



Evans High School

A diverse and innovative school of excellence

Newsletter Term 1, 2016



From Bridget Sarris Principal (Acting)

Welcome

In this first edition of our newsletter for 2016, I would like to welcome all the new families who have joined our 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.

New Staff

I would also like to welcome new staff. Mr Ed Brown has joined us in the TAS faculty and I know that his students are appreciating the wealth of industry and teaching experience he brings with him. Welcome, too, to Ms Rebecca Borg who is working in the TAS faculty as well.

Australia Day at Admiralty House

It seems a long time since the beginning of the year with the end of term fast approaching, but 2016 started off very well for a number of Evans High School students who got the opportunity to visit Admiralty House on Australia Day, accompanied by Ms Rodgers. They also contributed to the Governor

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Dates to remember

APR 24—25	Camp Gallipoli	MAY 25	World of Maths—Year 8
APR 26	Staff return for Term 2	JUN 1	IEC Vaccinations
APR 27	Students return for Term 2	JUN 1	Year 7 Vaccinations
MAY 2—6	Year 11 Half Yearly Exams	JUN 6	Scripture
MAY 2—4	Year 7 Camp	JUN 6—10	Year 11 Metals Work Placement TBC
MAY 10—12	NAPLAN	JUN 13—17	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement
MAY 13	NAPLAN Catch Up Day	JUN 20—24	Year 11 Construction Work Placement TBC
MAY 13	School Athletics Carnival	JUN 20—24	Year 10 Work Experience
MAY 16—27	Years 7-10 Half Yearly Exams	JUL 1	Last day of Term 2

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General's Australia Day message talking about their hopes for Australia's future, along with 200 other students from 26 schools around the state.

Information Evening/Open Night

We were very pleased to meet the parents and students from our local primary schools who came to our Information Evening on 2 March. This is the fifth 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 our Open Night to 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 leaders who helped guide and entertain our visitors.

School photos

This year, our school photos were taken earlier than in previous years. Students will receive their photos next term.

Camp Gallipoli

Last year 20 students and several staff members participated in Camp Gallipoli to commemorate the centenary of the landing at Gallipoli. This year, another 20 students will get the opportunity to join with other schools and community groups in this special night of remembrance, entertainment, mateship and the birth of that special Aussie and Kiwi ANZAC spirit. We wish them well.

Annual Report

Every year at this time, NSW Department of Education schools produce an Annual Report (AR) for the previous year. The AR describes progress on our School Plan, our school achievements and the next steps to be pursued. It will be available on our website at the end of the term and will be presented for discussion at the next P&C meeting in Term 2. If you would like to receive a paper copy of the AR, please contact the school and one will be forwarded to you.

Holidays

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday!

School resumes on Wednesday 27 April for all students.

Ms Bridget Sarris





From Belinda Hunter Deputy Principal 8, 10 & 12

Welcome back to what has been an extremely busy term already to commence the 2016 school year!

Year 12

It is an exciting year for our Year 12 students, who will work towards completing their HSC studies and sit for their final exams in Term 4. With half-yearly exams completed, it is pleasing to see these students reflect upon their efforts over the previous two terms, and work hard to ensure that they are achieving their personal best. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued support in assisting students throughout this important year.

Mr Khan and Ms Petschy are busy assisting our Year 12 Formal Committee with their planning for this year's event. The formal will take place at Old Government House, located in Parramatta Park on Tuesday 20 September 2016. Fundraising events will be held

throughout 2016, to assist in making this event a true celebration of the efforts these students have made over the last 13 years! Further details relating to upcoming events will be provided to all students as needed. The Year 12 Formal will be followed by the Year 12 Graduation Assembly on Friday 23 September 2016.

We are expecting the delivery of the Year 12 jerseys early next term, to coincide with the cooler weather. A reminder that the school uniform shop is open each school day from 8am-8.30am, should your child require additional uniform items. Alternate times may be arranged by contacting the front office. All students are expected to be in full school uniform each day, including black leather shoes.

Year 10

Year 10 have returned and

settled into the school routine extremely well. They have many exciting events coming up throughout the year, most notably their participation in the Work Experience program.

Ms Baldwin and Ms Tryhuba will be working closely with Ms Jansen to ensure that all students secure a position with an employer that will assist them in determining a career path beyond school.

Students will undertake the necessary research and administrative tasks during Planning My Future (PMF) lessons and all information will be provided to parents and carers prior to students completing these placements.

The Year 10 Peer Support Leaders have done an outstanding job in mentoring and supporting our new Year 7 students this year. They have been delivering lessons under the guidance of Ms Petschy,

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and have planned activities that are not only engaging and entertaining, but provide valuable information about coping with the challenges of high school. I look forward to the Peer Support Mini-Olympics that is planned for Term 2!

All Year 10 students will be participating in the 'Go For It' subject selection process, to guide them in making the most suitable selections for their senior pattern of study. There will be a variety of events, information sessions

and interviews that need to be completed as part of this process, and further information will be provided prior to each event.

Year 8

Year 8 students have had a very positive start to 2016. Many of these students participated in the CPR Celebration, which acknowledges the superb efforts that students make both inside and outside the classroom. I know that the activities were enjoyed by all, and I look forward to seeing all students continue their Cooperative, Polite and Responsible behaviour!

It was very pleasing to see so many Year 8 students receive bronze and silver awards at the Term 1 Merit Assembly. I can see that it will be a very successful year for our students, and I look forward to celebrating their success.

I wish all students a happy and safe holiday break, before we return to complete half-yearly exams, and participate in many more exciting opportunities.

