



# Umina Campus Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2013



Brent  
Walker

## College App and Facebook Launch



This is an exciting newsletter to write as it will be the first one specifically written for inclusion in our new College App and Facebook page!

It is exciting that we as a college are embracing the technologies of social media and utilizing these to improve our communications with students, parents and the wider community. I particularly would like to thank our wonderful P&C who have funded the development of the APP but also Mr Jarrod Newman and Mr Simon Norris for their expertise and work in getting this up and running.

Please note that should you have any messages or notices that need to be distributed you can contact the relevant campus and organize to have them added to the APP.

Over the last three weeks Ms McGuiness, Mr Cameron, Ms Muller and I have been interviewing year 10 students to listen to their voice on matters such as how they like to learn and what hinders their learning. We have been really impressed by the amount of thought the students have obviously put into their responses, their willingness to be open and honest and also the level of maturity they have displayed. This is a long term research project that will also extend to years 5,6,7,8 and 9 across the learning community. However early in 2014 we will be able to publish our findings to Year 10 and to staff and parents. This knowledge will then be used to inform teaching and learning for year 10.

As you are aware schools have received the advice of their funding under the Gonski Reforms. This is an exciting time for us as school leaders as it enables the campus principals to work with their staff and communities to identify the specialist needs of our students and address them. It is important that we are able to call on the wisdom and advice of a strong P&C. I exhort you to consider joining the College P&C so that it is fully representative of our students and community.

This will be my last newsletter for 2013 as I will be on leave from December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr Walker, Principal Umina Campus will be relieving as College Principal and Mr Warren as Umina Campus Principal.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyous festive season and a happy and safe New Year.

Sally Conn



### Special P&C Meeting

Tuesday 19th November 2013 at Woy Woy School Campus Nursing Centre from 2—3pm

The meeting will include the exciting new "App and Facebook launch for mobile phones etc

DEADLY Awards will follow the meeting Plus a BBQ at 4pm

## Principal's Report

As the term draws to a close both teachers and students are working hard to complete a range of activities before the school term finishes. The classes I have

visited have students working diligently and conscientiously on major works in preparation for final assessments which will determine their position in their cohort and potentially class placement for 2014.

I am very excited about the launch of the school **App and Facebook** site which Mrs Conn has spoken about on the previous page. I am also excited to announce that in 2014 an anti-bullying website will be launched at the start of the year which will allow students to report bullying issues electronically to the executive of the school. Further information will become available at the start of the school year- this program will allow parents and students another mechanism to report this often degrading and offensive behaviour.

I have spoken to a few parents recently who have expressed concerns that it seems as though children and young people are constantly online. Often they seem to be completing more than one task at a time; for example, downloading and listening to music while studying and chatting with friends or sending messages on their mobile phones. The number of hours children and young people spend online can vary significantly. There is no guideline for the 'right' amount of time for children to spend online, however if their online behaviour appears to impact negatively on their behaviour or wellbeing, or that of the family, it may be time to discuss expectations and establish time limits.

### How much is too much?

Noticeable changes in the online and offline behaviour of children and young people can be indicators of excessive internet use. These include:

- seeming obsessed with particular websites or games
- appearing anxious or irritable when away from the computer
- spending increasing amounts of time online
- excessive tiredness
- a decline in academic performance and
- seeming isolated or withdrawn from offline friends and activities.
- online activities interfering with general health and wellbeing



Some of these indicators may be developmentally appropriate behaviours for young people, particularly teens. Alternatively, they may be indicators of other significant issues such as cyberbullying, friendship difficulties and mental health issues.

Where do I go for help?

Resources for parents

Cybersmart has a range of age appropriate online information and related links to support parents in the education of themselves and their children. Resources are available for:

- Parents and adults
- Young Kids (0-7)
- Kids (8-12)
- Teens (13+)

Cybersmart also delivers the Outreach program which offers free Internet Safety Awareness presentations for parents, students and teachers to encourage a consistent approach to cybersafety education between school and home. These sessions are informative, non-technical and available to all schools. Ask your child's school if they have registered to host a parent presentation.

See more at:

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents/Cyber%20issues/>

Looking forward to a great finish to the year

Brent Walker , Principal

## Deputy Principal Report

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Community Members,

As Term 4 moves into full swing, the term offers great opportunities and experiences for our students. We also look ahead and plan for the remainder of 2013 and the start of 2014.

