



Evans High School

A diverse and innovative school of excellence

Newsletter Term 1, 2015



From Bridget Sarris Principal (Relieving)

In this first edition of our newsletter for 2015, I would like to welcome all the new families who have joined our wonderful school community and welcome back those who have been with us previously. We hope you enjoy reading about the many events

and opportunities our students have experienced described in the following pages.

Open Night/Meet the Teacher

We were very pleased to meet the parents and students from our local primary schools who came to our Open Night in Week 6. This is the fourth year we have held this event, allowing Stage 3 students and their

families to find out about Evans High School and have a look around the school. We also welcomed the parents of students in Years 7-12 who came to "Meet the Teacher" and discuss their child's progress. Many thanks to the staff who gave up their time to discuss their subjects with the visiting students and parents and to the student

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Dates to remember

APR 1	Year 12 reports distributed to students	MAY 12—15	NAPLAN for Years 7 and 9
APR 2	Last day of Term 1	MAY 15	School athletics carnival
APR 20	Staff return for Term 2	MAY 18—22	Year 7 and 9 half yearly exams
APR 21	Students begin Term 2	MAY 25	Scripture
APR 22	Vaccinations for the high school and IEC	JUN 8	Public holiday
APR 24	ANZAC Day ceremony	JUN 15 & 16	MADD Fest 2015
MAY 1	Photo day	JUN 17	Vaccinations for the high school and IEC
MAY 4—8	Year 12 Hospitality work placement	JUN 24	Meet the Teacher night
MAY 11—15	Year 8 and 10 half yearly exams	JUN 26	Last day of Term 2

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leaders who helped guide and entertain our visitors.

Overnight Excursions

Congratulations to the students and staff who were involved in the recent Year 7 camp. The camp is held each year and it is the first chance to let the students get to know each other in a venue outside the school. We have had great success with this camp over a number of years and I am sure that students will have many stories to tell for a long while.

Congratulations, too, to the IEC staff and students who participated in the overnight ZooSnooze excursion at Taronga Zoo. From many accounts, I know that students had some special experiences

both sightseeing in the city and at the zoo.

BEACON

Evans High School will continue our partnership with the BEACON foundation this year. This program supports young people to successfully transition from education to meaningful employment through the involvement of local business partners. We look forward to the visits and opportunities that spring from this partnership.

Car Park

In the interest of safety, please note that *the school car park is not available to parents to drop off their children*. Students should be dropped off outside the school and only enter via the pedestrian gates in Walters Road or Vella Cres.

Staff

We welcomed two new staff at the beginning of the year. Mr Tim Easterbrook has taken up the position of Head Teacher, TAS and has been very busy organising our metals room with the help of his Year 11 students. Ms Griffiths has joined us on the Science staff in the place of Ms Low.

At the end of this term we will farewell two of our staff members. Mr Ewin, one of our Head Teachers, will leave Evans to take up a position in another school and Ms Formosa, one of our support teachers, will leave to have a baby. We wish them both well.

Ms Bridget Sarris

DEC Attendance and Exemption Policy 2015

The DEC has released an updated policy on student attendance and exemption from schooling that is to be followed by all schools this year. There are some significant changes to past practice and some aspects will affect our families:

1. Exemptions from school can no longer be given for family holidays. Absences for this reason will be recorded as "leave".
2. If a student is absent from school for an "appointment", proof that the student has attended will be required within 7 school days. For example, if a student has an appointment during school time, this will be recorded as an unjustified absence until a medical certificate or other proof of attendance is provided to the school.



From Belinda Hunter

Deputy Principal 7, 9 & 11

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our new Year 7 students in 2015!

They have made a fantastic start to the school year, with many students being recognised for their efforts during classes and in representing our school in some sporting endeavours. The school swimming carnival was a real highlight. It gave our new students the opportunity to showcase their talents in the pool and also support their friends and house-mates with their cheering. Our camp in week 7 was another exciting event, and I enjoyed spending a day with the group at the camp site, and hearing all of the wonderful stories that followed.

Year 9 have settled into their new 'elective' classes and are already producing some very impressive work. Mr Easterbrook and his class have made some exquisite pens in the school workshop and I can't wait to see the next project! Miss Baldwin and her dance class are busily

preparing for upcoming performances, and I know that there are some excellent artworks on the way from Visual Arts. I've visited most classes around the school and I have been very pleased with the dedication our students are showing. Well done to all.

