2014 – A year of triumph for Cumberland High School!

2014 HSC RESULTS

Congratulations to our wonderfully talented Year 12 students - Class of 2014! The HSC results were absolutely outstanding. Student results include: Qi Xuan (Sean) Lim ATAR 99, Amanda Chiam ATAR 98, Jason Li ATAR 98, Nicole Mankowska ATAR 96.25, Su-Hee Park ATAR 96, Jas Chugh ATAR 94.2, Rebecca Ford ATAR 94, Tom Lee ATAR 93.5, Born Kim Ford ATAR 93.2, Emily Chate ATAR 92.5, Joon Young Koh ATAR 91.05. So many of our students performed exceptionally well with offers of University placement in their university course of first choice! Our school is now ranked number 18 out of ALL COMPREHENSIVE high schools in NSW! What an achievement!

Congratulations to all Year 12 families, students and staff – what a remarkable team effort!

GALLIPOLI LAUNCH AT CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Minister for Veterans’ Affairs Victor Dominello chose Cumberland High School on the 3rd December as the venue to announce the 100 high school students, aged 15 to 18, who have been selected to represent NSW at
the Centenary of Anzac commemorations at Gallipoli in April 2015.

Mr Dominello was joined by Member for Parramatta Geoff Lee and a substantial media entourage here at the school for the announcement and the media interviews that followed.

"The NSW Government is investing $1 million to enable 100 students to participate in a nine-day tour during which they will visit historical sites and First World War battlefields in Turkey and attend the Anzac Day Dawn Service at Gallipoli," Mr Dominello said.

"What I am most proud of is the calibre of students who have been chosen to represent our State next year….We’ve seen a very high standard in the works submitted by the 377 applicants, including websites, artworks, poems and research papers focused on the experiences of our nation’s servicemen and servicewomen during the First World War."

Cumberland High was chosen to host the Minister’s announcement partly due to the large number of quality applications to participate in the trip submitted by Cumberland students. Our successful Cumberland High School group of Georgia McPherson, Luke Salt, Rohan Brehony, Suzi Monaghan and Mr Brad Smith, supported the Minister throughout the announcement and conducted numerous interviews with aplomb beyond their years! Facing the television cameras as if it was just a normal part of their day, our students explained a little of the connection they have developed with Gallipoli through their preparations in a manner which clearly exhibited the values the school aims to instil in all our students. These segments were then broadcast in the evening news bulletins of all the television networks.

Our prefects also did another wonderful job of greeting and guiding the visitors and then hosting them for a morning tea reception that followed the announcement in the library, chatting comfortably with official visitors and journalists alike.

Biographies and photos of the students and teachers involved in the trip are available on the NSW Centenary of Anzac website: Gallipoli 2015 School Tour while a short film with insights from students, featuring in part our Cumberland students is available at: Gallipoli 2015 Video. You can follow the tour on the Gallipoli 2015 Tour NSW Facebook Page.

**P&C FUNDRAISER AT BUNNINGS**

On Sunday 14 December our team of extraordinary and highly committed parents showcased our school and their sausage sizzling expertise at our Rydalmere Bunnings fundraising event. Many thanks to our dynamic parent team - Susan Salt, Debra Callaghan, Mary Brehony, Naomi Campkin, Mary McKenzie, Sandy Strickland, Julie Squires, Mel Kane, Steven Kane, Jennifer Chate, Stephanie Monaghan, Tracey Haddock, Frank Walter and Glenda Walter.
Student leaders: Luke Salt, Kasra Hashem Pour, Hamza Arshi, Jessica Datt, Georgia Bradbury, Emily Gordon, Abbey McGregor, Emily Chate, Ben Callaghan and Lachlan Haddock provided exceptional leadership on the day selling cakes and raffle tickets.

In total we raised $1957.40!

