SAVE THE DATE FOR
LIZZY MAC'S
CARNIVAL FUN NIGHTS
FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
3-10pm
SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER
12noon-10pm

Friday 5 September 3pm to 10pm
Pre-sale special for Friday ONLY
Unlimited Rides - $35 (excludes "Extreme Zone")
Can only be purchased from the carnival sale
desk at the school 1 September to 4 September

Saturday 6 September 12noon to 10pm
Farmyard fun! Meet the animals of EMHS
Emergency Services display
NSW Streeters and NSW Ute club display
Meet and greet with your favourite superheroes
Legends afternoon with Neil Diamond,
Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly
9pm FIREWORKS

Carnival rides | Fireworks | Food | Showbags and more!

Proudly brought to you by the Elizabeth Macarthur High School
Parents and Citizens Association and supported by our community

Respect, Responsibility, Pride
From the P & C President

Elizabeth Macarthur High School Parents and Citizens Committee once again is running a carnival on the Friday 5th and Saturday 6th September with even more rides & stall than last year!

Ride tickets will be presold for Friday night rides ONLY and available from school from Monday 1st September to Thursday 4th September. Ride bands, FRIDAY only will be $35 for UNLIMITED rides (excluding the extreme zone and side show alley). If you buy them at the carnival the cost will be $45.

On Saturday night ride tickets can be purchased from the ticket booth at the carnival and will be in coupon form.

On Friday as night falls The Alan Barnes Band will perform supported by the students of EMHS for a night of Rock n Roll.

On Saturday afternoon from 1pm onwards Paul Adams is doing a number of rolling concerts tributing Buddy Holly, Neil Diamond and Roy Orbison! The NSW Streeters and the NSW Ute Club are bringing along a car display and we have a Superhero “Meet & Greet” for the kids around 2pm for 1 ½ hours! The C91.3 crew will also pay us a visit at approx. 1:30 – 2pm.

We also have our usual of show bags, sideshow alley and abundance of food stalls. There will be air brush tattooing, Stufflers bear making, toy stall, an EHMS animal nursery and milking demonstration.

All this will be topped off with the Fireworks Display at 9pm on Saturday night. Whew!

I look forward to seeing lots of people at the carnival for a wonderful community event.

Mrs Kim Hope
P & C President
From the Principal

The 60th Anniversary of Education Week.

Elizabeth Macarthur High School has celebrated the wonderful work of public schools in our community over the last 60 years with a raft of experiences. We began with Parent Teacher Nights where parents and teachers have the opportunity to discuss the progress of students at the school. Working in partnership is the way we make the difference for the life of students. On Wednesday we hosted the Community Of Schools 2567 Showcase, in conjunction with our feeder primary schools, Narellan, Narellan Vale, Harrington Park and Oran Park Primary schools. This was an amazing night. Our Year 11 and 12 students performed some of the songs that they were working on in class and were so impressive. Ms Pugliano and the CAPA faculty have done some amazing work with our students. Coming off the highly successful musical “Back the 80s” the CAPA faculty managed to co-ordinate 500 performers from the five schools into a 2 hour blockbuster showcase - I hope you all got a chance to see one of the performances. All these performances have been supported by the P&C who provided refreshments on the night. These have been positive fundraisers for the school and community of schools and have allowed us to upgrade all our speakers and mixers in the hall.

Farewell Mrs Edmunds

Mrs Sue Edmunds the Senior Administrative Manager retired this term after 22 years of service to public education. Mrs Edmunds has been leading the front office ladies and school SASS for many years and many parents would have got help from Sue and the front office ladies over the year. We hope you have a wonderful and long retirement, Sue.

Welcome Ms Patterson

Many students will know that Ms Halpin, the Science Assistant received a transfer closer to home last year and we welcome Mrs Patterson as our new Science Assistant. Mrs Patterson comes with a long history of running the science labs at Sydney Boys High School. We are very pleased to have someone with so much experience joining our school.

Regional and State VET awards.

Congratulations to Jessie Gee who won the Regional VET Award for TAFE and Olivia Warner (pictured) who won the State SBAT award through Migas. We continue to succeed in all forms of VET & SBAT and our students are leading the way in Vocational Education and Training.

Some notices

Parking

I have been asked by Narellan Police to remind parents who pick up their children afterschool to ensure that they do not park across driveways and obey parking restrictions. We have often spoken about not parking in the bus bay after school but other areas near the school have parking restrictions as well. Neighbours also have experienced difficulty getting out of their driveways with people parked across them.

Buses

Busabout now have the contract for school buses. I have spoken to the new company about the problem we have with Bus 892 of an afternoon with overcrowding. This term Year 12 are mostly driving to school which has relieved the pressure on the buses. We only have 5 more weeks left of
full student attendance at school. The last 2 weeks, Year 11 are on exams and we farewell Year 12. This will reduce numbers on Bus 892 until next year. Hopefully Busabout will give us another bus to Campbelltown station next year.

I have also had multiple complaints from members of the public and I have been asked to remind students that travel on your bus pass does not entitle you to a seat if full fare paying adults are standing. Can students please be mindful that if adults are riding on the bus they have preference for seats over kids. While I understand how difficult it is for students to stand with their bags, adults on the buses have quoted to me the NSW Dept of Transport rules about student bus passes.

**School carnival**

The P&C this year have decided to extend the carnival to 2 nights **Friday 5th and Saturday 6th September**. Fireworks will be on Saturday night at 9pm with carnival finishing at 10pm. This year they have organised entertainment on a stage with performers for the 2 nights. We will have student performers on Friday night. The carnival starts at 3pm on Friday until 10pm Friday and then will resume at midday Saturday until 10pm Saturday. Entry to the carnival is free and tickets for rides can be purchased at the venue that night or presold beforehand at school the week before. There are some considerable savings by pre-purchasing your tickets beforehand. We look forward to seeing all our local community there over the two days. This will be our big fundraising event for the year.

**Ms Kylie Hedger**

**Principal**

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**Deputy Principals Report**

**Years 8, 10, 12**

Welcome back to Term 3, I would like to start my report by first of all thanking Mr Doidge for relieving for me during Term 2 while I was on leave, he did a fantastic job and again my thanks for looking after Years 8, 10 and 12.

The term has already been busy with the following events, two Parent Teacher Nights recently held, the Annual 2567 Showcase with our feeder schools, this was the biggest turn out in the 4 years that this event has been held with over 700 people attending, recently a visit by Japanese students for a week and a very successful NAI-DOC day celebration organised by Ms Pugliano.

**Year 12**

Year 12 are now in their final term of school. They have completed their HSC trial and students are now finalising their major work projects and any other school assessments. They should also be preparing for the HSC by doing past papers and comparing their work with sample answers and looking at the marking criteria all of which is freely available on the Board of Studies website.

I am slowly interviewing all Year 12 students and offering support and any advice or assistance that they require. I hope to complete seeing all students by the end of week 5. The Year 12 Graduation Ceremony (final assembly) will be held on Wednesday 17th September which is fast approaching, Ms Bowring (year advisor) and myself have started preparations and will ensure this year the ceremony is bigger and better than before, parents will receive notification soon. The ceremony will also include for the first time all Year 12 Academic Awards which are usually handed out at the presentation day in December. This change will ensure that all students will be at the school and able to receive their awards. Special awards, however, will not be presented at Graduation so some students will receive an invite to attend School Presenta-
tion Day at the end of the year.
In the meantime I urge all students in Year 12 to focus on their work and apply themselves ensuring they submit all work for assessment.

Subject Selections
Year 8 and 10 held their Subject Information Evening last term, again my thanks to Mr Doidge for organising the evening. All students in Years 8 and 10 should have returned their subject choice sheets to their Year Advisor by now. If they have failed to do this, then we cannot guarantee that students will get any of their choices at all. Further to this, it is also important to note that while every effort is made to accommodate each students’ choices, at times and depending on the number of students who have chosen a course this may not be possible.

Projects
While I was away a number of projects were completed, these included the irrigation system on the oval, new sail shades and the basketball courts. All projects look fantastic and have given the school a big lift in terms of appearance. There are of course many other projects we would like to undertake but as usual money is always the issue. I would like to thank parents who have paid their fees as well as contributed towards the school improvement fund that we have established. The next project currently in planning is changing the benchtops in Kitchen 1 to stainless steel so the school can meet the requirements for the Hospitality course, this is expected to be completed during the January holidays.

Carnival supported by the P&C
I would like to remind everyone of the carnival that will be held over two days (Friday 5th and Saturday 6th September). The carnival will be bigger than the previous very successful one held last year when an estimated 5000 people attended. This year there are more rides, more food outlets, more sideshow alley activities and more stalls. The carnival will conclude on Saturday with a spectacular fireworks display on Elizabeth Park.

I look forward to seeing parents at the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony and the carnival.

