



Evans High School

A diverse and innovative school of excellence

Newsletter Term 2, 2016



From Bridget Sarris Principal (Acting)

It seems amazing that we are already approaching the end of Term 2 and the half-way point of the school year. Half-yearly examinations and assessment tasks have been finalised and **reports will be distributed by the end of term.** Following this written report, our next planned opportunity to discuss student progress will be at **Parent Teacher Night on**

31 August next term. However, please feel free to contact the school if you would like an update on your child's progress beforehand.

In this busy term, students have participated in a variety of opportunities: the Camp Gallipoli overnight excursion; Autism Awareness Day; the Year 7 camp at Tea Gardens; the Year 11 RYDA excursion to learn about road and driver safety; the \$20 Boss

Challenge; Year 10 Work Experience; the Synergy Dance Festival; the Macquarie University Mentoring program; the Greening Australia project; the IEC hospital tour; the Run Beyond Project; Refugee Week activities and performances; and a host of other excursions to explore post-school options, leadership opportunities and subject-specific content.

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Dates to remember

JUL 18	Staff return for Term 3	SEP 5—9	Year 11 Yearly Exams
JUL 19	Students return for Term 3	SEP 12—16	Year 10 Work Experience
JUL 29	CAPA Senior Showcase	SEP 13—16	Year 11 Camp
AUG 1—5	Year 8 REAL Game	SEP 16	Year 7, 2017 Self-Select Applications Due
AUG 1—7	Education Week	SEP 23	Year 12 Graduation
AUG 8—17	HSC Trial Exams	SEP 23	Last day of Term 3
AUG 22	Scripture		
AUG 31	Parent Teacher Night		
AUG 29—SEP 2	Year 10 VALID Exam		

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P&C

The last P&C meeting of the term was held on June 29. It was a time for me to thank all the regular members of the P&C who have been coming to meetings over many months, representing the parent body admirably. They have been very generous with their time, participating in fundraising and environment and school promotion activities. They have offered wise consideration to many ideas and panels, always keeping the good of the students at the heart of their discussions. The next meeting of

the P&C will be the Annual General Meeting on July 26 and I urge parents and community members to consider joining the P&C and nominating for executive positions.

Additional LAF Class

Currently our Learning Assistance Faculty operates with three specialist support classes catering for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Evans High School is in discussions to establish an additional class, operational from 2017. Placement of students into this class is governed by Educational Services within the Department of Education. If you have

any questions regarding this possibility, please contact the principal to discuss further.

Staff

We look forward to welcoming a new principal (as yet unannounced) from next term, so this is my last term as acting principal. I thank all members of the school community for their help and support over the past two and a half years.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Ms Bridget Sarris

Principal's Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal's Award for showing outstanding achievement or effort in a range of subjects in their Semester 1 report. Year 12 students will receive their award at the end of Term 3.

YEAR 7

Jack Carmody
Kayla Lammey
Alexander Kenny
Erin Marquez
Rachael Nicholls
Muhammad Umar

Hope Tevaga
Hugo Kelly
Shan Shan Zhou
Drew Walker

YEAR 10

Marisa Acquasanta
Sarah Al-Baghdadi
Mark Rainey
Kareem Ghamraoui
Cathlene Bautista
Riella Dela Cruz

YEAR 11

Abdallah Ahmed
Sultan Ahmed
May Al-Shabli
Mozamel Anwary
Rochelle Arundale
Kieren Sambaiah-Falzon

Mia Wakefield
Tamara Wheeler

LAF
George Obucina
Nathan Stenner
Hayden Roberts

IEC
Kiervin Corcochea
Bharath Gudupally
Bokyung (Grace) Ka
Sharmane Drio
Jingliyu (Alex) Wang
Bakhman Saburi
Frederick Lealiiiee
Tsz Yu (Ally) Wong
Danah Al-Jorani
Junkai (Kevin) Mo

YEAR 8

Andre Aslanidis
Maddison Green
Vedika Surnam
Jillian Connor
Carlee Sambaiah
Yixin Su

YEAR 9

Emily Mendoza
Uroosa Naseer
Hayley Cassettari-Brown



From Belinda Hunter

Deputy Principal 8, 10 & 12

Term 2 seems to have absolutely flown by! It has been a busy term, filled with many exciting activities and opportunities for both staff and students.