Year 11 have commenced the Preliminary Course and most have settled in well to their subjects. I would like to take the opportunity to remind students that the 'flexible' timetable requires them to sign in and out via the front office at the appropriate times to ensure that attendance details are accurate. Half-yearly exams commenced on Friday 27 March and continue until the end of term on Thursday 2 April. I encourage all students to complete the necessary revision and home study to complete their exams and achieve results that reflect the hard work that they put in during classes. The Preliminary Assessment Booklet was distributed in Roll Call, and Ms Rodgers has a copy in the library for reference. The booklet outlines all of the exam periods throughout the year, and each subject has an

assessment schedule which provides details of when assessment tasks will be distributed and due for completion. I wish all Year 11 students the best of luck in the upcoming exams.

While it has been a busy start to the year, there are lots of exciting events on the calendar which means many more opportunities to recognise all of the wonderful things that happen throughout our fantastic school. I look forward to the next edition, and once again thank you for your continued support of our students.

Ms Belinda Hunter



From Steve Fenech

Deputy Principal 8, 10 & 12

It's hard to believe we've already reached the end of Term 1 – an indication of how busy Term 1 has been. Many whole school initiatives continue to come into effect this year which will improve learning outcomes for students across the whole school.

Late and absent students

Our new Administration system is up and running. One particular change that has taken place with our new system is the method of notification if your child is late to school or absent from school without an explanation. Parents/Carers of students who are late to school or absent without written explanation now receive an SMS outlining the lateness/absence. I'd like to remind parents/carers of their responsibility to inform the school in writing when your child is late or absent.

Reading To Learn

Our literacy initiative –

Reading To Learn – has commenced implementation in every KLA across the school. Last year, twelve teachers completed 6 days of rigorous training in the program. Some of these teachers are now mentors for other teachers in the school, who have started teaching literacy using Reading to Learn strategies in their own classrooms. Even after such a short time, students have made a marked improvement to their writing and their level of understanding a variety of texts in their lessons.

Choice Theory

This year, we are also training more staff in the psychology of William Glasser known as Choice Theory. Evans High School has for a long time practised Choice Theory in our conversations with students by helping them to understand how they can empower themselves to become responsible learners and citizens of our school community. Choice Theory is very much the basis of the positive relationships that we form with our students.

Year 8

Year 8 students have been working extremely hard in all of their subjects – this has been supported by workshops in Study Skills. In addition, they have been learning about Digital Citizenship and Resilience through their Planning My Future lessons. In the lead up to Harmony Day they learned more about the importance of multiculturalism in society and what we can all do to combat racism.

Year 10

For our Year 10 students, next term will mark the start of the Go For It Program and the Subject Selection Process in preparation for study in Year 11, engaging in TAFE or the workforce. More information and key dates will be issued in Term 2. All Year 10 students will also be given the opportunity to undertake Work Experience later this year. They have been familiarising themselves with the many aspects of the Work Experience Program already, including finding possible workplaces that will host them

for their placement. If parents/carers are interested in hosting students at their workplace as part of our Work Experience Program, please contact the school. More information about the program can be found at our school careers website – www.evanshighcareers.com

Year 12

Year 12 have completed their Half Yearly Exams and by now, should have received feedback from their teachers. This is the

perfect time for our Year 12 students to evaluate their study habits as they prepare for their final examinations later this year. For some students, their results are a ‘wake-up call’ as they realise how much more they need to be doing to improve. It has been proven that top performing students across the state have a 3-pronged approach to their HSC – 1) they start a collection of study notes immediately when they have been taught a concept; 2) they practise past HSC

papers (available through the BOSTES website); and 3) they engage in deeper reading about the particular topic of study.

Mr Steve Fenech

Updated Student Information

In the interest of safety and security, it is essential that the school has your current contact details. The school will send an *Updated Student Information* sheet to all students. If your contact details have changed or if the emergency contact details have changed, please fill in the form and return to the front office or roll call teacher.

Forms are available at the front office and on the school’s website.



