As we near the end of Term 1, may I take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of staff and students and the support of our parents through the P&C Association. May I also refer you to two documents which outline our achievements in 2013 and targets for 2014, the “Achievements 2013” posted or emailed at the end of February to all families, and our “Annual School Report” uploaded onto our website on 28 March. Both of these documents outline our targets and priorities for 2014 to ensure continuous school improvement.

Already we are accumulating achievements and successes for 2014.

To begin………we were honoured and excited when Ms Louise Halpin, Co-ordinator Outreach Programs for the Art Gallery of NSW, invited one our outgoing Year 12 Visual Arts student Jana Walker and Ms Farmer to do a presentation at the Gallery’s Learning Symposium. It was an absolute honour to have one of our students and our CAPA faculty recognised at such a prestigious event. Unfortunately Ms Farmer was not able to attend and Ms Pfister undertook the task. Both Ms Pfister and Jana, (whose Body of Work has been selected for Artexpress 2014) presented, in what I am told was an articulate, confident and professional manner, the process of creating a Body of Work and how to create an environment for excellence to happen. We are proud to have been selected for this presentation which is an indication of the excellence created each year in our Visual Arts courses. Thank you! Please refer to the photographs that appear later in the Bulletin.

Congratulations and good luck to Maya Freeman (7) who is competing at the National Gymnastics Championships (Trampolining) in Melbourne in late May/early August.

Good luck and have a wonderful time to Siobhan Hull (12) and Indiya Monaghan (12) who are performing with the Hunter Singers in Hong Kong and China in April. Well done!

Congratulations also to Holly Spooner (8), and Callam Lang (8) who had outstanding performances in the NSW CHS All Schools Triathlon Championships held in Sydney on 6 and 7 March. Holly placed 3rd in the Junior Solo (Female) and Callam placed first in the Junior Solo (Male). Great work!

Congratulations also to our Chess team, Hamish Broadhurst-Tynan, Lloyd James, Corey Sills and Mitchell Dunlop who defeated Whitebridge High recently. The feedback from the other team’s coach was that our boys were “great ambassadors for our school”. Thank you!!

May I finished by acknowledging the enormous efforts of our front office staff led by Mrs Julie Cupitt, and the work of Mr Toby Husband and Mr Neil Best, as we implement the new DEC software to manage finance, student well-being and reporting. Their ongoing efforts and expertise are most appreciated and have ensured that we can stay operational whilst the new programs and processes are trialled and implemented. It has been a huge task and we are still “in the thick” of continuing implementation. Thank you to parents as well for your patience, particularly with the new SAP (finance package). Through the expertise of the
implementation team we are going well and are able to offer support and advice to other schools who are not as far down the track as we are. The changes are part of what is called the 229 School Trial through the Empowering Local Schools National Partnership. Well done team!

In conclusion, thank you to parents for your ongoing support. Please continue to send me details of student successes so that they can be shared through the Bulletin.

Dr Sharon Parkes
Principal

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**WARNERS BAY HIGH P&C**

The next meeting of the Warners Bay High School P & C Association will be held in room H1 on Tuesday, 27 May at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. At 7.00pm we will again start with some social time where everyone can talk over a drink and something to eat.

It was encouraging to see such a great roll up at the AGM in March and even better having people enthusiastically volunteering to get involved by taking on a position. I would like to thank all the outgoing position holders for their work over the last twelve months and welcome the new executive. Your P&C Executive for 2014 is:

- President - Phillip Jones
- Vice President - Janine Chock
- Secretary - Jill Lenton
- Minute Secretary - Jodi Booth
- Treasurer - Tonia McKenzie-Low
- Assistant Treasurer - Jo Dyson
- (Canteen Treasurer)

I look forward to working with the new executive to ensure we are able to continue to provide additional faculty resources not normally available to the school.

We will be continuing our series of presentations at our monthly meetings. We would like to welcome the School Counsellor to our May meeting to do a presentation on ‘Supporting Students Through the HSC’. Why not come and use this opportunity to get additional information on school programs and get to know the Principal, some of the school executive and other parents in the relaxed atmosphere of a P&C meeting.