Ms Belinda Hunter

Updated Student Information

In the interest of safety and security, it is essential that the school has your current contact details. The school will make available an *Updated Student Information* sheet. 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)

What a wonderful start we have had to the year! The term has been filled with many opportunities for students to be involved in sporting and performance activities. The school celebrated Harmony Day in style and staff had the pleasure of talking to many parents and carers at the Meet the Teacher Evening.

Many IEC students took part in soccer, NRL and volleyball Gala Days. Others represented the high school in basketball,

rugby league, soccer, touch football and volleyball teams and competitions.

Five students excelled at sports carnivals; Zhenglin Ge was an age champion at the Swimming Carnival, Ibraheem Akram, Ahmad Aldale Mousa, Adau Anhiany and Hannah Martin were age champions at the Cross Country Carnival.

Students performed at our Harmony Day Celebration, IEC Performance Day and the IEC Leavers' Assembly. The great

range of talents displayed by our performers saw students acting, dancing, playing the piano, singing and writing original songs. Students were also involved as MCs, hall crew and back stage staff.

The 2016 theme of Harmony Day 'Our Diversity is Our Strength' is something of which Evans HS is really proud. Our Harmony Day

celebration highlighted some of the many wonderful and positive aspects of our diverse school community. We shared food from all round the world and watched our talented students perform both traditional and popular songs and dances. We welcomed students from Blacktown West and Walters Road Public Schools to



Evans IEC students at the IEC Leavers Assembly

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be part of the day, and they had the added experience of taking part in soccer workshops with Football United.

Our Term 1 Leavers' Assembly was a very special celebration for the thirty five students who are exiting the IEC for high school or TAFE.

Book prizes were awarded to Ayuka Kato, Fadi Almakdisi and Quach Bao Chau Bui for excellent

effort and achievement.

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to wish our exiting students all the best for a bright and happy future. I would also like to thank the parents and carers who attended our recent Meet the Teacher Evening. As usual it was a great opportunity for teachers to meet our parents and carers.

Have a safe and happy holiday,

Mrs Linda Cheeseman



Evans IEC students performing at the IEC Leavers Assembly

Awards Merit System

<p>QUALITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD</p>	<p>For demonstrated excellence in the school's curriculum, for one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment/Exam results • Bookwork • Educational leadership (assisting others) • Consistent application to course work • Participation in community service or extra-curricular activities
<p>HEAD TEACHER OR YEAR ADVISER AWARD</p> <p>DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S AWARD</p>	<p>For demonstrated excellence in one or more of the following areas of school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance (100% over a semester) • Academic Excellence or Achievement • Extra-curricular activities • Community Service involvement <p>For outstanding excellence and/or application in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All subject areas • Student Leadership • Representing the school in the wider community
<p style="text-align: center;">12 Quality Achievement Awards + Bronze Award OR 4 Head Teacher/Year Adviser Awards + Bronze Award OR 2 Deputy Principal Awards = Bronze Award</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Head Teacher Award—the value of three Quality Achievement Awards Deputy Principal Award = the value of six Quality Achievement Awards</p>	
<p>BRONZE AWARD</p> <p>PRINCIPAL'S AWARD</p>	<p>Accumulates throughout school career at Evans HS</p> <p>Presentation of award at Merit Assembly, presented by Year Adviser</p> <p>Awarded to students for outstanding achievement or effort in a range of subjects demonstrated in semester reports;</p> <p>Invitation to Principal's Morning Tea</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SILVER AWARD = THREE BRONZE AWARDS OR THREE PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS (or combination)</p>	
<p>SILVER AWARD</p>	<p>Accumulates throughout school career at Evans HS</p> <p>Presentation of award at Merit Assembly, presented by Deputy Principal</p> <p>Parents/carers invited to attend Merit Assembly</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">GOLD AWARD = TWO SILVER AWARDS</p>	
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<p style="text-align: center;">THE EVANS MEDAL = TWO GOLD AWARDS</p>	
<p>EVANS MEDAL</p>	<p>Accumulates throughout school career at Evans</p> <p>Presentation of medal at Presentation Night, presentation by Principal</p> <p>Parents/carers invited to attend Presentation Night</p> <p>Students receive framed certificate, medal and voucher</p>



From Rhiannon Brown Year 7 Adviser

It has been an exciting first term for our new Year 7 students. They have settled into their classes: 7X, 7Y and 7Z. It has been fantastic to watch them make new friends and to hear about how much they are enjoying all their subjects and new teachers.

Year 7 started participating in Peer Support this term. It has been a great opportunity for the students to make friends with peers from different classes as

well as have a chance to get advice from Year 10 leaders.

Although they have only been here for a short period of time Year 7 have achieved many wonderful things. They should all be congratulated on their efforts. I cannot list them all but some include:

- Many students received invitations to the CPR celebration day as a reflection of their excellent behaviour.
- Bronze Awards for academic achievements

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Year 7 students at ??



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and diligence in class were awarded to 13 Year 7 students. Well done for achieving these awards in only 10 weeks!

- Wearing the correct uniform with pride. Year 7, on the whole, have consistently worn the correct uniform or followed the correct procedure if they were unable to do so. Well done.
- Cross-Country. It was fantastic to see so many Year 7 faces running past as they competed, and even better to see them supporting their house teams and friends. Congratulations to age champions Bashir Goda and Katelyn Apostolatos.

This term has flown by and I imagine next term will go even quicker. There are many exciting events taking place in Term 2- starting with the Year 7 camp in Week 2! I know I am excited. Just a reminder that final payments are due by the end of Term 1. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr Satmaka or me.

I hope you all enjoy your holidays and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

Ms Rhiannon Brown



From Priti Mann Year 8 Adviser

Welcome back Year 8. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Fernandes, our Assistant Year 8 Adviser. Our SRC representatives for this year are; Akira Anderson, Maddison Green, Sameerah Rahman and Vedika Surnam.

