Coming events

**Week 10** Beginning 22nd June

**Tuesday**  
Naidoc Activities all Yr 7, PASS

**Wednesday**  
Zone Athletics Carnival revised date at Bulli High School

**Thursday**  
WotOpera - IPAC  
Yr 11 Legal Yr 10 Commerce to Supreme Court / Downing Centre  
Southern Stars Rehearsals at Dapto High School

**Friday**  
Soccer Day Period 3 onwards  
Reports will be issued end of soccer day  
Last Day Term 2

**Week 1 Term 3** Beginning 13th July

**Monday**  
Staff Development Day

**Tuesday**  
Students return for Term 3  
Naidoc Assembly

**Week 2** Beginning 20th July

**Monday**  
Takarazuko HS visit - all week

**Tuesday**  
South Coast Drama Festival

**The value of creativity**

Creativity is an essential skill for not only our students but also for our society. It is the creative mind that is behind the breadth of innovation evident in our modern world and that which we so often take for granted. It is the creative mind that will play an ever increasing role in a world that is rapidly changing and the key to solving challenges that have never been encountered before. The students who will be completing Year 12 this year will be retiring (if they ever do) in 2070. At the moment we have difficulty imagining what the world is going to look like in five years’ time, let alone in 55. Yet preparing students for and making sense of the world they are going to live in is one of the most important roles of education.

In previous generations, students who worked hard and went to university were able to obtain a secure job for the rest of their life. Degrees now are not the employment guarantee that they used to be, so being creative is an essential skill that we need to nurture and develop in all of our students. It is a skill that has the potential to take them from being job seekers in an employment market place to being the job creators of the future.

There are many misconceptions about creativity; that you have to be born with it, that it is only associated with the arts, that it is an emotional state in which being a little crazy is an advantage. It needs to be recognised that everyone has tremendous creative capabilities and it is not just the arts in which it can be expressed. Creativity and critical thinking are not opposed. We can be creative in mathematics, science, music, drama, engineering and even running a family. Being creative is “having original ideas that have value” (Sir Ken Robinson). It is about actively thinking about new ways of doing things within the activities that we are involved, interested or enjoy. It is “the art of imagining what is possible beyond that which is known now” (Julia Gillard).

At Smith’s Hill High School we have an incredible range of students with so many talents in a wide variety of areas. Whether it be strengths in the fields of academia, sport, technology, music and the performing arts, we encourage and support our students to work collaboratively, to take on challenges and move beyond that which they may consider their limits. During Years 7 and 8, students experience a broad range of subjects, many of which may be outside of their interest or comfort zone. Yet it is often though experiencing these mandatory courses that we see the valuable development of student creativity and innovation that equips them with the skills for success in their senior years of High School and to become positive, contributing members of society.

David C Deitz  
Principal
TheatreSports State Semifinals!

A big congratulations to the Senior and Intermediate TheatreSports teams who performed in the state semifinals on the first and second of June! It was tough competition in both divisions, with only two teams from each going through to the state final at the Enmore Theatre.

We had lots of laughs on both nights and it was a real privilege to see how much every player had progressed in their training and improvisation skills. Well done to Zac Havadjia, Jade Rosiak, Elisa Sanjurjo and Claudia Staraj, as well as Alice Gill, Isabella Gould, Grace Howie, Leyla Meharg and Eric Smith! Also, a very special thank you to the parents for their support!

Students reach South Coast Drama Festival!

After a wonderfully entertaining and educational Drama Day Festival at Albion Park High School, we received the excellent news that two of our Year 11 groups have been selected to perform at the South Coast Drama Festival. The first group that made it through was ‘The Rest is Silence’, an original appropriation of Hamlet that looks at the tempestuous relationship of Ophelia and Hamlet. It features Emerson Burke, Rachel McCumstie, Kiyan Meharg, Soutara Potter and Jaiden Thomas. The judges praised it for its strong characteristions, great vocal variety and use of the stage space. Our second piece chosen was ‘Dough a Deer’, a performance in the style of black comedy which confronted us all with its comically brutal depiction of the fur trade. It features Rachel McCumstie, Meara O’Brien, Elisa Sanjurjo and Lauren Wolfe. The judges commended their use of focus and group work and, in particular, the ‘excellent unexpected ending’.

