



Umina Campus Newsletter

DECEMBER 2013

Brent Walker
Principal



Year 9 Interview Candidates

Impress



Congratulations to Year 9 students and thank you to Careers Teacher Nerrida Lewis for her exemplary running of the Mock Interviews recently. Local civic and business leaders were overwhelmed by the talent and articulate nature of our Year 9 students and have rung regularly to congratulate the school on their efforts.



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Principal's Report

As 2013 draws to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hard work of the staff, students and wider community that have made this year such a success. Having been here only three terms I have been highly impressed by the wonderful students at the school who have shown themselves to be a very caring and empathetic group of young people.

Preparations are currently underway for our Awards Ceremony to be held on the Senior Campus on Monday 16th December commencing at 6.45pm. This ceremony is a wonderful way to acknowledge and celebrate the academic achievements and application to study of our very capable students. There is also final planning underway for our Year 9 Graduation Assembly occurring on the same day as our students prepare to move to the Senior Campus. I wish these very capable students all the best and can assure them that they will be sadly missed by the caring staff who have nurtured and developed their skills over the past three years. I would like to acknowledge also the hard work of our student leadership team for 2013 and wish those leaving us all the best for next year. Congratulations to our outstanding School Captains Jessica Lent and Wyatt Elliott and Vice Captains Lara McLachlan and Lachlan Steel for 2014. Thanks must go to our student leaders who were exemplary on the transition days for our very large Year 7 cohort for next year.

In this final newsletter for 2013, I would also like to thank the work of our small-but-very hardworking P and C who are genuinely committed to improving the lot of our students. Their financial commitment to relaunching PBL in 2014 is very pleasing and shows the commitment they have towards all students at Brisbane Water Secondary College. They are currently having difficulty attracting numbers and would greatly appreciate further support. If you are able to assist - it is only one meeting a month and they would certainly appreciate your input.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the incredible dedication and commitment of the teaching staff. Their determination to improve the life opportunities of our students is shown from their hard work in the classroom through to giving up their time to run socials and sporting events that give students a range of opportunities to have a range of experiences. I know that parents and caregivers appreciate your continued efforts and I thank you for all your hard work.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank those staff who will not be with us in 2014. These include Lea Lawler, Barbara Morris and Ellen Sayers who are moving on towards a well-earned retirement. I would also like to wish all the best to Mrs Owen, Mrs Perusco, Mrs Pritchard and Mrs Evans as they prepare for the birth of children in the New Year.

2013 has been a great year and I am looking forward to an even better 2014. Hoping you have a safe and relaxing holiday and a wonderful Xmas.

All the best.
Brent Walker



Deputy Principal Report



Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Community Members,

As Term 4 draws to a close, we look back at all the wonderful achievements over this year. We also look ahead and plan for the start of 2014.

2013 has been another amazing year for the students of Brisbane Water Secondary College. In recent weeks I have had the privilege to attend numerous events including: Deadly Awards – recognising the achievements of our Indigenous students, Sports Presentation Dinner – recognising sporting excellence and the Year 9 Graduation Assembly – recognising the completion of schooling for our students at the Umina Campus. These events continue to astonish as they display the extensive range of opportunities that our students enjoy.

Umina Campus continues to be a leading light in education and student development on the Central Coast. Our students are achieving excellence in all fields:

- Outstanding academic results across all levels as displayed by our wonderful NAPLAN results and NAPLAN growth data.
- Brilliant sporting results throughout the New South Wales Combined High Schools Knockout and representative teams.
- Wonderful opportunities in creative and performing arts through the CAPA program, Dance and various performances.
- Significant cultural awareness through the Bush Tucker Garden, Didge and Dance Groups.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the dedicated staff who go that extra yard to enable our students to experience such wonderful and fulfilling activities. Can I also thank the numerous Parents and Carers who give up their valuable time to assist. Without all your help, these activities could not go ahead.

Looking forward to 2014, here are some important dates to remember

Monday 27 January 2014 - Australia Day Public Holiday	
Tuesday 28 January 2014 -	Staff return to school – No students
Wednesday 29 January 2014 -	Day 1 for Year 7 – No Year 8 or Year 9
Thursday 30 January 2014 -	Day 2 for Year 7 – No Year 8 or Year 9
Friday 31 January 2014 -	Whole school returns



S. Warren

Mr. S. Warren
Deputy Principal

Wishing you all a safe and joyous Christmas break..

MOCK INTERVIEWS



What an outstanding three days. Both students and panel members enjoyed the interview process and found it most useful.

It was pleasing to see that all of our students took the role seriously and it was great seeing them dressed up and behaving in a professional manner.

Many of our panel members were willing to employ our students straight away and opportunities for work experience and part time work came out of the three days for several of our students.



The feedback gathered from students reinforced that these interviews are extremely worthwhile and beneficial for our students.

Even students who already have part time work found it useful to be interviewed at length and by a panel, rather than one person.

Congratulations to all students who attended and a big thank you to all of the community members who volunteered their day to support our school.



THINK EXCURSION

cafe students attended the THINK excursion in Nth Sydney November 19. Students were introduced to the opportunities of the Hospitality industry, the chance for travel and the many career paths which exist.

Students also learnt the fine art skills of decorating coffees 'coffee art'. They have since been testing their new skills in the Bush Tucker Cafe.



WHITECARD

Many students have been asking about white cards. White cards have replaced the old 'green card'. If you have not got your white card yet, you can do it independently over the school break.