From Linda Cheeseman IEC Deputy Principal (Relieving)

Term 1, 2015 was a very successful and busy term. Students had the opportunity to attend an overnight camp, swim schools, sporting activities as well as participating, viewing and performing in a highly successful Harmony Day.

This term students attended a two day Senior IEC Leavers' Camp which featured a tour of Sydney sights as well as an overnight stay at Taronga Zoo and a visit to the zoo the next day. Highlights of Day One were a walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge, a tour of The Rocks, Martin Place, the Botanical Gardens and the Opera House as well as a "Zoo Snooze." At the start of Day Two, can you imagine how wonderful the students felt being inside the giraffe enclosure hand feeding the giraffes? The seal show and the bird flight were also amazing. Throughout the two days the students were excellent role models for Evans IEC, showcasing all

aspects of being co-operative, polite and responsible.

Harmony Day was a fantastic success due to the efforts of our dedicated staff and students. Many staff and students were dressed in their national costumes or orange coloured clothes. Student leaders ushered parents and local primary school students around the school. Teachers had prepared a wide range of exotic multi-cultural food which was sold at various faculty stalls. The main quadrangle of the school was decorated and appeared to be transformed into a bazaar like area with the smells and sights of many diverse cultures enhanced by the cultural dress of many of the staff and students.

There were many victories and personal bests in the school Cross Country. Days like the Cross-Country are especially important because they provide all students with the opportunity to participate in a life -long activity as well as having a great time. Students

also had the opportunity to attend swim school.

During lunchtimes students could be heard having fun in one of the many different activity groups. Pop songs accompanied choreographed moves in the performance group and, for the sports minded students, games of table tennis and volleyball were keenly contested.

Finally, on behalf of the staff I would like to congratulate all of our students on their effort and commitment towards their studies, thank our SRC and prefect body for their effort and leadership throughout the term, thank all our community partners for their support and wish the 45 exiting students all the best in their studies at high school and TAFE.

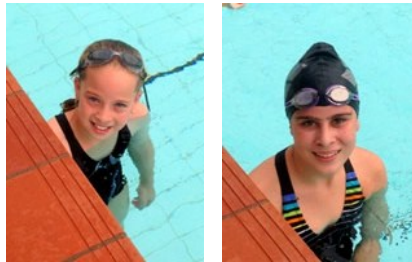
Have a happy and safe holiday.

Mrs Linda Cheeseman



From Priti Mann Year 7 Adviser

Term 1 has been really great for the students in Year 7. They have settled in really well, learnt their way around the school, participated in many activities and have made lots of friends. Our first excursion for the year was the swimming carnival. The boys and girls had heaps of fun. We have some great swimmers in our year group.



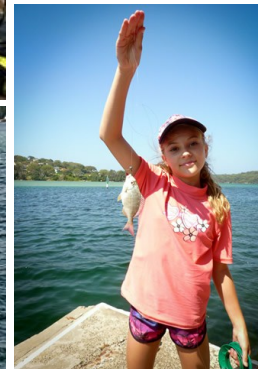
Kaitlyn and Katie participate at the swimming carnival

The Year 7 Camp was a great success. Students participated in a variety of activities and explored their talents.

We found that some of us are really good archers and others could take on sailing any day. The sky web was a great experience and students helped each other complete their course.



Our collaborative skills really came together during the initiative training and students completed many tasks successfully. We got to make lots of new friends and the excitement continued even though the camp had ended.



Mrs Priti Mann



Year 7 camp 2015!





From Leonie Miller Year 12 Adviser

We have had a busy start to the year with some of the students in Year 12 competing in our recent swimming carnival. Samantha Thomas and Klaudia Bakhos swam in almost every event for their age group. They are such great ambassadors for our school, whilst being an incentive to the younger students.

As this is the second term for Year 12, they have been occupied completing many assessment tasks and studying for their half yearly examinations. I would like to

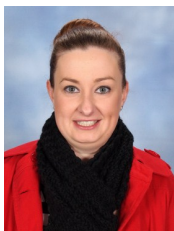
wish them well in their studies as this is an important time in their lives as they work towards their HSC examinations at the start of Term 4.

