

Term 3
2009

ILLAWARRA SENIOR COLLEGE



Parent & Community Newsletter

Principal's Report



Term 3 has seen the College continue to be a busy place. Our information session in Week 3 was well attended, with many new students / parents gaining information regarding enrolments for 2010. This was followed by a supplementary information session in Week 7.

Year 10 classes participated in the Youth Pathways program in Week 4 to gain valuable insights into the world of work, interview skills and resume writing. This has always been a positive experience for students.

The staff held an additional training day on Friday 21st August in preparation for the new laptops program for 2010. Each Year 10 student in 2010 will be provided with a laptop computer to use at school and at home to enhance their studies.

The annual sporting visit with Bankstown Senior College was conducted in Week 7, with Bankstown running out winners. Students who attended enjoyed the day, and thanks to Liz and Brendon for their organisation.

The College is currently undergoing a full refurbishment of student and staff toilets. This will include retiling, painting, new cubicles and new sinks etc. While we are currently using alternative toilets, the upgrade will be well appreciated by all when completed early in term 4.

The College has also been notified of additional funding for the next four years under the National Partnerships program. This is great news for our staff and students and will allow a number of additional programs to support students and staff for the next four years.

Year 11 are currently doing their end of course exams, and Year 12 are finalising all coursework leading up to the HSC exams early next term. We hope to see a large number of parents / family / friends present at the Year 12 Graduation on 1st October to recognise their achievements.

All classes resume on Monday 19th October, with interviews being conducted in the first week for all continuing Year 11 students to decide on subject choices for next year.

Mark Webster

Investigating Science

As a joint venture between our science and career faculties to investigate science, students from the College attended the Illawarra Innovation Showcase at the Innovation Campus. Highlights of the showcase were tours that allowed our students access to groundbreaking research labs of the Intelligent Polymer Research Institute (IPRI).

The students were shown the very latest innovations from IPRI, including Solar Cell technology, how researchers print new "nanoscale" materials using inkjet and extrusion printing, improving the delivery of Parkinson's Disease or epilepsy drugs using polymer - based systems, and growing nerves and muscles to help spinal

cord damage.

Head Science teacher Andrew Griffiths said the students found it fascinating to see real scientists at work, and were amazed at the range of ideas being pursued at the Innovation Campus.

Year 11 student Cynthia Zheng commented that the polymer research would eventually aid in the reconnection of spinal cord injuries in the future which will help many people.



Cynthia Zheng at the IPRI

Deputy Principal's Message



Hello again to parents, students, staff and local community agencies who support the College.

Term 3 has proven to be another action packed period of student achievement and staff commitment to improving student learning outcomes. Staff Development Day 1 and 2 (SDD) and a number of focuses.

Workshops held included Haley from English discussing web blogs and their use in the classroom, the Learning Support team presented their whole school plan and Pam Pryjma, an exchange Principal from Canada, gave an overview of vocational education in her school and current research. Helen Wilmore, a Community Nurse gave a humorous and insightful talk on maintaining a positive Mental Health approach in the workplace

Another focus for SDD 1 and 2 this term has been the use of Interactive Whiteboard and faculties planning lessons and program development. Faculties also audited their ITC skills and implemented mentoring training for personal improvement. Student learning outcomes will benefit greatly from both these professional learning activities.

James Laird from Cherrybrook Technology HS gave us an insight to the depth of planning and implementation process of the Digital Education Revolution (DER) program in schools from 2010. His school conducted a two week trial using Laptops with Year 9 and he shared its implications and outcomes for their school. We were given many practical ideas and positive suggestions for our College to support us in the program's implementation next year.

Further staff meeting time was spent with faculties giving presentations on Year 10 Assessment, sharing ideas and cross faculty suggestions for classroom use.

Other Term highlights for the College included Semester 1 Merit Assembly where students were acknowledged for their excellent work, application and attendance in class. A great roll up of family, students and friends, which was good to see.

Weeks 2 and 3 saw Year 11 Work Placement. This is where students gain industry experience in the Vet subject they have chosen to study. Reports from employers found that our students highly valued this experience and developed their work skills to help them further understand their subject. Some students were successful in securing part time work from this program.

Wendy, Nathian and Access Community spoke highly of the effort and Participation of all Year 10 students who attended the Pathways to Work Program at Corrimal. This program has been running for a number of years and developed by the College Careers Adviser Noeleen Fulton.

Year 11 and 12 interviews take place in the first two weeks of Term 4. This is where students decide what subjects they will carry into their HSC year. Staff have discussions with students about the implications of their subject choices and options to them. This exercise has provided the necessary support for students in planning their career pathway, either academic or vocational.