Year 10

Many of our Year 10 students participated in the Work Experience program during Week 9, and the feedback that we received was fantastic. Our students represented our school and themselves with pride, and were outstanding ambassadors out in the community. Students will have another opportunity to undertake Work Experience later this year, and any questions should be directed to Ms Jansen, our Careers Adviser.

Year 10 students will commence the 'Go For It' subject selection process next term. Students will be provided with comprehensive information packages outlining the subjects that will be available for selection, as well as information relating to parent and student interviews and information sessions. Each phase of the 'Go For It' process is vital in ensuring that

students and parents are well informed when making decisions relating to their senior studies in both the Preliminary (Year 11) and HSC (Year 12) courses. All relevant paperwork will be sent home with students, but I also encourage all parents, carers and students to regularly check the school website and Facebook page for up to date information.

Year 12

Our Year 12 students are moving towards their final stages of schooling at our wonderful school. The Trial HSC Exams commence in Week 4 next term (Monday 8 August 2016). The examination timetables will be distributed on the first day back next term. I would like to remind all students that if they are absent from any examination, they are required to provide a medical certificate to me. Please contact me at the school, should you have any questions or concerns relating these examinations.

Preparations for the Year 12 Formal are well underway, with Mr Khan and Ms Petschy

meeting regularly with the Formal Committee members to ensure that the evening runs smoothly. All payments for the formal tickets (\$70) must be finalised by Friday 19 August 2016, and payments can be made before school or at recess. Students are able to make instalments or pay the \$70 in full by the due date. Any students who are experiencing difficulty in meeting this payment due date need to speak to Mr Khan.

The Year 12 jerseys were delivered earlier this term, and they look great! It is extremely pleasing to see students wearing them, and correct uniform around the school. They not only look fabulous, but they are positive role models for all students within our school and school community. I would like to remind all students that they must be in full school uniform each day. With the cooler weather arriving, it is important that students are wearing the correct jumpers and jackets in particular. The school uniform shop is open

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each school day from 8am-8.30am (arrangements can be made outside these hours by contacting the school), and has very reasonably priced items for purchase - (jumpers \$16, polar fleece \$20, spray jacket or microfibre jacket \$35, whole tracksuit \$55). While we appreciate that Year 12 students are approaching the end of their studies, they are required to wear full uniform each day, including each HSC examination. Please contact me at the school to make arrangements regarding uniform.

Year 8

Year 8 have continued to strive for excellence this term, which was reflected in the large number of award recipients at the merit assembly on Monday. These students are constantly demonstrating 'CPR' behaviour (cooperative, polite and responsible) and are certainly fantastic role models within our school community. There are many exciting activities planned for Term 3, particularly 'The Real Game' which Ms Jansen and Mrs Mann will be coordinating.

Our Year 7 and 8 students will be participating in the 'Creating Chances' program throughout Term 3 during

allocated sport times (Fridays Periods 3 and 4). This program was completed last year and was incredibly well received by students and staff. This program assists in developing social awareness, tolerance and embracing diversity while using sport as a vehicle to support the development of these important skills. This program is supported by the Football United program, and certainly brings a lot of valuable lessons and activities into our school.

I hope that all members of our school community have a safe and relaxing holiday, and return well rested and ready for yet another busy term!

Ms Belinda Hunter



Year 8 students greening Evans



From Dave Merrick Deputy Principal 7, 9 & 11 (Relieving)

Thank you to all staff, parents, community members and students for such a busy, productive and rewarding term.

It has been a pleasure to observe and participate in so many wonderfully enriching learning experiences that our students have had an opportunity to take part in over the last few months.

