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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

IT'S BEEN A BUSY TERM

Since our last newsletter there has been so much happening in our school to showcase the talents and achievements that one might characterise it as an 'embarrassment of riches'! In highlighting a number of these initiatives and achievements, I am sure there will be many that I miss.

Farewell Year 12

I would like to say a final farewell to our 2014 Year 12 students as they are currently sitting for their HSC examinations. The final week of their time at our school was brilliant and they showed themselves to be responsible, respectful young people, ready to meet the world. Mr Canobra organised our very first 'Olympiathon', where on Wednesday, September 17th students and teachers spent their last day at school in a spirit of cooperation and good natured competition.

The picnic day on Thursday, September 18th held in Sydney's Botanical Gardens was a huge success and Mr Joannides popped in to share his good wishes for students. Finally the Year 12 Graduation on Friday, September 19th was a fitting end and great way to celebrate the achievements of Year 12. I wish Year 12 all the best and hope they achieve not only the best possible result in their HSC studies but also that they are well placed to positively contribute through the further study and/or employment that lay ahead.

Student Leaders

In the latter part of last term our student leaders for 2015 were elected. I would like to congratulate the following students for being elected to our expanded leadership team: Zoeya Amin, Olivia Baonza, Angel Boustani, Zaynab El Kassir, Rayan Jaber, Justin Juresic, Andrew Lin, Dean Mallia, Raymond Su and Savenaca Tudrau.

These students will be important in supporting many activities within our school and to be role models for all students.

Originally twenty students were chosen and the following students were elected to our student leadership team to represent all students and be involved more directly in decision making within the school: Shilpa Singh, Nikola

Djordjevic, Kristen Campbell, Rayyaan Ali, Kate Bennett, Kristen Thompson, Katrina Trinh, Thomas Huang, Victor Huang and Deklan Savvas.



We asked all of the above students to attend an interview for us to decide who would be our Captains and Vice Captains for 2015. This panel included our outgoing School Captains, Lillian Jabur and Andrew Attard along with parent and staff representative and myself. We were all very pleased with the calibre of students in our leadership team and congratulations to the following students:

- **Vice Captains:** Rayyaan Ali and Kristen Campbell
- **Captains:** Shilpa Singh and Nikola Djordjevic



They have already impressed me with their maturity and I am sure they will continue in the fine traditions we have of student leaders within our school.

West's Leagues Cup

Our U15 Boys Rugby League Team participated in the finals of the West's Leagues Cup and came away with a very convincing win over Casula High School. Not only was it fantastic to see the skill and expertise of our students to win

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the game but the manner in which they did it, brought credit on our school. I know that our team has been the subject of a lot of positive talk in rugby league circles in regard to the way they wear their uniform, the cohesion and support they have for one another and the fine way they handle success, being most gracious in victory. They are all truly a credit to our school.



John Edmondson 100th Celebration

On Wednesday, October 8th we held an assembly to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Edmondson. We heard much of the courage and dignity that was of the man after whom we are named. As I mentioned to students, John Edmondson was an ordinary local boy who showed that he was capable of remarkable deeds. He not only fought for the freedoms we cherish, but he literally gave his life to fight for what is right and to protect those he cared for. Our guests included Mr Laurie Ferguson MP, Mr Vic Watts and Mr Tom Jones from John Edmondson Memorial Club (Club Liverpool), The Principal and some staff and students from Hurlstone Agricultural High School as well as parents from our P&C. Many of our guests remarked how wonderful our students are and the respect they showed toward our namesake and Victoria Cross recipient John Edmondson. We are proud to bear his name and continue his legacy through courage and integrity. I would like to thank Ms Young for her organisation of the event, Mrs Franks and Mrs Owen for the audio-visual presentation and Mrs Froio for the morning tea that was provided.

