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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would first like to say what an immense privilege it is to be chosen to lead John Edmondson High School as we work together to build on the strong foundations of learning already established at the school lead by the previous Principal, Mr Joannides. I would like to thank Mr Khanna and Ms Dorrell for the leadership they provided in the school since Mr Joannides' departure and indeed continue providing leadership as part of the senior executive team. The responsibility of leading this great school is one I take very seriously and I will do all that I can to ensure we can work together to improve the learning and welfare of all our students.

As a little background on myself, I have spent my whole career teaching within this area, first at Prairiewood High School, then to Bossley Park High School, to Ingleburn High School as Deputy Principal and for six months last year as Relieving Principal at Robert Townson High School. Not only have I worked in the area, I have lived in this area my whole life and have a strong belief in the richness of talent and the diversity of culture that makes this part of the Sydney region so great.

It is already very clear to me that we have students who are second to none while some still show the challenges that the teenage years pose as they move into adulthood, ready to be positive and productive members of our community. I have already impressed on students the need to be positively involved in the school at all levels and to work hard to achieve results better than they could ever imagine.

Similarly the teaching staff at this school have already shown themselves to me as talented, dedicated individuals who work hard and also work well together, always for the benefit of our students. On the first day this term, I saw that dedication and expertise in action as many staff presented training sessions on literacy and the Australian Curriculum while all staff actively participated and were involved in new learning to enhance the education of all students.

I have already spoken to and met numerous parents in the school and, without exception, I can see that our students have devoted parents who not only care deeply about the welfare of their children, but also want the best possible education for their children to give them opportunity and a wide range of possibilities for the future.

This has already been an extremely busy term. We have had our two parent/teacher evenings which were extremely well attended by parents. It was great to see so many parents able to attend that gave the opportunity for you to have discussions with your child's teachers to enhance the learning partnership to assist all students. We have also had our curriculum evening for Years 8 and 10 as they select subjects that they will study in 2015.

We were privileged to host a delegation of students and teachers from Toda, Japan for a day and it was wonderful to see our students work with their Japanese counterparts to further build cultural understanding. I was most proud of our Year 9 Japanese class and the way they participated in the day. They are fine ambassadors for our school. I would like to thank all the work

Ms Vidakovic put into organising the day and the opportunity it gave our students to promote our school in the most positive way possible.

Congratulations to Courtney Stedman for her selection into the Aboriginal Vocal Identification Program. This program culminates in her performing at the Opera House later this month. Pele Junior Vaigalu has also achieved excellence in his participation in the Australian Rugby League Championships but more importantly, I have received a letter from NSW Combined High Schools Rugby League complimenting Pele on his manners and demeanour and described him as "as credit to himself, the team, his school and family", well done. Finally on achievements, Our Open Boys Soccer Team progressed to the Semi-Finals of the State Competition in the NSW CHS Cup. This was an amazing achievement led by Mr Valsamis and yet again a fine and heroic effort of which all the boys should be proud.

Finally I would like to affirm our commitment to the education and care of students in our school. I am a strong supporter of public education, not just because my own education, my children and my career has been spent in public education, but because what we offer is equity and excellence for ALL students no matter what your background or personal circumstance.

Some have suggested to me here that we are "like a private school". While I understand the intent, I proudly say we are a proud part of the public education system and we expect excellence in every endeavour in which we participate. Our school motto of Courage and Integrity sums up our continued commitment to excel while being responsible and honourable members of our community.

Thank you once again for the warm welcome everyone in the community has afforded me since I have arrived and I look forward to working together with everyone in the JEHS community to achieve excellence and success.

Leon Weatherstone
PRINCIPAL



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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT

SOCIAL MEDIA ISSUES FOR P&C



On Monday, August 4th, we were fortunate to have Senior Constable Brad Parker present at our P&C Meeting. Deputy Principal, Ms Dorrell reports.

Senior Constable Parker gave an informative presentation which explored a range of social media issues for parents. These included:

- the role of the police
- types of Social Media which young people use
- implications for children
- tips for parents and caregivers

Below are just a few points that were raised offering valuable information to parents and carers.

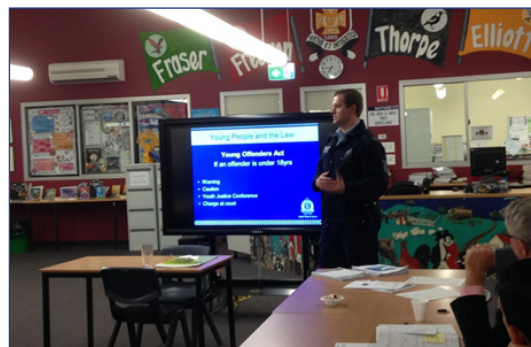
1. Menacing, threatening or harassing messages via mobile phones or social media (Carriage services) are against the law.
2. Offences on these services of a sexual nature eg: photo and comments are also against the law and offenders will be charged if this is brought to the notice of the police.
3. Social media can be used by criminals to befriend and groom young people.
4. It is advisable that GPS tracking is turned off when not required as clever people can use this to identify the location of the phone or computer user.
5. Information on Social Media sites is stored for long periods of time and whilst it looks like it is deleted, this information may be accessed by the police.
6. Foreign owned sites such as KIK operate without the controls and protection of Australian Laws for users.

Senior Constable Brad Parker has presented some workshops to students in Year 8 and Year 9. There are plans to also run these workshops in other years.

Parents can get additional help through the JEHS website via the Safety Net button. Alternatively parents could go directly to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) or Cyber Smart website. This has some very useful information for parents including advice, tips, parental controls and information on the latest social networking applications. It also caters for young people as well. ❖

Cars using Childcare Centre Carpark

I have recently had some complaints from Bambino's childcare centre regarding parents using the centre carpark to either drop off their children to our school or to use it as a defacto turning bay. Please be aware this puts the safety of these young children at risk. Please do not use Bambino's childcare centre carpark for any purpose other than if you have very young children attending to ensure that they are not put in any undue risk.