Please come and support our magnificent students at The South Coast Public Schools Drama Festival at the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre on the evening of Tuesday 21 July 2015. 6:30pm – 9:00 pm.

Tickets for the festival performances are available through the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre Box Office
(Ph 4224 5999) or through their website, www.ipac.org.au
Adults - $26.00, Students/Concession and Children - $16.00.
School Soccer Update June 2015 - Junior Bill Turner Cup

The Junior Boys Soccer team was unfortunately defeated by a quality Holy Spirit College team. Congratulations on progressing as far as you have in 2015.

Round 3 saw the boys from Smith’s Hill travel to Holy Spirit College in Bellambi for another game that challenged both teams. The travelling team knew they would face some stiff competition in the match as Holy Spirit fielded a number of regional representative players, but that did not dishearten their Coach Elvis Necovski who was still full of confidence in his team.

The first 10 minutes of the game saw possession of the ball swing both ways as Holy Spirit and Smith’s Hill tested each other with most of the play in the middle of the pitch. Our midfield duo of Captain Damien Grew and Luca Gaudiosi were getting stuck in and playing the ball well resisting the physical plays of Holy Spirit with skill and finesse on the ball.

Leon Cummins and Riley Seadon were also showing good signs early making some tough tackles and threading some decent passes up to the forward line of Rutkay Alici and Amin Azam. Amin showed early that he was up for the physical challenge never backing out of an aerial dual and eager to get his body in front of the ball and take on the boys from Holy Spirit. The early tempo proved hard to maintain and a scrappy goal from Holy Spirit gave them the lead after 14 minutes.

Taro Reagan-Williams, Sean Overton, Luke Batistuzo-Hale and Connor Willson had a lot to do all of a sudden as Holy Spirit seemed to kick into another gear. Luca Guadiosi was getting stuck into the opposition midfield holding his own until a ruthless tackle ended his day with his ankle taking a blow that sidelined him for the rest of the match. Notably, Smith’s Hill had a few good first half opportunities but could not convert any of them for a goal which could have changed the momentum of the game. Instead it was Smith’s Hill trailing 4 – 0 at half time.

The Smith’s Hill Coach Elvis Necovski was not entirely pleased with the first half and asked his team to dig in and give even more effort. A change of tactics and personnel was expected and Smith’s Hill responded in a positive way taking the game to Holy Spirit. Player of the day Luke Batistuzo-Hale pushed into the midfield and provided some much needed muscle to the team’s play, with the wing play of Kyah Jovanovski and Vincent Cummins proving hard to handle as Smith’s Hill were now pressing the play and creating some good opportunities out wide.

Fresh legs from Patrick Li and Jeremy Cornford helped in the second half and with 15 minutes to go Smith’s Hill threw everything at Holy Spirit, but ultimately could not get a goal past their keeper. Riley Plat came on for the remaining minutes to help our back line who had a great second half, but Holy Spirit held strong throughout the game and finished the match with a win 6 – 0.

To the entire team for 2015, thank you for your effort and commitment. To the older boy’s, we look forward to your contribution in the senior team and thank you for the memories. We look forward to next year’s competition. Thanks to Coach, Elvis Necovski and Manager, Brendan O’Connor.
Council of European Nuclear Research (CERN)

It is not every day that a world-renowned professors in the field of radiation physics come to your school in attempts at recruiting you for their highly prestigious, highly rich and highly difficult to get into research team. It is furthermore even a rarer occurrence that this professor is accompanied by a European professor from CERN (European Organisation for Nuclear Research) in Geneva, and talking to you about the world’s largest particle accelerator, the Large Hadron Collider.

But yet, that is exactly what happened to a group of senior physics students at Smith’s Hill High School on the 5th of June, when our grounds were graced with the visit of Senior Professor Anatoly Rosenfeld of the University of Wollongong, and Dr. Marco Silari of the European Organisation for Nuclear Research. The length of their combined two presentations lasted for approximately an hour and a half, and shed new light for all those there, the potentials of studying physics, and the potential salaries able to be wrought by studying that field.

