



# Umina Campus Newsletter

November 2016

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year.

It has been an exciting year celebrating the 40th anniversary of public education on the Veron Road site, firstly as Umina High School and later Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus.

What a wonderful year 2016 has been with an amazing contribution from our staff, students, parents and the wider community. All sectors of the school have contributed whole heartedly this year to achieve amazing accomplishments throughout the school.

Academically our students have worked conscientiously, which is reflected in the NAPLAN results for both Year Seven and Nine, where the students have exceeded growth scores compared to what like schools across the state have attained. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have achieved particularly strong results in all areas of their examination and are now achieving well beyond the state averages. These results have been recognised beyond the school and are a testament to our wonderful students and diligent and conscientious staff.

This year has been the most successful sporting year in recent memory with numerous individual and team achievements. The most notable have included the schools Under 15 rugby league team winning the Buckley Shield, for only the second time in the school's history. We are the only Central Coast school to ever win this prestigious trophy.

The girls in the Year Seven and Eight netball team also made it to the grand final of the state and were narrowly defeated in the final at Homebush Olympic Centre. Our school cheerleaders once again made the National finals where they performed admirably and received individual awards whilst on the Gold Coast. We were also crowned Central Coast champions in a variety of different sports which reflected our dominance in the sporting realm in 2016.

This year our agricultural teams attended eight shows throughout New South Wales and Queensland and received numerous prizes for their work with livestock, particularly cattle. This well regarded program has enormous community support, particularly with groups, such as Umina and Woy Woy Rotary. I'd also like to acknowledge in this article the work of our dedicated parent and student volunteers, who tend the animals during school holidays and weekends which is much appreciated by the entire school community.

The campus now has six support classes who are heavily involved in a variety of programs, both inside and outside of the school. This program provides amazing opportunities for these young people, preparing them for a life beyond school. The tireless work of our support unit is now being recognised as a centre of excellence in special education.

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# Principal's Report



The Campus has also excelled in the creative arts providing opportunities for our students to succeed in a range of endeavours from Central Coast Dance Festival, through to Central Vision for our talented artists. The standard of performers at the recent Variety Nights demonstrates the enormous talent we have in the College.

The school has continued to undergo major renovations to ensure it is a centre of 21st Century learning. This is best reflected in the state-of-the-art woodwork and metalwork facilities that have been redesigned with the latest high-quality machinery. Modern computer rooms with the latest technology can be found in four pods throughout the school. Whilst the library and art rooms have been renovated to provide vibrant and dynamic learning spaces for young people. The school will also begin 2017 with a renovated and irrigated school oval, which will make a great community resource.

Unfortunately at this time of year we have to say goodbye to some long serving staff. Keiran Lawler will begin the new year at the Woy Woy Campus and I'd like to thank him for his contributions to PBL, Mathematics and Technology throughout his tenure at the school. We also say goodbye to long term casual teachers Ben Ross (Music), Rachael Eastlake (English) and Lisa Bosworth Waite (Mathematics). I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all these staff for their efforts and wish them every success in their future careers.

It is a great honour to be the Principal of Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus and work in this vibrant community. I am incredibly proud of the achievements of our students and the dedication of the teaching staff. I look forward to an exciting 2017.

Have a great Xmas and New Year

Brent Walker  
Principal  
Brisbane Water  
Secondary College  
Umina Campus



**The next P&C Association Meeting**

**Wednesday 15th February 2017**

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

**At: Umina Campus**

# Deputy Principal's Report

*Simon Warren*



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 2017.

2016 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: Campus performance – highlighting our brilliant Performing Arts 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 Aboriginal Art Club, 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 2017, here are some important dates to remember:

Thursday 26 January 2017 -	Australia Day Public Holiday
Friday 27 January 2017 -	Staff return to school – No students
Monday 30 January 2017 -	Day 1 for Year 7 – No Year 8 or Year 9
Tuesday 31 January 2017 -	Day 2 for Year 7 – No Year 8 or Year 9
Wednesday 1 February 2017 -	Years 7, 8 and 9 attend.



