

# SCHOOL NEWS



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Term 1 - Week 4



*2013 Whole School Swimming Carnival p10*

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## Important Survey

We seek your views on the NSW one-to-one laptop program.

A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. The evaluation has taken place over 4 years.

Please go to the link below and complete the 2013 survey. It won't take you too long.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DER-NSW-Pr2013?c=8205>

To access the link please enter it into the long address bar at the *top* of the page of your internet browser (not into a search engine such as Google) and press enter or go – this will take you to the survey.

Individuals cannot be identified in the data.

Evaluation reports to date can be viewed online: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/how-we-operate/national-partnerships/digital-education-revolution/rrql/research>.

*Thank you.*

*Raechel McCarthy, Principal*



# *A message from the...* **Principal**

Welcome to the first term of the 2013 school year and a special welcome to the new Year 7 students and their families. As a school community, we are looking forward to continuing the strong emphasis we have on Respectful Responsible Learners and are placing an even stronger emphasis on promoting academic achievement in 2013 with the creation of Year 7 Targeted Academic Program (TAP) classes. This builds on the fantastic HSC results many Year 12 students achieved in 2012. Our top performing student, Blake Osmond earned a 96.9 ATAR and was awarded a \$100,000 scholarship to study Arts/Law at the University of New South Wales.

I would like to start my report by welcoming Mrs Christine Campbell (previously Head Teacher Welfare) to the senior executive team. This year Mrs Campbell will be Year 7 and 10 Deputy Principal, Mr Gerritsen will be in charge of Year 8 and 12 and Mrs Woods will be in charge of Year 9 and 11. Mrs Lerch will be Relieving Head Teacher Welfare. The creation of a third Deputy Principal position is part of a wide range of initiatives we are undertaking, using our \$106 000 transitional equity funding and staffing allocation. Some of the other exciting new initiatives led by our fantastic staff include:

- Boys and Girls engagement program (Mrs Wood, Ms Mills, Mr Thomas)
- ALARM HSC success program (Mr Delich)
- Cross subject numeracy program (Ms Kuessner)
- Free weekly homework centre and HSC visible learning tutorial program (Ms Starling and Mrs Goodyer)
- Year 7 to 10 Academic Challenge and Excellence Program (Mrs Goodyer)
- Enrolment and Curriculum Adviser (Mr Davies)

As you can see its going to be a very busy and rewarding year at Illawarra Sports!

We are fortunate to have some very experienced new SASS and teaching staff, joining our school community this term. I would therefore like to give a warm welcome to:

Mrs O'Neil	SASS Front Office	Mrs Storey	Science
Ms Donarski	English	Mr Whitnall	IA
Mr Latimer	Maths	Mr Ford	IA
Mr Thompson	Maths	Ms Binstadt	PDHPE

The year has started very smoothly and the highlight so far was definitely the Whole School Swimming Carnival held at Berkeley Pool. We were very fortunate to have a warm summer day and student attendance and swimming participation was significantly higher than in previous years. The friendly competitive spirit exhibited by the students was a delight to behold and the staff versus students race was very entertaining. It great to see both staff and students enjoying themselves. Thanks to Mr McPhillips for organising the day.

I hope you will enjoy reading our first newsletter for the year and encourage all parents to register on line so they may receive the newsletter via email.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you would like to speak about any matters concerning your child's education.

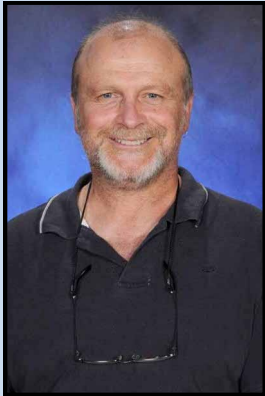
***Mrs Raechel McCarthy, Principal***



***Mrs Raechel McCarthy  
Principal***



# Introducing... 2013 Year Advisors



Mr Clift



Mrs Lerch

A warm welcome to students and parents of the Illawarra Sports High School community . Year 7 are already shaping up to be a spectacular group of students. Many thanks to parents for having them dressed in full school uniform, with the correct shoes and equipment on day one!. A big thankyou to all Year 7 students who are consistently displaying respectful , responsible behaviour to each other and their teachers. We look forward to a year of high standards for Year 7, in their subjects, with others and for themselves.

