Welcome to our second edition of our new Illawarra Sports High School Newsletter. Since last edition we have had lots of exciting school events including a highly successful National Day of Action Against Bullying (where the entire school population worked together to create anti bullying messages linked as a paper chain) and a very well received Harmony Day assembly (where students were entertained with a Polynesian student band and with student speeches about what Harmony Day meant to them). Ms Bennett from the Creative and Performing Arts faculty is also coordinating a Harmony Day poster competition. I look forward to seeing the winning school entries displayed in the front office.

Year 12 is very busy studying for their upcoming half yearly exams scheduled for Week 10 and 11. To help them with their study, the school organised a Year 12 study skills session just before the Easter Break.

Hope everyone enjoys the rest of the term. I can’t believe Term One has gone so fast!

**What’s On**

**March**

30th Girls Regional Basketball Knockout—Bomaderry

31st Nowra Netball Cup

**April**

4th Zone Touch Knockout

8th Last day of Term 1

27th First day Term 2

27th Parents and Helpers Meeting

**Digital Business Hub**

During week 8 Mrs McCarthy visited the Digital Business Hub in Crown St Wollongong to see some of the amazing work our students are doing creating an online business presence for a wide range of companies. Our students are creating Facebook, Instagram and websites for individual businesses while learning valuable work related skills.
This was the second year the TSDP surfing students have made the trip to the Gold Coast for the WSL Quiksilver & Roxy Pro. Unlike Football or League where we have many opportunities to see top quality athletes, Australia has three chances to see the top surfers in action – Quiksilver Pro on the Gold Coast and Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach (VIC) and the Margaret River Pro (WA). It is an amazing opportunity for our students to watch, learn and analyse the top surfers in world class competition. The students also get to surf with many of the pros, literally sharing waves with the likes of Sally Fitzgibbons, Mick Fanning (3X World Champion), Joel Parkinson, Ace Buchan and the most renowned surfer and greatest surfer in history Kelly Slater (11X World Champion). Many pros are out surfing Snapper Rocks in the morning with all the other free surfers and thus provides an unique experience of allowing our students to share the ‘playing’ field with these athletes.

We travelled up early Sunday morning arriving to the unfortunate news that Sally Fitzgibbons had been knocked out and so had Kelly Slater. Taj and Summer Simon were already on the Gold Coast, as they had scored an invite to Jaraki teams event (an indigenous invitational surfing comp) which they had competed in the week before. Taj was lucky enough to be paired up with Ace Buchan and came second. Summer had our very own Sally.

In 2015 the waves were small and many heats were on hold, which meant we didn’t see that much surfing, but it did allow us to go have a tour through the professional compound, speak to the Commissioner and also have a great discussion about careers in surfing with one of the judges.
Year 7 Camp

During Week 8, 87 Year 7 students along with Miss Mills, Ms Goodyer, Mr Booth, Mr Naumovski, Mr Mitchell, Mrs Bortolazzo and our teacher aides Kelly and Ang, attended a 3 day camp at Camp Wombaroo in the Southern Highlands. The purpose of this camp was for students to develop new friendships with their peers and to build on their teamwork skills, as well as providing the opportunity to participate in various activities outside of the school environment.

Lots of fun was had by both students and teachers and the teamwork skills were outstanding as groups worked together to build rafts and catapults. Students also faced their fears as they participated in activities including the giant swing, vertical challenge and a high ropes obstacle course. It was fantastic to see so many of our students challenge themselves and join in on activities out of their comfort zone.

The staff at Camp Wombaroo were outstanding and quickly bonded with our students. These leaders had only positive comments to make about our students' effort and behaviour.

Year 7 we thank you for your impressive behaviour and for making camp an enjoyable few days away!

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I loved everything to do with height like the giant swing, vertical challenge and high ropes as I pushed myself to go to the top – Emerson

I liked building the catapults because we got to launch tennis balls at the instructor – Nait

My favourite part of camp was the giant swing where I got to the top – Taylah

I loved all the activities at camp but my favourite was archery, even though I was terrible at it – Samuel

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On Friday the 18th of March we celebrated National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. Year’s 7 to 9 created a paper chain that symbolised the schools ability to create a ‘chain reaction’ against bullying and violence. The chains were placed in the front foyer of the school outside A2. Anyone who gets an opportunity please have a look at our students fantastic work along with the illustrations created as part of an anti-bullying art competition. Well done to all the students involved.

25 students from Berkeley and Farmborough Road Public School participated in an amazing photography whole day workshop at Illawarra Sports High run by Mr Kannaris.

Students learnt how to use the darkroom and manipulate photographic images to create some outstanding artworks.

Berkeley COS Happy Snap Challenge
**TAPS Students**

Our TAP students in Year 7 - 10 TAPS students participated in their first drama workshop with a professional drama teacher. Students will be writing and performing a series of 3 minute plays later this year.

**Fun with Maths**

This photo is of Jordan Attard who had completed a 'match up' angles activity as an extension at the end of one of our lessons last week.

Acknowledging and celebrating our diverse school community.

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Make change happen
Parents and Helpers Meeting
Wednesday 27th April @ 9.30am

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Community News

Dapto Hockey Club

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!

Age groups
Minkey under 7, under 9’s, under 11, 13, 15’s and 18’s. Senior players 15 years and up men’s and women’s

Training Tuesday
Juniors 5pm to 6pm
Under 18’s 6pm
Men’s and women’s 6pm - 7.30

Contact Jodie - 0418 262 701

Sports High Guru
The World’s Greatest Shave supports a very worthy cause and this year three of students took part in having their hair shaved off. The student audience paid a gold coin donation to watch the students getting their new haircut!

We are very proud of these students and their willingness to participate. A special well done to Nazim Zekir (Year 12 SRC student) who coordinates this fundraising activity every year at our school.

Ali Marmar, Caleb Uta and Sam Stevenson supporting a wonderful cause
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by **Friday 1st April**. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.