



# Umina Campus Newsletter



**NOVEMBER 2014**

Simon Warren

Relieving Principal



Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Community Member

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 2015.

2014 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: Wizard of Oz performance – highlighting our brilliant Performing Arts students, Sports Presentation Dinner – recognising sporting excellence and the upcoming 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 Knock-out 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 2015, here are some important dates to remember

Monday 26 January 2015 -	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 27 January 2015 -	Staff return to school – No students
Wednesday 28 January 2015 -	Day 1 for Year 7 – No Year 8 or Year 9
Thursday 29 January 2015 -	Day 2 for Year 7 – No Year 8 or Year 9
Friday 30 January 2015 -	Whole school returns

**P & C MEETING**

**Wed 12TH November 7pm**

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2014 is quickly coming to an end and the College is incredibly busy. For the last six weeks I've had the opportunity to be College Principal which has been invaluable in understanding the great work that takes place at the Woy Woy Campus. This stint will allow closer links to be formed between both campuses in the future.



At the moment there is an incredible level of success occurring at the middle school campus. These include the amazing production of The Wizard of Oz and the outstanding Sports Presentation Evening. These events showcase the amazing talents of our students and the wonderful opportunities our staff provide

The Umina Campus is currently undergoing major developments to provide facilities that are welcoming and reflect the high quality education occurring on the campus. Most recently another garden bed has been installed, an electronic sign erected and the bike compound area developed. These dramatic changes have resulted from student voice initiatives and parent community forums which have demanded that the physical environment of the school needed to improve. To keep an eye on these exciting changes get the BWSC App and remember to 'like' is on Facebook so that our entire community can see the noticeable improvements.

Planning for 2015 is already well underway and I'm excited to announce the acquisition of 5 new staff. These include Aboriginal Education Officer Morrie Goolagong and Support Unit Staff Keith Whitbourne and Vicki Phipps. The campus has also obtained a new TAS teacher Paul Richardson and new Head Teacher Teaching and Learning Lucy Burns.

All these staff are incredibly excited by the opportunity to work in such an exciting and dynamic environment next year.



## MOBILE PHONE POLICY AND PROCESS

The new mobile phone and listening device policy is now in affect at BWSC – Umina Campus. Information can be found on the school website and some key points are outlined below:

Students should switch off their phones and listening devices and put them in their bags before entering the classroom.

Students found with their phones or listening devices visible or making a sound in class will need to hand them over to the teacher and will be able to retrieve them at lunch two from their ATL or Team Leader.

A parent will be phoned if it happens a second time and notified that if it happens a third time then they will have to come and collect the phone from the school.

If you need to contact your child then please phone the school on 43419066 and a message will be sent to them immediately.

Please feel free to phone the school and discuss any matters you may have with Mr Bateman. We thank you for your support on this matter.

The PBL Team



## Brisbane Water Secondary College



### Kids with Cancer

### Foundation Australia

Kids with Cancer Foundation is a non-profit children's charity that cares for the youngest of children and their families all over Australia. **All money that is raised and passed to us will be deposited in its entirety into our Gift Account of which 100% will be used to help struggling families of kids being treated for childhood Cancer.** This is our promise to all our donors that no management fee, wages or any other cost is taken from donations in our Gift Account.

Brisbane Water Secondary College is proud to support the Kids with Cancer Foundation Australia, through our school musical 'The Wizard of OZ'. Dorothy only ever wants to go home, unfortunately children suffering from cancer can't always go home. The charity Kids with Cancer Foundation Australia support children and their families through these hard times. **These wristbands are to raise funds for the Kids with Cancer Foundation.**



**Wristbands can be purchased anytime from our Front Office.**



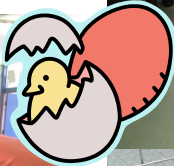
**All proceeds go to Kids with Cancer...**



## Support Unit

The Support Unit students visited the Croft this week to have a look and hold the new chicks that have just hatched, as part of the Croft Science program. The eggs were incubated for several weeks

**Lesley Leaver**



# SRC

**Elections** — This week students are nominating themselves if they want to be part of the 2015 SRC. Nomination forms are available from student reception and must be endorsed by your team leader. Elections will be held in Week 7 and we are looking forward to hearing some great speech from our Year 8 students hoping to become the next School Captains. So get your nominations in!

