

Smith's Hill High School

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Newsletter 9

15th June 2009

Coming events

Week 8	Beginning Monday 15th June
Monday	Music Performance Night 7pm
	HSC Geography Study Day
	P&C Meeting 7.30pm Common Room
Wednesday	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Hike - 3 days
Thursday	Sydney University Scholarship Presentation - Lecture Theatre
Friday	School Play - H Block 7pm - Friday, Saturday 7pm & Sunday 5pm
	Plain English Speaking State Semi-Final
Week 9	Beginning Monday 22nd June
Monday	ISER Performance Ensemble Tour - Monday - Wednesday
	School Council Meeting
Tuesday	Year 9 & Year 10 Guest Speaker - Tania Hayes
Wednesday	Year Meetings - Years 8, 9 & 10
	History Performance Year 10 - p 7 & 8
	Year 10 Subject Selection Information Evening - Lecture Theatre
Thursday	Zone Athletics Carnival - Beaton Park Thursday - Friday
Week 10	Beginning Monday 29th June
Monday	Year 11 & 12 Japanese Tanken Centre

DEBATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to the senior team Natalie Connor, Nathan Johnson, Milan Edinger Reeve and Solange Handley who recently won the Regional Debating Championship. This is an excellent achievement since the whole team are in Year 11 and are often debating against Year 12 students. We wish them all the best in the next round of the competition

THEATRE SPORTS

Mr Cutler and Mrs Sjostedt's Theatresports Intermediate and Senior teams competed in the semifinals at Nowra Anglican College on Friday evening. Both teams performed with distinction and will compete in the final at the Enmore Theatre on Sunday June 28th. There will be two sessions - the Intermediate at 2pm and the Senior at 5pm. Should you wish to come along to support the team, please contact Mrs Sjostedt or Mr Cultler.

NOUGHTS AND CROSSES

We know, you thought this was a children's game played on paper. Come to H Block this week

to see Text to Performance bring noughts and crosses to life in a very different way. It's the place to be!

GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS EXCEL IN AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Geography students once again this year have demonstrated high levels of geographical skills and knowledge in the 2009 Australian Geography Competition. Out of a total of 112 students who participated in this competition, 51 students scored High Distinctions or Distinctions. Congratulations and well done!

The Competition is a joint initiative of the Australian Geography Teachers' Association and the Royal Geographical Society of Queensland and is sponsored by the National Geographic Channel. It is hoped that more students will participate in this National Competition next year.

N. Parmar (Head Teacher – HSIE)

BASKETBALL STATE FINALS

Congratulations to the Open Boys Basketball team and their coach Mr O'Brien who won the South Coast Championship and went to the NSW finals, coming 7th in the state. A great result.

JAPAN TOUR MEETING

As previously announced, there will be a meeting for Year 9 and 10 Japanese students who are interested in participating in the Study Tour in September 2010. It will be held in the school library from 5:30 – 6:30 this Wednesday, June 17. Year 7 and 8 students who are considering participation in the 2012 Study Tour are most welcome to attend to meeting.

STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR JUNE

There are some simple steps students can take to improve the way they manage their workload and avoid the stresses of last minute work. At the start of every term all students should ensure they have a term planner on the wall at home (these can be printed from www.studyskillshandbook.com.au) with due dates for tests and assignments clearly marked. Due dates should be written into a diary as well and highlighted. But writing due dates into the diary is only the first step. After receiving details about a task, students should ensure they understand the requirements of the task (and ask if unsure) then brainstorm the steps to complete this task. These steps then need to be scheduled into the diary, written in as homework so there is a plan to complete the work over the available time. This plan is just a guide of course; students can complete the work earlier! But by scheduling the steps to be done as homework, students are much less likely to leave the task to the last minute and can reschedule steps if they have too much other homework that night. Watch the diary video in the Managing Workload unit on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au to see an example of how to use a school diary for planning and keeping track of work.

This month in the handbook: another 2 new modules where students apply their skills from the unit (Goal Setting and Lifestyle and Balance), more slideshare submissions from students, a podcast on managing workload, 3 new videos and more! Visit the What's New page for details.

Our school's subscription details to this online study skills website for high school students are -
User name: forsmithshillhsonly
Password:46worksmart

We encourage all students to spend time now and then working through the units on the www.studyskillshandbook.com.au site to improve their own personal independent learning skills.

Caroline David - Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning

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(*Due to Department of Education reciprocity regulations in Victoria & the ACT, students completing grade 12 are ineligible to apply for our program; Year 12 Students from any other states are ineligible to apply for our August Departure Program)

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THAT'S AMAZING!

Boori 'Monty' Pryor came to Smith's Hill High School recently to talk to Year 7, Mr Cutler's Creative Writing class and some of Mrs Sjosted's Drama students. Mr Trickett organised this superb event and it was held in the Lecture Theatre. Monty talked about his books, his ideas and his childhood.

Monty had our attention from the start. His hysterically funny stories had us struggling for air between fits of laughter or, in contrast, had us listening intently and gripping the edges of our chairs waiting for what scary or exciting event was coming next. Firstly he told us of 'My Girragungji', which means Green Tree Frog in his mother's aboriginal language. As he told the story he added snippets of other stories that provided humour and enhanced understanding of the main plot line. By the end of it we were all reciting the funny lines that Monty had mentioned little primary school kids had said such as; 'That's amazing!' and 'Did you really kiss that froggie?' Before we left, rough drafts of his new picture book were passed around for us to see, and we were able to ask questions about how Monty got his ideas and what tips he had for our aspiring writers.