YEAR 7 REPORT

WELL DONE YEAR 7



By now, parents would have received their child's half yearly report and hopefully made the most of the opportunity to get feedback from the parent/teacher nights that were recently held. I had the pleasure of reading every report and on the whole, they were very pleasing. Year Adviser, Ms Matthews reports.

On Wednesday, August 6th Mr Dwyer and I had the privilege of joining 130 Year 7 students with Mr Chavez to see the Sydney Symphony Orchestra perform at the Morley Centre, Westmead. Year 7 loved their up-close and personal experience with the orchestra. The concert gave our students exposure to real workings of a symphony orchestra and hopefully encourage them to pursue their own musical talents in class. As well as watching musicians from the Sydney Symphony

Orchestra perform, the students were invited to explore the four families of orchestral instruments and learn about the repertoire and even conduct the Orchestra. The concerts were performed by the Sinfonia, a vibrant group of young musicians. A big thankyou to Mr Chavez for organising such as great excursion for Year 7 to attend.

NAPLAN was conducted at our school towards the end of last term with all Year 7 sitting the tests. I would like to thank all the students as I have had various executives tell me about how well behaved and mature our grade was while in the hall doing NAPLAN.

It is very important to remember that if your child misses an assessment task on the day that it is due, that they hand in a *Request for Consideration*. If this gets approved, your child will receive their full marks for that task. You can download and print these forms from the school website.

Sport can teach your child so many important life skills while also giving them the chance to interact with students from

other grades. Congratulations goes out to Natalie Di Giorgio and Tyrin McLachlan for being the 12 Years Age Champions at the recent Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to all of our Year 7 students who made Zone Athletics.

On another positive, Jordan Fullagar and Christian Ueese continue to shine in the sporting domain. Both boys have qualified to NSWCHS Athletics Championships in early September an outstanding achievement for our two Year 7 students. Jordan recently came second in the long jump at the Regional Championships jumping 4.60m and is now off to the state titles, as is Christian who came second in Discus 23.15m and 3rd in Shot Put 9.26m. Congratulations to both boys on your tremendous effort. Adding to this we had a number of students who made it to Regionals in Athletics in their different events. Congratulations to all Year 7 students for proudly representing JEHS at the Regional Athletics Championships.

Students at JEHS are very lucky when it comes to the extra-curricular opportunities that are provided at this school. We have two gala days where students will participate in a variety of sports against other schools in the upcoming weeks. Add to these things like the Art Club, Dance Club, Chess Club and much more, there is something for everyone at this school.

Some important points to remember:

- **Uniform** - Winter uniform is required for all of Term 3. This includes blazer and tie. This is NOT NEGOTIABLE.
- **Attendance** - While our attendance as a year group is respectable, the minimum attendance rate that is expected at JEHS at 85%. If your child is not meeting this target you may be asked to come to

the school for an interview.

- **Explaining absences** - If your child is away it is vital that you provide an explanation. This can be done in a number of ways but the simplest is to reply with an explanation to the SMS that you received when your child is absent.
- **Make-up & coloured nail polish** are prohibited at JEHS.

Finally, it was great to see so many Year 7 students receive an award at our recent Recognition Assembly. What was also so pleasing was the amount of parents that came and supported their child's fantastic achievement. ❖



YEAR 8 REPORT

EXCITING TIMES FOR YEAR 8



A variety of important events for students and parents have taken place over the last couple of months. From vaccinations to reports from sporting events to subject selection night, it really has been a busy time in the life of a Year 8 student. Year Adviser, Mr Moreland reports.

Towards the end of Term 2 we had the Police Liaison Officer come in and give a talk on cyber bullying and the consequences that can come from it. During this time, I also addressed many matters that are relevant to the year group. Something that has extremely disappointed me this year is that a number of students have involved themselves in cyber bullying. I urge all parents to take an active interest in how your child uses social media and to guide them into using it responsibly.

We've had many students participate in sporting teams representing our school in Hockey, Netball, AFL, Soccer, Futsal and Rugby League. A thank you must go to the PE faculty who have helped our students become involved in zone and regional athletics. Another huge event that they organised was the annual Year 8 Gala Day where our students competed against many schools from our area.

Every parent should have received their child's half yearly report by now and I hope it has given you a valuable insight into your child's progress. Please take the time to read it and praise your child in the areas that they have done well in. Likewise, if your child is not meeting their teacher's expectations, discuss this with them.

Parent teacher night was held over two different nights and the turnout was quite strong. This is a valuable experience for parents and teachers so you can gain important feedback about your child's efforts at this school. If you didn't get the

chance to make the night and want to talk to your child's teacher, make contact with the school to discuss with their teacher how your child is performing.

Something that this school does so well is recognising achievement from our students. On the last day of Term 2, many of our students had the opportunity to the recognition excursion to the Illawarra Fly Treetop Walk. Students were invited to this had strong attendance, always wore their uniform, worked hard in class and their behaviour was excellent throughout Semester One.

At the start of Term 3 we also had our recognition assembly for students who had done well in their half yearly report. I'm proud to say we had many students receive awards at this ceremony and a huge thanks to all those who organised the event. We had many parents attend which was great to see.

It was also fantastic to see many parents attend our curriculum/subject selection night recently. This was a chance to gain more information about the many subjects your child can choose from in Year 9 and Year 10. Thanks to all staff that stayed back to run this night and to answer any questions that parents had. It's an exciting time to be a Year 8 student as it is the first time your child will get to pick two subjects that they want to do.