The school jerseys, designed by the students, have been ordered and a sample has been shown to the students. The formal committee is working hard with the assistant year adviser, Miss Minchella, to raise funds for their formal which will be held at the end of Term 3. We have a few sausage sizzles booked

in, along with an up-coming chocolate drive to provide funds to help reduce the cost of the formal.

So it will continue to be a very busy year ahead for the Year 12 students. May we all wish them well in their endeavours and may they strive to achieve some excellent results in the HSC Examination at the end of this year.

Ms Leonie Miller



From Sarah Baldwin Year 9 Adviser

Welcome back Year 9! 2015 is shaping up to be another fantastic year. I hope you are all enjoying your two electives as well as all your other subjects this year. So far this term, Year 9 students have successfully auditioned for the dance ensemble, been involved in Harmony Day, an

Aboriginal dance workshop, selected for multiple sport teams including futsal, volleyball, soccer, cricket and basketball. Success has also been achieved in swimming.

We have four new SRC representatives; Taniesha Wilson, Kareem Ghamraoui, Pooja Kumar and Christina

Burman, who helped with the Open Night and Meet the Teacher night.

Ms Tryhuba and I look forward to working with everyone this year and seeing more successes from the year group.

Ms Sarah Baldwin



From Ronie Quinn Year 10 Adviser

Welcome back to all Year 10 students and welcome to Ms Rhiannon Brown as the Assistant Year Adviser for 2015. We are very much looking forward to working with these students once again. Congratulations to Mozamel Anwary, Zachary Sabogal, Abdallah Ahmed and Drew McNamara who were the Year 10 students elected to be our student council representatives.

Year 10 is an important year for students to focus on maximising their marks in all subjects so they can complete junior high school to the best of their ability. This year students will also have a chance to participate in work experience and choose their subjects for Years 11 to 12, attend excursions to universities, participate in Beacon Workshops, sporting events and many more things.

On 13 March, 50 students had the opportunity to participate in the STEPS@UWS Day. They had a fantastic day as you can see from these photos.

I look forward to seeing Year 10 students continue to develop throughout the remainder of the year.

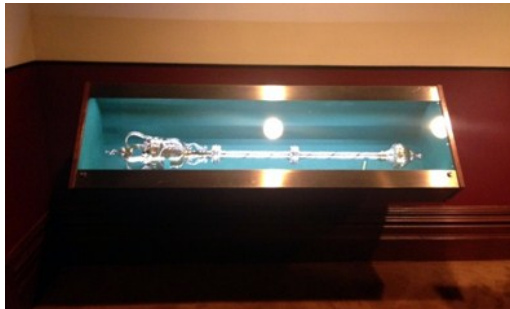
Ms Ronie Quinn





Make a Difference Day

From Wesley Pineda & David Dagger



Year 10 students at Parliament House, Sydney

On Friday 20 March we were given the opportunity to go to Parliament House, Sydney for Make a Difference Day. We joined approximately 150 Year 10 students from schools around the state to discuss State Politics and the way our system works. The day was very interesting. We heard the Hon Michael Kirby, Australia's longest serving judge speak and heard a different, first hand point of view about our Australian history. What he said was not what you would expect from someone in his position, it was better. We got to see the Legislative Assembly and Council rooms, or the green and red rooms, where laws are made. If this opportunity came up for other students to attend Parliament House, we would definitely recommend it.

Wesley Pineda and David Dagger (Year 10)



ZooSnooze

On 10 March my class went to Taronga Zoo for an overnight excursion.

In the morning we met at the station and we caught the train to Milsons Point. After we got off the train we walked across the Harbour Bridge and had a city walk to Martin Place, The Rocks, the CBD, Museum of Contemporary Art, NSW Parliament and the Royal Botanic Gardens.

At 5 o'clock we got the ferry to Taronga Zoo. We were all starving so we had dinner first. We had a BBQ, pasta, salad and juice. It was very delicious

and we all enjoyed it. When everyone finished dinner we sat in a circle and looked and touched some animals like a snake, lizard and tortoise. Then we had a night walk and we saw the zebras, lions, tigers, goats, hippos and elephants. At 9 o'clock we went back to our room and we went to bed at 9:30 pm. We had no time to shower that day.

On Thursday we fed the giraffes in the morning. Then we had free time from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. We walked in groups. My group went to see the penguins, chimpanzees, seals and

elephants. At 10:30 am we went to see the seal show and after that we went to see the bird show. We ate lunch and then we caught the ferry back to Sydney.