Year 7 have had a busy start to the year negotiating and finding their way around the school, interpreting their timetables, getting used to many different teachers and routines. They are coping very well, but don't hesitate to contact us if we can help your child in any way.

## Year 7

### Gossip Corner (For this newsletter)

Did you know that Mr Clift's favourite dish is raw fish (sashimi) ,he rides a big, fat, yellow surfboard, barracks for the Sharks and has taught at Berkeley for more years than he has fingers and toes!

Did you know that Mrs Lerch's favourite food is anything Lebanese; falafel, vine leaves, humous, Kebbe, baklava. Yum!

### Mrs Lerch and Mr Clift

## Respectful Responsible Learners

Welcome back Year 8! I trust you all had a very relaxing break and have settled back into term 1. Also a big welcome to the new students that have just joined year 8 at ISHS.

Starting Year 8 is a lot different to starting Year 7. You already know what is expected of you as students at ISHS, you already know your teachers and you already have friends here. This year you may find yourselves in different classes. This will hopefully allow you to meet some new teachers and make some new friends.

A new year is a fresh start for everyone. This year I look forward to rewarding **Respectful Responsible Learners** with merits and moving them up through the level system. I had such a great time ice skating at the PBS rewards day last year with some well behaved students. I look forward to being able to plan the next PBS Rewards day and hopefully have lots of Year 8 students joining me for a fun experience!!

After a successful performance by Brainstorm Productions last year I have decided to book them in again in 2013. This year Brainstorm Productions will be performing The Hurting Game on Wednesday 19th June for Years 7 and 8.

I would like to finish with a quote: **"Don't let anyone's ignorance, hate, drama, or negativity stop you from being the best person you can be!"** www.inspirationalpicturequotes.net

Mrs Potter

## Year 8



Mrs Potter





## Year 9

Mr Thomas and Mrs Jarman are looking forward to working with Year 9 in 2013 guiding them into the middle school years and assisting them in making wise decisions regarding their study plans and progress in their subjects.

We both hope to see all of them succeed and achieve the best they can. We have our doors open to listen to any problems they may be experiencing.

We are planning a camp for later in the year and would welcome any suggestions from parents/carers and students.

Remember our doors are always open to parents and carers. Feel free to phone and arrange a suitable meeting time to discuss any issues you may have.



*Mr Thomas*



*Mrs Jarman*

## Year 10



*Ms Mills*

Year 10 students have settled well into the new school year and seem to be enjoying their role as senior students in the school. They look great in their new white and red uniforms and I have been impressed to see so many of them continuing to wear the correct uniform each day.

I have also been pleased with their positive attitudes and willingness to learn. As senior students, teachers will expect a greater amount of maturity and dedication to your studies which many are already beginning to demonstrate.

This is an important year for students and while there is no School Certificate Examinations students will be working towards achieving their ROSA, and as such, must ensure their assessments are completed on time and to a high standard. Students will soon receive an Assessment Booklet outlining when assessments are due and allowing them to be prepared.

I would like to congratulate Emma Sylvester and James Henry-Smith, our age champions at our swimming carnival on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February, and for every Year 10 student who attended the day and participated.

I look forward to assisting students in their transition as senior students. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and a reminder to Year 10 students that I can be found in the HSIE staffroom in K Block.

**HOMework CENTRE**  
**TUESDAY AFTERNOONS**  
**Starts Tuesday 5 March**

*In the School Library*

**Register interest with Mrs Goodyer (Library) or Ms Starling (HSIE)**





# Year 11



*Mrs Cracknell*

Welcome back to Illawarra Sports High School Year 11, 2013. I am excited to assist you in making a smooth transition to senior school and firmly believe that a united and cohesive year group can support each other to achieve the best possible results in the HSC exams in 2014. As a Visual Arts teacher I have been teaching here for 27 years and you are the fourth year group I am taking through to this very important exam.

