



# Dates to remember

SEP 23	Year 12 Graduation
SEP 23	Last day of Term 3
OCT 10	Staff and students return for Term 4
OCT 12	IEC and Year 7 Vaccinations
OCT 14	National Hat Day Fundraiser
OCT 24	Scripture
OCT 26 - 28	IEC Bundanoon Camp
OCT 31 - NOV 2	IEC Kincumber Camp
OCT 31 - NOV 11	Year 7-10 Yearly Examinations
NOV 7	IEC Vaccinations
NOV 11	Remembrance Day Service
NOV 14- 18	Year 7 Swim School
NOV 21 - 25	Year 8 Swim School
DEC 1	Year 10 Celebration Evening
DEC 6	Year 6-7 Orientation Day
DEC 7	Presentation Night
DEC 16	Last day of term
JAN 27	Staff return for Term 1, 2017
JAN 30	Years 7, 11 and 12 return for Term 1, 2017
JAN 31	Years 8, 9, 10 and IEC return for Term 1, 2017



## From Nerina Pretlove Principal

It was with great pleasure and excitement that I accepted the position of Principal at Evans High School earlier this term. From the first moment, the warmth of the school, its students, staff and community has been incredibly welcoming.

I would like to acknowledge the leadership displayed by Ms Sarris over the past two years as Relieving Principal and of Mrs Cheeseman who relieved for her as Deputy Principal of the Intensive English Centre.

Acknowledgement must also go to Dave Merrick who has been Relieving Deputy Principal for the past three terms and will fill an Acting Deputy Principal Administration position for Term 4. Across our faculties, Ms Brown in Maths, Ms Celeban in HSIE and Ms Lewis in TAS have undertaken outstanding leadership of their key learning areas as Relieving Head Teachers. This demonstrates the capacity of

our staff and thank you to each and every one of you for your support of teaching and learning at our school.

Over my career, I have had the opportunity to teach and lead in a range of settings in the Mt Druitt area and have come to Evans High School after being College Deputy Principal of the five schools of Chifley College. I am in my second tenure as the Ministerial appointment to the BoSTES Quality Teaching Council which has allowed me to contribute to the development and implementation of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers. As the past President and present Vice President of the Professional Teachers Council NSW and Director of the Australian Professional Teaching Association, I have provided support for the development of high quality professional learning for teachers across both NSW and the nation. These experiences have provided me with a deep understanding of educational directions and policy implementation to support quality teaching and learning in a time of great reform and I

bring that to Evans High School.

There is much to be done to ensure that our students are provided with optimum opportunities.

**We have subject selection for students moving into Year 9 and Year 11 in 2017; the commencement of the HSC exams early next term;**

evaluation of our school plan and the defining of our new directions; continued improvement of our learning spaces coming up soon. In addition, we are re-establishing the Evanside VET partnership with Doonside and Plumpton High Schools to provide our students with a broader curriculum. To support this partnership, we are leasing a bus which will enable us to transport our students to and from the schools. This bus will also be used for smaller excursions.

Our P&C AGM was held earlier

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in the term with new office bearers being elected to some positions. Thank you to previous members of the committee who have supported our school. There has been much fund raising through raffles and BBQs at Bunnings and on school grounds during the recent national and local elections.

Recently the new data projector and screen purchased by the P&C for the

school has been installed in the library.

The committee is busy planning for future events. Thank you from all of us.

To our Year 12 students who are about to leave us – remember your time here, for these are precious times. Make the most of the time left in preparation for

your exams. Enjoy the celebrations of the end of your school days but most of all, keep yourself and your friends safe.

*Ms Nerina Pretlove*



## From Belinda Hunter Deputy Principal 8, 10 & 12

Term 3 has certainly been filled with a variety of events and activities for the students, staff and community of Evans High School: fundraising, ParkRun, Evans Run Club, Evans X Train, Senior Showcase and HSC Performances and major works being submitted to name just a few! In looking at the calendar for Term 4, it does not look like things will slow down with HSC exams, yearly exams for students in Years 7-10 and plenty of excursions and extra-curricular events taking place before we break for the Christmas and New Year holiday period.

### **Year 12**

Year 12 students are nearing the end of their high school journey, and will celebrate their success at the **Year 12 Formal on Tuesday 20 September at Old Government House at Parramatta, and also at their Graduation Assembly on Friday, 23 September at 9.15am** (students are to

arrive and assemble in the library at 8.35am). Information regarding these events has been provided to all students, however if you have any questions, please contact the school or refer to information available through our social media pages. We wish all of our Year 12 students the very best for their upcoming HSC exams (13/10/16-4/11/16), and for their adventures beyond school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Khan and Ms Petschy for all of their hard work in supporting all Year 12 students. I would also like to thank all parents and carers of our Year 12 cohort, as your support and assistance over the last six years has been very much appreciated.