2016 is shaping up to be another promising year for the students and I would like to acknowledge the effort that they are making to improve their learning outcomes. It was pleasing to see the number of students who received a Bronze Award this term and who were invited to the CPR Celebration. Year 8 students participated enthusiastically in the whole-school events like Harmony Day and the cross country. This term we also had the opportunity to participate in a

Bully Buster incursion performed by the Class Act Theatre. Next term, we look forward to organising and participating in 'The Real Game', a week-long program where students get a chance to learn about a variety of careers and increase their understanding of the skills they will require when they go into the workforce.

The staff and students would like to congratulate Jillian Connor, who represented Australia in the 2016 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships.

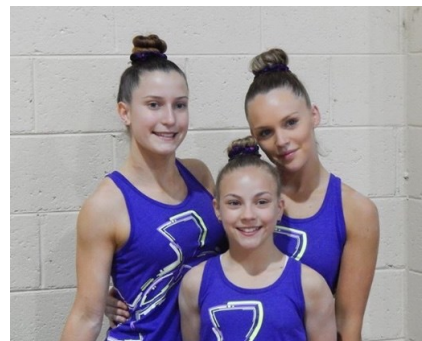
Ms Priti Mann



Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships 2016 From Jillian Connor

I have just arrived from my two week trip to China, where my team participated in the 2016 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships and got a chance to represent Australia. It was a great experience and quite different to my previous competitions. For one, this was on a much larger scale and we were competing against some of the top countries in the world. It was also a great cultural experience. China is very different to what we

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are used to, their food, their culture, even living arrangements are very different to ours. We tried the Chinese cuisine, which is quite different. This one time we were served turtle and chicken feet for dinner! China is a very populated country so there are not many houses in the city and people tend to live mostly in apartments.

The competitions were held in Putian, which is a small city. They do not have an airport there so we flew to Shanghai and stayed there for a night before I went to Putian. In Shanghai, I went to the World Finance Centre and walked across the top floor which had a see-through floor. On the way to Putian we had to catch a train that travelled up to 300km per hour! It took about 6 hours to get to Putian but it was nice to see the landscape on the way there.

I did not get to see much because I was usually at training. I went to local markets where we saw lots of animals and different fruits for sale.

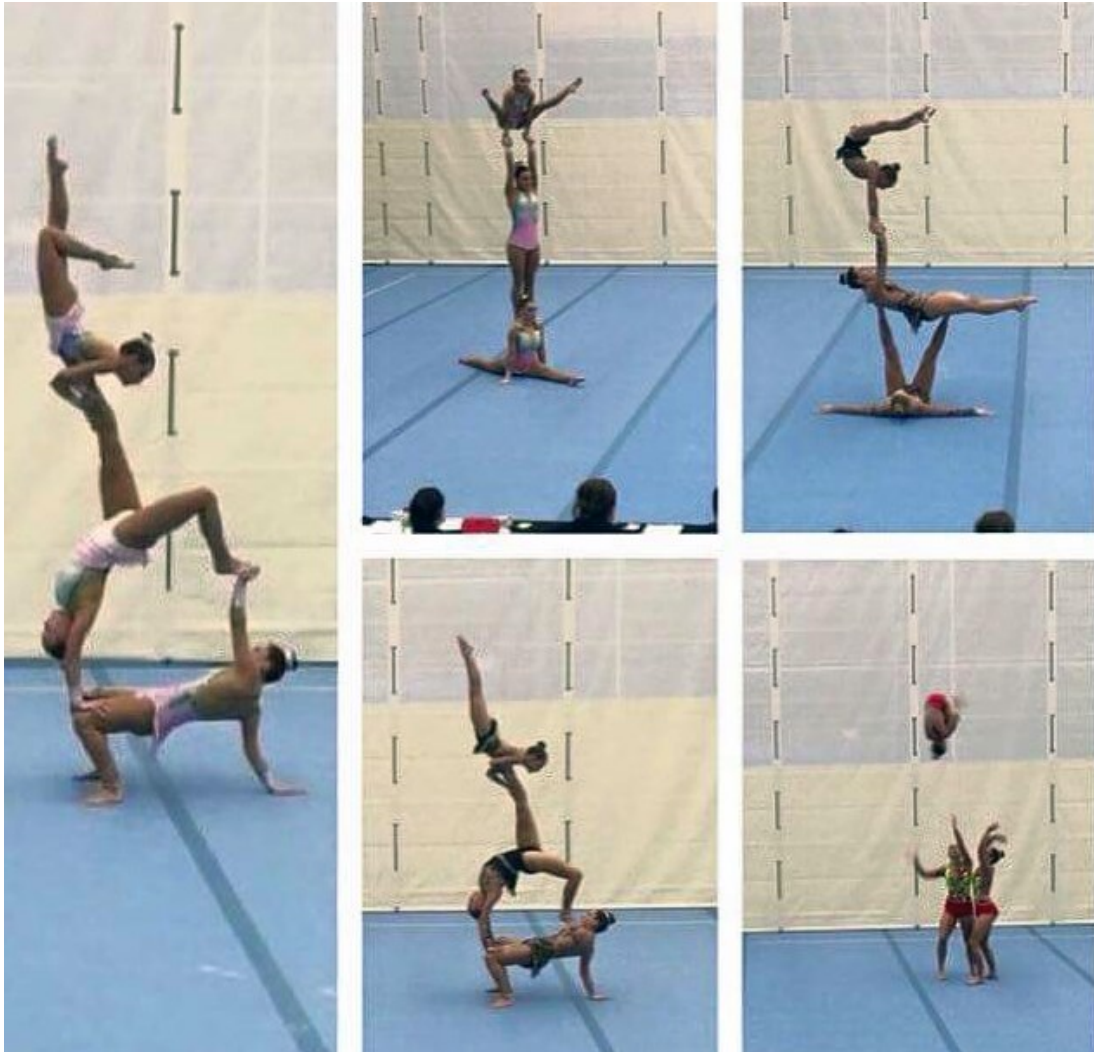
The competitions began and we completed our balance routine first. Unfortunately we had a fall in one of our skills routine, but the rest of the routine was good and we did not score too badly. The next day was dynamic, our fun routine. We got back up after our fall in balance and put everything into this routine. It was