We took lots of photos and we learnt many things about the animals and we had a great time with the teachers and classmates. Thanks to the school for giving us such a good opportunity to go to the zoo and thanks Mr Cheeseman, Mrs Tolhurst and Miss Kavanagh for taking care of us.

Emily Lai (IEC)

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On Wednesday morning the staff got us to feed the giraffes and see a seal show. The seals touched the ball that hung on the rope. We also saw the bird show. The bird handler let a white parrot fly around the auditorium and then got it to throw a piece of paper into the garbage. The parrot didn't look very happy so it just flew around and jumped on the ground and didn't throw the paper in the bin.

Anne (IEC)

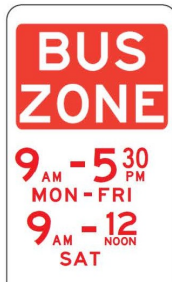


IEC students at Taronga Zoo

ROAD SAFETY FACT SHEET

Penalties from 1 July 2014

Bus Zone



You must not stop at the times shown on the sign.

If there are no times on the sign then you must not stop at any time.

Stopping includes when the vehicle is not moving but the engine is still running

SCHOOL ZONE

Fine from \$311 + 2 demerit points
All other roads, fine from \$242

For more information contact the
Blacktown City Council
on 9839 6000



Soccer Registrations Closing Soon

The 2015 soccer season is starting soon so please be quick to secure your spot at St Pats.

To play for St Pats you can register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au or you can register at one of our training days.

When: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5.30 pm till 7.00 pm

Where: Bert Saunders Reserve, Kiata Crescent, Doonside, next to Featherdale Wildlife Park

St Pats offers a great environment to play this great sport so don't miss out.

Call Silvana on 0422 747 235 for more information.

School Uniform

The school uniform shop is open every school day from 8:00 to 8:35am for students and parents/ carers to purchase any uniform items they need. Remember, if you are buying shoes for school, our school community has agreed to all black leather shoes.



Appropriate footwear is required for all students

Student Leadership Day

The Student Leadership Team from Years 7-12 and the IEC travelled to the city to participate in workshops facilitated by Football United. The purpose was to promote team building and harmony through engaging activities. They also developed an item to present back to the school leading up to Harmony Day aligning with the school's values to be a Cooperative, Polite & Responsible (CPR) learner.



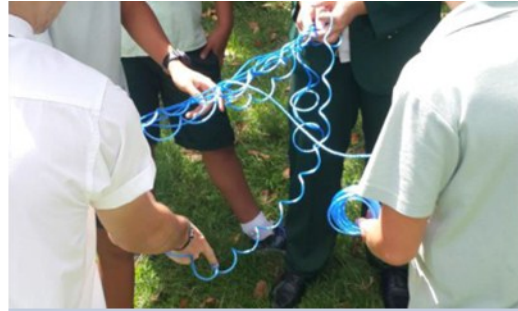
Evans HS and IEC Student Leadership Team, 2015

Feedback from participants: What is one thing you learnt and how will you apply it in your life?

How to deal with new people (3)	Hear out other people's opinions from everywhere	Lots of people have the same opinion as I do	Teamwork (10)
We should all accept each other, just accept everyone	There is more in a person than you can see, don't judge people	Diversity (5)	I am going to accept other people's differences
If you work in as a team you get more done	Communicating in a team	Everyone is the same	Hearing people's stories and beliefs (2)
Reevaluate my previous ideas and values	Many different values, beliefs and aspects of life are above the surface, below the surface and can be interpreted differently	How it is so easy to come together	"If you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far, go together"



Team photo



Survivor team activity



Group presentation



Survivor team activity



Team work



Group presentation



Group presentation



Team work

What is Booodl?

Booodl is the digital shopping list done properly. Much like a personal assistant, you tell Booodl what you want, and it will remember, find and send you a notification when anything on your list may be available nearby.