Year 7 started the term with a wildly successful camp that took place at the Great Aussie Bush Camp, near Port Stephens. The students engaged in a multitude of

team building activities designed to build their confidence, resilience, communication and teamwork. The camp provided an outstanding opportunity for students and teachers to get to know one another to further solidify the already strong, professional working relationships that had developed in Term 1. Special thanks to Ms Brown and Mr Satmaka for their organisation of the camp and their leadership of the Year 7 cohort.

Another wonderful opportunity for our Year 7 students was being involved in the 'Greening Australia'

program which saw them working with other members of the school community to plant hundreds of new seedlings, all of which are native to the Cumberland Plains forest, of which our school is a part.

Some of our students have also had the opportunity to take part in valuable wellbeing programs. The 'In League In Harmony' program has seen some of our Year 7 and 8 boys working with mentors from the National Rugby League to develop resilience, teamwork and positive communication skills. This outstanding program culminated in the boys taking part at a League Tag Gala Day where
Ibrahim Dahlan,



Greening Australia Day



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Bashir Goda and Kedar Damala were named as Youth Ambassadors for the NRL. They will represent the school at NRL Headquarters in Week 10. Thanks to Miss Lolas for her coordination of this program. Our other valuable program, 'Be encouraged, achieve change, overcome negativity', has seen some of our junior boys working with youth mentor, Joe Tau, on developing a strong sense of self through team building activities and connecting the boys to a sense of purpose within both the school and the wider community.

During Term 2, Evans High School has further strengthened our educational ties with Walters Rd Public School through the 'Wings to Success' Science program, run in conjunction with the CSIRO. The program was coordinated by Ms Khunger and Ms Abawi and saw 24 Year 4 students develop and work on science projects over a 5 week period.

The last week saw the students present their findings and experiences to a massive audience

including teachers from schools, parents and their entire Year 4 cohort. It was a wonderful chance for both schools to work together to provide enriching learning opportunities for students in our learning community. A special thanks must go to our Year 9 'lab assistants', Wade, Todd, Uroosa, Fred, Emily, Ryan and Chantelle, who ably supported the Year 4 students to undertake their investigations and make them feel welcome in the high school environment.

Another valuable wellbeing program that our students have taken part in this term is 'Pacific Waves'. **Joe Tau has been working with our Pacific students in Years 9 and 10 to** equip our Pacific youth with cultural tools to unlock and take hold of their cultural identities to assist in developing personal and educational stability and focus.

Year 11 have been incredibly busy with Half-Yearly Examinations, assessment tasks, excursions, work placements for VET subjects and taking part in opportunities afforded through ACBN and the BEACON Foundation. As Year 11 move towards the

commencement of their Higher School Certificate studies in Term 4 this year, it is essential that they are developing and implementing regular study programs. The development of healthy and sustainable learning practices in Year 11 is crucial to academic success and emotional wellbeing in Year 12. The school will be working with Year 11 to assist them to develop positive study habits and I encourage all parents and carers to engage in conversations with your students to highlight the importance of consistent and sustainable study practices.

Lastly, this term has seen Evans High School staff incredibly busy with undertaking two professional development afternoons. In Week 3, staff undertook a report writing workshop and in Week 7, staff zeroed in on 'Future focused learning' as we undertook to begin developing our understanding of Project Based Learning. We are looking forward to furthering our knowledge and understanding in this area and to delivering some exciting learning opportunities for our students.

Mr Dave Merrick



From Linda Cheeseman IEC Deputy Principal (Relieving)

As Term Two comes to an end it gives us time to reflect on all of the wonderful events and opportunities that have taken place over the last ten weeks. Each week students have had the opportunity to become involved in new and interesting experiences. Two major events this term were Refugee Week and the Greening Australia Project.

In the recent Refugee Week Celebrations our students performed in front of

a large audience at Bowman Hall, Blacktown. Their confidence and enjoyment was evident to the audience and their performance was polished and well-rehearsed. Students also entered the school's Refugee Week Poster Competition and their posters were displayed in the school hall for the whole school to enjoy.

