Events for Term 3 2015

31 Aug  Aboriginal Artwork Workshop
         MAD Rehearsal

1 Sep   P & C Meeting at 7.30pm
         MAD

2 Sep   MAD

3-5 Sep CHS Athletics

4 Sep   Helmsmen Project — Coaching 10.30-12.30
         HSC Music Practical Exam on Site 8-1pm

7 Sep   Sport Presentation Assembly

8 Sep   Community Mentor Session 8-9am
         Prefect Induction Assembly
         Year 12 Graduation Rehearsal

11 Sep  Helmsmen Project Coaching
         10.30 – 12.00pm

We are so very fortunate to have such a supportive and compassionate school community! At a time when we are grieving the loss of a respected colleague, friend and teacher, it is truly heart-warming to have such support embracing Cumberland High School. Thank you.

In Memory of Mr Vivek...

Mr Vivek was an intelligent mathematician who was actively involved in many facets of school life and initiated a number of whole-school activities that have now become a part of our Cumberland High School culture. Events such as the Chess Competition, Multicultural Day and the Multicultural Football Competitions are all important events for our school community and certainly initiatives that enabled Mr Vivek to develop and nurture positive relationships with both students and parents.

Mr Vivek was always positive and a man who firmly believed that positive thinking would lead to positive life outcomes. This was a very strong message that was constantly conveyed to colleagues and students. He was a caring teacher, a man of remarkable optimism with a positive outlook that lifted those around him. His warmth, spirituality, calm nature and happy disposition will be missed by parents and students (past and present) as well as the teachers from Cumberland High School.
As we approach the Year 12 Graduation, I would like to commend our Year 12 students for their application at this time and their commitment to meeting all project deadlines for those students studying practical and Extension subjects including Music, History Extension, Society and Culture, English Extension 2, Visual Arts and Design and Technology.

I strongly urge all students to remain focused and ensure that their revision is ongoing – until the HSC exams begin. This period is critical for students and it is essential that all Year 12 students are at school every day, asking questions, consolidating learning and seeking advice from their teachers. Over the next few weeks, I will be having meetings with all Year 12 students to discuss future aspirations and the SRS (Schools Recommendation Scheme) for early entry to university (Information about SRS has been included in correspondence sent in the mail to all Year 12 families). Students have also been given the opportunity to apply for an OPTUS work experience program which is scheduled to take place after the HSC exams.

School highlights....

The last few weeks have been very productive with numerous activities including the Year 12 Trial examinations, Ski trip, Drama Night (congratulations to Ms Nelson for the brilliant performances by our Drama students and Drama Club members), Science Week, International Student Science Show, Prefect nominations and speeches, Empowerment Day, Think Tank Initiative, International Student Farewell Ceremony, Students' visit from Japan, Millennium Marching Band Trivia Night, Helmsman Project Launch for Year 9 boys, Voice of Youth Lions Public Speaking Competition, excursions, sporting events, Optus Your Face - Your Story Leadership opportunity and so much more.

Science Week

Our High Performance Science Unit, through the exceptional leadership of Ms Stead, has developed the art of bringing Science to life for their peers. They performed a number of fantastic and engaging Science shows for our whole school community. Mr Walford and the Science team also ran fun quizzes for staff and interactive science shows where students were also presented with certificates for achievements in national science competitions. Thank you Mr Tang for organising these competitions!
Trivia Night Millennium Marching Band
Congratulations to Jenny Chate, Kathryn Lewis and the wonderful Millennium Marching Band Boosters for organising a spectacular event in support of the Millennium Marching Band’s expedition to America. 240 people attended and more than $5000 was raised which is an extraordinary achievement.
Congratulations to the Cumberland High School Hospitality Team for their support (Mr Torr and Mr Pillay) and the Cumberland Hospitality students who experienced a real dinner service for 240 people.

The Little Mermaid
Congratulations to Mr Hinton and Carlingford Primary School community for their fantastic musical production of “The Little Mermaid”. It was an absolutely wonderful display of musical, singing and dramatic talent and truly delightful to witness all 421 students participating in this magnificent production. We were fortunate to have the musical staged in our hall and it really did provide an opportunity to experience the talents of our neighbouring and partner school.

Finally, whilst overseas, I was very fortunate to have Mr Wood relieving as Principal and Ms Bower relieving as Deputy. Many thanks for their wonderful work in my absence.

M. Pikoulas
Principal
Deputy Principal’s Report

Year 12 Trial HSC and End of Formal Schooling
Year 12 have recently completed their Trial HSC Examinations and will be receiving their results and feedback. They are to be congratulated on their conduct during the exams. This exam usually marks the end of most formal assessments for the HSC. The Trial Exam itself is an important indicator to students on their progress along with being the launching pad for the HSC Examination itself which happens early next term with the written examinations starting on Monday 12th of October.

