

SCHOOL NEWS



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Parents & Helpers

Meetings are held every **third Wednesday** of the month at 4pm in the school library

Next meeting:
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A message from **Principal**



Mrs Raechel McCarthy
Principal

Hello everyone and welcome back to Term 4. I can't believe how quickly this year is going. Christmas is just around the corner!

This term we have some important staffing changes to announce. Mr Brad Hughes (Head Teacher PD/H/PE) was successful at interview and has been appointed Deputy Principal of Warrawong High School. He is currently seconded to work as Relieving Student Services Consultant. The school hopes to have the position of Head Teacher filled by start of Term 1 2013. Ms Potter is currently Relieving Head Teacher PD/H/PE and Mr Phillips will relieve during the second part of the term. On behalf of our school I would like to wish Mr Hughes well in his new role and thank him for his fantastic contributions to our school as Head Teacher and Relieving Deputy Principal. We are also in the process of interviewing teachers for a science teacher position at our school. I will be able to announce the successful candidate in the next newsletter.

Our 2012 timetable is well under way to creation using a new timetabling program that allows better student matches and allows a more student driven curriculum. It is anticipated we will have five year 7 classes in 2013, however, we are still getting approached by new families applying to enrol in our school next year which is a pleasing indication of the school's growing reputation in the community.

In Week 7 of Term 3 our school received the exciting news that we will receive Transitional Equity Funding in 2013. The funding and 2.4 staffing allocation will be used to implement innovative literacy, numeracy and engagement strategies for our students. The specific details were outlined to staff at the last staff meeting.

We are also making great efforts to improve the grounds and buildings of Illawarra Sports High School. A major creek restoration project is underway involving clearing of noxious weeds and rejuvenation/planting of natives. Work will continue for the rest of this year and start of 2013. Plans are also underway for a new front entrance to our school. This will be a great improvement to the physical appearance of the school. Sign over and use of the new trade training facility is also planned for this term. The Industrial Arts Department are very happy with the quality of the new building which allows industry standard metals and engineering training for students.

As usual I am very proud to mention some of the many achievements of our students. Late last term I had the pleasure of attending the In2Uni Showcase at Wollongong University. Groups of Illawarra Sports High School students have been working with university mentors on a range of projects including

- creation of a water filter for disadvantaged communities
- creating and marketing a global corporation
- creating a TV news broadcast

Individual students who attended the showcase were asked to paint an image that represented them on a paving tile. These tiles will be laid to make a pathway at the university, thereby leaving a lasting memory of the students' experience of university life. My sincere hope is that many of the students who participated in the program will go on to study at Wollongong University when they complete the HSC at Illawarra Sports High. I am sure they will one day walk along the pathway and remember their time as students of Illawarra Sports High. Some pictures of the students who attended the showcase and the "memory tiles" have been included in this newsletter.

I hope you all enjoy reading this newsletter and please do not hesitate to contact me at the school if you have any questions relating to your child's education at our school.