really fun competing this routine and the crowd loved it. They clapped to the beat of the music and seemed to be enjoying themselves, which felt really good. It was my favourite thing during the whole trip as it made me feel good and confident in myself, knowing that everyone was having a good time watching us compete. Unfortunately one of our skills did not go too well and that made our overall score a little bit lower. The two misses cost our team a place in the finals but we still had a really good time. It is good to be back home though as I missed having Australian food and seeing the rest of my family. It was a great learning experience, but I could not have done it without my trio, family, and coach and I am very grateful to have had this opportunity.

Jillian Connor (Year 8)





Year 8 student Jillian Connor and her team, representing Australia at the 2016 Acrobatic Gymnastics World Championships



From Sarah Baldwin Year 10 Adviser

Welcome back. Students in Year 10 have started off the year well. This year, students will be completing work experience in Term 2, (June 20—24) and Term 3 (September 12—16). Students have been asked to think about life after school, and seek work experience in areas they wish to have a career. This term, we have discussed the role of a student on work experience in preparation for going out and learning about their interested career. Should you have any questions about work experience please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

The Peer Support program has commenced and Year 10 have been busily helping Year 7 settle into life in high school.

It was great to see so many Year 10 students helping out around

the school on Open Night. The boys helped Mr El Hafiane on the barbeque at the beginning of the night demonstrating their leadership and positive attitude in promoting the school.

On 11 March, 13 Year 10 boys attended Conviction Group, Young Mens Forum Western Sydney at Parramatta RSL. The boys listened to many keynote speakers and broke off with young men mentors to discuss the key points from each presentation. They discussed topics including alcohol fuelled violence, mental health, body image, drug use, leadership and bullying. The focus of the forum was to equip the boys with tools and skills to start a conversation and stand up and make a difference.

Ms Sarah Baldwin



Year 10 students helping out on Open Night

“The day was really socially active with many schools joining together to create a men's forum, touching on many issues that are faced by men. We talked about mental health, body image, and also looked at stories of real people and how they overcame those dark situations that they were in.” - Jay



“On 11 March, a group of Year 10 boys went to Parramatta for the Conviction Men’s Health Forum. I was one of them. Every student from all of the participating schools had a chance to meet new people and make new friends, as well as learn more about mental health issues faced by young men. The numerous guest speakers attending talked about topics such as alcohol fuelled violence, body image, drug use, and several others. I personally enjoyed the experience, and learned much from listening to the speakers, as well as from discussions within smaller groups. I would not hesitate if I was offered to go to another forum like this one.” - Mark





From Ronie Quinn Year 11 Adviser

Welcome back to all students for 2016 and welcome to Mr Rhys Murphy as our Assistant Year Adviser. Congratulations to Abdallah Ahmed, Mozamel Anwar, Zacharie Sabogal, Keiren Sambiah-Falzon and Maddie Stewart-Mills who were elected to be our Year 11 SRC representatives for each roll call.

The beginning of senior secondary school brings a lot of challenges and opportunities for students. I am enjoying seeing students have the chance to excel in the subject areas that they enjoy, and there is a diverse array of subjects that students have selected from in all faculty areas.

In Year 11 students complete the Preliminary Higher School Certificate subjects in Terms 1, 2 and 3. To celebrate the conclusion of the Preliminary Course and Yearly Exams, all Year 11 students will have the opportunity to attend

a four day camp at Vision Valley Conference Centre, Arcadia, where students will participate in team-building activities and complete compulsory units from the Crossroads program, prior to commencing the HSC Course at the beginning of Term 4. If students have not yet returned their permission notes for Year 11 camp, please contact me as soon as possible at ronie.quinn@det.nsw.edu.au

Students have Half-Yearly Examinations coming up in Week 2, Term 2. I encourage students to utilise the time in the lead up to examinations, to prepare adequately, and implement the skills taught in Planning My Future lessons. I wish them well in these assessment tasks.

Ms Ronie Quinn



From Saheeb Khan Year 12 Adviser

Students in Year 12 have settled well in 2016. This is a very demanding, exciting and rewarding year for everyone. In Term 1, students have successfully finished the Half-Yearly Examinations with resilience and

confidence. They have achieved some excellent results in all areas and need to be commended for their dedication and positive attitude. I am confident that they are destined for great

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results in the Higher School Certificate examination.

Preparing for Higher School Certificate is vital to achieving great results. **Students need to have an effective study program to support them prepare for the external examination.** There is lots of online support available and students have been informed in year meetings and Planning My Future lessons. If students need any further information, they are encouraged to ask one of their teachers or Mr Khan.

The students will feel the pressure to meet deadlines till the end of the Higher School Certificate and I am confident that they are equipped with the skills and determination to navigate through this demanding time. Our school has professional staff and resources to provide all necessary support to students in need. I request all parents and guardians to be mindful of student needs at this time and collaborate with us so that we can support our students achieve to the best of their ability.

The Year 12 jersey has been ordered and will be arriving in early Term 2. I am confident that it will look really great on our students and the quality will be second to none.

