In such rich learning environments, students move their level of performance from information recall to being able to apply their knowledge and understanding to new and unfamiliar situations.

As part of our focus on High Expectations – High Support, teachers at Smith’s Hill High School have been engaging in professional dialogue meetings.

Coordinated by our Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, Caroline David, teachers have been meeting to discuss professional readings that are provided in advance and focus on various elements of quality teaching and learning practices.

Most recently, teachers have been examining the way in which quality questioning is used in classrooms and how it contributes to improving student learning outcomes, particularly the importance of planning questions to match instructional objectives and promote thinking. In addition to the benefits of planned strategic teacher questioning, we examined the value of promoting student questioning within the classroom and the key role it can have in their deep engagement with and leaning of new content.

At times, teacher-centred content focused lesson delivery is appropriate. It is time efficient and it is often preferred by students due to passive role that they play in the learning process. However, we are committed to supporting our students and staff in their reflection upon their teaching and learning practices, their engagement with sound educational practices and the promotion of a school culture focused on continually seeking improvement in levels of achievement.

David C Deitz
Principal
LEGAL STUDIES CANBERRA EXCURSION

Despite the early wake-up call (some of us were up at 4:30 am) the Legal Studies excursion to Canberra was an enjoyable and informative experience. After satisfying our teenage appetites at a roadside McDonald’s, we continued our three hour journey to the nation’s capital, where Mr Zabell astounded us all with his geographical and historical knowledge of the city.

We began our day in the High Court of Australia, where we witnessed a fast-paced case involving the use of pharmaceutical patents. The barrister’s argument was gripping from start to finish. Following this thrilling experience, we were led into the Magna Carta exhibition, which celebrated 800 years of the historic document which enshrined the rule of law into legislation. After a quick pit-stop at the Questacon café, we made our way towards the political hub of Australia: Parliament House.

Making our way past armed guards and metal detectors, we found ourselves inside the atrium of Parliament, where uniquely placed marble pillars symbolise a home among the gum trees. Led on a tour of the House of Representatives and the Senate, Mr Zabell once again astounded us with his knowledge of Australia’s founding fathers. An unexpected hailstorm during lunchtime (and Mrs Olsen’s insistence that it was snowing) made the freezing weather worthwhile.

Question Time was by far the highlight of the day. The intelligent debate between the Prime Minister, Opposition Leader, and other members of Parliament encompassed such important issues as fencing, maternity leave, and pie-warmer. Unfortunately, we had to leave early in order to get home in time for the 7 o’clock news. Our time in Canberra helped build upon our Legal Studies coursework, particularly on the separation of powers, and was a memorable experience for all. by Marnie and Liz
REGIONAL DRAMA DAY FESTIVAL

Last week, members of our Year 11 and Introduction to Drama classes went to Albion Park High School to participate in a superb day of theatre which served as auditions for the South Coast Public Schools Drama Festival. Students from over a dozen schools performed and the standard was fantastic.

Our Introduction to Drama students from Year 8 featuring Ryan Adams, Laura Charlton, Jarrah Clark, Georgia Deen, Griffin Doyle, Bryce Dreghom, Georgia Green, Gemma Hedayati, Jacob Lau, Ella Spaleta-Green and Amy Wells were the first to perform and entertained everyone with their clowning routine set in the world of synchronised swimming. The laughs throughout and applause at the end were testament to how delightful their piece was.

We had five Year 11 Drama groups perform featuring Emerson Burke, Ellie Chadjincolaou, Anthea Faferko, Corey Gibson, Hana Lavers, Jordan Lide, Rachel McCumstie, Kiyon Meharg, Anabelle Naumovski, Meara O’Brien, Soutara Potter, Kelly Robinson, Elisa Sanjurjo, Cushla Scanlan, Claudia Staraj, Jimmy Swan, Jaiden Thomas, Isabel West, Lauren Wolfe and Bronte Yarrow. Four of the groups produced outstanding pieces of playbuilding inspired and shaped by the conceptual underpinnings of Shakespeare’s Hamlet, the text they are currently using in the Elements of Production in Performance course topic. It was wonderful to see them re-interpret the Bard’s classic work for a contemporary audience and theatre. Our fifth group showcased their study of Italian playwright, Dario Fo, in their darkly comic piece on the fur trade industry, Dough a Deer. It was a particularly confronting piece that left the audience applauding and, most of all, thinking.