Active Parents and Citizens Association

I continue to be impressed with the huge amount of work our P&C does for our school. Once again our P&C were raising money on the day of our John Edmondson celebrations to build an electronic sign for our school. I'm pleased to say that the P&C raised over \$1200 through their 'Bake Sale' and we will now proceed to put an electronic sign into our school to replace our current 'static' sign. This will allow us to provide our community with much more information about school events as well as celebrate the successes of our students. I know the P&C are always looking for parents to attend meetings to be involved with our school. If you can spare 1-2 hours on the first Monday of each month in school terms at 6.30pm we would love to see you in the school library.

Gallipoli School Tour

Early last term we were successful in being one of very few schools in New South Wales selected to send four students and one teacher to Gallipoli next year for the 100th Centenary of Gallipoli and to attend the dawn service in Gallipoli on Anzac Day, April 25 2015. Many students applied for this wonderful opportunity and submitted many impressive applications that celebrate the tradition of Anzac. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I know that any of these students will represent our school with pride. The New South Wales Government is covering all airfare, accommodation and costs of meals. ★

Leon Weatherstone
PRINCIPAL

LOST PROPERTY

We have blazers, ties, jumpers, hats, sports uniforms, watches, bracelets, keys, scarves, computer sleeves, lunch boxes and a towel.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr Khanna

JEHS ALUMNI SUCCESS



Every week my local newspaper is usually filled with doom and gloom. Imagine my surprise when I opened it only to see two impressive articles in consecutive weeks praising the work of former JEHS student, Danny Dredge. Deputy Principal, Mr Khanna, reports.

Danny was the first JEHS student to receive a 100% attendance record for his entire six years here at JEHS, so I'm not surprised that he is now taking the carpentry world by storm.

Danny recently competed in the WorldSkills competition in Perth where he had three days to build a pergola. Danny finished in second place at this event and is hoping to be selected in the Australian team to compete in the WorldSkills International event held in Brazil in 2015.

This year has been a big year for Danny as he recently married his high school sweetheart Tamara Peachey. Congratulations to you both.

All of us here at JEHS will have our fingers crossed that he is selected for the WorldSkills International event. ★



Miller TAFE student Danny Dredge, 21, will compete this week. Picture: MELVYN KNIFE

Carpenter builds reputation

FUN and experience is all carpenter Danny Dredge is looking for when he goes head-to-head with other tradies at the WorldSkills competition in Perth from today.

The Miller TAFE student and fourth-year apprentice secured his place in the national stage of the competition when he took out the regionals late last year.

"The challenge was to

build a hip-end roof in six hours," Mr Dredge said.

"It was moderately difficult but I won because I met all the marking criteria.

"I knew the judges were looking for tight joints, correct measurements, it had to fit together well and be aesthetically pleasing."

Mr Dredge admits to having some nerves ahead of the next stage where he will be given three days to build a

pergola of a certain height and width.

"I do have some butterflies but I've been working on half-scale models and drawings with my TAFE mentor Allan Hill," he said.

"I'm just going to stay focused and hopefully it all comes together and my training pays off."

If he wins, he will compete on the international stage in Brazil next year.



He sawed, he conquered

GIFTED CARPENTRY APPRENTICE HAS EYE ON WORLDSKILLS CONTEST IN BRAZIL

CARPENTRY champ Danny Dredge has taken out second place in the WorldSkills Australia national competition in Perth.

The final-year apprentice from West Hoxton had 18 working hours over three days to build a pergola.

"It felt a bit unreal ... I couldn't believe it when they read my name out," the 21-year-old said.

The WorldSkills tournament pits young tradespeople against each other, measuring precision, safety and aesthetics.

Australian team selection for the WorldSkills International event in Brazil next year will be decided by invitation.

Other students of Miller TAFE to reach the national finals included Anthony Beljan, John Rizzo and Matthew Barnes.



Danny Dredge came second out of 16 national carpentry competitors in the WorldSkills competition in Perth.

SWIM SCHOOL & YR 8 CAMP



Term 3 has been a busy one for Year 7 with Bernera Zone Gala Days being the main events. Miss Matthews, Year Adviser, reports.

