrs Thomas will also continue to teach Senior Chemistry.

**Senior Science** has been reintroduced to both Year 11 & Year 12. The expertise and knowledge **Mr Ray Ellis** can impart to these students will undoubtedly serve these students well. Mr Ellis is a very experienced HSC marker of Senior Science and this will be advantageous to the students. He is so passionate about this subject that he is teaching Year 12 Senior Science on Mondays and Thursdays after normal school hours.

Also highly experienced, Mr Lewis and Mr Kennedy continue to teach their specialist HSC subjects, Biology and Physics respectively. Both are very knowledgeable and dedicated teachers with years of experience behind them.



## Upcoming Events in Science

**ISHS Open Night on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.** During their visit to the Science Faculty the prospective students will experience a taste of Science with hands-on experimentation and displays.

Year 12 Senior Science students will be visiting the **Human Diseases Museum** at the University of NSW on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

All Science students are invited to enter the to be held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July. The cost involved is \$6. Permission notes can be obtained from Mrs Thomas. **Australian National Chemistry Quiz**

**Mrs Margaret Thomas**

**Respectful Responsible Learners**





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# Mathematics

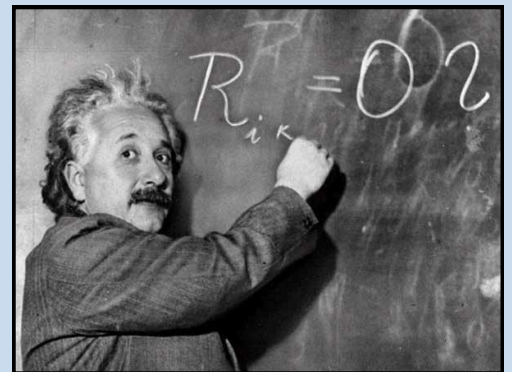
*faculty*

## MATHS ON LINE

Once again, we are encouraging all students to make use of "Maths Online" as an aid to their studies in Mathematics. The web address is: [www.mathsonline.com.au](http://www.mathsonline.com.au).

Unfortunately this excellent website is currently unsponsored and is no longer free. Whilst any person can still access parts of the website as a guest for no cost, to use 100% of this valuable resource students are required to pay \$20 to join Maths on Line for the year. This is still much cheaper than the Mathletics program, used by many schools.

We require students, wishing to use Maths on Line, to bring \$20 by the end of week 4 (17/02/12) so that we can retrieve their login information for this year.



*Farewell...*

**We say farewell to John Dawson** who has been the Head Teacher of the Maths faculty at ISHS since 2004.

It's been a busy nine years and we have all appreciated the hours John spent, not only as a Head Teacher, but also developing the school timetable and organising the major examination schedules. As many would know, John was also involved with many Sporting teams.

John touched the lives of a large number of students who have appreciated the interest he has shown in their activities - both academic and sporting.

### How to subscribe to the ISHS newsletter

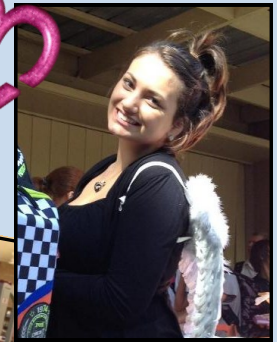
- Go to [illawarrasportshigh.com](http://illawarrasportshigh.com)
- Select "Our School" tab on front page
- Select "Newsletters" in side list
- Click on subscribe button and follow instructions
- **NB:** You must be a parent of a student at ISHS to register your email address



# Valentine's Day Mufti



Angels in abundance as many students enjoyed the Valentine's Day Mufti Day and Sausage Sizzle. All funds raised went towards the Year 12 Formal. Roses were sold to students who surprised their Valentine's with flashing roses, silk and even chocolate roses. Good work Year 12!



# Peer Support Training



At the end of Term 4 last year, twenty five Year 10 students (now Year 11) participated in two days of training to become peer support leaders. As a peer support leader these students will work with this year's Year 7 students and assist them as they settle into high school. We were extremely impressed with the students who undertook numerous activities and showed themselves to be capable leaders and role models. Their enthusiasm and behaviour on the day should be commended. Thank you also to Ms Starling and Mr Pilon for your assistance on the day.

Each peer support leader was assigned to a group of Year 7 students on their first day and will continue to meet with these students to guide and mentor them throughout the year. Our first day of activities has been organised for Week 4 and we know this will be a successful day (there will be more on this day in the next newsletter).

Year 7 students are encouraged to seek out their Peer Support Leaders if ever they need help or assistance.

