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Our new school Bus!

The Helmsman Project

16 lucky Cumberland High School Year 9 students will embark on a coaching/adventure journey and a unique sailing experience in 2015!

Cumberland High School is one of the few fortunate schools, and the first in Western Sydney, to embark on the Helmsman Project in 2015. The Helmsman Project was launched on Tuesday 11 November, with the co-founder, John Naylor who presented to many of our interested parents and Year 8 students in the school library. Application forms were issued on the same evening and Mr Pillay, Ms East, Mr Gambino and I reviewed all of the applications. Congratulations to the successful applicants! They are:-

1. Claire Pearson-Bourne
2. Stephanie Gooley
3. Aleksandra Najdovska
4. Kaitlin Strickland
5. Tamara Lazarevic
6. Tomoka Tanaka
7. Jane Lim
8. Paloma Carvajal

Michael Kane
Thomas Halford
John Bekiaris
Ben Wijngaarden
Phoenix Pereira-Meihana
Adam Evans
Tharusha Thirimanna
Lachlan Langford
Mr Gambino will be supervising and sailing with the boys while Ms East will be supervising and sailing with the girls next year. These 16 students will be engaged in a 13 week coaching course that will assist students in developing life effectiveness skills with a focus on hope, self-regulation and resilience. Through this course the students will participate in two adventure experiences that will involve sailing. In week 3 of the program students will sail for two days and one night. In week 6 of this program, students will sail for a whole week! Students will be equipped with the necessary crew skills to sail the James Craig/Flying Fish yacht. What an extraordinary opportunity for our students!

Minister’s Award for Excellence in Student Achievement

On Wednesday 5 November, I attended Parliament House together with Mr Zeller for the presentation of the Minister’s Award for Excellence in Student Achievement. Sean Lim, our most worthy recipient was honoured with this prestigious award. He expressed much gratitude having his much respected mentor, Mr Zeller there to celebrate this wonderful achievement.
**Castle Hill Leadership Program**

Our two outstanding Year 12 student leaders Sean Lim and Amanda Ciam successfully graduated from the castle Hill Leadership Program coordinated by State MP Mr D Perrottet. Our leaders will be embarking on their Kokoda experience from the 22 to 28 November 2015 with 12 other student leaders from our region. They have had an incredibly fruitful year meeting national leaders across many industries including the former Prime Minister, Mr J Howard, Ms G Kelly CEO of Westpac etc. Special thanks to Mr Wood for nominating these two fine students to participate in this program.

**James Ruse Vs Cumberland High School Year 7 Gala Day**

Yes… and the winner is Cumberland High School! Not only were we the champions of Wauchope in 2014 – we are now officially the champions of the James Ruse High vs Cumberland High School Year 7 Gala Day! Congratulations to our fantastic Year 7 cohort! What a magnificent competition and what a tremendous result! Many thanks to James Ruse High for their excellent sportsmanship and also to our highly committed staff Ms Brown, Ms East, Ms Nicholls, Mr Scurfield, Mr Pearson, Ms Nelson and Mr Smith for their endurance in scorching heat!!!

**HSC Information Evening**

On Monday 3 November, we invited all Year 12 2015 students and their parents to an information evening in the library. We had a guest speaker from the University of Western Sydney, our Careers Advisor Mr Walter, Mr Thomas and Ms Bower presenting tips and strategies to be successful in the year of the HSC. Overall it was a very well attended evening with positive feedback from both parents and students. Good luck Year 12 – class of 2015!!

**THANK YOU P&C!**

Our wonderful and very generous P&C team continue to provide exceptional support for our school community and offer a united parents’ voice in all school decision-making processes. Many thanks to our P&C Executive team - President Susan Salt, Vice-President Jo Smith and Phil Wood, Treasurer Deb Callaghan and Secretary Bev Thurley for leading such wonderful initiatives to promote and support our students and whole school community. P&C initiatives this year include fundraising at our parent/teacher interviews, Open Evening BBQ, fundraising at MAD, providing morning tea at Orientation Day and we
have the big BUNNINGS fundraiser coming up on 14 December at Rydalmere Bunnings. All help welcome on the day!!! The money raised this year has funded our bus shelter; engaging interactive online Science programs; scholarships; Year 12 graduation and farewell; music program support; instrument purchase and equipment for Visual Arts etc. We are so very grateful for the commitment and hands-on support in all school activities and on behalf of the Cumberland High School community THANK YOU P&C!!!!