This week we are having our last **Dance Party** for 2014 on Wednesday 12th November. The theme is Hawaiian so we are expecting some great costumes.



People often ask where all the funds raised at our Dance Parties go and we wanted to share with you one of the projects that SRC has been involved in. For many, many years SRC has sponsored a child through World Vision. Currently we sponsor a girl named Gunjan who lives in India. Our sponsorship money helps provide food and education. Every year we send her birthday and Christmas cards and she sends us back pictures and drawings and a report on how she is going. Gunjan is like any other teenager, she likes pizza, enjoys watching movies, her favourite subject is Art and she hopes to be a teacher when she grows up.

## GAP MURAL STENCILLING PROJECT

On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October a group of BWSC students participated in a stencilling workshop. The students were shown the process of creating a stencil on Photoshop from a photograph of themselves or a family member. They were taught basic Photoshop techniques and then shown how to cut out the stencils in order for them to become part of a street-art mural in Umina. The GAP is a council initiative that helps to prevent graffiti in the local area by creating murals in graffiti hotspots. The mural will spell out "The Peninsula" with the stencilled photographs of the students and local members of the community. There is still a long way to go before the mural get painted though... stencilling is a LONG process!!! The students should be commended for their remarkable behaviour and diligence on the day.



The Yr 9 Mock Interviews are fast approaching. Students have spent most of this semester organising their resumes and are now moving onto their cover letters.

Students should have already handed in a copy of their résumés and if that is the case, I have it on file. It is important that they do this as the Senior Campus require a copy to keep on file so that students can continually update their resumes over the next few years.

A letter to all Yr9 parents will be distributed shortly outlining the procedure on the day.

Students must bring with them the following;

**Résumé**

**Cover letter**

**Work sample and**

**Their portfolio**

Mock Interviews will be held November 26-28 and all students are expected to attend.

Allocated times and days for each student are now up on the 'Careers and Transition' website which can be accessed via the BWSC Umina website.

All information including appropriate attire is on this website. I strongly advise parents to have a look and see what is expected from their child on the day.

I would like to take this time to thank the many community members who have already volunteered their time to be on the interview panel.

Good luck to all the students. I look forward to seeing the end result in week 8 at your interview.

Mrs Lewis



## **Brisbane Water Secondary College achieves Overall Reserve Champion Steer and Jackpot Winner at Landmark Beef Championships Tamworth**

Brisbane Water Secondary College competed for the first time at the Landmark Beef Championships at the Australian Equine and Livestock Event Centre Tamworth on 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

Two purebred Limousins were prepared for competition and nineteen students from Years 7 – 12 represented the college.

Approx 120 cattle were entered for competition on behalf of commercial breeders, pastoralists and schools throughout NSW presenting a highly competitive field.

The pure bred Limousin entered in the Medium weight class donated by breeder Mr and Mrs Robson of Mountview Orchards Batlow and Flemington Limousins Adelong placed first in his class and progressed to win Reserve Champion of the Show.

The pure bred Limousin entered in the Medium – Heavyweight class bred by Mr and Mrs Short of Lorikeet Limousins Quirindi placed first in his class, second on the hook and won the Jackpot. Sponsored by Woy Woy Rotary Club.

Landmark prepared a very detailed, highly professional educational program for students attending the show. This commenced with Pre event work sheets which were submitted for marking on arrival at the show. Congratulations to Newcomer Alex Schofield for placing second in the Junior category.

The Junior judging competition presented three classes of cattle to be judged. The top ten in junior, intermediate and senior age groups were selected to present oral speeches for the finals.