**Ms B Mills**  
**Peer Support Coordinator**







# School Photos



*Ms Louise Mahon*

School photos will be taken on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of February**. As in previous years, we are using Don Wood Photography. Payment envelopes outlining portrait packages and payment options will be given to students this week. **All students will have their photo taken**, however purchase of the photos is optional. Group photos of siblings and/or friends are available and require a separate payment envelope to be collected from me.

If you wish to purchase photos, **each child** will need to bring the **completed envelope and the money (exact cash or credit card details)** with them **ON THE DAY** their photo is taken. The payment envelope will be passed directly to the photographer prior to the photo being taken. **Do not send money into the school before or after these dates.**

Please note, to make a payment after these two days, you will need to contact the photographer directly. As this is then classified as a re-order, an increased cost may be incurred and credit card and money order are then the only payment options.

**Full school uniform is compulsory (white, grey or lemon shirts only). Sports uniform is not acceptable** for the photo. **Large items of jewellery** (earrings, necklaces) and **unsuitable hair accessories must not be worn.**

Further details regarding organisation of the day will be provided via the school's daily green-sheet notices.

***Louise Mahon***  
***Co-ordinator***





# Library News

'Love is in the Air' at Illawarra Sports High Library! To support Year 12's Valentine's Day fundraising activities, the Library is currently running a competition where students have to match the teacher to their favourite romantic book, film or song. Does Mr Booth really think Notting Hill is his favourite movie?? Or does that belong to Mrs Tosh?? The entry with the correct amount of pairings will win a scrumptious box of chocolates. Come to the Library at recess or lunch time to collect an entry form from one of the friendly library staff—Mrs Goodyer, the teacher librarian or Mrs Riley, the Library assistant.

Just a reminder to all our new Year 7 students that the library is open most recess and lunch times and students can come and use the computers, borrow a book, print out assignments, ask for help or sit quietly and chat away from the hustle and bustle of the playground. Don't forget it's nice and cool on those hot days!

*Mrs Goodyer*



*Competition Entrants  
Jade Wakeman and Sharnie Moore*

Respectful Responsible Learners

# Canteen



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to spend some time helping out in the school canteen, our very active canteen would appreciate it.

Duties are serving students and some food preparation. *No money handling is required.*

Tuesdays and Fridays are especially short on volunteers at the moment, but any day you are free to give some time would be great. Start time is 9—9:30am and finish approximately 1:30pm.

Please contact Barbara in the canteen by phoning the school on 4271 1099.



## Respectful Responsible Learners



The Careers office is open to all parents and students and is now located in the **School Library**. All students in Years 10,11 and 12 are required to have at least one interview with Mr King, the Careers Adviser each year. Students are advised to make a booking for an interview using the booking diary located in the Careers Office.

Illawarra Sports High Careers has just created a new website and can be found at [www.ishcareers.com](http://www.ishcareers.com). All parents and students are encouraged to access this site. This is a 'one stop shop' for all issues relating to Careers including valuable links to relevant sites. Over the next few weeks I will be developing mailing lists for those that would like to receive updates about all aspects about careers including job opportunities, courses, TAFE, university course options, open days etc. I urge all parents to send an email to [simon.king@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:simon.king@det.nsw.edu.au) so that you can be included in the mail and information that goes to the students.

# Careers



Year 10 students and parents are reminded that the **Whole Year Work Experience Program** has been rescheduled this year to the **last two weeks of Term 2 (June 18<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup>)**, not in the last few weeks of the year as it has been in the past. Students who are hoping to work in industries such as Construction and Health may be required to obtain additional OH&S qualifications and or medical certificates. If you are in this situation please see Mr King as soon as possible.

For those students who are interested in learning more about particular industries, we are happy to try to support students with additional, individually tailored work experience programs. Please see Mr King in Careers.

Students in Years 11 and 12 who are doing maths and an eligible technical subject are invited to apply for a Defence Force Scholarship worth \$2000 in Year 11 and \$3000 in Year 12. There is absolutely no obligation to have any further association with Defence other than receiving the Scholarship. For more information see Careers.

Some excellent full time jobs were available this week, remember to look at the Careers noticeboard (in the Careers office) regularly and have your resume updated with a relevant cover letter ready to go. If you need help with your resume, make a booking to see me.

Simon King  
[Simon.king@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Simon.king@det.nsw.edu.au)  
Ph: 42711099 ext 119







# Sport Report

On behalf of the many teachers, coaches and coordinators involved in the school's specialist sports programs, we would like to welcome back all students for 2012. In particular, welcome and congratulations for the enthusiastic & committed start that our 'rookies' (Year 7 students) and the many other older students who have transferred from outside our drawing area, have made in their new environment. Their presence has certainly added to the positive vibe around the school and the wider school community.