Finally a CONGRATULATIONS must go to Jaime Brito, Mirjana Kruskonjic and Winnie Truong for collecting enough merits off their teachers to receive a Bronze Medallion. This is a fine achievement. ❖

YEAR 9 REPORT

YEAR 9 GET RECOGNISED



The annual Recognition Assembly was held in July and 57 of our Year 9 students were recognised for excellence. Year Adviser, Ms Young reports.

The recognition is based on their Semester One report and achieving excellence for motivation, academic performance and behaviour. Four of the recipients enrolled at JEHS this year and it is a highly commendable achievement.

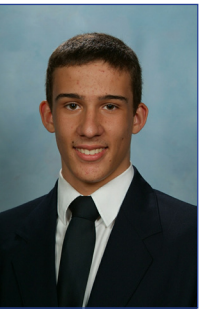
Parent Teacher interviews were held in Week 2 and many parents attended. These interviews are an important opportunity to learn more about specific aspects of student performance.

Sport continues to play a large and significant role in the lives of Year 9 students. Daniel Cunningham has travelled to the United States to play baseball.

Anthony Beuk has been an outstanding team member in the Open Boys Soccer team.

Josh Geering, Danny Allaf, Andrew Webster, Vishaal Behari and Nishant Kumar were a vital part of the Boys Basketball Team.

Jayden Hoffman, Penny Protogeros, Kayla Spurway, Morgan Bailey, Jonell Lemusu, Nathan Bainy, Andrew Webster, Cooper Cuerden, Daniel Haylock, Yanni Logothetis, Vibhuti Khanna, Abbie Baker, Zac Fullagar, Daimyan Mason-Cazzy, Jarrod Moren and Jakub Watson all participated at the Zone Athletics with Andrew Webster winning Age Champion.



Year 9 Food Technology attended an incursion to learn all the tricks of Japanese cooking. Twelve Year 9 students attended the Japanese Drum Performance.

Assessment Schedules and Assessment Notifications for all subjects are posted on the school website. Parents are encouraged to check the school website for these and other important news items. ❖

YEAR 11 REPORT

YEAR 11 TO TAKE THE LEAD



Term 3 has been very busy for Year 11 students being involved in various activities such as regional athletics, combined high school state cup for soccer, first aid courses, a ski trip for PDHPE and SLR students and our annual Recognition Assembly based on Semester One Report. Year Adviser, Ms Campbell reports

I would like to congratulate all the award recipients on their outstanding achievement, their application and dedication to their studies. To the parents, carers and family members who attended this ceremony, I thank you for your attendance and support.

I would also like to thank the Year 11 students who volunteered their time to promote their respective subjects during the Year 8 and Year 10 Subject Selection Evening.

Your contribution and enthusiasm was valued by many students, parents and teachers.

In preparation for their final year of school, Year 11 had the opportunity to nominate students in their cohort for possible school leaders for 2015. The process of forming the leadership team will continue in the final weeks of this term. Good luck to all nominees.

The Preliminary year for our Year 11 students has almost come to an end as students will be sitting their final Preliminary Examinations in weeks 8 and 9 of this term. Students are encouraged to continue to work hard and prepare well and try their very best. After these examinations we conclude all the formalities for the Preliminary course and we begin the process for the HSC which begins day one, Term 4.

I wish all Year 11 students good luck for their Yearly Examinations and a well deserved break for the upcoming school holidays. ❖



**The next JEHS P&C meeting will be held on
Monday, 1 Sept 2014
in the school library at 6:30pm**

All welcome!!



YEAR 12 REPORT

THE END IS NEAR



As this newsletter hits your desktop, we should be seeing our Year 12 cohort returning to a slightly more relaxed state as the Trial HSC and all of their assessments would have been completed. Year Adviser, Mr Canobra & Assistant Year Adviser, Ms Davidson, report.

A great deal has happened since the last newsletter. I've seen students giving their all in sport, academia and for their school community.

Moving forward, it is too easy with the rigour of assessments now gone, to overlook the final goal of the HSC and "take the foot off the gas". This is the time when organisation and a regular study routine will help you shine through. It means that now that you don't have to worry about assessments, you need to spend the same amount of time updating your summary notes and consolidating your knowledge with your teachers. For those of you with essays in the HSC, it is important for you to increase your writing of essays from past HSC exams to become acclimatised to the essay style.

Although many will be naturally looking to aspects of their lives that include a little more leisure over the next few weeks (please refer to my advice above), some events still to come include:

- Year 12 Picnic day on Thursday, September 18
- Year 12 Graduation on Friday, September 19
- Applying to the UAC if you're intending to continue onto tertiary studies.

I can't wait to see everyone wearing their Blazer and Tie for one last time in an official capacity.

I should acknowledge the great work that is being done by so many in Year 12 with this year seeing the largest group of award recipients from this cohort at the recognition assembly (students that are acknowledged to have achieved excellence for Behaviour, Academic Achievement and Commitment in the mid-year reports), fifty four altogether, and they were: Stephanie Abdisaputro, Dennise Aliste, Sarah Arthurson, Andrew Attard, Chantelle Attard, Audrey Balingit, Jasmine Baonza, Teagan Barrie, Jennifer Bautista, Teagan Bruce, Thomas Butera, Kristina Cardona, William Chan, Avishna Chandra, Nathan Crawford, Richard Darko, Jonathan Dawson, Bianca Djordjevic, Safiyyah Ghaznavi, Jessica Grima, Sanaa Hakim, Rawan Hamzeh, Bethan Hawkins, Lauren Haylock, Dylan Heffernan, Jason Ho, Annie Huang, Faizan Hussain, Danielle Iuliano, Lilian Jabur, Haya Kaiyum, Vanessa Korkise, Tahlia Lang, Thi My Tham Le, Vikrant Long, Alicia Maccarrone, Emily Margetts, Tiara McLachlan, Kalinda Moore, Casey Moren, Victoria Petrou, Marija Polic, Shreynit Prasad, Mehri Ram, Hassan Rana, Nadia Rayhanna, Rawand Salman, Catriona Shepherd, Andrew Sifri, Rashneel Singh, Wendy Su, Joseph Vella, Catherine Williams and Athena Younan.

