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Students Pay Tribute to the ANZACS



Lest We Forget

Swansea High, once more, were well represented at both the Anzac Ceremonies in Swansea this year. The dawn service saw our students, along with our partner schools, pay respects to past and present servicemen & women, enjoy the experience of watching the sun fill the memorial with the glowing golden light of the rising sun. At the 11am service our students marched behind our new banner presented to the school by the 2015 graduating students. Emma Boertje and Ruby Rizk gave a moving description of their experience at Gallipoli in 2015 for the Centenary event, gaining very positive feedback from others who had also been to Gallipoli and were able to share the overwhelming emotions they shared. I was proud of all our students who took the time to represent our school to honour those who have given their lives to protect the great way of life we have.

Swansea High has a New Skoolbag App!

We have recently released a new Skoolbag mobile app. The app is a great way to keep in touch, stay informed and get notifications of everything you need to know about school news, events, newsletters and much more.

To download the app, simply go to the AppStore or PlayStore and search for Swansea High School.

Yr 11 Drama Students Kick a Goal

On Friday evening, 22nd April Year 11 Drama performed David Williamson's timeless classic *The Club* for an intimate gathering of family, friends and staff in the school's Drama Room. The students rehearsed for a total of 8 days throughout their school holidays to prepare and the final result was a testament to their hard work and commitment to the dramatic arts. First performed in 1977, the play explores the emergence of corruption, greed and finance in the AFL (at the time, the VFL). Students: Danilo Apollonio, Emma Boertje, Jason Dizon, Rosie Jenkins, Thomas Mitchell and Hamish Ragg successfully auditioned and set about establishing connections with these characters from yesteryear to heighten the realism of their performance.

The success of this performance could not have been achieved without the tireless work of the entire class where all non-performing students were involved in portfolios ranging across directing, lighting, costuming/make-up, set design and promotion. Year 11 Drama are now setting their sights on the annual Dreamnight Spectacular, this year titled 'Dreamnight of the Decade' to be held in the School Hall on Thursday evening 30th June.



In character: Students Thomas Mitchell and Rosie Jenkins as the characters of Laurie Holden and Geoff Haywood during one of their many tense confrontations.

Critic's Review

Principal, Mrs Robyn Leggatt commented ***"that was as good as any professional or amateur theatre production I have seen."***

Yr 11 & 12

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Wed 25th May 5pm - 7pm in the school Library.

Online bookings are now open. To make an interview time with your child's teacher, logon to the Parent Portal.

From the Principal's desk...

Robyn Leggatt

Welcome to our new look newsletter. The school has embarked on a project to improve how we communicate with our community. Rod Carter (HT PDHPE), has led our communications team to develop our ideas to make sure we get the information about our school to you in a way that you want to read it!!

Over the past few weeks we have received feedback through the communication project which has involved Parent forums, community surveys and evaluating our current communication processes. We have started implementing a range of strategies to celebrate this great school. The feedback we have received is confirmation of the good things we are doing so we can continue them and also suggested areas for improvements. All feedback helps us continue to deliver a quality education for our students in a safe and supportive environment.



Bush Tucker

SHS @ Landcare – Bushtucker Tour

Year 9 Food Technology students spent the morning wandering the Bush Tucker garden on the Landcare site in Swansea. It was a great opportunity for students to extend their knowledge outside of the classroom on Bush Tucker in our local area.

A massive thanks to Gary and his team for this informative walk through the gardens. Students learnt how to test for ingestible tucker if they're lost in the bush, how they could use Swamp Hill for blue bottle stings and cuts, soft ferns for bee, wasp and blue ant stings, as well as the use of Rye Berry leaves for ADHD.

Boys' Bill Turner Cup Soccer

Well done to the boys' Bill Turner Cup soccer team who competed at Speers Point on Friday 6th of May. The boys were given a very tough draw with games against St Paul's Booragul and the International Football School. After an extremely competitive first half against St Paul's where we could've easily lead, the boys struggled to replicate the effort in the second half and went down 3-0. By the time our second game came around, the heat and fatigue had gotten to us and an extremely impressive International Football School side defeated us.

Congratulations to the boys who played in great spirit and tried their best all day. They are a very young side made up of mostly year 7's and 8's, so with a few more years together in this age group, we can look forward to success in the future. A great deal of credit and thanks must go to Pete and Ben who have put in a lot of work during countless lunchtime training sessions—rest assured the boys really appreciate it.



Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with what is happening at Swansea High School.

Artscene News

Term one 2016 has been a busy and creative time for the Visual Art department. Year 11 Visual Arts have just completed their first mini-major work and have visited ARTEXPRESS and the 20th Sydney Biennale exhibitions at the Art Gallery of NSW, as well as a visit to Finite Gallery in Caves Beach.

Year 11 and 12 Visual Design have created flamboyant designs on skate-board decks with paint pens.

