

Smith's Hill High School

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Newsletter 13

31st August 2009

Coming events

Week 6	Beginning Monday 31st August
Monday	Korean students visiting for 10 days
Tuesday	Legacy Student Day in Mall
Week 7	Beginning Monday 7th September
Monday	School Captain oral presentations
	HSC Drama Performances (Monday & Tuesday)
	Rock Eisteddfod Premier Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday	Junior Debating Competition UNSW
	School Captain presentations 2010
Wednesday	RAW Grand Final
Thursday	Duke of Edinburgh Hike (2 days)
Friday	Year 9 Talented Maths Students Day
	Rock Eisteddfod Premier Grand Final

VARIETY NIGHT

There has been a wonderful response from local businesses to requests for support and congratulations are due to the parents, the SRC and Mrs Royle for their efforts in organising the evening.

SOCCER DAY A SUCCESS

The efforts of the SRC are to be applauded. Students enthusiastically participated, exhibiting a wide variety of skills and there was a great deal of laughter and considerable school spirit in evidence. Congratulations to the students from our social justice groups, young achievers and the SET team on their initiative and enterprise. It is very affirming to see the students exercise their skills in organisation and to witness our seniors shaking hands with Year 7's whom they have narrowly beaten.

PROGRESS ON THE DIGITAL EDUCATION REVOLUTION

We are currently on the list of schools to receive computers for Year 9 this term. We do not however, possess the required backbone of 12 Core fibre optic cable required for the wireless network and we are currently in the process of gathering quotation for that work to be done. When the backbone is in place and a Technology Support Officer is appointed we will receive the laptop computers for Year 9.

SOUTH COAST PUBLIC SPEAKING

Last Tuesday night I was proud to witness an extraordinary team of speakers from SHHS win the South Coast Title for the 2nd year running. We love this competition because you don't compete against your own team mates, but rather you become a Team against other schools. Eighteen schools were represented in all with a crowd of over 500 people in support! Students split into groups with one student from each school in most groups. Points are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and added up at the end of the evening to rank the schools from 1st through to 18th. Our results were as follows:

Nathan Johnston - 1st Place
Brianna Watts - 1st Place
Isabel Crawford - 1st Place
Emily Campbell - 1st Place
Paul Stramare - 2nd Place
Lachy Cassar - 2nd Place
Riley Boughton - 3rd Place
Alexi Polden - Participation
Aleida - Participation
Dylan Sahlin - Participation

**Overall Champion School:
Smith's Hill High School!**



South Coast Public Speakers

A special thank you needs to go to both Nathan and Brianna who filled in at just ten days notice! The Team Spirit demonstrated by SHHS was simply beautiful and commented on by many people present.

JUNIOR STATE DEBATING

On Monday and Tuesday of last week I accompanied 3 of our talented junior debaters to the Regional Camp at Bateman's Bay. At the end of the camp a South Coast Team is selected to represent the Illawarra South East Region in a separate State Competition to be held in Term 4.

I am thrilled to announce that **Ben Hewett** was selected with **Alexi Polden** as first reserve!

Only one person from any one school can be selected so this is a wonderful result!



Junior State Debating Team

HIGH DISTINCTION IN ECONOMICS & BUSINESS STUDIES COMPETITION

Tim Bloomfield, Year 12, has achieved High Distinction in the 2009 Australian Economics and Business Studies Competition, sponsored by Pricewaterhousecoopers. Tim will be recognised for his excellent performance in a function at the University of NSW in September. Congratulations Tim, well done!!

N Parmar (HT – HSIE)

2010 EASTER TOUR TO POMPEII, ROME & SICILY

If you could not attend the information night please get a form from Mrs Sjostedt. On receipt of the form Real Travel will then send you the itinerary and final costs.

Mrs Sjostedt

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MUSIC...

- HSC Music performance night, Monday 31st August 7pm, everyone is welcome.
- Jazz Combo performing at Project Artspace for the opening of their Photography exhibition
- Southern Stars – six members of our vocal ensemble are featured vocalists, as well as three students from our instrumental ensemble in the Southern Stars Band.
- HSC music performances – Week 9
- Anjali Iyer in Year 9 and Brooke Evans selected as featured artists for the School Spectacular.

RIBBIT UP PRODUCTIONS

ANNOUNCE AUDITIONS TO BE HELD IN WEEKS 7 & 8 FOR

OVERBELLY

OUR NEW SCHOOL PLAY!

Thinking about auditioning for Overbelly?

Think you have what it takes to dress up as a frog in front of teachers, parents and friends speaking only in haiku? Then we want you to audition for our new School Play, Overbelly. To audition for a part in the play you need to present a short monologue (between one to five minutes).

The School Play is held in Term One of each year, so the auditions for Overbelly will be held in Weeks 7 & 8 of this term. The most important things to do in your audition are to: be confident, know your lines and act! But don't worry, if you make a little mistake you can always start again. And for all of the Year Sevens and Eights that want to audition...go for it! There may be roles for you guys, too. All the information you need is on the noticeboard outside the English staffroom.