Firstly, we had our Bernera Zone Gala Day in which every student was able to pick from a variety of sports and play against Year 7 students from other schools. From all reports our year group played with great sportsmanship and represented our school in an excellent way. Students participated in a range of sports including Netball, Cricket, Soccer, Oz-tag, Slide Hockey and European Handball. Once again, our students did a great job and plenty of fun was had.



A big congratulations goes out to Jordan Fullagar and Christian Ueese for their great results at the State Championships for athletics. Jordan competed in the U12 Boys Long Jump placing 9th jumping 4.25m and Christian competed in the U12 Boys Discus placed 7th throwing 28m. What a HUGE effort!

Alexander Reid in Year 7 has also been doing well in the sporting front competing in the Australian Martial Arts Federation, Australian Kyokushin Federation NSW Titles. Representing United Kempo Martial Arts Academy in his first tournament.



I would also like to commend the whole of Year 7 for the high standards of uniform that was worn throughout Terms 2 & 3. As Term 4 starts, we revert back to our summer uniform.

I know this may sound funny, but as the weather starts to heat up it is important for our students to use deodorant. Our Year 7 students are getting to the stage where they need to use it. However, while at school all aerosols are banned due to the dangerous consequences it can have for asthmatics. If your child needs to use some form of deodorant at school, then buy them the roll-on type to keep in their bag.

As part of the NSW Board of Studies PDHPE syllabus all Year 7 students at John Edmondson High School will be required to take part in a compulsory Learn to Swim Program during Term 4, Week 10 (December 8-12). It is a compulsory part of the Year 7-10 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Syllabus, and an essential program for all students. All students will be tested on their ability, placed into graded groups and complete a Royal Lifesaving Society Award.

Each of these awards requires the student to demonstrate Swimming and Survival techniques, as well as safe rescue techniques. The program will be taught by qualified instructors. Teaching staff will assist with supervision and/or group instruction.

All students are expected to wear their full sports uniform to school. Hats are also compulsory. Sunscreen should be applied regularly throughout the day. Swimwear **only** will be allowed in the pool and rash shirts are strongly recommended as T-shirts may not be worn. Some canteen facilities will be available to students during their break time.

Just a reminder to ALL parents that the 2015 Year 8 camp is on from February 11th to 13th, 2015. This is an annual event and is the only opportunity for students at JEHS to attend a camp like this with their year group. Some lifelong skills will be learnt from this trip plus memories that will last forever. Please continue to pay for this adventure and use the green payment booklets to make your payments. Please do NOT leave it to the last minute as I hope you can appreciate, this trip takes many hours to organise. ★

WHERE WILL YOU BE IN 2015?

If you are planning on leaving JEHS for the 2015 school year, please ensure you contact Mrs Casey in the Administration Office ASAP. This will enable us to complete your sign-out and transfer process efficiently and effectively.

WELL DONE YEAR 8



So we are into the last Term of 2014 and what a ride it has been for our students. With the Christmas school holidays in sight I'm sure both teachers and students are getting excited. Year Adviser, Mr Moreland reports.

I'm pleased to say that many of our students have achieved great success in being awarded the Bronze Medallion. A big congratulations goes to Brendan Hodgson, Veronica Him, Sarah Belli, Dylan Bellingham, Erica Mui, Olivia Rose and Emily Djurovic.

Nancy Nguyen is the first student in our year group to receive the Silver Medallion. This is a fantastic accomplishment and recognises consistent effort and achievement. These type of awards look fantastic on resumes and are priceless later on when searching for life after school.



Students have enjoyed being involved in a diverse range of events that add to their learning. Many students have been in sporting teams representing our school, dance groups, art club and the Geography Trivia School Challenge which is being organised by our Assistant Year Advisor, Ms Zulic.

Our students also got to experience the *Rhythm Hunters Drum Performance* which was amazing. This was an incursion that was organised for Year 8 Japanese students by Mrs Vidakovic. A big thank you must go to her for all the hard work she puts in.

During the first week back for Term 4, the school also celebrated John Edmondson's 100th birthday. This was a special day for our school and our students were accompanied by many important people within our community. This included the federal member for Werriwa Laurie Ferguson, local members of the RSL including war veteran Mr Vic Watts and students and staff from Hurlstone Agricultural High School.

