Coming events

**Week 8** Beginning 8th June
- Tuesday Rugby League U16 Croome Rd
- Tuesday Rugby League U14 Figtree Rd
- Thursday HSC History Study Day Sydney Uni
- Friday UOW HSC Study Day Languages
  - Plain English State Semi Final

**Week 9** Beginning 15th June
- Monday Chess - Bulli High School
- Tuesday HSC Geography Day UOW
- Thursday School Musical Performance 7pm
- Friday School Musical Performance 7pm
  - Readers Club Excursion

**Week 10** Beginning 22nd June
- Monday School Council Meeting
- Tuesday Naidoc Activities all Yr 7
- Friday Soccer Day from P3 onwards
  - Last day of Term 2

**Week 1 Term 3** Beginning 13th July
- Monday Staff return for Term 3 SDD
- Tuesday Students return for Term 3
  - Naidoc Assembly

**STUDENTS BANNED FROM RAISING THEIR HANDS?**
There has been a recent media focus around an initiative in some Victorian schools where students are banned from raising their hands in class to answer questions. Despite the media hype surrounding this news item, the initiative was actually developed by a leader in educational research (Professor Dylan William) and is part of a progressive global experiment in changing the way classes operate in schools.

The theory is that in traditional classrooms, the same group of confident students are raising their hands to answer teachers’ questions and are getting an educational advantage with each response, widening the gaps between the high and lower performing students. In addition, having the able and confident students dominating the answering of questions in class can mislead teachers into believing that the whole classroom – as opposed to those more vocal - are learning.

The headlines associated with this research project are certainly aimed at drawing an emotional response from the public to the notion of an age old tradition in schools being banned. Yet the rational objective behind the experiment is one firmly grounded and focused upon increasing student engagement. It is about increasing the engagement of all students in the class so that they can all participate and learn, and that the teacher can quickly determine who gets it and who does not.

As part of this recent media focus, child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Greg commented that in classrooms, generally, one third of students are answering all of the questions, one third are hoping not to be asked and one third have no interest at all. This generalisation may not translate to every classroom in every school, however, we do recognise each of these groups of students at different times in our classrooms.

So is our school heading towards a ban on raising hands in class? In short, no - although much of the research behind the hype resonates with our school plan around the areas of quality teaching and improving student engagement. As outlined in a previous newsletter article, classroom environments in which quality questioning is not left to chance promotes student engagement and takes learning from a process of ‘knowing’ to a deeper level of ‘understanding’. These are the types of classrooms we want for all of our students, regardless of the method by which teachers use for students to answer questions.

David C Deitz
Principal
P&C WORKING BEE
On Saturday 30th May we had a very successful working bee. With the installation of 7 new tables. With funding of $5000 from the P&C towards the purchase. We had a great turn out of parents, teachers and students. With lots of weeding, mulching and pruning being done as well. We are going to have 2 working bees next term. The dates are 18th July and 22nd August. We really appreciate any helpers coming along even if you can only spare an hour.
Thank you
Michelle Maltby
Environment Committee Coordinator

ZONE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL FRIDAY 19TH JUNE AT BEATON PARK
There are a number of Zone events which are not run at the School Carnival which will need nominations from students to compete at these events. Please check the program carefully that was emailed to you.

Any Hurdlers will need to submit verified times as these times will determine if you are picked to go to the Regional Carnival. There will be no Hurdles run at the Zone carnival.

As the Zone Carnival is now run on one day we are only able to enter 2 athletes per event (and 4 for relays) A permission note will be handed out at a meeting of the team next week. Please come and see Mr Watchirs if you have any issues or would like to nominate for any other events.

WHEN MARNIE WAS THERE
Smith’s Hill High School have secured a private screening of the latest Ghibli Studio movie as an end of term treat for students. It is the only time it will be shown in the Illawarra.

All members of the school community including family and friends of students are welcome to attend the screening.

Date: Friday June 26
Place: Events Cinema Wollongong
Time: 6pm
Tickets: prepaid at school $10 (pay at the front office), on the night $15. The receipt will be their ticket into the cinema.
Tickets are on sale now at the School Office. Hope to see you there!
VOICE OF YOUTH
STATE FINAL...
A few weeks ago Grace Mahon of Year 8 represented SHHS at the State Semi-
Final of the Junior Voice of Youth competition. She presented her prepared
speech again, and was then required to present a 3 minute impromptu speech
on the unseen topic, ‘A simple rule’.