### **Year 10**

Our students in Year 10 have been busy completing their fundraising activities, in preparation for the **Year 10 Celebration Night (Thursday 1 December 2016)**. There

will also be another important event for Year 10 students, the 'Beacon Charter Signing'. This event focuses on each student making a personal commitment to their senior studies, to ensure that they identify goals and strategies to ensure that they experience success in their chosen pathway. Further information regarding this event will be distributed to Year 10 students early in Term 4.

While the Subject Selection Information Evening for students who will begin their senior studies in 2017 has been held recently, **students will complete the actual subject selection process in Week 2**

**next term.** Over the last few weeks of Term 3, students participated in a variety of information sessions where each faculty presented information relating to the subjects they will be offering for the 2017 curriculum. If you were unable to attend the information evening and

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would like further discussion, please contact me at the school. It is important that Year 10 students think seriously over the holiday period as to their pattern of study and options beyond school. Ms Jansen, our fantastic careers adviser, is available to help students in determining the most suitable pattern of study to achieve their educational and future career goals.

#### **Year 8**

The Subject Selection Information Evening for Year 8 students entering Year 9 in 2017 has also been completed.

Students will have the opportunity to pick two elective subjects to study during Year 9 and 10.

Year 8 will also complete the selection process in Week 2 next term. If you require any additional information, please contact me at the school.

All students in Years 7 and 8 have completed the Creating Chances program this term during sport periods. This program focuses on using sport as a means of creating respectful and resilient young citizens. I have been incredibly impressed with the effort, teamwork and sportsmanship that has been displayed each and every week.

**I would like to thank the facilitators from Football United and Creating Chances that have delivered these engaging and informative sessions to our students.**

Students from Years 10 and 11

have been involved in coaching roles, and have done an exceptional job in being positive role models for our junior students. Some of them may make reasonable teachers one day!

As we are all aware, we live in a world where technology plays a significant role. It is important to encourage and reinforce the appropriate use of technology, particularly mobile phones and devices, to our students and school community. The information below is part of our Student Handbook, and it is expected that all members of our school community adhere to these guidelines.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support of our wonderful school.

*Ms Belinda Hunter*

### **MOBILE DEVICES**

Students are expected to be cooperative and follow teachers' instructions regarding the use of mobile devices.

In class, mobile devices must be switched off and out of sight in students' bags or pockets unless required by the teacher for instructional purposes.

Students are allowed to access mobile devices during recess and lunch time.

Parents/carers are asked to ring the school office if they need to speak to their children urgently and not ring students on their mobile devices during the school day.

Students who bring mobile devices to school do so at their own risk. The school will accept no responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile devices.



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

Thank you to all students, staff, parents and community members for another wonderful term.

**During Term 3, Year 7 had the opportunity to participate in the 'Creating Chances' program.**

Creating Chances aims to inspire, develop and empower youth to believe in themselves so they contribute positively to society. It engages young people through their common passion for sport to develop their understanding of social inclusion, education and health issues.

Many of the students in Years 7, 9 and 11 have taken the opportunity to involve themselves in the Evans Run Club and the Evans X Train progress. Students have worked with Mrs Shannon and Ms Lolas to enhance their fitness, build their resilience

and to set and achieve goals. Both programs have enhanced students' connections with the school and assisted in building further positive relationships across the school community.

Year 11 have been incredibly busy with yearly examinations, final assessment tasks, leadership position nominations and their incredibly memorable and rewarding Year 11 camp. A huge thank you must go to Ms Quinn for not only her organisation of the camp, but for her ongoing dedication to her year group as they move towards such a critical time in their educational journey.

**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 children to highlight the importance of consistent and sustainable study practices.

*Mr Dave Merrick*



## From Bridget Sarris IEC Deputy Principal

Newly-arrived students attend the Intensive English Centre for a variety of reasons: to improve their English so that they can access the high school curriculum, to learn about the Australian way of life and to prepare themselves for study in an Australian high school. So it is really pleasing to see so many IEC students taking advantage of all the opportunities that are available to them at Evans High School. This term, students have been involved in a variety of classroom experiences, student performances, sporting activities and leadership opportunities that took place both at school and within the community.

IEC students have to

not only learn English, but they also have to learn *in* English. Therefore, it is wonderful to see the amazing progress students have made with their English language proficiency and it was very satisfying to share that progress with families and carers at our Meet the Teacher afternoon.

At school, the IEC drama and oracy classes provided the basis for our entertaining and interesting performances. Students rehearsed for weeks during class and at lunchtimes.

Over one hundred students entertained all of the IEC students at our IEC Showcase.

It is delightful to view the positive aspects within the IEC that flow on from the creativity and camaraderie created through the drama, dancing, singing and comedy routines. I was very proud to watch our students dance, sing and act in front of all their friends. IEC students have also

enjoyed all the wonderful experiences that have been made available in the school library.

Sport provided all of the IEC students with the opportunity to participate and develop an interest in potentially life-long healthy activities. Many junior and senior students represented the school at the *In League In Harmony Gala Day*.