Students gained valuable hands on experience in environmental awareness by taking part in the Greening

Australia Project. Two classes from the IEC, one class from LAF and two high school classes planted over 1,100 trees, shrubs and grasses within the school grounds under the guidance of Greening Australia.

The plants were all native to the critically endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland,

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IEC and Evans' students planting natives for Greening Australia Day

of which only 8% remains. In our own small way we are helping to restore some of the Cumberland Plain Woodland.

Student involvement in sport was at a high level. This term, many students participated and represented the school in Football United and In League in Harmony Gala Days, Zone Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals, State Knock-Out basketball, soccer, table tennis and volleyball teams and the Run Beyond project. Other students were involved in leadership opportunities through sport with the Creating Chances and the In

League In Harmony Ambassador Programs.

I have just had the pleasure of reading through student term reports and I am pleased to see the efforts and achievements made in the classroom. Students are engaged in their learning and are making progress in all areas of their study at the IEC.

It is amazing to see the amount of progress students make over a term. Students will bring home their reports on the last day of

term.

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

Have a happy and safe holiday.

Mrs Linda Cheeseman

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 Rhiannon Brown Year 7 Adviser



Year 7 students on the Great Aussie Bush Camp

Term 2 has been an exciting and busy term for our Year 7 students. In Week 2 students headed to the Great Aussie Bush Camp for the highly anticipated Year 7 Camp.

It was an opportunity for our students to challenge themselves and make stronger connections with their peers. There were so many fun activities but my personal favourites were the Lost Island Mud Challenge and Commando Challenge.

Year 7 have continued to participate in Peer

Support and it is fantastic to see many students developing new friendships and building their confidence. The final Peer Support session for Term 2 will be Mini-Olympics and I am looking forward to seeing the final result.

Year 7 completed their Half-Yearly Examinations this term. I was pleased to hear so many success stories, with students endeavouring to achieve their personal bests. Students have now set their goals for Semester 2 and are continuing to engage in their learning.

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As usual, we conclude the term with our merit assembly. This term we have many students, across all classes, who have achieved academic excellence and are receiving a Bronze Award. Congratulations to those students.

I hope all Year 7 students enjoy the 2 weeks holiday!

Ms Rhiannon Brown



I had a really fun time at camp. My favourite activities would be commando, flying fox, mud challenge and canoeing ... and also roasting marshmallows. I had fun in my cabin. We shared a lot of secrets, laughing and making jokes. I had the best time.

Ateca Fong (Year 7)



The things that I enjoyed most about camp were all of the activities. My favourite one was probably the giant slide or the flying fox. Commando was really fun, I got to be a hostage and I was one of the first ones to get caught by a group. Camp was really fun; I want to do it again.

Tannah Wakefield (Year 7)



From Priti Mann Year 8 Adviser

The Year 8 students started the term by participating in the “World of Maths” day. They got a chance to tests their skills and mathematical knowledge by participating in 22 different hands on activities.

The students were really engaged and had a lot of fun. The feedback was very positive and they all agreed that they would like to have more of this type of Maths in the future.

We are finishing the term with an excursion to the movies where we will be watching "Alice Through the Looking Glass". It promises to be a great day and we are all looking forward to

analysing how James Bobin has reflected his style in the movie.