The canteen, which is the P&C’s main income source, has been running smoothly. The donations from the canteen have enabled the P&C to fulfill its first term commitment and also provide a $6,000 bonus donation. This brings our total school donation so far this year to $16,000. I would like to thank Wendy, Marj and the dedicated volunteers for their efforts. If you have a free day once a month, why not volunteer on the canteen? New volunteers are always welcome.

We look forward to your continued support and hope to see you at our next meeting.

Phillip Jones
President
YEAR 8: VISIBLE LEARNING EXPO (VLE)

The school has introduced a new program called the Visible Learning Expo (VLE), designed to have a positive impact on the learning culture in Year 8. The approach to this program is based on the research of Professor John Hattie and focuses on the factors which impact student achievement. This program aims to develop assessment-capable learners as this has the potential to maximise the performance of students. Assessment-capable learners are students who:

- take responsibility for their own learning
- know about their learning and can plan their next learning steps with a teacher (or a peer)
- can articulate what they are learning and why
- can use self-regulation strategies
- are active in their learning; ask questions
- actively seek feedback and respond to the feedback
- understand the assessment tools being used and what their results mean
- can self-assess accurately against success criteria and know their next learning steps
- can peer-assess against success criteria and give feedback based on the criteria
- can set goals, then self-monitor their progress
- can answer: Where am I going? How am I going/ Where to next?

The VLE program has three components:

1. Learning Portfolio consisting of one authentic task for each subject. Students will complete the tasks at different times during the year
2. Round Table Conference which will involve students discussing their learning in small groups
3. Specific learning activities to assist students to develop better learning habits

For more information you may contact members of the Visible Learning team: Alison Corliss, Marjory Drummond, Marisa Dal Zotto, Carly Hart and Ken White or the VLE program co-ordinator Andrew Glazebrook (Head Teacher Secondary Studies)

Marisa Dal Zotto
Deputy Principal Curriculum

GIFTED AND TALENTED

The ICAS Competitions are being held again this year in Computers, Writing, English, Maths and Science. Permission notes are available from Mrs Curran in the Science Staffroom. Notes and money must be submitted before 9 April, 2014. The cost of the competitions has been subsidised by the school.

- Computers- 20 May
- Science- 4 June
- Writing- 16 June
- English- 29 July
- Maths- 12 August

Lisa Curran

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LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2014 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 13 - 15 May 2014.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

In 2014, as in previous years, the Writing task will be a single common task for all students. The 2014 Writing test will require students to respond to either a persuasive or narrative Writing prompt. However, the genre of the prompt will not be disclosed prior to the test period.

Wherever possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during testing week. Individual students are not permitted to sit tests after Friday 16 May 2014.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if:

- they are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- they have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the Principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html.
Our first Artist of the Month for 2014 has been announced for the month of March. Congratulations to Olivia Marsh. Olivia is a talented Year 8 Visual Arts student who paints with technical skill beyond her years. She was greatly inspired by our excursion to Nobby’s Beach and the Brett Whiteley exhibition at the Newcastle Regional Art Gallery titled ‘Whiteley on Water’. She has excelled in both her introduction pages and plan for her landscape painting, one of which shows the influence of Jeffery Smart and reflects his photo-realistic qualities. She is a well deserving recipient of this prestigious award.

Our senior students have travelled to the Art Gallery of NSW and the Armory at Olympic Park in Sydney to view the ARTEXPRESS exhibitions. These particular exhibitions provide fantastic opportunities for the students to familiarise themselves with best practice in their field of study and also contribute to the excellent results that CAPA achieve in all stages of education at WBHS. The students were thrilled to see Jana Walker’s Body of Work at the Art Gallery of NSW. We cannot wait to see Hannah Spradley’s Body of Work at the Maitland Regional Art Gallery as part of the ARTEXPRESS exhibition from 23 May to 6 July.

