COMING EVENTS

Term 1

Week 3 A

Tuesday, 10 February  Seymour Centre Excursion
Wednesday, 11 February  School Photo Day
Thursday, 12 February  P&C Meeting 4.30pm

Week 4 B

Monday, 16 February  School Photo Catch Up Day
Wednesday, 18 February  Yr 7 Vaccination Day
Friday, 20 February  Junior School Excursion to Jamberoo Recreation Park

Week 5 A

Wednesday, 25 February  ‘Kill the Messenger’ Excursion

Week 6 B

Friday, 6 March  Interim Reports Years 7 & 11

Principals Message

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for 2015 and a very happy new school year to everyone. I would like to welcome back to school all our students and particularly welcome our Year 7 students who have made the transition from primary to high school. We wish them well as they begin their high school journey.

I would also like to congratulate our Year 12 students of 2014 who have successfully completed their Higher School Certificate and those who performed well in their exams and achieved great results. We are very proud of their achievements and wish them well in their endeavours.

As many of you have noticed, students have returned to school in our new uniforms. The students look absolutely fantastic in these uniforms and are wearing them proudly. We have received positive comments about our student uniforms from all members of our school community.

It is important to remember that in 2015, students in Year 7 and 11 will be required to attend school with the new student uniform. Students in other years may still wear the previous uniform if there is still wear left in it. Students in Years 8, 9, 10 and 12 may also attend in the new student uniform; however, we ask that the two not be mixed. It’s either one or the other. Students may wear the sport uniform on Tuesdays only and for PE lessons. The sport uniform is not to be worn on other days and it is not an alternative to the everyday student uniform. We sincerely hope that you will support the school in ensuring that students always attend school in the correct school attire.

As some of you will know, we carried out an extensive situational analysis of our school in 2014. From the information that we collected throughout the year, we established three strategic directions for Shoalhaven High School for the next three years. These include: Teaching, Learning and Engagement; School Culture and Community Partnerships. We are currently in the process of writing our 2015-2017 school plan which will clearly focus on these three strategic directions. The teams responsible for writing our new plan consist of staff, parents and students.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS

Shoalhaven High School’s
CORE VALUES

Respect, Responsibility, Safety and Participation

This Term’s focus is RESPONSIBILITY

Students are expected to

✓ Be on time
✓ Be prepared with the correct equipment
✓ Recognise the rights of others to learn
✓ Seek assistance when you need help
✓ Maintain a clean and safe environment
✓ Act with care and consideration
✓ Follow all school procedures and practices
✓ Remove your hat indoors
✓ Remain outside during breaks
✓ Line up quietly outside rooms

Respect, Responsibility, Safety & Participation
I will advise you when the plan is complete and uploaded to the school's website.

Last week we held our first whole school assembly for the year. The purpose of the assembly was to familiarise students with the routine of attending a whole school assembly and more importantly, to outline our expectations and promote student learning. This includes arriving at school on time, in full school uniform and with all the equipment required for the day, attending all lessons and participating in all class activities. Ultimately, we want all students to take responsibility for their own learning.

In 2015, we will also be placing greater emphasis on promoting our school's core values of Respect, Responsibility, Participation and Safety and recognising and rewarding students that adhere to our core values. During each term, we will be staging year assemblies to recognise and reward these students and inviting parent/carers to be part of the audience.

By the same token to ensure that all students have the best possible opportunity to realise their potential, we will be making some changes to our student discipline practices. Our school will not tolerate behaviour that disrupts student learning. This includes non-compliance with teacher's instructions, unauthorised use of mobile phones and electronic devices in classrooms, truancy and not attending class when instructed to, swearing - particularly at teachers, bullying or violence. Such behaviour will lead to suspension and require parent/carer attendance at school to address the issue.

At our first assembly, we also show-cased our 2014 Year 12 students and the success they have had in obtaining a place at tertiary education institutions such as Universities and TAFE colleges or employment as apprentices and trainees.

