Principal’s report

You are today, where your thoughts have brought you. You will be tomorrow, where your thoughts take you.

James Lane Allen

Welcome to Term 2. This term promises to be a busy though short term. It has already started with a poetry incursion for your Year 7 and 8 students, the athletics carnival, fabulously organised by Ms Deane, study skills training for Year 9, a plethora of sporting events, NAPLAN and is the critical time for the Semester 1 assessment and reporting process winds up for Semester 1. It will end with teachers writing reports ready for distribution not long after.

Getting on the bike is easy, staying on and staying safe can be difficult:

Narrabeen Sports is undergoing a push on road safety and asks for parental support. All students are expected to wear helmets when riding to school. The impact of a student being hit by a car at just 40 km is devastating, causing potential death if not long term injuries. Without a helmet the risk of permanent injury and death is certainly greatly increased. Not only is it a legal requirement but is common sense. Accidents do happen. I would like to think the school community has done everything in its power to avoid unnecessary harm or hurt to students/families. The expectation is for students riding bikes to Narrabeen Sports High School from Term 2 onwards, to have bike helmets.

Being on time reaps rewards:

The outcome of any school is to develop opportunities for our students. Punctuality is important to ensuring students take up each opportunity coming their way. Apart from student missing out on vital class work, the arrival of late students can be disruptive and stops the teacher from teaching for the time it takes to stop the lesson, talk with the student and get them on task. School attendance is compulsory and every minute of learning counts. Please encourage your child to be on time and to be at school every day.

The P & C Car boot sale – Narrabeen’s parent’s supporting our students:

The second Car Boot sale for 2013 is happening on May 26th. With the first one washed out, the success of this event is paramount to the support for the school the P & C supplies. The school appreciates any support possible. Please see attachment regarding where you can assist. The money the P & C make from this event goes back into the school in the form of equipment for the teaching and learning of our students as well as the promotion of our fantastic school.

Preston and Cathy assist the PCS with a good cause:

On Tuesday May 14th, Preston Campbell and Cathy Freeman assisted the Peninsula Community of Schools with the handover of sporting goods for the Katherine Community of schools. The goods were collected as part of the Schools for Schools Sporting Program. The event took place at Bilgola Plateau Public School. Both indigenous sporting stars were appreciative of the efforts of the schools and spoke to the students representing the schools about their sporting and Indigenous background. Keely McDonough represented Narrabeen Sports at the event with Ms Schneider and myself.

Nutrition, dieting and behaviour – its all related:

Dr Alison Knight from BehaveAbility is presenting at the PCS parent Community. The event will be held at Cromer PS on May 21st between 4 pm – 5.15 pm. Dr Knight is a nutritional medicine practitioner working mainly in the area of child and adolescent behavioural disorders.

If you are interested please log onto http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/home and type in the code LGW2W. You will need to bring along your confirmation on the afternoon.

A sign for the times:

Narrabeen is looking at investing in a large 5.4m x 2.4m electronic noticeboard to replace the existing one. The new sign will have two panels, one to promote the wonderful achievements of our school and students, plus one to support the sponsors of our school. The purpose of the sign is to promote our school more clearly to the 60,000 or so cars which pass by daily. Thanks in advance to the support of the P & C and Mr Stokes for his efforts in developing this wonderful feature for the school.
Teaching and Learning at Narrabeen:
Our Staff Development Days were a great success at Narrabeen Sports. The first day of the term started at Pittwater HS with a combined PCS event, where psychologist Michael McQueen spoke on the characteristics of our teenagers today and outlined how all the generations who form a school, can work together harmoniously. Other sessions were held on NAPLAN preparation, Professional Learning Plans, PBEL evaluation and anaphylaxis training. The staff spent in Faculty groups looking at the Australian curriculum on the Tuesday, planning and developing teaching and learning outlines for the changes to be implemented in 2014.

