

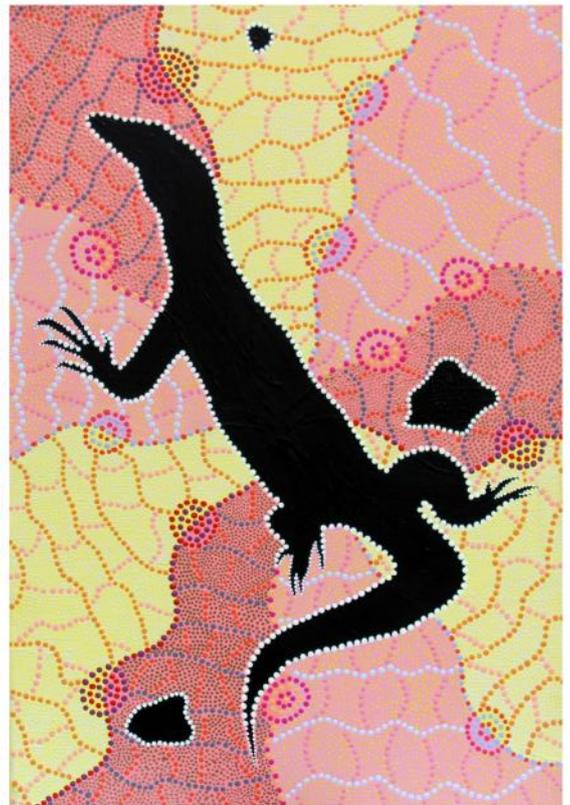


Evans High School

A diverse and innovative school of excellence

Newsletter Term 4, 2016

A Few of this Year's HSC Visual Arts Major Works



Dates to remember

DEC 1	Year 10 Celebration Evening
DEC 6	Year 6-7 Orientation Day
DEC 7	Presentation Evening
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
FEB 10	Swimming Carnival
FEB 15	IEC Vaccinations
FEB 20	Scripture
FEB 22	School Photos
MAR 1	Open Night / Year 6 Information Night
MAR 2	School Photo Catch-Up Day
MAR 6-13	Year 12 Half-Yearly Examinations
MAR 17	Cross Country Carnival
MAR 20-31	IEC Swim School



From Nerina Pretlove Principal

As the end of the year draws near, we are completing projects, planning and preparing for 2017 and celebrating another wonderful year at Evans High School.

We will be recognising the academic, sporting and leadership successes of our students at our Annual Presentation Evening in the Ballroom at Blacktown Workers Club on Wednesday 7 December.

This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to reflect upon the importance of the partnership between our students, their families and our fabulous school community.

Our new school strategic directions of Students Experience Success, A Place of Excellence and Successful and Valued Staff are pointing us ahead to where students are

prepared for their futures through a strong focus on quality teaching and learning, community partnerships and productive learning environments.

I am pleased to announce that students will be returning to air conditioned learning spaces in the new year.

A significant project, this will enhance the student learning environment in those coming hot months and later in the colder days of winter. In addition, we have extended the opportunities for students to participate in the Evansdale learning community and in excursions with the leasing of the new Evans High School bus.

Our P&C has continued to be a pivotal support for our school. Fund raising through barbeques at Bunnings and on the school grounds during elections has raised funds for learning resources including a data projector and screen for

the library and specific items for faculties. Three members of the committee have undertaken merit selection training and are playing an active role in the recruitment of new teaching and executive staff.

We also thank members of the P&C for the upkeep of our gardens. Their constant attention to weeding and pruning ensures that the entry to the school is welcoming and attractive. Thank you to President, Lauraine, and her committee for their support in all that we do at Evans.