Congratulations to you all. ❖

HSIE REPORT

GEOGRAPHY IN THE NEWS



Geography in the News is a weekly quiz the HSIE faculty run with Year 9 and Year 10 Geography. Ms Young reports.

The quiz consists of 20 multiple choice questions about events in the news that relate to Geography.

Last semester we ran the competition with Year 9 and the winners were:

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| 9T | Joshua Koenig |
| 9O | Andrija Milenkovic |
| 9B | Kathleen Cejpek |
| 9R | Deniz Halil |
| 9U | Krystine Attard |
| 9K | Fred Sunstov |
| 9V | Claudia Vella |

All the top performers were presented with a trophy. ❖

CAFS REPORT

KARITANE SPEAK TO CAFS



JEHS Year 12 Community and Family Studies students have just completed Core 3: Parenting and Caring. Ms Matthews reports.

In this unit they learnt about the joys and challenges experienced by specific groups & Parenting, specifically Surrogacy, Adoption and Foster Parenting.



On Monday, July 21st the government agency Karitane came to JEHS to present the seminar Talking Realities Young Parent Program designed to educate young people about the realities of being a young parent and the impact it has on their lives.

Parents aged 24 years and under facilitate this interactive and visual presentation exploring the challenges of early parenting.

This seminar gave our Year 12 Community and Family Studies students an opportunity to think about and then openly and honestly discuss the realities of being a parent.

Further to this it offers early intervention and prevention for young parenting and pregnancies and develops young people's skills and knowledge in the following areas:

- Parenting
- Children's development needs
- Sexual health
- Life skills

I'd like to thank all of the Year 12 Community and Family Studies students who took time to attend and listen to the four guest speakers from Karitane. ❖

HSIE REPORT

A RECYCLED SYDNEY



Our keen Year 7 Geographers have been meeting weekly to create a fantastic Sydney skyline model out of rubbish and recycled materials. Mr Claydon reports.

Their labour of love is nearly completed and Miss Beckinsale and Mr Claydon have been very impressed with their effort and skilled handiwork. A special mention goes to Sarah Jabur who spent 3 weeks creating a wooden harbour bridge at home to complete the masterpiece! ❖



PHOTO GALLERY - ZONE & REGIONAL ATHLETICS



PHOTO GALLERY - RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY



YEAR 9 CIRCUS SKILLS



During Term 3 Year 9 PASS classes have the opportunity to learn a range of skills associated with the circus. Ms Cavey reports.

We have experienced instructors coming into the school from WooHoo Entertainment who are able to give the students expert tuition and show them the ins and outs of these skills.

The equipment and skills that the students have the opportunity to use and develop include, Devil Sticks, Juggling Balls, Spinning Plates, Scarves, Diablo, Staff, Poi and Hoops.

The students are assessed on their ability to perform four skills for each piece of equipment, ranging from simple to more complex skills. Maybe for some students, this can lead to an opportunity of running away with the circus. ❖



QUICKSMART AT HALFWAY



The QuickSmart Literacy program continues to go from strength to strength with students showing improvements across the board. QuickSmart Instructor Mr deDavenport-Stuart reports.

We have just passed the halfway point for QuickSmart Literacy this year and results have shown that all of the students are progressing well.

At the end of Term 2 we sent out surveys to parents, students and teachers to gather feedback on the program as well as how each student was seen to be progressing outside the QuickSmart environment.



I can report that we received fantastic feedback from the majority of respondents with both the program and the improvement of the students' results being highly praised as well as those same people seeing improvements in the students attitudes towards learning.

The program will continue to steam ahead over the next few months with students progressing towards much harder texts that will not only test them, but also give them a far greater understanding of literacy for now and into their future. ❖

FIRST AID FOR STUDENTS



As part of their PDHPE Program and Hospitality Course work, 63 students spent two days with Royal Life Saving Society instructors learning first aid. Ms McDonnell reports.

Students learnt how to prioritise and manage first aid patients, as well as treating injuries and medical conditions. Students learnt administering CPR on adults and babies, and were given various scenarios to practice their newly learnt skills.

Learning first aid will prove invaluable as students are often in situations such as sporting events, where first aid knowledge is beneficial.

All students that successfully completed the course will be awarded their first aid certificates. ❖



GAMES MASTERS EXHIBITION



On May 8th the Year 9 Japanese class went to the Powerhouse Museum in Darling Harbour to see the Games Masters Exhibition. Ms Vidakovic reports.

The students were surprised to see many of their favourite games and how much Japanese has influenced the most popular games. After the exhibition we had lunch in the Market City food court and found many Japanese snacks in the supermarket.

A report by Dayna and Vanessa is below:



The Year 9 Japanese class of 2014 had the chance to go to the Game Masters Exhibition in the City. We experienced the culture of Japanese gaming software that ranged from the first 'Space Invaders' to 'Dance Dance Revolution'. We had an opportunity to try out all the original games and also the newest arrivals in Gaming around the World.

We tried out games such as: Space Invaders, the first Donkey Kong game, Minecraft, FruitNinjas, World of Warcraft, Legend of Zelda, MarioKart 7, Dance Dance Revolution, the first Super Mario Bros., the first SingStar on PlayStation and many more.

While we were in the Game Master's Exhibition, we were given a sheet that had a few questions that we had to answer about Japanese, we found ourselves learning much much more than we expected! Like; Space Invaders caused a coin shortage in Japan in 1978, Nintendo first started out as a card producing company

in 1889 and only starting games in 1973 and Pacman was the first game to appeal to both genders.

The game that appealed to our Year 9 Japanese class the most was the Dance Dance Revolution! We spent most of the time dancing away in front of a huge screen! We ended up taking up the time while other schools were patiently waiting for a turn that never came quickly.