Last year I mentioned that we are in the process of reviewing our website and newsletters to improve communication between the school and parent/carers and the wider community. We are making progress in the area of providing information presented to you electronically which is easily accessible. I will provide you with more details on this issue as developments occur at our school.

Last Tuesday we held our 2015 school swimming carnival. I was delighted to see so many of our students in their house colours and cheering on their peers. I must also mention our staff who also got into the spirit and were proudly wearing their house colours. Well done. Congratulations to all our students who participated on the day and those who achieved success in their races.

I will continue to keep you abreast of developments in our school and ask that you support our efforts in making changes at our school that will ultimately improve student learning outcomes. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like more information about developments at our school. I look forward to a productive partnership in student learning and wish all our students well in 2015.

Kem Rakiposki, Principal

THE 2015 NATIONAL ADOLESCENT VACCINATION PROGRAM FOR YEAR 7

Year 7 students (boys and girls) have the opportunity to participate in a free vaccination program conducted by NSW Public Health Unit to be held at school over 3 visits.

Visit 1 18th February 2015
- Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) DOSE 1 (three doses required)
- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis booster vaccine (single dose).

Visit 2 20th May 2015
- Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) DOSE 2
- Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine (single dose) catch -up only. Not required if the students has had the disease or received 1 dose as a child.

Visit 3 4th November 2015
- Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) DOSE 3
- Catch up for HPV, dTpa and varicella will be provided to students in Year 7 if vaccines were missed in previous visits.

Parent information kits including the parental permission note will be handed to students at assembly on Tuesday 10th February.

The permission notes are to be returned by Friday 13th February to the Vaccination box at the Careers area in lower A block. Year 8 students who did not complete the vaccination course of HPV (3 doses) in 2014 are also able to participate. Parent information kits are available from Mr Nisbet, Mrs Rosskelly or Lisa Horgan in lower A block.

Shoalhaven High Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Dolphin House who were the overall Champion House for the day. More information to follow about the carnival including age champions and photos in next newsletter. The Zone Carnival will be held on 25 February. Students will be notified if they qualified in the next few days.

Book Club Brochures are now available from Support Staffroom. Orders are due back Friday 13 February.
SHS 2015 SCHOOL UNIFORM

Senior Uniform

Junior Uniform Combinations

PE lessons and Tuesday Sport Uniform

SHS Uniform Shop

Opening Hours
Mondays and Thursdays 9am - 1pm

EFTPOS or Cash only
Student Assistance Available for Eligible Parents

COMMUNITY NEWS

Congratulations to Kayne Horsley, Yr 7, Bay and Basin Cricket team on scoring 6 runs and taking 1 wicket on Saturday 31 January!!

Shoalhaven Youth Reference Group
Volunteers Wanted - A fun way to have a say and help other young people in the region. If you're 16-25yo and passionate about young people apply online at the Headspace Nowra website and we'll get in touch with you. Applications now open, meetings fortnightly, events monthly, awesomeness constantly. You will gain qualifications in: media skills, mental health first aid, dealing with the public, youth health promotion, stuff for your resume, professional reference and lots more.

Jervis Bay Netball Club
Registration and Grading Day on 7 February at Vincentia Public School 8.45am - 12pm. Ever player is to bring a pass port size photo with them. For more details go to www.jervisbaync.nsw.netball.com.au or contact Janine 0422 357657 or Sue 44418548, 0402007381.

North Nowra Netball Club
Registration day on 7 February at SNA courts on John Purcell Way, Nowra. Please direct all enquiries to northnowrancc@shoalhavennetball.net.au or contact Helen on 0404876383.

Callala District Soccer Club
New players and coaches welcome. Registration available online at My Football Club website or Callala Soccer Field 5pm - 8pm Friday 13/2/15, 20/2/15, 27/2/15.
Nowra Warriors Junior Rugby League Registrations
Saturday 7th, 21st and 28th February Lyrebird Park Nowra
1-3.30pm. Re register at nowrawarriorsjrl.sportingpulse.net

Bomaderry Junior Rugby League Football Club Registration Day 2015

Will be held on Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th February 2015 at the Bomaderry Sporting Complex 3.30pm - 5.00pm.
The club will be entering teams from the Under 6’s - Under 17’s and also the newly formed Girl’s League Tag Teams 9 - 14 years of age. Register on line now Go to http://swampies.leaguenet.com.au. Shorts, Socks and Training Shirt/ Singlet are included in Fees. For more information contact the President Steve on 0403591014.