Elise Jensen from Year 12 is involved in a program called the Talent Development Program (TDP). This program is based in Sydney and Elise has worked her way through a number of stringent auditions to became a finalist. Thousands of students from around the state audition and only an elite few make it this far. Being a part of the TDP will provide Elise with unique opportunities and will also allow her to be eligible to perform in Schools Spectacular. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Elise and wish her the best of luck.

Codi Kaye and the Unappreciated have made it into the semi-finals of the statewide band competition, YouthRock. Band members are Codi Pollock (Acoustic guitar and vocals), Jarred Yates (bass guitar), Liam Burnett (drums) and Connor Manwarring (electric guitar). Their semifinal is at Sutherland Entertainment Centre in Sydney on Thursday the 10 April at 8:20pm. The final will be held on the Sunday 13 April. They are such an inspirational and dynamic group. Congratulations to the band on their outstanding achievements so far and best wishes.

One final reminder we have our HSC Music Day excursion on Friday 9 May to the Newcastle Conservatorium, which is compulsory for all Year 12 Music students at a cost of $49 per student. Students are exposed to many different activities on that day and will observe performances, attend workshops with HSC markers and receive a Music Resource booklet. This event is a unique opportunity and so important to the development of our Music students.

Donna Pfister
(Relieving HT CAPA)
Fifty eager computing students braved the wee hours of the morning to travel to Sydney via train. After a quick stop for breakfast at Central Station, teachers (Mr Ford, Mr Glazebook and Mrs Mangovski) led the brisk 2.5km trek to Pyrmont. Despite being caught in torrential rain, a slight mishap with GPS maps and the climbing of seemingly endless stairs, students finally reached the quirky and fun offices of Google!

A team of five Software engineers answered our students’ insightful questions, explained what it took to be a “Googler” and gave us a guided tour of the building. Some of the highlights included visiting the games room and onsite restaurant, and seeing the zany, decorated offices and meeting places. It’s not every day that you get to see a coffee table made from an old tub filled with oversized rubber ducks or have a go on a tyre swing in the middle of a reception room!

Before catching the train home, students enjoyed lunch at Harbourside and a quick stroll through Chinatown. It was a fun and exhausting day. We’re already looking forward to the next trip!

Would you like to work at Google? These are the traits they look for when hiring:

- passionate
- talented
- motivated
- self directed
- excellent time management skills
- fast learner and highly adaptable
- able to or capacity to learn how to code

Mrs Peggy Mangovski
Year 10 Adviser/Computing/Technology Teacher
TAS Faculty

What programming language do Googlers use?

- Java
- Python
- JavaScript
- C++

What advice or tips does Google give to students?

- There is a huge shift globally from manufacturing to digital jobs.
- People with Computer Science degrees are and will be in high demand due to a shortage of qualified Australians.
- Coding job opportunities exist in all areas, even the non-computer based careers (Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Engineering, Design, Fashion, etc.).
- There is a huge push in the Australian GDP for Technology startups.

Where do you start or how do you learn to code?

Google invests a great deal of time and money in developing new talent. Google supports skill development in students through a free and fun website called Code.org. Start coding today!
CAREERS

The Careers team of Mr White, Ms Lavis, Ms Sommer and Ms Dorsett has been busy supporting students in the planning and implementation of career transition plans from school to the workplace in the following ways:

TERM 1 YEAR 10 CAREERS LESSONS

This term Year 10 have been asked to start to consider and research prospective career options, along with the necessary pathways they may need to take in order to obtain their career goals. These lessons have focused on highlighting useful resources which can be used to gain information on jobs, courses, career planning support and work experience planning. These resources are to support student research which will assist in subject selection next term. This will be followed up in Term 2 with further lessons that support subject selection pathways and choices for Years 11 and 12. All Year 10 students will be invited to attend the Newcastle and Lake Macquarie Career Expo excursion on Thursday, 22 May and Warners Bay High Yr 10 - 11 Subject Information Night and Mini Career Expo on Wednesday 26 May.

VET COURSES

We currently have 96 Year 11 and 12 students involved in VET (Vocational Education and Training) courses across a range of local Hunter TAFE sites. A number of students have already begun work placement as part of their course work and the feedback we have been receiving from the local community has been exceptionally positive.