***Reserve Champion Steer led by Allana Norris bred and donated by Mr and Mrs Robson of Mountview Orchards Batlow and Flemington Limousins Adelong sponsored by Umina Rotary Club***



***Luke Boxsell Reserve Champion Parader of the Show leading steer which placed 3<sup>rd</sup> on the hook bred by Mr and Mrs Cole of Forbes***





#### Newcomer Lachlan Cork Year 7

achieved the finals in the junior group achieving a Highly Commended. Six out of ten students from BWSC competing in the Intermediate class achieved the finals. There were over sixty students in this category. Students included Brayden Shanahan, Isaac Jones, Jack Gowrie, Jake Barrett, Keely Tribemorgan and Katharine Charles. Jake Barrett placed third and Jack Gowrie placed fifth. The three seniors Allana Norris, Jaime lee Mant and Luke Boxsell all achieved the finals, Allana Norris placing fifth.

Allana Norris placed sixth and Keely Tribemorgan achieved the finals in the Cattle Handlers Competition.

Newly appointed Youth Ambassador for the Limousin Society, Allana Norris assisted with stewarding for events throughout the competition.

Landmark organised well recognised industry professionals to present interactive discussions for students on the following topics

- Cattle judging criteria for specific markets      The importance of genetics in breeding for the future
- Nutrition – a key to success      Meat cuts and sausage making      Farm safety with machinery

The talks were targeted at providing guidance and vision for career paths in agriculture. Students enjoyed the professional atmosphere and the opportunity to mix with peers from regional NSW.



A highlight this term is the construction of the roof over the cattle yards. This has transformed this educational facility into an all weather training area. It also provides protection for cattle when they first arrive at school before being moved to yards. The Agriculture Department would like to thank the Woy Woy Rotary Club for donating the colour bond for the roof.



Brisbane Water Secondary College Cattle Show Team at Landmark Beef Championships Tamworth

BWSC would like to acknowledge the huge effort made by Landmark Tamworth for organising a highly professional show with an emphasis on youth in agriculture. The educational program and mentoring opportunities had a significant impact on the students.

BWSC would like to extend our sincere thanks to the breeders for your continued support, particularly Mr and Mrs Robson of Flemington Limousins for donating the Reserve Champion steer.

Sincere appreciation is extended to Umina and Woy Woy Rotary Clubs for your continued sponsorship. This has assisted the school to provide opportunities for our students to learn, not only excellent skills in cattle training and preparation, but team work, accountability, responsibility and work ethic.



Some of the BWSC Show Team wearing the new show shirts sponsored by We're Sportswear Woy Woy

BWSC Agriculture Department would like to thank We're Sportswear for sponsoring new show shirts for the Cattle Show Team. The Department would also like to acknowledge the continued support of the Umina and Woy Woy Rotary Clubs who make the show season possible.



## Brisbane Water Secondary College Competes at Singleton Prime Stock Competition September 2014

Twenty two students represented Brisbane Water Secondary College (BWSC) competing successfully in a very competitive and professional field at the Singleton Prime Stock Competition on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

One hundred head of cattle were entered representing twenty one schools and numerous professional breeders and pastoralists. This included private schools and a selective agricultural school extending from Sydney to Tamworth, representing a significant proportion of the state's prime beef producing regions.

BWSC entered three cattle and achieved:-

2<sup>nd</sup> Medium Heavyweight class on the hoof led by Katharine Charles bred by Mr & Mrs McCredie of Gresford

3<sup>rd</sup> Middleweight class on the hoof led by Jake Barrett bred by Mr & Mrs Robson of Flemington Limousins Adelong



*Luke Boxsell Reserve Champion Parader of the Show leading steer which placed 1<sup>st</sup> on the hook bred by Mr and Mrs Cole of Forbes*

3<sup>rd</sup> Middle Heavyweight on the hook led by Luke Boxsell bred by Mr and Mrs Cole of Forbes.