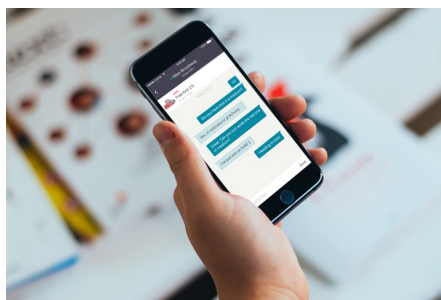
Our thinking is that the way we remember and buy what we want could be even easier – all in one smart app that acts like your personal shopper.

Example:

When browsing online you come across a pair of running shoes you want to buy. You'd rather try them on in the store before buying, so you add them to your Booodl list and know that you'll get a reminder when they're nearby. Three days later when meeting a friend in the city, you get a notification reminding you the shoes you want are nearby. You open the app, chat with the store manager to make sure they have your size in stock, then head in store and buy them!

The app is currently just for NSW stores, but we'll be expanding very quickly! We support over 1,300 stores and over 160,000 products so far.

This week we'll be releasing an exciting new feature: instant message. You can chat directly with a store manager about the item you want (to double check availability, size, put it on hold etc.).



How can you help?

To start off, download Booodl (from the App Store or Google Play). Have a play around: browse the products and anytime you think of something you want just add it your list!

Things we'd love your feedback on:

Messaging: did you get it? Does Booodl make sense? Do you think it's something you would use?

Notifications: have you received any notifications? Were they helpful?

Chat: experiment with the chat feature – message stores directly and ask when they're open, ask whether they have what you want in stock. Let us know if they were helpful and if this is a feature you like.

We'd love to hear of any other thoughts, ideas or feedback you have.

The Booodl Team

Swimming Carnival 2015

This year the Evans High School Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday 10 February at the Nirimba Education Precinct. It was great to see so many students attend the Carnival, even just to cheer for students who were competing in events. There were many outstanding individual achievements including the following Age Champions.

12 Years: Kurt Diks and Kaitlyn Findlay

13 Years: Brendan Carrick and Katie Hollis

14 Years: Wade Diks and Hannah Carrick

15 Years: Adrian Carrick and Marisa
Acquasanta

16 Years: Benedict Leavai and Shakara
Farrington-Huta

17+ Years: Luke Ross and Sam Thomas

The winning house for the day was Cuthbert with 1147 points!

Ms Amanda Minchella

NRL In League, In Harmony

In 2015, Evans High School is again privileged to be involved in the National Rugby League's 'In League, In Harmony' program. It is run by the NRL's One Community program and aims to foster a sense of community, teamwork, tolerance and resilience through combining in class lessons with physical activity each session.

We have 20 boys across both Years 7 and 8 taking part in Term 1, 2015. At the culmination of the program, the students will take part in a Gala Day. In previous years Evans students were singled out by Steve Meredith, NRL Community Development Officer, as well as former NRL player, Joe Galuvao, as demonstrating outstanding teamwork, respect and cooperation. I have no doubt that the 'team of 2015' will also excel. Thanks to Miss Formosa for her organisation of the initiative this year.

Mr Dave Merrick

Well Being Assembly

This term Year 7 and 8 students, Learning and Assistance Faculty and Junior IEC attended an assembly led by two Penrith Panthers first grade Rugby League players. In this assembly the players spoke to the students about their experiences in relation to sport, nutrition, health and wellbeing. Penrith Rugby League Association has generously donated Evans High School a set of Rugby League jerseys due to our increased participation in Rugby League over the last couple of years.

Ms Sophie Davis



Return to School Centre



The Return to School Centre at Evans High School



The Return to School Centre (RSC) for the Western Sydney Region is located in the grounds of Evans High School, Blacktown.

The centre provides an intervention for students who are on long suspension and have been identified by their school as likely to benefit from a structured program to assist their successful return to school.

The centre operates five days each week, from 9:30-11:30am, accommodating up to six students. Placement is available for students in Years 5 to 9 from any DEC school in the region.

Whilst in the centre students spend time:

- completing their school work package, provided by their teachers;
- reflecting on their behaviour;
- setting behavioural goals; and
- practising social skills and strategies to assist them to re-engage at school and minimise the recurrence of inappropriate behaviours.

The Head Teacher also supports students and mentors in their school setting after their return, by:

- reporting at staff meetings to the students' teachers;

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- assisting with the development of transition plans;
- attending resolution meetings;
- providing follow-up observations and meetings with students and teachers; and
- training teachers in mentoring strategies.