We certainly hope that one or two of our amazing groups will be chosen to represent the school at the upcoming South Coast Public Schools Drama Festival, but it is safe to say that a great learning experience was enjoyed by all the students that performed. We would especially like to thank Albion Park High School for hosting the event.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Shione Watabe of Year 12 is an Australian Champion for the second year in succession. She was part of the NSWCHS Tennis team that won the Australian title in Hobart under challenging playing conditions (extremely cold as it was snowing on Mount Wellington above Hobart). Congratulations and well done Shione.

GUYS AND DOLLS

Smith’s Hill High School musical production for 2015 is the Broadway classic ‘Guy and Dolls’.

The cast is made up of students from years 8 – 12 and this is supported by a live 12 piece band.

Rehearsals are going well and it is shaping up to be a great show.

Tickets will be on sale soon!
JUNIOR SCHOOL PLAY HAS A WHALE OF A TIME!

Way back in 2008, Tadpole Productions was born with our first ever Junior School Play, Earth Watch. It was a vibrant and exciting experience where younger students in Drama were given the opportunity to tread the boards. Very little has changed in the years since. And, like 2008, our Text to Performance course proved so popular that two classes were needed to accommodate the interest. Thus Earth Watch 2.0 was born.

So, why a sequel? The original Earth Watch took a look at environmental issues and pleaded with us all to do something to care for a sick planet and Mother Nature. But, although using some material from the initial play, Earth Watch 2.0 went a little further than that and put forward the idea that it’s the human race that’s sick and endangered. It’s not a new concept but one that occasionally needs restating. In the words from our finale song, if we don’t do something quickly then we won’t need to ‘worry ‘bout the planet ‘cause humanity is gonna get stuffed!'

Earth Watch 2.0 featured the largest cast ever assembled for a play in the ‘modern’ era at Smith’s Hill and starred: Ela Akyol, Rogan Baes, Emma Ballinger, Jamie Bebb, Kiara Bennett, Ella Brooks, Sam Croker, Leon Cummins, Brynn Daly, Jacklyn Fera, Noella Franklin, Ben Furner, Isabella Gould, Rachel Grant, Ethan Hedayati, Joe Hernandez Ucha, Jacqueline Holliday, Grace Howie, Henry Kocatekin, Lihini Liyanaarachchi, Jasmine Low, Erin Maltby, Leyla Meharg, Sophie Monteleone, Chloe Muir, Catherine Murphy, Alana Naumovski, Chloe Naumovski, Savannah O’Connell, Sehee Park, Rebecca Ryan-Brown, Lua Samimi-Duncan, Harry Sanzone, Heidi Schymitez, Natasha Sewell, Ronan Skyring, Eric Smith, Layla Sparenburg, Ellie Stephenson, Annalise Stewart, Eugenie Thomas, Michelle van den Berg and Angela Xia. We could not have been more proud of the enthusiasm and passion that they showed towards this endeavour, and their commitment was exemplary. All students were actively engaged in the creative process, as was evidenced by the hundreds of posts on our Moodle Junior School Play forum. We are particularly grateful to those who took leadership roles to organise areas such as costume, choreography and props. And talent…did we mention talent?

We were also indebted to our brilliant crew of Annaleise Betts, Holly Burton, Asha Colless, Robbie Marks, Rabia Matar, Megan Moss, Meara O’Brien, Kate Purdon and Emma Turner to whom no barrier or obstacle ever seems insurmountable. Once again, and after seven Junior School Plays, Tadpole Productions proves that the future of Drama at Smith’s Hill High School is in very safe hands.
AUDITIONS ARE COMING SOON!

At Smith’s Hill, we love ToM. Over the past few years, our ‘ToM Tigers’ have been to the National Finals in Melbourne, Darwin, Perth and Canberra and we’re keen to get to Sydney in 2015! Tournament of Minds is a combination of problem solving and Drama. There are four disciplines that Smith’s Hill can enter: Social Sciences, Language/ Literature, Maths/ Engineering and Applied Technology (teams use digital technology to produce a solution).

The challenge? In teams of seven students, with no more than four students from any one year and at least two from Year Seven, students have six weeks to create a ten-minute presentation, which creatively solves the problem given. The team has to demonstrate creativity, dramatic presentation, originality, teamwork and also fulfil all the presented criteria. No outside assistance is allowed, and everything, from the script to costumes and sets, has to be created within the time frame by the team members. At the conclusion of the six-week period, teams perform their piece to a panel of three judges at the Regional Competition. At this stage teams are also required to participate in a Spontaneous Challenge, during which they are presented with a problem and have five minutes to solve and present a solution, whilst being judged on originality and the ability to work as a team.