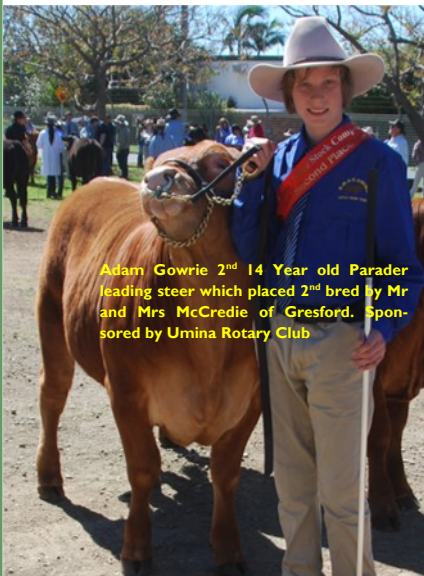
Students continued to compete successfully in the Paraders Competition. The highlight being Luke Boxsell winning Reserve Champion Parader of the Show.

The 16 – 18 Y.O class saw Luke Boxsell 1<sup>st</sup>, Luke Brookes 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jaime Lee Mant 4<sup>th</sup>.

In the 15 Y.O class there were 65 competitors. Katharine Charles placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Kiara Leoni 4<sup>th</sup>.

The 14 Y.O.class included 50 competitors where Adam Gowrie placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, Corey Jones 3<sup>rd</sup> and Isaac Jones 4<sup>th</sup>.

Students worked excellently as a team and represented the school with continuing professionalism.



*Adam Gowrie 2<sup>nd</sup> 14 Year old Parader leading steer which placed 2<sup>nd</sup> bred by Mr and Mrs McCredie of Gresford. Sponsored by Umina Rotary Club*



## Team 7 Newsletter report:

We are fast approaching the end of 2014, how time flies!



Mr Gosden– PDHPE



Mr Ross– Music



Ms Maxwell– ATL



Mr Hill  
(Geography),

Mrs Honeysett  
(Maths) and

Ms Goodsell  
(TAS)

Mr Crouch– Team Leader

### PBL Update

All Team 7 teachers are actively distributing PB's for those students displaying our school values of Commitment, Respect, and relationships (which is around 95% of our students!). These are being tallied by Ms Maxwell and students are progressing up the PBL reward scale, with several reaching Silver status. Congratulations team, and keep up the good work.

### What's coming up in Term 4:

- Deadly Awards night 18/11/14
- College Academic Presentation 15/12/14
- School Finishes 17/12/14

### Reminders:

- NO PHONES in class! If you need to check the time- find a clock on the wall or use a watch. Phones will be confiscated if they are seen in class.
- BRING EQUIPMENT! All equipment will be checked during roll call classes every Tuesday.
- The homework centre is now on every Wednesday so if you need help with assignments or just want to complete some extra study then come down to the library at 2:45pm and get some quality assistance.
- ATTENDANCE: All students with unexplained absences, please get your notes into your roll call teacher with a reason, date and parents signature ASAP.
- GET TO SCHOOL ON TIME!! Detentions are being given to those students that have been arriving late to school, so remember to set an alarm before you go to sleep.
- PBL. Keep coming to see me during roll call to get your PB's signed. I am so proud to see so many coming through now. Congratulations on our raffle prize winners- keep collecting ALL your PB's because you will need them for reward lunches and excursions later on in the year.

Looking forward to the remainder of 2014 Team 7 and across the whole school,

Mr Crouch (Team Leader)





## Recently Team 8 students have been working to improve our school community...

These are our Student Voice members: Oscar, Hallie, Sean, Charlie, Andrew and Daniel. Student Voice is a representative student body that meets regularly to discuss issues that affect students' learning and participation at school. Hallie and Oscar have been working on designing the logo for Student Voice Central Coast.



## caring for our local community...



Team 8 along with other teams in the school has been collecting goods for Salvation Army Christmas Hampers. Students' tinned food contributions will be collected in roll call during November. This could include tinned fruit, fish, puddings, vegetables, soups and beans.