We have also formed a committee to plan and prepare for the Year 12 formal. **The 2016 Year 12 formal will be celebrated on September 20 at Old Government House in Parramatta.** It is a very nice, private, spacious and central venue and I am sure that the students and staff will have a wonderful and memorable time.

To reduce individual student contribution to the formal, we are in the midst of fundraising. We have successfully raised funds on Valentine's Day and during the Cross-country Carnival. **Currently we are selling fundraiser chocolates outside school. We have also planned a raffle and sausage sizzle at Bunnings – Marsden Park.**

Thanks to all the students and volunteers for their tireless effort and enthusiasm.

I would like to thank all the teachers, parents and carers for their unconditional support.

Mr Saheeb Khan



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

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IEC Drama Showcase



On Tuesday 29 March, five drama classes from the IEC performed their short plays in the Performing Arts Studio.

The performances included an adaptation of the Chinese legend of *Mulan*, a poetic play about the four seasons and a series of short comedy sketches. One play, titled *Start Stop*, was written by the students themselves.

The drama showcase was a great opportunity for students to show what they have learned throughout the term and to appreciate the skills of their peers.



Ms Mary Kavanagh



The Run Beyond Project



Evans Run Beyond Project training session

This year, we are excited to be commencing The Run Beyond Project with our four participants, Hannah Martin, Juliana Valencia, Grace Barlow and Marisa Acquasanta. The project is aimed at developing goal-setting, commitment and resilience skills in students using running as a medium. It will culminate in the completion of a 10km at the M7 Westlink Blacktown Running Festival on July 31

2016.

As part of their preparation for the race, the girls will complete a training run every Wednesday after school and will cross train with Ms Lolas each Friday. The girls have been sponsored by Running Science in Rozelle who will fit them with running shoes in the April holidays. They will also be provided with apparel by Bolt & Run Co.

The girls will also receive additional support, advice and inspiration from Meriem Daoui, an elite runner and ambassador for the Run Beyond Project, who will encourage the girls throughout their journey.

Dates to look out for:

The girls will run their first 5km race with Sydney Marathon Clinic on 22 May in Smithfield; they will also run in two Park Runs in Parramatta later in Term 2.

This is an amazing opportunity for our girls and we look forward to supporting them on their journey to their goal race.

You can follow their journey on social media by 'liking' the Run Beyond Project page.

*Mrs Amanda Shannon and
Ms Michelle Petschy*



Peer Support by Piper Wakefield and Kahlesha Wilson

The Peer Support Program has commenced!! We have had five lessons this term, focused on different topics, such as overcoming challenges, resilience, wellbeing and developing strategies to cope with the challenges of starting high school.

Peer Support has helped the Year 7 students settle into

high school and has provided opportunities for them to make new friendships. When we see our group members in the playground or around the school, we always talk to them to see how they are going. We think this has definitely helped them feel a sense of belonging within the school.

Both the Year 10 leaders and the Year 7 students enjoy the Peer Support lessons and feedback has been really positive when we do group discussions each week.

We are looking forward to participating in the Mini-Olympics next term.

Piper Wakefield and Kahlesha Wilson (Year 10 Peer Support Leaders)





Year 7 and 10 students participating in Peer Support

RESPECT IT, DON'T WRECK IT

WORKING AS A COMMUNITY TO HELP STAMP OUT GRAFFITI

Blacktown City Council



Graffiti is a highly destructive problem which affects the entire community. It has damaging economic, social and environmental consequences and costs many millions of dollars each year to police and clean up. Every dollar spent on graffiti removal is a dollar that could be used in other positive ways in our community.

HOW STUDENTS CAN HELP

Your child will be exploring the issues of graffiti through a secondary school program themed "Respect it, don't wreck it". The Program has been developed by Warner Youth Education, in consultation with Blacktown Council and Taskforce Against Graffiti members.

Through a series of education workshops students will learn about the consequences of graffiti to individual's, their family and the community. Students will be encouraged to be part of the solution by promoting respect for our community.



HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

- ✔ Encourage your child to discuss with you and others what they learned in the workshops.
- ✔ Encourage your children to become involved in city wide youth programs and events. Seek information by visiting Council's website www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au and search "youth services".

UNDERSTAND GRAFFITI LAWS



Tough graffiti laws in New South Wales give police special powers to search, arrest, fine or charge individuals. Penalties range from community services and/or compensation and can include:

- Marking property without owner's consent.
Max penalty: \$2,200 fine or imprisonment for 12 months.
- Possession of a graffiti implement.
Max penalty: \$1,100 fine or imprisonment for 6 months.

REPORT
GRAFFITI !

Report graffiti marking by phoning:

Council	9839 6000
Police	131 444
NSW Graffiti Hotline	1800 707 125

Warner Youth Education T: 03 9975 7375 E: info@warneryoutheducation.com.au W: warneryoutheducation.com.au

Student Leadership

The Student Leadership Team is made up of the Year 12 captains, vice-captains, and prefects and students in the Student Representative Council from Years 7-11 and IEC. Congratulations to the students below who were successful at becoming members of the Student Representative Council for their year groups and our Year 12 leaders.