Also please feel free to contact me at anytime if you would like to discuss any issue that may impact on College life as we are always interested to hear what people have to say.

Finally I would like to wish all Year 12 students the very best in their upcoming HSC exams next Term and I'm sure all their hard work will be rewarded with the marks they receive.

Happy Holidays

Bob Cheadle

Information Evening for 2010 Enrolments

Illawarra Senior College has begun holding information sessions to attract new students for 2010.

At the main Information Session held on Tuesday August 11 more than 85 interested students and parents attended the College to find out about College facilities, courses being offered and talk to teachers about subjects.

Thank you to students Brendan Fisher and Alex Siggee for speaking to the potential students and their families about the College and their experiences whilst studying here at the College.



The Information Evening followed an intensive advertising campaign on local Television, radio, print media and this year internet promoting the College to the community. At the conclu-

sion of the presentation a light supper was provided for visitors and staff to enjoy.

The final Information Sessions scheduled for this year is to be held on Thursday 22 October at 2pm, in the staff common room.

For more information on the college and the courses offered for 2010 contact College Enrolment Officer Lyn Griffiths on Ph: 4274 0621.

Breakfast Program

The College is offering its Breakfast Program again to students who arrive at school early. A basic breakfast of toast, tea and coffee is available free of charge between 8am and 8.40am in the canteen area.



Semester One Merit Awards Assembly



Congratulations to the following students who received awards at the Semester 1 Merit assembly held earlier this Term. Special congratulations to Lauren Brown, Rhiannon Cetinski, Julie-Anne Forbes, Phillip Green, Peter Harvey, Joshua Kingsley, Lesley Lima, Rachael Sinclair Flynn, Matthew Vizgoft, Cynthia Zheng and Jack Zheng who received a number of awards including a Principal's Award for Outstanding Commitment and Achievement .

Congratulations to the following students who received both Faculty Awards and Achievement Awards — Gavin Annetts, Samantha Bird, Rhiannon Cetinski, Nahum Dixon, Sandra Driscoll, Ashley Ekins, Brendan Fisher, Teresa Fisher, Jessica Fitzgibbons, Jessica Flynn, Julie-Anne Forbes, Joshua Frankcom, Allison Gamerio, Phillip Green, Peter Harvey, Tracey Hennessy, Marilou Heylin, Albert Irving, Shane Johnson, Marie Kinchela, Charmain Kreutzer, Erin Lane, Amanda McGowan, Sarah McLean, Dylan Moore, Larissa Muldoon, Rachel Pratt, Kirsty Ratliff, Lauren Ricci, Rachael Sinclair Flynn, Matthew Vizgoft and Jack Zheng.

Congratulations to the following students who received Faculty Awards — Aileen Agius, Melek Amac, Helen Arthur, Daniel Batancs, Rebecca Benedetti, Stacey Benn, Mitchell Benson, Cammaron Blanchard, Jodie Bowsher, Lauren Brown, James Brunt, Lucas Buchanan, Brittany Byrnes, Aaron Caitens, Ryan Carter, Emily Chalmers, Damian Ciric, Michael Coote, Benjamin Coulstock, Samantha Coulstock, Mitchell Crighton, Justine Davies, Jason DeGruyter, Sandra Digby, Lauren Dobson, Serena Driscoll, Grady Erwin, Blake Evans, Arron Everett, Adam Fenton, Gary Fitton, Nathan



Fletcher, Theresa-Lee Floyd, Megan Forbes, Emily Fraser, Jean Fraser, Laura Garcia, Bronwen George,

Robbie George, Trish Glover, Chloe Godbold, Jessica Gonzales, James Graham, Tyson Grimshaw, Corey Hackett, Helen Halls, Matthew Hanigan, Pam Harris, Tenaya Hase-lau, Karlea Horwood, Susan Hosa, Michelle Howis, Keiran Jamieson, Madeleine Jay-Peltier, Danielle Jenkins, Sheryl Johnson, Reenie Johnson, Braeden Jones, Mitchell Julius, Nick Kasapis, Abbey King, Joshua Kingsley, Desarae Lane, Jessica Leggett, Patricia Leha, Amanda Lenartowicz, Sarah Leonhardt, Lesley Lima, Samantha Lincoln, Nathan Little, Monty Marston-Harwood, Kezia Mason, James McCormack, Zoe McMillan, Cassandra McQuade, Jesse Moore, Emma Murphy, Leonor Neto, Joshua Nicholls, Leroy Onur, Leith Parry, Kira Passlow, Lisa Pearson, Celeste Phippen, Sally-Anne Pinchbeck, Michelle Pipino, Renee Rodrigues, Ashlee Scofield, Anthony Scioscia, Alex Siggee, Katerina Sparidaans, Jessica Stewart, Eliza Stringer, Jeremy Thomson, Rachele Vandenbrink, Elizabeth Warner, Michelle Whitfield, Bohden Whiting, Eddie Wise, Somme Yazarloo and Cynthia Zheng. Congratulations to Victoria Sutherland who received an Achievement Award, and to Lauren Brown, Rhiannon Cetinski, Lauren Dobson, Ashley Ekins, Matthew Hanigan, Peter Harvey, Pam Harris, Joshua Kingsley, Larissa Muldoon, Leonor Neto, Leith Parry, Cynthia Zheng and Jack Zheng who received a Participation Award for Uni Connections Mature Age Workshop. The College Choir (Pictured above) provided entertainment during the award ceremony.