## and having fun.

8S1 and 8S2 students joined other Year 8 students on the annual Great Aussie Bush Camp. Students and Mr Lawler, our fearless ATL and the excursion coordinator, proclaimed the excursion a great success.











# The WIZARD of OZ



# Great Aussie Bush Camp

Week 4 saw 65 Year 8 students and 5 teachers head to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. The



camp was filled with fun and for some, extremely challenging activities. These tested students' courage and ability to work as a team. Students were encouraged to step out of their comfort zones.

The most challenging task for students and teachers was the Giant Swing. Here students were clipped into a harness and then pulled 17m above the ground, which for some unknown reason looked much higher from the top. It was a test of nerves and courage as the student had to pull their own rip cord which resulted in a free fall before swinging back and forth. Some students described it as one second of silence before

their stomach dropped. All they could do was sit back and enjoy the ride.

The lost island mud run was another exciting activity. Students had to work together to navigate a maze of obstacles and muddy water. Instructors conducted it like a military exercise.

Other activities included kayaking and the vertical challenge. The alpine rescue, required teamwork and initiative, as students carried a stretcher around the tricky obstacle course. Rescuers had to get the patient and everyone in the team around the course safely.



The team high ropes course provided the double challenge of using teamwork and initiative to conquer the course with the added dilemma of being 12m above the ground.

The first night saw the traditional staff vs students commando spotlight game. Students had to rescue hostages held captive by the staff out in the bush. If a staff member caught students, they had to return to the base to get a new life. The game required precision and stealth and unfortunately no student could get past the staff military, who won for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year.



The second day saw the group head to some amazing sand dunes. It was like being in another world. The students had a great time running up and down the dunes, playing classic catches and soccer. Then it was down to the beach for a relaxing afternoon with the weather being absolutely perfect.

The second night activity was a games night, where students competed in teams in quizzes and other various challenges.



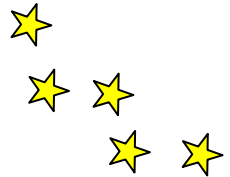
The bus ride home was a quiet one, as students were exhausted from a tough three days.

Thanks to all the parents who allowed their children to attend, I'm sure they have told you about the wonderful time they had. A special mention to the teachers: Mr Bateman, Mr Emmett, Miss Reid and Miss Maxwell who assisted, giving up time with their family and friends. It's a great opportunity for everyone and I would love to see as many of next year's Year 8s attending as possible.

Mr Lawler



# TEAM SIXcessful



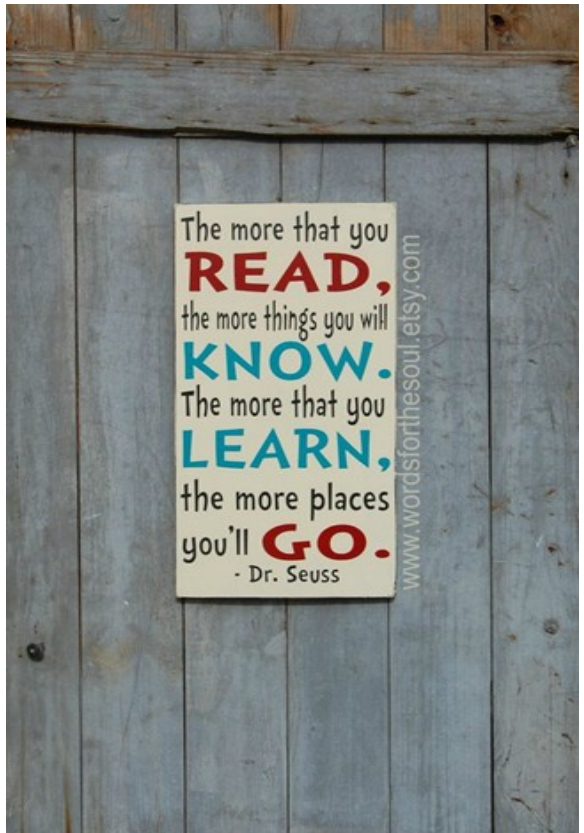
Team 6 has witnessed a host of exciting events this fortnight.