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Student leaders 2016

Year 7 Representatives

Nandika Prasad
Erin Marquez
Kayla Lammey

Year 8 Representatives

Akira Anderson
Maddison Green
Sameerah Rahman
Vedika Surnam

Year 9 Representatives

Hugo Kelly
Shanshan Zhou
Shauna Thomas
Wade Diks

Year 10 Representatives

Jay Ganda
Josue Mutamba
Kareem Ghamraoui
Luke Brizzi

Year 11 Representatives

Mozamel Anwary
Abdallah Ahmed
Zacharie Sabogal
Maddie Stewart-Mills
Kieren Sambaiah-Falzon

Junior IEC Representatives

Josephine Martin
Garry Sharma

Year 12 Representatives

Regine Bautista (Captain)
Ryan Campo (Captain)
Yosha Ali (Vice-Captain)
Hannah Zou (Vice-Captain)
Yesmin Ghamraoui (Prefect)
Maaz Goda (Prefect)
Adam Kassem (Prefect)
Eva Hawa (Prefect)

Senior IEC Representatives

Ioane Tevaga
Chau Bui
Steve Sun

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The Student Leadership Team has been very active this term. Students participated in Clean Up Australia Day working in the community areas outside of the front of the school and within the school gardens. Students achieved a great result in only a few hours.

Students volunteered at Open Night / Year 6-7 Information Evening taking parents and students around the school, and at our Harmony Day stall selling drinks and ice creams.

Students were inducted as student leaders at our Merit Assembly. I was very proud of their efforts.

I look forward to working with this amazing group of students throughout the remainder of the year.

Ms Ronie Quinn (Student Leadership Coordinator)



Swimming Carnival

The Evans High School Swimming Carnival was held on Wednesday 10 February, 2016. The number of students attending the Swimming Carnival is growing each year and it was great to see so many students competing in races to earn points for their house and a place in the Zone Swimming Team. These competitors were cheered on by students singing 'war cries' in the house areas, led by the House Captains, and by the many family members who supported the students and watched the events take place. On the day Cuthbert were the winning house and the Age Champions were:

12 Years -Dyllan Houston and Rachael Nicholls

13 Years - Kurt Diks and Kaitlyn Findlay

14 Years - Brendan Carrick and Katie Hollis

15 Years - Wade Diks and Hannah Carrick

16 Years - Adrian Carrick and Marisa Acquasanta

17+ Years - Johnny Ge and Tamara Wheeler

Following the school carnival, 25 students then competed at the Zone Swimming Carnival. Our students were very competitive and accomplished many great achievements on the day. Five students then represented the zone at the Sydney West Swimming Carnival at Sydney Olympic Park. These students were Wade Diks, Kurt Diks, Katie Hollis, Adrian Carrick and Amy Whiteside.

Congratulations to these students on their success!

Cross Country Carnival

The School Cross Country Carnival was held on Friday 11 March, 2016. Many students competed on the day and some teachers also ran in the student events! The first 10 competitors in each age group and gender will now progress to the Zone Cross Country Carnival next term. On the day, Walters were the winning house and the Age Champions were:

12 Years - Bashir Goda and Katelyn Apostolatos

13 Years - Ibraheem Akram and Adau Anhiany

14 Years - Aymin Goda and Hope Tevaga

15 Years - Ahmad Mousa and Hannah Martin

16 Years - Ali Zakout and Marisa Acquasanta

17 Years - Ayman Zakout and Grace Barlow

18+ Years - Manue Matet, Maaz Goda and Chatat Maloch

Congratulations and good luck at Zone!

Zone Trial Afternoon

On Monday 15 February, 20 students went to the Zone Trial Afternoon at Wyndham College to trial for Zone Teams in sports including rugby league, touch football, netball, soccer, AFL and basketball. The following students were selected for their respective Blacktown Zone teams:

Rugby League – Maison Sturgeon and Jordan Sturgeon

Touch Football – Adrian Carrick, Drew McNamara, Ronald Prakash, Hannah Carrick, Tyla Himone and Marisa Acquasanta

Soccer – Ahmad Kheiam, Alhaji Bangura, Ayman Zakout, Osama Zakout, Motath Ahmed and Christopher Hanley

Basketball – Oliver Jimenez

This is a great achievement and these students will now compete at their sport's gala day where they may have the opportunity to trial for the Sydney West Team.

Congratulations!

NSW School Futsal Championships

On 15 and 16 March 2016, Evans High School had two teams representing in the NSW School Futsal Championships.

This competition is a unique opportunity for schools to participate in a competition against a variety of state, private and independent schools.

The Under 16 Boys played a total of 7 games. They demonstrated excellent skill and sportsmanship and were rewarded by qualifying for the semi finals.

The team consisted of Osama Zakout, Ali Zakout, Aymin Goda, Motath Ahmed, Robert Eremugo, Alem Djaja and Hadi Fathi.

The Open Boys team also played several games. They too demonstrated excellent skill and commitment and qualified for the quarter-finals.

The team consisted of Elie Aslanidis, Chris Handley, Yosha Ali, Alhaji Bangura, Ayman Zakout and Robert Eremugo.

The boys are to be congratulated on their outstanding achievements.



Touch Football State

During Term 1 Open Boys and Girls Touch Football teams participated in the State Knockout competition.

The Open Girls team played against Seven Hills High School in the first round of the competition. The girls enjoyed themselves and demonstrated good sportsmanship throughout the game. Unfortunately they were beaten with a score of 3-2. They should be very proud of their effort.

The team consisted of:

Marisa Acquasanta
Hannah Carrick
Tyla Himone
Paige Norris
Monica Pazdjara
Nandika Prasad
Selena Sale
Lilla Sale
Easter Tatupu
Kahlesha Wilson

The Open Boys team has been very successful in the competition this year. In the first round they versed Holroyd High School and won the game 6-5. They progressed to the second round of competition where they had another close win with a score of 6-5 against Merrylands High School. The team has qualified to participate in the State Knockout Gala Day next term, in which they will be versing the top sixteen touch football teams in the competition. Congratulations to all the players involved!