Ms Priti Mann





Maths Fun Day



Evans students at the movies

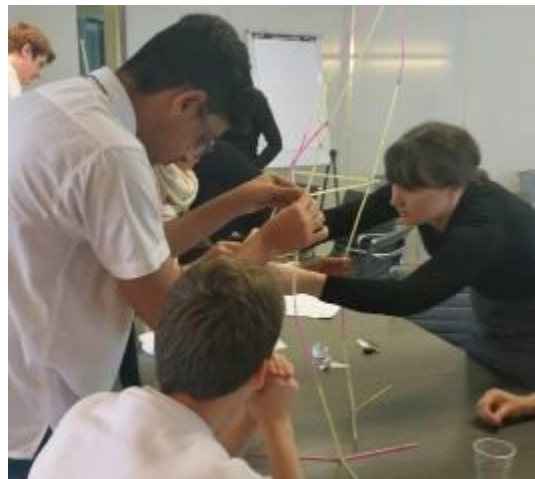


From Ronie Quinn Year 11 Adviser

Year 11 students have had a busy term including Half-Yearly Examinations, multiple Assessment Tasks, excursions to Rotary Youth Driving and incursions with NRMA and Elevate Education. Students attended subject specific activities including Work Placement for Construction, Hospitality and Metals & Engineering students, a Penrith Lakes excursion for Biology and Senior Science students and a First Aid Course for PDHPE and SLR students and debates for Modern and Ancient History. Select students attended excursions with ABCN Aspirations and Focus and the Young Women's Leadership Seminar. There were also a number of students who participated in the Economics Breakfast \$20 Boss Nab challenge.

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Year 11 students participating in team building activities as part of ABCN Aspirations





Year 11 students in Sydney with ABCN Aspirations



Year 11 debating teams in Modern and Ancient History



Student leaders in Creating Chances

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Students confirmed their design for their Year 12 jerseys for 2017 and are currently finalising their orders. They have also started fundraising for next year and would appreciate your assistance.

Ms Ronie Quinn



RYDA Road Safety Education Excursion

By Drew McNamara



The majority of Year 11 students attended the RYDA Road Safety Education excursion at Penrith this term. From the two stories about crashes to the talks and demonstrations shown on the day, the speakers focused on the ripple effect that dangerous and reckless driving has on our society. They referred to injuring yourself and collisions with other cars. I have learned a lot about demerit points, rights and responsibilities of drivers, tips for drivers including how you need to keep a distance between cars, and how to be a good passenger. The speakers were engaging and made me realise how important self-control is and how much we need to respect the road. One second of ignorance or distraction can lead to losing your life or negatively impacting your family, friends or even the community.

Drew McNamara (Year 11 student)



Evans X Train



Evans students in training

Evans X Train is a program run by Ms Lolas that allows students between ages 14-18 from the high school and Intensive English Centre to access a structured fitness class.

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It aims to improve students' speed, strength, balance, endurance, co-ordination and flexibility while most importantly increasing their confidence and sense of belonging whilst having fun.

Every Friday from 3-4pm students learn to use a variety of outdoor gymnasium equipment, as they participate in the group exercise sessions. Well done to all the fantastic and motivated students involved.

Ms Katie Lolas (Learning and Support Teacher)



Evans X Train working out on the outdoor gym

Norta Norta Tutoring

This term, our Year 7-12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students began their Norta Norta tutorial sessions. This year the students are being tutored by Ms Emma Pagett and Mr Frank Speranza,

who have been working with students to develop their literacy, numeracy and assessment writing skills, as well as to further their understanding of their cultural background. This tutorial

program will continue throughout the remainder of the year, enabling students to receive individual support that is catered to their learning needs.

Whooping Cough Information

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also

recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough. www.health.nsw.gov.au/

Peer Support

The Peer Support Program has now been running at Evans for almost two terms. Year 7 students have studied and participated in many activities, learning about important concepts and skills required when transitioning into high school, such as resiliency, empathy, relationship building skills, effective communication skills and working in team environments.

For our Year 7 students, this program has allowed them to have an easier and more supported transition into secondary school and build friendship networks. For our Year 10 students, this program has given them the opportunity to develop authentic leadership skills and build friendship networks.

As part of the program for 2016, Evans will be holding its first Mini Olympics.

This event will take place in Week 10 of Term 2. Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate the skills and knowledge they have developed over recent months, by participating in a number of games and

activities.

All students involved in Peer Support are to be commended on their effort and enthusiasm demonstrated each lesson. It is great to see such strong and positive relationships forming amongst the students.

Ms Michelle Petschy



Year 11 Penrith Lakes Excursion





Greening Evans



Open Boys Soccer



The Open Boys State Knockout Soccer Team had a successful season this year, making it to Round 5 in the Knockout competition.