To audition, students are asked to create and perform/present a solution to a challenge, in small groups, in response to ONE of the problems below. Following this presentation they will take part in a group Spontaneous Challenge. After a very selective audition period, teams are formed based on year, dramatic ability, creativity, scriptwriting and experience. The teams then not only bond, but intensely practise problem-solving and prepare for the Regional Long term and Spontaneous Challenges.

THE AUDITION PROCESS

What: The Three Week Challenge & Spontaneous Challenge

When: Tuesday, June 9th (Week 8), periods 1-7. Students unable to audition on that day will need to organise to do so before June 9th with Mr Cutler. THERE WILL BE NO AUDITIONS AFTER THIS DATE.

Where: Two Week Challenges in the Lecture Theatre
       Spontaneous Challenges in H Block

Who: Teams of 3-6 members can be nominated (of your own choosing)

How Long: Two Week Challenges: 5 - 8 minutes
           Spontaneous Challenges: 5 minutes in total

(Please note: Students MUST be available on the following dates: Sunday, 23rd August, Sunday, 13th September, Thursday-Sunday, 15th – 18th October)

All students have been emailed the Audition Information Package & Team Nomination Form.
For more information see Mr Cutler, Tournament of Minds Facilitator
Senior State Cup Boys KO Competition

Congratulations to the Senior Boys Soccer team. They have progressed to Round 3 of the Senior State Cup Boys KO Competition for 2015.

Round 1 saw the boys convincingly defeat a spirited Wollongong High School team. Going behind early was not what Captain Kyle Booth had mentioned before the game, but Smith's Hill showed good composure and fighting spirit to stick with the game plan.

The team responded with tougher tackling and smarter play across the park, and thanks to midfielder Robbie Gaudiosi levelled proceedings with a 30 yard rocket. An unfortunate injury to Josh Cornford meant that Ilija Babic stepped into the forward line and he didn't disappoint, working well with Daniel Moreira, both players had the Wollongong defense on the back foot with Wilson Farrar assisting Daniel Moreira for an important goal before half time.

The second half saw much of the same with defenders Andrew Sloss and Henry Ongerth controlling Wollongong's goal threats. Moez Khan and Lachlan Cole built up play well from the back with midfielders Claude Cordero and Robbie Gaudiosi to slick with their passing.

The game finished 4 - 1 with Smith's Hill winning. The other goal scorers were Wilson Farrar and Ilija Babic.

After 6 weeks of rain which delayed Round 2, Smith's Hill hosted Warrawong High School. Both teams were up for a game of high quality with two very determined teams not allowing their opposition an inch.

Andrew Sloss was the stand out defender on the day, reading play and following the game plan set out by coach Elvis Necovski. Moez Kahn and Lachlan Cole were solid at right and left back with Henry Ongerth sweeping up the scraps in defense.

Robbie Gaudiosi and Claude Cordero found it tough going in the middle of the park where time and space were at a real premium. Physical play and slick dribbling of the ball were the order of the day but the boys couldn't break down the Warrawong defense.

The forward line of Daniel Moreira, Josh Cornford, Wilson Farrar, Jack Markham and Ilija Babic were up against a brick wall for the entire game with only a few half chances. A corner kick and quality header by Ilija Babic was as close as Smith's Hill came to scoring, with a great save denying the goal. In all fairness credit must go to Warrawong High School for the way they defended. With only 15 minutes left in the game Smith's Hill shifted their game plan to try and win the match, which included defender Henry Koncatekin stepping in to do a fine job. The score was 0 - 0 at full time and with extra time golden goal either team could have won it but spurned their chances.

The game went to a penalty shoot out with goal keeper and Captain Kyle Booth saving 2 spot kicks. Smith's Hill finally prevailed 4 - 3 in what was a well challenged and memorable game.
Junior Bill Turner Cup 2015

Congratulations to the Junior Boys Soccer team. They have progressed to Round 2 of the Bill Turner Cup Competition for 2015.

Round 1 saw the boys convincingly defeat Warrawong High School. With much anticipation, after 6 weeks of rain delay, Smith's Hill controlled the game from the kick off.

Warrawong travelled to Beaton Park to play our team and it must be said the game was played in good spirits through out the 70 minutes.

Smith's Hill started the game at a high tempo keeping the ball well and constantly working their passes. The high possession seemingly choking the Warrawong team with pressure early on. Sticking to the game plan was our biggest asset and it paid off immediately with Rutkay Alici scoring the first two goals within the 10 minute mark.