From years 8 to 12, there is a lot of creativity happening and **ART CLUB** is back for the year, every Wednesday lunch time in Art room 1. (BYO lunch)



Important Dates

May

16th to 20th - Yr 11 Half Yearly exams
 19th - Yr 10 Careers Expo
 25th - Yr 11/12 Parent/Teacher interviews
 26th - HSC Ass Task Soc & Cult
 26th - Star Struck Major movement rehearsal
 27th - Prelim Ass Task PDHPE
 30th - School Photos

June

1st - P&C Meeting 4:45pm
 3rd - Regional Cross Country
 8th - Brainstorm Productions Yr10-12
 14th - Prelim Ass Task Ancient History
 15th to 17th - Star Struck performances
 17h - HSC Ass Task Ancient History
 17h - HSC Ass Task PDHPE
 17th - Prelim Ass Task Soc & Cult
 20th to 24th-Yr11 Construction Work Placement
 22nd - Zone Athletics
 23rd - Dreamnight

Athletics Carnival Success & Champions

What a great way to finish the term! The sun was shining, the terrific students were competing and the staff were busily officiating on all the events.

Well done to all the students for the positive way you participated in the day. CONGRATULATIONS to Iwala house for winning the carnival followed by Kolora, Aldura and Yerlonga.

The Age Champions are:-

AGE	GIRLS	BOYS
12	Gemma Duffin	Aaron Mackie
13	Abbie Leyshon	Tom March
14	Lily Coombs	Kadason Haynes
15	Cate Bolsover	Hunter Callaghan
16	Kiara Free	Harrison Rapp
17+	Brooke Sinclair	Kai Dawkings

The Eastlakes Zone carnival will be held in June at Glendale.



Students Shine at StarStruck Rehearsal

Last Thursday the 5th May, Swansea High School's Star Struck performance team attended their first rehearsal at Broadmeadow Basketball Stadium for this year's Star Struck themed 'Our Heroes'.

Our students auditioned for a place in the team and their hard work was rewarded when they were selected for a contemporary dance piece in the showcase. Our item this year is the "Boy Falls from the Sky" from the Broadway show 'Spiderman: Turn Off the Dark.'

Students had a wonderful time at rehearsals learning their choreography and meeting the teams from other schools. The students worked very hard, outperforming other schools that were in attendance and demonstrating exemplary behaviour at all times. Well done team on your awesome efforts.

This year the show is shaping up to be a great performance. For those interested in attending, tickets for Star Struck 2016: Our Heroes are currently on sale through Ticketek.



“The New Baby”

This Term, students in Year 9 Child Studies have been learning about the topic “The New Baby”. To support this topic students were given a task to look after a baby egg for 24 hours. The students enjoyed this activity and created some very cute baby eggs.



P & C

Just a reminder
we meet the
first Wednesday
each month at 4:45 pm
in the Common Room
*We would love to see some
new faces.*

Overseas Cultural Student Exchange Opportunities

Have you ever considered or wanted to travel? Why not combine it with learning. There are heaps of countries to choose from. If you want to experience something new, take the leap and join hundreds of young Aussies who head overseas every year.

Swansea High School offers a range of overseas cultural Exchange programs. If you are interested see the Administration Office for more information.

Gold and Silver Athletics Winner

Congratulations Bella Ferfoggia was selected in the 2016 LANSW State team to compete in the ASICS Australian Little Athletics championships at Adelaide on 24th April.



Bella won gold for Discus and Shotput at the LANSW State Championships held at Homebush on 19th & 20th March.

Also Bella won the Silver medal for Shotput in the U15 Australian Youth and Junior Games held in Perth

STRIVE

Centre

Need help with schoolwork? Or just want to get better grades and have fun at the same time. Why not come along to the STRIVE centre.

STRIVE centre is open every Tuesday and Thursday 3.30 – 5pm in the Library... and best of all it's FREE!



What is PBL?

PBL stands for **Positive Behaviour for Learning**. It is a problem solving framework that addresses: social, behavioural and academic outcomes. It is a consistent and user friendly school-wide system of support that helps define, teach and support appropriate student behaviours, creating a positive school environment. To ensure the growth and awareness of the system we have clear reward structures in place to recognise students who demonstrate our values on a regular basis as well as an intervention structure to assist those experiencing difficulty.

All expected behaviours are mapped against our school vision and associated values of, Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn. Our Student Representative Council, Peer Mediators and student volunteers convene regularly to develop, consult and deliver expectations for student behaviour. Furthermore, our students are involved in the intervention process, conducting a peer interview with students who are identified as experiencing difficulty meeting our school values and associated behavioural standards.

This year we will be working on developing clear, positively stated expectations for all class settings. Again, students will be involved, conducting peer surveys, forums and consulting with the community on what a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) classroom will look like, sound like and feel like.