Coming events of importance:
Year 11 Examinations May 13th – 17th.
Year 12 Northern Beaches Career Expo May 17th.
Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Evening for Electives June 4th

Congratulations and thanks:
• To all students who competed in the Sydney Zone surfing championships at Cronulla May 11th and 12th.
• Jordan Lawler who came second in the Sydney Zone Senior Boys Surfing division of the above competition. Jordan also won the National pro-am division of the Australian VQS series at Byron Bay at the end of April. He now will compete in the World Championships at Fiji in June.
• Lachlan Haines for making the U15 State AFL team.
• Joanna Kot who represented Narrabeen Sports High School at the NSW Schools Roberta Nutt Fencing shield in March, winning Bronze in the U/15 Girls Sabre.
• Jordan Knapton for making the National Swimming Trials in breaststroke for students with disabilities in Adelaide in September this year.
• Keely McDonough for completing her Gold Duke of Edinburgh course. Keely is the first Narrabeen student to achieve this level.
• Girls and boys touch teams who competed in the State competition at Penrith
• Ofa Tuifua for Community Service.
• Jamie Lyons Rugby League Team on a fabulous win last week
• Sally Ferguson who successfully made it into the Basketball NSW Talented Athletes Program

Till next time

Lance Berry
Principal

From the Deputy Principal’s Desk

Now that the weather is getting cooler, parents and students are reminded about the importance of correct school uniform, particularly jumpers. Rightly or wrongly, a school is judged by how well their students wear the uniform and it is therefore a focus of this school. Students are to wear the navy blue school jumper to school. If they are especially cold of course they can wear additional layers under the school jumper. Girls are to wear black or flesh coloured tights and boys in Years 7 - 12 are required to wear regulation school-grey long trousers if cold but can wear regulation school-grey shorts all year if they wish. Grey skinny jeans and skinny are not acceptable. Trackpants should not be worn by any student except during sport.

The majority of students are now wearing black leather laced shoes. We thank parents for supporting us in ensuring students comply with this WHS requirements. Our students are looking fantastic, dressed for a serious learning day at school. A reminder that if students are unable to wear correct uniform on a given day, they need to bring a note to me in the morning.

Parents are reminded that the DEC School Attendance Policy 4.1.2 states that "Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven school days to the school.” After this time, the computer system automatically changes this absence to one being "unexplained". This cannot be modified. All absences are reported on the semester reports and many prospective employers may interpret an unexplained absence as the student being unreliable. The easiest way to prevent this is to respond to the SMS that goes out each morning, phone the school or send a note indicating the reason that your child is absent.

Justifiable absences include sickness, unavoidable medical appointments, religious holidays or an urgent family situation. Unjustified absences include a student involved in paid work, work experience not organised by the school, birthdays, holidays during the term, last day of term, lateness, frequent transport difficulties, picking up family from the airport. These may be recorded as unjustified on a student’s report.

The Principal must give approval for any leave other than those reasons listed as acceptable. A letter should be provided in advance for the Principal to consider.

Lisa Peacock
English Report:
The English Faculty believes in ‘Striving for Personal Excellence’.

NAPLAN
Students are busy this week sitting for their Literacy and Numeracy tests in Years 7 and 9. Students across the curriculum have been focussing on their reading, writing- exposition and numeracy skills. We wish every student success in achieving their personal best.

Year 12 Advanced, Standard and Extension students have received their Half Yearly exam results and are reflecting on how they can improve their exam technique. Students must revise all modules and practise their essay writing. Advanced and Standard students will be attending HSC Paper 2 at Sydney University on Friday 14th June. Advanced students will also visit the Jewish Museum to hear Mark Baker speak about his text, Fiftieth Gate and the relationship between History and Memory. On Sunday, 2nd June at Newington College, Extension students will explore Crime Writing.