**Transition Program**

Our fabulous Year 7 Adviser for 2015, Ms Rajic and Assistant Year 7 Adviser, Ms Bastock together with our wonderful Learning Support Coordinator, Ms Webb, developed and implemented a wonderful transition program to support Year 6 students coming to Cumberland High School in 2015. Students and parents participated in a school tour and students also engaged in an art program whilst information was provided to parents. The transition program was well attended with much positive feedback provided to the team for their outstanding work.

**CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS**

**Gala Day**

Our fabulous feeder primary schools Carlingford West, Rydalmere East, Rydalmere, Burnside, Carlingford, Yates Avenue, Dundas and Oatlands Primary had the opportunity to participate in a rich task involving their design of a gala day experience to be hosted by Cumberland High. After several video conferencing opportunities and a lot of hard work, Rydalmere Primary was declared the winner and their gala day chosen as the successful gala day event. We had more than 320 year 5 primary school participants and our Year 9 leaders ran all the activities on the day (13 November). It was a tremendous success and all participants were absolutely fantastic. Special thanks to Mr Mitchell King from Rydalmere East Primary for designing the gala day Rich Task and our wonderful Ms Clarinda Brown for her outstanding coordination of the event!

**Christmas gift idea**

As Christmas is fast approaching, you may like to consider purchasing an Ipad for students entering Year 9 next year, as our school continues to support the BYOD initiative.

**Principal**

**Mechel Pikoulas**
**Year 11 Community Mentoring Program 2015**

Early in 2015, we will see the introduction of our new Mentoring Program for targeted Year 11 students. To date approximately 20 members of our school, local sporting and business community have volunteered to be part of the program to provide additional support to the students’ in building self-awareness, confidence, communication, leadership and vocational guidance.

Currently, 17 students have been selected and accepted the offer to be part of the program. The program will involve a monthly morning breakfast meeting in the school common room supported by our hospitality students. Students will also be offered the opportunity to shadow their mentor in the work place. All mentors have under gone a Child Protection Check and have committed their expertise and valuable time to be part of the program.

At the conclusion of the program, a celebration will be held to reflect on the gains made by both mentee and mentor along with recognising our students and their mentors.

In support of this new initiative for the sharing of ideas and gaining valuable advice to run the mentor program, a meeting was held on Tuesday 18th November between the Cumberland H.S. organisers and representatives from Crestwood H.S., Model Farms H.S., Glenwood H.S., Greystanes H.S., and representatives from Australian Youth Mentoring and our local Partnership Brokers AusSIP. This network of schools and organisations will ensure success for all those involved. Both our organisers Mrs Jude Edwards and Mrs Leanne Carroll are to be commended for their excellent work so far in ensuring this program will be worthwhile and beneficial to the targeted students.

**P. Wood**  
**Deputy Principal**

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**2014 Year 12 Graduation Photos**

Some photos taken of our Year 12 Graduates at their Graduation Ceremony are still available at the Library for purchase. This is a fund raising initiative of our Cumberland High P & C Association; the cost is $5.00 each. These and other photos from Graduation can be viewed and ordered online. To access these photos, please visit: [www.academyphoto.com.au](http://www.academyphoto.com.au) then go “online ordering” and enter this 8 digit shoot key: XVYBZLFP. The cost of each photo is $12 for 5” x 7” (12.7 x17.78 cm) photo & $6.50 postage & handling. The Graduation Academy Photographer is Academy Photography 1300 766 472. This would be a lovely gift for mum, dad or grandparents.

**Mrs Callaghan – P & C Organiser**
HSC Legal Studies outside the lecture theatre in Darling harbour where they learned about aspects of the Crime unit in the family syllabus. A full report to come in the next edition of the newsletter.

Volleyball Tournament:- 13th November 2014

Cumberland High volleyball team at the School's Cup tournament in Newcastle. A full report and more photos will come in the next edition of the newsletter.

K. Thomas
Head Teacher Administration
HSIE Teacher
**2014 YEAR 10 & HSC : ALL MY OWN WORK!**

Now that the School Certificate exams are over, all Year 10 students have began the mandatory HSC Course: All My Own Work.

All year 10 students must complete this course before they can be entered with the Board of Studies for their Year 11 Preliminary HSC. This course was introduced for students in 2006 to reinforce the severe consequences of cheating.

Cumberland High chose to teach this course immediately after the School Certificate so that next year’s Year 11 students can immediately start work on their Preliminary HSC studies in 2015

The course teaches students about plagiarism, copyright and how to reference their work.

All My Own Work is being taught in lessons on Monday 17th November. There are five tests to be carried out during this time to complete the course.

Therefore, it is imperative for Year 10 students to be at school during this time to complete this mandatory BOSTES course.