This is the time of the year when we say goodbye to staff who are moving on to new schools, to the greener fields of retirement and other opportunities. Head Teachers Dave Merrick and Kyle Williams are moving to schools closer to home;

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Rebecca Zinghini, the face of the front office has been appointed as the School Administration Manager at St Marys Senior High School and Fiona Halliwell, 2IC IEC is moving onto a well-earned retirement. **We thank these staff who have put much into our school and the lives of our students and wish them all the very best for their future endeavours.** In turn, we will be welcoming new staff who will join us in the coming year.

To our wonderful teaching and educational support staff, thank you. Thank you to each

and every one of you who has provided our students with a breadth of opportunities to pursue academic excellence, personal growth, leadership, performance and sporting prowess. Your talents, skills and professionalism make Evans the place to be. To our outstanding, executive team including SAMs, Julie and Narelle, Business Manager, Kathy and Senior Executives - Deputy Principals Bridget Sarris, Belinda Hunter and Steve Fenech thank you for your leadership and support.

Finally, and most importantly, thank you to our wonderful students.

We receive so much positive feedback about how you represent your school

at performance, sporting venues, on work placement and experience and on excursions. You are a credit to our school.

On behalf of all the staff and students at Evans High School, we thank you for your support this year and wish you a peaceful and restful festive season and a happy new year.

Ms Nerina Pretlove

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 Belinda Hunter Deputy Principal 8, 10 & 12

Term 4 has continued to be filled with so many wonderful opportunities for our students, staff and community at Evans High School. Our Year 12 students completed their final HSC Examinations, and are eagerly awaiting their results. These students also completed the formal 'sign-out' process, which is an important part of finishing their schooling journey. However, a number of students are yet to complete this process, and I would like to encourage all Year 12 students who are yet to do so, to attend the school office (any school day between 8.30am-11am) and the sign-out process will be completed. Please ensure that any borrowed textbooks, equipment or laptops are returned to the front office, along with payment of elective course fees. Please contact me at the school if you would like to discuss this process further. I would like to wish all of our

Year 12 students the best of luck as they start their new and exciting adventures beyond our wonderful school.

As we say goodbye to one year group, we prepare to welcome another one! On Tuesday 6 December 2016, the Year 7 2017 Orientation Day will take place.

This is an important day for our incoming students, as it is a chance for them to familiarise themselves with the school environment, meet some of the fantastic teachers we have, and to develop some friendships with other new students and our incredible Peer Support Leaders. Please contact the school if you would like to obtain further information or you may prefer to check our social media platforms which contain updated information. I know Ms Silva, the Year 7 Adviser and I are very much looking forward to meeting all of our new students and assisting them to settle into the Evans

High School culture!

Our Year 10 students have completed their yearly examinations and are busily preparing to host their Year 10

Celebration Evening, under the guidance of both Ms Baldwin and Ms Tryhuba. The event will be held here at school on Thursday 1 December 2016 and commence promptly at 6.30pm. I know that all students who have confirmed their attendance will thoroughly enjoy the night, as they prepare to enter their senior studies in 2017. I would like to take the opportunity to thank both Ms Baldwin and Ms Tryhuba for the countless hours of support they provide to students, not only for this event, but across the entire school community. They are shining examples of the committed and passionate teaching staff that we have here at Evans High School, and I know that we all appreciate your efforts.

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Over the last few weeks, our students in Years 7 and 8 have had the opportunity to participate in the 'Swim School -Swim Survive' program organised and delivered by the staff in the PDHPE faculty at Riverstone Pool. It requires an enormous amount of time and effort to plan these programs, and the PDHPE staff do this to the highest of standards. The program is incredibly valuable to students of all swimming/aquatic ability, and teaches important skills that can be utilised in all aquatic environments, be it a backyard pool, the beach or Wet & Wild! I know that all students who attended Swim School returned with significantly more knowledge

and are well prepared to act responsibly around the water.