Year 11 Advanced, Standard, English Studies and ESL students have received constructive feedback about their Journey Speeches and creative responses from last term. I would like thank Ms Farrugia for her presentation on Journey to Year 11. Students are currently investigating Youth: Changing Values and Perspectives and the Travel Experience.
Year 11 Extension students have presented their speeches on a tragic Hero they admire. Students selected interesting characters to explore the conventions of a tragic hero like the Duchess of Malfi and Snape from Harry Potter.

Years 9 and Year 10 students are reminded to bring in their $10 for the Poetry in Action performance on the 29th July. (See Flyer). Year 10 is focussing on the Transformation of Macbeth by William Shakespeare and Year 9 is looking at the Craft of Writing. (see student sample attached)

Year 7 and 8 enjoyed the performance: Elements of Poetry by Poetry in Action. The actors demonstrated the fun, as well as the power of poetry to evoke and awaken the senses. Year 7 is exploring the Representation of Survival and Year 8 the Representation of Growing Up through their prescribed and related texts.
Students will be learning about Mr RAPPASSO and the PEEL (Point, Example, Explanation, and Link) Method. We use the PEEL method to help students construct cohesive paragraphs in their writing.

Debating
Debating is a wonderful opportunity for students to develop their public speaking skills. Year 9 students are debating against Pittwater High this Friday in the school library and we therefore wish them the very best. I would like to thank Mr Lettoof for mentoring our students and Ms Dalrymple who is inspiring our Year 7 debating team.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Ms Calil (ESL) and Ms Rawlinson (Learning Support) who work diligently and professionally in ensuring all our students are engaged with their learning.

Stratia Vergos
Head Teacher English/ Head Teacher CAPA

The Writing Gallery
For
Year 11 and 12 students
Date: Every Thursday
Time: 3.15-4.15pm
Venue: C4
Please make an appointment with Mrs Vergos
Dear Sir,

My name is Ketut Lier and I am a village elder of the Mentawai islands. This letter is one informing you of my deep concern and distress upon hearing your plans to develop on our land.

As someone who has the obligation as a leader within our village, this letter is not only exhibiting my beliefs, but those of the entire community. We hold a deep and sacred connection to this land and that same connection transcends through every single member of this community. So many stories are embedded into the soil of this land – our home - and I ask you, with nothing but the goodness of the hearts of these people, to reconsider.

People of the Mentawai Islands are the epitome of how incredibly unifying humanity can be. Even through all the hardships we face, the spirit, determination and love those who live here evoke, is a truly wonderful thing to experience. Destroying that, in exchange for wealth, pride or visibility, is something I cannot fathom. An act like that cannot even be labelled as “pride”. Pride is something I feel when I look upon families supporting each other through sickness, tragedy; children, marvelling and finding enjoyment in the few things that they own. That is pride, Mr Sheffield.

This isn’t the first time people with so called ‘authority’ have attempted something like this. False promises were made to us by the Indonesian military, Islamic leaders and Christian missionaries. We were promised – if we obliged by their rules – that we could enjoy a higher quality of living with access to sanitation, better homes and schools, medical care and all in all, freedom; freedom to enjoy a better life that consists of making our own choices. And we were wrong in letting those people manipulate us into thinking so. None of the promises were kept. None. Sanitation levels were just as low, if not, worse. We were forced to drink out of water that would someday riddle the village with diseases. And the so-called “medical care” we were supposed to be provided with? Never existed.

So our people, my people, suffered. We let ourselves trust. We went against our morals and trusted. We trusted people who believe that television and technology is more important that spirituality or tradition or cultural morals. How could something made of steel or metal or iron compare to something made of the entire universe?

Not only will our tradition with the land be broken, the people will suffer even more so in terms of having a job. Many of our people are owners of small, local businesses. And although these businesses provide much needed goods for the community, they still struggle because of the constant modernisation the island is experiencing. They need their jobs and the development of this hotel will impact that in a very, very negative way.

So if attempted modernisation failed our people in nearly every aspect of their lives, how will it work again? How could it potentially ‘improve’ anything?