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**2014 CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

In the space of a year we have achieved so much - from our academic triumphs to our Wauchope victory, fabulous school bus that is going to offer so many remarkable opportunities to our students, Market Day, Operation Art success, launch of Community Mentoring Program, Brekki Bar, AMPing it Up, Showcasing Excellence extravaganza, knock-out competitions, Band Tour - summer, winter and band camp, Brendon Walker - our extraordinary Youth worker /Chaplain Program, Science Show for Carlingford West Primary and our International students, the Castle Hill Leadership Program leading to the Kokoda trek for our leaders Sean Lim and Amanda Chiam, Swimming Carnival, MAD festival, Year 7 and Year 9 Camps, Reward day, Ski trip, Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking competition, CHS winners of the UWS Public Speaking and Debating competitions, Carlingford West Fete, GAT Science Day, Cross Country, Open Evening, Drama Night, Special Assemblies including Leadership, High Achievers, Peer Support and Personal Best Assemblies, Digital Citizenship workshops, Leadership initiatives - with our SRC and Prefect bodies, Athletics Carnival, the Helmsman Project with our students sailing the James Craig in 2015, primary schools strengthened links with Cumberland Community Connections emerging as our group and combined primary authentic task challenge, Year 7 Gala Day victory against James Ruse, Zone, International students incursions - Remembrance Day and Anzac Day ceremonies and of course our very deserving 5 - Mr Smith, Georgia McPherson, Ronan Brehony, Suzi Monaghan and Luke Salt embarking on that journey to Gallipoli early next year!

WOW! We have achieved so much and that is without encapsulating all the work behind the scenes - looking at and refining our craft as educators through effective assessment and reporting, programming and the engaging teaching that happens every day – for every student and in every classroom!
This is without a doubt Cumberland High School achieving our personal best and continuing with our pursuit of excellence. We have a long and proud tradition of academic and cultural extracurricular excellence at CHS and we will continue…

None of this would be possible though without the tireless commitment of our staff, our extraordinary SASS team, the remarkable contribution of our P&C and the most dynamic Executive Team I have ever worked with including our outstanding Deputy Mr Wood, Mr Torr, Mr Thomas, Ms Brown, Mr Condell, Mr Walford, Ms Bower, Ms Ashton, Mr Andrews and in his absence Ms Roots! What an extraordinary team! In a school this size there are greater responsibilities and a significant workload for our Executive Team and they offer nothing less than excellence in the way that they lead and simultaneously serve our community! Thank you!

In the life of all schools we expect and accept that there will be change and it is with mixed feelings that we farewell and acknowledge the wonderful contribution of 5 fabulous individuals.

Mr Neil Marsden, teacher at CHS for more than 30 years bid our school community farewell as he embraced the beginning of his retirement journey. Mr Marsden loved our students, loved our school, served as year advisor for 18 years - guiding three cohorts from their transition to high school to their transition to post-school life and was very proud of his achievements in shaping the lives of young people.

Ms Melissa Georgiou our Learning Support Teacher since 2006 has made a wonderful contribution to our school with ongoing support in so many classrooms and offered to so many students. Her generosity of spirit and compassion for our children has made her a highly regarded colleague and teacher and she will be truly missed by our school community.

Ms Anne Petrulis, our fabulous learning support teacher and coordinator of the Cumberland High School String Ensemble for 9.5 years has supported our school with absolute dedication and passion. Ms Petrulis has worked in our classrooms providing individualised learning support and ongoing nurturing for our students. Her commitment to the band together with Mr Petrulis has been most impressive! An outstanding school leader who has made an outstanding contribution to our students! Thank you!

Ms Lisa Karbon - our very dedicated Mathematics teacher - although only at our school for two years has worked alongside her colleagues to support our students and ensure that they were able to achieve their personal best in the Mathematics curriculum area. Ms Lisa Karbon has been successful at securing a promotions position as Head Teacher Mathematics at The Ponds School. This is a much deserved promotion and we wish Ms Karbon the very best in the future.
We have also lost to The Ponds High School our exceptional School Administrative Manager - Ms Sharon Hosler. Ms Hosler is an outstanding leader, caring and kind and always determined to do more for our school. As a school community we all appreciate the tremendous work of our SASS team and in particular I would like to acknowledge the work of Ms Hosler - the ultimate professional - highly efficient - exceptionally talented - always with a smile on her face - and a tremendous loss to our school!!!