The students of 7.6.1 recently enjoyed a pizza luncheon in Mrs Gilchrist's mathematics class to celebrate the culmination of their studies in fractions and percentages.

All team 6 classes are reading at the beginning of English periods and reflecting on aspects of their reading using the Super 6 strategies (questioning, visualising, monitoring, predicting, making connections and summarising). Some classes are reading from class sets, while others are making independent selections across a range of genres. Regular reading builds vocabulary, creates connections with lessons learned across subjects and promotes deep thinking.

Courtney Harding (8.6.1) recently participated in the National School Futsal Tournament in Ballarat in September. Playing for Hunter & Central Coast against teams from right across Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, Courtney's team, unfortunately, narrowly missed out on the finals. However they did defeat the team that eventually won the tournament. Congratulations to Courtney and her team on this achievement.

During this busy time of the year, we wish the dedicated students of team six all the best of luck in their studies for their final assessment tasks this term.



## Team 3 Newsletter Report

Term four has been an exciting term so far and our students have continued to involve themselves in a range of subject based activities and extracurricular events. This is always a busy term and with staff writing reports and students completing final assessments it's always pleasing to get positive feedback on how well team 3 students are doing in class.

### 7.3.1-

Our year seven class has been doing amazing things and are currently completing their first aid procedures component in health. The students have shown to be very confident in CPR and have demonstrated a genuine understanding for the importance of assisting in the event of a range of emergency scenarios. Another notable success has been the involvement of some of our students in recent Agriculture events and shows. Billy Sharpe collected an award at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza competition for his mastery in cattle parading and other students such as Lachlan Cork, Riley Doran, Alex Schofield and Tyler Jeffrey are regulars in visiting the farm and helping to assist Agriculture staff in show preparation and livestock care. Well done to these students and all of our year seven students who continue to impress staff with their many talents.

### 8.3.1-

Year 8 have had a very exciting recent few weeks with a number of students taking part at the annual year 8 Aussie Bush Camp. Students spent three days at the camp and took part in a number of outdoor adventure activities designed to challenge and promote their adventurous instincts. Obstacle courses, swing ropes, flying foxes were just a few of the activities they all had a go at and all reports back were that the students had an amazing time. In week 6 students will be completing their ESSA Science test and staff wish every student success in the test. This is a state wide test that every year 8 student across NSW schools will complete and a great opportunity for our students to reflect on and demonstrate how much they have learnt since the beginning of year 7 in the subject.

### 9.3.1-

Year 9 have a very big term coming up and some notable events include the students undertaking mock interviews, work experience opportunities and of course our annual Year 9 Graduation Ceremony. This always proves to be a resounding celebration of our student's successes and we look forward to seeing our students and their families on the day to recognise their fine efforts. It has been pleasing to see our students working hard during their careers lessons to prepare and edit their resumes for year 9 mock interviews and we wish to remind them to be organised, well dressed and prepared for your interview. We know you will all do very well. As this is the last newsletter may I say on behalf of the staff in our team and here at the Umina Campus, we wish you all the very best in your transition into year 10 and will always have fond memories of your time with us in team 3.

Remember to follow your dreams and to never give. Set your goals and stay motivated to achieve success. Work hard to be the best person you can be and always carry with you the values you have learnt here at the Umina campus in regards to Commitment, Respect and Relationships.



**MR DIXON**  
(Assistant Team Leader)

Have a GREAT Term 4



**MISS CRUMP**  
(Team Leader)



# TEAM 5 Report

During Term 4 students in Team 5 have been involved in a myriad of activities including Sports Awards, Sporting Events, Wizard of Oz musical, Student Voice and Peninsula Aged Care Volunteer Program.