I refuse to sit back and watch the Mentawai community suffer because of this. We have a spiritual and an inhabitable ownership of this land and I will not let that be taken away from us for the sake of a hotel and for people who don’t understand the importance of what they’re experiencing. This is our home. Why should we, let alone anyone, be told that we have no influence over it? Why should we have to suffer in our own home?

You may be a good man, Mr Sheffield, and you may have nothing but good intentions. But with the development of this hotel, you’d be doing a lot more bad than good.

Regards,

Ketut Lier
Mathematics

Literacy & Numeracy are the big focus this week for all students across the state with the Naplan tests for year 7 and 9 students. Narrabeen Sports High students were wonderful on a slightly wet Tuesday morning moving to their allocated places to complete the first two Literacy tasks. Then again on Wednesday, students were greeted by a beautiful sunny day for their Reading task.

The big one happens on Thursday when Numeracy will be under the spotlight. Both mental and calculator skills are tested and I look forward to this year’s results after the practice work done during Mathematics classes. This term, students have been provided with questions from last year’s test. This document was also emailed to each year 7 & 9 student at the start of term 2 in the hope that discussions might have arisen at home about how to answer certain questions. After attempting groups of questions in class, students have been given the opportunity to talk about the answers, saying why some solutions are wrong and developing the skills to answer the type of questions offered in this test, especially the multiple choice questions. Often, it is not a matter of finding the correct answer, but discarding the wrong possibilities.

In all the rush of a short term 2, one year 8 Mathematics class has not been forgotten. Mr. Oparah’s class will taking part in the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiad. This consists of five separate contests held approximately one month apart between May and September. The overall aim is to encourage students to develop important mathematical problem solving skills in an enjoyable contest environment. Although students are competing against other members of their class and against teams from other schools, they are primarily competing against themselves. Apart from individual awards, there are awards given to the best achieving class team. There are also certificates for all students who participate and prizes for the better achieving students. The dates for this year’s competition are: May 22, June 12, July 31, August 21 and September 11. Good luck to the students in Mr. Oparah’s class.

This is also the term when mid-year examinations are held. In the early part of this term all students in all courses for year 7 to 10 are completing questions in a one hour time period, with questions being based on any of the work covered since the beginning of the year.

Finally, over the coming weeks, teachers will also be checking the work completed by students in their Mathematics work books and theory books to provide accurate information for the upcoming student reports. All in all, term 2 is an extremely busy time.

Michael Palme

Athletics Carnival

The school athletics carnival was held at the Sydney Academy on May 6th. It was a great day with students moving around from event to event with their age manager for the entire day. There were many stand out performances on the day. The most notable was Moises De Assis, who broke a 10 year record in the 200m with a super quick time of 24.9sec. This is extremely impressive considering Moises is only in year 7! He just missed out on the 100m and the 400m records as well. The fastest sprinter on the day was Joshua Judd (year 11) with a quick time of 11.2sec.

Well done for the great level of participation and enthusiasm from students who attended the day.

It was a very narrow victory to FREEMAN who won the house competition yet again!

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Congratulations AGE CHAMPIONS

12 years Briana Hibbert, Jamie Donnelly
13 years Ruby Reid, Jacob Winston
14 years Ella Donohoe, Brad Johnson
15 years Caitlin Cimarosti, Michael Riggio
16 years Alyson Theseria & Hannah Dyball, Dylan Peppernell
17 years Aleya Wiggins, Lucas Dockary

The Zone Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 30th May at the Sydney Academy. We are sending a strong team. If your child qualified for an event, they will have received a permission note and program letting them know details and what event/s they will be competing in. Thank you.

Ms R Deane
Sports Coordinator

Sports news

Surfing
An outstanding performance from Jordan Lawler (year 12), saw him win the National Pro-Am division of the Australian VQS series at Byron over the past weekend. This means that he now goes to the World Championships at Fiji in June to compete against other qualifiers from around the world. The contest will be on when the world tour is there and he will be competing between their semi-finals and final. This is a wonderful opportunity for Jordan. He is currently the NSW and Australian U/18s Pro Am surfing Champion. We wish him all the best.