In preparation for the 2017 school year, I would like to remind all students, parents and carers that the school **uniform shop is open each school day from 8-8.30am, and opening times during the school holidays will be made available on the school website and our Facebook**

page. All students must ensure that they are wearing appropriate footwear- black leather shoes, and full school uniform. Any students wearing hats need to ensure that they are plain black or plain bottle

green, as per our school uniform guidelines. Students starting Year 11 next year will need to purchase their senior uniform (white) shirts, and a reminder that senior students are now able to wear tailored long black trousers. Please contact the school should you require further information regarding the uniform at Evans High School.

I would like to wish all students, staff and community members a safe and relaxing holiday period. I have no doubt that 2017 will be filled with many more exciting opportunities for all members of our school community.

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 Steve Fenech Deputy Principal 7, 9 & 11

It is with great pleasure that I have returned to my position as Deputy Principal after spending three terms working with the Department of Education at our Nirimba Office as Teacher Quality Advisor and Leading, Teaching and Learning Coordinator.

In both roles, I had the opportunity to engage with schools and school leaders across the state and support them in implementing state-wide reform and improvement. I'd like to sincerely thank Mr Dave Merrick, who very capably relieved in the position of Deputy Principal in my absence. Mr Merrick's departure at the end of this year will leave a huge gap in

our executive team. We will be forever grateful for the wonderful contribution he has made not only to students who study the subjects he oversees but to all students and staff who have experienced and benefited from his outstanding leadership, expertise and knowledge. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution that Mr Kyle Williams, Head Teacher Creative and Performing Arts, has made to the Evans High School community. In addition to his work leading his faculty, we are grateful to Mr Williams for his contribution to many other co-curricular activities, including organisation of MADD Fest and Showcase, as well as his roles in bringing about whole-school changes in student reporting and providing opportunities to Gifted and Talented students in our school. Both gentlemen will be sorely missed as members of the executive team. I wish them well in their new schools.

Our Year 11 students, now

known as Year 12, have dutifully commenced completing coursework and assessment tasks that will contribute to their Higher School Certificate in 2017. They have commenced study with the diligence it demands.

This year, over the school break, every Year 12 student will be expected to complete a minimum of three 2-hour sessions of coursework at home, to consolidate course content from Term 4 and to prepare them for Term 1 topics.

The '*January Course Work Program*' for each student will be distributed to students in Week 10. This work is mandatory for students completing HSC and VET courses and is to be presented

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to teachers when Year 12 students return on 30 January 2017.

Earlier this term our Year 9 students attended STEPS at Western Sydney University. STEPS is a widening participation program at Western Sydney University which partners with high schools across Western Sydney and works with students in years 9 to 12. The program aims to build the educational and career aspirations of those students who possess academic capability including the potential for success in the HSC and higher education but who may not necessarily see post-school study as an option. The program encourages and supports the aspirations of the students and works with them to provide as much practical

information as possible so that they can make better-informed and more assured choices about their futures.

Year 7 students have participated in EMSAD (Educational Measurement and School Accountability Directorate) testing for Literacy and Numeracy conducted here at school.

The data collected from these tests and existing NAPLAN data will allow us to plan and deliver targeted literacy and numeracy improvement measures to students in Year 8 next year.

From 2020, all Year 12 students in NSW must reach the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive an HSC. These

targeted improvement measures will be implemented to support our students in reaching the required minimum standard of numeracy and literacy, which equates to Band 8 results or above in the Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests.

This term has been an unbelievably busy one. It has also been an opportunity for our executive team to plan for an even busier year ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy and restful break from school. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Steve Fenech



From Bridget Sarris IEC Deputy Principal

With the end of the year fast approaching it is time to reflect on all our achievements in 2016 and specifically in this last term.

Many thanks go to the teachers, SLSOs, office staff, parents and community groups who have worked so hard for the benefit of all our students.