Many important events are coming up this term, but most important is that all students need to focus on their **attendance, diligence and application** to successfully complete their current year of school. **Term 4 is the time to impress, as all teachers will be completing the student's yearly reports.**

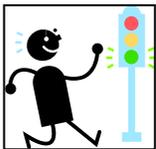
**YEAR 7** – More and more opportunities will exist this term, keep working hard. Yearly exams underway.

**YEAR 8** – Electives for 2014 will be finalised, your Year 9 classes will also be determined. All students should be working very hard.

**YEAR 9** – Final Yearly exams, Mock Interviews, Transition, Sign Out and your final Graduation level will be determined



A good opportunity exists for ALL students to think about their current progress using the traffic light test below.



- RED LIGHT** – What should I STOP doing right now?  
**AMBER LIGHT** – What should I CHANGE in the next few weeks?  
**GREEN LIGHT** – What should I KEEP doing?

Thankyou everyone and enjoy the rest of the term, all students should look ahead and maintain their effort for the remainder of the year.

Mr. S. Warren  
Deputy Principal



## P&C Association Meeting

Wednesday 20th November

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Umina Middle Campus

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

What an exciting and busy year it has been! I can't believe that the little Year 7 students that first entered our hall back in February 2012 are getting ready to move into Year 9 and are becoming the Seniors of our school. On that note, I would like to congratulate our new captains, vice captains and SRC representatives for 2014. Amazing talent!

The year has flown by. I am always proud when I get to reflect on the opportunities that our Campus has offered our students. In terms of commitment, one of our core values, the dedicated staff of Umina Campus never fail to amaze me. You may not be aware but the school is implementing the Focus On Reading program to further assist all students in reading and comprehension. Staff are undertaking this training in their own time and the benefits to our students will be fantastic! As most of you would be aware, I was on leave for the first three weeks of the term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms James for all of her hard work whilst she was relieving in the Deputy Principal chair. It was wonderful to return to work knowing that the transition was seamless.



I was also lucky not to miss the Year 8 camp this term. It was brilliant seeing the students completing challenge activities, engaging with the staff and receiving all of the compliments that I did from the staff of The Great Aussie Bush Camp. It was wonderful to receive the feedback, though not surprising. We know our students are awesome! Thank you to Miss Crump, Mr Lawler, Mr Emmett, Miss Smith and Miss Price for making this happen for our students. We certainly appreciate it.

I was also fortunate enough to be involved in one of our transition days with Mrs Martin and Mr Montgomery. The Year 6 students from all of our Partner Primary Schools were very excited (and nervous) to be at high school. I think we were able to ease their concerns, and their parents and they left happy, on a tour of the school. I would love to congratulate the Umina students who spoke to the Primary students and their parents. As we all know public speaking can be a daunting task. So to Carmine McMullen, Josh Stewart, Jordy Hibbard, Steven Sarayeldin, Decklan Smith, Brennan Wilson and Corey Hughes, congratulations on speaking so clearly and confidently. You truly did our school proud.

I am really looking forward to working with the staff, students and community next year and would like to wish our community a very merry Christmas and an awesome new year.



Kendell Smith  
Deputy Principal



**Our industry breakfast** was a success with approximately 40 people attending who have helped 'Careers' along the way. The event involved both campuses.

This term has seen several of our students attending workshops and sites. Special thanks must go to Brian Hilton Toyota, Phil's cars and D.M Hayes Building.



We still have the **THINK workshop** on November 19th to go. This is aimed at students interested in hospitality and events management. The cost is \$20.

**Mock Interviews** are fast approaching and students are busily preparing their resumes and cover letters. We have many community members involved in this and students should gain a lot of experience by simply attending and going through the process of a panel interview.

Interviews commence on Wednesday November 27 through to November 29. Students lists and times are available from the Umina website 'Careers and Transition' section and they are also displayed on the windows near student reception.

Students will need to arrive 30 minutes before their interview and dress accordingly. More information is on the website including appropriate attire.

What a busy few months we have had again.

It is at this time that I should recognise the fantastic work of our **Baristas**. Our cafe has run weekly throughout most of the year. We have had many students working occasional shifts whilst several have been regular participants.

A big thank you to our regulars; James Johnson, Jemma Kowalczyk, Hayden Crowson, Sarah Hogg and Ryan Penn. These students give up their lunchtimes and lessons working tirelessly on making the perfect coffee. Some even arrived at 6:45am for our industry brekky. Thank you. Your help has been invaluable.