Round 1 of the competition was a bye for Evans High School, so we automatically progressed to Round 2. The Round 2 game was played at Evans High School. It was great to see the support shown by students and teachers, who stayed back after school to watch the boys play.

The team played extremely well and demonstrated excellent skill and ability. They were rewarded for their efforts with a 3-0 win over Blacktown Boys High School. The Round 3 game was also played at Evans High School and again the boys had great support from staff and students, who again stayed back after school to watch the boys play. The team versed Arthur Phillip High School, whom they have not beaten for several years. It was anticipated to be a very challenging game. The boys definitely demonstrated their passion for football this game and were determined to come away with a win. They communicated extremely well on the field and worked great as a team. They were again rewarded, this time with a 2-0 win. Round 4 was against Glenwood High School. It was a nail biting game with several missed scoring opportunities by both teams. The full time whistle blew, with the score drawn at 0-0. This meant that extra time was required. Unfortunately, within the first couple of

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minutes, Glenwood scored a goal, making the end result a 1-0 loss.

The boys are to be commended on the level of skill and sportsmanship they demonstrated each game. It was an excellent achievement to make it this far in the competition. The following boys were members of the team.

Drew McNamara

Chris Hanley

Elie Aslanidis

Karl Smid

Alhaji Bangura

Ali Zakout

Manue Matet

Motath Ahmeed

Robert Eremugo

Emmanuel Martin

Saad Ghanem

Jason Corcoran-Roberts

Michael Mutumba

Ayman Zakout

Osama Zakout

Ahmad Kheiam

Cross Country

This term has been a very busy one for the PDHPE faculty and students. Following the School Cross Country Carnival, Evans High School had **35** students represent at the Blacktown Zone Cross Country at Nurragingy Reserve. At this carnival 9 students placed in the top 10 positions for their respective age group and progressed to the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival. These students were:

Bashir Goda- 12 Boys

Nicholas Elder- 13 Boys

Chol Mijak- 13 Boys

Aymin Goda- 14 Boys

Maaz Goda- 18 Boys

Onel Shammo- 18 Boys

Hannah Martin- 15 Girls

Grace Barlow- 17 Girls

Juliana Valencia- 17 Girls

Aymin Goda and Maaz Goda both placed first in their event, which meant they were the Blacktown Zone Cross Country Age Champion for their age. All students performed outstandingly well, represented the school with pride and all progressed to the Combined High Schools (State) Cross Country Carnival, which was held in Week 8. Although only 5 students were able to attend the event, they represented Evans High School and the Blacktown Zone extremely well and are to be commended on their effort and commitment.

All Cross Country results were excellent achievements for these students. Congratulations!

Ms Michelle Petschy

Athletics

The Evans High School Athletics Carnival was held on Friday 13 May. It was great to see so many students competing in events to earn points for their house and a place in the Zone Athletics Team. On the day Newcombe were the winning house and the Age Champions were:

12 Years – Bashir Goda and Punipua Manuina

13 Years – Arthur Niko Lesa and Kaitlyn Findlay

14 Years – Ulisese Ioane and Hope Tevaga

15 Years – Wade Diks and Nafanua Lealaiauloto

16 Years – Norman Neria and Marisa Acquasanta

17+ Years – Michael Mutamba and Luisa Meatoga

Following the school carnival, 40 students then competed at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Thursday 2 and Friday 3 June. Our students were very competitive and accomplished many great achievements on the day in events including the 100m, 200m, 800m and 1500m track events, Javelin, Discus, Shot Put, and Triple Jump. Nine students will now compete at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sportspark in Week 2 of Term 3. These students are Marisa Acquasanta, Rita Boateng, Robert Eremugo, Bashir Goda, Hannah Martin, Norman Neria, Josephine Palato Taukolonga, Tycoon Sianava and Christopher Webster-Williams.

Congratulations to these students and good luck at Sydney West!