Mr Angelo Stasos
Deputy Principal

Coming events
18th August—CAPA Music Showcase
22nd August—CAPA Visual Arts Showcase
5th and 6th September—Carnival
17th September—Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

Deputy Principals Report

Years 7,9,11
It has been a very fast paced beginning to the term as I settle into the role of Relieving Deputy Principal until the new Deputy, Mr Toaetolu, arrives on 25th August. Thank you to all of the wonderful parents, staff and students that I have had the pleasure of working with so far this term, I have felt very welcome.

Year 11 study skills and examinations
The end of this term marks the completion of the Preliminary HSC course for our Year 11 students. They will be completing their preliminary examinations throughout weeks nine and ten of this term. Two week ago students participated in a study skills excursion to back up and extend on the work they have completed at the beginning of last term. Students are busily completing their assessment tasks and developing their skills in studying and examinations. This can be
a stressful time for students and they are encouraged to take advantage of the resources available to them, including the counsellor and the Assessment Assistance Centre in the library Tuesday afternoons.

**Science and Technology Showcase**

The Science, Life Technology and Industrial Arts faculties are hosting a Science and Technology Showcase on Thursday 21st August. The showcase is designed to celebrate the great work our kids do in classes and assessment tasks every day in the fields of Technology and Science. We are hoping to have representatives from the University and TAFE to talk about careers in these fields and to acknowledge the skills and talent of our students. We encourage all our parents to come along and celebrate Science week with us.

**Cyber Safety Seminars**

Our Police School Liaison Officer Const. Allan Clapham delivered a seminar to each of our students in Years 7-10. He has highlighted the legislation surrounding the use of digital media and some of the dangers the students face. His presentation provided a clear understanding of the position of the police in a range of issues including: cyber bullying, appropriate material from transmission and both the longevity and potential problems associated with a digital footprint. Please look out for some information on our school website regarding specific applications which students are currently using. This information is invaluable in fully understanding the particular nuances and capabilities of each application.

Thank you all for a great start to the term. It has been a great pleasure for me to work in this role. I look forward to continuing to work with you this term.

*Mr Nathaniel Doidge*

*Relieving Deputy Principal*

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Sharna Cole (Year 8) showing off her art work for the student achievement awards in the weekly deadly homework centre for the ATSI students at Eliza-
**Year 9 Advisor**

Welcome back to Term 3 and congratulations on surviving the very busy and condensed Term 2.

Year 9 received their reports in the last week of Term 2 and I hope they are pleased with some of the great results they have achieved. I had the pleasure of reading through all of the reports and seeing the nice things teachers had to say about our cohort. The reports confirmed just how talented Year 9 are with many students being involved in sport, the school musical, debating and of course many achieving excellent academic results.

Also in the last week of Term 2, Year 9 participated in a Graffiti Workshop, which educated students on the consequences and legal implications of graffiti as well as outlining what constitutes graffiti and vandalism. I received positive feedback from the supervising teachers on how engaging the presenter was and how well-behaved the students were.

So far in Term 3 we have had Parent Teacher Interviews which went very well. It was nice to see many familiar faces. These interviews are so important for students to receive direct feedback from teachers on areas for improvement and for parents/carers to receive updates on student progress. This is also an opportunity to explore the other programs the school has to offer in order to support students such as the Assessment Assistance Program and advice from the Career Advisors. Any questions concerning the Half Yearly reports can also be addressed in these meetings. Thank you to all who attended.

Term 3 will be another busy term of assessment tasks, homework and completing course content. Year 9 will need to continue working hard and trying their best in class in order to achieve the best possible results in the Yearly report. Think of this term as the opportunity to improve on grades in all subjects and contribute positively to their ROSA.

Reminder to Year 9 students about our Bullying Process – if bullying is occurring you must:

1 – Report it to the classroom teacher/playground duty teacher. Ask them to log it on Sentral

2 – If the bullying continues, report it to me (Miss Pilley – Year 9 Advisor). Again, ask me to log our conversation on Sentral.

3 – If it continues from here, report it to Mr Doidge (relieving Year 9 Deputy Principal)

Following this process allows us to support students in the best way possible, with a series of people made aware of the situation.

Hope you all have an enjoyable Term 3.

**Miss Pilley**  
**Year 9 Advisor**

**Year 11 Advisor**

Year 11 you are almost there! Only a matter of weeks until you embark on your final Preliminary exams and then the journey of your HSC begins. Please ensure that you seek clarification and assistance from your classroom teachers in these upcoming weeks to ensure that you are prepared and putting your best foot forward to achieve success.

The Senior Study Day held at Camden Civic Centre took place in Week 4 of this term. The day promoted a healthy work/life balance where students developed time management skills, strategies to manage the onset of stress in the lead up to their HSC and become exposed to local resources in an attempt to broaden student accessibility. The day was a continuation of the previous study day hosted by *Elevate*. Year 11 received a show bag containing an array of tools and resources provided by our hired agencies. Thank you to the following who donated gifts on the day: Federal Member of Macarthur Mr Russell Matheson MP, Lorna Jane and The Body Shop.

As always, we have the Assignment Assistance program available for students who may be experiencing difficulties or falling behind in a particular subject area. This program is run by the Teaching and Learning staff and takes place on Tuesday afternoons, periods 4 and 5 when Year 11 has their allocated sport time. Students seeking additional assistance will need to have their class teacher complete a referral stating the problems and what help is needed. We ask that all students follow correct procedure when applying for help to ensure that the Learning Support team can individualise the care required for each student.

The Year 12 2015 jersey design has been confirmed and approved which is exciting news. I will be holding a year meeting in upcoming weeks to gather sizes determined by samples and nick-
names to individualise your jersey. A note will be distributed with cost, size and a nickname template for you to fill in. Please be vigilant to respond to this as the quicker we can get these ordered, the sooner you will have them for the commencement of your final year.

As always, if any of you are experiencing concerns or difficulties at any time, please feel free to come and see me in the Creative & Performing Arts staffroom and I will attempt to assist you as best as I can. Keep up the great work!

_Miss Courtney Brown_  😊
_Year 11 Advisor_

**Year 12 Advisor**

This is it! 5 weeks and Year 12 are on the home stretch.

Parents, please ensure your child is focused on the task at hand ... their HSC. Part-time work and socialising with mates is still taking up too much time. They need to sprint to the finish line, giving it 100%.

Uniform, as always, is something that remains close to my heart. I love it when I see my cohort wearing their full school uniform. They look like they belong to EMHS and set the standard for the rest of the school. I appreciate that buying new items of clothing at this point is probably not an option, but be aware your child will be expected to be wearing FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM at their Graduation Assembly.

I have arranged for Year 12 to attend a 30-minute presentation with a representative from UWS Penrith campus. She will talk to students about university and options for entry into courses. This will be Friday 15th August during the first half of Period 5.

A reminder about formal payment to the front office. I estimate between $50 & $60 for everything. This includes pre-dinner mocktails, 3 course meal, DJ, security, venue hire, lolly buffet, photo booth & table decorations. I will sent out official invitations soon, but I was thinking it would be nice for parents to come down to the Novotel for a photo shoot prior to students and staff entering the venue. Let me know your thoughts.

Everyone knows how much I love my year group and that I would do anything for them. Again I offer my cohort and their parents any support I can during this stressful time.

Contracts have been issued for outstanding assessments and students need to make this a priority. If assessment assistance is something that you think you might need, let me know!

Basically I just want to stress the importance of study and lots of it.

I leave with our motto’s: "If you haven’t got something nice to say, don’t say anything" & "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".

Take care.

_Jacqui Bowring_
_Year 12 Advisor_

**Welfare**

_Japanese Exchange Students_

A huge welcome to our 21 Japanese students who will be visiting the school from Sunday 3rd August until Friday 8th August 2014. During their stay they will be involved in English lessons and integrated into Year 8 and Year 9 classes, experiencing the Australian classroom. This is a fantastic learning experience for both our visitors and Elizabeth Macarthur students to experience another culture. We look forward to hosting our visitors and creating some very fond memories.

A huge thank-you to our host families and teachers who have been so generous to take the Japanese students into their homes for the week. This program would not be possible without you. I’m sure you are learning lots about Japan and vice versa. We look forward to reporting more about their stay with us.
Thank you to the following families who assisted with billeting.

- Williams
- Parkinson
- Carr
- Stephenson
- Hyslop
- Davis
- Mr. Emerton
- Miss Fernandez
- Mrs. Rico
- Di Mauro
- Ashe
- Payne

Mrs. M Morrissey

Welfare

English

RUNNER UP QUOTA CLUB STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2014

Congratulations to Joshua Costlow of Year 10 who received runner up (by 1/2 mark) in this prestigious public speaking event. Joshua was the only Year 10 student who competed against students in Years 11 and 12 from other schools in the area. He has done extremely well and is a fantastic ambassador for our school. Well done Joshua - we are proud of you.

Debating Update

The Year 9 and 10 Debating Teams competed in their quarter final against Elderslie on August 7. They performed well losing by only a narrow margin. The team had attended a training day at the UWS Parramatta Campus on the 21st of July where they worked hard on improving their debate structure and their ability to discuss complex topics. It was excellent to gain such expert knowledge and interact with teams from other schools. Thank you to our debating coordinators Miss Challenger and Mrs. Houghton for all their hard work with the debating teams. Well done team!