Our outstanding Careers Advisor and much respected colleague Mr Frank Walter is also retiring at the end of this year. Mr Walter has made an extraordinary contribution to Cumberland High School. He has served our community with absolute dedication, sincerity and compassion for 37 years and has been instrumental in shaping some of the very unique CHS traditions. He started his career as a Science teacher and will be returning next year to work in a part-time capacity in the Science faculty again and we are delighted that Mr Walter’s extraordinary expertise, knowledge and wisdom will be extended to the CHS community for another year.

Mr Pillay’s rewards luncheons…

Peer Support 2014

Band Tour at Minimbah 2014!
Thank you for being such wonderful school community!

Merry Christmas to all!

Happy and safe holidays!

Mechel Pikoulas
Principal
Deputy Principal’s Message

Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year

I wish to thank the entire school community for all their efforts, hard work and support provided to each other and to our students over the year in providing a caring, safe, and nurturing learning environment here at Cumberland. This year in many ways has set the foundation for an equally if not more exciting year next year. With a range of new programs and opportunities being provided to students, with the continued guidance of our dedicated and experienced staff, 2015 is set to be an amazing year for Cumbo.

As the school year draws to an end, we wish a warm but also a sad farewell to several of our staff including Mr Frank Walter our Careers Adviser who has been a member of staff at Cumberland High since 1978. The individual contributions to the students, and to Cumberland High School, of each of these staff over the years they have been at Cumberland have been substantial and greatly appreciated. I know I speak for the entire school community when I wish them well for their futures and thank them for all they have done.

To the school community I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

P. Wood
Deputy Principal
2014 has been another big year in Welfare at Cumberland High School. We introduced **AMPing it up!!** – Academic mentoring program – to Year 12. 51 of our outgoing year 12’s participated in the program. Already, 41 of the current Year 12’s for 2015 have started their mentor-mentee meets.

Our students were involved in so many leadership opportunities outside school. Some of our Year 9’s went to Castle Hill for the Volunteering Expo; Sean Lim and Amanda Chiam did the grueling Kokoda Trail as part of the Hills Leadership project; **Yuji Chung & Erfan Fazeli** (Legal Studies) and **Tom Fitch & Donita Wilegoda** (Business Studies) undertook 3 day BInspiring leadership courses and the prefects and SRC representatives also undertook one day of leadership training outside school.

The **Brekky Bar** went from Strength to Strength. It is now open four days a week from Tuesday to Friday. The **lunch counter** was also introduced so that on those 4 days students can make a packed lunch at breakfast time for later in the day!

Our new Youth Worker, **Brendon Walker**, took up his post here. Apart from cooking pretty good pancake on Mondays and going on school camps and excursions, Brendon is a valuable extra ear for students to tell any problems or issues to.

**Ms Nelson** and **Mr Smith’s** year 7’s enjoyed bonding at camp at Broken Bay!

We welcomed **Ms Rajic** to the school and to the welfare Team. She has prepared the Year 6 to 7 transition and will be the Year Adviser for next year’s Year 7 group. She will assisted by **Mrs Bastock**!

**Mr Scurfield** revamped our Peer Support training day to provide a fantastic and enjoyable training experience for our new peer support leaders.

We organised a lot of workshops and presentations for our students. **Mr Wood** organised **Brent Saunders** to do goal setting with the seniors in our annual **Getting it Right Day**, whilst **Mr Lees** took Yr 11 to **B street smart** to think about and improve their driving skills, we conducted **boys and girls assemblies** at different times to focus on important issues like “respectful relationships”.

**Ms Nicholls’** Year 9 group went to Tea Gardens to have a 3 day, very muddy camp! **Mrs Bastock** organised for some of our students to have a week residential at **Stewart House**. **Ms Pikoulas** quite smartly organised for our school to be part of the **Helmsman Project**…so 16 of **Mr Pillay and Ms East’s** group will participate in a positive psychology course next year, culminating in sailing the “James Craig”.