Monty is truly an example of a great writer and speaker; he can captivate an audience, he can

use humour right through his speech and he can write in such a way that both young and old can understand and enjoy. I could tell by looking around at others in the audience that Monty Pryor was a great success and had moved all of the students who attended.

Isabelle McNeill – Member of Creative Writing – Year 8

CAREER EDUCATION

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2. Go to "Contact Us" on the menu bar
3. Click on the drop down box called "Email Form"
4. Type your name, school and email address and click "submit"

NEW COURSES LOOK HEALTHY

Charles Sturt University (CSU) has announced a \$6 million expansion of the University's health education programs at the CSU Orange campus. Under the plan, CSU will offer two new degrees in Orange in 2010: Physiotherapy and Health and Rehabilitation Science. The University will admit 40 students to the new Physiotherapy program and 20 students to the new Health and Rehabilitation Science Program in 2010. The aim is to increase the intake for the Health and Rehabilitation Science Course to 50 students a year. For more information contact CSU on 1800 334 733.

A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR TECHNOLOGY TEACHERS

With the demand for teachers in Technology and Applied Studies (TAS) becoming increasingly significant, Charles Sturt University will offer a four-year on-campus Bachelor of Education TAS program in 2010. Many existing technology teachers have only one area of expertise and, over the next ten years, particularly due to teacher retirements and the newly established trade centres in schools, major shortages of TAS teachers are predicted across Australia. CSU's Bachelor of Technology with the ability to

teach in the key learning area of Technology and Applied Studies will help to fill the gap. For more information visit www.csu.edu.au.

CSU GIVES YOU THE EDGE

Charles Sturt University offers industry-relevant degrees that keep pace with a changing world. So, at the end of your studies, your career gets off to a flying start. What's more, you'll enjoy the experience along the way, in a friendly, fun environment. There is a huge range of scholarships providing financial assistance for people who wish to study through CSU, including industry-related and equity scholarships. Selection is not always based solely on academic achievement. It's worth checking out! Visit www.csu.edu.au/edge

Some useful websites:

www.skillsroad.com.au Jobs Website with a good Resume builder.
Online Courses Search at seeklearning. **<http://www.seeklearning.com.au/>**

20 YEARS OF ROCK

Next month Smith's Hill will celebrate its 20th Anniversary of involvement in the Rock Eisteddfod. We have a proud history in this event. Some highlights:

1989 – Hit the stage after 6 weeks of rehearsals
1992 – Our first Grand Final – Open Division
1995 – 1st Place in NSW Open Grand Final
1996 – Our first Premier Grand Final
1999 – 2nd Place in NSW Premier Grand Final
2003 – 2nd Place in Newcastle event
2004 – 4th Place NSW, 2nd Place in Australia
2005 – 3rd Place NSW, National Grand Finalist
2006 – 4th Place NSW, 2nd Place Australia
2007 – 2nd Place NSW, National Grand Finalist.
Meet the Dalai Lama
2008 – Both teams 6th place in NSW

This year we have 3 teams in the event, the first school in the world to do so. Our Year 10, 11 & 12 students will enter the Premier division. Our Year 8, 9 and some 10 students will enter the RAW division, as will our Year 7 teams.

We have more than 40% of our student population involved as either a performer, painter of backstage crew member, organised by 21 members of staff assisted by over 60 parents. It says a lot about our school that this many staff

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members are prepared to give up all the time and energy required to provide our students this opportunity.

Come and help us celebrate when our three teams hit the stage on Friday 31st July at WIN Entertainment Centre commencing at 7pm. You will also see performances by Bomaderry High, St Josephs Albion Park, John Therry College and Davidson High. Tickets are \$35 incl. GST and booking fee and can be purchased any day this week at school. The order form below is needed along with cash or a cheque made out to Smith's Hill High School. We hope you can join us.

Greg Carlon

KITAZONO HOMESTAY

The status of the Takarazuka and Kitazono homestay programs remains in limbo, pending further announcements from the Department of Health. Currently the programs are suspended, but we have received profiles from Kitazono students, which will be distributed this week.

Caroline David - Japanese teacher

SCHOOL WORKING BEE No.1 2009

Saturday 4th July 9am – 11.30am

We are hoping to do the edges outside of the school. If you cannot make it on this day or this time you may be able to help at a time convenient to you.

We will also be working on the Gipps Street gardens and on the Keira Street side of the school. Hope you are able to help on the day. We are now

three years into a five-year plan.

Please bring gloves, hat, sunscreen and any relevant 'favourite' garden implements on the day.

Looking forward to seeing you on the day.

R. Zabell - School Environment Team



Thoughts and Crosses
by Text to Performance 2009 and Mr Cutler

Smith's Hill High School, H Block
Friday, 19th June at 7pm
Saturday, 20th June at 7pm
Sunday, 21st June at 5pm

Tickets sold at \$8 before the night in the quad or \$10 at the door

ROCK EISTEDDFOD

RAW AND Premier Division

TICKET ORDER FORM Friday 31st July

Student's Name: _____ Year: _____

No. of Tickets: _____ Total Amount: _____