Students should reflect on the results in their Trial Exams, take on board the valuable feedback provided on their performance along with valuable advice and tips from their teachers to strive to be successful in the HSC examination. This period, (immediately after the Trial Examinations) is not a period to ‘slacken off’ but the time to refocus and apply even more effort to achieve their personal excellence.

Year 12s are also reminded that the conclusion of their formal schooling is approaching and that they should continue to conduct themselves in a way that will reflect positively on them. Their contributions to the school have been significant and their standing within the school community is a valuable commodity. Appropriate behaviour and activities need to fit into what is both acceptable by the whole school community and safe for all. A number of celebratory activities are planned including their Formal on Wednesday, 16th of September and their Farewell Graduation Assembly on Friday 18th of September.

P. Wood
Deputy Principal
IN MEMORY OF OUR FRIEND, COLLEAGUE AND TEACHER, MR DEXTER VIVEKANANDAN

The Mathematics staff will miss Dexter’s friendly disposition, humble nature, mathematical knowledge, teaching style and friendship in the close quarters of the Mathematics staffroom.

One of the teachers I had the most respect for.... We may have lost a good life but God has gained a beautiful soul.

Mr Vivek had a huge impact on my schooling. He taught me that difficult things take time and hard work to master:- that nothing is beyond reach. He was an amazing man and teacher. Prayers are with his family and the school. Such a huge loss.

Dexter was very proud of the school’s Multicultural Day which he organised and ensured happened.

Mr Vivek will always be remembered as the amazing and gentle man he was! And of course...one of the many things we all know, love and will miss about Dexter is- that incredibly huge smile! No matter what was going on, Dexter was always able to conjure up a smile! No doubt, he is beaming upon us right now. Dexter’s smile was so wide that he could cover any disappointment with it.

Thank you Dexter for sharing your incredible warmth, your easy going nature and many other aspects of your life and family with us. Collectively, at Cumberland, we are extremely sad for Sharine, Gordon and Adrian. We are deeply touched by Dexter’s passing. Please know that we will all be here for your family both now and in the future.

R.I.P Mr Vivek. It was a pleasure being taught by an amazing man who always wanted the best for his students.

R.I.P Sir - he was an amazing teacher! He was the only one that had faith in me and would help me through everything

R.I.P... He was so good to me and always tried his hardest to make me the best student I could be! He’ll be missed by many.

I’ll never forget the multicultural soccer comp with him, RIP.

Dexter loved to have a chat. Some of his favourite topics were cooking, recipes, travel and painting. He also enjoyed reminiscing about his homeland.

R.I.P MY FAVOURITE AND BEST MATHS TEACHER
The Faculty of Arts
MAD 2015
Cumberland High School

Come and see Year 7 + 8 form a large choir!

Our ensembles will be performing:
Concert Band, String Ensemble,
Rock Bands & Vocal Ensemble.

Soloists will be highlighting the individual talents of our students.

Art and Photography works will be on display.

Tuesday 1 September 2015  7PM
Wednesday 2 September 2015  7PM

Tickets Available from the Front Office & At The Door
Students/Concession $10  Adults $15
The University Of Sydney Union Debating Training Day
21st August 2015

The girls’ passion for debating was running high and could hardly be exaggerated when they left school on the 21st of August to attend the University of Sydney Union Debating Training Day. The Year 10 all girls teams travelled in buses and trains and finally walked to Carslaw building in the central campus of the University.

The topics were highly contesting and inspiring. The first topic was: “The West should assassinate dictators where possible”. Both of our teams argued against the motion not only in theoretical terms, but also substantiated their points with examples and deeper analytical language.

The topics for the second and third rounds included a wide range of socio-political issues involving young people and the society at large. The topics were:

(a) That Government should scrap the citizenship of foreign fighters and (b) That we should ban political attack ads.

The topics were extremely involving and originate from the everyday socio-political reality. “That Government should scrap the citizenship of foreign fighters” was the topic that Cumberland teams fought as negative in Round 3 of the competition. The oppositions were Canterbury High School and Al-Noor High School. Our teams’ deeper understanding of the topics; formulation of alternative models as solutions to the problems and issues raised in the debating simply outsmarted the oppositions. Our teams won the rounds quite convincingly.

Our team’s presentation was dramatic while the model they formulated was realistic. These wins will aid our debaters and will be a source of inspiration for future debating challenges.

Very Well Done, girls!
Cumberland Careers Corner

The careers office has moved from the Library to Block D upstairs. Mrs Pittman will be relieving for Mrs Sisala. Parents & students are welcome to make an appointment.

UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS:
Thank you to UWS (Western Sydney University) for coming out to speak to Yr 12 about university entry, bonus points and alternate entry schemes.
UAC guides were handed out to Year 12 last week. On time applications for all universities close on Wednesday 30 September, 2015 for 2016 entry. Some courses may close early. Check table 1 in the UAC guide. Anyone applying for Educational Access Schemes or School recommendation programs will need to have entered their preferences before they can apply on line via UAC. The HSC results and ATAR’s come out to a student’s home address. Changes to your UAC preferences for the main round of offers, can be made until Wednesday 6th January, 2016. However any courses that require other criteria such as interviews, portfolio presentation, auditions, additional application forms etc must be entered by 30 September.

Alternative Tertiary Pathways
Thank you to ACBC college and MIT, Sydney for coming out this week to explain to Yr 12 there are alternative ways to gain qualifications and pathways to University. Private providers now offer a genuine tertiary studies option. Some of these colleges are now applied for via UAC. For a list of accredited colleges please see www.acpet.edu.au
TAFE will be coming next week for another alternative study option.

APPRENTICESHIPS/Traineeships
Thank you to Chad Smith from Apprentice1300 for coming to speak to our Yr 12 students interested in going directly into the workforce. He recommended that interested students and their parents would gain valuable contacts and information by attending the Apprenticeship Information evening at Penrith Panthers on 1 September.
Aside from some larger private companies, many employers now employ apprentices via their professional organisation eg HIA (Housing Industry Association) MBA (Master Builders Association), MPAL (Master Painters Association) etc. Others could work through group training companies such as:

- Australian Training Company (ATC) www.austrg.com.au
  Aged Care, Business Admin, Community Rec, IT, Horticulture, Hospitality, Retail, Sport & Rec, telecommunications, Transport & Distribution, Apprenticeships: Auto, Plumbing, Electrician, carpentry
- Electrical/Electronics: Electrogroup www.electrogroup.net.au
- NECA www.necagt.com.au
- Hospitality Training Network www.htn.com.au

- MEGT (Austr) Ltd. www.megt.com.au
- WPC Workplace Connect www.wpcgroup.org.au

- Skilled Group Limited (SGES) - all areas, all industries www.skilledgroup.com.au
- STE (Sydney Training & Employment) www.sydneytrain.com.au
Building & Construction, Manufacturing/Engineering Trades
For full list see: www.grouptraining.com.au
On Thursday the 13th of August, 12 eager and enthusiastic public speakers came to Cumberland High School to attend The Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition! The evening started in high spirits, warmth and welcoming speeches.

At the onset, we had prepared speeches and were very surprised to hear such eloquent talks by our outstanding public speakers, Alma Garibovic and Adwithiya Puri.

Adwithiya made his points absolutely clear and appealing to the audience. He spoke about how we should come forward in our capacities to save endangered flora and fauna from extinction while Alma made her case for the ANZAC legend through her analytical speech. The importance of keeping the legend alive became vividly clear to the house. The other item of the evening were impromptu speeches about individual family tradition.

The CHS speakers were also able draw the attention to the individual item of their family tradition. Ten teams entered on the evening and all competed against other schools. The improvement shown from their first public speaking engagement to this evening’s one was outstanding! I would like to thank THE LIONS CLUB OF CARLINGFORD-DUNDAS’ organisers who conducted the evening, as well as all the other speakers. They all helped to make it a brilliant evening! Bring On Next Year! 😊
PDHPE & Sport Report

SPORTS PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY
This highlight of our sporting calendar will be held on Monday 7th September. At this assembly, we will be recognising the sporting achievements of our students throughout the year. In addition, we will also be announcing:

- Junior and Senior Sportsperson of the Year
- Age Champions for Swimming, Cross-Country and Athletics
- 2016 House Captains
- Team of the Year
- Sydney West Representatives

A full report will be in next newsletter.

TERM 3 SPORT
A reminder that Wednesday afternoon sport is compulsory for all students in Years 8-11. All students must be part of either a Grade Sport team (competing against other schools) or part of a Recreational Sport Group (round robin of activities on school grounds).

WINTER GRADE SPORT

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Grade Sport continues throughout Term 3. Grade sport commences at 12.35pm and continues until 2.25pm. Teams playing away at the other schools and catching the bus meet at 12:15pm in the COLA.

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.

RECREATIONAL SPORT
Students are to meet in the COLA for Sports Assembly at 12.35pm on Wednesday afternoons at the conclusion of lunch. Groups will have their roll checked and move off to their designated areas for sport.

WINTER GRADE 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.

Miss C Brown  (Head Teacher PDHPE)
Miss O Nicholls  (PDHPE Teacher)
Start in Term 4, 2015
CHILLED™ PROGRAM FOR ADOLESCENTS

A program created and owned by Macquarie University Centre for Emotional Health.

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Chilled™ is designed to provide adolescents with tools to manage anxiety and to help those who struggle with mood. The program teaches techniques that help teens think differently, increase confidence and enhance mood.

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