



Umina Campus Newsletter

OCTOBER 2013



Brent Walker
Principal

NETBALL TEAM SUCCESS



On 18th September (Week 10 term 3) our school entered a team in the Year 9/10 Met North Netball Gala day at Adcock Park.

Our team consisted of; Casey Youngberry, Alexis Nelson-Staunton, Nicola Adams, Taylah Grant, Sala Harrington, Jasmine McLeish, Jemma Kowalczyk, Ebony Millgate, Hayley Eagan and Zoe Pardey. They had an outstanding result and beat 17 other teams to gain second place on the day.



The girls were undefeated all day, until they played in the grand final against Mackellar High. BWSC actually beat Mackellar earlier in the day with an outstanding comeback after half time, scoring nine goals in a row, in the howling wind, to beat them by two goals. The girls are commended for their exceptional behaviour and attitude to the game on the day. A couple of teams commented that BWSC were a really nice team to play (and this does not usually happen at this competitive level in Netball!). Well done to everyone involved and a big thanks to Mrs Austin from BWSC Woy Woy for her help coaching on the day.

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Principal's Report

Term 4 has begun with major developments throughout the school. The Year 7 projected numbers for next year are very strong and are a reflection of the wonderful programs and opportunities that are being offered on the Middle School Campus.

A lot of time has been spent in Term 3 on getting the school compliant in terms of Workplace, Health and Safety. This has involved an audit of facilities in the school to ensure safety and to maximise the opportunities for all students. In the near future there will be re-fencing of the basketball court and cola areas behind the playing fields. These areas are currently in a state of disrepair and look aesthetically very poor. Also some rooms are being recarpeted and the Agricultural Farm is also undertaking repairs and fixing up the facilities.

The campus achieved mixed results in the NAPLAN examinations. There were some very pleasing individual results which were a testament to the hard work and diligence of the students and the teaching staff of the school. In response to these performances the staff is undertaking training in Term 4 on the Focus on Reading program which is designed to provide additional assistance to students in order to become more effective and critical readers.

The students are currently working towards the end of year report and it is important to stress that the efforts will be integral in determining what class they enter next year. Year 9 are beginning their transition to the Senior Campus and have been working closely within their teams to get them ready for the movement.

Overall, a very busy start to the term.

Brent Walker,
Principal

P&C Association Meeting

Wednesday 23rd October
2013 7pm at Woy Woy
School Campus





English Report

"The fire of literacy is created by the emotional sparks between a child, a book, and the person reading. It isn't achieved by the book alone, nor by the child alone, nor by the adult who's reading aloud—it's the relationship winding between all three, bringing them together in easy harmony."

— Mem Fox, *Reading Magic: Why Reading Aloud to Our Children Will Change Their Lives Forever*



Dear Parents,

It is with much pleasure that we, the English Faculty, are able to communicate with you via this newsletter.

Term 4 is another busy term as students endeavour to improve their creative writing skills. Year 7 will be studying real heroes and composing their own narrative in Week 5. Year 8 will study fictional heroes and learn about the hero's journey. Year 9 will be composing a creative text incorporating the themes of celebration and challenge. This will occur in Week 4. After this, Year 9 will compose their resume and cover letter in preparation for the Mock Interviews. These documents are due in Week 7.



As a faculty we have been impressed with the completion and submission of assessment tasks for Term 3. The students are proud of their work. As an English Faculty, we want your child to have positive learning experiences as this is the pathway to academic success. If you would like to help your child gain maximum marks for their assessment task, please focus their attention to the marking criteria, located on their coloured assessment sheet. With your involvement, learning can become a valuable bonding experience. By reading or listening to the completed assessment task and ensuring that all criteria have been addressed, the sense of satisfaction and level of achievement will improve. Their confidence will grow and so will their ability.



This term, students are required to complete their assessment task in class, however, we recommend that students work on these tasks at home. You, the parent, will still be able to check that criteria has been met as students should have a published document prior to assessment day. The student's home preparation should comprise the following steps:

Brainstorming ideas for their story

Drafting the story

Format and Sequence Checking: Does it make sense?

Reviewing and Editing: correcting errors and incorporating literary devices and other criteria requirements

Preparing a summary sheet of the published narrative and learning this for the in-class task. At this point, your child will be very familiar with their storyline, so the important elements to remember will be the literary devices such as descriptive vocabulary, dialogue commands, hyperbole, simile, metaphor, personification, alliteration and vocabulary that appeals to the five senses.



Homework is important and will help your child to feel confident on assessment day. Every student is expected to complete the tasks outlined above as part of their homework regime for English. We will be guiding the students through the creative writing process in their lessons, as we extend students' story writing abilities with units on character development, figures of speech and story atmosphere.