Tournament of Minds

Our 2014 Tournament of minds team are in preparations for competition of their prepared challenge that will be performed at the University of Western Sydney on Saturday 23rd August 2014. The Language Literature challenge question involves a team of seven students from years 7-10 writing and performing their own script, in response to a highly challenging question. In the past Elizabeth Macarthur High School have been very successful in this competition and as Regional winners last year I am sure this year’s team will be a force to be reckoned with. Good luck to our entire TOM team and Teachers Mr. Denmeade and Mrs. Houghton.

EMAG

Just a reminder to all parents and the wider community to check out Elizabeth Macarthur’s very own online magazine. This student driven group has been working tirelessly on the monthly magazine to report on all of the wonderful things that happen at our school day in and day out. Please log on via the school’s website and check out the fantastic work that takes place at our school.

Mrs. M Morrissey

Head Teacher, English
Snippets of Poetry from the Red Room

By Fajr

A poison strawberry
which causes death
a lightning storm causing pain
dead, despair, loneliness and light,
sparkling yellow, burning and bright
a fire in the distance bright warm
now the destruction will start to swarm.

By Charlene

Life is slow, fast
happy like a dance
dead is freakish and painful
but not so cheerful.
The memories of the past
are repeating quite fast.
The spinning memories
inside my head as I see death
right ahead.
The life now gone.

Rap

By Julia

There is only one food
that can make you fabulous
Pie! Pie is delicious-tasty & scrumptious
going through the digestive system.
Relaxation is what you feel when you eat a pie
special & beautiful for once in your life
depressed isn’t a way to live
just listen to the birds
there’s only one food for me.
Pie!

By Allen

My country.
Pain and gain is the method
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type of gain. This is the way
I live, don’t stop me, torture me,
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longer.
Don’t even think of separating my loved
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and me because you know I won’t be
holding back.
You can resist me, mock me, but
don’t hold me back. Pain is a joy,
a type of joy that holds us back
from what we want.

By Brandon

Sadness sweeps over our city &
makes happy people sad.
It continues to do so every waking
minute.
This futuristic city is so das that it stops
its people from victory.

Loved Ones

By Allen

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Getting there in style!

As I am writing this, Year 11 students are out at a study day. The aim is to provide extra skills and strategies to help students plan their work and complete it to the very highest standard. It’s not obvious and many need some extra help to allow them to achieve their best. As I think about this new initiative, I am reminded that this is the time of the year when many of our senior students are thinking about the next stages of study. Most of these stages involve studying and examinations so perhaps it’s best that we focus on these issues in this month’s edition! The aim is to shine but there are always times when the best of us need some idea of what to do and how. This is particularly true for Year 12 who should now be looking towards revision exclusively rather than as part of a wider picture (there are not many days left).

We offer a number of facilities in school that can help. One of the most important for Year 12 especially is our Assessment Assistance Programme which runs during periods 4 and 5 on Tuesdays. Despite the name, it can be used for any form of study. Set in the library, the sessions are dictated by the needs to students. Experienced staff are on hand to guide and suggest or just to leave students to study in a good atmosphere. Year 12s should be making this a definite stop at this time of the year and can turn up without prior arrangement. Other students can access this just by having a staff member complete a simple form to add them to the list. For those in Years 7-11, time is restricted to 2 consecutive weeks at a time (but renewable if it has been proven to be of real benefit). Already this year we have had over 400 cases and there is always space for more. This is the opportunity to get help for any element of study that is causing worry.

The idea of using the library for study should be second nature to senior students. We are open before school and normally at recess so it is an ideal place to complete their work. Study isn’t just for school – it’s called homework for a reason! It’s here that many myths abound; it’s worthwhile setting a few straight so that our students get the best result from the time spent:

**You need to spend hours in revision every night.** Probably not but that doesn’t translate to minutes either. The best study is where there is a real timetable made in advance and items are ticked off as they have been completed. The timetable makes sure you cover everything and the tick (or, more accurately, the growing list of ticks) is a visible reminder of work completed and adds a boost to confidence. The brain only works for so long without needing a break. 25 minutes is a good time. So, 25 minutes, 5 minutes break etc. until you have 2-2.5 hours completed. If you’ve been making notes or doing some serious thinking then that will be a lot of hard work. At weekends, at least double this for each day;

**You can study anywhere.** You can have a book open anywhere but that does not equate to study! The best place to study is a regular spot away from distractions. “Regular” means that the mind gets used to working in one place and it starts more quickly; distractions means other people, radios, televisions etc. Students argue they must listen to music but that’s doubtful. Some classical music has been shown to help but probably the latest tunes full volume won’t. It’s all about getting the mind is a place where study can be contin-
uous. The key is to work smarter, not harder. Whilst we are looking at study places, a simple calendar helps planning as does a notice board to pin up timetables, study notes etc. In the past, I’ve often received comments that students can’t buy pin boards just for a few weeks but my response is that it doesn’t have to be a fixed board (I’ve seen a large cardboard box, opened out, do marvellous job for a noticeboard!). A good lamp is essential; Study is just getting down to it, not planning. Study is actually about organisation and this is done in a number of ways – each needed to complement the other. Get the syllabus for the course and pin up the relevant pages. Make a note of which bits have been revised, when. Make a chart to show progress. Use a weekly planner to decide which subjects to study, when. Work backwards from the exams and make sure you spend more time now on the subjects that come first. It’s a common mistake to work forwards – find your time and divide your work into it. Finally, there’s the day planner. Here you set out the actual tasks for the day. Vary subjects and jobs – it keeps the mind fresher for longer.

One aspect often confuses students. The aim of the day planner is not to put down a block and fit everything around that but to fit study around other items. So, if dinner is a set time, you can’t study then. Absolute must-see television series? Plan around it because if you don’t, you’ll be thinking about it all the time you’re “studying”.

Apart from that, the same rules apply to all study – know the syllabus, know the requirements of each type of question. It is surprising how many marks are not gained because these two simple rules are not followed. If there are 4 points in the syllabus, answer with those four points. Exams are not the time to get creative – keep to the script. If it says “describe” do just that (so you need to know your descriptive terms very well). If you are taking HSC, get to the BOSTES webpage (ex-Board of Studies) and all manner of helpful resources. You’ve been studying for years – time to make sure that you’ve done enough to get the best possible grade to showcase your studies.

Dr P Ganderton
Head Teacher
**Science**

On the 24th June, 2014, three Biology classes and one Senior Science class went to an excursion to Sydney Olympic Park to do some field work for our ‘A Local Ecosystem’ topic. While exploring the Wetland Eco-system of the Sydney Olympic Park, we tested the abiotic variables in a mangrove eco-system in The Mangrove Classroom, looked at the abundance and distribution of an estuarine (where salt water meets fresh water), plant and animal in the Badu Mangrove, examined the adaptations of the Grey Mangrove and a mangrove animal to the mangrove ecosystem, investigated the relationship between the adaptations of mangroves to their environment, did a vegetation profile of the intertidal wetland plant communities, discussed trophic interactions and identified the impact of human activities on the ecosystem.

We got the opportunity to use quadrats and create transects, giving us more experience on field work.

All in all, it was an interesting, albeit tiring day, giving us a lot of experience in field work.

Thank you to the teachers for organising this excursion!
It has been a wonderful start to Term 4 with many activities being run across the Faculty.

ICAS Science Competition
Thank you to all those students who sat the ICAS science competition, we will hand out the results when they become available.

Great Engineering Challenge
We had two Year 11 teams compete in this year’s Great Engineering Challenge at UNSW. During the day, the two teams were asked to complete three activities where they had to work in teams of 4 to design and build a structure with the given materials to fulfil a particular requirement. The first structure they were to build was an Earthquake proof tower. It needed to be able to support a 500g bag of flour in a cup, be as tall as possible with a tower over 70cm receiving maximum points and be able to stand soundly during an earthquake simulation that lasted 15 seconds. The materials they received to complete this task were sticky tape, 5 paddle pop sticks, a foam cup, 2 skewers, a 5cm piece of blu-tac, 10 paperclips and a 20cm string. They received points for overall height, the height of the stored weight compared to the height of the building and aesthetics.

The second challenge involved developing a code that would allow students to transmit map co-ordinates to the other members of the team so they could draw it. They were only able to use a blue, red and green light to transmit the message.

The third challenge for the day was to build a Grenade Catapult so that two consecutive foam balls could be fired into the target area. Students were able to use sticky tape, 2 plastic spoons, a wooden peg, 5 rubber bands, 2 foam cups, 10 paddle pop sticks, 5 skewers, a balloon and 2 pieces of paper (A4 size). Our teams worked well and developed some wonderful ideas but unfortunately were outclassed on the day.

Up and Coming Events

Year 7
All of year 7 students have been invited to attend an excursion to the Australian Museum for their Science Festival. This is an enrichment program to celebrate Science Week. They will be accompanied by Mrs Lean, Mrs Bhat, Mrs Saafi, Mrs Flemming, Miss Fernandez and Mr Emerton. It will be an excellent learning experience for our younger students.