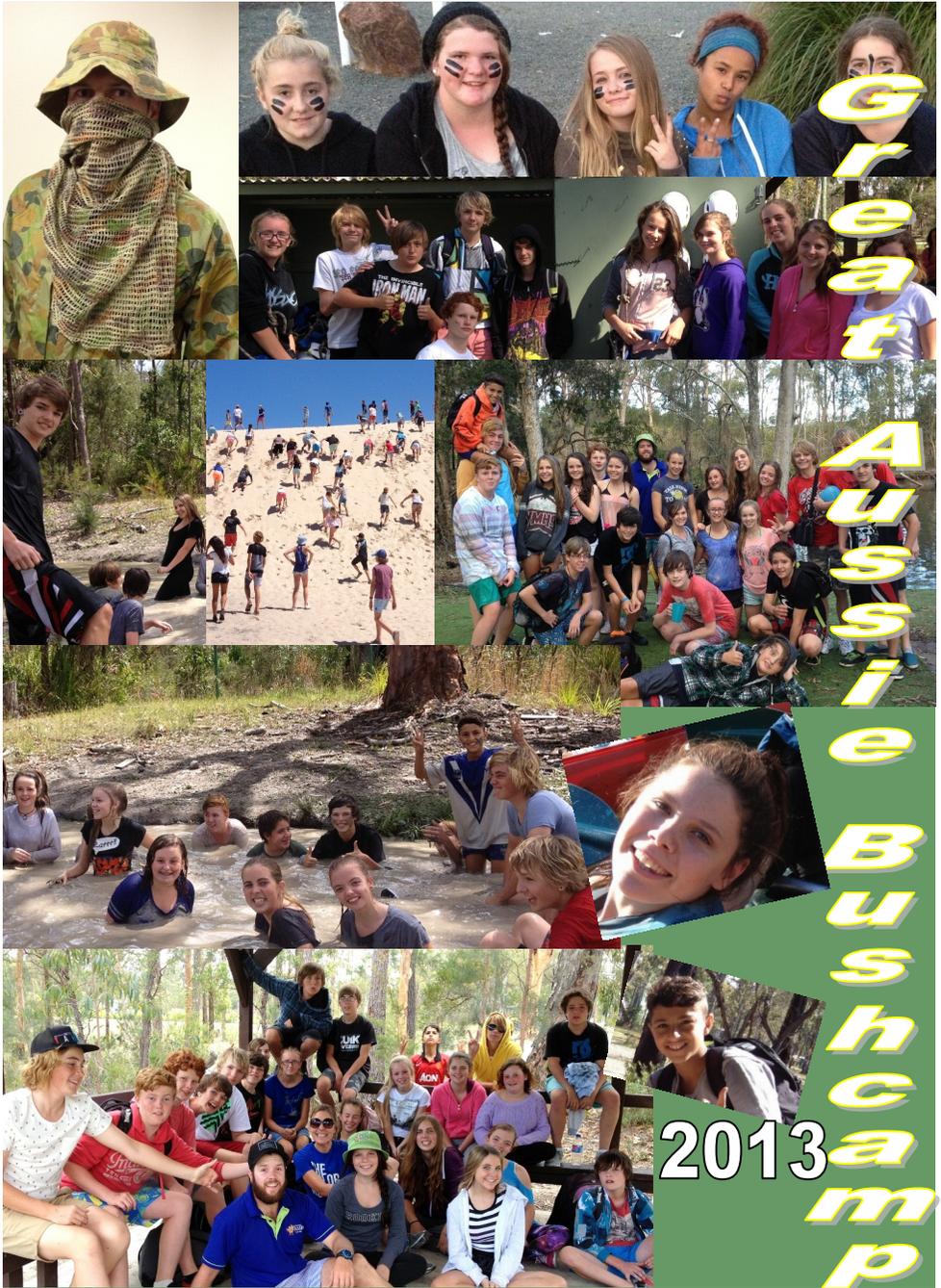
Congratulations to **Janelle Rooney** who will be camping out at the University of Newcastle as part of the "girls choices" program. Janelle is the only student attending this prestigious activity from our school.

For students interested in completing barista and white card courses....they will be on offer very early in term 1, 2014.