Wishing you all a safe and joyous Christmas break.



What's  
Happening

# OPEN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER 4pm TO 7 PM

the



40 Year

Anniversary

BWSC Umina 2016

cook book



*Come along to see exciting displays.*

Take this opportunity to see what happens in the classrooms.

Last chance to pick up your copy of the limited edition cookbook

# Armidale Prime Beef Fest

In late September this year we had the opportunity to take 22 students and 2 steers to the Ray White Premier Beef Fest held at the Armidale Exhibition Centre.

On Monday we left school early in the morning and travelled up the New England Highway to Armidale. For many students it was their first time seeing the NSW New England region and, given an exceptionally good start to the spring season with plenty of rain, we were fortunate to see the country looking its best with lush green paddocks and high flowing creeks.

On arrival we were lucky enough to be allowed to camp in a large and impressive pavilion at the Armidale Showground, providing plenty of space and protection from the Armidale weather. Students were divided into teams where they would rotate in taking on camp responsibilities such as helping cook, cleaning up after meals and looking after the cattle.

On Tuesday morning students participated in a junior judging competition. In their relevant ages they were given practical information sessions with live animals and then given questions based on selected pens of animals. Students found this very helpful in further developing their knowledge of live animal assessment. Congratulations to Holly Yuile and Sarah Zessin on coming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in the Juniors age group amongst approximately 50 other competitors.

The Junior Parader's Competition kicked off on Tuesday afternoon with Kynesha Stapleton and Elle Charlton representing the school in the 12-14 years' class and Jack and Adam Gowrie represented the school in the 15-17 years' class.

Wednesday was show day, and with 78 exhibits from 38 exhibitors the competition was tight. We entered Dusty (a school bred Limousin steer in partnership with Pete and Marge McCreedie of Gresford) in the 471 - 540 Kg class led by Tyler Jeffery, and Lancelot (a limousin steer bred by Donna Robson of Flemington Limousins) in the over 541 Kg class led by Kynesha Stapleton.

Under the experienced eye of judge Mr Travis Worth, our steer Dusty went on to take out the Champion Steer of the show amongst cattle of an exceptionally high standard. Lancelot received a 5<sup>th</sup> place in his class again amongst a strong field of cattle.



Inside view of our accommodation



Holly Yuile 2<sup>nd</sup> in 14yr Junior Judging



Sarah Zessin 3<sup>rd</sup> in 14 yr Junior Judging

## Armidale Prime Beef Fest

**Grand Champion Steer Dusty bred by BWSC and P&M McCreddie. Photographed alongside BWSC Student Tyler Jeffery, Judge Travis Worth, Blake O'Reilly of Ray White Rural and Major Sponsor Te-Angie Poll Herefords.**



**Lancelot, Led by Kynesha Stapleton 5<sup>th</sup> place in his class. Bred by Flemington Limousins**

On Wednesday afternoon we had the opportunity to visit "Alfoxtton Merinos", owned and run by local wool grower Chis Clonan. Chris took us into his shearing shed where he spoke to the students about his operation and some of the high points and challenges in running a merino stud, while also giving students some practical experience in skirting fleeces and assessing breeding rams.

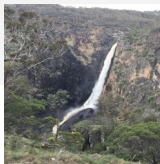
**Chris Clonan of Alfoxtton Merinos teaching students some skills in skirting a fleece**



We then returned back to our pavilion for dinner and a boisterous game of indoor cricket to celebrate the day's win.

On Thursday morning we packed up and, prior to leaving town, we were given a tour of the University of New England's Animal Research Station. Students were shown around the \$20 million centre and heard about some of the newest agricultural research being carried out at the university. The Staff and the University were very keen to encourage our students to consider the prospects of studying Agriculture at UNE and hopefully sparked an interest in some of our students as they think about their futures.

As we headed back home we took a detour to the Dangar Falls which were in high flow and then the scenic route back to Walcha where students saw more impressive sheep country and drove past some historic buildings and stations that were once an important part of the region's history.