After the Game Masters Exhibition, we went to Market City for lunch and shopping, (many of us ended up taking the time for shopping only). We bought a few Japanese things such as sushi, mochi, Calpis (flavoured water), Pocky and Instant Udon Ramen.

After spending 'hours' and lots of money we met in front of the IGA Supermarket. After everyone arrived we made our way back to the bus where we enjoyed sharing stories and food (especially Pocky).



Eventually most of us dozed off before we made it back to school just in time for the buses. Overall we all had a great time playing games and shopping! ❖



HSC EXAM SUPERVISORS REQUIRED

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TODA VISIT & YUMMY FOOD



The start of Term 3 was a busy time for Year 9 Japanese. It started with the visit by students from Toda City in Japan on July 25. Ms Vidakovic reports.

Toda City is Liverpool's Sister City in Japan. In the past we have been part of a student exchange which started in 1994. We are hoping that Liverpool City Council will support the student exchange next year.

This year 25 students visited us from Toda City accompanied by Principal Ishibashi of Toda Junior High School, Mr Horie English teacher

Mr Khanna showed the visiting Principal and teachers our school. They stopped into to see the Year 12 music class where Mr Ishibashi showed his jazz piano skills. Our talented Music teachers joined in on the amazing jam session which impressed everyone!



After lunch the Year 9 Japanese class took the Toda students to the art workshop where they made postcards to send home. All students had a great time and we are looking forward to further visits from Toda students.

On Monday, August 4th the Year 9 Japanese class joined the Food Technology classes in a workshop with Chef Dekura.



from Kizawa Junior High and Ms Sato from Toda International Friendship Association. The visit started with a formal welcome in the library which ended with the Toda students teaching us the Toda Ondo, a traditional dance at Summer festivals.



Then the Year 9 Japanese class and the Year 12 Hospitality class joined the Japanese students making pizzas and decorating cupcakes for lunch. During this time Mr Weatherstone and

They made colourful sushi and Japanese sweets. Chef Dekura has written many Japanese cookbooks and was very helpful and patient with our students. ❖

TERM 3 PROVES TO BE



Term 3 is crunch time for our Creative and Performing Arts students as they start their HSC process with their practical exams in Dance and Music and submitting their 'Body of Works' for Visual Arts. We wish all our students the very best and acknowledge their dedication and hard work. Head

Teacher, Ms Hayward reports.

In Term 2 Drama students from Years 10 and 11 headed to Belvoir Street Theatre to see *Brother's Wreck*.

This play is about life. It begins with a death: on a hot morning under a house in Darwin, Ruben wakes to find his cousin Joe hanging from the rafters. What follows is the story of a family, buffeted by constant tragedy, holding itself together – as their people have done generation after generation. This play asks us: how do we deal with death? And how many other people does it take for each of us to live? Little by little, Ruben's family brings him back from the edge.



The students thoroughly enjoyed seeing a new piece of Australian Indigenous Theatre. At the end of the performance the students had the opportunity to take part in a question and answer session. The students gained more insight into the play as well as learning about the actors and the rehearsal process.



This term students in Years 9 and 10 Drama participated in a Stage Management Workshop with Belvoir Street Theatre. Belvoir recently came back to JEHS to run their highly successful Set Design Workshop.

Year 10 Drama will also take part in the Theatre Enrichment Program for Belvoir St Theatre's production of *Nora*. Not only will

this program give students to the opportunity to see live theatre, but it also provides students with a workshop which explores the process of developing a live performance from the script to the stage.



Congratulations to Kayla Mallia, Danielle Cvetko, Domenic and Gabrielle Jean and Kristin Campbell who auditioned and were chosen to represent JEHS in this year's Schools Spectacular for Dance. Schools Spectacular will be held at Qantas Credit Union Arena in November.



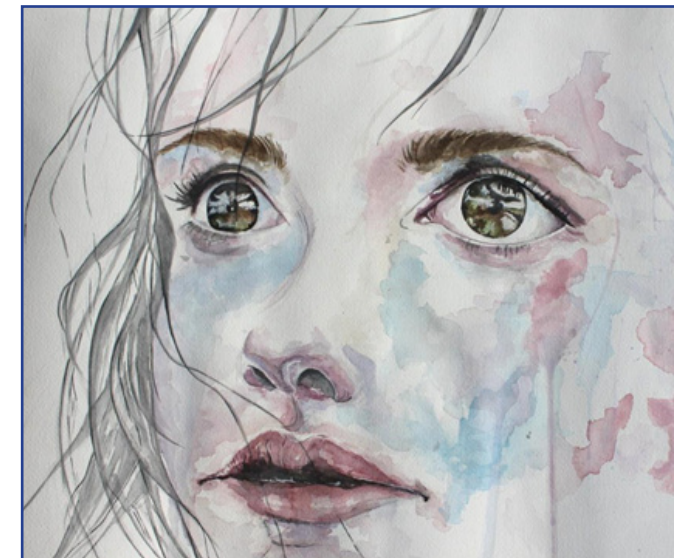
At the end of last term our Stage 5 Music students showcased their talent in an evening concert at school. Students from Years 9 and 10 performed an amazing array of songs and musical pieces. The night was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Year 7 and Stage 6 Music students travelled to the Morley Centre, Westmead to experience a performance by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra's Sinfonia. Students were engaged in an array of musical styles highlighting the different instrumental colours of the orchestra. This excursion also provided a valuable learning experience for our HSC students in preparation for their upcoming exams.

CRUNCH TIME FOR CAPA



While our Year 12 Visual Arts students have been focussing on completing their 'Body of Works' for the HSC, our Preliminary and Stage 5 students have been producing amazing work in the areas of drawing, painting and mixed media.



