Year 9 Writing Workshop

Thursday, April 30, was a day of intrigue and success as Ms Harris, Mr Lyons, Mr Jones and Miss Adams had the privilege of developing Year 9’s skills in a writing workshop. The day started with the art of persuasion. The students were inspired by Severn Cullis-Suzuki speaking to the United Nations encouraging adults to preserve our environment. The students did a marvellous job of trying to persuade the teachers that homework should be banned. A convincing argument they put forth and they should be congratulated for this. Although, I must inform parents, homework has not been banned! Good try Year 9!!

After recess we tried our hand at nurturing the creative writing skills of enthusiastic young authors. The students loved having creative licence to experience a fictitious world and live through the eyes of another. The narratives students wrote were fabulous, with all students making a whole-hearted attempt to produce wonderful narratives. Some narratives took us to the rainforests of South Africa, others to Vancouver in the middle of winter and some to our own backyard of the Snowy Mountains in pursuit of brumbies. The hard work of students (and their teachers) was rewarded with a scrumptious barbecue lunch which included the extra delicious crowd favourite, cookies.

Well done to all students for their outstanding behaviour and application on the day, the teachers for their hard work in preparation of the day and our chefs.

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Privacy Matters @ Any Age

Privacy Awareness Week 2015 (PAW 2015), an annual initiative of the Asia Pacific Privacy Authorities (APPA), kicks off in the first week of May (3-9 May 2015). This year NSW is celebrating their privacy campaign under the theme Privacy Matters @ Any Age, which highlights the fact that no matter your age, your privacy and the protection of your personal information is important.

“The use of smart devices, mobile apps and online services is convenient and fun but it’s important to remember when using these devices to still protect our personal information,” said NSW Privacy Commissioner Dr Elizabeth Coombs.

“Privacy Matters @ Any Age encourages us to ask, what my responsibilities are when using online services, what privacy settings are available and how do I use them and how do I find out how to stay safe online?”

This year, Dr Coombs has made the state’s older community the focus of her campaign message.

“I am keen to assist older people to feel confident about using the internet while protecting their privacy online. Everyone should have the confidence to communicate digitally,” she said.

“My office has developed a range of free downloadable resources about protecting your privacy including tips when using social media, and a guide to privacy laws in NSW. I also encourage people to make contact with my office if they are interested in finding out more about privacy in NSW.”


If you have a specific enquiry or need assistance with a privacy issue, you can call 1800 472 679 or email ipcinfo@ipc.nsw.gov.au

Reminder
School Fees
If you have not paid your school fees please send the money in as soon as possible.

Payment may be made by cash, cheque or by direct deposit.

The school’s banking details are BSB 032 001 Account 140212

P&C Meeting
The next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 11 June in the Library commencing at 7.00pm.

All welcome and encouraged to attend.

Lost Property
We have been inundated with unclaimed school jumpers. Please feel free to come up to school and go through the lost property and claim any missing items. We do return any with names or initials, but unfortunately many items remain unclaimed because they are nameless.

Stewart House
Don’t forget to return your Stewart House Donation Envelopes for a chance to win a family holiday.

Being kind to others
Giving can increase our feelings of positivity purpose and meaning. Some people even find giving increases the level of happiness more than receiving.

Creating positive experiences for others gives us the opportunity to enjoy the happiness of the person receiving them. Kindness to others is a great opportunity to look after our existing relationships and to make new connections with people. We can build our social network and mean that we have more people to enjoy things with and to rely on when we need to. Kindness encourages more kindness—people who have been treated with kindness are more likely to be kind to others.

Making others happier can also make us feel better about ourselves and help us see the world in a more caring and positive place. Doing things for others can put our problems in perspective and give us a sense of what we can do to make things better for others and ourselves. Kindness helps us to focus on what we can control rather than the things we can’t change.

Suggestions for practicing kindness:
• Volunteer: Find a cause you believe in, something that interests you, or help out a mate, whatever you choose, giving your time is a great way to be kind.
• Share: Cook a meal for friends, lend someone an umbrella, make a cup of tea for a car worker or donate to charity. Sharing is a great way to be kind and get to know people better at the same time.
• Give compliments: Let people know what you like and admire about them. You might even get a compliment in return.
• Stay in touch: Give a friend a phone call or send them a text message or email. Ask them how their day was or let them know you are thinking of them.
Getting to know Anne Caldwell ...

My childhood was spent on the family farm at Ando where I attended Ando Public School for my primary education and then onto Bombala Central School, now Bombala High School for my secondary education.