This year, in June, we will be going on camp to Morriset where we will be completing the mandatory 25 hour "Crossroads" program that forms part of the requirements for the preliminary HSC course. This is an interactive program that addresses important issues for today's youth such as: Drug Education, Safe Partying and Respectful Relationships.

Going on camp will also help forge the essential bonds with your peers that will make your senior years of high school the most memorable part of your education. Thank you to all those students who have already begun to make payments for this camp.

Year 11 courses are very rigorous and demand a lot of consistent class work and extra study. You will need to be very organised and manage your time efficiently. Use your Assessment Task Booklet as a guide to planning. You don't need to stop outside activities such as work commitments and sport or leisure activities but you do need to find a balance. Study Hall is an option for you on Thursday instead of Sport. This is a great chance to get tasks completed and access staff to assist you with any problems you may be experiencing.

This year I plan to send home a progress report at the end of Term 1. This will be an indication of how you are settling in and assist you in making any necessary adjustments to what you are doing to maximise the educational opportunities available to you.

Remember there are plenty of people here that care about you and your education. Please ask for help if you need it.

I am looking forward to a successful year as your Year Advisor.

*Respectful Responsible Learners*

# Year 12

This year's Year 12 is a passionate and dynamic year group and I am excited to assist them in their final year of schooling. I have been their Year Advisor since 2011 and I have enjoyed getting to know all of them. I have been teaching at a variety of schools as a temporary teacher since I finished my university studies at UNSW six years ago.

I enjoy teaching and I am passionate about Modern and Ancient History. I also love to travel and have recently returned from a holiday driving across America. I enjoy running and have participated in various running festivals over the past few years, the highlight being running in the City2Surf and beating my PB.

I look forward to a great year ahead, including the Year 12 Graduation and Formal.



*Ms Starling*



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# From the... Deputy Principals



It has been a very positive start to 2013 for Illawarra Sports High School. This year brings excitement with all the wonderful programs we are able to implement due to our additional equity funding. We have recently commenced our Boys and Girl's success program that will be run by Ms Mills and Mr Thomas. This program is an opportunity for some of our disengaged students to develop some self-confidence and work on some projects throughout the school. You will be able to follow their progress throughout the year as they will be publishing an article in each future newsletter.

This year we have started a process of refreshing our school image and environment and improving the way we communicate with our community. In the coming months you will hopefully be able to see a noticeable change to the way the school looks. We have started this process by constructing a new school sign upon entry to the school office; hallways and classrooms have been freshly painted and in the coming months we are installing a digital sign out the front of the school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and community who supported our school in the Woolworths Earn and Learn program. I have included a picture of all the wonderful resources we were able to receive thanks to your participation.

With the implementation of a third Deputy our year groups have changed a little. This year I will be supervising Year 9 and Year 11, so please do not hesitate to contact me if there is something that you wish to discuss with me. I look forward to the year ahead.

**Kylie Wood DP**



**Woolworths Earn & Learn**



**Boys Success Program**



Welcome to 2013, this year promises to be one that is filled with success highlighted by the great achievement of our 2012 Year 12 student body. HSC results continue to improve which reinforces the hard work of students and the dedication and commitment of our teaching staff. This also is a reflection of this schools current focus on John Hattie's Visible Learning and effective feedback.

This year students will be able to access the newly opened Trade Training Centre which exposes them to industry standard metal work facilities. This project is something that has taken many years to come to fruition and is one that will further enhance the learning opportunities of all students.

With the implementation of our Equity Funding we are able to fund and run numerous programs across the school to enhance student learning and engagement. This has included the appointment of a third Deputy, Mrs Christine Campbell which will allow us time to focus more on the success of individual students who need to be reengaged into the learning environment. This year I look forward to working with the parents and students of Year 8 and Year 12.