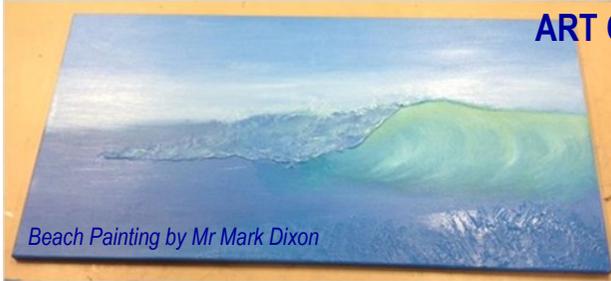
Best regards, Mrs. N. Lewis

*“Students interested in a career digital media, IT programming, mobile apps or game design are invited to apply for a **\$10,000 scholarship to study at The Academy of Information Technology**. AIT is hosting an info night on Nov 20 for students or parents interested in learning about careers and study options in the IT and creative fields. All ages welcome Register at <http://www.ait.nsw.edu.au/events/>”*





## ART CLUB BEACH PAINTING



A special workshop has been taking place in Art Club each Tuesday after school. Mr Charles has brought his beach painting skills to the club and with a huge group of recruits has been busily painting, painting, painting... We have even had a couple of teachers join in for the fun! Mr Dixon and Ms Peyser have really surprised themselves at what they can achieve with a canvas and some guidance. Thank you to all the students who have been getting involved... we can't wait to see the finished artworks from these enthusiastic budding artists!!

Miss Price



## SRC 2014



**Captains:** Wyatt Elliott and Jessica Lent  
**Vice Captains:** Lachlan Steel and Lara McLauchlan

### Yr 8

Shannon Adams, Cali Backhouse, Selena Caldwell, Matt Hatch, Rachael Hennock, Lute Moala, Oscar O'Connell, Tyler Raymont, Renae Roberts, Allen Sarayeldin, Zoe Sounness, Daniel Willings

### Yr 9

Ben Austine, Kayla Dingwall, Logan Evans, Rikki Hamilton, Katelyn Harding, Helena McGivney, Daniel McNamara, Mitchell Moore, Lachlan Mottlee, Taylor Shaw, Jake Staunton, Casey Youngberry

### Yr 10 - For Woy Woy

Bryce Antoine, Gandhari Gurung, Alana Hardcastle, Sarah Hogg, Georgia Leslie-Fitch, Maddison McLeod, Rachel Wood, Tom Woods



# Team 4 Report



- Reminder to return your note and money to the front office for the LUNA PARK rewards excursion!
- Please keep collecting PB's which will put you in the draw each week for the prize. Remind your teachers about the PB's when they need reminding. You will also be put in Mr Phillip's draw for other goodies at our team assemblies...
- Keep up the fantastic uniform and continue to impress your teachers with a positive attitude and an awesome work ethic!
- REMINDER about Black leather shoes please! Must be worn at all times. Whole School policy.
- 8CAPA students who went to Great Aussie Bushcamp were a wonderful reflection of our team. Your behaviour, skills and enthusiasm are a credit to you.
- Aim to **BRING YOUR EQUIPMENT** to all classes! This means a pencil case **FULL** of great stuff you can use in class. Think of it as the **TOOLS** for a job. A builder doesn't show up to work without his tools... he won't achieve anything. In **TEAM 4** we want to aim for **THE STARS!!** So **BE PREPARED**, bring the right equipment for every lesson you have each day... pencil, pen, eraser, sharpener, ruler, glue..... and of course your PE uniform or your cooking gear!



## 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.

## Brisbane Water Secondary College Wins Champion at The Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza



BWSC successfully completes the 2013 show season maintaining their outstanding performance record at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza at Scone on 25<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> October, the final show for 2013. Over 40 schools from all regions of NSW, fifteen breeders and at least 220 head of led cattle and more than 400 students competed at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza which proved to be one of the largest cattle shows in NSW for 2013. Eighteen students from Years 7 – 12 prepared and competed five head of cattle. BWSC won **Champion Medium weight Steer** in a very strong field, this steer continued to place Runner Up Overall Champion on the Hoof of the show. A further two steers achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the heavyweight classes respectfully.

*Below left: Medium Weight Champion led by Katharine Charles bred by Mr Alwyn Kelehear Sponsored by the Don Leggett House at Peninsula Village in conjunction with Umina Rotary Club*



*Right: Third Heavyweight steer led by Isaac Jones bred by Flemington Stud*



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*Left: Third Medium Heavyweight steer led by Kiara Leoni bred by Mr Mazato*



*Above right: Abbie Tierney placed fourth in the Fifteen Year Old Paraders Competition out of a highly competitive field of 123 paraders.*



*Left: Breeder Mr Col McGilChrist with Heavy weight steer led by Allana Norris*

This concludes a highly successful show season for BWSC who entered nine shows achieving champions and numerous placings with cattle, junior judging and parading throughout the year.