Courses run at Tuggerah and Gosford. For further information please see Mrs Lewis





PAPER BARK CANTEEN

Well, here we are nearing the end of another year!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all my ladies who have been there to help me since I took over in July, without you my job would have been very hard! So thank you to Josie, Diane, Ros, Robyn, Lynelle, Kath, Cheryl, Kerry's (Powell and Moore), El, Maryanne & Annette.

A big thank you also to my offsider, Gillian—you are a great help.

I wish to also thank Lorraine for being a great teacher and for all your help—you are missed very much.

Josie, a special thanks for staying till the end of term, you will be missed.

Adele, hope you will be better soon.

So wishing you all a wonderful Christmas & New Year. Be safe.

Thanks once again,
Michele



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Topics Covered include:

- English
- Numeracy
- Aged Care
- Computing
- Horticulture project
- Careers
- Work Experience

Information & Application Sessions



English Report



Dear Parents,

The holiday season is on our doorstep and your children will be having a well-earned rest. To enhance your festive season the English faculty have found some interesting quotes about holidays and gift giving. Please peruse and enjoy:

Sharing the holiday with other people, and feeling that you're giving of yourself, gets you past all the commercialism.

- Caroline Kennedy



"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

- Winston Churchill

"I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy. I woke and I saw that life is all service. I served and I saw that service is joy."

- Kahlil Gibran

"Christmas isn't a season.
It's a feeling."

- Edna Ferber

"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

- Dr. Seuss

I have had a holiday, and I'd like to take it up professionally.

- Kylie Minogue

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

— Mother Teresa



Coding for Kids

Learn the logic of coding, computational thinking and programming skills in a fun intuitive, interactive and imaginative way. Learn how to animate drawings, create sounds and build games.

5 sessions: Mon to Fri from 6 January, 10am - 4pm

Fee: \$154 Inc GST

Touch Typing for Teenagers

Learn the correct touch typing technique and get your assignments completed faster and more accurately than before!

5 sessions: Tues & Fri from 7 January, 9am - 11.30am

Fee: \$165 Inc GST

Making Games, Presentations and Images

Design games, presentations, animations using opensource software. Confident computing skills needed.

4 sessions: Mon to Thurs from 20 January, 1pm - 4pm

Fee: \$199 Inc GST

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CAROLS - SAT 14 DEC 2013 PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE COURTYARD

CHRISTMAS

..... #freshstart

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



The Cultural Cafe End of Year Friday 13th December

Pack some morning tea to share

We are meeting @ Woy Woy Community Garden 85-86
Moana St Woy Woy ...9am

This is a great opportunity to see what the garden is about



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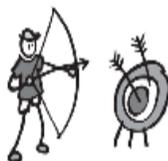
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FUN **KIDS** HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Dec 2013 / Jan 2014



CANOE/KAYAKING – 10am-12:30pm (2.5 hours)	10-16 years \$33	7 Jan, Avoca Lagoon
CARES BICYCLE SAFETY - bikes & helmets are provided. 9.30am-2pm (4.5 hours)	8-14 years \$10	16 Jan, Palmdale
CIRCUS AERIAL WORKSHOP – 10am-11:30am or 11:30am-1pm (1.5 hours).	8-16 years \$31	15 Jan, Niagara Park
SAILING (LEVEL ONE) – 3 day program 9.30am-2.30pm (15 hours in total).	7-16 years \$166	15, 16 & 17 Jan or 21, 22 & 23 Jan, Gosford
STAND UP PADDLE – 10.30am-12.30pm (2 hours).	11-16 years \$33	16 Jan or 23 Jan, Avoca Lagoon
SURFING (UMINA OR AVOCA BEACHES) – 3 day program 9am-10.30 am (4.5 hours in total)	7-16 years \$95	8, 9 & 10 Jan or 22, 23 & 24 Jan Avoca Beach or 15, 16 & 17 Jan or 22, 23 & 24 Jan, Umina Beach.
SURFING WITH BJ (SHELLY OR TERRIGAL BEACHES) – 3 day program 8.30am-10am (4.5 hours). Times & venues may change subject to surf conditions on the day. Parents are advised to see BJ on the first day of the program regarding possible changes.	10-16 years \$100	8, 9 & 10 Jan Shelly Beach or 16, 17 & 18 Dec or 8, 9 & 10 Jan or 13, 14 & 15 Jan or 20, 21, 22 Jan Terrigal Beach.
TENNIS GOSFORD – 3 day program 9am-3pm (18 hours in total).	5-16 years \$130	8, 9 & 10 Jan or 22, 23 & 24 Jan, Gosford
TENNIS WOY WOY – 3 day program 10am-3pm (15 hours in total).	5-16 years \$119	15, 16 & 17 Jan, Woy Woy
TENNIS WYONG - 3 day program 9am-11.30am (7.5 hours in total) & includes a small party on the last day.	5-16 years \$67 (third sibling free)	7, 8 & 9 Jan, Wyong



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To be held at St John Ambulance
2/88 Mann St Gosford
Monday & Tuesday 20th & 21st January
9.00am – 1.00pm each day
Cost \$50.00

FOR INFORMATION contact Simone, or Libby on 43246047

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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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

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
<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faculty Meeting • Concert rehearsal • Yr 7 Swim & Survive 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 4 Concert—night concert 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Xmas party
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 Team Meeting • Yr9 Graduation Assembly • Presentation evening • Yr 7– 8 Reports issued 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Rewards excursion 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAST DAY for students 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAST DAY for teachers 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TERM 4 ENDS • Principal & SASS only
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Happy Holidays