**Michael Gerritsen DP**





# From the... Deputy Principals ...cont

Hello everyone and welcome to 2013. To our new families in Year 7 and others who have joined us welcome to Illawarra Sports High School. My name is Mrs Christine Campbell and I am the Deputy in charge of Year 7 and Year 10. My position has been created as a result of a grant we received in 2012 called Transitional Equity Funding. Some of my responsibilities include oversight of our school's literacy and numeracy initiatives, student attendance programs, Aboriginal education programs, the SRC and our homework centre on Tuesday afternoons.



We have started some fantastic literacy and numeracy initiatives this year. Year 7 and 8 are working on the **Look, Cover, Check, Write** spelling strategy. Ask your students to show you their spelling lists and when they tell you they have no homework, this is something they can be working on! Year 9 are focussing on persuasive writing techniques in preparation for the NAPLAN test in May.

I'm very excited to let you know that this year we will be running a free homework centre on Tuesday afternoons from 3-4pm in our school library. The Homework Centre will open on March 5. Students need to register their interest to attend with Ms Starling in the HSIE staffroom or Mrs Goodyer in the Library.

If there are any questions or problems please don't hesitate to call the school and speak to me. I'm looking forward to a great year of learning and success.

**Christine Campbell DP**

*A message from...*

# Careers



**Probationary Constable Kristian Dallas at his graduation with NSW Commissioner of Police, Andrew Scipione**

Kristian Dallas is the second successful graduate from Illawarra Sports High in Project Murra, a project that provides an opportunity for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander HSC students to kick start a career in the NSW Emergency Services.

The Murra Project was a school based traineeship with NSW Emergency Services including Police, Ambulance or SES. It ran for two years during Years 11 & 12 and is credited as part of the HSC.

The School Careers Office has its own website <http://www.ishcareers.com/>. Students and parents are encouraged to access this website for all the latest Careers information. In particular the Newsletter tab keeps a record of all Careers Newsletter information for your reference. If you would like to receive the ISHS Careers Newsletter which is usually sent out weekly, please email Simon King at [simon.king@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:simon.king@det.nsw.edu.au) to go on the distribution list.

Illawarra Sports High School Careers also has a Facebook page which is frequently updated with relevant information. This can be found at

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Illawarra-Sports-High-School-Careers/245007805575836>



## Frangipani Flowers Workshops

At the end of Term 4 2012, textiles student and teachers from our three iPie schools had the opportunity to work with highly acclaimed Fibre Artist, Caroline Sharkey at a one-day workshop held at Figtree High School.

Even some Year 12 students returned to school to avail themselves of the opportunity to learn a new skill and join in the fun working beside their teachers and students from neighbouring schools.

Caroline's workshop was repeated on three consecutive days, allowing students and teachers to attend on a day that best suited individual school timetables.

To complete this frangipani flower artwork, the workshop covered techniques including surface manipulation of fabrics, appliqué flowers and leaves, stitched thread painting and 3D flowers.

The enthusiasm and concentration of all participants was obvious as they watched their skills develop over the day, and there was such excitement at the beauty of their final frangipani flowers product.

Special thanks go to Mrs Cathy Smith for organising this Workshop for us all.



Ms Mahon with Textiles students



Sample work

## Southern Suburbs Netball Club

Anybody interested in playing netball?? Come join our friendly, fun and family orientated netball club. No experience needed!! Age from 6 years and up.

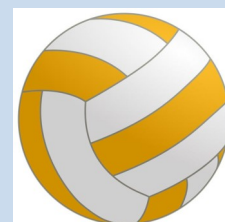
Registration Dates for 2013 are as follows:

Saturday 2nd February 9am - 12pm

Saturday 09<sup>th</sup> February 9am - 12pm

Shellharbour City Stadium – Croome Road (Albion Park)

Any enquiries please phone 0407 810 372



Respectful Responsible Learners





# Teacher Award

Late in 2012 our Head Teacher Welfare (now Year 8 and 10 Deputy Principal) received a well earned Director Generals Award for Excellent Service to Public Education. This award acknowledged Mrs Campbell's outstanding work as a public educator including her work as Head Teacher Welfare and her work in building student leadership capacity in the Student Representative Council.