GUEST SPEAKERS- DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING

Two representatives from the Australian Defence Force visited our school on 13 April. These speakers insight into job searching, applications, interview techniques and also upcoming employment options. The 40 students who attended this session found it very helpful. A few students have already registered for Work Experience with the 76th Squadron at Williamtown Airbase.

WHITE CARD COURSE

Twenty students from Years 9 to 12 have enrolled to attain their White Card later this term. This course is aimed at all students carrying out construction work including: labourers, apprentices and tradespersons. Students learn the basic principles of health and safety in the construction industry as well as information about preventing workplace injury and illness, and workers compensation. This course has been developed to meet the requirements of the National Code of Practice for Induction for Construction Work. Upon completion of this induction course, each student will receive a statement of attainment and the White Card License.

SCHOOL WEBSITE - CAREERS PAGES

The Careers section on the school website is a useful resource that has been developed in response to parent and student enquiries over the past 6 years. Many questions are answered on these pages. The Work Experience section for example, has all required paperwork and procedures explained.

As an adjunct to this website, and also to give information to students and parents as quickly as possible, we have the “Warners Bay High School Careers Faculty” Facebook page with regular updates as soon as information comes to hand. We have also subscribed to Careerlinks “Careers and Training Links Newsletter,” distributed each week to student DEC email accounts. These two resources regularly give information to students on upcoming courses, part-time jobs and also full-time job opportunities. “Like” our Facebook page to gain instant newsfeeds, and if you would like to receive a copy of the Careerlinks CTL weekly newsletter to your email account, please send a request to kenneth.j.white@det.nsw.edu.au and we’ll add you to the distribution list.

If you or your son or daughter would like more information, don’t hesitate to contact us.

Ken White
Head Teacher Admin/Careers
LIBRARY NEWS

We have had a great start to this year’s Principal’s Reading Challenge with many students getting involved and reading widely. It has been great to see the new Year 7s participate so enthusiastically as well as the “old hands”. We have held book lunches for the juniors and the seniors, (The attraction wasn’t just the food!) We saw some interesting book trailers (stay tuned for our book trailer competition next term), and heard about some great reads in the library from Mrs Clarke, Ms Moss and students as well. I am looking forward to next term’s lunches already. As usual it was great to have Dr Parkes there to provide encouragement for the program and the students involved.

Our school chess and checker competitions have started with some hard fought contests and we look forward to the interschool competition. Our first match against Whitebridge High School resulted in a convincing win.

The Australian Library and Information Association is running a poll to find Australia’s favourite library. Voting is open until the 22 April and a vote for Warners Bay High School Library can be made at the following address:

https://www.alia.org.au/ausfavlibvote  We’d love your vote if you’d like to give it.

Happy reading,

Liza Moss
Teacher Librarian

LANGUAGES

Another exciting year has started with all guns blazing...

FILM COMPETITION

Year 10 French and Japanese classes will be invited to participate in the Hunter Regional Languages Film Competition. The finished product will be in the target language and feature a theme (change) and one prop (a mirror). They will be entirely scripted and edited by members of each class. Prizes will be awarded to the class whose film is deemed the best. They will be judged on creativity, accuracy, authenticity of language and, of course, the “X” factor. Good luck to each of the three classes!

LANGUAGE PERFECT

More classes have been enrolled in Language Perfect this year. It is a national vocabulary acquisition and competition website which proved very beneficial and popular with our students last year.

Year 9 will be entering in May at the beginning of the World Series Language Perfect competition. Entry for Year 9 school students is free for the six weeks it runs. We apologise in advance to all the parents who will not see much of their children during this event...

Year 10 have all been entered for the whole year, thanks to the generosity of the WBHS P&C Association. They are competing for end of term and end of year prizes.

Years 11 and 12 have been entered and use this as an excellent study tool, particularly before assessment tasks.