in2uni





From the Industrial Arts

Faculty

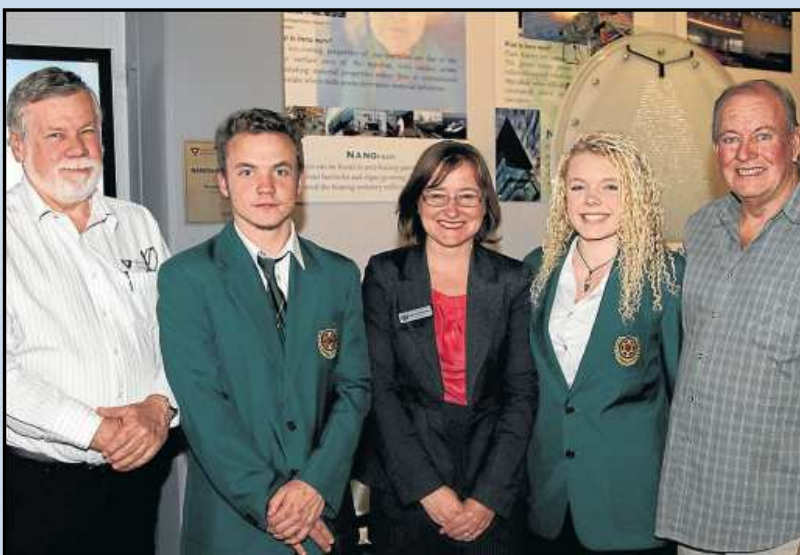
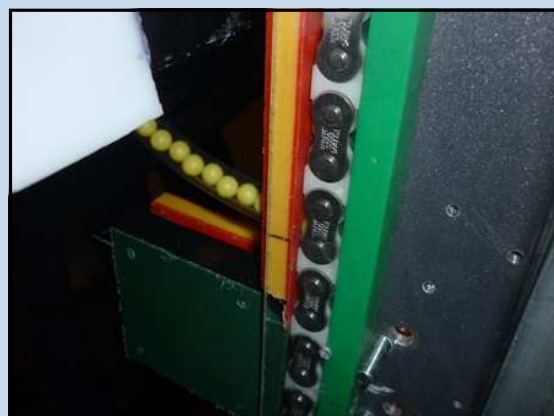
Project Completion and Hand Over

This year's Year 12 students participating in the i3net mentoring program celebrated a well earned milestone when they handed over their project to the Wollongong Science Centre and Planetarium last month.

The project consisted of a Probability Machine that calculates distribution and indicates the results using a curve. For the full article in the Illawarra Mercury, go to [story](#)

It is hoped that 2013 will see the re-introduction of the i3net type Engineering Project which prepares six to eight students for university in areas such as Project Management, Business Studies and various Engineering Faculties. Both boys and girls are encouraged to join and participate in the numerous jobs required to get the selected project to completion.

J Kennedy
Teacher



Glen Moore, Jeremy Selby, Raechel McCarthy, Rebekah Johnson-Costigan and Clive Gover at the Wollongong Science Centre.

Photo courtesy of Illawarra Mercury

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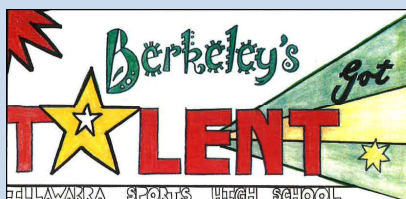
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Performing Arts *Faculty*



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BERKELEY'S GOT TALENT SHOW

The show, on August 8 was a great success!

The students were given the opportunity to showcase their talent in performance—singing, playing a musical instrument and dancing. We had students who were multi-talented in a few different areas, with ensembles and individuals showcased. The show took a lot of time and effort and I would like to thank the student performers for the energy and commitment they showed, the sound crew and roadies for their cooperation and efficiency in the set-up and all the staff who helped out with the preparations for the show and on the night. Everyone got a real 'buzz' out of the night, so much so that the students asked if they could do another one this term!!!!

Speaking of which...





Students in the vocal ensemble and the woodwind ensemble were recently invited to perform at **Farmborough Aged Care Facility** which was our first 'gig' in the community.

Despite a slight mishap with a plastic spider lurking in one of the saxophones (thanks to a sibling's 'practical joke') everything went smoothly with the older generation particularly enjoying the up-tempo numbers and even dancing in their chairs.



For our next musical performance we will be combining with the **Berkeley Songbirds** women's choir for the first time. We will all be singing and playing in **The Song That Stops a Nation**. This is part of the **Music Count Us In** day, an annual event open to all schools and community groups where everyone (almost one million people all over Australia) sing the SAME SONG on the SAME DAY at the SAME TIME - all to promote the benefits of music and singing! The song for this year is called **Different People (Stand Together)** which was again written by high school students. Year 7 and 10 students are currently learning the song. The performance will be on **Thursday November 1 at 12:30pm** in the school hall. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday during lunch in the music room.