**Ms Karbon** organised a wonderful **Personal Best** assembly, to which I was honoured to invite a former student, rugby league player **Kris Inu**.

A special thanks to **Ms Czislowski and Mrs Stead** for seeing their Year 12’s through to the end of the HSC!

Overall, it has been a great year in welfare at CHS with so many students so well supported.

**Thanks to the whole welfare team for their ongoing support of our students.**

**Happy holidays and best wishes for 2015,**

**Keith Thomas**

HT Welfare
Peer Support Leaders

On Friday in week 6 this term, all Year 10 completed a full day of leadership training. I would like to thank the following teachers for giving up their time to help and make the day so productive; Ms East, Ms Carroll, Ms Kalpage, Ms Rajic, Ms Rigg, Ms Roots, Ms Sultan, Mr Afiouni, Mr Lees, Mr Low, Mr Lummis, Mr Thomas and Mr Zeller.

In the Leadership Training Day, Year 10 participated in activities designed to improve their leadership skills and learn skills to manage small groups of junior students. Skills like: teamwork, effective communication, giving instructions and strategies to help students cooperate. Some of our Year 10s even gave inspiring speeches at the end of the day in front of all their peers. Students who were interested also applied to be Peer Support Leaders.

The whole aim of Peer support is to help all students form positive relationships, build confidence and resiliency to bounce back when things don’t go their way. The Peer Support Leaders first job was on Wednesday 3rd December, the Year 6 Orientation Day. They will also work at the beginning of next year to help and support the new Year 7’s settle into high school life.

The following students were selected as Peer Support Leaders.

Kyle BAKER  Almir GIBOVIC  Liam O'SHEA
Darcy BROWN  Haris GIBOVIC  Lachlan ROSER
Tom BUTPHACHI  Matia HALIL  Matt SALMON
Cassandra COOREY  Pasan JAYANETTY  Luke SALT
Ben CALLAGHAN  Karissa KUKA  Mark SIM
Diana DARAVINA  Katlyn LAWTON  Abillash SIVAKUMAR
Susan DENNER  Paul MORION  Nina VELIMIR
Paolo FORLANI  Dusanka MOMCILOVIC  Gemma WARD
Leonida NAJDOVSKA  Lachlan WATTS

Congratulations to all our Peer Support Leaders!

Mr Scurfield (Peer Support Coordinator)
Our passion for debating was intensified when we left school on 27 November to attend the UWS School Day Debating 2014. The Year 7 and 8 teams travelled in buses and finally arrived at UWS Parramatta Campus.

The topics were “Contesting” and “Inspiring”. The topics included a wide range of socio-cultural issues involving young people and the society at large.

The topics were: (a) That contact sports should be banned under the age of 18 and (b) That we should lower the voting age.

The topics were extremely involving and originated from everyday socio-cultural reality. “That we should lower the voting age” was the topic that our Year 8 fought as the affirmative team in Round 2 of the competition. The opposition was the UWS Swing comprising of 2nd year University students majoring in Law and Social Sciences. Our team’s case line was to the point.

The topic for the 3rd round was: That “Contact sports should be banned under the age of 18”. Our team won against Girraween High School, a selective school in Blacktown, quite convincingly. Our team’s presentation was dramatic while the model they formulated was realistic. These wins will aid us and will be a source of inspiration for next year’s Premier’s Debating Challenges. The students also enjoyed debating workshops run by the UWS team in attaining finer skills in structuring a winning debate. Each of the feedback sessions were unique, useful and rewarding. The debaters displayed their original styles of speaking with a team approach in arguing for and against a motion.

After the competition, we listened to speakers from the Faculty of Law. They discussed how to make a case in a court scenario which led to our students learning how to expand their knowledge in preparing and delivering content on a given debate.
A Christmas pun – What do you call Santa’s helpers?

Subordinate Clauses!

It is rather surprising to actually find ourselves at the end of the year! We are so focussed on our highly organised and developed routines that we sometimes lose sight of the inexorable movement forward of time. As teachers we are always in the ‘teaching mode’ and sometimes we need to be told to ‘turn off’!