CAFÉ BLABLA

This informal tutorial time with a native speaker is up and running again for Year 12 and Year 11. We are really pleased with the level of fluency the Year 12 students have gained after their hard work and look forward to Year 11 gaining the same high level of skill. We are exceptionally lucky to be able to offer these workshops.

HOSTINGS

Our 19 students from Suginami High School (arriving on 23 July) and our 5 students from France (arriving on 16 July) are all happily hosted. We look forward to meeting them all and getting to know them.

COMING OVERSEAS TRIPS

The Japan Trip 2014 is nearing completion of preparation. Thanks to Mrs Kell who is organising and leading the trip this year. She will be accompanied by Mr Morrissey, teacher of Maths and Year 8 Adviser.

The highlights of the trip will include the Sumo tournament, a day at Disney Sea and, of course, the homestay with Suginami High School students.

Mrs Sherwood has just about recovered from the France 2012 trip and is contemplating offering a trip to France in 2015. Stay tuned....

L. Sherwood
Head Teacher Languages
Rehearsals are going well for the school musical It’s Worth A Shot. Set in the 1960’s it tells the story of the lost boys who try to escape being conscripted to fight in the Vietnam War by running away and hiding in the bush. With a cast drawn from Year 7 to Year 12 the production combines well known music from the 1960’s with some current songs and students have been involved in all aspects of the play.

We are looking forward to performing for you next term with shows on:
- Thursday 8 May at 7pm
- Friday 9 May at 7pm
- Saturday 10 May at 7pm.

Ticket prices are $10 Adults, $5 Child, $25 for a family ticket of 2 Adults and 2 Children.

Please contact the school to arrange your tickets.

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**Attendance**

Students being late to school, whether they have early morning lessons or arrive after roll call, causes continuous disruption to their learning and the learning of others in the classroom. Whilst Warners Bay High’s attendance rate is very positive, we believe we need to adapt our systems to encourage all students to get to school on time for the benefit of all. There are occasions when students are late due to circumstances outside their control. The following procedure takes this into account, but also encourages timely submission of explanatory notes.

1. All students late to Period 0 (Seniors) or arriving after roll call (Juniors and Seniors) will be sent to a supervised room where their reason is taken down. If it is their first “offence” they will be interviewed quickly and allowed to proceed to class without further penalty.

2. Second Unexplained Late Behaviour (this does not include occurrences which have been satisfactorily explained by a note) will lead to a half lunch detention.

3. Third Unexplained Late Behaviour will lead to two half lunch detentions.

4. Fourth Unexplained Late Behaviour- a referral and placement on a two week attendance card which will be signed each day by teachers and the parent/carer.

Hopefully your young person will never have to worry about Steps 2-4. Step 1 can be avoided altogether by remembering to keep a notepad and pen in the car or handy in the home for those occasions when they are running late. However, please take note that reasons such as slept-in and missed the bus are not “circumstances outside of their control” and will still result in them accruing an unexplained late behaviour on their record.

If you have any concerns or suggestions you can contact Mr Toby Husband on the school number for clarification.

Please remember:

Participation in class is one of the highest contributors to student learning outcomes.

Punctuality is a skill for life; it is needed in everyone’s post-school careers.

Please note: If your child/young person has a sleep disorder which impacts their ability to get up in the morning, get ready and go to school on time, please contact either of our school counsellors, Mr Mark Harrison or Ms Marilyn Wall for their assistance.

Mr T Husband
HT Admin/VET/Technology
**Open Girls Basketball**

The Open Girls Basketball Team travelled to Maitland Federation Centre on 24 February to challenge the local Hunter teams in the CHS knockout. The girls faced Belmont High School in the first round and comfortably defeated them with our most improved player, Sabina Gomboso, topscoring. The second game, against Lake Munmorah High School, proved to be more of a challenge for our girls. The lead changed a number of times but our gun rookie, Bonnie Frost, dominated and helped us to secure the win. After a long break in the day the girls returned to court in the semi-finals against Lambton High School. The team kept pace throughout the game but eventually fell to our cross-town rivals. New comers Maddie Taylor and Lucy Beavan showed great enthusiasm with Maddie proving to be an excellent rebounding presence in the key. Bec Alder retained her title of defensive player of the year, proving formidable at all times. Last, but not least, our guard duo of Mikaela Wood and Kiara Nespeca ran the point excellently (and at warp speed!) in all games. It was a pleasure to coach the girls this year and I wish our departing members all the best in the future!