Many assessments are coming up for our Year 8 students. It's essential that every student prepares thoroughly for each task. Every student gets at least **two** weeks' notice for each assessment so there is **NO** excuse not to study for it. Once again, if your son or daughter misses an assessment task, they must submit a *Request for Consideration* form (available on the school website) within a week of the due date. If this doesn't happen a mark of **ZERO** may be awarded. This obviously has an impact on their reports.

Finally, a HUGE well done to Mr Canobra for all his hard work as being Year Adviser to the current Year 12 group that are sitting their HSC. Over the past 4 years he has spent thousands of hours (not exaggerating either) helping this cohort through their high school years. Good luck Year 12 in your HSC and your future endeavours. ★

RAISING FUNDS FOR LEGACY



Year 9 have worked extremely hard in 2014 and many have achieved Bronze medallions this year, Abbie Baker, Melissa Desisto, Cameron Shepherd, Gabrielle Antoniou and Farqaan Mahmood. Year Adviser, Ms Young reports.

Many are still actively involved in sport with great success as part of the U15 basketball team. These include Andrew Webster, Penny Protogeros, Abbie Baker, Sakina Begg, Vishaal Behari, Vibhuti Khanna and Kayda Salakaia.

Assessments are imminent and it is vital that students prepare thoroughly for all assessment tasks. If an assessment task is missed it is imperative to submit a *Request for Consideration*

form, which can be downloaded from the school website.

At the end of Term 3, Year 9 students were involved in Legacy Week by selling Legacy badges at Bunnings at Hoxton Park and Villawood. Jayden Hoffman, Rhys Hawkins, Bindu Gowda, Ellouise Varjacic, Elysha Dobson, Courtney Smith, Trent Brown and Jarrod Moren did an outstanding job at both Bunnings stores raising over \$1000. Chloe Cooke, Abbie Baker and Luey Sisouvath sold badges at school and raised \$300.

The school celebrated the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Edmondson on Wednesday, October 8th. Many prominent guests from the community and those with links to the school were in attendance including the local Federal Member Laurie Ferguson, Vic Watts from the Liverpool RSL Sub Branch and Tom Jones from Club Liverpool and representatives from the P&C. ★

YEAR 10 DO IT ALL



Term 4 has arrived much quicker than anticipated. This year has been a total blur and in the chaos of it all, I am amazed to see how grown up and mature this year group has become. Year Adviser, Ms Bantoft reports.

Year 10 students completed yearly examinations in the hall at the end of

Term 3 and final assessments were scheduled for the start of Term 4. Although most assessment tasks were completed by week 4, students in Year 10 were still required to complete all class work to meet course requirements for the remaining time. Incomplete class work can result in an N warning for that subject.

Year 10 students should be congratulated on some of the amazing things they have been doing this year. They have been involved in numerous events. Some of which are listed below:

Peer Support Many Year 10 students were nominated and trained as peer support leaders and helped the new Year 7's transition into high school.

Harmony Day A day where peer support leaders ran groups with Year 8 students and tried to help put a stop to bullying.

Pop Idol A few of the Year 10 students were brave enough to enter this competition. Photos of Derek Veve, Jasmine Arthurson and Rachel Thebridge performing are above.

World Vision Fundraising Students in the Year 10 Food Technology classes study a unit called "Food Inequity" and decided to run numerous cake stalls to help raise money for

the less fortunate. These students all volunteered to bring in their own cakes to be part of the sale – meaning that all money made was PROFIT!!! In total, the three classes together made around \$1900. What an epic effort!

Commerce Businesses Year 10 Commerce classes have been running their own little businesses – Students made a profit of around \$1200 which they have donated to a worthy charity.

Shave for a Cure Year 10 students volunteered to help in the running of this charity event. It was a very successful day

with lots of money being raised.