Five students who displayed exemplary sportsmanship were chosen as ambassadors for the program. Many junior and senior students also successfully represented the IEC at the *Football United Gala Day*. Once again the students were very competitive and were excellent role models for our school. Juliana Valencia successfully participated in the Run Beyond program and several students have joined the Evans Run Club.

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Students from the IEC were given chances to develop their leadership skills. Our student representatives ran our weekly assemblies, were masters of ceremony at our Leavers' Assembly and the IEC Showcase and they were involved in whole school planning at school SRC meetings. As well, they assisted at our well attended Meet the Teacher afternoon and acted as school guides for local primary school students who recently attended our Evans Taster Lessons.

During this term, junior IEC students from our 3A class participated in the

*Creating Chances Program* that concentrated on developing their skills in goal setting, leadership and teamwork as well as highlighting future educational pathways. Some senior IEC students participated in the ABCN Interact Program where students visited CSR to learn about working in a large corporate organisation. Needless to say, they did an excellent job and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all students who received awards at the Merit Assemblies, the IEC Leavers' Assembly and to those who attended the CPR Celebration Day. I wish the thirty four exiting students all the best in their further studies.

I wish everyone a happy, safe holiday.

*Ms Bridget Sarris*

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## 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 Priti Mann Year 8 Adviser

In Term 3, Year 8 have focused on careers and all students participated in a week long 'Real Game' Program.

Participation encourages students to explore a variety of career choices and helps them learn about many real life aspects that they will face as adults.

Students gained valuable skills by participating in team building activities which required them to plan an effective township and develop and present a small business proposition. Thank you to the Year 10 peer leaders and all the teachers whose support and involvement made the week a success. A special thanks to Ms Jansen, our Careers Adviser, for her efforts and overall

organisation of the week.

The Year 8 students are now in the process of choosing their electives for Year 9.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Subject Selection Information Evening held on Monday 12 September.

It was great to see you all there. For those who could not attend, the information booklets have been sent home.

We are organising an online selection process this year for Year 8 students to choose their electives for next year. The log in



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process and other relevant information will be sent home early next term.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any queries.

Congratulations to Mr Chung, who has been offered another position. We thank him for his support and guidance throughout 2015-2016 and wish him well in his future career. A big thank you to Ms Brown for relieving in his position as Year 8 Head Teacher during Term 3.

For Term 4, we would like to welcome Ms Lolas to our team as the Assistant Year Adviser and congratulate Mr Fernandes who will be taking over as Head Teacher for Year 8.

*Mrs Priti Mann*



**Year 8 students at Real Game**





## From Sarah Baldwin Year 10 Adviser

Term 3 has been another busy term for Year 10. Students have been developing their understanding of senior studies and preparing to make their selections for their line of studies for next year and beyond. The Subject Selection Information Night was held on September 13, where parents and students were informed of subject offerings, expectations and the structure of senior schooling. If you missed the evening, the information booklet is available on the school website.

Term 3 also saw the development of the Celebration Night Committee which has been busily organising fundraising events and organising the night. Further information about the Celebration Night will be sent home at the beginning of next term. Students in Commerce kick-started the fundraising efforts for the Year 10 Celebration Night with their Shake 'n' Glaze business. The fundraising members of the

committee donated their time at the local council election to run a cake stall here at school. It was highly successful with all money raised going directly into the Celebration Night. Further fundraising events have been planned for next term.

In Term 4, students will be doing Subject Selection during Week 2. If your child is absent during that week, alternative arrangements will be made to ensure they have an opportunity to submit their preferences. Yearly Examinations will also take place during Term 4. All students have engaged in a Study Sensei program that will enhance their skills in effectively studying for examinations.

For any further information about Subject Selection or your child's progress, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

*Ms Sarah Baldwin*



**Students help run the cake stall at the recent local council election**



## From Ronie Quinn Year 11 Adviser

Year 11 students have had a very busy term. They have been involved in selling fundraising chocolates at the election BBQ and the Bunnings BBQ assisting the P&C and raising money for the Year 12 formal next year. The Economics class were involved in the \$20 Boss Project, running a healthy breakfast business which we all really enjoyed. They also have had their final examinations for their Preliminary courses and next term will be starting Year 12. The students who nominated for leadership positions delivered exceptional speeches. They made their year group proud and set the standard for coming years.

**A highlight of the term was the Year 11 camp. Students spent four days together at Vision Valley Conference Centre, Arcadia.**

They were involved in the crossroads program, activities including Leap of Faith, Wilderness Challenge, Canoeing, Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Archery, Mountain Biking, Raft Building, Dual Flying Fox, Zip Line and Power Fan. These activities helped students to bond together and develop team work skills, motivating each other



to overcoming their fears. The night activities included the Camp Fire, Trivia and Onesie Night and a failed attempt at Capture the Glow Stick and they allowed students to interact across groups and get to know students from the year group much better.