**Two sights on the scenic road back home. Left: Dangar Falls Right: Gostwyck Chapel, Gostwyck Station, Uralla**



## Armidale Prime Beef Fest

We would like to thank Mrs Rhonda Honeysett, Mrs Karen McDonald and Mr Ron Unsworth for giving us their time and enabling this trip to happen. We especially thank Pete and Marge McCreedie, Donna Robson and Mark Campbell of Campbell's Home Hardware for partnering with us in this program, designed to provide students with opportunities to develop new skills both interpersonally and practically, and to encourage our students to engage in community activities and grow from these experiences that open doors to meet new people from different walks of life.



**2016 Premier Beef Fest show team**

## BWSC Agriculture

BWSC Agriculture has enjoyed a wonderful year on the school farm. At least forty students are actively involved in the farm daily before school and at lunch times caring for cattle, pigs, sheep, poultry, horticulture and general farm maintenance.

The Department is actively involved with the local community and has hosted in excess of four hundred Kindergarten students from all the local regional public schools this year. Very exciting interactive excursions are enjoyed by both visiting little farmers, BWSC hosts, teachers and visiting parents.



BWSC Agriculture Department would like to thank Mr and Mrs Mark and Cheryl Campbell of Campbells Building Supplies in conjunction with Woy Woy Rotary Club for sponsoring the purchase of a new Ram and four new Ewes for the school farm. The new stock will be a great asset for teaching students sheep husbandry.



**Bailey Johnson showing piglets to Ettalong Kindergarten students**







# Claymation Digi-Ed workshop



## Brisbane Water Secondary College Finishes the Year on a High at The Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza

BWSC successfully completes the 2016 show season maintaining their high performance record at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza at Scone on 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> October, the final show for 2016.

Nineteen students from Years 7 – 11 prepared and competed four head of cattle. Three head competed in different heavyweight classes achieving two first places. The Heavy middle-weight steer placed second in his class.



***First Place Heavy Weight steer led by Kynessa Stapleton bred by Mr and Mrs Alcorn of Greenacres Limousin Stud***

***Sponsored by Umina Rotary Club***



***First Place Heavyweight steer led by Brittany Thompson bred by Mr and Mrs McCredie***

This concludes a highly successful show season for BWSC who entered eight shows achieving two Grand Champions, two Champions, three Reserve Champions and numerous placings with cattle, junior judging and parading throughout the year.

Young cattle have now arrived from breeders at Quirindi, Forbes, Dubbo, Bathurst, Mangrove Mountain and the Hunter Valley to commence preparations for 2017. Students are excited and have commenced training for the coming year.



**Second Place Heavy Middleweight steer led by Ellie Charlton bred by Mr Kelehear**



**Heavyweight Steer led by Billy Sharpe bred by Flemington Limousins**

**Adam Gowrie placed fifth in the Sixteen Year Old Paraders Competition out of a highly competitive field of at least 75 paraders. Presenting steer bred by Mr and Mrs Alcorn.**

BWSC Agriculture Department would like to acknowledge the generous support from breeders, Umina and Woy Woy Rotary Clubs, Campbells Building Supplies and GL Jackson Real Estate 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.



**Some of the BWSC Show Team at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza**

# Team 2

A huge thanks to all the students and staff for making 2016 such a tworrific year.

*Playing in the school basketball team. I'm really happy I made the team and enjoyed playing with the boys.* Joshua 9.2.1 *French. It's my favourite subject. I'm going to continue it at Woy Woy next year.* Paul 9.2.2