With many competitions close to a start, the level of interest and excitement across all programs has been high. A number of sports have kicked off their competitions, with our first regional representatives already decided, amongst a host of other fine performances.



*Mrs Neridah Hill*



*Mr Darren Nunn*

## VET Sport Students Excel During Training Courses / Work Placement



Many of our elite athletes celebrated Valentines Day this year, with an intensive seven (7) hour Australian Sports Commission Coaching Course. Twenty of our VET students, including Caitlin Foord ('Best Young Player' at the 2011 FIFA World Cup) and Jackson Hastings ('Player of the Championship' at the 2011 Australian 15's Rugby League C'ship), completed the Community Coach Training Program, which qualifies them as an 'Active After School Coach.'

This accreditation has enabled a number of our students to be placed in paid employment at primary schools, as an Active After School Coach. More importantly, this official coaching qualification will allow interested individuals the opportunity to be involved professionally, as a coach &/or administrator. It is a career pathway that we have developed over a number of years, with it being well suited to many of our student athletes.

On the day, the effort and commitment displayed by all of the participants was commendable, with the Regional Coordinator, Paul Cunningham, "very keen" to get them into primary schools & coaching.

Additionally, the entire VET Sport Coaching Student Group, successfully commenced their work placement, by performing competently at the Southern Illawarra Zone Swimming Championships, the following day. We congratulate their commitment to the task at hand.



# Sport Report *Continued...*

## Our Footballers Experiencing "World Game" Overseas

Four of the 'stars' of our football program have just experienced or are just about to participate in a representative football tour overseas. Guy Knight has just returned from the United Kingdom, as a member of the Australian Open Boys Football Team. In Guy's words, it was an "unbelievable and successful experience", and an opportunity that may allow him to play professionally. Regardless of Guy's future development & progress in the sport, we wish Guy the very best in all his future endeavours.



*Guy Knight*

Following in his footsteps in that region of the world, is the wonderful news that Josh McDonald has been invited back to Tottenham Hotspurs, for a second trial. After flying Josh over to their Academy in September last year, the famous London club will again fly him back to White Hart Lane for hopefully an extended period. Whilst this probably means that Josh has already played his last game for the school, this is the opportunity of a lifetime that Josh thoroughly deserves. We wish him all the best in this endeavour.



*Josh McDonald*

Our latest addition to the Australian Representative Honour Roll at Illawarra Sports High, will visit Barcelona & Spain as part of the Australian U 14 team in November this year. Josh Young (Yr 8) was selected after a number of dynamic performances at the recent Australian Championships staged in Sydney. Josh, who travels on the school's Southern Bus from Oak Flats everyday, is an outstanding student who received one of the school's select, elite sports award at our Presentation Day last year. We congratulate Josh on this outstanding achievement and we will assist Josh with significant fundraising throughout the year.

Finally, Catherine Bullivant's determined application to FUTSAL has been rewarded with a representative tour to North America. Catherine left last Tuesday with a Sydney representative team, after years spent developing her game. We once again wish Catherine the very best in what will be a tremendous experience.

### Strong Swimming Performances

Kathy Sharp (Yr 9) & Jack Cross (Yr 8) will take winning form to the SC Swimming Championships on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, after taking out their 100m butterfly and breaststroke events respectively, at the Zone Swimming Championships last Wednesday. There were a number of other strong performances, with Ruby Jackman (Yr 7), Kain Holmes (Yr 8), Logan Dockett (Yr 8), Bailey Lotherington (Yr 8) & Sam Fischbeck (Yr 8) also qualifying, by achieving podium finishes.

### Tennis Boys Selected To Contest State Titles

Also representing the SC region next month, will be Under 15 tennis players, James Henry-Smith and Alex Pazarkoska. Both boys will contest the NSWCHS Singles Championship at the Olympic Tennis Centre in March, after strong qualifying performances at the SC 15's Championships last Tuesday.

Respectful  
Responsible  
Learners



# Sport Report *Continued...*

## **FUTSAL - A – THON To Raise Funds For Our Program**

Mark down Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March as the day to dust off your boots & join in the fun of the Football Program's 12 hour FUTSAL- A –THON. Held in the school's double court gym, the event will start at 6 am & continue until 6 pm that night. Players of all ages are encouraged to participate, with primary students playing throughout the school day, with older ages playing before & after this time. All monies raised will not only assist our representative players & their travel, but also increase the opportunities for everyone in the program. More information & entry forms for the event will be available from Mr Nunn & Mr Saunders at the beginning of March.

