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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### TERM 1 - WEEK 10

1st April - 8th April  
2015 NZ Excursion

2nd April Term 1 Last Day

School Holidays  
3rd April — 20 April

### TERM 2 - WEEK 1

Term 2 Staff Development  
Day  
20 April, 2015

Term 2 Students Return  
21 April, 2015

### WEEK 4

NAPLAN Testing  
11—15 May

### WEEK 5

Year 11 Camp  
20—22 May

### WEEK 6

School Athletics Carnival  
27 May

### WEEK 7

Year 12 VET PLACEMENT  
1—5 June

### WEEK 8

Year 10 Work Experience  
(Whole Year)  
8—12 June

### WEEK 9

Year 10 Work Experience  
(Whole Year)  
15—19 June

### WEEK 10

Year 7-12 Parent Teacher  
Interviews  
24 June  
8-9 Subject Selection Evening  
24 June

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Hi everyone and welcome to our second newsletter for Term 1.

As you would be aware if you subscribe to our school app and Facebook page, Term One has been very busy and we have had lots of student and staff successes throughout the term.

I would particularly like to acknowledge:

- Year 12 students Kate Latham, Nazim Zekir and Kate Latham who competed in the Dapto Lions Youth of the Year competition. Amanda Tait was successful in becoming a regional finalist in the competition.
- Melissa Paterson and Haylee Burrell who were regional school hockey competitors.
- Bottle for Bottle Program: Ms Hilton and her Indonesian classes raised money to buy renewable bottles for teenagers in Indonesia to reduce the amount of single use plastic bottles in both Australia and Indonesia. The students were involved in creating the winning artistic labels for the renewable bottles and the event was publicised on WIN TV and in the Mercury.
- The nine students who submitted nominations for Wests Illawarra Youth Achievement awards in a variety of categories including sport, leadership and academic success. All of these students have been invited to attend the awards dinner on Friday night Week 9 at Wests Leagues Club.
- The three students who volunteered to shave their heads for “Be brave and shave” raising money for cancer research.
- The 30 Year 12 students who have nominated to participate in the 2015 Year 12 mentor program. These students will receive one on one tuition, advice and mentoring from volunteer HSC teachers at our school. The aim of the program is to support and motivate students as they prepare for the HSC exams. Teachers will be doing this during their own free periods.

Throughout the term, we have organised some highly successful events at the school including:

- All Year 7, 11 and 12 students received interim reports and a record 451 interviews took place at the Year 7,11 and 12 parent information night on Wednesday 5th March.
- On the 10th March 70 students from 31 different primary schools participated in the TSDP Year 6 trials at Illawarra Sports High.
- The Term 1 swimming carnival at Berkeley Pool was an outstanding success with improved rates of student participation.
- On Monday 16th March Illawarra Sports High held the official opening of the CLOWD room. CLOWD (Collaborative Learners Occupants Working Dynamically) is a learning collaboration with the University of Wollongong. The CLOWD room is a technology rich learning environment where students are able to write on specially designed whiteboard walls as they collaboratively solve maths problems. The university has sought out sponsors to create this **Page continued....**





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## Principal Report cntd

- room for our students and the plan is for University Mathematics students to visit our school and watch our Maths teachers and students learning maths in this highly interactive way. The opening of CLOWD was featured in a WIN news report on Monday 16th March.
- Also on Monday 16th March Illawarra Sports High hosted a highly successful Regional Basketball competition in our school gymnasium.

We have also organised some great excursions for students. All Year 7 history students had the opportunity to attend an archaeological dig in Sydney and Year 12 Business Studies students did a company research study on Taronga Zoo. Our new TSDP surfers attended the Quicksilver Pro competition at the Gold Coast receiving personal tuition on surfing skills scoring from world famous surfers such as Kelly Slater, Sally Fitzgibbon and Mick Low.

Year 12 Earth and Environmental students are very excited about their upcoming excursion to New Zealand during the end of Term One holidays. Students will visit Christchurch, Fox Glacier and Milford Sound thereby learning about plate tectonics. They will also have the opportunity to sample my cooking skills as Mr Murada (excursion organiser) has let me know I am the cook during the excursion! In all honesty, I am very much looking forward to this excursion, spending some quality time with some of our delightful Year 12 students.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable end of term break and look forward to working with students and parents and carers in Term 2. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss your child's education at our school.

**Raechel McCarthy, Principal**

## Head Teacher - Attendance

**Mr Grant Colliss**

I would like to provide parents and carers information from the Department of Education that clearly states the importance of regular school attendance by students and the responsibilities that parents have toward ensuring that their child/children attend school with as little disruption to their education as possible (document attached at the end of this newsletter). Please, take special note of what constitutes a 'justified' reason for being absent from school. By parents being clear of the correct procedures surrounding attendance and absences, this will alleviate any confusion in the future, especially at report time where unjustified absences are recorded on the student's report. Should you have any questions regarding this, please contact me via the school office on 4271 1099.