Year 11 Biology
As part of the year 11 Biology Program on the Evolution of Australian Biota, an excursion has been coordinated to Mt Annan Botanical Gardens. This excursion enables students to complete some of the mandatory first hand investigations that are part of the Board of Studies syllabus in a comprehensive manner.
**Science cont.**

**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE**

This year, Elizabeth Macarthur High School will be holding their first Science and Technology Showcase. This will be held on **Thursday 21 August** from 6pm to 7.30pm. The night will commence with the viewing of some of the work and projects completed by our students in Science, Life Technology and Industrial Arts.

The night will also involve a Fashion Parade of the Year 9 Textiles works, a Science Show run by one of our Year 8 classes as well as a presentation of a prize by an independent industry specialist for the Best Student Research Project Poster for Science and the Best Textiles project for Life Technology.

Everyone is welcome to attend the night and support the great work our students are doing.

*Ms. C. Rico*

*Relieving HT Science*

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**Library**

**What’s happening.....**

**The Reading Hour**

The Reading Hour initiative reminds parents and caregivers that reading together doesn’t have to be a massive undertaking in their busy lives, and that sharing a book with a child for 10 minutes a day - or just over an hour a week - will still give that child the best chance of becoming a good reader later in life, along with all the social and educational benefits it brings.

**The Great Book Swap**

Wednesday 3rd September 2014 Elizabeth Macarthur High School Library will be holding a Great Book Swap. Make a donation or bring in book you can swap with someone else’s favourite.

*Ms. K Cripps*

*Teacher Librarian*
History, Languages and Social Sciences

Gifting wisdom to our next generations, so that each might know and thrive in their worlds.

Year 12 Society and Culture Visit the NSW State Library

The Personal Interest Project (PIP) is a major component of Society and Culture. The PIP is a student designed social research project conducted over three terms of the HSC course, resulting in a final product about 5,000 words in length. Year 12 visited the NSW State Library to conduct academic research into their topics and review the Meritorious PIP Collection (top ten PIPs in NSW over past ten years). Some interesting project topics include: parenting styles and academic success; representation of cultural groups in US television; gender and work; residential location and life chances; homophobia; gender and religion. Year 11 will begin their PIP in Term 4 this year.

From Left: Madeleine Killian, Samantha Granger, Rhys Browne, Janaya Suters, Anita Ryan, Johanna Wall, Kristy Ackerman, Lubna Mustapha, Mona Khaoula, Lisa Faint.

Year 7 Learn About the Science of Mummification

The ancient process of mummification originally began by accident in the dry sands of Ancient Egypt and was perfected over centuries to become a central feature of Egyptian culture for the living. Year 7 have been using apples, soda bicarbonate and salt to recreate the preservative effect of Natron.

From front left: Catalina Soto Calderon, Talya Smith, Caitlin Moran, From middle left: Mariah Tzakostas, Jade Smith, Ashleigh Skalecky, Amelia Sawyer. From back left: Maddison Bullivant.

Our Great Teachers

Madame DeFreitas is our French and Italian teacher. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts (French, Italian and Spanish) and teaching diploma from the University of Western Sydney and loves seeing students continue language study into Years 11 and 12. Madame DeFreitas has a special interest in foreign languages, cultures and fashion. She also enjoys travelling in Australia and overseas, camping, motor bike riding and reading.

Ms. C Boreland
Head Teacher
Every Term seems to get busier and busier and Term 3 is no exception. Our most pressing issue this term is our Year 12 students who are preparing for their HSC exams. Not only do we have the theory but our Year 12 Textiles girls are madly trying to complete the Major Design Project. Mrs Wendy Arraiza and Mrs Sharon Powell have spent many hours of their own time, including weekends and holidays, to assist the girls in achieving their best. What dedicated and professional teachers they have. The other Year 12 classes are working equally as hard and are completing study sessions before school, lunchtimes or free periods. Hopefully, this will assist them in their exams which seem to be coming so quickly.

Year 12 completed their Trial exams and we have achieved some outstanding results in Food Technology. Congratulations go to Casey Rogers, Maria Hypatidis, Courtney Tilston and Tamara Turvey. Keep up the great work girls....not long to go!!!

Ms White reminds all Year 12 Hospitality students who still need to submit their workplace hours and paperwork that they only have till the end of the term to do so.

Good luck to all our Year 12 students within our Faculty. We have the greatest of confidence they will all achieve their personal best.

Year 11 exams are in weeks 9 and 10 of this term and we are all working solidly towards that. Remember; if the students have anything that they are unsure of please encourage them to see their teacher. We are more than happy to proof read notes and support and encourage them in every aspect of their learning to help them achieve their best. Year 11 Textiles are doing their Preliminary work and are very enthusiastic and focused. Ms Weis gives an enormous amount of time and expertise to these students to support their finished product. Please ask your child for the timeline that Ms Weis has developed so the students are able to plan their time/work and get to the end of their Major Design Project with the minimal amount of stress.

In each food practical lesson, students need to remember to bring in various items of equipment as well as to have safe footwear. This footwear is a WH&S law and without it, staff have no choice but to give students alternative theory work, thus excluding them from participation in the practical lesson. Fortunately, this only applies to a small number of students as most students are compliant with the policy. Notes have been sent home that outline this in more detail so please, if you haven’t seen or signed a note, please get your child to get a replacement note from their teacher.

In addition, students are reminded that subject contribution payments are essential for all practical lessons where consumable items are used. Students have been presented with many options for the convenience of their families such as upfront payment of the whole year’s expenses or payment by the semester or term. Please see the chart below so you are aware of the subject contribution fee for each subject that your child may be participating in, in Life Technology. Any students experiencing financial difficulty should discuss this matter with their class teacher or myself for support in this matter. Once again, notes have been sent home that outline this in more detail so please, if you haven’t seen or signed a note, please get your child to get a replacement note from their teacher.

Thank you to all students who have communicated this issue to their families and subsequently paid their subject contributions already. This money goes towards purchasing the food and materials your child uses on a regular basis in the subjects they are studying.

Please find below a list of all the subject contributions that are relevant to our faculty and to the subjects your child has chosen to study.

As we have to purchase food and equipment in readiness for each student, it is vital that we recover the money to cover our costs. Unfortunately, if your child has not paid the subject contribution fees by the time we reach the second practical lesson or Week 5 of each term, they will be completing theory work to achieve the outcomes for the specific course. Once again if there are issues concerning the contribution, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the class teacher and other arrangements can be made.

Once again we have a new cohort of Years 7 and 8 coming to experience the world of Life Technology. Year 7 are completing their Bedroom Blitz
project with the first part already being completed on their Client Interview. I’m sure many parents are aware of this as I imagine you have been asked a million questions as to the type of bedroom you would like. If not maybe you could check to see where they are up to.

Year 8 will experience their rotation through the kitchens. Within this unit of work we are promoting healthy eating and the students will design and construct a Healthy Eating Digital cookbook.

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Stay posted Year 10 Child Studies as Ms Winnall is organising an excursion to a local Pre School to help increase their understanding of how young children grow and develop through the life stages. Limited places will be available!!!

On a final note, if you have any old school uniforms lying around that aren’t needed by you any more could you please donate them to the school. We quite often have students who had a mishap on the football field, forget their jumper; have grown out of their clothes or just need an item of clothing to get them through a couple of weeks. We have a limited selection of clothing that can be purchased for a gold coin donation.

*Mrs Robilliard*
*Head Teacher, Life Technology*
Can your Students Climb Sydney’s Tallest Building?

We would love to invite your students to be part of the ‘School’s Challenge’ at this year’s Sydney Tower Stair Challenge on August 24. This is a great chance for teams of 4 to take on the 1504 stairs from Pitt Street Mall to the Observation Deck at the Sydney Tower Eye. **Participants have to be 12 years or older.**

Each stair climbed will assist Giant Steps who operate a school and intervention service for children and young people (2-20) who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

For more information and to register simply go to [www.active8change.com.au](http://www.active8change.com.au). Alternatively you can contact Steve Corrie at Active8Change on 0439 975 759 for specific event day information or Michelle Jocum at Giant Steps on (02) 9879 4971.
Creative & Performing Arts

Term 3 is moving fast and the Creative and Performing Arts faculty is working full steam ahead with the many, many opportunities and engaging lessons currently being provided.

Important upcoming dates to remember:

- Monday 18th of August- HSC Music Showcase 6pm
- Friday 22nd of August- HSC Visual Arts Exhibition 3:30pm—5pm
- EMHS Carnival music performances 5th September and 6th September.

A very special mention to our wonderful teachers who worked so very hard on the 2567 Community of Schools Showcase. Our students across the 5 schools performed to an exceptionally high standard and put on a very entertaining show.

The sound and lighting crew also did a marvellous job and produced a show that looked very professional. Well done to Connor McDonald, Benjamin Minor, Tylar Shephard, Jayden Russell and Rhys Langley.