So, on behalf of the English, Drama, ESL and LaST teachers may I wish all our students and parents and carers a very happy, safe and relaxing holiday. As an extra thoughtful touch, we have provided our senior students with some excellent holiday reading and research suggestions. This will not only help them fill in those long, hot hours of potential boredom but they will be well resourced for the new year’s first term’s demands!

A sincere ‘Thank you’ to all the parents and carers who have taken our phone calls, come for meetings, helped with homework and research, even chauffeuring to debates and so many other valuable ways supported our work with your children. You are always welcome and we relish the times we can work together.

The holidays are a wonderful opportunity for your children to use their skills to write for their own pleasure. They can start a journal, keep a diary of their experiences and observations or write stories for their brothers and sisters, illustrate them and read to them at bedtime. They can use their iphones and ipads to do this too and share them with grandparents and relatives who live far away. Encourage your children to tell their stories and your family’s stories to develop confidence in their abilities and to value your special lives. There are on-line programs to help publish children’s imaginative creations. You may have a budding JK Rowlings! At the very least, you will be giving your child the great gift of encouragement to use their wonderful human skill of imagination through writing and sharing ideas.

Also, don’t forget that seeing you reading (and it should be a holiday for grown-ups too!) is a powerful way to show our students that reading for pleasure is important in its own right.

With best wishes for a fabulous New Year,

Ms Bower

HT English Faculty
Reflection - Year 11 Chemistry UWS Polymer day

On the 25th of November, Year 11 Chemistry students attended a lecture at the University of Western Sydney which focused on polymers. This half day seminar was held by Professor Gary Dennis. All students gained a much deeper understanding of polymers as the Professor clearly explained in detail the chemistry of particular polymers such as PVC and cellulose. Their formation, from a monomer, was also discussed as well as their uses, practicality, societal impact and environmental issues. At the end of the day we were given the chance to make our own polymer gel using a cross link reaction. The gel was created by the Professor to be used in a Power Rangers film. The gel was a mix of three liquids; polyvinyl alcohol, food dye and borax solution. After a few minutes of shaking and mixing the polymer, the liquid turned into a gel. It was a very beneficial excursion for the students who all had a really positive and great day.

Isaac Khan and Suzi Monaghan
Year 11 Chemistry students

This excursion was also the 1st of many upcoming Science experiences to utilise our brand new school minibus.
Thanks to Mr Tang for organizing an awesome excursion and to Mr Walford for driving the bus.

Cool Science Link

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/

Nova is an awesome Science site brought to you by the United States’ Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). You can browse by topic and access myriad resources including videos, interactives, science labs, Q&A, audio, interviews, quizzes, TV episodes, timelines etc. Enjoy, it’s free.
Christmas Science Teasers

The 1st student to submit/present Mr. Walford with correct answers for all questions will receive a prize.

(Answers next edition)

1.  What is the chemical formula of snow?
2.  Name the Australian territory that is only 380km from Java.
3.  *Ceratopetalum gummiferum* will be showing off its bright pink/red sepals during Christmas time in the Carlingford area and beyond. What is its common name?
4.  Pine needles are said to be a good source of which vitamin?
5.  What is the birth sign of people born on 25 December?
6.  What astronomical event is probably the basis of Christmas?
7.  What happened to Darwin on Christmas eve 1974?
8.  What is the title of biggest selling Christmas single, globally?
9.  What Christmas item takes its name from the old French word estincelle, meaning spark?
10. Before the tradition of hanging stockings up at Christmas what did Dutch children hang by the fireside?

Science Joke of the Month

Did You Know?

Christmas beetles have their name because adult beetles appear from November to February – often around Christmas time.

Merry Christmas

From all of us in the Science faculty, we would like to wish you a merry Christmas and have a safe and enjoyable break. We look forward to seeing you next year!

Mr. Walford

HT Science
Plotting 7 Red Heart Beats

Last Wednesday, our class, 7 red, recorded our heart rates over a period of time. The first thing we did was to measure our heart rate, by finding our pulse in our wrist, and counting the number of beats in a 15 second period. We multiplied that number by four, to get our heart beat rate per minute.