*I've really enjoyed wood working, learning to make things and using all the tools.* Nic 9.2.1 *The teachers have been really understanding and caring.* Paige 8.2.1 *Girls' Rugby league, and the way everyone came together to make a team.* Caitlin R. 9.2.1 *My social group. I loved spending lunch time with them.* Chloe 9.2.2 *I love the chocolate chip muffins that they sell at the canteen.* Sophie 8.2.1 *I really enjoyed the Year 7 camp, especially falling out of the canoe into the water.* Will 7.2.1 *School is better than you think. I'm really looking forward to going to Woy Woy.* Amanda 9.2.1 *I've really enjoyed the creative writing course, Write On.* Caitlin 9.2.1 *I've really tried to do my best this year. Going to the Woy Woy campus is exciting and scary.* Dylan 9.2.2 *I've enjoyed spending time with my mates and learning with them.* Phoenix 9.2.1 *Surfing for double Thursday sport. I loved getting outside, the cool water and mucking around with my mates.* Michael 9.2.2 *School is better than you think. I'm really looking forward to going to Woy Woy.* Amanda 9.2.1 *Surfing for double Thursday sport. I loved getting outside, the cool water and mucking around with my mates.* Michael 9.2.2



Samanta and Nicola 9.2.1



Cassandra and Will 7.2.1



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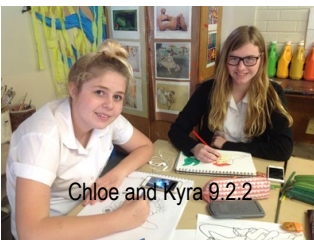
Caitlin and Rhiannon 5.2.1



Callum, Mason, Paul, Dylan,



Jamie L., Jason, Paige 7.2.1



Chloe and Kyra 9.2.2



Jacob and Chase 8.2.1



Tegan and Sophie 8.2.1



Jamie L., Bailey, Jaslyn 7.2.1

# FAREWELL MR ROSS

It is with sad tidings, but also incredible memories, that we must farewell our amazing Music Co-ordinator, Ben Ross. An awesome music teacher and an integral part of the CAPA program, Mr Ross has been the backbone of the school in musicals, concerts, assemblies, events, TEPA and CAPA activities in his five years with us. His commitment and dedication is beyond question. An inspiration and mentor to our talented students, We wish him all the best in his future endeavours...



## Team 3

Wow... We cannot believe that it is nearly the end of the year already. All of the Team Three teachers would like to congratulate all the students for having such an amazing year where they have worked hard following the school core values of Commitment, Respect and Relationships.

Students still have assessment tasks due and will be working up until the last day; therefore, they need to ensure that they are always prepared to learn, complete all work to a high standard, ask teachers if they have any questions and or need help, but most of all have fun learning.

Team three would like to wish all students a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are all excited to see you in 2017, have a safe and happy holiday.









## TEAM 4 STARS



**8CAPA:** My name is Jasper Tutt and I am 13. My favourite subjects right now would have to be CAPA, Art and Maths. My favourite colour is blue, the bluest blue ever. My favourite sports would be trampolining (mind you I'm not very good at it!). My favourite hobbies/interests would be stop motion animation and gaming. My favourite food is meatloaf and my favourite thing to buy at the canteen is a chicken burger. When I grow up I would like to take the path of producing or directing films or even being a camera operator. Next year will be my last year at BWSC Umina. The best thing that happened to me this year at BWSC would have to be CAPA. A funny memory from this year at school would have to be the massive pun war from the start of the year. The things that I am proud of doing is acting. It will be different for me next year because my class will change. When I am older I want to travel everywhere around the world. My dreams/goals are to live on a block of land with a house designed by me.



Name: Holly Yuile

Age: 14

Fav subjects: Agriculture and Drama

Fav colour: Blue

Fav sports: Gymnastics

Fav food/drink: Pizza

Fav thing to buy at the canteen: Muffin

Career path: I want to work on a cattle stud or work with farm animals.

Next year I can't wait for... electives because I chose Agriculture. The best thing that happened to me this year was being invited to Cattle shows like Scone and Armidale.

I am proud of the cattle program at Umina BWSC.

Next year will be different for me because we will be the oldest at this campus and will have electives.

Name: Sarah Zessin

Age: 14

Fav subject: Drama

Fav sports: Ice Hockey

Fav hobbies: Ice Skating

Fav food/drink: Chocolate

Career path: Actor

Next year I can't wait for... doing Film Studies.