A massive thank you to the teachers who came to camp and supported the students; Mr Murphy, Mr El-Hafiane, Ms Moring, Ms Davis, Mr Fernandes, Ms Minchella and Ms Lewis and the teachers who visited; Mr Chung, Mr Williams, Ms Brown, Mr Merrick and Ms Shannon – the students really appreciated seeing you and sharing memories with you.

*Ms Ronie Quinn*





***To Year 11 students – camp was the best way to finish off Year 11. Next term you start Year 12 as a united group of students. It was such a pleasure seeing you interacting with each other, facing your fears and having a go. You all have so much to offer and so many qualities that make you the amazing people that you are. Stay united and let us achieve the best you possibly can! ~ Quinnie***







*“A massive thank you to our wonderful Year Adviser Ms Quinn for going above and beyond for the year group in order for us to have fun and a memorable time of our life. These are memories that we will cherish forever!!” ~ Year 11*





## From Saheeb Khan Year 12 Adviser

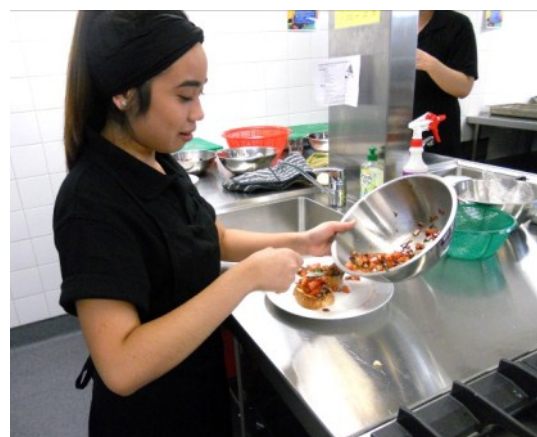
### *Farewell to Year 12 Class of 2016*

This is the last newsletter before Year 12 students have their final classes on Thursday, 22 September. The Graduation Ceremony will take place on Friday, 23 September and it is then that we will farewell the Year 12 Class of 2016.

Talking to students, we know that it has been a very challenging and exhausting time, with lots of assessment tasks and high expectations in class, but I can confidently say that you must have experienced lots of inspiring, engaging and interesting moments during your final years of study at Evans High. We are certain that you all have been provided with experiences that will assist with your confidence, resilience, motivation and independence as lifelong learners.

As your Year Advisers, Ms Petschy and I share and celebrate with you all, your academic and whole school achievements and experiences. The various fundraising moments, presentations from The Western Sydney University, The University of Wollongong, excursions to Australian Catholic University, The Western Sydney University, Safe driving at Homebush, Year 11 Camp and education exhibitions at Penrith were all organised to provide you

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with opportunities to gather information for your career pathways. We hope that this will help you to make informed decisions in regards to your professional life with some ease.

We would like to thank all the parents and carers of Year 12 students. We value all your unconditional support and dedication to the students. I would also like to thank all the teachers for their dedication and professionalism.

So thank you to Year 12 for being part of life at Evans High School, and for all of the varying contributions you have made over the years.

Look at the bigger picture, be positive and stay focussed, as you prepare for your Higher School Certificate Examination. On behalf of the staff at Evans, we would like to wish the Year 12

Class of 2016 the very best for their exams, as well as wishing you all every success in pursuing and fulfilling your dreams, at both a personal and career level.

**We are very proud of you all, we have trust in you and we will always be there to provide the support you need for success and prosperity in becoming valued citizens in your communities.**

Thank you for all your co-operation and contributions and most of all, for all the memories you have left with us.

*Ms Saheeb Khan and Ms Michelle Petschy  
(Assistant Year Adviser)*



**We wish you all the best in your HSC exams!**

## 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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# School Leaders 2017

Seventeen students from Year 11 were nominated for the 2017 Year 12 Leadership Team. The speeches delivered were of a very high standard and it was so difficult to choose between the students. All leaders who nominated should be very proud of their efforts.

The successful leadership team have been inducted. Congratulations to:

Captains — Mozamel Anwary, Grace Barlow

Vice-Captains — Zacharie Sabogal, Natalie Bakhos

Prefects — Hussin Kamandi, Tyla Himone, Kieren Sambaiah-Falzon, Anjaali Singh

Thank you to the outgoing leadership team; Ryan, Regine, Yosha, Hannah, Adam, Yesmin, Maaz and Eva for all your efforts throughout the year.

*Ms Ronie Quinn (Leadership Team Coordinator)*



**School leaders from left to right: Tyla Himone, Anjaali Singh, Natalie Bakhos, Grace Barlow, Mozamel Anwary, Zacharie Sabogal, Kieren Sambaiah-Falzon and Hussin Kamandi**

## IEC Drama Excursion



In Week 7, CS2X went to see a play at the Sydney Theatre Company (STC) called *The Hanging*. For most of these students, it was the first play they had seen.

The students in CS2X were selected because of their effort and participation in Drama classes.

The students caught the train into Circular Quay and walked through The Rocks. They saw some iconic places they had not seen before and took photos of Sydney's landscape. When the students arrived at STC they mingled with students from other schools and ate their lunch on the deck with a close-up view of the Harbour Bridge.



