

SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL

Sea Horse News

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National Art School Selection

Congratulations to Krystal Goodman of year 11. Krystal was nominated for the National Art School Intensive Studio Course for 2016. Krystal was selected amongst a state wide group of nominees to join studio tutors and artists in her chosen medium of Digital Photography at the National Art School in Sydney which is Australia's oldest Art School.

This is a very prestigious program available to students who demonstrate an exceptional level of ability. The National Art School Program will see Krystal work within a specialised discipline using a broad range of media and artmaking processes. She will refine her ability to interpret and evaluate artworks, and gain practical skills in preparing for mounting and curating an exhibition.

Krystal will spend two weeks of residential schooling in the school holidays with the opportunity to study with recognised artists and tutors which will culminate in a professional group gallery exhibition. Krystal's achievement will be recorded on her HSC.



Student Performs in HAIRSPRAY Musical

SEE OUR STUDENTS IN ACTION!
HARVEST OF RAIN presents **hairspray**
THE BIG FAT ARENA SPECTACULAR
BOOK NOW AND RECEIVE GOLD RESERVE TICKETS AT SILVER RESERVE PRICES!
15 - 17 JULY 2016
NEWCASTLE ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
WWW.HAIRSPRAYARENASHOW.COM

HAIRSPRAY comes to life like you've never seen it before at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre in this record breaking arena spectacular!

Starring our very own Swansea High student Emalee Wilson. Emalee will perform alongside over 500 performers including Simon Burke, Christine Anu & Tim Campbell.

With explosive choreography and stunning sets and costumes this will be a journey back to the 60's you won't forget when Harvest Rain presents this big fat arena production of everyone's favourite musical, HAIRSPRAY!

So get in quick as the season is limited and selling out fast! HAIRSPRAY plays for four performances only from 15-17 July at the Newcastle Entertainment Centre.

Discount tickets: <http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?pp=QFOTM&sh=HAIRSPRA16>

“Need for Speed”

Year 9 Engineering have been feeding their “need for speed” this term with CO2 dragsters. The dragsters are part of a unit on aerodynamics where students have been learning about fluid flow (air is a fluid!) and drag.

The challenge for students was to design and construct an aerodynamic balsa wood dragster to race over a distance of 20m, powered by a canister of carbon dioxide gas (as used for Soda Stream). So far in our time trials, the best recorded time is 0.84 seconds (average speed of 72 km/h!). However, they will be racing off to find the fastest in an elimination and repechage competition.

As you can see from the photos, it has been an exciting and engaging learning activity.



Mr Sedgman launches the dragsters



Students proudly display their dragsters

Important Dates

June

- 20th to 24th-Yr11 Construction Work Placement
- 20th - Lets Bridge the Gap Aboriginal performance
- 22nd - Zone Athletics at Glendale
- 22nd - Yr 11 Business Studies Assess Task 3
- 23rd - Dreamnight 6pm
- 27th - Immunisation
- 29th - HSC General Maths Assess Task 3
- 29th - HSC Standard English Assess Task 4
- 29th - HSC Advanced English Assess Task 4
- 30th - Yr 11 Standard English Assess Task 3
- 30th - Yr 11 Advanced English Assess Task 3
- 30th Yr 12 UNI School Visit Day

July

- 1st - Last Day Term 2
- 19th - All Students return to school
- 20th - 2017 Yr 7 GATS Testing
- 26th - Term 2 Achievement Assembly
- 26th - NAIDOC Assembly
- 27th to 28th Regional Athletics
- 27th - Yr 7 to 10 Parent/Teacher interviews
- 29th - HSC History Assess Task
- 29th - HSC PDHPE Assess Task

August

- 3rd P&C Meeting 4:45pm in the Common Room
- 8th to 10th Yr 11 Snow Trip
- 8th to 19th Trial HSC Exams

P & C

Just a reminder we meet the
First Wednesday
each month at 4:45 pm
in the Common Room.
Be great to see you there!

From the Principal's desk...

Robyn Leggatt

I have just returned from the 2016 Secondary Principal's Conference where world leaders in education delivered thought provoking insights into the needs of students today and the shifts we need to make to meet these needs. I was extremely heartened to see we are indeed on the right track and I must thank the staff of Swansea High for their commitment to continually improve and their willingness to move out of their comfort zone to try new things that will make a difference.

I also need to commend the students of Swansea High for our wonderful Positive Behaviour for Learning data. Each week we publish the number of referrals our students have accumulated in each term. A referral is when a teacher deems behaviour to be unacceptable and provides a consequence for that behaviour and records it on our behaviour data base. I am very proud of the 88% of students who have one or no referrals for this term and even more so of the 60% who have none. The ideal data is said to be 85% in this zone and we are still above this standard. If your young person is one of these students please talk to them and give them the praise they deserve. I am also very proud of the efforts of a number of students who have made significant improvements in their behaviour.

Lamingtons & Scones !

The P&C will have a fundraiser on the 2nd July at the Federal Elections.

Lamingtons \$7 for 12
Plain scones \$5 for 6
Date scones \$5.50 for 6

Please come and support your local High School. We need volunteers to make this happen! If you could come for an hour to help sell please phone the School on 49 711 944 to register your hour.



Thanking you all in advance.