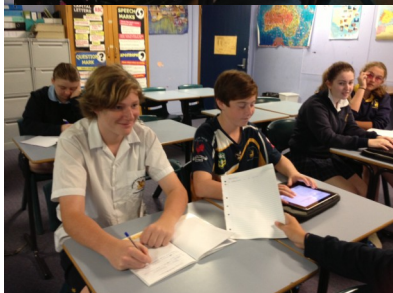
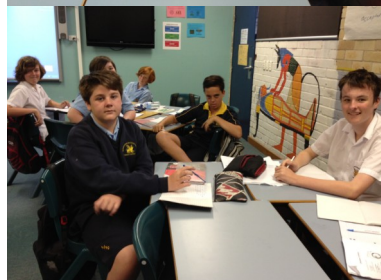
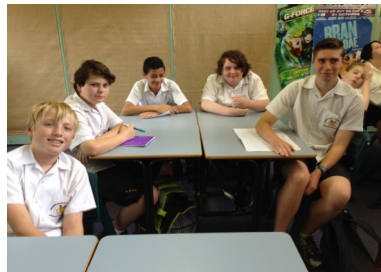
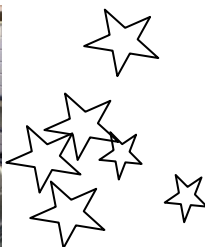
Currently, all students are undertaking or preparing for assessment tasks.

7.5.1 have been enthusiastically studying Poetry in English, Fractions in Maths and Habitats, Cells and Forces in Science.



Year 8 enjoyed learning about Poetic techniques in English, Globalisation in Geography, Rates and Ratios in Maths and Electricity, Ecology during Science class.

9.5.1 are busy practising writing Narratives for their assessment task. During English classes they have been reading short stories and learning about plot devices, characters and descriptive language. Science has been exciting studying Ecosystems, plate tectonics and materials.



Our students who have achieved Gold Level in PBL programme will enjoy a fun day at Luna Park in Week 11.

Congratulations to all our fabulous Team 5 students on a successful and fun year of learning

# CROFT NEWS

## NEW ADDITIONS TO THE CROFT!

There have been many changes at the Croft over the last 3 terms.

We have had our staffroom replaced and a new classroom added. This classroom allows electives such as Food Technology and Timberwork to take place. We have also been lucky enough to receive some great new technology equipment, which students use daily to improve their literacy and numeracy,

A new shed has been erected in place of the shipping container, so all of our outdoor education equipment can be stored safely and securely.

In the last fortnight the students at the Croft have successfully hatched 17 chickens. All laying hens will be kept to provide fresh eggs. They are to be moved to their 'palatial chook pen' in the next 3 weeks.



## The Croft Christmas Twilight Market

Friday November 28th

Come and join us for delicious food & drinks.

A wonderful range of market stalls.

Fantastic opportunity for Christmas shopping!

4pm—8pm

Find us at the end of Brisbane Water Secondary College

You will see us on the corner of Veron Road & Hillview St, Umina

# AVOCA Beachside markets

**2014 Market Dates**

Sunday 19th Jan	Sunday 27th July
Sunday 23rd Feb	Sunday 24th Aug
Sunday 23rd March	Sunday 28th Sep
Sunday 27th April	Sunday 26th Oct
Sunday 25th May	Sunday 23rd Nov
Sunday 22nd June	Sunday 7th Dec
	Sunday 25th Jan 2015

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# TEAM 2



Nick Clunes has been a really terrific member of Team Two this year. He has put together all our previous newsletters but at present is too busy. So what is keeping him from his team responsibilities? Well Nick is a great all-rounder who has just finished working with the rest of the TEPA crew on our school musical The Wizard Of Oz. Today see's Nick in his Agricultural gear ready to conduct Kindergarten children around the Ag farm. Thanks Nick for all your effort this year.

**This newsletter showcases another group of talented Team Two students**

Sam Walsh said I really enjoyed the Year 8 Great Aussie Bush camp. The team high rope and the giant swing were challenging and fun, and Mr Lawler was helpful. At night we played the commando game. I think it was a good school activity.