Public Speaking Competition A huge congratulations to Emma Hatton who participated in a Public Speaking competition that was held earlier this year at Casula Powerhouse. Although Emma didn't win, she gained lots of confidence in speaking in front of a large audience and represented our school with pride.

Sporting Events West Leagues Cup, athletics carnival, swimming carnival, knock out sports.

Year 10 Formal Year 10 Formal will be taking place on Thursday, December 4th at the Liverpool Catholic Club. Tickets will cost \$60. This needs to be paid at the front office as soon as possible. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there in your snazzy suits and formal dresses.

Although most exams and assessments are over students are still expected to be attending school up until the last day of teaching for Term 4. Until next time. ★



REMEMBERING JOHN EDMONDSON



On October 8 we commemorated the 100th Anniversary of Birth of John Edmondson. Ms Young reports.

The assembly was attended by Laurie Ferguson the federal member for Werriwa, Vic Watts from the Liverpool RSL Sub Branch, Tom Jones from Club Liverpool, Daryl Currie Principal of Hurlstone Agricultural High School, Christine Castle

Deputy Principal from Hurlstone Agricultural High School and Johanna Leglise from their teaching staff and their school captains and six year 8 students. One of their year 8 students, Anna Dinh spoke to the assembly about John Edmondson's early life and school days at Hurlstone. Our school captains, Shilpa Singh and Nikola Djordjevic and vice captains Kristen Campbell and Rayyaan Ali hosted the assembly.

It was important for the school to remember the 100th anniversary as it cements the school's links to the community and gave the school an opportunity to reflect on the life of a man who was only 26 when he was killed at Tobruk but left a lasting legacy.

We learnt that John Edmondson has a cousin, Mr Ken Peacock who was unable to attend but asked that the following be read.

So why are we commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Hurst Edmondson?

It is about the courage and integrity of a quiet young man who was a loving son and a caring, respectful person throughout his life. He committed an act of almost unbelievable bravery to save the life of another soldier who happened to be his Commanding Officer. He acted instinctively to a call for help and would have done the same thing for anyone else in his section.

On the night of 13 April 1941 in the Libyan Desert Jack, five other soldiers and their Commanding Officer were sent out to defend their post against an attack by a large number of German soldiers in the initial Battle of Tobruk. It was their first encounter with the enemy, visibility was poor and the German soldiers were heavily armed with machine guns. The small Australian group decided the only way they could scare the German soldiers out of their entrenched positions was to run at them shouting as loud as they could. The tactic worked as the Germans were surprised by the loud noise and before they could properly react the Australian soldiers were among them.

In the initial charge Jack Edmondson was severely wounded by machine gun fire but when he heard a call from help he found the strength and courage to run to the aid of his Commanding Officer. After rescuing him and chasing off several other German soldiers Jack collapsed and was carried back to a trench while the fighting continued all night preventing him from receiving medical attention.

In the early hours of 14 April, Jack died quietly. For his actions and courage, Jack was awarded the Victoria Cross, the first member of the A.I.F to receive the honour in World War II. The Victoria

Cross is the highest award any soldier can receive. The announcement said: His actions throughout the operations were outstanding for resolution, leadership and conspicuous bravery.

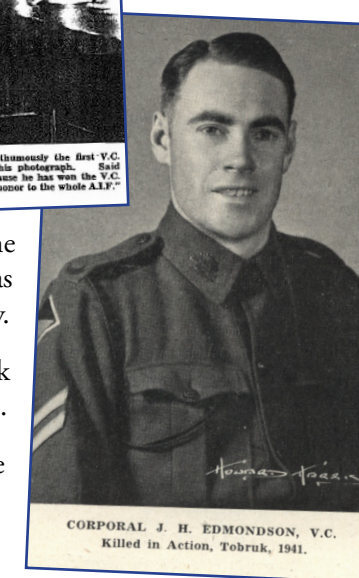
Corporal John Hurst (Jack) Edmondson VC was buried at the Tobruk War Cemetery in Libya.