On completion of the Semester 1 Merit Award Assembly students and staff enjoyed the College BBQ.

Student's Artwork



UOW 'UniConnections' Mature Age Uni Prep Workshop

The Diversity and Equity Division at the University of Wollongong and the ISC Careers Adviser designed a workshop to meet the needs of our mature age and continuing students entering university.

This workshop included information from current mature age UOW students on what to expect at university, the problems faced by students and how to overcome issues as they arise. UOW Uni Advice provided additional students to explain degrees, scholarships and early entry.

ISC continuing students, hoping to attend UOW, joined the mature age students for this section.



UOW Mentor - Aimee

A highlight of the workshop was the goal setting activity led by the ISC UniConnections mentors Brad and Aimee. Twenty students with university aspirations attended

throughout the morning and declared the workshop to be absolutely fabulous!

Student quotes include: Awe inspiring! Brad gave an honest and sincere account. It moved me and encouraged me to "go for it". I was also excited by exchange possibilities.- Leonor Neto, Yr 12

Gave a fairly good insight into the combination of subjects, going overseas as an exchange student and an insight into uni life — Gavin Annetts, Yr 12

The workshop provided the atmosphere to dispel those things that can grow into hurdles. A mental surgery on your unarticulated fears. It is possible, it is probable for me to go to UOW.- Lyn Dobbin, Yr12.



UniConnection Mentors

Bankstown V's ISC Challenge



The annual Bankstown Senior College and Illawarra Senior College Challenge was held on Wednesday 9 September at Bankstown Senior College. A group of 15 ISC students made the

journey to Bankstown. This year the sporting challenge consisted of volleyball, mini-tennis and lacrosse.

All 3 sporting challenges were fought hard with the Illawarra Senior College and Bankstown Senior College sports teams making each other fight hard to get points on the board.

The ISC team consisted of Mathew Hanigan, Ben Coulstock, Adam Gauci, Natasha D'Alessio, Erin Lane, Sophie Lavender, Robbie George, Lucas Buchanan, Jeremy Thomson, Nathan Fletcher, Isaac Wheeler, Jasmin Hall, Jennifer Hone, Jenny Gouveia, Jessica Stewart and Kieran Jamieson-Kyriakoulis.

The lacrosse match was at first a walk in the park for Bankstown but after a slow start as it was a new experience for our team, ISC players fought back but despite the hard effort our team put in we lost to Bankstown 6-5. The mini-tennis was played as a round robin but once again we were defeated by Bankstown.

In volleyball. 2 exciting games were played with the final result being a draw.

Although a great day was had by all who participated in the challenge day, the challenge cup was presented once again to Bankstown Senior College. There is always next year!

Both teams in action



Lacrosse



Mini-tennis



Lacrosse

Meet Our Mentors

The Year 10 mentor Program which began in 2006 continues to operate this year at the College. We currently have 14 community members who volunteer one day (sometimes more) of their time each week to assist Year 10 students in class. The commitment these volunteers have shown to these students has been outstanding and staff at the College think they are a great asset to the classroom. This column will profile some of the mentors so parents and the community can get to know them and join with us in appreciating their interest in the education of students at the college. The mentors are Helen, Peter, Grace, Lynne, Warren, Tony, Bob, Duncan, David, Ross, Sharon, Dave, Brian, and Geoff. For many of our volunteer mentors this is their 4th year with the program.



David's association with Illawarra Senior College began many years ago when his three children attended the then Port Kembla High School. A retired mechanical engineer, David was President of Port Kembla High School's P&C for 14 years and his wife ran the school canteen. A grandfather of five, David has been a Scout President. David lives his life with the philosophy "You have to have a reason to get up every day" and for him, the reason is all about others. Apart from volunteering at the College, David volunteers every week with the Albion Park Light Railway and Illawarra Live Steamers at North Wollongong where he can be found both fixing locomotives and driving miniature trains. David and his wife have just celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. Congratulations!