Our teacher, Mr Diamond, asked us to then sprint flat out for two minutes. When we finished, we checked our pulse rate, and repeated this each minute for the next ten minutes, converting the number each time to a rate per minute.

We then drew up a line graph to show how our heart rate changed over this time and activity.

Celia Thirimanna
Sydney University Schools’ Junior Debating Tournament

Schools’ Junior Debating was held on Friday 21 November at the Sydney University main campus. It brought a huge success for our Year 8 debating team. The team participated in three rounds of the tournament. They attended special workshops on debating after each of the rounds.

There were 41 teams comprising of various selective, private and comprehensive schools which made the tournament very lively and exciting. Astonishingly, our school achieved fabulous results competing against 41 teams.

Our school’s total speakers’ score was 653 whereas the highest score by the Sydney Girls High School was 686. Our team’s score was 220 compared with the highest score of 228 by Kincoppal-Rose Bay High School in round 1. Our score was 217 compared to the highest of 231 by Smiths Hill High School in round 2. Again our score was 216 and the highest score by Kincoppal-Rose Bay High school was 233.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Chowdhury for coaching the teams through the year.
Tips for Keepin' up on Maths Skills over the Christmas Break

- **Challenge others or challenge yourself.** Online math strategy games provide a safe environment for elementary and middle school students to challenge themselves and challenge others. Games involve fractions, factoring, symmetry and comparing perimeter and area.

- **Play strategy games with friends and family.** A great way to spend quality time. Games such as Contig, and other free board games. Play as teams while learning so you can talk about strategy and then move playing individually.

- **Talk to your children’s teachers before the break.** Ask questions that show you are concerned about their development and maintenance of mathematics skills and fluency. For example, ask, “What do you see as my child’s strengths and weaknesses in math? What could we do while at home to develop or improve his/her weakest areas?”

- **Read books that contain mathematics content with your children.** There are books at every grade level that can engage students in thinking about math! Some suggestions include Ten Apples Up On Top! (elementary), The Great Number Rumble: A Story of Math in Surprising Places (middle grades), and The Numbers Behind NUMB3RS (high school). Want classroom activities to support math and literature? Check out Exploring Mathematics through Literature: Articles and Lessons for Prekindergarten through Grade 8.

- **Do projects with your child.** Bake cookies or work on a home improvement project. Real-world applications of mathematical ideas, especially measurement, are everywhere! If you are stringing up lights, work with them to estimate how many sets you will need and calculate the total number of lights used. If you are baking cookies, have them figure out what is needed to make a double batch.

- **Exercise your body; mathercise your mind!** Take in a sporting event, even if it’s only on TV. Keep track of yards gained and lost from running versus passing plays of their favorite football team or the shooting percentage of their favorite basketball player. Work with them to make comparisons between two of their favorite players and display it graphically. Check out the lesson connecting rate of movement to football on Illuminations, appropriate for middle and high school students.

- **Cut out snowflakes as decorations.** Invite your child to describe the shapes they see in their snowflakes and encourage them to tell you what they know about symmetry. Consider delivering holiday cheer by delivering them to a nearby nursing home! Play with the fractal tool on Illuminations. For a high-school level lesson on creating a Koch snowflake using fractals, see the activity sheets from Navigating through Geometry: 9-12 or from this article from the journal Mathematics Teacher.

- **Have a problem of the day.** Work through one new problem before or after dinner each night. Figure This! has an awesome assortment of interesting problems with hints and solutions, so you don’t have to be a math wizard to facilitate!

- **As a family, track your calorie intake or your finances.** Are you consuming more food during the holiday season than you would otherwise? Are you spending money on gifts? Becoming aware is important in establishing control. You may also consider how much time each day you spend on each activity such as watching television, eating, sleeping. Make a graph. Then, brainstorm how you can manage to fit in alternative activities to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

- **Seek out a volunteer opportunity that appeals to both you and your child.** From cooking for a shelter, to collecting food for a food drive, to collecting coats for the needy, there are lots of opportunities to estimate and use math to project how much your efforts mean to others.