Mr M Morrissey

**Technology News**

The BYOD revolution is in full swing and so far over 200 students have taken up the offer to sign up for a license and bring in their own devices. These have been supplemented with class sets of 2013 Vintage DERvices to ensure full access to technology for all students. While there were some teething problems with connection for particular devices, these have all been sorted out in a timely manner. Our school is still awaiting details on a possible eT4L arrangement whereby we will be able to download appropriate software for free onto students’ computers from a central server. Until then it is advised that students bringing devices have the basic office programs and some form of internet security. With this in mind I have structured a deal with Domayne whereby students can purchase an ASUS T100 loaded with Microsoft Student for $542, which appears to be the best value at the moment for those wanting a Windows-based device. At the time of print this price is below all of the major competitor’s day to day prices and is a special deal for our students (I have invited a few other local public schools, including our feeder primary schools, in on the deal to improve bargaining power). You will find a flyer included in this bulletin.

Please make sure that students bringing devices have them in a protective case. They are reminded that no matter what subject it is permissible to bring them into a room and keep them in a safe place in situations where their bag must remain outside.

Mr T Husband
HT Admin/VET/Technology

**Student Accounts**

Please be advised that Student Financial Accounts will be issued early in Term 2. This has been because of the new financial system at the school.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and would like to let all parents/caregivers know that they can pay their student’s accounts at any time. If you would like to know how much the fees are, please phone the school on 49549488 and we will be pleased to assist you.

Payments can also be made over the phone by credit card, or at the school by EFTPoS /cash or cheque.

Again, thank you for your patience in this matter.

Julie Cupitt
School Admin Manager
Harmony Day 2014

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

The Year 9 International Studies class, were quick to take ownership of the day, organising the day’s events, marketing and promotion. Of their own volition they have worked through lunches to ensure the day ran smoothly, and often went off script at assemblies in an attempt to demonstrate their passion for the day. Now with enthusiasm they will tell you in their own words about the Harmony Day festivities.

D. Weston

At Harmony Day there were many different food stores from different cultures around the world. There were Gozleme from Turkey and the Mediterranean, Dutch mini pancakes and Italian ices.

Layne, Caitlin, Elise and Sarah

The Year 9 International Studies class dressed up as people from various cultures and countries. Some stand-out costumes included kimonos, sumo suits, sari, hippies and even a taco suit! The lucky winners went home with two vouchers to Hoyts Cinemas.

Innes, Olivia and Sophie

The day overall was a huge success, we were truly amazed by how it turned out. In the future, we hope to be more prepared, have more advertisement and more confidence in our abilities. Overall we are awestruck by the participation and understanding of the students that attended Harmony Day.

Esin and Alannah

Warners Bay High School celebrated Harmony Day on Wednesday the 19th of March in the MPC. Harmony Day is to celebrate Australia’s diversity across everyone’s culture, from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

So to celebrate Harmony Day we had a cultural dress competition, tribal drumming lessons and food stall vendors.

Brendan G, Brendan W, Alex and Lakota

On Harmony Day we received an astounding amount of students and teachers. The crowd enjoyed the event immensely and we received amazing comments from all the vendors and satisfied customers. The lollies on entry seemed to work a little too well. Overall, it was a fabulous day recognising a culturally diverse country.

Brittany and Mikayla

Teacher
PLEASE NOTE

CHANGE OF DATE FOR THE YEAR 12 GRADUATION BALL
TO
THURSDAY
18 SEPTEMBER 2014
WESTS
Dear Principal,

Saver Plus can assist families with education expenses

Families may be eligible to receive up to $500 by participating in the Saver Plus matched savings program. This money can be used to pay for educational items like school uniforms, computers, textbooks and school excursions.

Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program, developed by Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. It aims to assist people on lower incomes to strengthen their financial skills and to save for educational expenses. The program provides financial training and support and ANZ motivates participants to continue to save by matching their savings dollar for dollar, up to $500.

The Smith Family is delivering Saver Plus in your community and is seeking support from local schools like yours, who may be able to refer parents or other members of the school community to apply.

With the abolition of the Back to School Bonus scheme Saver Plus Program is an option to help pay for out of pocket school expenses

People may be eligible to join Saver Plus if they or their partner:

- have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card;
- are at least 18 years or over;
- have some regular income from work;
- are a parent or guardian of a child at school this year OR are attending or returning to vocational education themself;

Saver Plus is being delivered in 60 areas around Australia and more than 15000 families have participated to date.

I would be interested in working with your school to refer as many of your parents and other school community members as possible.

If you are interested please contact me on 4927.8385 or 1300 610 355.

Yours sincerely

Cynthia Culhane

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To book a place - Contact: Principal: Shane Skerly
Ph: 02 49 692338 – dramacorp@bigpond.com
#1 Selling BYOD Device

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<th>Asus T100 64gb Hybrid Laptop</th>
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<td>The Asus T100 is a full featured Windows 8.1 laptop, including a detachable keyboard. At just 1.07kg it is light enough for school bags with a battery life to see it through two days of lessons before needing a charge. The Asus T100 sits compactly on a school desk, and can also be hand-held like a tablet, working seamlessly with any off-the-shelf stylus.</td>
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**WBHS School Price - $542 inc GST**

### Hardware
- 5GHz wireless for connecting to DEC wireless points in classrooms.
- 11 Hour Battery life (continuous use)
- Multi Touch Screen
- USB 3.0 for fast data transfer to devices such as external hard drives.
- The latest Atom Z3740D Intel® quad-core processor.
- Micro HDMI output for simple connection to home and school audio visual devices.

### Software
- Asus T100 comes with included **Microsoft Office Home and Student** (Word, PowerPoint, Excel and One Note) - via download from Microsoft
- **Full Windows 8.1** – means subject specific software can be installed as required.
- Unlimited Asus cloud storage for 1 yr.

**Product Care will replace (not repair) a faulty device, usually within 10 working days of it being returned to Domayne. Please see in store for details.**

### Additional offers
- Jot Pro Stylus (For writing/drawing on screen) $33
- 3 year Replacement Product Care $88**
- Norton 360 3yr Anti-Virus Software $88

**Package WBH4**

To take up this offer, please bring this flyer to

Domayne, 18 Bradford Close, Kotara.
Dear Parents and Carers,

Domayne Commercial is pleased to offer you these specially priced education bundle deals.

These devices have been selected by your school as being recommended for student use in the new BYOD program.

Through a partnership with the school, we can offer you a commercial pricing on your purchase (compare our prices!) while making sure you get the right device at the best price for your child’s education needs.

Benefits of taking up this offer include:

- Extremely competitive pricing – compare our prices!
- Get the right device for your child’s education
- $88 3 year Replacement Product Care (see in store for details)
- $88 3 year Norton 360 Internet Security (valued at $299) keeps the device secure, and includes Parental Controls to monitor your child’s internet use. Works on 5 devices so you can use it on your home computers too.
- 6 months Interest Free terms available to approved purchasers
- One point of contact if there is a problem or question (Domayne). We have a full time technician on hand Monday to Friday to answer your questions and handle any warranty issues.

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Tim Every | Franchisee
Computers & New Technology – Retail and Commercial
T: Switch +61 2 4941 3900
E: tim.every@au.domayne.com
Kotavit Pty Ltd trading as Domayne Kotara Computers
Address: 18 Bradford Close, Kotara NSW 2289

15% off tablet cases & stylus when purchased with any tablet
Valid until 31st May 2014
Kotara store only

15% off screen protectors when purchased with any tablet
Valid until 31st May 2014
Kotara store only

25% off power protection when purchased with any tablet
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**SCHOOL DIARY**

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**UNIFORM SHOP TALK**

**SOCKS**

Have all your white socks been eaten by the washing machine? (I’m sure that’s what happens to ours). If so, come in and buy half a dozen pairs and you won’t have to worry about matching them up anymore because they will all look the same! No more coming to school wearing odd socks. We have three sizes available so there is a pair to fit everyone.