**Mrs Campbell and Director General Michelle Bruniges**



**Mrs Campbell with guests  
L-R Mrs Lerch, 2012 School Captains  
Farah Daher and Blake Osmond**

Mrs Campbell was nominated for this award by the two 2012 School Captains, Blake Osmond and Farah Daher. Illawarra Sports High School is very proud to have Mrs Campbell as a valued member of our staff and congratulates her on receiving this award.

*A message from...*

# Student Services

## A Reminder to Parents

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the Administration Office of any changes to your contact details or the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be disclosed in order to support your child's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

**Mignon Lerch**

*Respectful Responsible Learners*





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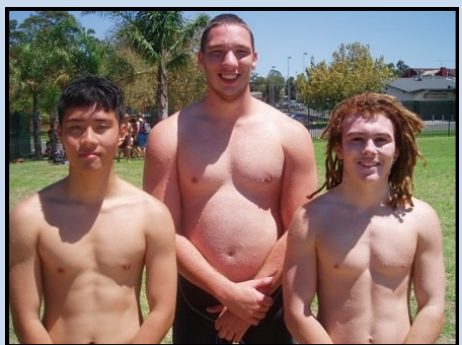
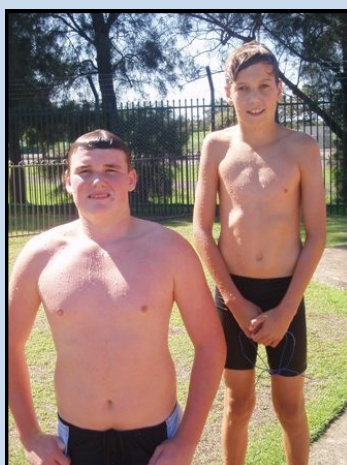
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# School Swimming Carnival

Thursday 7 February



Thank you to all the students who attended the I.S.H.S Swimming Carnival, participating and helping to make a successful event. Congratulations to the following students who have now successfully qualified for the South Coast Regional Carnival.

Sam Fischbeck

Kathy Sharp

Logan Dockett

15yr & 16yr Girls and 16yr Boys 50m

Freestyle relay teams.







# TABS Faculty

## A message from the...

On Fri February 8, Ms Steele's Hospitality class held their first Café-ish for 2013. Teachers and guests dined on a sumptuous selection of Valentine's Day treats including tender Steak Sandwiches, Berry Matchsticks and Red Valentine Cupcakes.

TABS is also running a small restaurant/cafe for four invited guests each fortnight. The first was a "Be My Valentine" Brunch. Guests devoured French Toast with roasted mushrooms & truss tomatoes, roasted strawberry pancakes, coffee meringue kisses & love heart jam drops.

Everybody is loving the opportunity to socialise and the quality of the dishes has been outstanding! We are enjoying the lovely weather on the school's Café Deck.

Congratulations to the students and TABS staff and Thank you to all for supporting our Hospitality ventures.



Mrs Cracknell, Mrs Campbell, Mrs McCarthy and Mr Gerritsen



Café-ish 'Regulars'







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# Community

Please go to the new ISHS website to view the following community information stored as documents that can be downloaded:

- Family Law Network
- Free Wi-Fi in Wollongong CBD
- School Based Vaccination information
- Catholic Care flyer
- Wollongong City Library
- Clean Up Australia Day - Sunday 5 March
- Illawarra Health program information
- Youth Achievement Awards - applications open

[www.illawarrasportshigh.com.au](http://www.illawarrasportshigh.com.au)

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- Parents & Helpers
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**OPEN NIGHT 4 March 2013**

Come along to Illawarra Sports High's Open Night on 4 March at 6:00pm in the school hall. You will experience first hand our wonderful facilities and meet with staff. The night will include a tour of the school and information on

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