Ms Amanda Minchella

Year 11 First Aid Course

In Weeks 5 and 6, Year 11 PDHPE and SLR students completed the practical and theoretical components of their First Aid Course. The course tested students on various topics, including CPR, Anaphylaxis, Asthma, and bandaging for bites and stings. All students were also given a 'First Aid in a Box', which contained bandages, a manikin, a face shield and an instructional DVD to take home. The course has provided these students with their First Aid certificate, which is valid for 3 years and can be included in students' resumes when applying for work.



Open Boys Touch Football Knockout Gala Day

The Open Boys Touch Football team has been very successful this year.

This term the team played in the State Knockout Gala Day and were a part of the top 16 schools in the Western Sydney region.

All participants demonstrated a high level of skill and commitment to the team.

They won the first game against Girraween 4-0, which is a great achievement

considering we were knocked out in Round 2 by this team last year. In the second game they played Baulkham Hills High School and unfortunately lost in a very close game 3-1.

The team consisted of:

Elie Aslanidis
Matthew Brimage
Luke Brizzi
Adrian Carrick
Joe Kala
Drew McNamara
Norman Neria
Ronald Prakash

Alvin Prasad
Jordan Sturgeon
Maison Sturgeon
Ioane Tevaga
Joe Thamkarm
Mark Toilalo
Jacob Waine

The boys are to be congratulated on their outstanding achievements. They are to be commended on their good sportsmanship and positive attitude displayed in every game.

Ms Melissa Silva



HSIE

Year 11 Economics



The Year 11 Economics class undertook the \$20 Boss business project this term. 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. Students ran a Healthy Breakfast Club for 4 weeks. They wanted to spread the message of a healthy breakfast habit and its advantages in students' learning and wellbeing.

At the end of the program, students paid back the start-up capital, and a \$1 legacy payment. They have made a net profit of \$403.50 and have donated half of their profit to the Westmead Children's Hospital. It was a fantastic way to engage students in an immersive experience at school that encourages their entrepreneurial spirit. Students enjoyed the whole experience thoroughly.

Ms Swati Dey

Year 10 History



Year 10 visited the Sydney Jewish Museum with Miss Tryhuba, Mrs Celeban, Mr El Hafiane and Mr Murphy. They were lucky enough to participate in some Living History and hear the testimony of holocaust survivor, Mimi Weiss. Year 10 were commended on their insightful questions and behaviour.

Ms Swati Dey

Premier's Debating Challenge

In Week 9 Mr Murphy and Miss Tryhuba took a group of students from Years 7-10 to Riverstone High School to participate in the preliminary competition for the 'Premier's Debating Challenge'. The students spoke and debated extremely well. Topics included 'Are school libraries outdated?' and 'Should the learning of a second language be compulsory for all year groups'. Unfortunately the students did not take out the competition, however they had a great time, demonstrated fantastic CPR behaviour and gained valuable experience moving forward into future competitions. We look forward to participating in any future events of this nature.

Mr Rhys Murphy

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Year 11 Construction

This term our fifteen Year 11 construction boys from Mr Brown's class went out on work placement. The students were provided with a mentor who then showed them the range of different skills which the boys implemented in their work placement.

Year 11 Metals

Twelve Year 11 boys from Mr Easterbrook's class went out on Metals placement during this term. The students had the opportunity to develop a range of skills and create industry contacts for future employment.

Year 11 Hospitality

Sixteen students from Miss Lewis' Hospitality class went on work placement towards the end of this term. Students were provided with a range of café and restaurant options in the Blacktown area. At their work placement students were provided with first hand



experience of what occurs in the hospitality industry.

Year 12 Hospitality



This term Mrs Sinclair's Hospitality classes catered for two high tea events, Friday 17/6 and Monday 20/6. Students have been preparing all term for this catering event where they served mouth watering sweets and nutritionally satisfying sandwiches to special guests. They needed to set up, serve guests



and pack away all the food and equipment for 20 guests. This task was to assess their customer service skills, hygiene and safety practices and their ability to work as a team and create a comfortable environment. Evans staff and P & C members were invited to attend and commended the Year 12 students on their professionalism during the event and the

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maturity they displayed through out the term when preparing for this big event. And, as always, the coffees were a hit with many guests asking for a second one in a take away cup to take with them after the service. Year 12 Hospitality did a fantastic job, well done!!