I wont lie to you; being involved with the play is

very hard work. But performing in front of 200+ people four nights in a row doesn't get any better. Adrenaline is high, hearts are beating furiously and the lights are, well, blinding. All in all, the School Play is truly a unique experience, not found anywhere else. So what are you waiting for? Get your monologue, pick a day to audition, learn your lines and Ribbit Up!

Grace Balbirnie - Year 12

YEAR 9 NARRABEEN CAMP

2 Weeks ago Year 9 attended Narrabeen camp. Here's what some of us had to say...

"Eventful"

"Pushed the limits"

"The disco was awesome"

"Best camp so far!"

"Atmosphere was buzzing"

"I loved the plovers, they were amazing!"

"It was a really great experience"

"I love capsizing"

"Canoeing was great except for when I got stuck between two trees"

Thank you to all the teachers and instructors who made this camp possible. We had a really great time.



Year 9 students enjoying the activities at Narrabeen

ANTARCTICA WARMING

Year 11 Biology students enjoyed a most informative and relevant presentation at Wollongong City Gallery. It highlighted the important research carried out by Wollongong University scientists (including three of our ex-

students) and demonstrated some of the effects of global warming on plant and animal life there. Thanks to Mr Clifford for organising this excursion.

Greg Carlon

SKI TRIP

Last weekend staff took 100 students to the snow for a great weekend of skiing and boarding. The staff were most impressed with the behaviour, positive attitude and co-operation of those students. It was a pleasure to take them. Thanks to Mr Walker for organising this trip and to Mr Crookham for helping him.

Greg Carlon

CAREER EDUCATION

Well Term 3 does have a lot happening for our senior students. Year 12 will be submitting their university applications via UAC. This needs to be done by Wednesday 30th September (last Wednesday this term).

Most Year 11's will be participating in Work Experience in the last week of Term (from Monday 28th September – Friday 2nd October). Not all of these placements are finalised at this stage though.

Year 10 need to make sure that if applying to do a TAFE VET course as part of their HSC, they must get their application to me. No later than the 14th September (Monday in Week 8).

I would also like to let parents of senior students know that TAFE applications are currently open, and that some have an early closing date in October this year. This may be of particular interest to any Year 12s looking at a TAFE option for 2010.

This Friday I will be attending the 'Illawarra Health Careers Showcase' with 15 Year 11 and 12

ROCK EISTEDDFOD GRAND FINAL TICKETS

are now available from Ticketmaster.

**RAW Grand Final Wednesday 9th
September. Premier Grand Final 11th
September.**

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students (9.30 – 12.30pm). This will hopefully give some extra insight into the reality of hospital work, for those who attend. A great idea I think.

Just a reminder too, for parents of Year 10s that I will again be organising (in Term 4) a series of Tertiary Study Excursions as part of our 'School to Work' program. All students will again be given the opportunity to take part in campus tours and talks at: UOW, TAFE, Sydney University, UNSW, ANU, CU as well as UTS and Macquarie University. Dates have already been set for the majority of these at this stage.

If you have any questions about any of these programs, please don't hesitate to call me on 4227 6629.

G. Barbaro – Careers Adviser/Vet Co-ordinator

SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA ORAL HEALTH SERVICE

FREE Dental Care for Children

Dental care is available at NSW Public Dental Clinics for all children under 18 years of age (0-5 years old and all children in full-time education)

- Eastern suburbs
- St George
- Sutherland
- Illawarra
- Shoalhaven

For an appointment contact our Call Centre:

South Eastern Sydney 1300 134 226
Illawarra /Shoalhaven 1300 369 651
All patients are required to have a Medicare card

2010 TEACHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

This program is now opened for applications from students who will be completing their Higher School Certificate in 2009. The closing date for applications is 2nd October 2009. Full details of the program including information and application packages can be downloaded from the teach.NSW website

www.teach.nsw.edu.au/scholarships

UNSW OPEN DAY

UNSW Open Day will be held on Saturday 5th September, 9 from 9am – 4pm at Kensington Campus. For more information please visit www.unsw.edu.au/futurestudents

MISS ZOE'S TALENT QUEST FOR BREAST CANCER

Groups, solos, dancers, actors, singers, musicians, etc.

Competitors' Entry Fee = \$10/act; Audience Entry Fee = \$2

When = Saturday 12th September

Times = U-8yrs: 1-2pm

8-12yrs: 2-3pm

13+ yrs: 3-4pm*

*Times TBC depending on number of entrants

Where = Coniston Public School hall

Prizes = 1st: \$50 K-Mart Voucher

2nd: \$30 K-Mart Voucher

3rd: \$20 K-Mart Voucher

(Kindly donated by local businesses)

Contact = Miss Zoe on 0407 921 054 to register