We aim for extraordinary results with all of our students in the Creative and Performing Arts Faculty. To assist us developing your sons and daughters, it is essential that each student in our classes has the appropriate equipment for each lesson.

The basic required materials for each subject can be found on our website and include such things as workbooks, pens, pencils, erasers, a USB drive etc.

Please check with your child and the website to ensure that all students are prepared for each lesson.

It is vital that students who are studying Photography, Video & Digital Imaging and Visual Design bring their own personal External Hard Drive or USB to school as the student files, and school network do not support large PSD or video files.

Miss Kristy Pugliano
Head Teacher of Creative and Performing Arts

Visual Arts:

UWS Exhibition
In October Visual Arts students from Elizabeth Macarthur High School will be exhibiting works at the University of Western Sydney Margot Hardy Gallery in Bankstown.

The exhibition will run from the 13th of October til the 7th of November and there will be gallery opening with tea and coffee and guest speakers at 2pm on the 18th October.

The theme of this year’s exhibition is “Landscapes” and students in Visual Arts from Year 8 to Year 11 will have works chosen by their classroom teacher to be displayed. Successful students will be notified and invited to the gallery opening. Everyone is encouraged to attend and view the exhibition and support your peers on a great achievement.

Lizzy Bald Prize
This year is flying by and it’s that time of year again to start submitting works for the “Lizzy Bald Prize”. The Lizzy Bald prize is a portraiture prize, our version of the Archibald Prize.

Students from Year 7 to Year 12 are encouraged to submit works. Works must be either a painting or drawing of a famous or influential figure in society. Works can be handed to Miss Keys in the CAPA staffroom during Lunch 1 or 2, or alternatively submit them to your classroom teacher in Visual Arts. Your work must include a title, your name and year group neatly on the back of the work.

The winner will be selected by a guest judge and prizes for the Winner and People’s Choice will be announced at the Art Show in Term 4.

For more information ask your classroom Visual Arts teacher or see Miss Keys in the CAPA staffroom.

We look forward to some incredible works!

Year 9 Visual Arts:

Currently the Year 9 Visual Arts unit of work is addressing the topic of Public Art. In response to this topic the students are working collaboratively with other KLA’s to produce work for public display, such as the Archibull (featured below), a mural for the English faculty and skateboard designs for Industrial Arts:
May - Grains': Archibull Prize

This year, 11 Agriculture has teamed up with Year 9 Visual Arts and other students from Stages 5 and 6 to participate in the Archibull prize.

As a class, Year 9 Visual Arts studied the concept of 'grains' and collated the best of their designs for the arrival of our bull.

With one side chosen, students have grouped together in and out of class to combine the best of the remaining designs for the other side.

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Students will be blogging their progress as the Archibull progresses, so stay tuned for more information.

World’s Biggest Classroom:

This year, Year 8 Visual Arts is entering the World’s Biggest Classroom:

The World’s Biggest Classroom projects have traditionally incorporated the theme of the Schools Spectacular. The Schools Spectacular theme for 2014 is ‘This Is Australia’.

Here are some of photos of our work in progress project based around the theme 'Our Place', Local Environments.
**Music**

**Nicholas Leech among the greatest.** The Schools Spectacular is a world-class arena production and one of the largest annual events of its calibre anywhere in Australia – and arguably the world. From its ability to produce national and international stars, to its role in promoting inclusiveness and reconciliation, the Schools Spectacular has no peer. Year 10’s Nicholas Leech auditioned and was successful in reaching the 5th audition round. He was one of the top 20 singers in the state to be chosen to be a part of this final audition round. Unfortunately Nicholas was not successful this year in securing a spot in Schools Spectacular 2014, however out of the initial 650 students who auditioned in the first video round, it is a credit to Nicholas to have been selected to be a part of that final round and to have gotten so far. Nicholas is now working hard and is determined and focused to be a part of the 2015 Schools Spectacular. We are all so proud of his hard work and dedication and congratulate him on his efforts.

**Ms J Russell**

**Music Teacher**

Year 12 have now finish their internal school assessment schedule and have breathed a great sigh of relief. However, they are now rehearsing for their Practical HSC examination that is scheduled for Weeks 8-9 of this term.

They are required to present a program that illustrates their study over the past year, in a combination of Performance, Composition or Musicology. Their rehearsals are being timetabled to ensure they are ready by the date allocated. The exact date is not known until approximately two weeks before the day and the pressure to be ready is on.

Most students are readying themselves for an all performance program, however two students have nominated to submit compositions and several others have replaced all performance with Viva Voce presentations. These presentations require extensive research and organisation to prepare and musicals examples are required to illustrate points as they are presented.

Our Showcase 2567 is featuring 3 of our Year 12 students who have exceptional talent in harmonic singing and are very entertaining in their delivery. These students in particular will be missed immensely when they finish their school study for they have been featured extensively in the last 2 years at our regularly scheduled Junior and Senior Assemblies.

**Year 12** have a **HSC Music Showcase** night scheduled for Monday Week 6, 18th August. All students, parents and friends are encouraged to attend and support the performance to support our senior Music students. Good luck to our very talented Year 12 Music students and to all our EMHS HSC candidates.

Year 9 have been busy now that the musical is over studying Baroque music, and being fascinated by the stories and compositions of our most famous musicians and composers from the 17th-18th centuries. Students will be presenting a version of a Baroque piece at the end of the term as their composition and performance piece in a style of their own choice. This should prove to be an interesting presentation!

**Ms Farrow**

**Music Teacher**

**2567 Showcase:**

The 2014 **2567 Showcase** went off without a hitch. The performance was filled with an array of students from Years Kindergarten to 12 showcasing all things performing arts. Each year, the level of talent seems to be stronger and the networking between all schools in our community is admirable. We were lucky enough to have wonderful support from special guests with the likes of our Federal Member of Macarthur Mr Chris Patterson and COS Principals, all of whom expressed their delight over the duration of the event. This year we had close to 1000 guests attend the two per-
Elizabeth Macarthur showcased three outstanding performances consisting of Miss Russell’s Year 11 Music students, Ms Farrow’s Year 12 Music class and band “Colourhide” and the Elizabeth Macarthur Dance Ensemble with a work choreographed by Miss Brown. These performances represented our school with an impressive amount of dedication to their practice as they presented works that were exceptionally engaging and entertaining. We would like to congratulate these fine students on the success of their performance and look forward to watching them in upcoming events.
The SRC have been busy working on lots of projects lately. They successfully raised almost $900 for the Melanoma Foundation and are planning to raise more money for Jeans or Genes day shortly.

They are in the process of finalising the repairs which will be done on the wooden furniture in the playground. Others are organising stalls for the school carnival this term and some have been getting an environmental action plan in place for the school. There is never a quiet moment in our roll call!

This issue we have some profiles of our junior members so that you can get to know them better.

**Sam Pape Year 7**
I wanted to join the SRC because I enjoyed being a school captain and being in the SRC last year in Primary school. What I enjoy most about being in the SRC is being able to help out around the school. I am in the School Improvement group. My aims for 2014 are to make the tables better and to make the school a better place in general.

**Annaliese Morgan Year 8**
I wanted to be a part of the SRC in 2014 because I like helping people. What I enjoy most is being able to help people and I am a member of the Charities group. I am also the Aboriginal representative.

Keep an eye out for the SRC doing things around the school, they’re always planning something. So stay tuned!

**Miss S White SRC Coordinator**

**SPORTS REPORT**

**Cross Country**
Cross Country has now been completed to the State level with several of our students having success along the way. At the Sydney South West carnival 5 students gained positions in the top 10. Places from Sydney South West were as follows:

Clarisse Baker- 2nd in the 16 year girls
Sam Griffiths- 2nd in the 13 year boys
Mackenzie Reily- 6th in the 15 year boys
Khaled Bakka- 7th in the 14 year boys
Jack Edgington- 8th in the 13 year boys

All the athletes should be proud of their efforts at the State Carnival, where around 100 students from all over NSW compete in each age group at Eastern Creek race course. The following results were achieved:-

Samuel Griffiths- 17th
Khaled Bakka- 40th
Clarisse Baker- 53rd
Mackenzie Reily- 73rd
Jack Edgington- 81st.

**Athletics**
Congratulations to all the students who competed for EMHS at the Zone Athletics Carnival held at Campbelltown Athletic Stadium. While results are not final, it is likely that Elizabeth Macarthur finished in 4th place. There were many fine individual performances, our school had a record 5 relay teams finish in the top 2 places.