Swansea High School P & C Committee

60 Minutes Beware

Look out Channel 9— Swansea High has its own team of reporters who not only make the news but also do the post production of the news videos.

Our team of Lucas Clarke, Zac Gilbert, Elvis Hancock and Luke Saunders cover the BIG ISSUES. I'm sure you've always wanted to know which was the best Star Wars movie or get some authoritative advice on the best video game genre. Now you can have this and more...

These Year 12 Computer Applications students are doing this as part of their Multimedia Project. They had to select a topic of interest to them, create a number of insightful questions, conduct interviews with their peers and, finally, edit the video. To complete this project students had access to professional video camera equipment and used Adobe Premiere Elements to create their final product.



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

Rugby League has a Bright Future at SHS

2016 has been a successful year for Swansea High Rugby League. An increased enthusiasm in the junior school has seen greater participation in carnivals this year. A big thank you goes out to the Swansea-Caves Junior Rugby League Club for the lending of jerseys and now the donation of a full set. This is much appreciated!

Callaghan Cup 8-a-Side - The Callaghan Cup is run by the Callaghan College for the U/15's age. Swansea went on to win all their preliminary games convincingly and met the 1st ranked team Callaghan College Wallsend in the final. The final went down to the wire until a try after the siren by Swansea saw the scores levelled. Excitement and jubilation soon turned to despair when it was discovered that the overall winner was decided on the seedings from the qualifying rounds. Despite not coming home with the trophy all the boys showed tremendous ability and sportsmanship in a very successful day.

U/14's Buckley Shield - All three wins against Glendale, Belmont and West Wallsend were convincing and it was only a much bigger side in Singleton that had their measure. The boys again showed great talent and sportsmanship and were a credit to their school.

U/15's Knights Knockout - 3 wins defeating St Marys, Belmont and Glendale with their only loss to Warner's Bay. This loss by 10-6 came with losing 2 players injured and playing the majority of the game with only 12 players. Again another very spirited effort.

The future looks bright for Swansea High Rugby League following on from the success of former student Corey Denniss in the NRL for the Knights this year. A few players to look out for in the future are: Jack Crouch, Liam Booker, Cruz Kingston, Jayden Means, Tom Affleck, Darcy Heaney, Hunter Callaghan, Lennox Dawkings and Cahleb Faulkner. Well Done Boys!



Callaghan Cup 8-a-Side Team



U15s Knights Knockout Team

FITNESS TEST RECORDS

At the start of this Term students completed a range of fitness tests as part of their PDHPE studies. There were some extremely competitive students who were looking to break some records and achieved outstanding results.

Beep Test - Dean Pettit Level 13. 6

Pull Ups - Cooper Dhu 65

Push Ups - Cooper Dhu 100

Sit and Reach - Karen Simms 27cm

Standing Long Jump- Sam McLean 240 cm

Congratulations to our very fit students

YEAR 11 DRAMA, 2016 PRESENTS...

**DREAMNIGHT
OF THE DECADE****23-6-16****SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL HALL****6PM: ART EXPO AND BBQ****7PM: SHOWTIME****TIX AVAILABLE FROM OFFICE****\$8 ADULT****\$5 CHILD****\$28 FAMILY**

Morton Family Prize Winners

Belmont Christian College hosted the Morton Family Music Prize on 25th May. This is an award bequest by the patriarch of the Morton family as he was an avid music lover and during his life he was very encouraging of music students.

The Judges were very impressed with the individual efforts of the Ballards; Kye, Zane and Tennielle who won \$300 for their efforts, but even more so by Rosie Jenkins who won \$200 for her individual performance. As such, the monetary awards are an encouragement for music students to continue with their studies. Not only did the students audition but they interview as well. Swansea High was well represented.

Mr Rippon was there on the night commenting that the feedback of our students has been tremendous.





Kayla gains selection in NSWCHS

Congratulations to Kayla McSpadden on being selected into the NSW Combined High Schools Basketball team. Kayla was selected and played as a forward in the NSW team which recently competed in the NSW Tri-Series on the 6th June. This series saw the NSWCHS team compete against the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) and the Combined Catholic Colleges (CCC). The teams all played extremely well with Kayla leading her team to a tight 79-74 win against CCC and a loss to the CIS team.

Well done Kayla on a fantastic achievement and representing our school so well.



Local Boy - Brave Soldier -
Loving Husband - Great
Dad - Loyal Friend

Show your support and
#kickitformick

Fundraiser Event for
#MarkHughesFoundation

18 June

SATURDAY 4-8PM

KICK IT FOR MICK

ALL MONIES RAISED DONATED TO
"MARK HUGHES FOUNDATION"

Hosted at Caves Beachside Resort

Tickets available now through www.stickytickets.com.au "Kick it for Mick"

\$85 per adult (includes booking fee) - Drinks & light finger food included

Limited kids tickets also available online - Smart Casual Attire

Amazing live music - Auctions & raffles prizes & more!

Further information, donations & sponsorship - contact Michelle on 0402 890 185

School Beanie Day...

On Friday 17th June, students and staff came to school with their beanies in all shapes and sizes in support #kickitformick. Students brought in gold coin donations with all proceeds going towards the Mark Hughes Foundation.

The event raised much needed funds to promote research and heighten awareness and to support brain cancer patients and their families. It was great to have the majority of students and staff supporting Beanie day with well over \$600 raised.