The best thing that happened to me this year was claiming a steer.

Next year will be different for me because: different class.

When I am older I want to travel to Rio and Antarctica.

My dreams are: Actor/makeup artist



## TEAM 4 STARS



**Name:** Katelyn Starr **Age:** 14 **Fav subjects:** Visual Design, Art, English, Science and History **Fav colour:** I guess it would have to be the colours I dye my hair... atm it's pink and purple **Hobbies/interests:** drawing, makeup, movies, hanging out with friends, piercings **Fav food:** Spaghetti Bowl **Fav drink:** Juice **What job do I want:** Tattoo artist **In 5 years** I see myself at an art university **My dreams** are to be as happy and carefree as I can be. **I want to travel** back to Venice so I can go back and enjoy the Venice Carnival. **At Woy Woy campus** next year I am looking forward to being accepted as an adult.

9.4.1 Lachlan Cork, age 14. **Electives are:** Soccer, cooking, PASS. **Fav subjects are:** Maths, History. **Fav colour** is blue. **Fav sport** is cricket. **Fav food** is sausages. **Fav drink** is water. **I would like to see** myself playing cricket for NSW in 5 Years. **I am looking forward** to going to Woy Woy next year because it will be a new school. **Things I regret** doing at the Umina campus: being bad. **When I'm older** I want to travel to London. **My dreams/aspirations** are... cricket!



7.4.2 Zack Wilson, age 14. **Fav subjects:** PE, Sport, TM, English, History. **Fav colour:** Blue. **Fav sport:** Athletics. **Fav hobbies/interests:** Nippers, training, video games. **Fav food/drink:** Tacos, Pepsi. **Fav thing to buy** at the canteen: Potato Pie. **Career Path:** A pro athlete. Next year I can't wait for... double sport and sport at the beach. **Best things that happened** to me at BWSC this year are: Made it to inner-branch and ice-skating. **I am proud of** making many more friends this year at Umina. **When I'm older** I want to travel to Dubai. **My dream/aspiration** is to be the fastest man in the world.



## TEAM 4 STARS



**7CAPA Name:** Charlie Caynes **Age:** 13 **Fav subjects:** English, CAPA (Drama), Woodwork, Science. **Fav colour:** Blue, green, purple, aqua **Fav sports:** Touch Football, swimming **Fav food/drink:** Anything sweet and tasty **Fav thing to buy** at the canteen: Hotdogs, ice blocks, ice-tea **Career path:** Interior Designer **Next year** I can't wait for... cheerleading. **The best thing that happened** to me this year was: getting into CAPA, new friends. **Funny memory:** Playing "Truth or Dare" **I am proud of :** Variety night etc. **Next year** will be different for me because: new people in CAPA, new subjects, oval. **When I am older** I want to travel: the world **My dreams/aspirations:** to be successful.

**7CAPA Name:** Lani Wright **Age:** 12 **Fav subjects:** Drama, English, Science. **Fav colour:** Mint green **Fav sports:** Soccer, Dancing, Gymnastics **Interests:** Acting/singing **Fav food/drink:** Apple Black-currant juice **Fav thing to buy** at the canteen: Hotdog **Career path:** Actress **Next year** I can't wait for... cheerleading. **The best thing that happened** to me this year was: I made really good friends. **Funny memory:** One day when my friends were scaring each other and I just watched. **I am proud of:** getting into CAPA **Next year** will be different for me because: new work, teachers/teaching techniques. **When I am older** I want to travel: Paris, Hawaii, Hollywood **My dreams/aspirations:** I want to be rich and famous so I can help the poor people around the world.

**7CAPA.** Braidan Underwood. 13 Years old. **Fav subjects:** Music CAPA. **Fav colour:** Blue. **Fav sports:** Soccer, Mountain biking. **Hobbies/interest:** Soccer, hanging with friends, drumming. **Fav food/drink:** Crumbed chicken, Coke. **Fav thing to buy** from the canteen: Chicken Fingers.