The purpose of the curriculum at Evans Intensive English Centre is to provide intensive English language programs for secondary aged, newly-arrived students in order that they may successfully function, both academically and socially, in a high school environment. The intensive English language curriculum taught in the IEC is referenced to the New South Wales Board of Studies Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) syllabus outcomes and the NSW Intensive English Program Curriculum Framework. The

Intensive English Program Curriculum Framework describes the progression of English language acquisition and the language outcomes essential for students in an intensive English program. IEC teachers have spent much time this year in a project aiming to update the Curriculum Framework to meet the needs of future-focussed learners. Outcomes in Levels 2 and 3 are ready for trialling next year and we look forward to teacher and student feedback.

This term many students were involved in programs developed by some of our community partners. Football United staff and mentors taught junior students goal setting and team building skills in the Creating Chances program. The Tree House Theatre worked with students who wrote and performed stories about their own experiences and performed them in the Suitcase Stories production. One lucky group of IEC and high school students had the opportunity to attend the Happiness Cycle

Project where they got to assemble and keep their very own bicycles. A group of students followed a structured mentoring program with CSR through the Australian Business and Community Network foundation, three girls receiving an opportunity for a paid internship with the company. Senior students participated in Ready Arrive Work, a work-readiness program facilitated by Job Quest, a youth engagement and employment agency. They learned communication and social skills, resume building and goal setting. Students were made aware of future pathways including TAFE, University and employment. Two groups of students and their families participated in a hospital information and orientation day at Blacktown

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Hospital where they learned about the NSW health system.

We were very proud of our orators, Rabia Babaie and Tejashree Govindasamy, who very ably represented Evans IEC at the IEP Oratory Showcase at Lurnea High School.

We are also delighted by all the performances in the IEC Showcase at the end of term where our students danced, sang and acted in front of all their friends.

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 and students also successfully represented the IEC at the Football United Fair

Play Festival. Once again the students were very competitive and were excellent role models for our school.

This term students attended excursions to Granville TAFE, the Belvoir Theatre, Taronga Zoo, the Schools Spectacular, the Joan Sutherland Theatre and City

Walk. Two groups of senior students travelled to Bundanoon and Kincumber for three day camps where they participated in many activities and immersed themselves in Australian country settings.

This is always a very exciting time of the year when we recognise student achievement through events such as our Presentation Evening, Principal's Morning Tea and the IEC Leavers Assembly. On the evening of 7 December we will celebrate

students' academic, performing, creative, sporting and citizenship achievements at the Presentation Evening.

On 14 December, 84 students will graduate from the IEC. Many will join Evans, others will join high schools closer to home. We congratulate all of them on the remarkable progress they have made in their short time with us and wish them well in their future studies.

Reports for all students will be distributed by the end of term and we know that you will enjoy reading about students' progress.

We wish all our families and friends a safe and enjoyable holiday period.

Ms Bridget Sarris



From Saqi Abawi Year 9 Adviser

Year 9 students were invited to attend the 2016 STEPS@WSU at University Day on Thursday 17 November at the Kingswood Campus of Western Sydney University.

STEPS is a widening participation program at Western Sydney University which partners with high schools across Western Sydney and works with students in Years 9 to 12. STEPS stands for Strive Towards Educational Participation and Success.

The program aims to build the educational and career aspirations of those students who possess academic capability including the potential for success in the HSC and higher education. The program encourages and supports the aspirations of the students and works with them to provide as much practical information as possible so that they can make better-informed and more assured choices about their futures.

The students completed activities relating to understanding Multiple Intelligences and then

researched career pathways related to each of the different intelligences.

They worked through S.M.A.R.T. goals and participated in the WS University Amazing Race.

Students enjoyed all aspects of the day and were able to visit and check out the campus facilities. Many students stated their desire to follow up study and career opportunities highlighted for them over the day.

The students will be able to follow up with another university visit and further workshops at another campus of the university in Year 10. They will also be able to access online tutor support programs to support their studies next year.

Students were accompanied by Ms Jansen and Ms Abawi who were very proud of their students' immaculate behaviour and enthusiastic participation in all the day's events.