Captain Damien Grew and Luca Gaudiosi were commanding the midfieldbossing possession and direction of play, while the wing play of Kyah Jovanovski and the Cummins boys, Leon and Vincent, was sublime beating their wide marker and finding good passes into the 18 yard box.

This gave our team alot of confidence and the backline duo of Taro Reagan-Williams and Sean Overton held solid through out the first half. Luke Batistuzo-Hale and Riley Plat did well to build up play from the back and substitutes Riley Seadon and Connor Willson impressing when called upon. At half time Smith's Hill were 5 - 0 to the good with Rutkay scoring a first half hat-trick, Patrick Li and Luca Guadiosi adding the other goals.

The Smith's Hill coach Elvis Necovski was pleased with the half time score as well as the game play, with his half time talk consisting of much the same instruction as before the match.

The second half started with the same dominating play by Smith's Hill and a spirited Warrawong finding themselves on the back foot for much of the half. Credit to Warrawong who never gave up, and when they were in possession of the ball Smith's Hill were quick to apply pressure in numbers to win the ball back. Jeremy Cornford debutized in the middle of the park and showed some good touches threading the ball through Warrawong's defensive line on more than one occasion. A number of good runs with with plenty of tricks was registered by Warrawong's stand out player but our goal keeper Nathan Wallace was never really tested through out the game as Smith's Hill's players stopped most of their attacking moves.

Smith's Hill sealed the victory with a second half double by Rutkay Alici, and goals by Amin Azam and Kyah Jovanovski. A well deserved 9 - 0 victory for Smith's Hill High School in Round 1.

We would like to wish both teams the best of luck in the next round and we know they will do our school proud.

Coach Elvis Necovski
Manager Brendan O'Connor
P&C NEWS – MAY 2015

WORKING BEE - Just a reminder that the next Working Bee will be held this Saturday 30 May from 8:30 am – 12:00pm. Concrete pads have been put in place and are ready for new tables to be installed. The goal of the working bee will be to do edging, mulching, continue working along Gipps Street, gardens outside the Canteen and D Block. We will also be dyna bolting new outside tables and chairs to concrete pads. Please bring along any tools you have that will assist with heavy and light pruning, digging eg. whipper snippers, edgers, chainsaws. For the table installation we will need the following: hammer drill, masonry drill bits to suit the dyna bolts / loxins, extension leads to supply power (if drill is not cordless), spirit level, tape measure, needle nosed pliers, socket set & a hammer. If you have any of these please bring them along on the day.

At a minimum please ensure you bring a pair of garden gloves, a hat, sunscreen and please wear sun safe attire. We will need lots of assistance to get the tables in place so if you have some free time please come along and assist. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Maltby - michellem01@optusnet.com.au

ASG NATIONAL EXCELLENCE IN TEACHER AWARDS - Nominations are now open for the ASG National Excellence in Teacher Awards. Individual students and parents can nominate a teacher for an excellence award. You don’t need to consult with the P&C. If you have a teacher that you wish to honour then go online and complete the nomination before 31 July at http://www.asg.com.au/neita

P&C CONTRIBUTIONS - The P&C continues to support projects for the school and has just contributed $5000 for the purchase of the 7 new table sets and has also agreed to provide some funds to the following students as per the P&C Funding Policy (for students who represent the school at the National level)
* Ellen Zheng - contribution towards costs to attend the National Final of UN Voice Competition.
* Shion Watabe – reimbursement of some of the costs to compete in NSW All Schools Tennis Championship Pizzey Cup - National High Schools Championships, Hobart.

We have also agreed to fund the purchase of a commercial mixmaster for the canteen at a cost of up to $1100.

SCHOOL PLAN - The new School Plan is now on the school website. Please take some time to have a look at it. http://www.smithshill-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/school-plan

Any feedback can be directed to Warwick Shanks.

NEXT MEETING - The next SHHS P&C meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 15 June in the staff room. Please come along and have your say.
STUDY SKILLS TIP
7 Steps to Make the Most of Class Time

So what are the advantages of using class time efficiently? Well, you will complete more work in class and have less to do at home, your teacher will be pleased with your application and so will your parents when they read your report, and of course, you will learn more! And if you don’t use class time efficiently? Well you will have to do more work at home, you will find you don’t always understand the work, your teachers will have to be continually disciplining you and you may even make it harder for other people in your class to learn. So what does working effectively in class mean?