# SRC

## Interact & SRC



As 2016 draws to a close we thank and acknowledge our current **Interact and Student Representative Council (SRC)** students for their contribution to both our school and the wider community. It has been a privilege to work with this dedicated team of students and watch as their leadership and organisational skills have developed. Congratulations team on your sustained commitment which has seen you successfully meet your community and international fundraising targets.

We are about to begin campaigning for our **2017 SRC** and **Interact** teams, as well as our school student leadership team. Our SRC students plan and organise various school events, and represent our school on behalf of our students at assorted functions. We formally meet before school once a fortnight in the boardroom.

**Interact Club** provides the opportunity for students to make a real difference in the world, whilst having fun. Our club meets once a fortnight in the boardroom before school. We are sponsored by Woy Woy Rotary, and our Interact students are provided opportunities for leadership skill development, and to make connections with not only community leaders, but make international connections as well.

**Tina Baynie and Linda Harvey**  
Interact and SRC Coordinators



*During 20126 our Interact Club had a goal to purchase a ShelterBox as our international fundraiser. We are very proud to have achieved this goal, and finally purchased this item. Right now, around 60 million people around the world have been made homeless by natural disaster and conflict. At BWSC we are proud to be a part of the global effort to change this.*

*Another constant commitment by our Interact team is breakfast club. Every Wednesday morning we come to school early and start the day by toasting many slices of bread, pouring cups of milk and slicing fruit to share with other students at our campus. Our mentors from Woy Woy Rotary volunteer their time every week to support us in these efforts. We would like to thank Woy Woy Rotary for their constant support in our 2016 Interact adventures.*

# Library news...

Wow! Congratulations to our **346** students who successfully finished their 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge. PRC certificates will be available soon. 2017 Premier's Reading Challenge cards are available in the Library for students who want to kick-start their 2017 reading logs. We are busy finalising stocktake, and urge all students with overdue library books to please return these ASAP. Our library staff have been busy preparing for our new computer software, which will completely update and enhance the way in which our staff and students interact with our library resources. We will complete our year by providing tutorials in the use of our new system.



Year 7 are concluding their library sessions by learning how to correctly cite sources for a bibliography using our college's preferred APA Referencing style. Students have applied basic referencing rules to printed material, online sources and images, building their knowledge and understanding of citing sources that they can apply in all future assessment tasks.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our wonderful volunteer book covering duo, Bev Lane and Lorraine May who have so generously given days of their time to assist with the covering of hundreds of new texts for our school.

*Thank  
You*

A further thank you to Michelle Parker from our canteen for always providing our Tutorial Tuesday students with milk and cookies and the occasional surprise treat! Finally, a massive thank you to our wonderful and dedicated team of **2016 Student Librarians** who have each contributed in maintaining our library as a great place for our whole community to share.

Happy reading!

**Linda Harvey**  
Teacher Librarian



Name: **Nicole DELO SANTOS**  
 Favourite subject: **Science**  
 Favourite teacher: **Mrs.Gilchrist**

Biggest achievement: **2<sup>nd</sup> in NSW Harmony Day Poster Competition**  
 Most memorable moment: **Great Aussie Bush Camp**  
 What I will miss most: **Teachers**



Name: **Lachlan BRAD-DISH**  
 Favourite subject: **English**  
 Favourite teacher: **Mr.White**  
 Biggest

achievement: **Chosen to compete in All Schools Swimming Team**  
 Most memorable moment: **Inter-College Sporting Tournament**  
 Miss most: **Teachers**



Name: **Kate MCELLIGOTT**  
 Favourite subject: **English**  
 Favourite teacher: **Mr.Gosden**  
 Biggest

achievement: **Nominated myself for School Captain.**  
 Most memorable moment: **Snow Camp 2016.**  
 What I will miss most: **Teachers**



Name: **Caitlin WILLIAMS**  
 Favourite subject: **Mathematics**  
 Favourite teacher: **Mrs.Gilchrist**  
 Biggest achievement:

**Competed at Zone Swimming Carnival**  
 Most memorable moment: **Athletics Carnivals**  
 What I will miss most: **Teachers**