Ms Saqi Abawi and Ms Vicki Jansen (Careers Adviser)





From Sarah Baldwin Year 10 Adviser

Term 3 has been another busy term for Year 10. Students have undertaken the subject selection process. Any student who still needs to select subjects, please see Ms Hunter as soon as possible.

At the beginning of the term the Celebration Committee continued their fundraising efforts with a lolly guessing competition and a basketball shoot out competition. Congratulations to all the winners and thank

you to all students and staff who supported these events.

The Year 10 Celebration Evening is fast approaching. Students are to wear smart casual dress for the occasion and are required to attend school on that day. The Celebration Evening will be a fun filled night and a great way to farewell your junior high school years. I look forward to celebrating with you and your teachers on December 1.

Ms Sarah Baldwin



From Ronie Quinn Year 11/12 Adviser

Year 11 students officially became Year 12 students this term and have started studying their Higher School Certificate courses. The students were excited to receive their jerseys and jackets and have been wearing them throughout the term, even in the crazy heat. I am sure they are looking forward to some cooler weather, like I am, so we can wear our jerseys every day!

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The new Year 12 students show off their 2017 high school jerseys

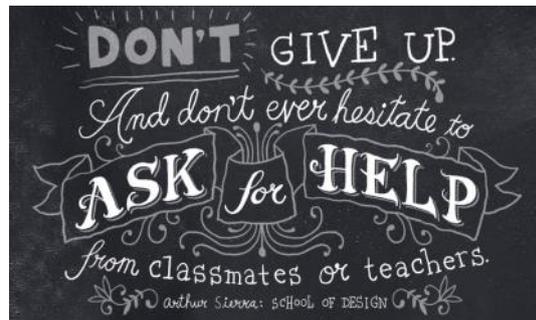
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Currently the students are preparing themselves for their final year ahead.

They have begun preparations for their formal and graduation as well as planning a number of fundraising events.

This is a very important time for the year group as they have assessment tasks to complete and examinations to prepare for.

Students are reminded to utilise their time well during the upcoming holidays to write study notes and prepare for their Half-Yearly Examinations which will be in Term 1, 2017.



It has been my absolute pleasure working with these students and their parents/carers and I look forward to working with them again in their final year of school.

On behalf of me and Mr Rhys Murphy, our amazing Assistant Year Adviser, I wish the students all the best for the coming year and wish them a safe and enjoyable holiday break.

Ms Ronie Quinn

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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Want to make a real difference in the lives of young people?

MacKillop Family Services and Marist180 (formerly Marist Youth Care) are seeking **specialised carers** to create a safe and nurturing home environment for young people experiencing homelessness in Western Sydney.

Specialised carers live rent-free in a MacKillop or Marist180 owned home. Carers can be part of a couple, single, studying, retired or working, of any cultural or religious background.

To be successful in this role you will need to be committed to caring for and supporting young people aged 12–15 years who are experiencing homelessness. You will need to be able to work collaboratively with MacKillop and Marist180 to provide therapeutic care.

The specialised carer role attracts:

- ✓ Generous tax-free carer reimbursements
- ✓ Free accommodation in a MacKillop/Marist180 home with all utilities paid for
- ✓ Full use of a serviced vehicle
- ✓ Specialised training, including how to support young people affected by trauma
- ✓ Intensive support from MacKillop and Marist180 therapeutic specialists, case workers and youth workers

**To register or to find out more phone (02) 8881 4801
or email marmac@mackillop.org.au**

Student Leadership

Eight Year 12 students attended the Mitchell Youth Leadership Forum held at Vision Valley in the first week of Term 4, representing Evans High School among 160 students from 20 different schools.

They participated in small group activities, a community service project, heard from amazing speakers and learnt about how to become better leaders within our school and the wider community.

A big thank you to all student members of the Leadership Team for their efforts, dedication and example this term. New student leaders will be elected at the beginning of 2017 and will be led by our new Year 12 leaders.