1. Sit next to someone who will help you stay on task.
2. Ask questions whenever you are unsure, unclear or do not understand something.
3. Be polite and respectful of your teacher and your classmates.
4. Come to the lesson with all the books, technology and equipment you will need.
5. Contribute your thoughts and ideas at the appropriate times.
6. If you find yourself daydreaming ask yourself questions about what is going on.
7. Try at all times to stay on task and be focused on the work you are doing.

Learn more this year about how to work effectively at home and at school by working through the units on [www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au).

Our school’s access details are:
Username: forsmithhillsonly
Password: 46results
Canteen Roster for the Next Fortnight

WEEK 6
4th Monday - 25/5/15 - K. Williamson, L. Hamilton
4th Tuesday - 26/5/15 - L. Babister, M. Rodwell, J. Farrar
4th Wednesday - 27/5/15 - Q. Ning, Need 2 others
4th Thursday - 28/5/15 - J. Anastas, K. Lampe, R. De Mayo
5th Friday - 29/5/15, J. Kaul, L. Wallace, E. Hobson

WEEK 7
1st Monday - 1/6/15 - J. Littler, C. Bell
1st Tuesday - 2/6/15 - L. Barone, C. Read
1st Wednesday - 3/6/15 - Q. Ning, T. Abey, L. Babic, V. Betts
1st Thursday - 4/6/15 - J. Chapple, C. Romelingh, S. Eager
1st Friday - 5/6/15 - V. Kolega, S. Thomas, V. Douglas (1 hour), 1 other required

WEEK 8
2nd Monday - 8/6/15 - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
2nd Tuesday - 9/6/15 - K. Grant, L. Bertolla

Ordering School Blazers

The uniform shop is currently taking orders for school blazers.

Blazers cost $110

If you are interested, your child will need to come to the uniform shop for sizing and place an order.

Full payment needs to be made upon ordering.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours
Tues 8am - 11.30am
Wed 10.30am - 1.30pm

*A minimum of 10 Blazers must be purchased before the Blazers can be ordered
IMPORTANT Lenovo Laptops Safety Recall Notice 2015

Lenovo is expanding the voluntary battery recall announced March 27, 2014. These batteries were manufactured for use with ThinkPad notebook computers that shipped between February, 2010 and June, 2012. In the interest of public safety, Lenovo will offer customers free-of-charge replacement batteries for all Year 12 DER Silver Laptops and the Year 11 DER Red Laptops.

What to do

• Only part numbers manufactured within a specific date range are affected by this recall.

• Lenovo advises customers to determine if they are using one of the recalled batteries by visiting www.lenovo.com/batteryprogram2014.

• A list of FAQs about the recall can be found at this website along with information on arranging the delivery of a replacement battery.

• Consumers with faulty laptop batteries who need to use their computer until a replacement battery arrives are advised as follows:
  o Turn off the laptop
  o Immediately remove the battery
  o Use the AC adapter and power cord to supply electricity to the laptop.

Disposal of battery
Information on disposal of the faulty battery can be found at recyclingnearyou.com.au (Australia). Local council waste disposal facilities or transfer stations can also provide guidance on proper disposal of the faulty battery.

Description of the Defect
The affected batteries have deficient materials in the separator components of the battery cells.

Hazard
If the battery pack overheats, there is a risk of fire and a burn hazard to consumers.

Further Contact Details
Lenovo (Australia & New Zealand) Pty Ltd
  ABN: 70 112 394 411
  Address: Level 4, 12 Help Street, Chatswood NSW 2067 Australia
  Phone: Australia – 1800 041 267 (Toll Free)
  Internet: www.lenovo.com/batteryprogram2014

Lenovo values you as a customer and regrets any inconvenience this recall may cause.
Sincerely, Lenovo (Australia & New Zealand) Pty Ltd
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Maths and Stats by Email contains:
- the latest news from the world of maths
- hands-on maths activities to try yourself
- curious and interesting maths websites
- puzzles to tease your brain
- news about the latest maths events
- occasional competitions.

Explore maths through experiments and activities you can try at home or at school. The activities:
- use easy-to-find, everyday materials
- explore maths in a hands-on way
- are explained using everyday language
- are tested, so you can be sure they work.

Follow the link to this fortnight’s newsletter- [Companies don’t last forever](#)

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STUDENTS, accrue volunteer hours for the Leadership Program and the Premier’s Volunteering by helping out! Any questions please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Maltby (michellem01@optusnet.com.au)