

MOSAIC NEWS

OAK FLATS HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A Merit Assembly, was held on Wednesday. This was an opportunity to recognise fine student performances in learning, sport, leadership and cultural pursuits. Ms O'Brien has made a great effort to ensure all types of achievement are acknowledged by our merit system. Well done!



A new timetable and bell times have commenced from the start of Term 2. A copy of the new bell times is included in the newsletter.

Congratulations to Mr Jeff Jacobs who has been appointed to the Deputy Principal's position at the school. Mr Jacobs has done a wonderful job as relieving Deputy Principal and the promotion is thoroughly deserved. Thank you to Mrs Kerrie Powell who relieved for Mr Coleman as Deputy Principal for Term 1. Mrs Powell did a great job.

Mrs Mary McDonald joins us as the new librarian for the remainder of 2008.

Our senior students completed their semester exams at the end of last term and parents can expect feedback in the coming weeks.

On the sporting field a number of students have excelled including our 12 year girls freestyle relay team who finished second in the state. The team members were Jessica Rosskelly, Jordan John, Elizabeth Wales & Sarah Axam.

Conor Bradwell won a gold medal at the Australian Life Saving Championships. Well done!

In the next three years a great deal of work is planned for Oak Flats High School. The school will have a new Hospitality kitchen, 5 Science labs refurbished, the Administration area redesigned and new walkways and lifts installed to assist students with limited mobility. All this should improve the physical environment for the students.

Moving in to Term 2, it is a good time to remind students about the uniform code and the expectation that all of our students will wear the correct uniform. Please make sure you have the correct jumper as the weather starts to get cooler. The pride we display in our uniform says a great deal about the culture of the school and ultimately the learning that takes place in the classroom.

Col Harris
Principal

DEPUTIES' DIALOGUE

Welcome back to second term, which promises to be diverse and busy. For the first six weeks of this term, teachers will be completing the assessment process for all students, and compiling half-yearly reports from these assessments. It is a particularly important term for Year 12 and Year 10 students as they consolidate last term's work and begin the run up to the Higher School Certificate and School Certificate exams in term 4.

With the colder weather upon us, it is important that students continue to comply with the school's uniform policy. Students and parents are reminded that "paddies" (hooded, patterned jackets) are NOT acceptable as uniform. Parents are asked to help by ensuring that their children are not sent to school wearing them as a substitute for a school jumper or jacket. Students are to bring a signed note from home for being out of school uniform, so that a uniform pass can be issued. Students who are out of uniform and without a uniform pass are in breach of the uniform policy and will either be dressed in the correct uniform from the school's clothing pool, or have their parents contacted to bring the correct uniform up to the school.

If you have any queries regarding these procedures, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

The Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) initiative is commencing in the school this term, and is based on our core values of **Respect**, **Care** and **Responsibility**. All students will be formally trained in the practical application of these values to the way they conduct themselves in the playground, corridors and canteen.

A Coleman, J Jacobs
Deputy Principals

COMING EVENTS

2008

5-7 May Crossroads - Year 11 students at Lake Illawarra PCYC.

6-7 May Careers Expo - Years 10 and 12.

12-16 May Grade Competition Sport commences (Week 3).

14 May Years 7 - 10 Girls Vaccinations (HPV2 and HPI).

Year 7 Girls & Boys Vaccinations (HEPB1).

Year 12 Advanced English to Belvoir Theatre "Antigone"

16 May Zone Cross Country Carnival at West Dapto

27 May School Athletics Carnival

ENGLISH FACULTY

Welcome back to term two!

You've got to love holidays that turn out to be the wettest two weeks in ten years don't you? Anyway, for most of us it was a time of marking senior exams so the weather didn't really make a difference. Some of us managed to get away for a few days and others spent some lazy days reading crime fiction novels and texts to be taught this term. We trust that you all had a relaxing break and enjoyed time away from the rigors of school life.

This term is gearing up to be an exciting time, I kid you not!! For those students in Year 12 Advanced English, Mrs Moulton and Mrs Johnson will be hoping to thrill you with another incredible theatre experience. The teachers have been lucky enough to secure tickets for the 14th of May to see the Belvoir Street Theatre Company's performance of the sold out show, "Antigone" starring Deborah Mailman of "The Secret Life of Us" and "Playschool" fame. It has received some mixed reviews in the media, so this will be the students' opportunity to put their critiquing skills to good use.

Ms Harrison is also in the process of organizing an excursion for her 8EA class to the same theatre in Sydney to see the performance called "Yibiyung" in September, so students must get in early with money and permission notes if they wish to go. This play is about a young Aboriginal girls' struggle to survive the forced removals of children in the 1920's. It is our belief that it is absolutely essential that students have the opportunity to watch a play put on by a professional outfit as it complements their study of English. As the flyer promoting this play suggests, "Yibiyung is both a wonderful introduction to theatre for younger high school students and the perfect complement to the English syllabus. Your students will love this story."

The following students from this class are to be congratulated for their excellent work in their media assessment task; Matt Brown, Shae Curry, Nathan Mann and Emma Cunningham. They viewed a segment of the program "60 Minutes" and then wrote a news article on the program and displayed outstanding viewing and representing skills. Well done!