Grace focused her speech around the simple rule of kindness, and impressed
the judges so much that she was announced as 1 of 6 finalists to compete in
the STATE FINAL on the 20th June. Reaching a State Final and being ranked in
the top 6 speakers in the State is an amazing achievement…Good luck Grace!

YEAR 11 CROSSROADS - Monday 14th September – Wednesday 16th September, 2015
The mandatory Crossroads Course will be presented to all Year 11 students of Smith’s Hill High School over
three days of seminars at a camp at The Tops Conference Centre, Bulli Tops. These seminars will address
themes of: personal responsibility and responding to others.

The aim of the program is to allow students to discuss relevant issues and develop skills, action plans and
strategies to manage situations that may confront them in future years.

Some of the content covered includes;
Personal Identity; Mental Health and Wellbeing; Relationships; Sexuality & Sexual Health; Drugs and Alcohol
and Safe Travel.

The seminars are presented by guest speakers and Smith’s Hill High School staff including Year Advisers and
are conducted over 3 days at camp in term 3, Monday 14th September – Wednesday 16th September, 2015.
As well as the Crossroads program this camp is designed to;
• prepare Year 11 students for the beginning of the HSC course in the areas of organisation and study planning,
• include some recreational activities, and provide
• an opportunity for year group bonding and mutual support for the benefit of mental health and wellbeing.

Students are monitored on their individual participation and initiative during the seminars. Student achievement
throughout the course is collated and documented. As Crossroads is a mandatory course, all Year 11 students
are expected to attend all of the seminars at camp. A doctor’s certificate is required for any absence due to
illness or injury and alternate arrangements will be made for these students.

While the permission notes and cost of the camp are yet to be finalized, however, it is anticipated that the cost
will be between $220 - $250 each. Students will be able to pay at the school or using online facility.

Applications for ‘Student Assistance’ due to financial hardship should be made directly to the Principal.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the course, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Michelle Royle of
the PD/H/PE faculty (Teacher in charge of girls) or Ms. Sharon Mearing (Head Teacher Welfare).
BOYS STATE HOCKEY KNOCKOUT.
Smith’s Hill High School entered a team in this competition this year. Our first round game was to be against Woonona High School. For many reasons, most likely they had heard about our great team, they were unable to field a team against us and ended up forfeiting to us after a couple of attempts to organise a game.

This meant that we came up against a very strong team from Moss Vale in the next round. The game was played at the Croom Rd complex in Albion Park. Our team consisted of very experienced players who compete in the local weekend Men’s competition through to a few who have never played before. They put up a very good showing and, although Moss Vale were clearly superior, we made the opposition work for their goals. We also put together some great passing moves and showed that we could play good quality hockey.

All of our players deserve mention but special note should be made of Thomas Condon and Zac Havadjia, both of Year 11. Thomas was our Captain and an excellent leader in all aspects from pre-game warm up and planning through to on field leadership as a player and a sportsman. The opposition coach particularly mentioned after the game how impressed he was with the spirit in which the game was played and this reflects well on Thomas, our whole team and the school in general.

Zac was our goal keeper in his first ever game of hockey. The first half proved difficult as he learned how to move in all of the protective gear but in the second half he pulled off a string of impressive saves. One worth mentioning was when he was one on one in the circle with an opposition player. He charged the player at full speed, yelling his head off and made a great save, clearing the ball all in one action. A player of the future!

Congratulations to all players for their efforts. We can look forward to next year now with only Angus Brooks of Year 12 leaving our team. Special thanks also to the parents who helped by driving our team to Albion Park. Finally, Neive Campbell of Year 7 was our umpire for the game and she did a terrific job, also prompting words of thanks and congratulations from the opposition coach. We thank her for her time and efforts.

Warren Black - Boys Hockey Organiser

MUNA - MOCK UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY
Earlier this term, Thomas Condon (Year 11), Charlie Gonzalez (Year 11) and Ellie Stephenson (Year 10) represented our school in the Mock United Nations Assembly at the Nan Tien Temple.

Whilst they didn't move onto the next round, they represented our school with diplomatic acuity as Germany.

Thomas received a highly commended for his efforts, and all three of the representatives looked resplendent in chosen diplomatic attire: leather jackets!
SCHOOL SOCCER UPDATE JUNE 2015

Senior State Cup Boys KO Competition
The Senior Boys Soccer team was unfortunately defeated by a quality Figtree High School team. Congratulations on progressing as far as you have in 2015.