Anamarija Zivanovic, Year 11
Portrait - Watercolour



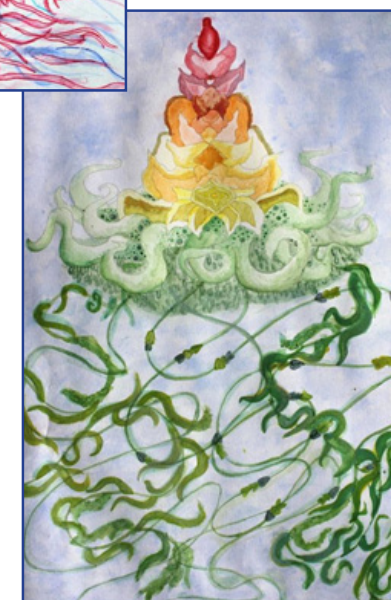
Daniel Tengku Rohsdan, Year 10
Cockatoo Island - Mixed media



Vivian Le'Mont, Year 9
Marine - Watercolour



Ashika Chand, Year 11
Still Life - Mixed media



Angela Dupuy, Year 9
Marine - Watercolour

INDUSTRIAL ARTS REPORT

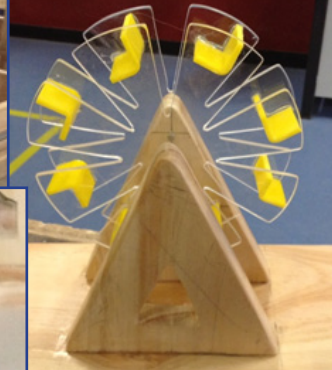
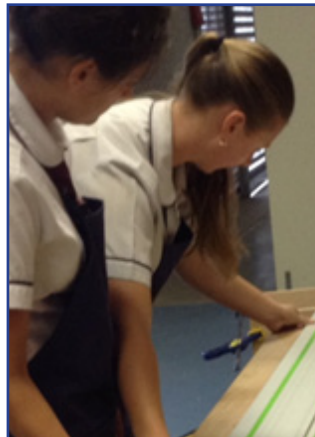
INDUSTRIAL ARTS ARE BUSY



Term 3 is always busy. We had Parent/Teacher interviews in Week 2 and a very successful Curriculum Evening in Week 3 which allowed us to 'show off' the many subject opportunities

available within the Industrial Arts Faculty. Head Teacher, Ms Johnston reports.

Parents as well as students were very enthusiastic about the future experiences open to them. Many thanks to Year 12



Engineering Studies students Jason Ho and Faizan Hussain who came along to answer questions about the range of subjects.

Industrial Technology Timber Higher School Certificate Major projects were due in Week 4 and Year 12 students have been working frantically, both during and after school, in order to meet this deadline. This year we have some interesting projects, such as a large Blue Gum display cabinet, a small Spotted Gum jewellery cabinet and a New Guinea Rosewood coffee table. Good luck to this year's students.

This year is the first class of Year 9 Industrial Technology Engineering and Mr Prasad has had some interesting ferris wheel designs for the Structures module. As this group moves into Year 10 next year, they will study robotics in the Control Systems module and solar and wind power in the Alternate Energy module.

Our eager Year 8 students have been

modifying their Speed Racer projects to create some really wild hot rod designs.

As we approach the end of the term, Years 11 and 10 will have their end of course examinations and they are, hopefully, getting well prepared for this. We wish them every success.

Year 11 students will then prepare themselves to begin HSC studies at the beginning of Term 4. This year that will be the Industrial Technology Metal and the Engineering Studies students.

I would like to thank Mr Prasad, Mr Uzelac and Mr Singh for the hard work they do with students to help them achieve their best. Also, thank you to parents who continue to guide and support their children with projects and assessment tasks. ❖

SPORTS REPORT

STATE HOCKEY KNOCKOUT



On Friday, June 14 JEHS sent a team of eager hockey players to the State Knockout Competition at Moorebank in Round 2 at central venue. Coach, Ms Matthews reports.

The boys beat Bass High School in Round 1 due to them forfeiting.

In the first game played against Westfields High School the boys lost 10-1, which was a great effort considering their team was made up of all state players. This gallant squad of boys persevered each week at training to improve their skills and to learn the game of hockey. By competition date, their teamwork was evident in the match unlucky not to score on a few occasions.

In our second game against Leumeah High School, we won 1-0. Above all, the boys enjoyed the high participation rate of this fast moving sport and developed

excellent skills that will transfer into other ball sports.

I was so proud of these boys as they put 100% effort into the two games we played as well as being cheerful and well behaved ambassadors of JEHS. All the boys showed a great deal of skill, determination, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to: Blake, Azhar, Alperen, Ali, Andrew, Rahul, Perry, Aaron, Brandon, Corey, Kudget, Ryan and Brodie. A big thankyou to Mr Campbell who kindly assisted with transport. ❖



SPORTS REPORT

SOCCER WIN



The Opens Boys Soccer team beat Oxley High School from Tamworth at the end of Term 2 to secure a Quarter Final home game against Callaghan College from Newcastle. Coach, Mr Spinks reports.

This was a fabulous opportunity for our boys to play one of the best schools from the Newcastle area. We started very strong in our game scoring early with a goal from young gun Anthony Beuk on the back of some enterprising play from Robert Perre and Richard Darko. JEHS continued to pile on the pressure and created a number of chances in the first half. Finally this dominance in possession translated to the scoreboard as Alex Arias flicked a ball into the box which found its way into the back of the net. The 2-0 first half scoreline was an excellent half for our school and set the platform for the game.

Unfortunately, early in the 2nd half we conceded an own goal due to a momentary lapse in concentration which brought Callaghan College back in the contest. A nervous



5-10 minutes ensued with Callaghan College putting a lot of pressure on our players and Jonathan Dawson's goal.