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**LIBRARY STOCKTAKE 2014**

Our annual stocktake is starting soon; this is an Auditor’s requirement of the Department of Education and Training.

**Friday 14th November is our last day of borrowing.**

All resources must then be returned to the Library. Please return any outstanding resources to enable our stocktake process to begin.

Please Note: Year 12 students, due to their study requirements are still able to borrow during this stocktake time but please see Library Staff.

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**M. Hupalo**

**Teacher Librarian**

**AMOW Coordinator**
One sunny morning, our group consisting of YUJI, ALI, KAHALIL, HAMZA and ISAAC embarked on a journey with our teacher Mr Vivek to discover the height of a tree using the trigonometric ratios of Sine, Cosine and Tangent.

We overcame the difficulties of achieving the goal using a few measuring instruments: a clinometer to measure the angle of elevation and a trundle wheel to measure the distance.

The height of the tree was figured out after Ali measured the angle of elevation and Isaac measured the distance to the foot of the tree from where Ali standing. The following is the calculation required to find the height of the tree:

\[ \tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite side}}{\text{adjacent side}} \]

\[ \tan 42 = \frac{h}{25} \]

\[ h = 25 \tan 42 \]

\[ h = 19.3 \text{ metres} \]

We were so pleased with our experiment and enjoyed the concept of measuring the height of a tree without climbing on it. Suddenly, it occurred to us just how great the scientists who invented the Hubble’s Law or the Law of Universal Gravitation were! Our insights have provided us with a new perspective. This experiment was conducted through the key values of determination, respect, responsibility and excellence.
Uniform Shop
Secondhand Clothes
We have a second hand section in our shop which is in need of “pre-loved” uniforms. Please remember to donate or be reimbursed, any uniforms you may have lying around (upon sale of the items).

Chris Willis
SUMMER GRADE SPORT
Finals for the Summer Grade Sport competition are coming up. There will be a full report of Grade sport finals in next newsletter. Best of luck to all teams involved!

BOYS
- Touch 15’s
- Touch Opens
- Cricket Opens
- Baseball
- Basketball 15’s
- Basketball Opens

GIRLS
- Netball 15’s
- Netball Opens
- Volleyball 15’s and Opens
- OZ-Tag Opens

MIXED
- Water Polo

GRADE SPORT TRANSPORT
When traveling away, students are required to catch the sports bus and must purchase a Sport Bus Pass at a cost of $30 for the competition, payable to the FRONT OFFICE.
- Students will not be allowed to board a bus without a Sport Bus Pass.
- Passes can also be purchased individually at a cost of $6 per week from the FRONT OFFICE
- Passes are transferable and the same pass may be used for siblings i.e. two students from the same family travelling to an AWAY game will cost $12.

A reminder to all Grade Teams:
- When playing an AWAY game – all teams are to meet their coaches in the COLA before moving towards the bus bay or walking to their venue
- When playing a HOME game – all teams are to meet their coaches in the COLA at the Sports Assembly before moving to their venue

A reminder to all students:
- During sport, all students need to make sure they stay in their designated sporting group or team with their teacher during sport afternoons until they are dismissed at 2.25pm.
- Students failing to do so will be marked as truants.
SPORTS UNIFORM

FULL SPORTS UNIFORM is required for Wednesday sport and for ALL practical lessons in:

- PDHPE – Year 7-10
- PASS – Year 9-10 elective
- SLR – Year 11-12 elective

Failure to bring correct uniform will mean that students will not be able to participate in scheduled lesson activities. Repeated occurrences may prevent students from meeting course outcomes.

SUMMER SPORT Reminder:

☑ FULL SPORTS UNIFORM IS COMPULSORY.
☑ Failure to meet uniform requirements may result in a grade team FORFEITING.
☑ Sports uniform items may be purchased from the uniform shop.
☑ SLIP-ON SHOES are NOT PERMITTED under any circumstance.

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O. Nicholls
PDHPE Teacher

Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Applying online is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au) by searching for 'QC27248'.

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au) by searching for ‘QC22604’

If you require any further information you can phone **1300 130 282** between 8:00am and 5:00pm Monday to Friday.
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ONLINE PAYMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Making Online Payments

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website www.cumberland.high.schools.nsw.edu.au then selecting ‘Make a Payment’.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called ‘Other’, this can cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the ‘Make a payment’ you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields. OR are is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account.

Please also note, if a payment is made after 6pm the school will not see that payment until the second business day, ie. payment made at 7pm on Monday evening will be received by the school on Wednesday morning.

Payment for an activity or excursion does not constitute permission to participate. Permission notes are still required for relevant activities.

For any inquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Office.
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