Sabre Fencing
Joanna Kot (year 10), has represented Narrabeen Sports High School in a fencing competition. It was the NSW Schools Roberta Nutt Shield, on March 16, where she won Bronze in the U/15 Girls Sabre. Joanna trains with the Manly Musketeers Fencing Academy at the Queenscliff Surf Club. The next fencing competition that she will take part in is the NSW School Championships U/15 Girls Sabre, on June 8th. We wish Jo all the best in this competition.
Touch football
Congratulations to Aleya Wiggins (year 11) and Shellie Davis and Hannah Dyball (both year 10) who have been selected in the Open girls Sydney North touch football team. These girls have regularly represented our school in several sports and we are very proud of them!

Basketball
Congratulations to Sally Ferguson (year 7) who has trialled and been selected to attend the Basketball NSW talented athlete program. The program is run over three days in May. From this camp she will have the chance to be selected for the U/14 state team. This is an excellent opportunity for Sally.

Baseball
Congratulations to Keiran McClusky (year 12) who was also selected to attend the NSW talented athlete program for Baseball. Keiran is a very talented baseballer and we wish him all the best as he attends this elite training camp.

AFL
Lachlan Haines attended Newcastle AFL Regionals last Friday and was selected to represent Northern NSW - "The Stallions" in the upcoming State Carnival to be held at Broken Hill. Only 22 boys were selected and will compete at State level for the opportunity of then going on to be part of the "All Schools Under 15 Team". Well done Lachlan!

Rugby
Congratulations to Erik Rodgers and Cael Carmont (both year 11) who were selected in the Sydney North Rugby team. They will be travelling with the team to compete in the upcoming State tournament. Well done boys!

Zone cross country
The zone cross country will be held on Tuesday 21st May at RAT Park. Students in the team should have received their permission note. We will meet in the school gym and walk to RAT Park as a team.

Ms R Deane
Sports Coordinator

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**Narrabeen Sports High School P&C Uniform Questionnaire**

The P&C has recently formed a subcommittee to represent parents and carers on the school's Uniform Committee, which will be established later this term.

It is important that we know your views, both positive and negative, if we are to represent you properly.

We have put 2 questions in an online survey:

1. Do you have any comments about the current NSHS uniform? These may be general comments or comments about specific parts of the uniform - shoes, socks, skirts, shorts, warm clothing, sports uniform, etc.

2. Do you have any other comments?

Your input would be much appreciated. If you have already contacted the school directly on these issues, we would still appreciate you completing the survey so that we have access to your views.

The survey is online at [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MVLN9SZ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MVLN9SZ). It will be available until May 31.

Thank you for your help.

Joanne Argent, Jenny Wilson and Jeanne Young

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Bonafide advertising is accepted for the school’s newsletter. However use of the product/service advertised is at your own discretion as the school does not accept responsibility.
My Experience with Cathy Freeman and Preston Campbell

On the beautiful Tuesday afternoon of May 14th, Principals and leaders from the thirteen PCS schools came together at Bilgola Primary School to recognise our amazing contribution to the Coles Sports for Schools Program. Ambassadors of the program and special guests, Cathy Freeman and Preston Campbell were present, making the event exciting and prestigious.

Mr Berry, Ms Schneider and I arrived to a delicious lunch where we socialised with leaders from other schools and met some new faces. When Preston and Cathy arrived, all the kids were star struck and we were given the opportunity to meet the athletes and take some photos. Everyone then gathered in Bilgola Primary’s hall for an introduction to the afternoon and the special guests addressed the audience, both reiterating how proud they were of our remarkable effort and participation in the Program. The PSC collected 230,000 stickers in total, which went towards the purchasing of brand new sports equipment for Aboriginal Schools in the Northern Territory. The program is all about “closing the gap” of educational equality.