The presentations began with Prof. Rosenfeld. This was an insightful presentation about the Centre for Medical Radiation Physics (CMRP) at UOW. Prof. Rosenfeld spoke of the many benefits of being a part of the CMRP. The grants, scholarships and the annual outing into an exotic, foreign setting for an international conference on medical radiation. Along with all these perks though, we students of physics also learned about the practical implications of such a research team and its contributions towards defeating cancer as well as delving into space research and radiation protection. As aforementioned, however, this centre is an extremely prestigious and highly selective course which requires, as we were informed, a 99.9 on mathematics, and a 99.9 in physics, but only an ATAR of 82 is required to get in (uncertain as to whether these figures are correct or a slight exaggeration, though).

The latter half of the presentation was a talk conducted by Dr. Silari. He began with a brief introduction of the European Organisation for Nuclear Research. He spoke briefly of the history of CERN and its role in humanity’s current understanding of the nature of infinitesimally small objects, as well as understanding the conditions of our universe, post-Big Bang. Dr. Silari then proceeded with his discussion of the world’s largest particle accelerator. At a length of about 27 kilometres, the Large Hadron Collider is the newest addition to CERN’S accelerator complex. The LHC is designed to fire two high energy particle beams in opposite directions in two tubes kept at ultra-high vacuum, and the two particle beams are directed towards each other by a strong magnetic field maintained by superconducting magnets built from coils of electric cable which operate at a superconductor state. The LHC, unlike its brethren accelerators, operates in bursts of every two years, followed by a shutdown of two years, as opposed to the operating only in the summer months, and shutting down in the winter months.

It was an honour, indeed, for the students of Smith’s Hill High School to be able to gain insight knowledge into the inner workings of two of the greatest physics research centres, and from ones as prominent as Dr. Silari and Prof. Rosenfeld. The hour-and-a-half long presentation was a brilliant opportunity for those passionate and excited about physics to discover the potentials residing out there in the real world for them to discover, as well as their own potentials in unlocking the secrets of the universe.

By Alice Yang & Stephanie Lam
AYCC Sustainability Summit

In Week 8, a group of 20 students from Year 9 and 11 were given the opportunity to attend the Illawarra Summit held by the Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) at Wollongong University. It was a great two days, and consisted of various talks and workshops that enabled us to make a difference. They also gave us the opportunity to create our own campaign for Smith’s Hill, which will hopefully be put into action by the end of the year.

The event started on Wednesday 10th June, and we were greeted by many AYCC volunteers and other schools from across the region. After ice-breaker games and introductions, we talked about the main idea behind the summit: the fact that climate change will most affect our generation and it is our duty to do something about it. This was backed up by a talk from Matt about climate science. He talked about the acidification of oceans by greenhouse gases which breakdown coral and shells. He also spoke about tipping points, an intangible line that once passed, the climate and environment will never be able to recover. This talk was quite informative, and helped us understand the science behind it all.

We then were able to engage in a Skype call from a 16 year old girl called Angel, who is part of the indigenous section of the AYCC in Queensland. She talked about her passion and interest in climate and the way in which her family was greatly affected by events such as the Queensland floods. Her story was very inspirational, and encouraged us all to try to make a difference, and to show that young people can influence and help with global issues.

The rest of Wednesday was filled with workshops and the main issues regarding climate change: food, biodiversity, waste, transport, and energy and climate justice. Climate justice, a concept new to most of us, explained the way in which the people contributing the least to climate change, are the ones who are most affected. An example of this is the way in which Australia produces tonnes of carbon emissions but it is the Pacific Islander nations that will be affected by rising sea levels. This was a major theme of the summit, and certainly got us thinking about the injustices to animals and humans, who contribute little to nothing to climate change and the way in which the greatest contributors should be taking the most action.

Day two was a day of action, and was jam-packed full of fun events. We started off by finalising letters about our concerns, which were sent to our local and Federal Members of Parliament. Some of these letters were then read out at the main event of the day, the inaugural meeting of the Illawarra Youth Parliament.

The Youth Parliament, which was by far the general highlight of the summit, consisted of various speeches given by a representative from each school in attendance. Our representative was Sam Croker (Year 9) and he did an amazing job of introducing our campaign and supporting the AYCC’s goals. The goal of the parliament was to show our nation’s leaders what can be done to combat climate change, and the way in which the youth of Australia are already taking a stand. The Illawarra Youth Parliament passed the ‘Aim Higher’ Declaration which spoke of keeping the global temperature rise under 1.5 degrees by moving towards 100% clean energy by 2030, reducing carbon pollution to zero and investing in the Green Climate Fund which helps with climate justice. It was very inspiring to see the impact that a group of 150 high school students could have, especially with media coverage from WIN News and the Mercury.