Celebrations

There are many ways you can help your child in relation to English at home:

The following website has been set up by the Department of Education and Communities as an information source for parents. You will find a good deal of information on the site to help you with English for your child. There are games, information sheets, spelling tasks and ways to help your child with writing.

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/>

Some suggestions are:

- Provide them with a variety of reading material
- Talk to them about what they are reading
- Ask them to explain a story to you
- Read with them
- Test them on their spelling
- Complete crosswords and find-a-words with them
- Ask them to write a summary of what they did in class, making sure their spelling and punctuation is correct
- Play word games like Scrabble or Upwords
- There are spelling and vocabulary word games for phones, iPods and iPads

We hope this has been helpful to you and we look forward to another delightful term expanding the literary expertise of your child or children,

Yours Sincerely,
The English Staff



PBL Report

BWSC Umina Campus has a positive approach to behaviour management with a new focus called Positive Behaviour for Learning or PBL.

Its aim is to provide each student with a quality education in a **respectful**, caring environment that promotes **commitment** to learning and fosters positive **relationships**.

The PBL focus over the last term has been for students to line up outside the classroom, stay away from another person's personal space, wait patiently for the teacher and forward into the classroom in an orderly manner. This has been successful and we will be continuing to do this.

Our next focus area will be:

Having the correct equipment.

Being prepared for class with the right equipment is vital if students are going to achieve their personal best at school.

It is expected that students would have the following basic equipment for every class throughout the day:

A Pen and or Pencil

A Workbook

A Calculator (Maths/Science)

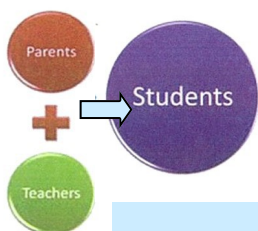
Sports Uniform (PE and Sport)

Could you please ensure that your child has this basic equipment and remind them to bring it each day.

Thank you for your support

PBL Team

PARENT PORTAL



BWSC Umina has introduced a **parent portal** to provide parents with 24/7 access to their child's data. Parents can log in to access details of their child's attendance information, send messages to their child's teacher, as well as updating family contact details and explaining absences.

For more information and details on how to register for access to the

Parent Portal go to our website at:

<http://www.umina-h.schools.nsw.edu.au> and click on the "Parents & Sharepoint" tab

Explanation of absences—please be aware that **only explanations for the current term** can be accepted. Explanations must be received within **14 days** of the absence.



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Breakfast

Toast—Raisin/Plain	\$0.50
Toast with vegemite	\$0.60
Melted Cheese Rolls	\$0.80
Hot Chocolate	\$1.80
Up & Go	\$2.00
Water	\$2.00
Muffins	\$2.20
Bacon & Cheese Rolls	\$2.20
Small Flavoured Milk	\$2.30
Large Flavoured Milk	\$3.70

Hot Food

Fingers	\$2.00
Hot Dogs	\$2.00
Cup of Noodles	\$2.00
Pizza	\$2.80
Roundas	\$2.50
Burgers	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Sauce	0.30



Rolls/Sandwiches

Buttered Roll	\$0.80
Sandwich "special"	\$1.00
Vegemite	\$1.20
Egg	\$2.20
Cheese	\$2.20
CLM	\$3.00
Salad	\$3.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.60
Ham & Tomato	\$3.60
Ham, Cheese, Tomato	\$4.00
Wrap	\$5.00
(extras 50c each)	
Toasted	50c extra

Canteen Up Date

- Lasagne and pies are no longer available
- Coming soon—Salad boxes, Milk shakes and Smoothies!

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
14 OCTOBER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff MEETING • NAPLAN • Syd Nth Boys Waterpolo • HT network meeting 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yr 5 GATS day 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting: Learning sup • KWAC Exc • Syd Nth Girls Waterpolo • HT network meet 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Exchange 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HT network meet
21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Meeting- Focus on reading • Indigenous Orientation day 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole Staff PL— Focus on reading • Hairdressing Workshop 	23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Welfare/ PBL • Yr 6 GATS day • Hairdressing Workshop • P&C Woy Woy 	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bushcraft Ex • Scone Show • Yr7,8 CAPA Ex • Eco Warriors Ex • Shakespeare Ex • Music Ex 	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bushcraft Ex • Scone Show • Yr 9 Photography Ex • RU U/16 Finals
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Meeting • Immunisation 	29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting: Learning sup 	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCPM 	1 NOVEMBER
YR8 GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP				
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Meeting • Immunisation 	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting: Welfare/ PBL • SRC elections 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Presentation night 	8
11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Meeting- Focus on reading 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole Staff PL— Focus on reading 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting: Learn support 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 12 Formal • Peer leader training 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA Orientation

AECG Meetings 2013

AGM 15th October: 3.30-4.30pm Woy Woy PS

5th November: 3.30-4.30pm, BWSC Umina Campus

3rd December: End of year Special meeting