Name: **Mino POLAIA**  
 Favourite subject: **Sport**  
 Favourite teacher:

**Mr.Myszkowski** Biggest achievement: **Winning Buckley Shield**  
 Most memorable moment: **Relationships made with teachers**  
 What I will miss most: **Teachers**



Name: **Phoebe NELSON-STAUTON**  
 Favourite subject: **English**  
 Favourite teacher: **Mrs.Kitson**

Biggest achievement: **Received ATSI Sporting Award**  
 Most memorable moment: **Inter-College Sporting Tournament**  
 What I will miss most: **Teachers**

## Team 6 – Farewell Year 9



Name: **Skyla ROSER**  
 Favourite subject: **Sport**  
 Favourite teacher: **Mrs.Hocking**  
 Biggest achievement:

**Competing at National Cheerleading Championships**  
 Most memorable moment: **Going to QLD for National Cheerleading**  
 What I will miss most: **Teachers**



Name: **Steven COLLINS**  
 Favourite subject: **Science**  
 Favourite teacher:

**Mr.Myszkowski** Biggest achievement: **Made it to Country Cup Final in Rugby League**  
 Most memorable moment: **Playing my first official game of Basketball**  
 What I will miss most: **Teachers**



Name: **Lauren JACKSON**  
 Favourite subject: **P.A.S.S**  
 Favourite teacher:

**Mr.Myszkowski** Biggest achievement: **Doing well in exams for 2016**  
 Most memorable moment: **Great Aussie Bush Camp**  
 What I will miss most: **Teachers**

# Team Seven

2016 has been a great year!

Thanks to our Team 7

Teachers: Ms Cox, Miss Maxwell, Mrs Evans, Mrs Heighington, Mr Crouch, Mr Shearer, Mr Ross and Miss Elwin.

We wish our students a wonderful Christmas and a great holiday. Best wishes to 9.7.1 students for next year and we look forward to seeing all other Team 7 students in 2017.

Some Team 7 students reflect back on the year...

**Kyrin Bennett 9.7.1 Favourite experience:** Being with my mates and my elective classes

**Most important thing I learnt:** I learnt lots of important things

**Most proud achievement:** Making my skateboard in Creative Wood – it was something different and fun

**Advice:** Team 7 is a good team, with caring teachers. You get to choose your electives in year 9 too.

**Christopher Walker 9.7.1 Favourite experience:** Being able to choose the electives I wanted to do

**Most important thing I learnt:** You can go to TAFE while still at school, to help with your career.

**Most proud achievement:** Getting higher marks in Maths and making new friends

**Advice:** Study before tests and put in hard work. It's great that you can choose your own electives. All the teachers in Team 7 are really nice and fair to all students.

**Brittany Thompson 9.7.1 Favourite experience:** Working and learning at the Ag farm, going to the Ag shows

**Most important thing I learnt:** Learning to work in and as part of a team

**Most proud achievement:** What I have learnt and done at the Ag farm, as I wish to pursue a career in Agriculture.

**Advice:** It's a wonderful team with good supportive teachers, prepared to give up their time assisting students with their learning.

**Brooklyn Brown 8.7.1**

**Favourite experience:** Going to the beach for double sport

**Most important thing I learnt:** How to write poems as I'd like to be a writer

**Most proud achievement:** Learning how to play guitar and write songs

**Advice:** Just be confident and try your hardest

**Kane Sliman 871 Favourite experience:** Winning the Bill Buckley Memorial Shield

**Most important thing I learnt:** How to write a story

**Most proud achievement:** Winning the Bill Buckley Shield

**Advice:** Keep trying in all areas. The great experiences are trips away for sport and camps. Best part of being in Tem 7 is the teachers.



# Team Seven



# Team Seven



Team 7– Pictured Left to right

Alicia Maxwell [ATL and LAST], Ben Ross [Music], Pat Crouch [TSP Coordinator], Jake Shearer [MATHS], Angela Cox [TL and HT PDHPE], Jessie Heighington [English] and Kylie Evans [HSIE]

This year has been extremely busy with students participating in a variety of activities.