After the parliament, we continued to work on our campaign to make Smith’s Hill more eco-friendly. We were assisted by AYCC volunteers who helped us set goals and make an online petition. The campaign focuses on waste and will hopefully be a success by the end of the year. Overall, the AYCC Sustainability was a fantastic experience to meet like-minded people, engage in workshops and activities that have an impact on people and to generally learn more about climate change and the ways in which young people can change the world. By Shalini Wijekulasuriya, Year 9
Canteen News

Canteen will be open as usual all week 10 but there will be no dairy products available this week due to end of term.

Thursday 25th and Friday 26th June is Red Day, bring your money along, lots of treats to tempt you!

On the 4th and 5th Wednesday (22 & 29th July), we are in urgent need of permanent volunteer helpers to keep the canteen running efficiently, please contact Carmel or Joan on 4228 5912 if you can assist, bring along a friend, make new friends, enjoy a gourmet lunch and have a great day!

WotOpera

WotOpera unlocks the creative potential of young people.

Over 60 students from four Wollongong high schools have written four operas that showcase their creativity, talents and boundless imaginations. The participating schools are:
- Keira High School
- Smith's Hill High School
- St Mary Star of the Sea College
- Woonona High School

The students collaborated to produce their own stories, then composed the music and designed and painted their sets in a series of four one-day workshops representing just 21 hours!

The four schools will come together to perform their individual works. You are invited to delight in their journey and enjoy their creations.

Tickets on Sale now from Illawarra Performing Arts Centre 32 Burelli Street Wollongong Phone 4224 5999
Adult: $10, Conc: $5 (A $6.75 transaction fee applies to phone and internet bookings.)

Performance Times
General Public: Thu 25 Jun 7pm

Running Time
Approx. 2 hrs 40 mins (incl interval)
Careers News

There is never just 'one way' to achieve your career goals. There are MANY possible pathways to achieve your desired vocational outcome. Keep in mind also that ... things change. Careers evolve. Adaptability is the key.

Smith's Hill High School would like to offer to all students and parents access to www.careerdirections.com.au. This is a website managed by the Careers Adviser who has tailored the site to be the best possible first stop for our students considering their future career options.

The recent Smith's Hill Tertiary Awareness evening was very well attended and it was important to see the senior students discussing their future options and plans with the representatives from the major Universities and Tertiary providers. At this time it is very important that Year 10 are well informed and are making considered decisions regarding their subject selection choices for Year 11 and 12. Year 10 has had considerable support in this conversation, attending the Regional Careers Expo, the S.H.H.S. Tertiary Evening and hearing from Mr. Walker on that evening.

Year 10 students should choose the subjects that they are good at and they enjoy. This will support the best possible H.S.C. result and ensuing career pathway. Students can check out the future student web pages on the University web sites and meet with myself or the Year Adviser if they are still unsure of their direction. Year 11’s need to familiarise themselves with the future student web pages, and start to develop their resume and application skills for future opportunities. The basic process of making good decisions is to develop self-awareness around your abilities and interests, researching all the options and putting effort into ensuring your transition from High School is at the highest level.

The same advice/wisdom is offered to the year 12 cohort. All students should be trying to develop an efficient and effective career path that supports future successes. All Universities and Career practitioners recommend that students pursue career options and degrees that are aligned to the students’ individual skills, interests and passions. Students are welcome to come, to the Careers Office in the library, to discuss what directions they are considering and how to achieve these career goals.

Maths and Stats by Email is a free fortnightly email newsletter featuring maths news and activities.

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

Follow the link to this fortnight’s newsletter- [Counting Whales](#)
Carnivals Report

It has been a very busy and exciting time in Term 2 with the Cross Country and Athletics being run at the traditional homes of Stuart Park and Beaton Park. This year the School cross country was run through Puckey’s Reserve and back to Stuart Park along Fairy Meadow Beach. This change of scenery inspired a wonderful level of participation and some sterling efforts. The team that went to the Zone then Regionals commanded respect for their commitment and winning attitude.