Young cattle have now arrived from breeders at Quirindi, Mangrove Mountain and the Hunter Valley to commence preparations for 2014. Students are excited about commencing training for the coming year. BWSC would like to acknowledge the generous support from breeders, Umina and Woy Woy Rotary clubs, Parents and Citizens Association and private sponsors who have enabled the school to provide students with a balanced and comprehensive agriculture education. They have also been instrumental in providing opportunities for our students to learn, not only excellent skills in cattle training and preparation, but team work, accountability, responsibility and work ethic. This continues to provide a solid platform for many graduates to enter successful agricultural tertiary training and employment over the years. These students would otherwise never encounter the diversity of the agricultural opportunities available in Australia. There are currently at least two positions for every Agriculture University and College graduate in the industry. Woy Woy Rotary Club visited the school farm to meet with agriculture students on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Students demonstrated parading and judging skills explaining the principles and practices involved. The Cattle Club would like to extend their sincere thanks to Woy Woy Rotary Club for their financial support. Such community support is essential to the viability of the cattle show program.

The Agriculture Department would like to thank the Umina P & C Association for covering the costs of repairs to the stock truck. It is essential to collect cattle from properties and bring them to the farm for the preparation for shows and to then transport them there. The truck is also used to transport sheep and pigs. Therefore it is integral to the quality teaching and learning program that is provided to all students at BWSC through the Agriculture Department.



*Students present cattle heading for the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza to the Woy Woy Rotary Club*



*Kindergarten students from Empire Bay Public School learning how to draft sheep and lambs*



## Singleton Prime Stock Competition 2013

On the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September 22 students and 4 steers travelled to Singleton to partake in the Singleton Prime Stock Competition hosted by the Singleton Beef and Land Management Association.

We would like to congratulate all students who attended the show, on their participation in preparing for the show and on their exceptional conduct throughout the competition where great showmanship was displayed.

This year BWSC also had a partnership with St Josephs College, Hunters Hill whereby BWSC students prepared and showed one Steer on behalf of the St Josephs students. Mr Rob Forsberg of St Josephs commented on how impressed he was with the skills and showmanship displayed throughout the competition. The St Josephs steer came 3rd on the hoof judging and an impressive Reserve Champion on the carcass judging.

Our students were also publicly recognised by the Singleton Beef and Land Management Association for their helpful efforts in assisting to prepare the grounds for the show the day before the event.

Over the years the BWSC cattle show program has played an important role in not only developing skills for our students but also in providing opportunities for them to develop in their interpersonal skills and confidence. Many of our past students have developed contacts through the program which have led to successful careers in Agricultural industries. We would like to thank all of our cattle breeders and sponsors including Rotary Umina and Rotary Woy Woy as well as the P and C for you on-going commitment which has enabled this program to continue.



*Above: Corey Jones with Colorado bred by C & L McGilchrist of Wallabadah who came 1st in the 401 – 450 Kg class and also 1st in his class carcass Judging*



*Above: Allana Norris with H37 bred by I & D Robson of Flemington Limousins, Adelong who came 2nd in the 401 – 450 Kg class and 4th in his class in the carcass Judging*

### CAROLS - SAT 14 DEC 2013 PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE COURTYARD

**CARNIVAL STARTS 6PM** HEAPS OF FUN WITH JUMPING CASTLES, CHALLENGES, GAMES & FACE PAINTING. BBQ FOR SALE OR BYO PICNIC.

**CAROLS START 7.30PM** PLEASE BRING A RUG OR A CHAIR. GLOW STICKS AVAILABLE

### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE - WED 25 DEC 9.00AM\*

\*EV KIDS PROGRAM - SEE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS

evchurch.info

Brisbane Water Secondary College,  
Woy Woy Campus



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## English Report



*"I cannot remember the books I've read any more than the meals I have eaten; even so, they have made me." — Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Dear Parents,

**Welcome to the festive season; a time for reflection.** As the year concludes students have been asked to reflect upon their English achievements. For years 7 and 9, the Reflection has become part of their assessment mark. We hope that this will help students realise their strengths and weaknesses and encourage them to take more responsibility for their learning.

Students are asked to comment on purpose, audience, written techniques, favourite section, areas for improvement and anticipated grade. Students tend to be very honest when completing these reflections and it is interesting to note that many, even the high achievers, have discovered ways to improve their work for future assessments. **Homework:** Years 7 and 8 should be completing a weekly homework sheet, comprising a spelling list, vocabulary exercise and written component. Weekly spelling tests are being performed and an average spelling mark will contribute 10% to every student's overall grade this semester.