The students were ushered into the theatre and the play began at 11:30am. The theatre went dark and projected on the back wall was a beautiful, moving image of the bush. The play *The Hanging*, was about three students in a boarding school in New South Wales who ran away into the bush. Two of them died, but the other returned safely.

There were only three characters; Detective Flint, Ms Corrosi and Iris. Students enjoyed the fast-paced dialogue as well as the element of mystery in the play.

All the students in CS2X asked many questions at the end of the

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play and even got the chance to meet the actors.

They really enjoyed their visit to the theatre and asked if they could go again.

*Ms Mary Kavanagh*



**IEC students from CS2X on excursion**

## IEC Performance Groups

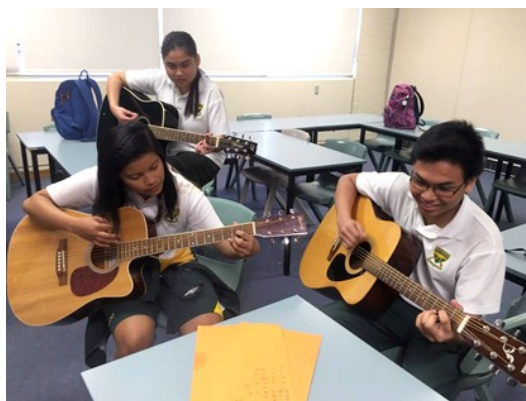
This term the IEC performers put on a show in Week 10.

The students rehearsed every lunch and put a lot of their time and energy into the show, choreographing, writing music, harmonising, rehearsing lines and perfecting raps. The ability to work creatively in a group can be challenging but the students worked hard together to create exciting and engaging pieces.

The music, singing and drama groups performed *The Sound of Music*. They rehearsed in class as well as at lunchtimes. The music group provided the instrumentation, vocals were performed by students in the singing group and the drama students performed the story.

This term there were four cultural performance groups. The Filipino students performed two love songs, the Thai and Samoan students performed cultural dances from their country and the Samoan Boys Rap Group sang and rapped.

We had a range of wonderful drama performances from *Beauty and the Beast*,



*Jungle Drums* and the *The Seven Stages of Grieving*.

Both our senior and junior dancing groups performed hip-hop routines which they helped create and spent many lunchtimes rehearsing.

# IEC Student of the Week

Every term in the IEC we reward those students who demonstrate behaviours that are above and beyond.

We reward those students who have helped their peers, achieved academically, improved greatly, tried hard throughout the term or contributed to the community in some way.

This term we have had more students join clubs and groups than we ever have had before.

Students now participate in the Run Club, Evans X Train, the Environment Club and a range of performing groups. This contribution to the school environment is a wonderful way to get involved.

Students have also achieved excellent results in class or improved their listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Each week at the IEC assembly we announce the recipient of the Student of the Week Award and take their photo which is then uploaded onto the IEC website.

Congratulations to all of the recipients on their achievements.



**Congratulations to our IEC Students of the Week!**

# Our IEC Classes



Over the last term, students from the IEC have experienced learning in many different ways.

**Students have been learning in and out of the classroom, both individually and in groups.**

Mrs O'Toole's class has been working in the library, using chromebooks to prepare speeches. Ms Kavanagh's class has been working in groups to prepare debates on a range of topics.



Ms Fernando has been working on charitable organisations with her class, creating speeches and posters.

Mr Tamayo has given his classes the fantastic opportunity to try out the new technology at Evans IEC, trialling the new chromebooks. The students have enjoyed the speed and reliability of the devices as well as engaging with learning in a different way.



Mr Thompson has been working with his class on Hygiene.

Ms Zaki and Ms Gauci, from Sydney University, have been working with three classes to improve their spoken English, through speeches and group work.

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Mrs Samuel has continued with Reading to Learn and Microsoft Excel in her class and has seen excellent results.

We look forward to Term 4 and are excited to embark on new ways of teaching and learning.

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## Football United



Global Peace Day Gala Day, where they did team-building activities and created a Global Peace Day banner as well as playing games.

Thank you to Mr Morgan who organises Football United every year, as well as the fantastic group of teachers who come to coach and guide the students.

Football United creates chances for students in Australia and also Myanmar through coaching, guiding and working with students from a range of backgrounds.

Every Thursday, the senior IEC students learn how to work in a team as well as make new friends and gain some football skills.

The students involved in Football United have a varied set of football skills. Some have never played before, some have played in their local park in their countries and some have been on a team. However, experience is not what Football United focuses on.

Each student in the Football United group this term has improved their football skills, increased their communication and made some new friends.

In Term 3, Evans IEC students participated in Football United once again, preparing for the

This has been one of our best Football United groups and we look forward to continuing this fantastic program in the future.

If you are interested in joining Football United in 2017, please speak to Mr Morgan.