As a result Smith’s Hill had five individuals and three Age teams qualified to compete at the CHS combined Cross Country event at Eastern Creek in July. Congratulations to Sian Fennell, Grady Harland, Taro Regan-Williams and Robbie Gaudiosi for their individual qualification. The 16yo Girls Julia, Phoebe, Sian and Hailey; the 18yo Girls Morgan, Danika, Janaye and Sophie; the 18 yo boys Matt, Daniel, Angus and Brad should be applauded for their efforts to represent the schools as the Age Team Champions from Regionals. All the very best to all runners at the State carnival.

The Athletics was held this year on a Monday which was a great way to start the week and we had perfect athletics weather. The participation level was extremely high and the stadium was sea of colourful competing house captains and cheer squads. The Age Champions for the day were 12 Zara Button and Ilia Schmayer, 13 Rosie Tozer and Sam Conte, 14 Georgia Green and Alex Swan, 15 Kiara Bennett and William Ruffley, 16 Jesse Babic and Brad Van Vruemingen, 17+ Emily Fraser and Zac Havadjia. Excellent efforts by all competitors who pushed the envelope and improved their personal best.

The Battle of the Houses was won by Gipps with a commanding total followed closely by Blue, Green and a fast finishing Yellow. Yellow combined this wonderful fourth place with a win in the best dressed house finals. Beaton Park is still awash in yellow crepe dye weeks after the fact.

Zone Athletics was washed out on Friday 19 June and has now been re-scheduled for Wednesday 24 June. There is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes for these events and I wish to thank the many student volunteers, the ever reliable staff and the Northern Illawarra Zone Sports executive for their hard work and time to make all the carnivals such an enjoyable event on the school calendar.

Ian Watchirs
Boys Open Basketball

Congratulations to our Boys Open Basketball team who have just won a State Bronze medal at the NSW CHS State Finals last week in Terrigal.

The team which consists of seven Year 12 students, Wilson Farrar, Sean Cranney, Richard Liang, Tom Rout, Izaak Wasley, D. C. & Big Bad Benny Marks, three year 11s Haydin Kaynak, Jack Franklin & Callum Kerr-Nicholson & the rookie of the team Connor Bellhouse from Year 10. A fantastic group of young men who thoroughly deserved a State medal.

This Smith’s Hill team won the Zone championship defeating Keira High in the final then went on to win the South Coast title before accounting for Narrandera, Hunter Sports & Maitland High to make the State semi-final. In an intense semi-final where-by Smith’s Hill raced out to an early lead against Westfield Sports High only to be run down and eventually lose by 5 points.

The team then played Randwick Boys High in the State bronze medal game. The whole team played amazing. Led by Sean Cranney & Wilson Farrar in scoring, our team all hit the court & made excellent contributions along the way. Connor hitting a huge 3, Richard playing “Delly” defence on their star player & Benny Marks filling up the scoring sheet. The final score was 66-63 with Smith’s Hill winning the the CHS State Bronze medal.

Hopefully this group will always remember the week they won a State basketball Bronze medal in 2015 as well as the memorable lounge room of cheering for the NSW State or Origin team which beat QLD in front of 91 thousand people at the MCG. As well they should not forget when D.C. rolled his ankle in the warmup……Richard !! I will never forget the singing & rapping on the bus trip. As singers these boys make great basketballers.

Congratulations to all & the best of luck & fortune for your futures after Smith’s Hill. Coach - Darren O’Brien
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Review of Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics in NSW government schools

The NSW Department of Education and Communities has commissioned an independent review of the implementation of Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics (SEE) in NSW public schools.

The review is being conducted by an independent research company, ARTD Consultants. This company provides services in evaluating public policy. The review will inform ongoing improvement of SRE and SEE for the Department and providers.

How can you participate in the review?

You can complete a survey up until 31 July 2015 via an online portal, located at this link: http://forms.artd.com.au/s3/Online-contribution-for-parents-carers

The survey is in English and has 19 questions. For most questions you can select an answer from the multiple choice options provided. Only two questions ask for written answers. Extra written feedback for another five questions may be provided if desired but is not essential.

Queries or complaints about the way the review is conducted

For questions or concerns associated with participation in the review or to raise a complaint about the conduct of the review, please contact the Leader, Quality Assurance, on (02) 9244 5025 or by email at SRE-SEE-Review@det.nsw.edu.au. All complaints will be treated confidentially.
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