Finally, a late flurry from our JEHS chargers enabled Alex Arias to run at the Callaghan College defence forcing a penalty from the opposition defence. Richard Darko stepped up to calmly slot the penalty and secure a 3-1 victory in the Quarter Final of the NSW CHS Cup. This now enables us to play in the Semi Final against Turramurra High School.

Opens Boys Soccer team vs Callaghan College: Anthony Beuk, Mark Lang, Jerry Barkho, Marcus Galla, Mohammad Jamal, Dean Mallia, Nikola Djordjevic, Milan Milenkovic, Christian Collucio, Jamie Trajkovski, Chris Conditis, Allan Aziz, Dylan Heffernan, Richard Darko, Robert Perre, Alex Arias, Antonio Lazarevski, Jonathan Dawson, Vincent Meoli, Adam Barbarian, Matthew Halim, Alek Hoskins. ❖

YEAR 8 AFL GIRLS



On Thursday, August 7 Year 8 had their annual gala day. For the girls AFL team we were expecting two strong teams, however on the morning we realised that there would only be one, but the girls were still keen to show off their skills and talent. Coach, Ms Cavey reports.

We arrived at Greenway Park early and the Year 10 PASS coaches were keen to get the students warmed up and prepared. They took them through a gruelling half an hour warm up which included jogging, stretching and a range of drills. These drills included handballing, kicking, catching and even body weight exercises such as push ups. I think the coaches were trying to tire them out before the games.

The other school arrived, Cabramatta High School, with the minimal amount of students required for the game, 9. They were given time to warm up and we set out to start the first game. JEHS girls took to the game quickly and there was fantastic teamwork and encouragement happening on and off the field. We scored several easy goals and were up in the



first half. We took the game in the second half, winning 21-7. The refereeing of the game was strong and kept the game under control. The second game had to be cut short, but we will claim the victory as we were up when time was called.

Overall the girls had improved their knowledge and skills of the game and showed great sportsmanship. Mr Lloyd and Ms Cavey were very pleased with all players and coaches involved. ❖

REGIONAL ATHLETICS



On July 29th and 30th 50 students from JEHS went ahead in leaps and bounds at the Regional Athletics carnival held at Campbelltown Sports Stadium, with eight students qualifying to NSWCHS State Athletics championships to be held in September. Ms Matthews reports.

Congratulations to the following students on their selection to State: Joe Ueese, Chantelle Tavita, Christian Ueese, Jordan Fullagar, Zac Fullagar, Emily Crawford, Tatianna Tilman and U14 girls relay team (Allysa Grattan, Jonell Lemusu, Alix Boyle, Maritha Raitala).

Joe Ueese, under 15s boys, was among several students to break records at the two day carnival. He came 1st in the Javelin throwing 45.77m and 3rd in shot put throwing 12.4m. Chantelle Tavita in Year 12 also impressed in the Javelin arena, coming 2nd in 17 years girls Javelin throwing 29.28m. Zac Fullagar came 2nd in long jump, jumping

5.31m in the 15 years boys as well as 3rd in 110m hurdles, 7th in 100m, 5th in 100m and 5th in 200m.

Emily Crawford came 2nd in the under 16s girls high jump at the regional carnival jumping 1.40m, while Tatianna Tilman jumped 1.43m coming 2nd in the under 14s girls high jump as well as coming 9th in shot put. Andrew Webster in the under 14s boys high jump also impressed placing 3rd in his age group jumping 1.60m, 6th in 100m, 5th in 800m and 5th in shot put.

Under 12s competitors Christian Ueese and Jordan Fullagar both of Year 7 also qualified to State. Christian Ueese 3rd in 12 years boys shot put throwing 9.27cm and 2nd in discus throwing 23.15m. Jordan Fullagar came 7th in 100m final and 2nd in the 12 years boys long jump with a 4.60m jump.

Off the tracks, students enjoyed cheering for their peers. JEHS had an excellent number of students representing across both days, at the regional carnival. Thank you also to the many parents and carers that came to support our athletes. It was greatly appreciated. ❖

ZONE ATHLETICS SHINE



Take a bow JEHS Athletics Team! On June 17th and 25th some outstanding results from our athletes were achieved as they competed in the Bernera Zone Athletics Carnival against 10 other schools. Team coaches, Ms Matthews & Mr Spinks report.

The final point score landed us in 1st position overall!!! We won overall in the girls competition and came 2nd in the boys competition. What a superb effort from our school and a big pat on the back to our athletes who have trained so hard for the Carnival.

On an icy Tuesday and Wednesday morning, where most were wrapped in blankets, beanies, jackets and trackies; our brave JEHS team elected to compete in their school athletics singlets and shorts only! The white and navy blue of JEHS was a ray of sunshine amongst the overcast conditions.

Our JEHS relay teams went well. Congratulations to our Girls teams; u13 placing 1st, u15 placing 2nd, u17 placing 2nd. JEHS Boys relay saw u12 placing 2nd and u14 and u15 winning doing our school proud at Zone qualifying to Regional as the school state team.

Our Girl 'medal winning' results:

Tahlia McLachlan: 1st 800m u12 girls

Helen Zhong: 1st High Jump u12 girls

Tatianna Tilman: 1st 110m hurdles, 1st High jump, 2nd 200m, 2nd 100m u13 girls

Jonell Lemusu: 1st high jump, 1st long jump, 2nd 100m u14 girls

Taneil McLachlan: 1st shot up u14 girls

Penny Protogeros: 2nd 800m, 2nd 3km u14 girls

Maritha Raitala: 2nd 200m, 2nd 110m hurdles u14 girls

Bianca Roberston: 1st 1500m u14 girls

Kayla Spurway: 2nd 1500m u15 girls

Emily Crawford: 1st 110m hurdles, 1st high jump, 1st Javelin u16 girls

Emma Hatton: 2nd Javelin u16 girls

Kayla Mallia: 1st 800m, 2nd 400m u16 girls

Mereia Raitala: 1st Shot Put u16 girls

Jelena Milosevic: 2nd 1500m u17 girls

Chantelle Tavita: 1st Shot put, 2nd Javelin u17 girls

Kristen Thompson: 1st 100m, 1st 200m, 1st 400m, 1st 800m, 1st Long Jump, 2nd Discus, 2nd Triple Jump

Anamarija Zivanovic: 1st Triple Jump, 2nd 100m, 2nd High Jump, 2nd Long Jump.



