Outstanding achievements are ongoing

Congratulations to the many students who received recognition at our Excellence Assembly. Your efforts are superb!

At this assembly we also acknowledged AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) for their outstanding support of our school and Jacob W’s. Jacob’s commitment and passion to advocating for what he believes in and to helping communicate the voice of young people gave Jacob the opportunity to build his dream of being the first Indigenous Prime Minister of Australia through AIME mentoring initiative at the end of last year, an Australian wide competition. Through his tenacity, dedication and passion he became one of the best in Australia and had the opportunity to be mentored by outstanding Aboriginal Mentors including Stan Grant, who remarked on the outstanding young person Jacob is. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jacob for his dedication to ensuring that he represents the views of his culture and young people. Congratulations Jacob.

App of the week

GOOGLE DRIVE

Excellence Celebrated

The first awards presented were for the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience Award for Jacob Williams; the SES and Rural Fire Awards (photo bottom right) were then given out, CHS Triathlon medals were handed out (photo right): SRC then handed out the awards for the Harmony Day Poster competition won by - 1st Alex J (photo far right) - $100 AKWA voucher, 2nd Cody R - $50 AKWA voucher, 3rd Brea V - $30 iTunes voucher, Kimberly K and Richelle K $20 iTunes voucher. There were many poster competition entries and they were all winners of the $2 Canteen vouchers. Many thanks to our wonderful Harmony Day sponsors: the delicious Indian and Thai Restaurants in Ulladulla and AKWA Surf shop, Milton.

Well done Triathletes

Principal’s last word

......I have a strong belief that every student in this town has the right to be university or further educated. It is my desire that all students who graduate, enter Uni or an equivalent, and ensure that students have the never give up attitude.

What makes a good school?

I am very interested in your ideas of “what makes a good school” and ‘good for whom’? The answer to that is...YOU. Good for your future, good for your heart, and good for your head...

So how do we categorise a good school. Have you ever considered what makes a good school, everyone in the community has an opinion. It is up to each one of us to be part of something great. We could categorise ideas of what a good school is. You can have a look at this discussion on my blog and our website.

I believe we are more than a good school, we are a great school.

We thank Steve Farr, Rural Fire Brigade Captain and Alan Mulley, Shoalhaven Youth Volunteer Initiative Coordinator, for presenting awards at our assembly.
Youth Bushcare

The Youth Bushcare Group (YBG) conducted regeneration activities in the school’s bush reserve last Tuesday 18th. During Session 1 the focus was on removing Honeysuckle, a vigorous woody climber. The team ‘chased out’ the long woody vines, challenging each other to pull out the longest intact piece. Jacob H retrieved the longest vine which measured 13.5m according to official judge John Field. Rocco F and Dylan R also retrieved vines in excess of 10m long. Well done guys.

The YBG has now completed primary work on a major infestation of this weed which extended 60m along the west side of the creek. The work conducted within five plots has been very thorough and follow up work is scheduled for spring. The area can now naturally regenerate with the aid of some native plantings planned for the near future.

Session 2 focussed on Lantana in the western edge of the bush reserve. The team selected a plot containing worst, thickest and nastiest infestation in this location and went for it like termites. Cate Brooks, our local Bushcare Coordinator and mentor agreed that the enthusiasm, teamwork and attention to thorough work was amazing and inspiring. The team totalled the weed ridden thicket in 40 minutes.

A special shout out to Zac D from the SEC. Zac conducted the Environmental and Safety Induction for Session 2 and was a leader among that group along with Sam Jones and Caleb B. Also shout out to Daniel H who in recent weeks has helped drill and poison Box Maple Acer negundo weed trees growing in the creek bed. Also to Georgia-Mai P for her interest in removing other weeds around new plantings below the courts.

If your class is looking at using the bush reserve as an outdoor classroom the YBG encourages you to undertake the Environmental and Safety Induction in order to keep you safe and to ensure the area is used respectfully and responsibly, and in line with the project’s aims of preserving and enhancing the reserve’s environmental and educational attributes. An Induction can be booked in class time through the SEC. Zac, Emma, Grace and Lachlan from the SEC all have experience in conducting this induction.

The next Youth Bushcare Group work sessions will take place on Friday the 4th of April. If you would like to get involved see Mr McDonell in the Mara staff room or email stuart.mcdonell1@det.nsw.edu.au.


School Cross Country Competition Thursday 8th May

When students return for Term 2, we encourage them to pick up an entry form for Cross Country from Mara Staffroom. (All students will be emailed an entry form). Permission notes need to be signed by parents/carers and returned to the Sport Letterbox in Q Block, Level 2. On the day students will be supervised as they walk to and from the pool. We look forward to seeing a lot of entries. Exercise and Sport Studies classes are expected to compete as part of their assessment. The school’s webpage has the schedule of times for different age groups to compete. Good luck and have fun! Mr Pearson, Head Teacher

Year 7 MVP awardees

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SPORT SNIPPETS

It was a ‘pour’ choice to try and play sport this week. It was raining so many cats and dogs Mr Stephen stepped in a ‘poodle’.

Year 10 managed to get in a competition round, however the remaining years had to resort to a wet weather plan.

Year 7 had one massive game of Dodgeball with the Daringyan and Guruwin teams combining to represent Australia and the Bara and Gawura teams representing the USA. It was a hotly contested event, however the Aussies proved to be unbeatable on the day despite some questionable play from the opposing side!