The team consisted of:

Matthew Brimage
Luke Brizzi
Adrian Carrick
Joe Kala
Drew McNamara
Norman Neria

Ronald Prakash
Alvin Prasad
Devonty Siliva
Jordan Sturgeon
Maison Sturgeon
Joe Thamkarm
Ioane Tevaga
Jacob Waive

Well done to both teams!

House Captains

House meetings were held at the beginning of the term to inform students about the upcoming Swimming Carnival and to elect the House Captains for 2016. The Year 11 and 12 students selected by the students in their house were:

CUTHBERT Captains: Elie Aslanidis and Grace Barlow

CUTHBERT Vice Captains: Jason Corcoran-Roberts and Meriana Bani

FRASER Captains: Alexander Heal and Shakara Farrington-Huta

FRASER Vice Captains: Benjamin Harris and Nikita Faatau

NEWCOME Captains: Michael Mutamba and Luisa Meatoga

NEWCOME Vice Captains: Drew McNamara and Tayla McKenna-Hosford

WALTERS Captains: Wade Turner and Eseta Taukolonga

WALTERS Vice Captains: Jacob Waive and Alofa Tupou

Congratulations to these students!

HSIE

Year 11 Economics

My Year 11 Economics class is learning about “How economies operate” and the “Role of consumers and businesses in the market economy”. Currently, I am using Kahoot as a formative assessment tool to assess their academic progress. Students are literally pleading for more.

Kahoot is a fun way to engage students. Kahoot is a student response system for creating and administering unique, game-like quizzes. Questions, along with answer choices, are projected onto a classroom screen while students submit responses using a personal device like an iPhone, iPad or a laptop. Students' devices display colour and symbol choices only; the actual answer must be viewed on the classroom screen. Results and ranks appear on the class scoreboard after each

question – personal score is sent to each device. Students are super excited and competing against each other to improve their scores.

Kahoot is a great tool to improve students' engagement in classroom activities. It is also a great way to improve skills to answer multiple choice questions for our senior students. Although it takes more time to prepare lessons through Kahoot, it is worth it.

Ms Swati Dey



Modern History

2016 has started well for Year 11 Modern History. The students began the year with an in depth look at the American Civil Rights movement. This study required the students to focus on all aspects of the Civil Rights movement. This culminated in both a source based assessment task and also an historical debate. The students were split into two teams and asked to debate the question “Was Martin Luther King Jr or Malcolm X the more effective

figure in the civil rights era in the United States?” This was a terrific activity for the students to test their understanding of the content and improve their public speaking and debating skills. After a closely fought debate where both teams presented their arguments succinctly, the Martin Luther King side just got over the line. Students will be making further use of these skills moving forward into Term 2, where they will be focusing on the origins of the Arab-Israeli conflict and undertaking an individual research project on an historical issue of their choice.

Mr Rhys Murphy

\$20 BOSS—Year 11 Economics

Ms Dey’s Year 11 Economics class will run the “\$20 Boss” challenge this year.

Students will have to run a business, which will have a social or environmental purpose. The business will run for four weeks, starting from May 16 to June 17. They will run a “Healthy Breakfast Club” every morning for at least three days a week, from 7:30—8:30am. Students have done some market research and found that many students and even some teachers do not have breakfast and they do not know the value of a good and healthy breakfast. They want to spread the message of a healthy breakfast habit and its advantages in students’ learning and wellbeing.

WHAT IS \$20 BOSS?

Developed by the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) and the National Australia Bank (NAB), \$20 Boss is an in-school challenge run by teachers, which provides students \$20 of start-up capital to create their own business. At the end of the program, students are encouraged to pay back the start-up capital, and a \$1 legacy payment. It is a fantastic way to engage young people in an immersive experience at

school that encourages their entrepreneurial spirit.

HOW DOES THIS FIT WITH THE CURRICULUM?

\$20 Boss has been designed to align with the National Curriculum across English, economics, business studies and mathematics. When combined appropriately, it is also a great way to enhance or support a range of other school based activities or programs.

WHY WOULD MY STUDENTS TAKE PART?

The world of work is becoming more complex for young people to navigate, with many future opportunities coming from alternative working arrangements such as self-employment.

\$20 Boss is a unique and fully immersive learning experience that encourages students to create a real world business while building important transferable skills such as:

- Innovation, creative thinking and experimentation
- Financial and business literacy
- Collaboration, communication and teamwork
- Project management
- Critical thinking and information analysis.

CAPA

Visual Arts

2016 has started off busier than ever in Visual Arts. We now have more subjects running across Visual Arts –based courses than ever before! Students have been working hard all term to produce quality works in Visual Arts, Photography and Visual Design. Year 12 Visual Arts classes were excited to visit the Art Gallery of NSW to view the annual exhibition, Art Express. This was a valuable trip into Sydney for students to witness quality, Band 6 achieving artworks from 2015. Students were amazed by the quality and magnitude of the works and were truly inspired and motivated to take ideas back to school to employ within their own Bodies of Work.

Due to the rapid increase in the number of students participating in Photography courses, we were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to purchase a wide range of new professional digital cameras and equipment to develop students' photography-taking skills throughout the year.

Another achievement this term has been the creation of a large Aboriginal painting for use during Harmony Day celebrations.

A number of Indigenous students from across all year groups was involved in the artmaking process, creating a painting using

their own hands and feet, as well as traditional dot-painting techniques and colour schemes.

The work was very successful and the students worked well in collaboration with both other students and teaching staff. A big thank you to Mr Dempsey and Ms Silva for initiating and executing this fun, creative activity.



Visual Arts students travel to Sydney to see ArtExpress

Music

It is going to be a big year for Music at Evans High School! Our students have been working hard throughout the term to deliver quality performances in preparation for their HSC. We have introduced Tuesday afternoon 'Rehearsal Hour' for students as an option for those who are able to utilise the space and equipment to produce quality work.