The best part of the occasion was next, where all the leaders went outside on the oval and passed the football around with Preston and Cathy. How many people get to do that? All the students felt privileged to have been given the chance to interact with sporting legends. We were all provided with hats to wear as a ‘thank you’ for being part of the program. After a little fun and games, we went inside for some Q & A with the stars. It was a very comfortable and close setting as Cathy and Preston engaged with us. Preston and Cathy told us that if we want something bad enough, never give up. They both love being a part of Coles Sports for Schools Program, as it has always been a passion of theirs to give back to the community. The pair signed our hats and lots more photos were taken.

It was a wonderful experience being able to represent Narrabeen Sports High School at this event, and it was a real honour to be a part of the afternoon, which I thank the school for. Not only did I meet sporting heroes, but I also connected with fellow members of the PCS, establishing relationships I know will carry on into the future.

Keely McDonough

School Captain
On Sunday the 26th of May the NSHS P&C will be conducting their quarterly fundraiser the Car Boot Sale.

This event will take place on the playing field at the back of the school bordering the creek and the Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre (NIBSC).

As the Home Expo is taking place at the same time we are making car parking available in the school grounds near the Hall and art block for people attending the Car Boot Sale (vehicles under 2.2m high only) at a cost of $2 per car.

As such we will need more volunteers than usual to run a successful event and we ask you to set aside a couple of hours of that day to assist. Tasks involve setting up, directing traffic, cooking (bbq), serving food and drinks and packing/tidying up. We start early, 5.15am, and finish around 3pm.

If you can help:
- in set up,
- directing traffic or
- packing up

please phone or email Josephine Moyes on
Mobile: 0449 082 514
Email: narracarboot@gmail.com
to be added to the CBS roster.

Please help us to assist the school in the development of your child/children into responsible caring adults by leading the way and helping out on the day.

Why not then visit the stalls at the Car Boot Sale yourself and maybe even pick up a bargain!

Looking forward to seeing you on the day,

Narrabeen Sports High School Parents and Citizens Committee
BOOK WEEK COMPETITION

17\textsuperscript{th} to 23\textsuperscript{rd} August 2013

Prizes to be won

READING ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

POSTER

Get ready! Get blasted! Take off! To the universe of reading

Explore your reading world by using it as a launching pad to success
and take it to the limits

The more you read the more successful you will be!

Why not enter the challenge to support Book week 17th to 23\textsuperscript{rd} August 2013 by entering the Reading Across the Universe Competition. You may create a poster and hand it in to the library or make a graphic design digitally and emailing it to sally.thomson@det.nsw.edu.au

Just choose a book you love and write a quick review or blog and submit with your poster and you may be a WINNER

All entries to be submitted by midnight Friday 16\textsuperscript{th} August 2013

Winners announced in Book Week
2013 ICAS

International Competitions and Assessments

ICAS SITTING DATES

Computer Skills       Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{th} May $8.80
Closing Date: 23\textsuperscript{rd} April

Science                       Wednesday 5\textsuperscript{th} June $8.80
Closing Date: 8\textsuperscript{th} May

Writing                       Tuesday 17\textsuperscript{th} June to 21\textsuperscript{st} June $18.70
Closing Date: 20th May

Spelling                     Tuesday 18\textsuperscript{th} June $12.10
Closing Date: Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st} May

English                      Wednesday 31\textsuperscript{st} July $8.80
Closing Date: 3\textsuperscript{rd} July

Mathematics            Tuesday 13\textsuperscript{th} August $8.80
Closing Date: 16\textsuperscript{th} July

All of the above        $66.00

Please return the permission slip and entry fee ASAP to Mrs Vergos, ICAS Co-ordinator

Students can now prepare for ICAS and other skills based tests with EEA’s new Practice Online Series. Practice Online is a series of ten interactive online tests designed for students from Years 3-12. Each student who participates receives a comprehensive individual report detailing their overall results and their performance in each area assessed. Practice Online is now available for Mathematics and will soon be available for Science and other subjects.