We are also able to applaud Daniel Invernon, Bren Kentwell, Daryl Visman, Daniel Walsh and Laura Zakeli from Year 11 Extension English who wrote some outstanding creative writing responses recently and impressed Mrs Johnson with their detail and description.

Whilst on exams, Year 10 should be revising for their half-yearly exam in week 2, Year 8 in week 3 and Year 7 in week 4. We encourage all students to thoroughly prepare for these exams and hopefully delight us all with your outstanding skills!! Year 9 have an ongoing assessment schedule which follows the rotation of classes over various teachers, which for them means continual assessment. All students need to be aware that reports follow soon after these exams and that all their efforts will be reflected in them, so study hard and good luck!

WELFARE

Immunisation

Stage 2 Week 3 Wednesday 14 May 2008.

Venue will probably be in the Hall otherwise Staff Common Room—yet to be announced.

Year 7 Boys and Girls Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine.

All girls Years 7—10 HPV2 (second shot cervical cancer) vaccine.

Please note there will be no catch up HPV1 shots for those that missed out in first round. Those students who missed out must go to their own GP for this injection. HPV2 cannot be given to students who have not received their first shot or who are unwell at the time or who are likely to be pregnant.

Crossroads—for Year 11 students will be operating on Monday 5th May, Tuesday 6th May and Wednesday 7th May at the Lake Illawarra PCYC.

This is a mandatory Program that involves workshops on Drugs and Alcohol, Relationships and Mental Health.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Central Illawarra Youth Services Inc

Youthlinx Program

Term 2 2008 Program—**Albion Park Rail**

@ Albion Park Rail Neighbourhood Association on Monday and Tuesday 3.00 to 5.00pm

Term 2 2008 Program—**Albion Park**

@ Albion Park Neighbourhood Centre on Monday and Wednesday 3.00 to 5.00pm.

Phone: 42578080.



Loads of activities to enjoy including craft, cooking, excursions, sport, painting.



HSIE FACULTY

The Year 12 and Year 11 half Yearly Examinations were completed at the end of Term 1 and the results are now finalised. In **Year 12 Business Studies** the following students should be very pleased with their results based on quite a difficult paper. Larissa Brown gained first place, Scott Tierney second and Matt Slee third.

The **Year 11 Business Studies** class performed very well with some outstanding results achieved by John Kentwell, Alyce Erikson, Daniel Walsh and Chris Sale.

Year 9 HSIE completed their Half Yearly Common Test in Geography also at the end of Term 1. As indicated by the results some of the students in **9.5 HSIE** have really improved in their studies. Lauren Carr, Scott Donohue, Lucas Walsh, Kieran Scott, Dylan Ismail and Nathan Ball all achieved very pleasing marks.

The **Year 9 Commerce** class have been working very hard on becoming wise consumers. They have carried out several field trips to the local shopping centres, conducting surveys, interviews and assignment research. Some exceptional research and presentations were produced by David Mazurowski, Dylan Page, Blake Stewart and Melanie Charters-Brown.

Well done everyone!

Mrs Birchall

Half-yearly examinations for Year 10 begin next **Thursday** for History and **Friday** for Geography. This examination is a grading task for the award of the School Certificate. **HSIE examinations for Years 7, 8 and 9** will be conducted in the coming weeks.

Mrs Lemcke's 8.1 Geography class gave their presentations on The Topic: An Unequal World. Students investigated living and working conditions of people in Third World Countries. Students shared their thoughts on their research in class. This term, all **Year 8** students will undertake studies in Global Issues.

The School's **Anzac ceremony** was held on Tuesday 28 April during the School Assembly. Students took the opportunity to reflect upon the privileges and opportunities our society enjoy as a consequence of the actions of the brave soldiers who fought for our country. The School is grateful to Mr O'Neill and his History students for organizing and coordinating the ceremony.



The **HSIE** staff welcome all students back from holidays especially our seniors who have been sitting their half-yearly examinations prior to the break. We look forward to a busy and productive term for all of our students.

Mr Agnew

YEAR 7 MERIT AWARD WINNERS

The following students received awards at the merit assembly:

Brooke	Anger
Sarah	Axam
Shiana	Berman
Samantha	Bulakovska
Jack	Crowl
Rebecca	Edwards
Jerrica	Espinocilla
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Amy	Faras
Ryan	Flavell
Kayleigh	Grover
Kayleigh	Grover
Kayleigh	Grover
Ian	Jarvis
Sharon	Johnson
Sarina	Kaiser
Ebony	Morgan
Corey	Page
Corey	Page
Blake	Richards
Blake	Richards
Blake	Richards
Michelle	Scanlan
Rochelle	Schier
Brittany	Scott
Kate	Sligar
Aaron	Smith
Renee	Steele
Daniel	Stojcevski
Tanaya	Thomson
Anthony	Vella
Gabrielle	Verwey
Jordan	Walker
Brade	Wheeler
Shannon	Wilde

Congratulations to all these students and keep up the good work.