Peter is a retired lecturer at the University of Wollongong's Graduate School of Business. He combines volunteering at the College with part-time work at the Uni as an Honorary Fellow because he enjoys teaching and working with students. A father or two and grandfather of 3, Peter was a Scout leader for

13 years. He enjoys travelling with his wife and photography.



Lynne, as a mother of five and devoted grandmother of 9, and soon to be great grandmother has spent many years passing on knowledge and wisdom. For many years Lynne has worked as a volunteer with the TAFE Adult Literacy and Numeracy program, presently working with a housebound adult who has reading, writing and numeracy difficulties. Lynne enjoys reading, art, music, movies and the theatre and in her spare time helps out as a roadie for her husband's band, the Belmore Basin Jazz Band.



Brian is a semi-retired marine consultant who travelled the world for 15 years and has a host of fascinating tales to tell about the high seas including some great stories about pirates! A Rotarian and father of two adult children, Brian divides his time between volunteering at the College, volunteering with his church, travelling with his wife, completing contract mariner work and attending conferences.

Pathways to Work Program

Recently 44 of our Year 10 students undertook a one day pre employment skills related career development program called Pathways to Work as part of their CGVE program. This program was held at Access Community Group, Corrimal with trained youth workers.

During the day event the students were given valuable advice on career opportunities including careers and apprenticeships that are available. The program also helps the student's prepare themselves for work placement by planning for a job, concentrating on their strengths and skills, resume writing and preparing them for an interview. Students worked with employers, representatives of employment agencies and other members of the public to help their transition from school to work run smoothly.

On August 25, Year 10 also attended a Mock Interview day at the College where they were informed about employability skills, personal attributes, interview hints and skills by Workplace Learning Illawarra and learnt valuable information from MEGT on apprenticeships. The day was finished with students participating in mock interviews. The careers adviser Noeleen Fulton stated that students need to continuously audit and update their own skills for the 21st century workforce.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Mature age and re-entry students Amy Barham, Michael Wells and Lucy who were successful in gaining mid year intake for University Access or Step program at the Wollongong College Australia (WCA) at the University of Wollongong.

Enrol to Vote

The College has recently completed Enrol to Vote. This is a program designed to help any student 17 years and older to enrol to vote for state and federal elections. It enables the student to enrol via the ISC without the hassle of providing proof of identity. If any student has missed out on this opportunity to enrol, or would like to make a change of address, please see Liina Sullivan.

YEAR 12 FORMAL

Tickets are still available for the Year 12 Formal, the tickets are unlimited so you can invite your friends and family.

When: Friday 20th November
Venue: Kembla Grange Racecourse
Time: 6pm - 11pm
Cost: \$50 per head.

Pre-ordering of group shot photos and a magazine packed with memorable photos of the evening will cost \$15 each.

The photo and /or magazine will have to be paid for before the formal.

For more information about tickets and photos please see Brendon. Room B12.



Student vs. Teachers Sports Tournament

A group of Year 10 Community Recreation elective students have organised a teacher versus student sports tournament as part of their elective subject. The tournament consists of teachers versus Year 10, Year 10 versus Year 11/12 as well as teachers versus Year 11/12.

Year 10 PDHPE teacher Nathian said students must complete a number of units to meet the elective requirements. "As part of the Unit *SRSOGP002A — Apply rules and regulations to conduct games and competitions*, the students thought a five week teacher versus students sport tournament would not only be fun, but would also help them achieve the unit," Nathian said.

The students have organised the tournament on a rotational basis including safety audits, advertising, injury management, taking photos and organising equipment. The sport challenge consists of slide hockey, indoor soccer, touch football, basketball and athletics, and will be played on a Monday and Wednesday. Final results will be published in next terms newsletter.

Learning is a treasure, that will follow its owner everywhere.

-Chinese Proverb

Calendar of Events

TERM 3, 2009:

21/9 to 24/9 (Week 9) Preliminary Course Exams

24/9 (Week 9) Year 10 Life Fix

28/9 to 30/9 (Week 10) Preliminary Course Exams

1/10 (Week 10) Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

Last day of Term 3. Happy Holidays!

TERM 4, 2009:

19/10 (Week 1) Classes resume for Term 4

20/10 (Week 1) HSC Examinations commence

22/10 (Week 1) College Information Session for 2010, 2pm

2/11 (Week 3) Year 12 Luna Park Excursion

12/11 (Week 4) Year 10 Excursion to Minnamurra

20/11 (Week 5) Yr 12 Formal, Kembla Grange Racecourse

1/12 (Week 7) Year 10 Graduation Ceremony, 11am

15/12 (Week 9) Preliminary Recognition Assembly

Last day of School for 2009.

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