Round 3 saw the boys from Smith’s Hill travel to Harry Graham Park in Figtree for another action packed game filled with quality ball play from both teams. The home team advantage is something that was spoken about before the game but with so many players either knowing an opposition player or playing against them on weekends it would be fair to say both teams knew each other’s strengths and weaknesses before the match.

A strong game plan was based around the counter attack by Coach Elvis Necovski, as he looked to catch the Figtree defence by surprise, but it was the home team that saw plenty of the early action with the ball. Figtree found it tough in the middle of the park where Claude Cordero and Robbie Gaudiosi were instrumental in breaking down the Figtree play makers, so the early action saw plenty of play around the edges. Captain Kyle Booth was instrumental with his great leadership skills on display barking instructions to his back line and midfield as the play shifted from left to right on the regular.

Andrew Sloss showed what he was all about winning all the aerial duels with Henry Ongerth sweeping up all the play before him. Some tough tackling by Moez Khan and Lachlan Cole soon pushed Figtree’s play further up the pitch as Figtree were forced to play in their own half hoping to suck the life out of the Smith’s Hill team. A penalty before half time saw Figtree take the lead with Smith’s Hill chasing the game 2 – 0 at half time.

Chasing the game meant a change in game plan which saw Matthew Wright and Daniel Moreira sit higher up the pitch. Now positioned closer to them were the hard working Wilson Farrar and Ilija Babic pressing the play well with immediate chances appearing for the Smith’s Hill team. The next 20 minutes saw Smith’s Hill pressure the Figtree team but were unable to convert their goal scoring chances. Substitutes Josh Cornford, Jack Markham, Liam Webb and Henry Kocatekin deserve gratitude for changing the pattern of play but ultimately with 5 minutes to go Figtree fed off some scrappy play and closed the match with another goal finishing victorious 3 – 0 on the day.

To the entire team for 2015, thank you for your effort and commitment. To the Year 12 boy’s, we wish you the best of luck in your exams and thank you for the memories. We look forward to next year’s competition.

Junior Bill Turner Cup 2015
Congratulations to the Junior Boys Soccer team. They have progressed to Round 3 of the Bill Turner Cup Competition for 2015. Round 2 saw the boy’s defeat a well organised Figtree High School team.

The game had a false start with Smith’s Hill showing up to Figtree High School early in the morning only to be turned away as their field was too muddy to play with the match moving to Harry Graham Park in Figtree.

The travelling team faced some early setbacks with Kyah Jovanovski and Patrick Li unable to play due to injuries, but Coach Elvis Necovski was still confident the 14 player squad could come up with the goods.

The first 10 minutes of the game saw Smith’s Hill test the Figtree goal keeper who brilliantly denied Amin Azam a goal scoring opportunity in the first 2 minutes of the half. The midfield duo of Captain Damien Grew and Luca Gaudiosi were in full control shifting the ball forward with confidence as requested by the coach. Leon Cummins and Riley Seadon were also in on the early action threatening the Figtree boys when possession shifted to the wings.
Junior Bill Turner Cup 2015 continued
Smith’s Hill’s early tempo proved hard to stop and the back line of Taro Regan Williams, Sean Overton, Luke Batistuzu-Hale and Riley Plat didn’t have much to do. Figtree soon started to find their swagger and the game started to open up to a contest of quality football. Rutkay Alici was working hard off the ball running channels and stretching the Figtree defensive line. Notably Figtree had a few good first half opportunities of their own as goal keeper Nathan Wallace was called into the game making some good saves to round off the first half 0 – 0.

The Smith’s Hill coach was pleased with the first half and the talk at half time consisted of tactical play and how to take advantage when certain situations presented themselves. The talk must have worked as Smith’s Hill took the early second half lead. The goal was built up well from the back line, along the wing with Leon Cummins providing a great ball across the park, which saw Amin Azam show good pace to leap on the opportunity and calmly slide the ball past the goal keeper. Figtree now chasing the game never gave up, and when they were in possession of the ball Smith’s Hill were quick to apply pressure which helped break down their attacking phases.