This week our very dedicated Year 12 construction students with the assistance of their teacher Mr Arnold constructed picnic tables as part of their Year 12 syllabus. Mr Arnold commented on the high quality of workmanship that these students have put into this project. This is a positive contribution to our school as students can take pride in each others talents and achievements. A special mention to our only Year 12 Construction student Brooke for paving the way for women in the construction industry.



# Highlights of Term 1, 2015

Three Illawarra Sports High School students (Amanda Tait, Nazim Zekir and Kate Latham) competed in the first round of the 2015 Lions Youth of the Year competition.

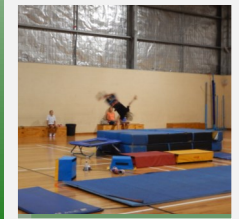
Students had to prepare a written application describing their academic, leadership, cultural and citizenship skills. They then had to attend an interview, perform a 5 minute prepared speech and perform two 2 minute impromptu speeches about current affairs topics in front of an audience of 25 Dapto Lions club members. Amanda Tait was successful in making it through to the REGIONAL level of the competition.



On Tuesday 10th March 70 Year 6 students from over 29 schools attended ISHS for our TSP Trial day. 'Amy Child, Head Teacher of TSP said, We are not looking for 'superstars'!

However, students must demonstrate reasonable fitness, sporting ability, enthusiasm, a positive attitude and 'coachability'. If they demonstrate potential at the trials, an application package will be sent out at the end of Term 1. Enrolment at the school will also be based on a positive attitude to school and a sound discipline record'.

Students were given the opportunity to try out in the following sporting areas Rugby League, Rugby Union, Tennis, Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Netball, Surfing and Athletics.



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## NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE AND SCHOOL APP FOR DOWNLOAD

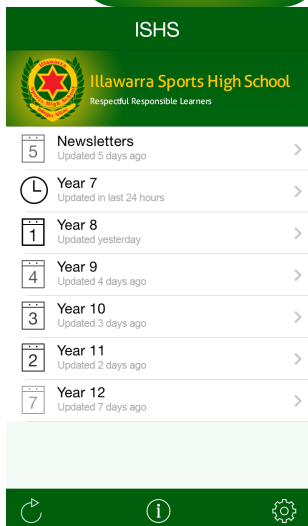
We are pleased to inform you that you can now subscribe to receive newsletters, notes and year specific information via push alerts using our school app or via email by subscribing through our new school website.

We would prefer you to receive the news electronically. There are many advantages including:

- easy and direct reminders straight to your email account;
  - simple to use mobile apps with alerts;
  - your child can't forget or lose the newsletter;
  - access to the newsletter if your child is absent from school;
  - reduced photocopying and administration time costs to the school; and
  - supporting our environmental initiatives.
- Please note that any savings to the school is money that can be better used on classroom resources or for improving your child's school environment.

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For more information, you can call our Community Liaison Officer, Sarah Daniels on 4271 1099.



### ISHS in the NEWS Illawarra Mercury: Bottle for Botol

Illawarra Sports High School has partnered with a sister school in Bali to combat plastic waste, one drink bottle at a time. The school is one of the first to join the Bottle for Botol Program, which links schools in Australia and Bali to work on sustainability programs. Indonesian-language teacher Jenny Jurman-Hilton was attracted to the program after seeing environmental damage during her trips to Indonesia.

"I was looking for a program that would help us partner a school in Bali and which had an environmental edge we want to reduce the plastic footprint in both of the schools," she

said. The program was founded by ex AusAid volunteers who drew a link between clean drinking water only being provided in single-use plastic cups and the amount of plastic debris clogging Bali's beaches.

Under the program, students from both countries design a logo for a metal water bottle while students at Illawarra Sports High market and sell the bottles. For every bottle sold, one bottle is donated to students at SMA 3 Denpasar high school, which now has filtered water dispensers to provide a cheaper and more sustainable source of clean drinking water. Bottle for Botol co-founder Chris Kemp set up the program after witnessing Indonesian teachers running similar but unfunded environmental protection programs.

"I was working on a community radio project while our other co-founder, a marine scientist, was working with an inspirational teacher who had a 300-member environment club," he said. "While single-use aqua cups are a clean, easy supply of water, they don't have the waste facilities to deal with these, so they end up in the ocean and [on] the beach."

So far the program has been a success, with 16 Indonesian schools joined to Australian counterparts.

The first school sold more than 800 bottles. Ms Jurman-Hilton said programs like these were more relevant than ever, given recent tensions between the two countries due to the impending executions of two Australian citizens. "We really need this at the moment. Programs like this can strengthen relationships at a friendship level between kids," she said.



Illawarra Sports High year 8 students Sebastian Hewat and Majenta Collis with teacher Jenny Jurman-Hilton and Bottle for Botol co-founder Chris Kemp. Picture: ROBERT PEET