For more information please visit the Educational Assessment Australia website at www.eea.unsw.edu.au or contact Customer Service on (02) 8344 1010 or by email at info@eea.unsw.edu.au
2013 ICAS PERMISSION SLIP
Please return THIS section to Ms Vergos, ICAS Coordinator

I give permission for my child…………………………………………………………………………….of Roll Class……………………

to participate in the following 2013 ICAS Competitions:

- Computer Skills 21 MAY $8.80
- Science 5 June $8.80
- Writing 17 June to 21 June $18.60
- Spelling 18 June $12.10
- English 31 July $8.80
- Mathematics 13 August $8.80
- All of the above $66.00

Please find enclosed the amount ..........................entry fee.

Name of Parent/ Guardian.................................................. Date: ..............................................

Signature of Parent/ Guardian .................................................................
2013
Year 9 and Year 10 English Incursion
Poetry in Action Performance

During Period Five, Monday 29th July, Year 9 and 10 English students are being given the opportunity to attend Poetry in Action Performance by Shaman Productions in the School Gymnasium. This is a wonderful way to further a student’s understanding of language and aid them in their study of Poetry in Stage 5.

The title of the performance is Home Grown Poems. This show delivers a tightly woven narrative that illuminates the power of Australian poetry and its ability to transport us across a vast landscape, through history and speak universal wisdom in a voice unique to Australia.

It is compulsory that all students attend this incursion as there will be follow-up work.

The cost of the performance is $10.00. Both the payment and the signed permission note are to be placed in an envelope and given to the student’s English teacher.

Yours sincerely

S. Vergos
Head Teacher English

Year 9 and 10 English students

PERMISSION NOTE

My son / daughter ___________________________ of class ________ will be attending the Poetry in Action Performance in the School Gymnasium on Monday 29th July, 2013 at the cost of $10.00.

Signed _______________ Date_______________
**Library News**

**New Resources**

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**Better Homes and Gardens**

(vol 36, no. 5)

Decorating & Craft; Gardening (Moon gardening is very helpful); TV Autumn favourites; DIY & Building; Better You (health and beauty); Regular features (one of the items on this edition shows you how to use Genie to scan images throughout the magazine)

**Inside Sport**

The Peptide myth; The evolution of Coach Nathan Buckley’s world view; Mitchell Pearce fast tracking into NRL’s big league; Meet sport’s greypower elite.

**Time**

May 20, 13

Eyes on Syria – what happens if Assad’s nuclear-weapons stockpile gets in the wrong hands? by Michal Crowley; The intervention debate – weighing both sides of U.S. involvement, by McCain and Brzezinski; Helping Bangladesh’s workers, (about textile industry); Millennials’ moment - (the me me me generation) by Joel Stein; States of emergence, (about India’s economic growth) by Sharma, Ruchir; Protein power - the science offd proteomics promises a revolution in diagnostics and drugs, by Bill Saporito.

**Free Magazines**

Japan Reports

(vol 47, no. 4)

Autumn 2013

Consul General Activities; KIZUNA (special report); Doll Festival and Children’s Play; Destination Japan: Nara-home to Australia’s first Japanese sister-city
Become a Foster Carer

We will offer you
- 24 hour support, 7 days a week
- Regular contact from your supervising social worker
- Access to our team of specialists including education, therapy and youth work
- High quality ongoing training
- Local support and respite breaks
- A tax free allowance
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STUDENTS WITH PHYSICAL & SENSORY DISABILITIES ‘COME And TRY’ ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2013