Fresh legs from Vincent Cummins, Connor Willson and Jeremy Cornford were much needed in the second half with Figtree pressing the play in the final 20 minutes. With one player sent off and still chasing more goals, Leon Cummins hit a 25 yard screamer against the goal post as Smith’s Hill was now playing on the counter attack. Figtree continued to push more players forward as the game wore on but credit must be given to the team and goal keeper Nathan Wallace as he held his goals strong. Figtree threw everything at Smith’s Hill in the remaining minutes but it was not enough as Smith’s Hill held on for a deserved victory 1 – 0 in Round 2. We would like to wish the Junior boys the best of luck in the next round and we know they will do our school proud.

Coach Elvis Necovski
Manager Brendan O’Connor

NIAECG MEETING DATES FOR 2015.

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These meetings are for all members, both full and associate members.

Please note that this year’s Annual General Meeting will be held in Term 4, Wk3 on Tuesday 20th October. All meetings are scheduled for 3.45pm for a 4pm start.
STUDY SKILLS
Top Tips for Moving Information into Long Term Memory

The following are some tips which may help you to move information from short to long term memory.

1. BE ENGAGED: If you are interested in what you are learning you are more likely to remember it. Ask questions, pre-read information, make summaries and follow up on things you don’t understand.

2. USE REPETITION: Repetition is key to transferring information from short term to long term memory. The more often you practice a technique, or revise your information the better it will transfer to long term memory.

3. RECORD INFO: Don’t just write down everything your teacher says, or copy straight from a textbook or the Internet. Think about what is being communicated and create notes that are accurate, meaningful to you and build connections. Mind maps are a helpful tool for this.

4. ORGANISE INFO: When you are studying for a topic, make sure you organise the information into small, distinct chunks.

5. VISUALISE INFO: Build a mental picture of what you are trying to remember, like the parts of a plant or a battle in history.

6. BUILD ASSOCIATIONS: This might mean developing some kind of sensory cue which enables you to remember information such as smell or sound. Try turning your notes into a song or poem.

7. SHAKE THINGS UP: Write in a crazy font, use lots of colours, use your left hand to write instead of your right…anything that makes your brain have to engage more actively with what it is you are trying to learn.

8. FUEL YOUR BRAIN: If you want your brain to work well for you, you also need to work well for your brain. Eating foods rich in Omega 3 and essential fatty acids (such as fish, nuts, legumes and leafy green vegetables) will help your brain to function optimally. Drink lots of water so that your brain doesn’t dehydrate. Keep away from too much caffeine which may impair brain function.

9. REST YOUR BRAIN: Getting fresh air and exercise helps your brain to process information, as does sleep. Most students need 8-10 hours of sleep a night. The last stage of memory consolidation takes place while you are sleeping so ensure you get enough sleep each night.

Learn more this year about how to studying effectively by working through the units on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au, particularly Active Studying and Your Brain and Memory.

Our school’s access details are:

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Smith’s Hill High School

PROMOTING EXCELLENCE IN A SPIRIT OF TRUST AND COOPERATION

Saturday 18th July and Saturday 22nd August
8.30 am until 12.00 pm

Morning tea is provided:

WORKING BEE

A working bee will be held Saturday 18th July and Saturday 22nd August from 8.30 am until 12.00 pm. The goal of the working bee will be to do edging, mulching and caning along the Canteen and D Block. Please bring along any tools you have that will assist with heavy and light pruning, digging. If you have a whipper snipper please bring it along.

At a minimum ensure you bring a pair of garden gloves, a hat, sunscreen and please wear sun safe attire.

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 Malby (michellem01@optusnet.com.au)

3x 16GB WIFI

iPod Mini

NSW TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2015

TO WIN

3x 16GB WIFI

On the form at www.nswteacheroftheyear.com.au and answer in 100 words or less why you believe your teacher should win the title of NSW Teacher of the Year.

We are searching for NSW’s best high school teachers to be part of an exciting new project that will change the face of teaching resources.

To nominate your teacher fill out the entry form at www.nswteacheroftheyear.com.au and answer in 100 words or less why you believe your teacher should win the title of NSW Teacher of the Year.