Year 8 and 9 finally got to participate with their whole team, working together, to navigate through a range of novelty events.

Results were as follows:

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Uniform Swap Shop
Open Fridays 8.30am-9am located behind Canteen
A P&C initiative
Purchase preloved uniform for gold coin donation or swap items for FREE! Swap Shop CLOSED during holidays

Who we are - Where we live...
Photo by Keira W Year 10 Photography

Uniform Shop
OPEN WEEKDAYS
Monday–Friday 8.00-10.00am
Stock is selling fast including the new addition black cotton/acrylic (senior) cardigans $73
CLOSED for school holidays
OPEN School Development Day Monday 28 April

Canteen News
Red Food Day Wednesday
Nachos $2
Donuts and Brownies $1 each
Small range of confectionery
Free Vegemite Toast available Tuesday and Thursday mornings thanks to the SRC volunteers and Ulladulla Anglican Church
Organise your LUNCH ORDERS in the morning

New Canteen volunteer’s comment: “I am amazed how polite all the students are…” Well done, it just goes to show how good manners and a smile go a long way.

HMAS Albatross and Bomaderry Children’s Home Visit
On Thursday 20th March, 150 students in Year 9 embarked on a journey to HMAS Albatross in Nowra. The journey was wet as we had an unexpected downpour of rain at Bewong during the bus trip. After the perilous journey we arrived at Albatross and were split into two groups and assigned a friendly tour guide and began the tour. We saw all the planes and boat models such as: the HMAS Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide, a World War One Sopwith Pup, A4 Skyhawk jet fighter, even a MIG-17 fighter. After this some of us decided to go on the realistic helicopter and plane simulator, which many of us couldn’t master. We then went back to our great cafeteria area and participated in a little bit of lunch.

After this we travelled to The Bomaderry Children’s Home. The Elder that lived there as a child, Uncle Willy, talked about the stolen generation and showed the groups through the old children’s homes. He showed us around the remembrance garden and the sacred areas in which he grew up. He also explained the daily routines and things he would do around the mission. This was a touching experience and everyone enjoyed it.

It was a memorable and fun trip that educated all of Year 9, thanks to Mrs Knight, Ms Waters, Mr Chambers, Ms Claire, Ms Bunyan, Ms Harper, Aunty Nell, the men at the Aviation Museum and Uncle Willy.

Students of the Week
Jamie E Year 12 is a great worker and is able to focus really well in class to gain good results. Her model behaviour shows all those around her why we are proud to have her as student of the week.

Leroy L Year 7 is enthusiastic about all of his school work. Leroy is always helpful and has settled into High School life exceptionally quickly to achieve good results.

Congratulations to Jamie and Leroy. Keep up the good work!
We look forward to bringing you next week’s students of the week!

Promotion Roll Call
Project Based Learning

Life size constructions, dry ice and live prisoner camp installations are not what you would generally expect to see in an English classroom; these were just some of the innovative creations presented in the Year 11 Headstart/Studies Exhibition. Year 11 dazzled their audience with their rich knowledge of the Holocaust and emotive creations representing this period of our history. Well done to those involved!

Your hard work and enthusiasm has been incredible and I’m looking forward to embarking on our next project!

Miss Kirby

Parent/Teacher/Student Meetings for Years 7, 8 & 9

Monday 7th April

We encourage parents/carers to book appointments (via the booking sheet sent home with students). Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and students to talk individually about their learning. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity.

Community News

National Youth Week Event  Saturday 12th April

10am-3pm at Ulladulla Highway Christian Church grounds

Community service stalls, youth music performances, circus displays, jumping castle, NAVY aircraft displays, out door laser tag and many more fun activities all for free. www.youthweek.com

Recognising hard working students

It was with great pleasure that Ms Lofts presented 61 Principal’s Awards last Thursday afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers take time out of their day to be present. We thank the students for their musical items and Canteen for the wonderful afternoon tea - which all complemented this prestigious occasion. Keep up the hard work! Please go to the school’s website for photos and more information about Principal’s Awards ceremony http://www.ulladulla-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Dates to Remember

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Adult Scout Leaders Needed Urgently

1st BURRILL-ULLADULLA SCOUTS

Come & join in the fun. Full training provided.
No experience necessary. Volunteer TODAY for:

- Joeys 6-8yrs
- Cubs 8-11yrs
- Scouts 11-15yrs
- Venturers 15-18yrs

CALL TRACY Ph 4455 6252

University of Wollongong Longitudinal Survey REMINDER

A reminder that the Alcohol and Media online survey will again be conducted in Term 2. Students with parental consent (which was provided in 2013) will again be invited to participate – there is NO NEED to provide consent forms again this year as this was done in 2013 for the duration of the study. This is the second year of a three year study and incentive prizes for students and the school are available. There is no need to do anything at this stage, this is just a friendly reminder to parents AND students that if you provided consent to take part in 2013 (even if you did not do the survey because you were away at the time) – you will be able to take part in 2014.

Careers Opportunities

Work Experience available at Lake Conjola Club for Y10 or Y11 students

Contact Russell Banks on Ph 44561272 and make a time to see him and find out when he would like you to start work experience for 5 days. You will need to see Miss Karaboikis the Careers Adviser to get the work experience form to take with you to the employer.

Horticulture Apprenticeship for Y10 students

School based, 4 days at school and 1 day at work, see Miss Karaboikis if you are interested.