We successfully kicked off the year with the annual Harmony Day concert. With cultural acts from Samoa, New Zealand, Brazil and Spain along with our own Aboriginal performances, the cast wowed parents, high school students, and students from Walters Road and Blacktown West Public Schools. The concert was one of our best to date with the incorporation of our new projector screen throughout the performances.

We are excited to officially announce the opening of the 'Evans Sound House' in Term 2. Mr Williams and Miss Zadavec were able to obtain funding to create a recording studio at Evans High School, providing students with the opportunity to learn how to record, edit, mix and produce music in a professional setting. Students will be able to access new programs including Logic Pro X and Sibelius on a state of

the art i-Mac to compose and record their work.

We will be using this opportunity to release the first ever Evans High School album, which will be recorded, edited, mixed and produced in our very own 'Evans Sound House' studio. It will feature original and cover songs from students in the Stage 5 and 6 Music elective course. We are extremely excited and thankful to the school for supporting the students with such a wonderful opportunity.

Drama

Our senior Drama students have had a busy and exciting start to the year. In February, Year 11 and 12 classes attended *Onstage* to view the outstanding HSC Drama IP's and GP's from 2015. In March, Year 11 Drama students and a selection of junior students had the exciting opportunity to attend a Belvoir St Theatre Company production of Stephen Sewell's, *The Blind Giant is Dancing*. Students had a fantastic time on both excursions and gained invaluable experiences which has enriched their understanding of the Drama course. Next term, students are looking forward to a Belvoir Group Devising and Improvisation incursion, and Year 12 students will begin their GP HSC project.



Drama students on excursion to the Belvoir St Theatre and OnStage



CAPA Dance

On 11 February, Year 10 and 12 Dance, travelled to the Seymour Centre to view Callback 2015, the top HSC dance performances from the 2015 HSC. Students viewed core performance, core composition and major performance and major composition pieces. Year 12 listened to students discuss their experiences and the challenges they had to overcome leading up to their HSC. All Dance students who attended developed a stronger understanding of the HSC Dance practical examinations. Year 12 have been putting into practice their own plans as they are busily preparing for the practical examinations in Term 3.

Evans Dance

This year saw the introduction of two dance ensembles, Junior 7-9 and Senior 10-12. There was a large interest in the dance ensembles and I congratulate all those successful in the audition process. Both ensembles have already been busy in preparing for their performances this year with their first performance to be at Blacktown RSL, where they will compete in the Dynamic Song and Dance Festival on 14 May.

Dance Camp

Tamara Wheeler, Anjaali Singh, Natalie Bakhos, Alexis Elder and Hanah Carrick attended a three day dance camp at the Meroo Christian Centre. Here the girls engaged in workshops lead by industry professionals including Stephan Tannos, Debbie Ellis and Marko Panzi in a number of dance styles including jazz, ballet, lyrical, contemporary, hip hop and jazz/funk/hip hop (JFH). The girls were involved in a mock audition process.



Harmony Day Concert





Evans and IEC students perform for Harmony Day



Dance Camp From Hannah Carrick

On 30 March, we went to Dance Camp. On the first day we did four workshops which were contemporary, classical ballet, hip hop and lyrical. All of these classes were really good but my favourite one was hip hop. On day two, we had three more workshops: jazz, musical theatre and JFH. For JFH we got to meet Stephen Tannos. After we had musical theatre, we did a mock audition in small groups. The dance we performed for the mock audition was the musical theatre piece we had just learnt. On the last day, we rehearsed all of the seven dances we learnt during our workshops, to perform for the parents in our showcase. When the time came to perform they split us up into two groups. The performance turned out really well. It was amazing!

Dance Off! Dance Camp was really fun and I learnt so much about the different styles of dance and learnt so much about and from the choreographers.

Hannah Carrick (Year 10)



Dance Camp From Alexis Elder

I had the opportunity to attend Dance Off, Dance Camp for 2016 with four other girls. We were there from 30 March to 1 April. During those three days we worked with Debbie Ellies for contemporary, Sarah Letters for ballet, Launce Roma for hip-hop, Kim Rhoders for lyrical, Ramon Domingo for jazz, Veronica George for musical theatre and Stephen Tannos for jazz/funk/hip hop (JFH).

Meeting and dancing with these choreographers was amazing. They pushed you out of your comfort zone and even though the dances were challenging they were very fun to perform. My favourite classes were hip-hop and JFH. Stephen Tannos is my favourite choreographer that I got to work with. He is very outgoing and funny.

We also did a talent show called DOTT (dance off talent time), where we had to create a

dance piece, and performed it to 'judges' and all the other students at the camp. Our dance was very fun to create. A lot of the students did a serious piece while we just had fun with it. On our last day there we rehearsed all the dance pieces and split into two groups. We performed the dances to all the parents who came to watch.

Dance camp was very fun and something I would love to do again. Not only does it help you learn new dance styles, but you get to meet new people and grow closer to the people who you were with.

Alexis Elder (Year 10)

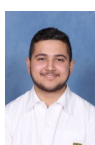


Evans HS Dance Ensemble performing at McHappy Day



Tamara Wheeler, Anjaali Singh, Natalie Bakhtov, Alexis Elder and Hannah Carrick at Dance Camp

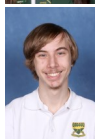
A few success stories from last year's 2015 HSC cohort...



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Klaudia Bakhos
Child Care Worker
Exploring Hub Childcare Centre



Joshua Connor
Music Performance
JMC Academy



Inderpreet Kaur
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Australian Careers Business College



Alisha Ganda
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