- **Did your family receive gift cards as holiday gifts?** How will you decide to use them during the holiday sales? Are the same discounts available through online ordering as in the store? Which is more – the cost of shipping or the cost of driving to the store?
**School Photos 2015**

Our school photos will be taken next year Term 1, Week 2 Tuesday 3rd of February.

As this is so close to the beginning of the year the photographer will not require payment until one week after, Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} February when they will return to pick up their envelopes which they will distribute on photo day. Payment can also be paid online.

Family groups can also be taken on the day at lunch in the hall along with various other groups such as International Students, SRC & Musical groups.

Mrs Hupalo
School Photo Coordinator

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**Uniform Shop Opening Hours in January 2015**

Special Opening times are as follows : Please call 98717718 for an appointment.

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Chris Willis
Uniform Shop Manager
SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2015
Our Swimming Carnival for 2015 will be held on Monday 2nd February at Ryde Aquatic Centre. Swimming carnival notes will be distributed early next year.

YEAR 7 GALA DAY VS JAMES RUSE
The Annual Cumberland versus James Ruse Agricultural High School Year 7 Gala Day took place on Friday, 22nd November 2014. The weather was incredibly hot and all students came ready to compete. There were eight teams in a round robin competition playing basketball, netball, soccer and touch football. JRAHS was the host school this year and the day also included a barbecue for Year 7 students from both schools -the 300 sausage sandwiches, drinks and ice blocks disappeared very quickly at lunch time.

All teams competed strongly during the day, battling the heat, and the final result came down to the last few rounds of competition. CUMBERLAND WAS VICTORIOUS!! For the first time in four years, the shield has returned home! At the end of competition, a Best and Fairest award was given to one player from each team and the 2014 recipients were as follows:

- Ryan McGregor
- Emilio Gutierrez
- Tim Marks
- Musa El’Sheikh
- Emma Garibovic
- Bashir Horoni
- Jamie Kim
- Trey O’Brien-Sauni

Congratulations to all of Year 7 for a fantastic effort on the day!!

A big thank you must also go to all the Year 9 and 10 students who assisted on the day and to Mr. Pearson for his fantastic organisation.

SUMMER GRADE SPORT
Congratulations to the Touch Opens Boys team, Netball Opens Girls team and the Mixed Waterpolo team who were runners up in the Summer 2014 Term 4 competition.

Summer Grade Sport will be starting up again in Term 1 2015.

BOYS
- Touch 15’s
- Touch Opens
- Cricket Opens
- Baseball
- Basketball 15’s
- Basketball Opens

GIRLS
- Netball 15’s
- Netball Opens
- Volleyball 15’s and Opens
- OZ-Tag Opens

GRADE SPORT TRANSPORT
When traveling away, students are required to catch the sports bus and must purchase a Sport Bus Pass at a cost of $30 for the competition, payable to the FRONT OFFICE.

- Students will not be allowed to board a bus without a Sport Bus Pass.
- Passes can also be purchased individually at a cost of $6 per week from the FRONT OFFICE
- Passes are transferable and the same pass may be used for siblings i.e. two students from the same family travelling to an AWAY game will cost $12.

A reminder to all Grade Teams:
- When playing an AWAY game – all teams are to meet their coaches in the COLA before moving towards the bus bay or walking to their venue
Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22604’

If you require any further information you can phone 1300 130 282 between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.
The Northern Sydney Youth Orchestra is a non-profit community organisation. Our youth orchestras rehearse weekly at Beecroft.

We welcome young musicians to join the orchestras – why not contact us to find out how you or your students would benefit?

We’ll be conducting auditions on 10th (Strings) and 17th (Wind) December 2014 or by appointment. For details, please feel free to contact the respective orchestra manager:

Symphony: symphony@nsyo.org.au
Wind Ensemble: winds@nsyo.org.au
String Orchestra & String Sinfonia: strings@nsyo.org.au

You may fill-up our online application form at http://www.nsyo.org.au
Email: info@nsyo.org.au

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