**SENIOR JERSEYS**

There are still around half a dozen senior jerseys that have not been collected. If your child’s is one of them, please tell them to come in before the weather gets cold.

**RETURNS & EXCHANGES**

All returns and exchanges must be in original condition, not washed or worn and must be accompanied by the original sales docket. Items must be returned or exchanged within three months of purchase.

**PHONE ORDERS**

If you are unable to get to the uniform shop during opening hours, feel free to phone in your order and pay by credit card over the phone. Your child can then come in, try on and collect their order when the shop is open.

**ONLINE ORDERS**

Online orders can be accessed by clicking on the link on the school website. You just need to register your details. Secure payments are through Pay Pal.

**PAYMENT**

Payment can be made by credit card or cash only. Payment by cheque cannot be accepted.

Yvonne Wade
Uniform Shop Manager.
**WARNERS BAY HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

Uniform Shop Manager - Yvonne Wade

Phone: 49549617 (shop hours)

0412 605982 (mobile)

**OPERATING HOURS**

**EVERY**

**WEDNESDAY** - 8.00AM - 12.00PM

**THURSDAY**

12.00PM - 4.00PM

Additional hours on demand refer to King Street Noticeboard

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Please check in at the Front Office on arrival.

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Daylight Sportswear Pty Ltd
EFTPOS AVAILABLE
President of Parents’ Association  
Warners Bay High School  
PO Box 215  
Warners Bay NSW 2282  

5 March 2014

Dear Parent,

MedEntry UMAT Preparation

Given your involvement in the Parents’ Association, we realise that you have a significant role in assisting other parents help their children enter their chosen career. In recognising the vital role you play, we felt we should make our organisation known to you.

MedEntry is an internationally trusted educational institution providing UMAT preparation in Australia, New Zealand and Ireland. MedEntry is the only provider which is a Registered Training Organisation and which offers a Government Accredited UMAT course (hence it is the only one with an .edu.au domain name). The UMAT test is a prerequisite for entry into most health science courses such as medicine. We have been training students for tests such as UMAT for over thirty years. Most health science students have been trained by MedEntry.

MedEntry was initiated as a result of a generous grant from the government body the Foundation for young Australians, and has a commitment to helping disadvantaged students achieve their goals. To this end, we offer several discounts and scholarships.

MedEntry is the leader in UMAT preparation and is the only program run by doctors and academics. MedEntry’s success rate has been outstanding. Most health science students in Australia, New Zealand and Ireland have been trained by MedEntry.

Many of our students mention in their evaluations that they wish they had known about MedEntry UMAT Prep earlier. We therefore seek your assistance in making other parents aware of the services we provide. You may wish to do this by photocopying the enclosed pamphlet and posting it around the school and/or making it available to year 12 students and their parents.

It would be appreciated if you could also place an article in your Parents’ Association Newsletter along these lines:

Students interested in pursuing medicine, and other health science careers need to sit the UMAT on July 30, 2014. A government accredited Registered Training Organisation specialising in helping them perform at their best is MedEntry UMAT Prep. MedEntry offers discounts of up to 30% for groups, and numerous scholarships. For more information, please visit the website www.MedEntry.edu.au

If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours Faithfully,

Dr Edward Boyapati  
Principal Lecturer
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Thank you

Dr Parkes

☐ I prefer an electronic copy of the Bay Bulletin

   My email address is ________________________________

☐ I do not require a Bay Bulletin

Parent/Carer Signature: ________________________________

Student Name: ______________________ Year: __________
It’s Worth a Shot

Warners Bay High School MPC

Thursday May 8th - 7pm
Friday May 9th - 7pm
Saturday May 10th - 7pm

Ticket Prices: $5 children
$10 adult
$25 family ticket
(2 adults, 2 children)

To book tickets call 4954 9488