Jack Edmondson should not be remembered just because he was the first member of the A.I.F to be awarded the Victoria Cross in World War II. He should be

remembered as the quiet, respectful, caring and determined young man who lived and worked in the local community and acted instinctively when called to help another. He may have inherited his determination and courage from his ancestors



ON HEARING that their son, Corporal Jack Edmondson, had been awarded posthumously the first V.C. won by an Australian in this war, Mr. and Mrs. Edmondson proudly look at his photograph. Said grey-haired, soft-spoken Mrs. Edmondson: "I am no more proud of my son because he has won the V.C. I have always been proud of him. Jack would have regarded this award as an honor to the whole A.I.F."



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BRING ON YEAR 12



Year 11, 2014 students have now commenced Year 12 HSC studies this term. Every student received a Year 12 HSC Assessment Schedule which has been effective from Day 1 Term 4. Year Adviser, **Mrs Campbell** reports.

Students are strongly encouraged to read through all information, highlight the due dates for tasks, identify whether these

tasks are to be submitted prior to school commencing on the due date or are to be completed at school on the designated date. Commitment to learning is essential.

It is vital that parents and students read and understand the assessment policy which is clearly stated in students *Learning Guides* as well as the schools website. It is important to note that only with an authorised illness or misadventure that a student can avoid receiving zero for a task (although no one can afford to receive a zero!). Any authorisation can only be given by medical practitioners, police or similar.

In cases of misadventure, please be reminded that copies of the *Illness/Misadventure form* may be downloaded from the school website. The forms are to then be taken to the appropriate authority for signature. These forms must be submitted on the first day that the student returns to school.

From the start of Term 4 till completion of all HSC examinations (2015), all focus should be on achieving a commendable HSC. It may be a very stressful time for students, particularly around assessment tasks, so parents support your child in every way possible while working towards the HSC. Encourage a balance of school work, exercise, time out with sensible sleeping and healthy eating.

Congratulations to both the Expanded 2015 Leadership Team and Leadership Team that include: Zoeya Amin, Olivia Baonza, Angel Boustani, Zaynab El Kassir, Rayan Jaber, Justin Juresic, Andrew Lin, Dean Mallia, Raymond Su, Savenaca Tudrau, Kate Bennett, Kristen Campbell Shilpa Singh, Kristen Thompson, Katrina Trinh, Rayyaan Ali, Nikola Djordjevic, Thomas Huang and Deklan Savvas.

Our 2015 Captains: Nikola Djordjevic and Shilpa Singh and our Vice Captains: Rayyaan Ali and Kristen Campbell.

To our 2015 leadership team, congratulations and thank you for your contributions to the Year 12 Graduation Assembly, the John Edmondson 100th Anniversary Ceremony and assistance with the P&C Cake stall. A fantastic start to your leadership role.



In addition I would like to congratulate Shilpa Singh, who has been selected to attend NSW Schools Constitutional Convention on Monday 10th November. The topic: Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians.

Only a few students across all sectors of NSW schools were selected. This is a great experience for Shilpa and I look forward to Shilpa sharing her experience with us.

On a final note, keep up the hard work and make the most of your final senior year. ★

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who fought in World War I or came to Australia as convicts and free settlers but his integrity was something he learned from his parents and teachers.

Just before he left to go to war his mother said to him: "Jack, never any decorations." He replied quietly and seriously: "No mother, I want to come back." It was a promise he was unable to keep. In carrying out the unselfish act that cost him his life Jack added his own brand of courage. His integrity and caring nature was well recognized by his mother but his courage surprised her. In a tribute to her son, placed in a Sydney

newspaper sometime after his death she said:

Edmondson, V.C. – A memory of love for a young soldier & our dear & only child, Cpl John Hurst Edmondson, VC, who made the supreme sacrifice at Tobruk on April 14, 1941.