**See Mr Morgan if you are interested in joining Football United**

# Evans X Train



Each Friday afternoon students from both the High School and IEC come together to participate in a group-training program, Evans X Train.

Evans X Train is designed to encourage students to work

towards living a healthier, fitter lifestyle.

Our busy lifestyles can be hard on our health. Rushing to and from school and work can make it hard to find time to be physically active. We

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**Evans students training hard**



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can also slip into the habit of choosing unhealthy snacks and take-away foods or spending our free time watching TV or in front of the computer. However, these choices can be dangerous for our health—both now and in the long term. That is why it is so important to stop and make a conscious decision to follow a healthy lifestyle.

**Congratulations to all the students involved in Evans X Train this term; your dedication and team spirit is commendable.**

*Ms Katie Lolos*



# Year 9 Girls Group

Girls Group kicked off in Week 2 this term with a vibrant bunch of Year 9 girls who have taken to this program like fish to water. During the term the girls actively engaged in a variety of activities designed to assist them to practise *Tolerance, Empathy, Appreciation, Positive Communication, and Confidence.*

The girls had the following things to say about their experiences this term.

*“Girls Group makes each person feel welcome and wanted. The activities have made us girls get along with each other more.”*

*“Girls Group was so much fun, I enjoyed it quite a lot and I’ve made a lot of friends in Year 9. They are nice, smart, funny and very talented. I loved playing the game, ‘Killer’.”*

*“Everyone communicates nicely and we are kind to each other.”*

*“I enjoyed Girls Group because I got to hang out with my friends doing fun activities.”*

Girls Group will start again from Week 2 next term with the second half of the Year 9 female cohort. Each group will then join together for a final celebration and graduation of the program.

*Mrs Shannon (Girls Adviser)*



# The Run Beyond Project



**Marisa, Grace, Hannah, Juliana, Ms Shannon and Ms Petschy participate in The Run Beyond Project**

The Run Beyond Project finished up on Saturday, 31 July with the successful completion of a 10km goal race at the M7 Westlink Blacktown Running Festival. The girls involved; Juliana Valencia, Marisa Acquasanta, Grace Barlow and Hannah Martin, flourished in the program. This was the first time the Run Beyond Project had been held at Evans.

Furthermore, our girls were the first female cohort to participate in, and graduate from the program.

The girls were provided with many opportunities to develop their skills in goal-setting, commitment and resilience. Weekly training sessions after school and in the holidays were held as well as a 5km race with Sydney Marathon Clinic, Parkrun events at The Ponds and Rhodes, volunteering at the Nike

Victory Tour Women's Half Marathon and interviews with the Blacktown Advocate, Blacktown Sun and with 2RDJ-FM. All of this lead to the completion of a 10km run in which the girls performed exceptionally well.



**Personalised M&Ms from M&Ms World in New York City presented to Juliana, Marisa, Grace and Hannah**

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The girls entered as the 'Run Beyond Project' Open Girls team and came 1<sup>st</sup> in the category. Additionally, Hannah, Juliana and Grace placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutively in their age category.

Ms Petschy and I could not be more proud of the girls and the dedication they displayed throughout the project. What is more amazing is that none of them wanted to stop running

and so we have since commenced the Evans Run Club. The girls have come on board as mentors to other runners and are doing a tremendous job sharing their new knowledge and helping others to develop their skills not only in running but in the core ideology of the original project-goal setting, commitment and resilience.

*Mrs Shannon and Ms Petschy*



**Congratulations to Marisa, Grace, Juliana, and Hannah!**

## Evans Run Club—ERN



A fun and exciting new program called Evans Run Club (ERC) has commenced this term.

**The implementation of Run Club was inspired by the interest shown by students in the Run Beyond Project.**

The aim of Evans Run Club is to train students to run 5km, with the assistance from the four Run Beyond Girls: Grace Barlow, Marisa Acquasanta, Juliana Valencia and Hannah Martin. The program caters for all levels of experience, from beginners to advanced runners and takes place every Wednesday from 3.00-4.00pm.

**Students are also provided with the opportunity to participate in Parkrun, which is a community**

**timed running event held on Saturday mornings.**

The students that are involved with Evans Run Club are Marisa Acquasanta, Taliyah Acquasanta, Manar Al-Shabli, Naveed Amiri, Kaitlin Apostalatos, Meriana Bani, Hayley Cassettari-Brown, Jessie Chen, Madison Cole, Wade Diks, Lucy Fu, Thalia Gazzola, Bashir Goda, Jackson Kyle, Hannah Martin, Josephine Martin, Alex McAuliffe, Emily Mendoza, Rachael Nicholls, Corey Spinks and Ivan Yu.

The commitment and enthusiasm shown by all students involved in the program has been amazing. Each week, the group has shown up to training and smashed out the sessions. New friendships are forming, confidence levels are growing and students are being recognised for their achievements in the wider community.

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It is still early days, but we have no doubt that all students involved in the program will have a great experience and that they will further develop their running ability.