CAMPBELLTOWN ATHLETICS CENTRE

Further Information

Venue Address: cnr Rose Payten Drive and Pembroke Road, LEUMEAH
Cost: $5 per competitor
Times: 9.30am – 2.00pm
Age Groups: 8 – 10 yrs, 11 – 13 yrs, 14 – 16 yrs, 17+ yrs
(age is based on the age the competitor turns in 2013)
Events: 100m, 200m, 400m (8 – 10yrs and 11 – 13yrs only),
800m (14 – 16yrs and 17+yrs), Shot Put, Long Jump, Javelin.
Boccia: Students will be able to experience Boccia
Canteen: A canteen will be available on the day.
First Aid: will be available on the day
Shade: The venue has a grandstand however hats and sunscreen will be
required.
Track: Is synthetic – shoes must be worn.
Bus Parking: Mini Bus parking available within centre
Driveway entrance off Pembroke Road

Entry Closing Date: Monday 13 May
Email: neil.sherring@det.nsw.edu.au
Fax to (02) 9707 6999

Neill Sherring
Assistant Manager
School Sport Unit

NSW Education & Communities
Public Schools NSW
STUDENTS WITH PHYSICAL & SENSORY DISABILITIES
‘COME And TRY’ ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Wednesday 22 May 2013

Entry Form

**Closing Date:** Monday 13 May  
**Email:** neil.sherring@det.nsw.edu.au  
**Fax:** (02) 9707 6999

| First Name: |  |
| Family Name |  |
| School: |  |
| Disability: | Classification (if known) |

| Age (age turn in 2013) | Contact Phone Number |

| Principal’s Name |  |
| Principal’s Signature |  |
| School Stamp |  |
| Parent / Caregiver’s Name |  |
| Parent / Caregiver’s Signature |  |

Is the student of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?  
☐ No  
☐ Yes, Aboriginal  
☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander  
☐ Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

**Medical Insurance:** In the event of injury, no personal injury insurance cover is provided by the NSW Department of Education and Training for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity. Parents and caregivers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child’s involvement in the sport program offered by the school, school sport zone, region and state school sport associations when deciding whether additional insurance cover is required. Personal accident insurance cover is available through normal retail insurance outlets.

The NSW Supplementary Sporting Injury Benefits Scheme, funded by the NSW Government, provides limited cover for serious injury resulting in the permanent loss of a prescribed faculty or the use of some prescribed part of the body. Further information can be obtained from www.sportinginjuries.com.au

**Media Exposure:** Please be aware that the media exposure at this event may result in your child’s name, school details and/or photograph appearing in a newspaper, on television, or be used for Department of Education and Communities purposes such as in reports and/or training units and may appear on the Department of Education and Communities website or the School Sport Unit website at www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au

Please note: If you have a concern with this occurring, please contact Ross Morrison on 9707 6950 immediately.
Parent Forum

Steve de Groot

“Getting to Better - Building Respectful, Responsible and Resilient Youth”

- What does “Getting to Better” look like?
- Proven tips to reach kids
- Practical ways of “doing” relationships with teens
- Relationship building strategies that work
- How to create safety, value and direction for youth
- How to recognise, build on and mobilise youth strengths
- Why many of our kids aren’t talking to us AND how to get them talking
- Understanding and decreasing opposition and resistance
- Effective communication tools
- How to build focused, motivated and enthusiastic teens
- How to set and support the accomplishment of important goals

Thank you so much! Beyond all of the insights and practical tools you gave me, this course gave me HOPE! I feel like it’s not too late to save my relationship with my son.

Maria | Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Wed 15 May 6.30-9pm
North Sydney Council, Hutley Hall, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney

RSVP: Ph: 9936 8100
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STEPHEN DE GROOT BA, BSW, MSW, RSW
Stephen de Groot is an internationally reknowned clinical and organisational consultant, and author of the Relationship Based Strengths Approach. In Canada hundreds of parents and youth professionals refer to his methods as “the most practical and concrete approach for dealing with teens”.

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Time: 10.30 to 12 noon
Location: Pelican Room, Mona Vale Library
Cost: Gold coin donation to the Pink Ribbon Campaign
Rsvp: Robyn.woolley@tafensw.edu.au
Phone message: 02 9942 0227
For course information www.digigirls.com.au
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