At the conclusion of my secondary education I attended Cooma Secondary College, now Cooma TAFE, and commenced a secretarial course. After one term, a position became available with local accountant, Mr Tory. I applied and was successful. I enjoyed all the work involved with the preparation of tax returns and getting to know and contacting the clients. I worked permanently for Mr Tory for several years before marrying and then casually after the birth of our three children. When our second child started school, I began to volunteer at the Bombala Infants School listening to children to read. After our youngest child started school I was offered work at the primary school both in administration and integration and later at Bombala High School working with integration students. When the hours were cut at the primary school, I applied for a position with Adrian Hall, solicitor, where I worked for a few years before transferring from Bombala Primary School to the Bombala High School, where I at first worked in the Front Office before moving to the Library, where you will find me today.

I love the atmosphere of the Library and I really enjoy the contact I have with the senior students. We are very fortunate to have such a lovely, dedicated and mature group of students in our midst. The peer tutoring is conducted in the Library and we have Year 7 and Year 10 attending these sessions. I enjoy getting to know these students and watching them grow, mature and become more confident each year.

You observe them in Year 7 being tutored and then three years later they are in the position of teacher and leader.

It is a privilege for me, to the work in a job I love, with students who I admire and a staff who are very friendly, kind, caring and supportive. When I was more active than I am now, I was a netball coach for nearly thirty years, another wonderful experience with the children of the district.

I am blessed to have three great grown up children and their partners and seven wonderful grand children, of whom, of course, I am so very proud.

Weekends and some early mornings find me living my deceased husband’s dream at the farm, although at times for me it is a ‘nightmare’. During the past four years I have had to do things I never dreamed of and I have learnt if at first you don’t succeed than try and try again or find another way of doing it.

I have also found that laughter is the best medicine, don’t take life too seriously, there is always someone else worse off than you and always think of others and treat them as you would like to be treated.

This Week in Careers ...............
This Week in Careers Continued

UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG IN2UNI PROGRAM

Just a reminder for students that the In2Uni program will take place on Tuesday 26 May 2015 in Room 1:

- Year 11 Bootcamp which focuses on tips for approaching the HSC, soft study skills and what to expect over the next 18 months.
- Year 10 Future Finder workshop where career planning, subject selection and maximisation of post school opportunities are discussed.
- Year 12 Road to Success workshop which aims to provide students with the skills, information and knowledge to make informed decisions about their future.

The sessions are delivered by In2Uni mentors and are extremely valuable. Please contact me if you would like any further information.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY REGIONAL CAREER ADVISOR VISIT

Last Thursday and Friday I was lucky enough to attend the ANU Regional Career Advisor opportunity with 21 other attendees. Thursday afternoon saw an accommodation and campus tour followed by a wonderful dinner attended by ANU student ambassadors and lecturers. Friday saw us ‘speed networking’ with the various faculties within ANU, lunch at the Bruce Hall residence and a final tour of the campus. This opportunity was very rewarding and I now have a better understanding of this wonderful university, which has been voted best university in Australia.

A big thank you to Madeline and her team from ANU for this opportunity.

SENIOR FIRST AID, RSA/RCG AND CONSTRUCTION WHITE CARD EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

There has been a fantastic response to these courses. We continue to seek expressions of interest from students and the wider community for any of these external courses. I have put sheets up on the whiteboard outside the Careers Office, so could you please put your name on the course/s you are interested in. As always, wider community members are invited to participate also. First Aid and Construction Whitecard Courses are usually completed in a day and the RSA/RCG is an after school course. If you would like any further information please give me a call. All of the courses have minimum number requirements in order for them to run. Jindabyne Central School are also interested which will mean that minimum numbers shouldn’t be a problem.

YEAR 10 LINKS TO LEARNING PROGRAM

We have 5 Year 10 students attending this valuable program which runs every Wednesday this term. The program is run by Debbie Thomas from the Business Enterprise Centre and it aims to enhance the development of students’ self esteem, confidence and resilience. The program involves self-reflection, thinking outside the box and career exploration. Week 1 was a huge success and I look forward to including student reports in upcoming newsletters.

YEAR 12 HSC TIMETABLE RELEASED

Last Wednesday the 2016 HSC written examination timetable was released to mixed student reactions. Each Year 12 student now has to access their personal timetable on the BOSTES website, using their student number and pin. Students have to firstly activate their account if they haven’t already. It is very important that students access their personal timetable to ensure there are no administrative errors. Students should also be familiar with the Students Online portal at BOSTES as this is how HSC results are accessed also. Please see me if there are any access problems – it takes about 5 minutes to fix now, however when results are released it can take hours.

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