*A hero in the mould of other days,
Fearless, & yet so simple in your ways,
We scarcely guessed the greatness of your heart.*

These simple words from a devastated mother who had lost her only child, describe John Hurst Edmondson VC and tell us why we should remember him on this day. ★



COMMERCE MARKET DAY



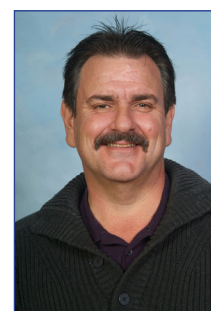
After much preparation and anxious waiting, Ms Tran's 10 Commerce 1 and Ms Prasad's 10 Commerce 2 classes finally reached Market Day to battle it out and make the most profit. Students, **Rabiya Fathima, Emma Hatton, Linda Huang and Carolyn Sifri** report.

10 Com 1 was strategically set up near the elevators due to their smartly predicted weather forecast, and sold a delicious variety of Subway cookies, Pizza Hut's pizza, and soft drinks. After gaining much of the school's attention, they went on to set up a blooming business, almost immediately receiving exponential profits.

On the other hand, 10 Com 2 ideally selected their location by deciding to position their business in the Year 10 shelter near the ramps. As a result of their well-planned advertising and marketing, they were welcomed by a huge crowd because of their over-whelming pre-orders. 10 Com 2 sold Domino's pizza, scrumptious Krispy Kreme's, a variety of soft drinks, and Australia's best fairy floss.

On a whole, both businesses ran successfully due to their greatly chosen products, low prices, and the generous school community. We would like to thank Mr Campbell for his assistance on the day as well as Mrs Prasad and Ms Tran for their opinions whilst preparing. All students in both classes learnt more about their "Running a Business" topic including how to be an entrepreneur and co-operation. All profits will be donated to charity. ★

YEAR 12 MAJOR PROJECTS



Term 3 has seen some big changes for the Industrial Arts faculty. We would like to thank Ms Johnston for all her hard work and support of both staff and students with the major projects. Relieving Head Teacher, **Mr Uzelac** reports.

Mr Prasad has taken last year's Year 11 Industrial Technology Timber class through to the completion of their major projects for Year 12. You will see from the photos the amount of effort our Year 12's have put into their work and we wish them all the best for their final exams results.

Year 12 Engineering students are preparing themselves for their final exams. This is the first time students have undertaken Engineering Studies for the HSC at JEHS, so all the best for setting the benchmark for years to come!

HSC work commenced for Year 11 Industrial Technology Metal students with the beginning of Term 4, so the students are now developing ideas for their major project for Year 12.



Year 10 Industrial Technology-Metal, Timber and Electronics are nearing the completion of their course and we look forward to their return next year.

Years 7, 8 and 9 are now getting ready for their yearly exams and are also working toward completing their Semester 2 practical projects.



All the staff of the Industrial Arts Dept would like to wish all of our students the very best in their final exams for the year.

A big thank you goes out to

Mr Prasad and Mr Singh for their continuing efforts with all of the students studying Industrial Arts this year. ★

HSC DONE & DUSTED



2014 is almost at a close. This second semester has seen examinations for all cohorts, the continuation of assessment, and of course, the HSC. Mrs Violi, Head Teacher Teaching and Learning/Careers and VET Coordinator, reports.

Student feedback regarding the HSC has been quite positive. Many have felt that they could answer all questions successfully and confidently. Some students, however, have indicated the need for more preparation time leading up to the exam; some have admitted to not having studied enough or not being adequately prepared, wishing for more time. Perhaps this is worthwhile evaluation and advice for future Year 12 students.

Nevertheless, Year 12 students have clear and definite plans regarding their future pathways. These plans include university, TAFE, college, apprenticeships or work. I sincerely wish all Year 12 students every success in their future endeavours. I keep expressing how quickly time seems to pass and before students know it, they are sitting their Year 12 HSC exams. My advice to current students then, is to embrace every moment of their schooling and work hard towards reaching their goals. Just a reminder that HSC results will be posted in the students online accounts.

Year 10-12 students have been shown how to access their students online accounts. Year 10 and 11 ROSA grades will also be posted here. HSC results come out on the 17th December (students can register online for SMS results) and will be mailed to students in January. UAC offers come out 18th December.