The Centre's aim is for students to return to school and succeed!

Ms Rose Loudon-Williams (HT Return to School Centre)

Open Boys Cricket Team

On Friday 27 February, Mr Williams and the team travelled to Glenwood to take on Glenwood HS in the opening round of the Alan Davidson Shield Knockout competition. Sporting new equipment thanks to the wonderful people at 'Kingsgrove Sports', our boys were confident despite Glenwood HS making the Fourth Round of the competition throughout the past five years.

Despite the majority of our team comprising players who did not play in 2014, we posted a defendable total however, some very good batting saw our total reached with quite a few overs to spare.

The boys did themselves, their families and their school proud with the way they conducted themselves as representatives of Evans HS.

The boys look forward to taking on the staff in a 'Harmony Day' 'Ashes Match' later in the term.

Mr Kyle Williams



Evans Open Boys Cricket team sporting new equipment from Kingsgrove Sports

How Bizarre Bazaar! Harmony Day



Have you ever dreamt of travelling the world to experience other exotic cultures? Forget it! You need to come to Evans High School Harmony Day instead.

Our Harmony Day 2015 conjured up pictures of the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul. Throngs of colourfully dressed students, teachers and parents crowded together in the richly decorated school quadrangle vying for the right to purchase fragrant

flavoursome food from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East and South America. All of this fabulous food was prepared by our dedicated staff or sourced from local restaurants. The

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colours, the aromas and the sounds of satisfied eaters filled the crowded quadrangle.

Our staff and students, colourfully clad in orange and national costumes, mingled with Year 5 and 6 classes and staff from our feeder primary schools Blacktown West and Walters Road. Then the entertainment started and the crowd were totally enthralled by the singing and dancing of our well rehearsed, enthusiastic and extremely entertaining students.

Harmony Day was such a success due to the planning and support of staff , students, parents, feeder primary schools and community members. This year's Harmony Day showcased the best of Evans and highlighted what can be successfully achieved by our school community when we all work together.

Congratulations Evans on a job well done!

Mr Cheeseman



Evans students in traditional dress



Faculty food stalls at the Evans Harmony Day Food Fair



Thanks to everyone for celebrating Harmony Day with us!



IEC and high school students perform at Harmony Day



Students from Walters Road Public and Blacktown West Public Schools celebrate Harmony Day at Evans

Stranger Danger

It is important to us that all our school community stays safe.

A reminder to students that it is important to travel directly to and from school, to ensure that someone knows where you are, and to not approach cars that you are unfamiliar with. If you are approached by someone who makes you feel uncomfortable, you should ensure you are safe, and contact Blacktown Police on 96719199 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

LAF

As it is every year for all faculties, the beginning of Term 1 is a busy time for LAF. We are in the process of settling in and welcoming our new students for 2015. We also have a larger number of students integrating into different mainstream classes throughout the school. We have a larger cohort of students on the SRC, as we welcome Joseph to join Cameron and Nathan as the LAF representatives. 2015 should be a fruitful year with a lot of opportunities for our students in LAF!

Learning Assistance Faculty

Maths

All students doing mathematics are required to have a scientific calculator. It is used extensively in classwork and in all exams including NAPLAN and HSC. Students can purchase the Casio fx-82AU Plus II at school for \$20. Students who may need assistance can see Mr Chung. Please note that mobile phones cannot be used in exams.



The National Theatre for Children came out to perform Mad About Money for Years 8, 9 and 10. They were very well received and talked to students about the four essentials regarding money:

- Prioritising Needs vs. Wants
- Saving and Investing
- The difference between Cash and Credit

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- The importance of forming a Saving Habit

Mr John Chung (HT Maths)



Students from Years 7, 8 and 9 watch the National Theatre for Children's performance of Mad About Money

HSIE

We are off to a busy start to 2015 here in the HSIE faculty with a number of exciting opportunities already being presented to our students to be able to partake in excursions to further their skills and knowledge in our subject areas.

Firstly, we had the Australian Geography Competition in week 9. This competition gave our students the opportunity to test their geographical skills and knowledge against other students around the state and country,

as well as have some fun. Evans High traditionally sends a strong team of students to this competition that compete well and we look forward to this continuing in 2015.