## **Baseballers Start The Ball Rolling**

Luke Brown (Yr 10) & Blake Boehm (Yr 11) are the school's first representative stars of 2012, after dominant displays at the recent South Coast (SC) Baseball Trials. Our own Mr Dean who convened the trials, also highlighted the performances of Cooper Haas (Yr 8) & Tyson Clark (Yr 7), with only their age & physicality preventing them from being selected in open company. Mr Dean stated that their "skills & application were impressive, with selection in future years almost guaranteed." Meanwhile, Blake & Luke will progress to the State Trials next week in Sydney.

## **Fees Must Be Paid For Training / Competition To Continue**

All families are reminded that all fees must be paid if participation in the specialist sports program is to continue. Simply stated, no money is allocated to the specific functioning of individual programs from the Education Department, therefore, they must work on a 'user pay' basis. Without fees coming in, coaches cannot be employed, facilities & equipment cannot be purchased & buses cannot be run.

*Your continued support in this matter is essential if are our programs are to function to their potential. Thank you for support to date, it has been critical to our cause.*

**NB:** Any student suffering financial hardship will be allowed to pay off their fees through a payment plan. For this special arrangement to be organised, an interview must be booked with Mrs Hill or Mr Nunn.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Respectful Responsible Learners**

- SC Open Boys Tennis Trials - Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, Figtree.
- Rugby League Program Trials V Hunter Sports HS - Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Sydney.
- SC 15's Touch Trials – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, Fairy Meadow.
- SC Open Girls Tennis Trials – Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February, Figtree.
- Zone Open Girls Football Trials – Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> February, Berk Sports Club.
- SC Open Boys Basketball Trials – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Bomaderry.
- Boys & Girls Open Volleyball CHS KO V Corrimal & Bulli HS – Tuesday 6th March, ISHS Gym.
- SC Swimming Championships – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Dapto.
- Boys Hassett Cup (14's) Cricket – TBA (Early to Mid March)
- Boys Davidson Shield (Opens) Cricket – TBA (Early to Mid March)

Finally, if you have any questions or enquiries concerning the sports program, please don't hesitate to contact either Mrs Hill (Tues, Wed & Friday) or Mr Nunn (Mon & Thursday).

Thank you for your time

Mrs Neridah Hill, Head Teacher Sport

Mr Darren Nunn, Head Teacher Sport, (Relieving)





In 2012 there are many opportunities for students of ISHS to participate in one of the Illawarra's fastest growing sports – 'Aussies Rules' or AFL.



There is **no** limit to the number of teams ISHS can enter

**Boys** between the ages of 5 and 15 can **join a local club** e.g. Albion Park, Shellharbour, Figtree.

For **girls**, the South Coast AFL will run a **Youth Girls' competition**. It will be a 9-a-side competition, with teams of at least 9 players. The teams can be part of an established club or based in a high school, but will play in a **weekend competition**. Already there is interest in playing from a number of girls, but more are needed. Girls must be prepared to commit to train (at School) and play each week, for the season.



**Illawarra Development Squad (IDS)** is open to boys and girls, of all ages, to develop their football skills. The IDS runs for eight weeks beginning on February 8, 6.00 -7.30 pm at Edmund Rice College, Mt Kiera Rd.

There are many advantages to playing 'Aussie Rules', including improving fitness and developing skills and confidence. The nature of the game caters for all sizes, abilities and body shapes.

For any other information regarding AFL at ISHS, contact Mr M Thompson and Mr G Morton in the HSIE faculty.

**GIRLS 9-a-side Gala day**  
to be held on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>  
at Reed Park, Dapto  
Ages are U15s and Open age  
***The u15s finished second  
in 2010 and 2011***

**BOYS 9-a-side Gala Day**  
to be held in March  
at Reed Park Dapto  
Ages are U 14, U16 and opens  
***ISHS was the open boys champions  
in 2010 and 2011***



# Community News



## Dapto Campus Outreach Unit

**Would you like to learn how to grow your own vegetables and fruit?**

**Introduction to Horticulture  
(Statement of Attainment in Course in Vocational and community engagement)**

For more information or to register for this course contact  
**Kathy Finigan on 42218939**

## Wollongong City Council Neighbourhood Forum 7 Information for School newsletters

Wollongong City Council is seeking residents to be involved in the local neighbourhood forum. The forums are resident community groups that aim to:

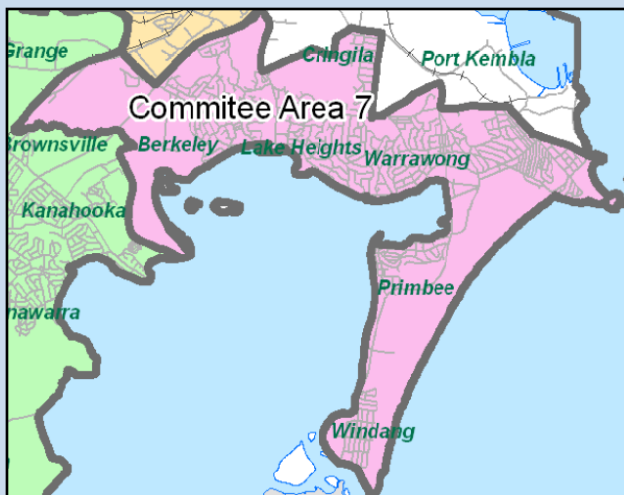
- ✦ Share and express concerns & aspirations for their local area;
  - ✦ Support each other and promote the best interests of the community;
  - ✦ Find out about Council's services, facilities and plans;
- Provide feedback about current & future Council business.

**Neighbourhood Forum 7** includes areas around: Berkeley, Cringila, Lake Heights, Warrawong, Primbee, Windang and it meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm at Illawarra Yatch Club, 1 Northcliffe Drive, Warrawong .

### Next Meeting – Tuesday 21 February

**Come along, meet your neighbours and have your say on local issues affecting you.**

If you would like more information please see the Council website at [www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au) or contact the Community Engagement Team on 4227 7096.





# Community News



**Would \$500 help you pay for school uniforms, books or a laptop?**

Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, through Saver Plus.

The Smith Family is looking for new participants in your local area.

You may be eligible if you or your partner have:

- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school or starting next year
- some regular income from work.

Contact Lindi Jamieson-Brown, your local Saver Plus Worker:  
4254 4505 / 0427 439 234 or  
lindi.jamieson-brown@thesmithfamily.com.au.

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED



Mission Australia Big Heart Enterprise and Soft Landing Mattress Recycling Program are able to offer jobseekers an interesting and diverse range of work to fulfil their work experience hours. Whilst completing work experience with us, the jobseeker will be provided:

- On the job training and supervision
- Occupational, Health & Safety Induction
- A safe working environment – daily Job Safety Analysis
- The opportunity to work with a great team and learn new skills and experience
- Access to free tea and coffee
- Management of work experience hours (timesheets)
- Uniform, PPE where required
- In the near future bus pick up/drop off for out of area volunteers (Illawarra area only)

**Please phone Hayley Gardiner on 4286 6100.**

## Maths Tutoring

My name is Allison Robbins-Harvey and I am offering tutoring services to students in Maths. I am a fully qualified and trained Maths teacher and am currently residing in Wollongong.

**ARH Tutoring Services**  
**Contact: Allison**  
**Phone: 0411 672 146**





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## Have you heard about the Unanderra Homework Centre?

Unanderra Homework Centre is a place that you can get some help with homework and projects for free! Volunteer Tutors will help you get your homework done. Doing your Homework with someone can make it quicker and easier! 😊

We have fully equipped computers with internet access, colour printer/copier and stationary needs and we are conveniently located next to Unanderra Library!

**We are open from 6<sup>th</sup> February, 3:30pm-5pm on every Monday in School Term**

**Where? Unanderra Community Centre, Corner of Factory Rd and the Princes Hwy, Unanderra**

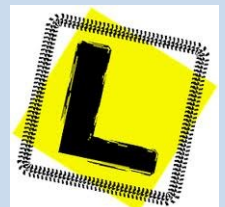
For more info please contact Julie on 4272 5582 or Amy on 4260 9349 or drop in and have a look

## Learnsafe Workshop Next one Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012

These are free 2 hour workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers. The "Learnsafe Workshops" are designed for parents and other licensed drivers who will be supervising learner drivers. Learner drivers are also encouraged to attend, with their supervising driver(s). The workshops aim to give a better understanding of the new laws for "L" and "P" drivers, how to complete the Learner Driver Log Book, understanding the benefits of a structured approach to teaching learner drivers, and helping with coping mechanisms for dealing with the stresses involved.

**Bookings are essential. Please contact me should you require further information.**

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Post: Locked Bag 8821, Wollongong DC NSW 2500



**Time:** 6 pm – 8 pm (please be ready for the workshop to start at 6 pm sharp)

**Venue:** Level 9 Function Room, Wollongong City Council, Burelli St.

***Supper will be provided, everything is free of charge***