Ms Ronie Quinn (Leadership Team Coordinator)

"I met so many great people and listening to inspiring people that motivated me. This experience was the best. The activities and people you meet will be amazing. I feel so much better as a person after this and believe I can be a good leader"

- Anjaali Singh

"One of the most significantly inspiring and interactive programs I have participated in and has changed my perspective on life to do something greater and beyond what I thought"

- Mozamel Anwary



Back row: Anjaali Singh, Grace Barlow, Ronie Quinn, Natalie Bakhos, Jason Corcoron-Roberts, Mia Wakefield

Front row: Kieren Sambaiah-Falzon, Hussin Kamandi, Mozamel Anwary

Evans X Train



Thanks for all your hard work and dedication this year. Evans X Train will continue in 2017. Look forward to seeing you all there!

Ms Katie Lolas



Evans students training hard







Year 9 Girls Group

By Year 9 Student, Uroosa Naseer

Girls Group was a weekly event organised by Mrs Shannon, which gave all Year 9 girls an awesome opportunity to get to know each other and to take part in activities where the main focus was understanding and challenging ourselves. Some important key terms that we focused on in every activity were; building our confidence, appreciation, tolerance, positive communication and resilience.

This weekly event allowed us to get to form bonds with the girls of Year 9, which may minimise the number of conflicts we have in the future. It taught us to embrace our personal strengths and enhanced our ability to cope with difficult situations.

We did a lot of activities such as mindfulness exercises, figuring out our strengths and identifying what we value. My favourite game was 'Killer' because it was the easiest way to learn each others' names, and it challenged me both mentally and physically.

I had a lot of fun taking part in Girls Group. It helped me to better understand my own strengths and to appreciate myself. A big thanks to Mrs Shannon for organising this event, which allowed me and the girls to personally grow and form friendships with one another.

Uroosa Naseer (Year 9 student)



Evans and Walters Rd GATS Challenge



Select students participate in the second annual Evans/Walters GATS Challenge!

On Thursday, students from Years 7, 9 and the IEC from Evans High School and Years 4 and 5 from Walters Rd Public School competed in the second annual Evans/Walters GATS challenge.

The students undertook a range of project based challenges throughout the day that were designed by teachers from HSIE, CAPA, PDHPE and English.

All teams worked brilliantly to come up with innovative solutions to the challenges presented. They all clearly demonstrated their ability to communicate, collaborate and to think creatively and conceptually.

Congratulations to all staff and students who were involved.

Mr Dave Merrick



Evans Run Club—ERN

Evans Run Club launched in Term 3. Twenty students made the commitment to complete 14 weeks of training along with five parkruns.

Throughout the 14 weeks of Evans Run Club, students achieved 38 new personal bests.

But the true personal bests stem from every student's commitment and determination to push themselves in training and in the parkrun events. They have all come so far since their first training session. It has been wonderful to be a part of their running journey. Well done to all participants. The next round of Evans Run Club will kick off next year and will aim to prepare students for Cross Country in March.

Mrs Shannon and Ms Petschy



Evans Run Club

By Year 9 Student, Manar Al-Shabli

I've always wanted to get involved in school activities. At first I was interested in joining Run Club, because the Run Beyond girls influenced me and motivated me every time I saw them up in the assembly receiving certificates for completing races. After the Run Beyond Project came to an end, my running teacher decided to run a club called "Evans Run Club." I was really interested in joining because there is nothing better than

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being active and trying new things and that's what Evans Run Club is all about; accepting the challenge and believing that you can do things that you previously never thought you could do.

It all started on a Wednesday afternoon after school. We started training by running 3km, which I actually found really difficult (and what made it harder is that I have asthma). But I didn't let these things stop me from completing the challenge. I walked a bit and ran a bit. We had our first parkrun (a 5km run) at The Ponds. Surprisingly, I didn't find it as difficult as the training. I also realised that running was a cool way to express your feelings. When I was done, I remember feeling healthy and good about myself. Every Wednesday I went to training, I've seen myself improving and getting better and better every run, which made me so proud of myself and motivated me to keep going. Our next parkrun was at Rhodes. I can't put into words just how beautiful it is to run there. The view is just so good for running. We ran along the water's edge. It became my favourite place to run. I've definitely become closer to other people in Year 9 and in other year groups.

