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principal's report: a fantastic year

Leon Weatherstone - Principal

We have come to the end of another year and when I look back at what our students and staff have achieved, it has been truly breathtaking.

Student Leaders

One of the areas in which I am most proud is through our student leaders. Our senior leadership team in 2016 led by Rabiya Fathima and Marc Lang did an amazing job to represent students within the school and also at functions outside the school.

Our new student leadership team led by Vibhuti Khanna and Andrew Webster are following on and building these traditions. The Student Representative Council has grown in their influence and activity under Miss Davidson's guidance. They are all fine young men and women and I know they have done such a great job that there is now a lot of interest in the SRC elections to be held early next year.

BYOD and Technology

We embarked upon a journey this year to allow students to bring computer devices to school to assist them with their learning. I was a little concerned initially

that they may distract from learning but all the current information available to me suggests that the devices are being used responsibly by students and are making a very positive impact. We now have all classrooms fitted with interactive projectors to assist teachers present even more interesting and engaging learning activities to students.

HSC

The 2016 HSC results document some outstanding achievements from many of our students. We have more Band 5 and 6 results than previous years and less Band 1 and 2. This is a testament to the support we are providing to our students and also the increased commitment and dedication that students are applying to their studies.

P&C

We say goodbye to two P&C stalwarts, Mrs Herceg and Mrs Mammoliti as their children have now left the school. They have raised a huge amount of funds to support the school over the last few years. The P&C meets on the first Monday of each month during school terms. The next meeting is on Monday 6th February in the school library at 6.30pm. I hope many of you can come along.



MADD

Our MADD Games once again was an overwhelming success. It was great to see the depth of talent of so many of our students within music, dance, drama and the visual arts. Thank you to Miss Day, Mr Chavez, Mr Monro and Miss Kelly along with all our Visual Arts teachers and also so many teachers and school staff who assisted.



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principal's report: a fantastic year

Leon Weatherstone - Principal

Farewells

We say farewell to a number of staff who are either retiring or are taking up full time positions elsewhere. Many of them have provided many years of service to students of our school. To Mrs Diamond, Mr Spinks, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Turco, Mr Rix, Mr Monro, Mr Nair and Mr Davidson, we thank you and wish you all the best for the future.

A Special Farewell

Our Deputy Principal, Ms Dorrell is retiring at the end of this year and we certainly wish her all the very best. Ms Dorrell started at our school in 2006 as Head Teacher PDHPE, then took up the Head Teacher Mentor role in the school in 2009. The Head Teacher Mentor role assisted beginning teachers to become truly great teachers and I know many of our teachers have benefitted from her support of them through this role.



In 2012 Ms Dorrell was appointed Deputy Principal, recognising the depth of experience and commitment she has for students of the school. The role of Deputy Principal can often be a difficult one in dealing with the day to day operations of the school and serious cases of student behaviour but she has done this with great care and compassion. She has also maintained a keen interest in rewarding students and has coordinated the positive rewards scheme in our school.

Behind the scenes, Ms Dorrell has also maintained a keen interest in teacher professional learning to assist teachers grow and learn in their work so we can all provide better teaching and learning for students. She has truly had a remarkable career across many schools but it is in our school that I believe that she has shone and with every sunrise must come a sunset as she puts aside her professional life to focus on enjoying her retirement and her family.

Thank you Ms Dorrell for all that you have always done to support the students of our school.

Leon Weatherstone
PRINCIPAL





deputy principal report: merry christmas and farewell jehs

Elizabeth Dorrell - Deputy Principal

At the end of 2016 I will be retiring from teaching after a 35 year career. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the important contribution that parents and carers make towards the education of our children.

The role of Deputy Principal is not always an easy one. Maintaining a balance between the needs of individuals and the need to ensure that teachers are in control in the classroom to deliver quality education can be tricky. When parents and guardians engage with the school in a positive productive, partnership then educational outcomes are maximised.

At John Edmondson High School I am very grateful to have met so many wonderful parents and carers who have supported the education of their children. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you. I often talk about our school when I'm out and about. When I'm asked about our students I say they are great and that whenever our

students go on excursions, we receive many compliments on the high standard of their behaviour. At school, student quality is evident in debates, sporting activities and on performance nights such as MADD. They are a credit to their families.