The following students recently competed at the Regional Athletics Carnival in individual events:-

Claudia Berry- 15 year girls 100m, high jump, shot put, long jump, 200m
Brody Milgate- 13 boys shot-put
Kayleigh Loo- 12 girls high jump
Regan Welsh – 17 year boys 100m, long jump, triple jump and pentathlon
Liam Perry- 17 year boys 200m and 110m hurdles
Jack Edgington- 13 year boys long jump, 800m and 100m hurdles,
Jayden Carney- 15 year boys 800m
Clarisse Baker- 16 year girls 1500m and 3000m
Frank Cucek - 12 year boys long jump
Samuel Griffiths - u/15 year boys 3000m
Mackenzie Reily - 1500m
Dylan Sotomayor - 14 year boys 400m
Dylan Atherton - 17 year boys 400m
Joshua Atherton - 16 year boys 400m and 800m.
Jessica McCormack - 15 year girls 1500m

The following Relay teams competed at Sydney South West level:
12 year boys- Andrew Sayre, Benjamin Nguyen, Ryan Sanerivi and Frank Cucek
15 year girls- Claudia Berry, Antonia Cucek, Janayia Waights and Brittney White
16 year girls- Julianna Italiano, Ashlee Norman, Crystal Marsland and Taylah Southwell
17 year boys- Liam Perry, Joel Mitchell-Campbell, Regan Welsh and Dylan Atherton

The Regional Carnival resulted in many of our students gaining selection into the Combined High Schools Athletics Carnival to be held at Homebush Athletics Centre in September. Congratulations to:
Liam Perry - 2nd - 110m hurdles and 1st - 17 boys relay
Dylan Atherton - 1st - 17 boys relay
Regan Welsh - 1st - 17 boys relay
Joel Mitchell-Campbell - 1st - 17 boys relay
Joshua Atherton - 1st - 400m and 2nd - 800m
Clarisse Baker - 2nd - 1500m
Samuel Griffiths - 1st - 3000m
Claudia Berry - 1st - 15 year girls relay
Antonia Cucek - 1st - 15 year girls relay
Janayia Waights - 1st - 15 year girls relay
Brittney White – 1st - 15 year girls relay

Open Boys Hockey
The boys hockey team has made the final 32 in the State Knockout Competition after finishing 2nd in the Sydney South West region, defeated only by Westfield Sports High School. The boys will come up against Moss Vale High School in the next round. Team members are Joshua Atherton, Dylan Atherton, Ethan Pereira, Nathan Austin, Joshua Rix, Aaron Waters, Jamie Norman, Baladev Dayaram, Simon Carter, Bradley Bزادough, Nicholas Tisdale, Erin Gregory and Lawrence Worley.

Mrs K. Griffiths
Sports Coordinator

Sydney South West Softball
An exceptional result for Simon Carter, who has made the Sydney South West Softball team for the first time. Congratulations!

State Cross Country: Clarisse Baker, Samuel Griffiths, Khaled Kakka, Jack Edgington
Open Girls Soccer

The Open Girls Soccer team travelled 6 hours to Griffith to play Wade High. A victory would see us make the state quarter finals.

We started slowly on a cold morning and found it difficult to get out of our own half. At half time, the score was 3-0 their way. We rallied strongly in the second half and matched them territorially but could create few chances.

We managed to score through the boot of Taylah Southwell however the 5-1 scoreline did not reflect the play.

Kiara Olivares was outstanding for us in midfield and Ashlee Norman worked tirelessly.

The two day excursion was a great experience for the girls where their behaviour was exemplary. Team: Anastacia Arnautovic, Beth Pickwell, Lauren Pickwell, Julianna Italiano, Renae Fox, Kiara Olivares, Kayla Mills, Ashlee Norman, Antonia Cucek, Taylah Southwell, Brooke Stevenson, Claudia Berry, Angela Susainathan, Janayia Waights.

P. Raack
PE Teacher
Tamworth National Junior Show: A team of 12 students, past show team members and parents travelled with 5 head of cattle to the National Limousin Junior Show in Tamworth. Despite the freezing conditions, the parents were able to organise some timber so we could enjoy a nice warm fire during free time and in the evening. The team members competed in work-shops, junior judging, handlers competition and cattle judging. Our team members were awarded a range of ribbons over the weekend including highly commended and placing in their relevant classes and age group. Shania Munro was awarded Reserve Junior Herdsman, 2nd in the Junior Judging. Tahnee Simpson also had to speak on the microphone. She did a great job.

Nowra Poultry Show: The show team entered the Annual Nowra Poultry Show and did very well winning Best School Exhibitor, along with Champion Pekin Duck and Best Waterfowl exhibit.

Uni-Steer Challenge: The students have been working on the 2014 Uni-Steer Challenge. This has involved the students working with the Hereford steer and preparing him for the Live day competition on the 9th August. This will be a day where 16 schools come together and show off the steer and the various competitions. The team has been working well organising a display board, diary and training the Year 7 students on how to handle cattle. Cassie Coombe, a past show team member has also assisted students how to clip and groom.

Cows Create Careers: Year 8 students are working on the Cows Create Carers project. This involves the raising of 5 young dairy calves. Each calf has a group of students caring for them and competing in a variety of tasks and are responsible for the feeding, care and welfare of the calves. Students have the option to enter the regional competition run by Dairy Australia. The students need to write a scientific report, thank you letter and a group project.

The dairy calves are donated by Camden Park and farm manager, Martin Hodge and will be at school for about 5 weeks. Mr Hodge assisted the calf pick up, by showing the Year 9 Agriculture students the dairy where he explained how to correctly feed the calves and how the calves are fed in a commercial situation. The Year 9 group also had the opportunity to milk the cattle and sample real milk.

Farm Case Study: Year 11 Agriculture students travelled to Farm No 9 at Belgenny Farm on the 28th July. The aim of the visit was to see how the dairy operates and gather information for the assessment task. The students enjoyed feeding the calves, milking the cattle and getting hands dirty soil testing.

Cows Donated: An ex-student has donated two of her show team cows, Ripcurl and Ebony, to school where the students have taken the two cows under their care showing them massive TLC. Eventually the students are hoping that they will calf and hopefully show them.

Ms N Westerhof
Agriculture Teacher

Up Coming Events:
Penrith Show: August 30th – 31st August
School Carnival: 5th – 6th September
Petting zoo fundraising for the 2015 show team.
Picton Show — 11th October—12th October
Year 12 students are currently being interviewed to ensure that each student has a clear career plan in place. Students and parents are encouraged to visit our Careers website at http://elizabethmacarthurcareers.com for any Careers information particularly pertaining to post school options for our students. Hobsons Course Finder is another great resource available on the web.

Year 12 students are reminded that Early Entry for University of Wollongong opened on August 1st and closes on August 29th.

UAC Applications opened on August 6th and will close on September 30th.

If any student is interested in doing a White Card course could you please register your interest with us in the Careers office. If we have enough interest, we will endeavour to run another course at the end of this term. Students are reminded that you must have a White Card to work on any construction site – even for Work Experience.

Year 10 ATSI students are reminded that there are some positions left for those interested in participating in a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT). Please see attached flyer for more information and register your interest with the Careers Advisers.

Some Year 10 students have already submitted their applications for TVET courses in 2015. If you are still wanting to do a TAFE course as part of your senior studies, please fill out your application forms ASAP and return them to Mrs Noonan in the Careers office.

Soon all Year 10 students will take part in our Year 10 Mentoring Day which forms part of the Subject Selection process. Any changes/questions can be discussed at this time. Year 10 students are also encouraged to finish filling in their pink Student Tracking sheet and return them by next week to the Careers office.

Our Year 9 kids@work class will be participating in another Work Experience opportunity this term in Week 9. The dates are Monday September 8th – Friday until Friday 12th September. Parents are reminded that students are responsible for finding their own placements and this should be finalised in the next week or two. All paperwork must be completed and submitted by Friday August 22nd.

This is a great opportunity for our students and we hope every student is successful in gaining a placement. Last term we had nothing but glowing reports from the employers who were kind enough to give our students a chance at learning more about the various industries they were interested in.

See you in the Careers office soon.

Ms M Jackson & Mrs R Whitfield
Career Advisors
The Careers office this term has been extremely busy supporting our students vocational needs. In addition we have organised guest speakers and continued careers lessons with Year 9 Kids @Work and Year 10.

**EXCEL Work Experience Program.** The school has again been able to offer supported work experience to some of our students in Year 10 and 11 with special needs. Students will attend work experience with a job coach one day a week for 10 weeks at Woolworths and Spotlight. As preparation for this work experience and TAFE next year these students have undertaken travel training and a visit to TAFE.

**Guys and Girls Getting out there program.** This is a six week careers initiative co-ordinated and run by Jenne Harris the District Transition teacher for students with a disability. The program covers a range of job skills including resume, dressing for work and personal hygiene and grooming and mock interviews.

**Current TVET**

Last term in Week 9, over 30 students across Year 10, 11 and 12 attended a week long compulsory block delivery as part of their course work. Many thanks to those students who gave 100% effort by their attendance and have such a positive attitude to their TAFE studies.

Congratulations to Jesse Gee who won the Regional TVET Student Award in Information Technology. Jesse now goes on to compete at the State level. He also plans to continue his IT studies next year at TAFE.

**Australian Vocational Student Awards**

Special congratulations to past students Maddison Bracken and Hayley Parker who have been awarded $2000 for taking out the Australian Vocational Student Prizes in Tourism and Animal Studies. Congratulations to these 2013 Year 12 students for winning these national awards.