The students also recently took part in a musical performance as part of a BBQ put on by the **Berkeley Neighbourhood Centre**. It was a fun experience for the students.

Mrs Haise
Teacher

For the Calendar

Auditions

now on for

Berkeley Idol singing competition

2 Categories

Junior Idol (Yrs 7 & 8)
Senior Idol (Yrs 9 -12)

So get out those x-factor voices and gangnam style moves and *get into it*.

You can only have FUN and maybe even be crowned 'THE VOICE' for 2012!

Idol will be held on
Wednesday 21 November
during school time



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A Slice of iPiE

Our Trade Training building work is finally finished in the 3 iPiE schools. Here at Illawarra Sports High School, we have new facilities in Metals Fabrication which will allow staff to deliver Vocational Courses to TAFE Level II, in a workshop outfitted to industry standards.

The new **Metals Trade Training Facility** at Illawarra Sports High School includes a completely new Workshop with state of the art equipment, a Covered Outdoor Work Area and Storerooms.



We went from this ...



through this ...



The inconvenience of losing learning spaces and working in makeshift circumstances for two terms will soon be forgotten by staff and students enjoying the new facilities.

Staff connections across the iPiE schools continue and this is leading to our students also making connections.

The TAS/Textiles teachers have planned a joint workshop with a textile artist in December and we plan some shared classes in 2013.

Teacher Professional Learning groups at different levels of experience in education continue to meet each term after school. The School Leaders, Accomplished Teachers and Beginning Teachers groups provide collegiality and cross-school sharing of ideas and resources. Each of the iPiE schools acts as host school to staff from the other schools.

Thanks must go to the staff involved in the organisation of these events. They don't just happen and we are grateful for the commitment of an increasing number of enthusiastic staff across the iPiE schools.

Karen O'Malley



to this ...



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Volunteering *Program*

Stationery 4 Students

Our school has recently welcomed many students that have come to Australia as refugees. These students have come from very challenging situations in their home countries. Apart from doing our best to welcome these new students to our school, we would like to provide some support to some of the people from these students' villages who have not been fortunate enough to have found safe refuge in Australia.

In our first major project we have decided to try to help the families and young people from Liberia. We have been advised by our new students that one of the most useful things we could do is provide 'school packs' (paper, pencils, pens etc.) to support the children with their school education. Attending school in Liberia can be very expensive for families, and many students will not have access to school because their families cannot afford the costs associated with attending. We thought that developing 'school packs' for children in Liberia could be an achievable goal for us to work towards.

Simon King
Volunteering Coordinator

Thank You

Stationery4Students would like to extend their thanks to G. Mustafa Chaudhry from Albion Uniform & Sportswear (Ph 42561904) His company has generously donated 10 T-Shirts to our organisation to wear on our launch day. These shirts will help advertise our campaign to gather stationery for children in underdeveloped countries. Stationery4Students is going well and this donation will help project our message even further.

Careers

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 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>



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From the **TABS** faculty



Benjamin Jull
Banoffee Pie



Year 8YG Technology **Masterchef Challenge** Term 3 2012

8YG3 proved to be a formidable challenge with nearly every student performing this task at a very high level.

The task is set early on in the semester for the students to start to think about what dish they would like to prepare for the challenge and whether or not it is achievable to produce in 2 periods. They then have quite a few weeks to practice the recipe at home (yes I hear you “teenagers practice!”).

Benjamin Jull set the pace with a Banoffee Pie, with Noah Nikora and Brayden Ward kneading and turning out hand made pizza bases like they were true Italians. Cindy Harkness made a fantastic sponge which unfortunately as precarious as sponge making is, didn’t turn out well but still had enough time to produce another cake just in time. Cooper Hass worked confidently to produce scones that even the CWA judges would be in awe of. Josh Piercy made an awesome lasagne and Batoul Hamid and Chelsea Bolton’s chicken salads were delicious.