**Reports:** Teachers are busy reviewing the progress your child has made this semester. Your child's report comment is very important to us and we try to inform you of both their strengths and weaknesses. Remember, there is always room for improvement and we anticipate that your child will be responsive to our recommendations for their further progress.

Revision of key terminology and ensuring your child is following basic grammatical and punctuation rules will help your child to improve their confidence, enjoyment and level of success in English.

**The Local Library:** Umina and Woy Woy Libraries are both branches of Gosford City Library. These libraries offer excellent services for all ages of the community and we have included contact phone numbers for your convenience. Umina Branch: 43047333 Woy Woy Branch: 43047555

Some of these services offered by these libraries are a book club and knitting club for the adults and story time, singing, reading and rhyming for the pre-schoolers.

For your high school student there is an excellent range of fiction and non-fiction books and magazines. Both libraries are affiliated with other Gosford Library Branches and books can be ordered from these branches. It is free to join and free to borrow. Why not introduce your child to their favourite genre, and keep them passively learning during the holidays? Thank you for helping us to educate your child.

Kind Regards, The English Faculty

### Why do we need to write?

1. Remove stress from mind, place on paper
2. Sweep Your Mind
3. Keep Your Writing Skills Sharp
4. Make Some Pocket Money
5. Turn the Noise Off
6. Enhance Your Communication Skills
7. Know What You Want
8. Develop Your Analytical Skills
9. Get Away from Technology
10. Meet Yourself All Over Again

-Joel Falconer, Online Magazine Editor



# Women's Gingerbread House Making Night

Monday, 2 December,  
7.15 pm to 9.00pm

@ Ettalong Baptist Church

8 Barrenjoey Road, Ettalong Beach



Tickets: \$30, with a delicious supper included.

School children are welcome to attend with an adult.

For further enquiries  
and to purchase tickets contact

## AVOCA Beachside markets

9am-2pm **SUNDAY**  
**November 24th**

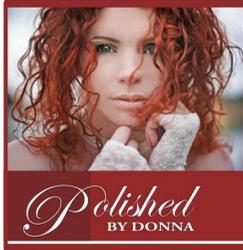
**Christmas Fair** SUNDAY 8th DEC

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## Annual junior holiday chess tournament



- When:** Monday 20 January, from 11am to 4.30pm.  
**Where:** Mingara Recreation Club, Mingara Drive, Tumbi Umbi (east of Wyong).  
**Trophies:** 1st outright plus prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in several age divisions with 7-8 players in each division. Prizes also for puzzle solving.  
**Entries:** Must pre-enter by Friday 17 January. Fee \$10 (pay on the day).  
**Enquiries:** Gary Losh, phone 4390 8176, email [glosh51@dodo.com.au](mailto:glosh51@dodo.com.au)  
**Lunch:** The club has a "no outside food" policy but has several suitable food outlets. Mingara Junior Chess Group meets at Mingara Recreation Club each Wednesday during school term from 5:00 to 6:15pm.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
18 <b>NOVEMBER</b> • Colleg Staff MEETING	19 • Meeting Woy Woy campus nursing centre - new App launch 2 –3pm • DEADLY Awards + BBQ 4pm Woy Woy • THINK excursion	20 • Meeting Welfare/PBL  • Meeting P & C Umina	21 • Eco Warriors Excursion • Orientation day at Woy Woy for Yr 9 teams 1,2,5 & 7	22 • Orientation day at Woy Woy for Yr 9 teams 3,4 & 6
25 • Team Meeting- • Practise Year 9 Assembly	26	27 • Meeting— Learning support	28	29 • School Spectacular excursion
<b>Year 9 Mock Interviews</b>				
<b>Years 6 into 7 Transition</b>				
2 <b>DECEMBER</b> • Staff Meeting • Catholic Scripture • Yr 7 Swim & Survive	3 • Yr 7 Swim & Survive • AECG meeting	4 • Meeting: Welfare/PBL	5 • Yr 7 Swim & Survive	6 • Concert setup • Yr 7 Swim & Survive
9 • Faculty Meeting • Concert rehearsal • Yr 7 Swim & Survive	10 • Term 4 Concert— night concert	11	12	13 • Staff Xmas party
• 16 Team Meeting • Yr9 Graduation Assembly • Presentation evening • Yr 7– 8 Reports issued	17 • Team Rewards excursion	18 • LAST DAY for students	19 • LAST DAY for teachers	20 • TERM 4 ENDS • Principal & SASS only