Year 9 Food Technology

This term Miss Lewis and Mrs Sinclair Food Technology classes learnt about foods in special occasions. Students explored different types of occasions and how each occasion can be celebrated in a number of ways. Students, as an assessment task, where asked to design their own unique birthday cake. First students practiced icing and decorating cupcakes before



they went ahead to their main task. Students learnt a range of different skills from the extremely lengthy process that pastry chefs have to go through when creating such amazing makes to coring and molding fondant. The Year 9 students should be proud of all the effort they put into accomplishing such a task and creating not only yummy but artistic cakes!

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Year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory

For the past two terms both Years 7 and 8 classes have completed two different units of Technology Mandatory. Students have had the opportunity to explore topics such as healthy eating and 3D printing. They have developed

skills in Food Technology, Textiles Woodwork and Sustainable Environments. In the beginning of Term 3 Year 7 and 8 Technology Mandatory classes will then be moved to meet their new Technology teacher. This will allow students to create new technology products and learn a range of different life skills.



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Music



Year 11 Music student Madeleine Stewart-Mills successfully auditioned for PULSE 2016, a regional concert held at the Opera House on Thursday 30 June celebrating excellence in the Creative & Performing Arts. Madeleine will perform in an 8-part a cappella arrangement of 'It Don't Mean a Thing if It Aint' Got That Swing' with students from Winmalee HS, Katoomba HS & Nepean CAPA HS. This is an outstanding achievement for Madeleine and yet another example of success in the Creative & Performing Arts at Evans HS. Many thanks to Miss Zdravec for her support of Madeleine during rehearsals in Penrith and up in the Blue Mountains.

Dance

On Saturday 14 May, both the Senior and Junior



Dance Ensembles attended the 'Dynamic Song and Dance Festival' at Blacktown RSL. Both ensembles performed extremely well in a highly



competitive section. The Senior Dance ensemble received 82 marks and was awarded Highly Commended whilst the Junior Dance Ensemble received 78 marks and was also awarded Highly Commended. Congratulations to these students!

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Drew Walker of Year 9 attended the NAISDA Dance Workshop on 30 May. Drew was taken through a dance class with a focus on traditional choreography. Drew was also selected to attend their dance camp to be held later in the year... Congratulations Drew.



On Monday 6 June, Kahlesha Wilson Year 10, Drew Walker Year 9 and Paige Norris Year 8 attended the Aboriginal Dance Workshop at *Nepean Creative and Performing Arts High School*. The workshop was run by Chantelle, Patrick and Sidney, Youth Coordinators from



Bangarra Dance Theatre. The girls were taken through a contemporary style warm up which followed on with learning choreography from Bangarra Dance Theatre's work 'Bush'. This was a fantastic opportunity for the girls who thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to work with professional dancers.

Synergy Public Dance Festival

In Weeks 7 and 8, the Senior Dance Ensemble performed their piece *Chinese Whispers* at the Synergy Public Schools Dance Festival at Panthers Evan Theatre. The students performed at an extremely high level and were

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congratulated on their technique, performance quality, behaviour and commitment to dance. Congratulations are in order for their efforts.

Schools Spectacular

This year our three Aboriginal Dance students (Kahlesha Wilson, Drew Walker and Paige Norris) again successfully auditioned for the Aboriginal Dance Ensemble in the Department of Education Schools Spectacular. The theme is *Dream Big*. We wish the girls all the best for their rehearsal and performances in Term 4.

This year's Schools Spectacular will be held on 25 and 26 November at Qudos Bank Arena at Sydney Olympic Park. Tickets are available to purchase from Ticketek.

<http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=SCHOOLSS16>

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