English– 7.7.1 Excelled in the Premiers reading challenge by finishing in record time

Maths– Students have been working towards improving their Maths Outcomes and have achieved this with great success.

HSIE– In Geography students are learning to use geographical skills across all grades and in History students have been working on the Historical inquiry process.

Music- Students have been composing and producing garage bands, film and sound tracks for films.

PDHPE– Students participating in a variety of Sports– Gymnastics, Fitness, Athletics, and Swimming.

TSP– Students participated in a range of knockout carnivals and the U/14s were name State Champions, taking home the Buckley Shield.



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**Cassidy Strangleman 871 Favourite experience:** TM and trying all the different subjects that the school has

**Most important thing I learnt:** World history

**Most proud achievement:** My Maths and English results, I have improved.

**Advice:** Give everything a try

**Sean Gambrell 872 Favourite experience:** Learning about film techniques in English... it was fun.

**Most important thing I learnt:** Maths, particularly Area and Volume

**Most proud achievement:** My results for the Film Techniques test, I only lost ½ a mark

**Advice:** Do your assignments and homework

**Tru Clifford 872: Favourite experience:** Double sport

**Most important thing I learnt:** Being quiet, as it's mean to speak over others

**Most proud achievement:** Making friends

**Advice:** Study and do homework

**Hayley Hann 872 Favourite experience** Learning new things

**Most important thing I learnt:** Lots in Maths and English

**Most proud achievement:** Some test results, I learnt new skills and formed better friendships

**Advice:** Look forward to learning new things and study more

**Zac Ison 771 Favourite experience:** Playing touch football, union and league

**Most important thing I learnt:** To behave or you can't participate in sports

**Most proud achievement:** Coming 5<sup>th</sup> in State Touch Football and getting the highest Maths result in the class.

**Advice:** Behave and learn...and you will have a good time!

**Zane Wilesmith 771 Favourite experience:** Getting involved with metalwork

**Most important thing I learnt:** To be grateful for what I have

**Most proud achievement:** Getting into the TSC

**Advice:** Be prepared and look for good friends

**Tahlia O'Sullivan 771 Favourite experience:** Getting to know people and making new friends

**Most important thing I learnt:** Heaps of Maths

**Most proud achievement:** Achieving top 2 of the class in my History test

**Advice:** Prepare for changes. Look forward to new teachers, friends and peers.



## Team 8

As this is the final newsletter of 2016, I would like to take the opportunity to commend Team 8 students on the exceptionally positive approach to learning they have displayed throughout the year. Students should be immensely proud of their academic successes as well as their tremendous contributions to the school community. I can speak on behalf of Lucy Burns, Kieran Lawler and myself in expressing just how proud we are. The images that follow provide a small snapshot of students' experiences this year.

I would also like to farewell and express sincere thanks to Kieran Lawler, Team 8 Assistant Team Leader, who has attained a position at the Woy Woy Campus. As ATL for the past three years, Kieran has been pivotal in ensuring the wellbeing of Team 8 students and his contributions to the running of the team have been truly invaluable. I wish Kieran every success and know that he will continue to have a positive impact on the lives of students in his capacity at the Woy Woy Campus.

Finally, I would like to introduce myself. I will be relieving as Team 8 Team Leader whilst Lucy Burns is on maternity leave following the birth of her son. Upon Lucy's return, I will be filling the Assistant Team Leader role. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any assistance or with any queries.

Kind regards,

Jessie Heighington



### Looking forward to 2017, here are some important dates to remember:

Thursday 26 January 2017 -	Australia Day Public Holiday
Friday 27 January 2017 -	Staff return to school – No students
Monday 30 January 2017 -	Day 1 for Year 7 – No Year 8 or Year 9
Tuesday 31 January 2017 -	Day 2 for Year 7 – No Year 8 or Year 9
Wednesday 1 February 2017 -	Years 7, 8 and 9 attend.