Our Year 11 and 12 Ancient History classes headed to the city to take part in an activity called "Archaeology in the Rocks". This gave our students the chance to take part in authentic archaeological fieldwork to help them better understand and refine their skills as Ancient Historians. This was a very exciting opportunity for Evans and one that we have never partaken in before.

We are back to the city in May for our Year 10 Commerce students to visit the Sydney Police and Justice Museum. Following on from a successful and rewarding excursion to the same place last year, our Year 10 students will get the opportunity to find out the gritty history of Sydney's police force and courts system. This is a thoroughly entertaining and enriching experience and one that our students are greatly looking forward to.

Finally on the weekend of April 24 this year we will be taking a delegation of 20 especially selected students to Centennial Park in the city to camp out under the stars to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli and the birth of the ANZAC legend. This "Camp Gallipoli" will be a humbling and greatly rewarding experience for our students as they will get to hear stories of our heroic soldiers from members of the Australian Armed Forces, as well as take part in the historic dawn service on the morning of ANZAC Day.

HSIE Faculty

CAPA

It has been another very busy start to the year for the CAPA faculty with many excursions, the introduction of new Stage 6 classes (11 Dance, 11 Drama, 11 Music, 11 Visual Arts, 11 Visual Design) and the continuation of 12 Music, 12 Visual Arts (two classes), 12 Drama, and Harmony Day and other extracurricular events.

Years 12 and 11 Drama students attended 'OnStage' last month where outstanding IP's and Group Performances from the 2014 Higher School Certificate (HSC) were showcased. Years 12, 11 (and a few lucky Year 10 Elective Music students!) attended the 'Encore' concert at the Sydney Opera House earlier this

month where they viewed and listened to outstanding compositions and performances from the 2014 HSC. This excursion also included a visit to the Museum of Contemporary Art in Darling Harbour giving the students another experience of creativity and excellence on the day.

The new Evans High Band led by Miss Zdravec has started well with students getting to

perform together in a collaborative, engaging environment as they rehearse some fantastic repertoire.

Our initial preparations for MADD FEST 2015 are underway and will gather speed now that our Harmony Day celebrations have concluded.





Dance students performing on Harmony Day

So far, 2015 has already been very busy for dancers and it looks like it won't be slowing down.

Year 11 dance attended Call Back on 12 February at the Seymour Centre. Students viewed HSC performances from 2014 in each of the areas of study.

Three Aboriginal students, Kahlesha Wilson, Drew Walker and Brooke McKenzie, attended an Aboriginal Dance Workshop run by the Arts unit in conjunction with Bangara Dance Theatre. Students learnt the repertoire of Ochres and were given the opportunity to audition for the Arts unit Aboriginal Dance Company. Students had a fantastic time working with professional Aboriginal dancers.

Dance Ensemble – congratulations to all students who auditioned for this year's Dance Ensemble. 18 students have successfully auditioned and are currently working towards eisteddfods, different community events and the highly anticipated MADD fest. It was an absolute pleasure working with all students on Harmony Day. I was impressed with their dedication, determination and drive towards the showcase of talent and celebration of culture.

It's certainly going to be another exciting and productive year. Bring on Term 2!

Mr Kyle Williams (HT CAPA) and the CAPA faculty



Year 11 Dance students with Ms Baldwin at Call Back



Kahlesha Wilson, Brooke McKenzie and Drew Walker at the Aboriginal Dance Workshop

A few success stories from last year's 2014 HSC cohort...



Shahzeen Ali
Bachelor of Commerce
Macquarie University



Kayleigh Baker
Bachelor of Policing
University of Western Sydney



Shivane Bishwa
Bachelor of Commerce and Business
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Ayesha Chandra
Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science
Sydney University



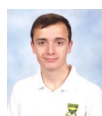
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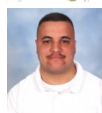
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Three Year Chef Training
Jamie Oliver Restaurant



Jenny Kishor
Diploma of Counselling
Australian Careers Business College



Stuart McMahon
Bachelor of Arts in Teaching
University of Western Sydney



Rami Mehzer
Bachelor of Construction Management
University of Western Sydney



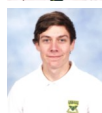
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