*Ms Petschy and Mrs Shannon*





# NAIDOC Week Celebrations 2016

This year NAIDOC Week took place in the Term 2 school holidays. Evans High School took the opportunity to proudly acknowledge and celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (both past and present), during Week 3 of this term. Our celebrations included a cultural talk and paint with Uncle Perry, a

practice in traditional Aboriginal dance and a Celebration Ceremony with Year 7 as our audience. Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students were also involved in activities throughout the day such as art workshops with Mr Dempsey and a History Yarning Circle with Mr El Hafiane. We were also lucky in having guest speakers at our Celebration

Ceremony; Mahalia Murphy (Australian Rugby Union player) and Tai Tuivasa (Current Heavy Weight Champion in MMA). This Celebration day was an important day for younger Aboriginal students to reconnect with their culture and Aboriginal elders and it was an enjoyable day for all.

*Ms Melissa Silva*

## AIME

Over Terms 1, 2 and 3 our Years 9-12 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students attended the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) program at Western Sydney University, Parramatta Campus with Ms Silva, Ms Petschy and Mr ElHafiane.

The AIME program offers support to our students through high school and into university, employment and further education.

This program is successful in providing students with the skills, opportunities and confidence to grow and succeed. Jason Corcoran-Roberts in Year 11 is Evans High School's AIME Ambassador and has done a fantastic job in mentoring and leading the younger Aboriginal students to participate actively in this program as well as in school.



**Year 12 student, Brooke McKenzie, graduates from AIME. Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Brooke McKenzie in Year 12, who graduated from AIME earlier this term and was recognised for having 80% attendance at AIME since she commenced the program in Year 9.

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The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students involved in this program include Brooke McKenzie, Grace Barlow, Jason Corcoran-Roberts, Maison Sturgeon, Jordan Sturgeon, Brock Sturgeon, Kahlesha Wilson, Amy Whiteside, Kyle Norris, Lucretia Jirousek,

Jayanna Khallouf, Jesse Cassar, Jordan Shillingsworth, Natasha Heal, Caitlin Riley and Trey McKenzie.

We are looking forward to the next two sessions at AIME later in the year.

*Ms Melissa Silva*

## Oztag Gala Day

Earlier this term, 73 students from Evans High School and the Intensive English Centre attended the Nepean Oztag Gala Day which was held at The Kingsway Playing Fields in St Marys. Six teams were

entered on the day with students ranging from Year 7 to Year 11. On the day our students competed in a series of Oztag games against a range of schools in the Blacktown and Penrith Region.

All students were excellent participants on the day and displayed great sportsmanship and skill. Congratulations to all involved.



## Swim School

Years 7 and 8 students should have received a permission note about Swim School, which is an exciting upcoming event in Term 4.

Year 7 students will attend Swim School from November 14 to 18 (Week 6) and Year 8 students will attend from November 21 to 25 (Week 7) at Riverstone Swimming Centre.

At Swim School, students of all levels of swimming ability develop their swimming technique across a variety of strokes, as well as learn valuable Life Saving skills and rescues in a fun and interactive environment.

Attendance at Swim School costs \$55 for the week and is compulsory for all students. The cost of this excursion covers bus transport to and from the venue and pool entry each day.

At the conclusion of the program, students each receive a certificate stating their level of achievement.

**Final payment is due on Friday, 28 October for Year 7 students and Friday, 4 November for Year 8 students.**

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the PDHPE Faculty.

*PDHPE Faculty*

## Sydney West Athletics

This term we had seven students compete at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival. These students were Marisa Acquasanta, Rita Boateng, Bashir Goda, Norman Neria, Tycoon Sianava, Kaitlyn Findlay and Christopher Webster-Williams. All students behaved exceptionally well at the carnival and demonstrated excellent skill and ability in their events. Congratulations on your achievement in progressing to this level!!

*PDHPE Faculty*

## Walters Road PS Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 18 August, eight selected Year 11 PDHPE and SLR students attended the Walters Road Public School Athletics Carnival. These students assisted the Walters Road staff at the carnival to run field events, including Long Jump, High Jump, Discus and Javelin. The following students represented their school with pride and were commended on their positive attitude and willingness to assist staff with any task they were requested to do:

Matthew Brimage

Adrian Carrick

Grace Barlow

Norman Neria

Ahmed Kheiam

Babita Khadka

Arti Kumar

Ronald Prakash

*Ms Amanda Minchella*

# HSIE

## Year 10 Commerce—Running a Business



As part of the Year 10 Commerce syllabus, students have been learning about 'Running a business'.

Students are required to undertake a practical component for this area of study. Miss Tryhuba and the Year 10 students became actively involved in planning, organising and running their small business and developed strategies to address problems as they arose. Students created their 'Glaze'n'Shake' business which sold Krispy Kreme donuts and fresh fruit banana and mixed berry smoothies. Students actively ran their business at recess and lunch of Week 7 this term.

Students donated profits to Westmead Children's Hospital and to the Year 10 Celebration Night due to occur later in the year.