I've also seen so much change in others, especially the ones who thought they wouldn't be able to do it. Everyone's improvements each training session gave

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me higher hopes for them and also for myself.

One of the funniest moments when running is when we run past the camera at the parkruns and we have to smile even though we are sweating a lot, those photos are funny to look at, but they also show that we are trying our best to complete the run and to get a PB.

Now, I really enjoy running and I'm aiming to improve more and never give up on it. I've done five parkruns now and cannot wait to do Rooty Hill parkrun on 10 December.

Manar Al-Shabli (Year 9 Student)



Ms Petschy and Mrs Shannon looking forward to continuing the ERC in 2017

Swim School

During Week 6 and 7 this term, Years 7 and 8 students attended Swim School.

The Swim School program caters to swimmers of all ability levels through the Royal Lifesaving Swim and Survive program.

The program includes swimming and lifesaving skills which increase in difficulty as the levels ascend. It was amazing to see how each student's ability developed every day.

Every student finished the week being able to demonstrate new skills or swim a stroke more efficiently.... And they had fun learning!

Year 7 students will once again be able to participate in the program next year, where they will be given the opportunity to further improve upon the skills they acquired this year and progress to higher levels.

We also would like to thank all the Year 9 and 10 students who attended the program as helpers to assist their younger peers.

We look forward to undertaking the program with Year 7 and 8 students in 2017!

PDHPE Faculty

Com4unity Cup 2016

Evans High School participated in the Com4unity Cup Soccer Gala Day late last term. The boys played extremely well, demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and had a whole lot of fun. As a result of the team's successful performances, they qualified for the Grand Final match, which they won 1-0. A huge congratulations to all involved and a special congratulations to Elie Aslanidis, who received the Golden Boot Trophy for scoring the most goals out of all players in the competition.

The team consisted of: Chris Hanley (Yr 12), Elie Aslanidis (Yr 12), Karl Smid (Yr 12), Aymin Goda (Yr 9), Motath Ahmed (Yr 11), Saad Ghanem (Yr 12) and Osama Zakout (Yr 10).

PDHPE Faculty



HSIE

Western Sydney Social Sciences Teachers Association (WESSSTA) Geography Trivia

During Week 3 the 2016 WESSSTA Geography Trivia took place at St Mary's Memorial Hall. Evans High entered a team of six talented Year 8 Geography students to test their skills and knowledge against some of the best Stage 4 Geography students from both selective and private schools in Sydney. Students had their knowledge tested in a variety of geographical

fields such as capital cities, national anthems and introduced species. Unfortunately, our students weren't able to come away with the victory. However they did have a great day and were able to display the teamwork and sportsmanship that Evans students are so renowned for. We look forward to competing again next year!

Mr Rhys Murphy

Science

Year 10 students participated in a UTS Science and Engineering - Careers and STEM hands on workshops.

The workshops highlighted engineering aspects relating to:

- Civil Engineering - where students built their own 'floating house' out of recycled materials. Students applied the principles of buoyancy, teamwork and leadership to solve the problem.
- Biomedical Engineering - in this activity students created a prosthetic limb out of simple everyday materials such as cardboard rolls, plastic tubing and duct tape. The limb was tested by checking its capacity to knock over a bottle of water, pick up an item, pick up and throw a tennis ball and flip a bottle of water over onto its base.
- Sustainable energies such as renewable energy where students built a fan to harness wind power. They used items such as paper, tape and toothpicks to create their fan.

All students enjoyed creating their products and were able to engage in career discussions with the UTS students gaining valuable first hand information about courses and study in general at a university.