Christmas is just around the corner and Team Two have helped the Salvation Army put together Christmas hampers. Thank you to everyone who has contributed especially to Brennen Wilson, Isaac Zadravic, Brodie Garwood and Amy Murphy who have truly demonstrated the Christmas spirit and the core values of the school.



# English Report

*Poetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words.*

*-Robert Frost*

This term our students of English have been studying the topics of Poetry (Years 7 & 8) and Creative Writing (Year 9).

Year 7 and 8 students have undertaken a Poetry Examination requiring them to identify, comprehend and compose poetic forms.

Year 9 students have completed a narrative requiring the inclusion of a variety of literary devices.

This unit was exciting for teachers and students as it cultivated student awareness of the world around them.

The following was penned by American author and editor Abby Sheaffer (2013), regarding the importance of teaching creative writing in schools:

*"Creative writing forces you to use your imagination in ways that make you more aware of, and also question, your surroundings. By encouraging adolescents to write from different narratives, it forces them to examine all sides of a story, not just one perspective ...The ability to teach students to really dig down deep, to not just take things as they are on the surface but to investigate, is a lesson that will remain with them throughout the rest of their lives"*

Abby Sheaffer (2013), "Why creative writing should be taught in public high schools", Sourced from <http://www.chicagonow.com/chicago-literati/2013/10/why-creative-writing-should-be-taught-in-public-high-schools/>

This term you will also receive your child's report. We hope that you will be proud of their achievements and are able to encourage them to follow their teacher's recommendation for improvement in English.

We wish you all the best for the festive season and hope that the gift of literacy is open for all.



**The next P&C Association Meeting**

**Wednesday 12th November 2014**

**7:00 p.m. Sharp**

**At: Umina Campus**



## Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, **up to \$500** for educational costs including: school uniforms and text books , computers, laptops and tablets , excursions and camps , sports equipment, uniforms and lessons , music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

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Congratulations to the students in our Year 7 and 8 S classes and our top Year 9 Mathematics classes (9.1.1 and 9.2.1) on participating in the Australian Mathematics Competition earlier this year in August. There were plenty of tough problems to solve but after all your efforts in completing the practice questions every week throughout the year you made it!

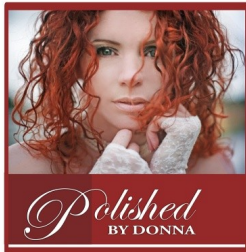
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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PBL meeting</li> <li>● College exec meet</li> </ul> 3—5pm <b>NOVEMBER</b>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CMG</li> <li>● LASTWEL</li> </ul>	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● P &amp; C Umina</li> <li>● Yr 12 Parent evening</li> <li>● Dance Party</li> <li>● College professional meeting</li> </ul>	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yr 12 Formal evening</li> <li>● Bushcraft Exc</li> </ul>	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HSC finishes</li> <li>● Bushcraft Exc</li> </ul>
ESSA TESTS				
17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staff Meeting</li> </ul>	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CSE</li> <li>● DEADLY awards</li> </ul>	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Yr 7 2015 Orientation evening</li> </ul>	20	21
6 -7 & 9-10 transition				
24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PBL meeting</li> <li>● Catholic scripture</li> </ul>	25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CMG</li> <li>● Transition evening LASTWEL</li> </ul>	26	27	28
Year 9 Mock Interviews				
1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● College staff meeting 3—4pm Umina</li> </ul> <b>DECEMBER</b>	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Volunteers Luncheon</li> </ul>	3	4	5
Yr 7 Surf Survival				
8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PBL meeting</li> <li>● Concert rehearsal</li> </ul>	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CMG</li> <li>● LASTWEL</li> </ul>	10	11	12
● Yr 9 Graduation				
15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● College Presentation evening</li> <li>● Yr 10 sign out day</li> <li>● Yr 10 reports + assem-</li> </ul>	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CSE</li> <li>● PBL Reward exc</li> </ul>	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PBL meeting</li> <li>● Last day Yrs 7—10</li> <li>● HSC results</li> </ul>	18	19
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS				