Sussex Inlet Soccer Club Registrations
Is on 14th and 21st February, 10am to 12pm at Thomas Street Soccer Fields, Sussex Inlet for all Junior and Senior Players - Hope to see you there!

Shoalhaven Cheer Academy is now registering teens for Acrobatics and Cheerleading Classes with the Australian All Star Cheerleading Federation. Please email shoalhavencheeracademy@outlook.com for an information pack 0410 605 249.

Shoalhaven Physie Dance School is now registering 13-18 Year Olds for the Australian Physie and Dance Association. All ages and abilities from pre-schoolers up to ladies. Please email shoalhavenphysiedanceschool@hotmail.com for an information pack 0410 605 249.

"Your Talent Team is now registering 13-18 Year Olds for Hip Hop, Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern, Musical Theatre, Singing. Beginners ok. Also available: Special Needs Dance Classes, Preschooler Classes, Adult Tap Class. Please email yourtalentteam@outlook.com for an information pack 0410 605 249.

St Georges Basin Soccer 2015
SGB Football Club Registrations: Saturday the 7th and Saturday the 14th of February 2015. At the clubhouse SGB Sport Fields, The Wool Road, SGB. From 10am to 2pm. Registrations need to be completed online at www.myfootballclub.com.au. Payments need to be made on 7 or 14 February at the clubhouse, cash or cheques only please, no eftpos available. Fees: 5-8yrs $100 9-12yrs $120 13- 17yrs still at school $130 18+ full time students Seniors $230.

Aussie Hoops at Shoalhaven Basketball
Aussie Hoops enables participants of all abilities the opportunity to learn basketball in a structured, inclusive and safe environment, developing physical fitness, social skills and an understanding of the sport while having fun. Shoalhaven Basketball the program will be delivered in each school term on Friday's from 4.00-5.00pm. Each term program will span 8-10 weeks, with term 1 programs commencing on 6th February 2015. For further information: Cheryl Hunter Shoalhaven Basketball 44213800

Nowra Queer Straight Alliance
Members wanted - If you enjoy food, fun, new people, gaining skills and experience, are aged 16-25, want to plan local events that celebrate LGBTI young people - we want you to join us! For more info contact headspace Nowra website.

Shoalhaven Women’s Wellness Festival
Connecting Mind & Body, at Lady Denman Complex, Huskisson, Friday 20th March 2015. 1PM for health and information stalls, free food and wellness demonstrations; 4.30PM for community performances; and 5.30PM onwards for Music Celebration Night. This Festival is for women, their friends and family (yes that includes guys too) For more information contact Tracy Lumb, 4421 0730, visit us on Facebook or email shoalhavenwwf@gmail.com.

2015 International Women’s Day Awards
Do you have a woman in mind who deserves to be recognised for the work she does in our community? Many women work for years, sometimes unpaid, and often unrecognised. If you know a woman like this please nominate her and can receive the acknowledgment she deserves. The IWD Awards will be presented at Merroogal on Saturday 14 March 2015. Entries to be sent to and received by 21 February 2015, phone 44218150 for more information.

Wollongong Junior Chess Club
Junior Chess Tournament Summer Sunday (Under 18 Year olds) 7 Round Swiss – Sunday 15 Feb 10am to 4pm at Fairy Meadow Community Centre Keira Room, entry fee $10. Games will be rated by NSWJCL and will influence qualification to NSWJCL Country Championships. Further information from John Mazziere 4283 3080, future tournaments 31 May and 30 August 2015.

Shoalhaven High School will, as a service to parents, advertise community news which may be of interest. SHS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility to the management or organisation.