**Maddison Bracken**

**Hayley Parker**

**Just a few reminders for current TVET students in Years 10-12:**

**Warning Letters.** Unfortunately, a few students have received TVET warning letters for missed classes, poor attendance or absences for assessment tasks. Students must have their TAFE teacher complete the ‘Confirmation/receipt’ page and return a copy to the TVET co-ordinator Mrs Noonan, as well as forwarding the confirmation to the TVET Central Management Unit. Failure to comply with these requirements can lead to an N Award in a TVET subject which can compromise their HSC.

**Notified Absences.** If students know they will be absent from TAFE due to sporting commitments, VET work placement or a medical appointment they MUST see Mrs Noonan the week prior to that class. This avoids hours of work making phone calls to chase students who don’t attend their TAFE class.

**Driving to TAFE** Parents and students are reminded that students are not permitted to drive to TAFE without the prior written request and approval of the Principal. Students need to provide a letter from their parents and copies of their driver’s licence and insurance policy. The school has a policy that no student is to drive others.

**Sign out book** Some students are not following
correct procedures when they leave to attend TAFE. All students must sign the TVET sign out book. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

TVET 2015 (TAFE Vocational Education)
Places are filling up fast for TAFE delivered vocational courses for next year. Students in Year 10, 11 and 12 can apply. Year 10 have already received information and expression of interest forms for the 80 courses that are available next year. A TVET course can be studied as part of the HSC pathway and many courses count towards an ATAR if the students sit the exam in the subject. When choosing courses students should consult the TVET course booklet carefully and discuss their options with the TVET co-ordinator Mrs Noonan. There are a number of types of courses offered by TAFE including 120 (2 units), 240 (4 units delivered either in one year or over two years) and 360 hours (6 units completed over 2 years). Several courses have mandatory work placement requirements.

Students entering Year 10 in 2014 are also eligible to study a TVET course as part of Early Commencement for the HSC. However, student should realise that they do not have study periods until they commence Year 11 and there is an increased workload which needs to be managed. The advantage is that they can sit for an HSC subject exam in Year 11 if the TVET course contributes to an ATAR.

The benefits for studying at TAFE including preparation for moving into an adult learning environment, trying a course to see if you are vocationally suited to it or as a definite pathway to your chosen career and as part of a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT). There are also courses that cater for students with special needs and parents should contact the school to discuss these options.

Students can access the TVET course list and expression of interest forms for 2015 courses on the South West Sydney Institute website or can collect a form from Mrs Noonan in the Careers office.

SBAT
Congratulations to Olivia Warner (Year 12) winning the MIGAS State Trainee of the Year Award as part of her School Based Apprenticeship.

School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships are also available to students. This involves a student attending TAFE 1 day a week, engaging in paid work 1 day and school for the other 3 days. They are available to students in Years 10, 11 and 12. Students who commence an SBAT in Year 10 or 11 will have completed their first year in an apprenticeship by the time they complete their HSC. There are many SBAT’s available and interested students should complete an expression of interest form for both TAFE and SBAT after consulting the TVET Course handbook and the Careers Advisors.

There are currently 5 students undertaking SBAT’s at the school and another 5 students in Year 10 studying at TAFE. The Year 10 SBAT students have completed the ‘All my own Work’ program as part of their Early Commencement of the HSC and had their mid-year progress interview with the regional SBAT co-ordinator. All the students had excellent reports from their employers and are achieving excellent results in their TAFE courses. Congratulations to Olivia Warner Year 12 who won the MIGAS trainee of the year in Business Services.

Students interested in an SBAT for next year should contact Mrs Noonan at school or Suzanne Taylor Regional SBAT Coordinator on either P:9203 9951 7353 or E:Suzanne.taylor22@det.nsw.edu.au if you already have a prospective apprenticeship employer.

Mrs Noonan
TVET & SBAT Co-Ordinator.
UNSW Open Day Saturday, 6th September, 9am – 4pm. See UNSW up-close and personal. Chat face-to-face with academics and current students and find the right information to help you choose your ideal degree. Learn more about life as a student at UNSW and experience the UNSW vibe. http://openday.unsw.edu.au

UOW College Open Day: Saturday 16th August @ 10am. UOW College offers university preparation courses that can guarantee entry into a range of UOW Undergraduate Degrees. After successful completion of the course you are guaranteed entry into the first year of a range of UOW undergraduate degrees. They also offer a range of exciting Certificate IV and Diplomas. The most popular Diplomas are the Early Childhood Education and Care as well as Nursing. There are also two new courses this year - community services and aged care! UOW College is proud to offer diversity and equity scholarships to. Visit www.uowcollege.edu.au

JMC Academy Open Day Sydney Campus, 561 Harris Street Ultimo, 16 August 2014, 10.30am. Tour the campus and facilities; Undertake a focused overview on your course of interest; Speak first-hand with current students, scholarship winners and the Heads of JMC Academy's Music, Audio, Animation, Game Design, Film and Television, and Entertainment Business Management departments. You'll also be able to view student work, listen to bands, view student films and even see live audio and film production in action. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL, REGISTER ONLINE NOW! www.jmcacademy.com.au or call 1300 410 311 Now Enrolling for October 2014!

Sydney Film School, Open Day: Saturday 20 September: 2pm-5pm. Interested in a career in film and digital media industries? Get an insider’s perspective at our Open Day with teachers, current students and graduates of our Diploma and Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media courses on hand to share their experiences and answer all your questions, plus take a tour to see the school in action. 82 Cope St, Waterloo,NSW 2017. For the schedule of events & to RSVP : http://www.sydneyfilmschool.com/school/important-dates/open-day.aspx or (02) 96982244 or events@sydneyfilmschool.com.au

UTS Open Day (City campus), Saturday 30 August 2014, 9am - 4pm - Students and parents are invited to get to know the UTS City campus. Attend a range of info sessions from across all course areas, join a tour or check out some live demos. Take the time to chat with UTS academics and students, experience some of the UTS's new buildings and learning spaces and ultimately get a feel for life on campus. View program and register online at openday.uts.edu.au

Australian Catholic University will soon be hosting their annual Sydney campus Open Days. ACU North Sydney Open Day will be held on Saturday 6 September 8.30am-2.30pm. ACU Strathfield will be held on Saturday 13 September 8.30am-4pm. It’s a wonderful opportunity to meet academics and current students, discuss entry options, and talk to experts about career goals. Enjoy the atmosphere- entertainment and food is provided- check out the facilities with a guided campus tour. www.acu.edu.au/open day

William Angliss Institute Open Day, Saturday 13 September, 10am-2pm in Surry Hills. Come to our Open Day to find out more about our courses in Patisserie, Cookery, Travel & Tourism, Hospitality and Events and to hear how you can gain a triple diploma in 1 year. Tour the campus, meet our students and staff, hear from industry experts and taste some amazing student made produce. Trial-a-trade sessions are also available in Cookery, Patisserie, Coffee and Butchery. Any enquiries please contact annakl@angliss.edu.au

University of Sydney E12 application opening next week! Applications for Early Offer Year 12 (E12) scheme will open on Wednesday 6 August 2014 and close COB Friday 12 September 2014. This scheme presents an opportunity for students who experience financial disadvantage to gain a conditional offer before their HSC starts, as well as ATAR concessions, a $5,000 scholarship and iPad. Principals can nominate up to 20 students from their school for this scheme. For more information on this pathway, please see Sydney.edu.au/e12

Notre Dame Young Achievers Early Offer Program – The University of Notre Dame’s Young Achievers Early Offer Program will give Year 12 students who are talented and well-rounded, the chance to join the Notre Dame community before sitting their final HSC or IB examinations. The program carries personal and academic benefits for students looking to secure a place at university as soon as possible. Applications are now open and close 1st September, 2014. For more information and selection criteria, visit: http://www.nd.edu.au/youngachievers or email sydney@nd.edu.au.
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25 Feb 2014
Whole Day Absences

It is a Department of Education & Communities (DEC) requirement that when your child is absent from school, you must provide a note explaining their absence. The note must be handed to your child’s Roll call teacher, preferably the first day your child returns to school. If you reply to the text message sent by the school notifying your child is absent, that is counted as supplying a note. If you are not receiving a text message notifying you of your child’s absence, please contact the school to update your details.

Partial Absences

Roll Call starts at 8.55am and finishes at 9.10am. Students are given 5 minutes to be seated in their roll call class. If they arrive to roll call after 9.00am they are marked as late and a partial absence is recorded. If they arrive to school after 9.10am, they have to go to the front office and sign themselves into school and a partial absence is recorded. If a student is late to school, they are required to have a note explaining their absence.

Leaving School Grounds

Students are not permitted to leave school grounds unless they have permission. If a student needs to leave school before 3.10 they need a note. The note needs to contain the reason why they need to leave early and the time they need to leave. Students need to present the note to one of the Deputy Principals before school so it can be signed. When it is time to leave students must go to the front office, present the signed note and sign out.

Non-Teaching/Study Periods

Many senior students have non-teaching periods across the fortnight. If a student has a non-teaching period they are required to go to the library and have their name marked off on a roll. They will be under the supervision of the librarian and they are expected to complete homework or private study.