*Ms Brooke Tryhuba*

## Year 10 Commerce—Law Day Out Excursion



The Year 10 Commerce students and Ms Tryhuba attended the Sydney Law Day Out excursion on Wednesday 10 August at Elizabeth Street Chambers. Commerce students were immersed in the legal environment which gave them some insight into the day to day operation of our courts and government.

Students were lucky enough to meet with Criminal Barrister, Peter Godkin.

He gave students the opportunity to dress up in the court official attire, including the robe and

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wig. Students were then accompanied to the district court where they listened to some very exciting evidence being presented in a criminal case.

*Ms Brooke Tryhuba*

### *Year 11 Economics*



Congratulations to Hussin, one of our Year 11 Economics students who was successful in his application for the \$1000 microgrant from the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA)'s Innovation Nation 2016 program.

After completing the \$20 Boss project through running a 'Healthy Breakfast Club' for a month, Hussin was motivated and inspired to continuously spread the message of a healthy lifestyle in the local community. Hussin was encouraged to take part in the 'Innovation Nation 2016' program through the Foundation for Young Australians. Hussin submitted an idea for improving the health and wellbeing in the community and demonstrated the qualities the program was looking for - courage, vision and a can-do attitude.

Hussin was one of the 20 students selected for the program out of 154 submissions across every state and territory in Australia.

Over 3 months Hussin will receive a \$1,000 microgrant, online resources and three mentoring sessions with experienced business leaders – all from the comfort of their computer.

We are so proud of you, Hussin!

*Ms Swati Dey*

# CAPA

Our congratulations go to all of our Year 12 CAPA students who have recently completed their Higher School Certificate practical examinations in Dance, Drama and Music as well as completing Major Works in Visual Arts.

Many thanks to the dedication of the following Year 12 teachers: Ms Baldwin, Ms Dumitrescu, Ms Zdravec, Ms Milloy and Mr Dempsey. The students most certainly appreciate your guidance and support. We look forward to our students studying hard over the coming weeks so they can achieve the results that they truly deserve.

*Mr Kyle Williams (HT CAPA)*

## Congratulations to Year 12 CAPA students

### *Visual Arts*

Reuben Ennis  
Rewan Hesham  
Susana Hutman  
Brooke McKenzie  
Jheremiah  
Montevirgen  
Narkita Solomon-  
Andersen  
Rajinthan Paskaran  
Sumitra  
Budhathoki  
Sarah Cozad  
Zahra Fathi  
Fatima Haddad  
Adam Kassem  
Liana Leroy Wye  
Mikayla O'Connor  
Jasmine Quintero

### *Music*

Jake Amante  
Jessica Cleland  
Ebony Costantini  
Jasper Dayuno  
Susana Hutman  
Jasmine Quintero  
Aria Witana

### *Dance*

Ryan Campo  
Courtney  
Sainsbury  
Cameron Taylor

### *Drama*

Regine Bautista  
Ryan Campo  
Aria Witana



**Year 12 Music HSC Practical Examination**

## Dance



### The Senior Dance Ensemble and Junior Dance Ensemble win awards at Curtain Call

In Week 3 of this term, the Junior Dance Ensemble and Senior Dance Ensemble travelled to Mt Druitt Westfield, where they performed *Chinese Whispers* and *I'm Feeling Lucky* as a part of Education Week Celebrations. The dance students did the school proud and performed to the same high standards that they have demonstrated all year.

On Saturday 17 September both the Junior and Senior Dance Ensembles attended Curtain Call

Song and Dance Festival at Mount Pritchard Community Club. It was a highly competitive section. *I'm Feeling Lucky* received 79 marks and was awarded Highly Commended and *Everybody Wants to Rule the World* received 82 marks and was awarded First Place.

Congratulations to all dancers in both the ensembles for your efforts and achievements at Curtain Call.

*Ms Sarah Baldwin*



## NAISDA Dance Camp

### By Year 9 Student, Drew Walker

I was one of five people selected in Western Sydney to take part in a dance camp for the National Aboriginal and Islander Skills Development Association (NAISDA) called Garabara Ngurra.

While I was there I learnt six traditional Aboriginal dances involving a kookaburra catching a snake, the whistling kite, one about the flathead, a bee, a farewell dance and the last was about connecting to Mother Earth. I also learnt three traditional Torres Strait Islander song and dances. We workshopped contemporary and urban jazz styles of dance

which we performed at the end of the week to 60 or so people.

On Wednesday we went into the city and watched *Singin' in the Rain* which was a good rest after dancing from 9.00am-5.00pm for the previous two days. The experience of the camp was good. I had heaps of fun and got to make new friends from all over NSW and one from Cairns. I got taught some of the choreography that the NAISDA students do which was fun and got to work with a few of them as well. Hopefully, I can go again next year.

*Drew Walker (Year 9)*

# Our school

Our school develops leadership, builds individual character and promotes social responsibility and respect within a safe caring environment.



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