Ms Chitra Marasingh



Paul Murad and Ioane Tevaga create a windmill that is able to spin at a steady rate creating enough energy to light up nine of the nine lights.

TAS

YesChef!

The Hospitality: Kitchen Operations students have been working hard this term to create the very first Evans Restaurant. They named the Restaurant 'YesChef!' and have created a Caesar Salad, a Chicken Club Sandwich, Marinated Eggplant Focaccia, Pulled Beef Mexican Wrap and are currently planning an appetiser taster plate with four different dishes.

The students have learned skills in food ordering, food preparation, food presentation and how to set up and run a restaurant. They

have received 15 out of 10 reviews for the quality of the food they are producing and should be so proud of their efforts. One teacher even commented 'This is the best meal I have had, and I eat out a lot!'

One of the students commented "I never realised how hard it was to serve so many people different dishes, but it's been so much fun!". Stay tuned for the next tasty edition of 'YesChef!'.

Ms Madeleine Lewis (Acting HT TAS)



Hospitality: Kitchen Operations students with Ms Lewis

Powerhouse Museum Excursion

Twenty-five lucky students were selected from Years 7, 8 and 9 to attend the Powerhouse Museum. They had the opportunity to play with drones, virtual reality, mini robots, coding and solve problems to get out of the escape room.

Ms Vanessa Bell



Selected students from Years 7, 8 and 9 visit the Powerhouse Museum

CAPA

It's been another wonderful year for the Creative and Performing Arts at Evans High School. We have collectively provided enriched learning experiences and many opportunities for our students to create and perform throughout the school, the community and the wider region.

I'd like to thank my wonderful team: Miss Baldwin (Dance), Mr Dempsey and Miss Milloy (Visual Arts and Visual Design), Miss Crossley (Visual Arts – Term 4) Miss Moring (Drama), Ms Dumitrescu (Drama, and Photographic and Digital Media) and Miss Zdravec (Music and CAPA Faculty 2IC) for their collective passion, dedication, energy and commitment to our students throughout 2016.

This will unfortunately be my final newsletter contribution as Head Teacher CAPA at Evans High School as I take up another Head Teacher role in 2017 back on the Central Coast, where I live. As I reflect on my past four and half years at our great school, they have certainly been the most rewarding of my career thus far. And in many ways, they will be very hard to top! The students, staff and wider community accepted me with open arms back in 2012 and I leave the school having shared many laughs, created many rewarding educational experiences and maybe even delivered the odd pun!



Mr Williams (on left) with (going clockwise) Ms Milloy, Ms Baldwin, Mr Dempsey and Ms Zdravec

I will miss Evans High School more than many of you will ever know. To the students who continue their educational journey in 2017, please remember, you are in good hands at our school. Keep smiling, always believe in yourselves and never, ever give up.

All the very best and I'll be back to visit very soon.

Have a safe and wonderful summer break.

Yours in CAPA,

Mr Kyle Williams (HT CAPA)



Evans Drama Club.

Students wishing to join in 2017, please see Ms Dumitrescu or Ms Morning in the English Staffroom.



Thank you for a great 2016! - CAPA



Dance



Participants of School Spectacular 2016

This term our Aboriginal Dance students, Kahlesha Wilson, Drew Walker and Paige Norris, spent a week working with Sidney, Patrick, Chantelle and Liz from the Bangarra Dance Theatre Company, in preparation for the 2016 Schools Spectacular. This year's piece was the celebration of the big dreams the elders in the Aboriginal community had about reclaiming their lands and celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Yothu Yindi's song *Treaty*. This year the Schools Spectacular broke a world record for

the Largest Annual Amateur Variety Show with over 5,322 students taking the stage in this year's finale. Congratulations to the girls on their efforts and behaviours throughout Week 7. The Schools Spectacular will be broadcast on Channel 7 on December 3 at 7pm.

Ms Sarah Baldwin



*Best wishes for the holidays
and for health and happiness
throughout the coming year!*



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