Unfortunately, many senior students leave school grounds when they have a non-teaching period. If any student is found to have left school grounds without permission they will be subject to the schools discipline procedures.

Sick Bay

From time to time students can become unwell at school. Should this be the case, they are to inform their class teacher and obtain a ‘Sick Bay Pass’ and go straight to the front office. The office will then make every attempt to contact the parent/guardian/carer to arrange for them to be picked up. It is vitally important that home, work, mobile and emergency contact numbers are kept up to date. Under no circumstances should the student use their mobile phones to directly contact their parent without following the before mentioned procedure. Should your child become ill during designated break times, they are required to get a ‘Sick Bay Pass’ from the teacher on duty or their next class teacher.

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Mr Brewster

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**LUNCH HOT FOOD:**  
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**AS PER GUIDELINES:**  
GREEN (G) / AMBER (A)
Dear Parents/Caregivers
Please review the following information and make the adjustments in the space provided.

## UPDATE INFORMATION

### Student Information
- **Student Name**
- **Date of Birth**
- **Mailing Title**
- **Residential Address**
- **Postal Address**
- **Home Phone**
- **Family Email**
- **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander**
  - [ ] No
  - [ ] Aboriginal
  - [ ] Torres Strait Islander
- **Emergency Phone 1**
- **Emergency Phone 2**
- **Medical Conditions**
- **Allergies**
- **Permission to Photograph**
  - [ ] Yes
  - [ ] No
  (Please Circle)

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Elizabeth Macarthur High School
Update of Student/family Details
14/03/2014
## Parent Information

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| Parent/Carer 2 | |
| Parent/carer Phone 1 | |
| Parent/carer Phone 2 | |
| Parent/carer Occupation Group | |
| **Parent/Carer 2 Education Qualifications** |
| *Highest level of qualification completed* |
| Please place a tick against the most appropriate category in each column |
| School Education | |
| 🔺 Year 12 or equivalent | |
| 🔺 Year 11 or equivalent | |
| 🔺 Year 10 or equivalent | |
| 🔺 Year 09 or equivalent | |
| **Highest Qualification** |
| 🔺 Bachelor Degree or above | |
| 🔺 Advanced diploma/Diploma | |
| 🔺 Certificate I to IV (incl. trade) | |
| 🔺 No non-school qualification | |
| 🔺 Not in paid work at this time | |

**Parent/Carer NOT residing with the student**

Please provide the information in the adjacent column

| Other Parent/Carer NOT residing with this student | Name: ____________________________ |
| Address: ____________________________ |
| Phone no: ____________________________ |

Parent/carer signature ____________________________

Every student must return this form, even if there are no changes, to the Administration Office ASAP.

Ms K Hedger
Principal
ELIZABETH MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT DETAILS
Please return to office for processing

Payment for: _____________________________ (Excursion/Event/Fees)
Amount: $__________________________ (Minimum card payment $10.00)
Student Name: __________________________

Mastercard / Visa (Please circle)
CREDIT CARD NUMBER: ________________ / ________________ / ________________ / ________________
EXPIRY DATE: __________ / __________ CCV NUMBER: __________

Cardholder Name: __________________________
Cardholder Signature: __________________________
Cardholder’s Mobile No: __________________________

Feb 2014

ELIZABETH MACARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL

ABSENTEE NOTE

Student’s Name: __________________________
Year: __________________________ Roll Class: __________________________
Has been absent from school on: __________ (Date) because __________________________

Parent/Guardian Name: __________________________ (Please print name)
Signature: __________________________
Your Tutor

Stuck? Need help with your schoolwork?

YourTutor creates an online classroom where students are connected to qualified tutors for one-to-one help with homework, assignments, exam preparation and study questions. This is brought to you by Camden Library Service in partnership with UWS.

The YourTutor service is available 4pm-8pm Monday to Friday.
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER!

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2013 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria Japan, the U.S.A and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Call local coordinator, Dianne Axam on: 0429 406 126 for more information.

Parents As Career Transition Support

Teacher Information about the PACTS Program

Parents as Career Transition Support

Do you know much about the career options for your child?

Will you know how to support them if they....
Don't get into University or TAFE?
Decide not to stay at school, TAFE, University or in employment?
Have difficulty getting a job?

Would you like to be better informed in helping your son or daughter plan for their future?

Do you want to know more about Apprenticeships, Traineeships, Job Services Australia, TAFE and University?

MWLP in partnership with your school is making available a program for parents called PACTS (Parents as Career Transition Supports). The PACTS Program is a series of information and education workshops specifically developed for parents of secondary school students at all year levels.

An PACTS session can be held for parents interested in learning more about the support and career options for their child.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

If you would like to know more detail about PACTS, please contact The Partnership Brokers at MWLP on 4625 1863

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School & Business & Community
**WEP Student Exchange – Memories and Skills for Life!**

Choose from over 20 countries around the world to attend school, live with a welcoming host family and have the time of your life. Whether you wish to learn another language or choose English-speaking destinations like the USA, Canada or Ireland, students return with memories and skills for life.

“Up until now it really hasn’t been real to any of us but now it’s all official. Victoria is so excited and can’t wait to leave. She has already begun emailing with her host mother and sister in Italy and will call on Skype on the weekend as the time difference makes it very hard during the week.

She is being hosted by a family who have a daughter her age, so she is now saying that she will have another sister. To make it even better still, they live in northern Italy so she will get to experience her first “white” Christmas.

Thank you so much for your assistance in making Victoria’s Italy exchange a reality.”

~ Michelle - Mother of Victoria, semester program to Italy

**Early Bird Special – Save $500**

WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12* a $500 discount off the 2014/15 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in January - March 2015: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Thailand or the USA. Early Bird applications close 30 May ’14.

*Offer not available to year 12 students in Victoria or in conjunction with any other offer or scholarship.

**Interested in Hosting an Exchange Student?**

Travel from the comfort of your armchair by extending your family with an overseas host brother, sister, son or daughter. Hosting an exchange student is fun and can result in lifelong friendships. Our students are due to arrive in July for a semester and year and can’t wait to hear about the family they can call their own.

“Wonderful - joyous - heartfelt. An absolutely wonderful idea and so beneficial for all involved, from Family to school friends. We truly feel Enrico is another member of our family.”

- Marie - host mother of Enrico (Italy)

**Find Out More**

- Request a FREE information pack online: www.wep.org.au
- Attend one of WEP’s information sessions or open days
- Visit WEP: Mon – Fri between 9am – 5pm
- Call 1300 884 733 / 03 9598 4733

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**Hosting Is Fun!**

Students Arriving In July

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**WEP**

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**Call Us On**

884 733

OR Email: sylviakelly@wep.org.au

www.wep.org.au

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Extend your family with a curious exchange student from Argentina, Italy, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Thailand, or South America. It’s fun for the whole family!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved.

To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.
Apprenticeships & Traineeships for 2014!

- Earn while you learn!
- Kick start your career!
- 20 + vacancies!
- Saturday, 21st September!

START YOUR CAREER HERE!

Want to gain on the job experience that employers are looking for? UNE not for you, but still want to complete a qualification? Then MG My Gateway has the career path for you!

We expect to have 20+ apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities for 2013 school leavers in the areas of:

- Administration
- Bricklaying
- Childcare
- Carpentry
- Formwork
- Horticulture
- Heavy Vehicle
- Metals & Engineering
- Reception work
- And more!

MG My Gateway offers ongoing support, paid TAFE / training fees and increased job security. Start your career and earn while you learn with MG My Gateway!

Contact us now for the chance to meet with us on our Recruitment Day on Saturday, 21st September.

Appointments are essential – no walk ins on the day.

To register your interest, email your resume and your job preference to:

jobs@mygateway.org.au

*Only selected applicants will be contacted.*
ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

Every week Single with Children provides fun and exciting activities especially for single parents and their children (many activities are subsidised or even free).

It’s a great way to meet and get to know people in your area.

To find out more and get a FREE copy of our social calendar, contact us today.

Call 1300 300 496
Or visit our website:
www.singlewithchildren.com.au

Would $500 assist you with education costs?

You could receive up to $500 to help pay for educational costs including:

- school uniforms
- text books
- excursions
- laptops
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire
- TAFE, traineeship and apprenticeship costs!

The Benevolent Society delivers Saver Plus in your local area and is looking for new participants.

To be eligible you must:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner), and
- have a child at school, or study yourself.

To find out more contact Liz Tinney,
Saver Plus Worker at The Benevolent Society
4633 3722 / 0407 310 205 or
liz.tinney@benevolent.org.au

Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program, developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and AIS and delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Jet’s Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by AIS and the Australian Government Department of Social Services, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with AIS providing non-financial support for participants.

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Elizabeth Macarthur High School values

- teachers with a high degree of professional practice and who are committed to achieving excellence in public education through Quality Teaching.

- a supportive and nurturing environment where the wellbeing of students is paramount and where students have the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

- a safe environment where rights and responsibilities are valued by staff and students.

**RESPECT > RESPONSIBILITY > PRIDE**