Overall the class produced excellent dishes and 8YG1 have big shoes to try and fill this term. Congratulations to all.

Jane Jarman
Teacher



Batoul Hamid
Chicken Salad



Noah Nikora
Pizza



Judging



Year 10 History

A group of representatives from the Korean Veterans Association visited the school and provided some invaluable teaching resources to use in Year 10 History classes. Students study the Korean War as part of the "Australia in the Vietnam War Era" topic. Resources included a textbook, biography and DVD. Such resources "bring history to life" for our students and are much appreciated



WOULD YOU LIKE \$500 TO SPEND ON EDUCATION COSTS?



Saver Plus will cover expenses such as:

- text books
- stationery
- equipment for subject activities such as sport, art, music
- subject costs
- computer accessories (e.g. software, monitor, printer or other hardware)
- internet connection costs
- computer, including laptop, netbook, tablet or second-hand computer
- furniture for studying (e.g. desk, chair, book shelves, desk lamp)
- equipment or fees community activities such as sport, music, dance, art, photography or other hobbies
- tutor, subject extensions or summer classes
- TAFE/VET fees
- equipment needed for vocational training

To be eligible, you or your partner or a parent must:

- Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Be at least 18 years old
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Contact: Saver Plus Coordinator, Lindi Jamieson-Brown toll free on 1300 610 355 or lindi.jamieson-brown@thesmithfamily.com.au

Halloween in the Library



Lots of books are being read this month on the scary/horror theme of Halloween. Check out the display and make a selection.



From the Community

Learner Log Book Run



Sunday 04 November 2012

9:30 am and 12:00 mid day

Learners must have a minimum of 40 hours driving experience

Start and finish at the Bulli PCYC

Need some log book hours? An opportunity exists for learner drivers and their supervising drivers to experience a range of driving conditions including multi lane roads, traffic lights, roundabouts, Police RBT and Driver Reviver fatigue stop.

Bookings are essential - please call Jack Harrison on 4227-7261.

Jack Harrison,
Road Safety Officer,
Wollongong City Council,
Work Days - Monday to Thursday.

Course in Volunteer Tutor Training

TAFE Illawarra is offering a **free course** in Volunteer Tutor training. This course will train you to help adults improve speaking, reading and writing.

3 hours each Monday from 9am to 12 noon

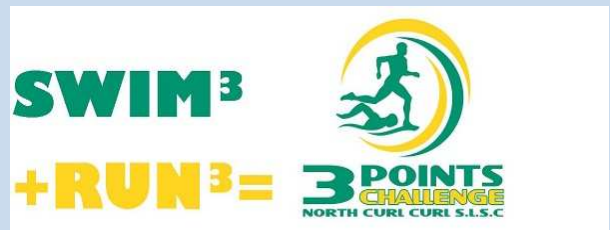
Monday 22 October Monday 29 October
Monday 5 November Monday 12 November

Wollongong TAFE Campus – Cottage W2.

For more information please phone Michele Broad on 4229 0451 or email Michele.broad@det.nsw.edu.au

FURTHER COMMUNITY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Berkeley Neighbourhood Ctr [see](#)
Baby's Day Out [see](#)
Cooking for Toddlers [see](#)
Corrimal East PS 60th Anniversary [see](#)
Lung Cancer Awareness Month [see](#)
Nan Tien Temple [see](#)
Keiraville Community Pre School Birthday [see](#)
Catholiccare Term 4, 2012 [see](#)



Saturday December 1st

North Curl Curl Beach

This is a unique must do event – try our Ocean Swim...or save yourself for the main event, the 3 Points Challenge !!

Join in the fun, tell your friends & enter Sydney's most unique event, you won't regret it!

Details on our event website at www.nthcurlcurlslsc.com.au