Every Nominee Receives a Certificate
CANTEEN ROSTER FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT

WEEK 8
2nd Tuesday - 9/6/15 - K Grant
2nd Wednesday- 10/6/15 - E Kurbel, K Vizgoft
2nd Thursday - 11/6/15 - C Hewitt, J Overton, Julie Wilson - 2 extra permanent helpers are needed
2nd Friday - 12/6/15 - J. Lil, S Hepper

WEEK 9
3rd Monday - 15/6/15 - C Heijo, J Hunt
3rd Tuesday - 16/6/15 - H Naulty, P Hutton
3rd Wednesday - 17/6/15 - M Marks, K Vizgoft, K Prohm
3rd Thursday - 18/6/15 - N Clough. Jane Wilson, D Alsalihl, Julie Wilson
3rd Friday - 19/6/15 - L Tutt, R Davis, G Sanzone

WEEK 10 - Carmel is on annual leave this week, if anyone can offer Joan assistance it would be greatly appreciated
4th Monday - 22/6/15 - K Williamson, L Hamilton
4th Tuesday - 23/6/15 - L Babister, M Rodwell, J Farrar
4th Wednesday - 24/6/15 - C Purvis, Q Ning, C Read - 2 extra permanent helpers are needed
4th Thursday - 25/6/15 - J Anastas, Kate Lampe, R Demayo
4th Friday - 26/6/15 - J Kaul, C Allen, A Moran

Week 1 - Term 3
2nd Tuesday - 14/7/15 - K Grant, L Bertolla, J Overton
3rd Wednesday - 15/7/15 - M Marks, K Vizgoft, K Prohm
3rd Thursday - 16/7/15 - N Clough, Jane Wilson, D Alsalihl, Julie Wilson
3rd Friday - 17/7/15 - L Tutt, R Davis, G Sanzone

WEP Student Exchange – Learn and Discover the World!
WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Departments in NSW, QLD and VIC. Applications for short and long-term programs commencing from November 2015 onward are open now. Students can choose from over 25 countries to live with a volunteer WEP host family and attend an overseas high school for a summer, semester or year. To request program information for your family, visit www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733
Football Development South Coast

Football skills development program for boys and girls aimed at improving:

- Ball mastery
- 1v1
- striking the ball
- running with the ball
- dribbling

Under 7's program also available

School holiday clinic

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th of June

Email - nswscah@coerver.com
Ph: 04340766036
Like us on face book @ Coerver South Coast
www.coerver/wp/nswscah.com.au
WOLLONGONG TERM 3, 2015

Rollercoaster

An 8 week program developed to assist children who are experiencing parental separation, divorce, or parents who have re-partnered.

Rollercoaster helps children to understand change & loss; develop strategies for anger management & problem solving and understanding a whole range of emotions.

Rollercoaster Ages 8 - 12

8 Tuesday afternoons 4pm - 5pm
21, 28 July, 4, 11, 18, 25 August, 1 & 8 September

CatholicCare
25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

MY KIDS & ME

A workshop for parents who have had children removed from their care. Assists participants to identify parenting skills, strengths & resources & develop strategies to build a positive relationship with their children.

MY KIDS & ME

7 Thursday mornings 10am - 12:30pm
6, 13, 27 August, 3, 10 & 17 September 2015

CatholicCare
25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND

A post-separation parenting workshop. Learn how to deal more effectively with the emotional and practical issues of parenting after separation. Explore loss and grief in a safe environment, express your feelings and develop strategies to assist children who are experiencing separation.

KEEPING KIDS IN MIND

5 Tuesday mornings 10am - 12:30pm
20, 27 August, 3, 10 & 17 September 2015

CatholicCare
25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong

Workshop Fee: $20 per session

123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING

This time tested workshop provides easy to follow steps for disciplining children aged 2-12 years without yelling, arguing or hitting.

123 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING

3 Tuesday mornings 10am - 12:30pm
18, 25 August & 1 September 2015

Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre
Cnr Rothery Rd & Cawley St, Bellambi

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

BRINGING UP GREAT TEENS

A workshop for parents of teenagers. This program covers connecting with teens, managing conflict, big issues and psychological challenges.

BRINGING UP GREAT TEENS

4 Monday mornings 10am - 12:30pm
20, 27 July, 3 & 10 August 2015

CatholicCare
25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

Parents will learn "mindfulness" techniques to help them improve their own stress levels and increase awareness of their thoughts & feelings.

BRINGING UP GREAT KIDS

4 Monday mornings 10am - 12:30pm
24, 31 August, 7 & 14 September 2015

CatholicCare
25-27 Auburn St, Wollongong

Workshop Fee: $15 per session

WORKSHOP BOOKINGS

Campbelltown 4628 0044
Wollongong 4227 1122
Nowra 4421 8248