A special thank you to our wonderful P & C who have work so tirelessly over the past few years to fund raise for our big fan in the hall and a beautiful electronic sign for the front of the school.

This group have had huge success with their fund raising efforts. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Rita Herceg and Nina Mammoliti who have given an exceptional amount of energy and time to support all the staff and students. I wish them both well in the future as they retire from the P & C because their children have left the school. The P & C is such an important part of JEHS, I urge you all to join. The culture is friendly, welcoming and supportive. They meet every 1st Monday of the month in the school library at 6.30pm. They are a great bunch of people. Having some new community members would be wonderful.

There are many parents and carer's I shall miss. To all the teachers at JEHS, I see your hard work and dedication every day. All the office staff are very efficient and all staff work hard to support the school. In particular thank you to Michelle Smith who always goes above and beyond. Also to Kev, Dave and Juan who make such valuable contributions to the school.

The school is in good hands and I am grateful to have worked under the leadership of Gary Joannides and then Leon Weatherstone. Both have made an outstanding contribution to the education of teachers. Last but not least thank you to my work partner Brij Khanna. So much happens in the school because of what he does. I'm still not sure when he sleeps.

Farewell and thank you all. Have a happy and safe festive season.

Kindest regards,

Elizabeth Dorrell



2007



2009



2011



2012



2013



2014



2015



2016



year seven report: its been a great first year

Jeanelle Karagiannis - Year Seven Adviser

As we come to the end of the year, I would like to begin by commending Year 7 on their first year of High School. They have been eager participants in all school activities and have had amazing achievements.

Semester Two reports have been finalised and you should be receiving them shortly. I was pleased to read so many wonderful comments on the attitudes and achievements of Year 7 students. Congratulations to those students who were acknowledged for their efforts by receiving awards at our Annual Presentation Evening.

Along with their achievements in the classroom, many students have been involved

in and excelled in extracurricular activities. Well done to Mariah Giles who received an award for placing in the top 20 in the NAIDOC Week Incentives Competition, where there were over 119,000 applicants. Ruby Graupner and Ella Scerri both received the award for the Premiers Reading Challenge. Congratulations to these students.

During week 9, Year 7 students attended Swim School. I was very pleased with how the majority of students behaved during the program, they were respectful and eager to participate in the fun water activities. The feedback from the students was that it was great program that they enjoyed. Overall it was a hit!

Information booklets about Year 8 camp have been dispatched, if you have not

received one there will be spares in the front office upon the start of the new academic year. The booklet includes information about the activities, payments and what students need to bring with them to camp. Please ensure you return the permission note whether or not your child is attending camp as there is an option for those who will not be attending. If your child has any medical issues please be sure to include this, as well as any dietary requirements. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Myself and Mr Campbell would like to say thank you to Year 7 for a wonderful year, have a safe holiday and we look forward to seeing our Year 8 students in 2017. #



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year eight report: what a year it has been

Emma Davidson - Year Eight Adviser

What a year it has been! As we have reached the last school week of 2016, I am happy to think of all that Year 8 have accomplished.

Their final term saw them sweating it out doing Yearly Examinations and final assessment tasks. There were also projects to complete, such as the Year 8 lino art printing, as well as dramatics to perform, such as the Junior Drama group. Additionally, we also had quite a few students presented with awards at the Sports Presentation Ceremony as well as the Presentation Night.

I am super proud of them – they have finished their Stage 4 schooling! Now

onto Year 9: Next year, students will have a different way of doing their timetabling; instead of being in one core class for all subjects, they will now be mixed. There are English classes, Mathematics classes, HSIE/PE/Science classes and also their chosen electives, so the students can look forward to a lot more variety in their days.

Speaking of looking forward, a special mention to a group of Year 8 students who have now started the Fast Forward UWS program. These students volunteered to participate in this group and last week attended a family night where we learnt about what the program has to offer. One of the key messages from the speakers was about how one way of preparing for the HSC year, is to start putting in places

positive habits to promote good work and study routines.

Next year, students will be given their Year 9 assessment calendar. I strongly encourage them to use these at home to be prepared for tasks and to work towards them. Also, a great way to start the year is to have all their books and stationary ready to go. Over the holidays, students should check through their equipment and replenish anything so their tools for school are fresh and ready for action.