It is so pleasing to note that this year seemed to attract even more candidates applying for early entry into universities. It becomes very reassuring for students to be offered a place at university before they even begin their HSC or receive their results. To date, we have had approximately 10 students who have been offered university places through Notre Dame, Wollongong and Charles Sturt Universities.

I congratulate these students and others for being proactive in their application processes. Universities offering Early Entry do examine student Trial Marks and ranks before offering students an Interview or a place. Year 12 Students have also applied for many schemes in the hope of gaining bonus points or a scholarship. I wish them all well.

The Board of Studies offers school leavers the opportunity to participate in a Literacy and Numeracy Test. Twelve Year 10 students who have indicated the possibility of leaving school at the end of Year 10, have participated in the testing process. The extra credential offered by the Board of Studies can be an impressive credential for employers.

Year 10 students have been applying for TVET and SBAT courses in Plumbing, Auto, Sport and Fitness, Carpentry, Health and Children's Services. With a TVET (TAFE) Course, students have the flexibility of attending TAFE one day per week while studying at school. Students gain a competency or a Certificate 2 as a result of the TAFE Course in which they are enrolled in. An SBAT or a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship involves being linked to and working for an employer one day per week, attending TAFE another day per week and attending school over the three remaining days.

Completing an SBAT successfully means that the student has already completed the HSC, possibly gaining an ATAR while also gaining a Certificate 2 in a TAFE/apprenticeship. As difficult as this sounds, there have been many success stories of students achieving these credentials while at school.

I must take this time to congratulate, yet again, Jessica Grima, our Year 12 Graduate on achieving excellent results in her SBAT. Jessica managed to complete the HSC gaining an ATAR, while successfully completing her SBAT in Business. She has been offered a traineeship with the company that she has been employed with. She has also been the recipient of many awards for her exemplary results in her SBAT at Region, State and National levels. She truly has been an exceptional and inspirational role model and I congratulate her once again.

I encourage all students to continue working solidly. The year is not over yet; there is still much learning to be done.

A speaker at a recent inservice that I attended, left me with these words:

*The world is changing at a rapid rate.
By the time our students leave school,
new jobs will be created; ones that don't exist yet!
Although the content learned at school is important,
it is the actual learning process and the skills
developed that will shape students
as successful learners in their future careers. ★*



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JEHS 2014 EVENTS CALENDER

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
T4 W6	Nov 10  Year 12 Formal @ Camden Lakeside	Nov 11  Year 8 ESSA Testing	Nov 12  Year 8 ESSA Testing	Nov 13	Nov 14
T4 W7	Nov 17	Nov 18  Year 7, 2015 Information Evening & Tour of School	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21
T4 W8	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26  MADD Matinee MADD Night	Nov 27	Nov 28
T4 W9	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3  Year 7, 2015 Orientation Day	Dec 4  2014 Sports Presentation  Year 10 Formal @ Liverpool Catholic Club	Dec 5
T4 W10	Dec 8  Year 7 Swim School	Dec 9  Year 7 Swim School	Dec 10  Year 7 Swim School  2014 Presentation Evening	Dec 11  Year 7 Swim School	Dec 12  Year 7 Swim School
T4 W11	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 17 <i>Last Day of Term 4, 2014</i>  Recognition Excursion	Dec 18 Staff Development Day School Closed	Dec 19 Staff Development Day School Closed
December 18 to January 27 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS					
	Jan 19	Jan 20 <i>Uniform Shop OPEN by appointment</i> <i>Administration Office OPEN 9:00am to 3:00pm</i>	Jan 21 <i>Uniform Shop OPEN by appointment</i> <i>Administration Office OPEN 9:00am to 3:00pm</i>	Jan 22	Jan 23 <i>Uniform Shop OPEN by appointment</i> <i>Administration Office OPEN 9:00am to 3:00pm</i>
T1 W1	Jan 26  Australia Day	Jan 27 Staff Development Day NO STUDENTS	Jan 28 <i>Years 7, 11 & 12 return to school</i>	Jan 29 <i>Years 8, 9 & 10 return to school</i>	Jan 30

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