There were many outstanding performances from the boys at the carnival. Both Andrew Webster (14s) and Zac Fullagar (15s) were the age champions for their respective age groups. The 12s, 14s, 15s, and 16s relays all made it through to the regional carnival which is a massive achievement.

In the under 12s Jordan Fullagar placed 2nd in long jump, and 3rd in the 100m. Christian Ueese placed 1st in discus and 2nd in shot put. Vince Raco came 2nd in the 200m event and Tyrin McLachlan came 3rd in the hurdles.

In the under 13s, Luke Caronna won the 800m event.

The under 14s age champion Andrew Webster competed in almost every event in this age group. He won the high jump, placed 2nd in the hurdles and 800m, and 3rd in shot put, 1500m and discus.

The under 15s age champion Zac Fullagar came 1st in the hurdles and 200m and 2nd in the 100m, high jump and long jump. Daniel Haylock won the 100m. Jarred Moren placed 3rd in Discus. Joe Ueese displayed enormous strength to win the shot put, javelin and discus all by a massive distance to the 2nd place competitor.

In the under 16s, Eren Temel placed 2nd in triple jump, high jump and long jump. Nikola Djordjevic placed 3rd in the 800. Also, Rawiri Doull placed 3rd in the shot put event.












The 17+ had Michael Appleby compete in every event in this age group over the two days. As a result of this massive effort, he placed 1st in the pentathlon event. Levi Burgess placed 2nd in high jump in difficult conditions. Dean Ueese came 3rd in shot put.

After all had been run and the dust had settled, we had 50 individuals heading through to the Sydney South West Regional Athletics Carnival.

A big thankyou to everyone who came out to support JEHS and our wonderful athletes. ❖

JEHS 2014 EVENTS CALENDER

Dates are subject to change without notice.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
T3 W7	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27  West Leagues Cup Final	Aug 28  Year 7 Gala Day @ various venues  Year 10 Drama Excursion: NORA @ Belvoir	Aug 29  Year 12 Physics Excursion @ UNSW
T3 W8	Sep 1 YEAR 11 EXAMS  P&C Meeting: School Library @ 6:30pm	Sep 2 YEAR 11 EXAMS	Sep 3 YEAR 11 EXAMS	Sep 4 YEAR 11 EXAMS  Yr 10 Lessons Afloat Excursion @ Sydney Harbour	Sep 5 YEAR 11 EXAMS
T3 W9	Sep 8 YEAR 11 EXAMS	Sep 9 YEAR 11 EXAMS	Sep 10 YEAR 11 EXAMS	Sep 11 YEAR 10 EXAMS	Sep 12 YEAR 10 EXAMS
T3 W10	Sep 15 YEAR 10 EXAMS	Sep 16 YEAR 10 EXAMS	Sep 17 YEAR 10 EXAMS	Sep 18  Yr 12 Picnic Day @ Sydney Harbour	Sep 19 <i>Last Day of Term 4</i>  Yr 12 Graduation Ceremony @ JEHS Auditorium
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS					
T4 W1	Oct 6 <i>Labour Day Public Holiday</i>	Oct 7 <i>First Day of Term 4 for students Summer Uniform</i>	Oct 8  John Edmondson's 100th Birthday	Oct 9	Oct 10
T4 W2	Oct 13 HSC EXAMS	Oct 14 HSC EXAMS	Oct 15 HSC EXAMS	Oct 16 HSC EXAMS	Oct 17 HSC EXAMS
T4 W3	Oct 20 HSC EXAMS YEAR 7 TESTING WEEK	Oct 21 HSC EXAMS YEAR 7 TESTING WEEK	Oct 22 HSC EXAMS YEAR 7 TESTING WEEK	Oct 23 HSC EXAMS YEAR 7 TESTING WEEK  Yr 8 Geography Trivia School Challenge	Oct 24 HSC EXAMS YEAR 7 TESTING WEEK
T4 W4	Oct 27 HSC EXAMS YEAR 8 TESTING WEEK	Oct 28 HSC EXAMS YEAR 8 TESTING WEEK	Oct 29 HSC EXAMS YEAR 8 TESTING WEEK  Yr 11 Ryda Driver Education Program @ Penrith	Oct 30 HSC EXAMS YEAR 8 TESTING WEEK  Vaccinations #3  Year 10 Food Tech Excursion @ Sydney Tower	Oct 31 HSC EXAMS YEAR 8 TESTING WEEK
T4 W5	Nov 3 HSC EXAMS YEAR 9 TESTING WEEK  P&C Meeting: School Library @ 6:30pm	Nov 4 HSC EXAMS YEAR 9 TESTING WEEK	Nov 5 HSC EXAMS YEAR 9 TESTING WEEK	Nov 6 HSC EXAMS YEAR 9 TESTING WEEK	Nov 7 HSC EXAMS YEAR 9 TESTING WEEK
T4 W6	Nov 10  Year 12 Formal @ Camden Lakeside	Nov 11  <i>Remembrance Day</i>	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14

Parents/Carers: Please be aware that during HSC Exams we are unable to use the public address system to call for students. If you are wanting to collect a student during school hours, please ensure you follow the procedures for students leaving early.

1. Student brings a note from parent to the administration office **BEFORE** roll call detailing who will be picking up the student and when.
2. Early Leavers Pass will be issued to the student.
3. The person collecting the student is to come to the administration office with photo identification and sign the student out of school.