But, putting all of that work/study talk aside, I hope that all of the students in Year 8 have a relaxing holiday – enjoy the sun, time with families and break from these school halls. #



The next JEHS P&C meeting
will be held in the school library on
Monday, February 6th
at 6:00pm.



Please join us in making this school even greater.



year nine report: a big year for all

Tim Moreland - Year Ten Adviser

Here I am again at the end of another year, once again thinking about all the things that Year 9 have achieved and experienced and not knowing how I could fit it all in to an article.

Looking at my folder, I have a year group with over 200 students in it and over 155 of them have participated in extra-curricular activities like Pop Idol, MADD night, sporting teams, Chess Club, coaching at gala days, fundraising for Legacy, the list goes on. To demonstrate this, we recently had the MADD evening for performing arts.

Our year group had the most students participating, with Anika, Emma B, Christine, Isabella Coraci, Jessica C, Jessica D, Paige, Dimitri, Kristie-Ann, Will, Mya, Jakob, Ruya, Jordan R, Lucas, Kelsey, Megan, Nick, Maddison, Praneel, Ashlyn, Rory, Tatiana, Eman, Portia, Garry, Laila, Chris T, Alesha, Jake W, Kayhla and Pollie (*I may have missed some names, as there were so many to count, apologies if I missed you!*).

All were wonderful and helped produce a spectacular performance.

I'd also like to acknowledge all the students who received awards at the Annual Awards Presentation for their effort and commitment throughout the year. Again the list is big which I am very proud of. Here we go... Congratulations Alanah, Tahlia B, Jake B, Eric, Emily C, Danielle, Aliya, Bailey, Vivian, Alex H, Tony H, Stella, Antony, Constantine, Kelsey, Tahlia M, Maddison, Belma, Daniel P, Charlie, Haralambos, Indie, Alex R, Tatiana, Shanel, Portia, Melissa, Luke S, Channelle, Alyssa V, Hajra, Blayze, Tarnia, Pollie, Nelufer and lastly, our Boughton Award winner and quiet achiever, Robbie.

I'd also like to congratulate Luke Baker and Nelufer Raji, both nominees for the Junior Sportsman and Sportswoman of the year, as well as Ben Lang and Luka Arnautovic, members of the Opens Football Team that won Team of the Year. We are a year group made up by people with so many different talents, it is a joy to watch them perform and achieve at a high level.

Looking ahead, good luck to the few students who are leaving us, at the time of writing this article they are Tijana Lau, Hened Fares, Tom Dobson (*keep an eye out for him at the next Olympics in archery*), Riley Collins and Isabella Cimone.

Classes for next year have been allocated and just so students and parents know how the classes are structured, 10T and 10O are the top classes (*they are the top students mixed, 10T is not better than 10O, they are the same*). All the other classes are mixed ability with one receiving a bit more learning support (*this will not necessarily be the 10C class as has been the case in the past, 10C will be a mixed ability class for the majority of subjects*). The classes have been changed up significantly from 2016, to allow students to work collaboratively with new people and make new friendships.

Lastly, stay safe in the holidays, have fun, spend time with family and friends, and back the Sharkies to win another premiership in 2017. #



blood donation report: more than 1,000 donations

Tim Moreland - Co-ordinator

2016 has been another very successful year as far for our blood donation programs at JEHS. Once again we are one of the leading schools in Australia with the amount of donations we do.

This year we have had more than 150 staff and students give live saving donations. Last year we were the number One school in Sydney, something that we can all be very proud of. Recently we were made aware of that since our program started, we have made over 1000 blood donations!

Almost every person in the school knows of someone who has suffered from the terrible disease of Cancer. As you can see from the diagram below, 34% of donations help treat people with Cancer:

Once again, we will be running the school donation program in 2017. To donate your



child must be 16 or over. Please note, it's VERY safe and each donor undergoes a number of medical checks to ensure they are well enough to donate. The whole process is completed by trained nurses.

Please support this program by signing the permission note for your child. If you have

any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me at school. Likewise, if you would like to donate you are more than welcome to do it with your son or daughter.

Have a safe time over the Christmas holidays. #



year ten report: all expectations met

Tim Moreland - Year Ten Adviser

It's been a huge 2016 for our students who overall have handled the added pressure of becoming a Year 10 student. This comes with higher expectations regarding behaviour, attitude to school and commitment to their studies and we have seen the large majority of students really mature this year.

This maturity has seen many students understand the role they play in the community and many of our Year 10 students have been involved in key fundraising activities for charities.



Lilyka Uzelac was so brave this year in shaving her head for the Shave for a Cure Foundation. In the past few months, as many of our students turn 16, some have started to donate blood which is such a

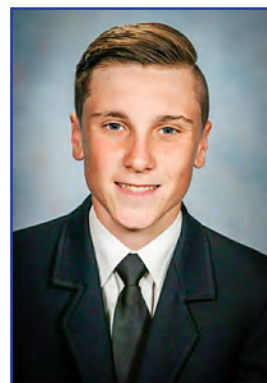
worthwhile cause. Recently, both Year 10 Commerce classes ran their own business for a day and raised money for their chosen charity. One class raising \$450 for the Kids with Cancer Foundation.

Halfway through 2015, I started an apprenticeship group that was aimed at

getting students into their chosen pathway, in particular with a trade. With the help of Mrs Violi, we have successfully transitioned 8 students already into an apprenticeship with another 7 guaranteed to gain one at the start of next year. Congratulations to all those students and I wish you all the best in your future career.

I also want to recognise the fine leaders our grade has for the SRC. Nancy Nguyen, Tatiana Tilman, Seth Khouri and John Kameas have done a wonderful job in 2016. They have given up countless hours of their own time to try and improve things around the school and for the community. I encourage all students to try and take up leadership roles in 2017.

While we are mentioning Tatiana Tilman and Nancy Nguyen, both of these students were nominated for the JEHS Sportswoman of the Year Award. This is an outstanding achievement with Tatiana actually winning this award. Tatiana was not only recognised by our school but also in the area when she took out a Zone Blue Award for Cross Country. Well done Tat! Not to be outdone by the girls, Luke Caronna was also nominated



for the JEHS Sportsman of the Year Award. A huge thrill considering our students are only in Year 10.

For all those students that are returning next year to complete Year 11, I hope

you have a nice relaxing break and come back energised for the most challenging year at school you've had so far. It's a big step up and by October you will hopefully be starting your HSC. It's important that students come back with an improved attitude with a focus on attendance being above 85%. Students must also complete the compulsory program called **All My Own Work** in order to be enrolled into Year 11. Please ensure that your son or daughter completes this and has the Senior uniform for the first day back in 2017.

Lastly, a final goodbye to any student who does not return in 2017. I hope in years to come you look back at your time at JEHS as enjoyable and think 'wow JEHS wasn't that bad after all!' I wish you the best in your future endeavours whether you are going to TAFE, starting an apprenticeship or have gained full time employment.

Have a great Xmas and New Year! #



uniform report: high standards are being met

Tim Moreland - Year Ten Adviser

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and students for how well you have supported the school in maintaining the high standards we set with our uniform in 2016.

We understand it takes some effort to ensure that your son or daughter comes to school in the correct uniform each day but we believe it has many benefits for our school.

As many of you know, our uniform is something that was set when the school started in 2005 with the input of the P&C. Whenever I take students out into the community, quite often I have people come up to me and compliment our kids on how brilliant they look. Our uniform is something we can all be proud of.

The same high expectations will be again set in 2017. We ask all students over the holiday break to ensure that they have the correct uniform for the first day of Term

One. In particular, only black leather school shoes with a heel and if you are buying your child trousers, only the navy blue will be accepted. Please **DO NOT** buy your child black trousers. For Terms Two and Three, it will be winter uniform. This means it is compulsory each day to wear the school blazer and tie.

Once again, a massive thanks to the parents for the time, effort and money you devote to providing your son or daughter with our uniform. #



reading roll call: a year in review

Rukeshma Lata | Joanna Ericksen | Victor Davidson - Teachers

This year has been another very successful year with Reading Roll Call. Thirty students from Year 9 were trained as peer tutors at the beginning of the Year to work with identified Year sevens.

In the library, students from mainly EALD backgrounds worked with a tutor to help them with reading fluency, comprehension and spelling.

In the Computer Room more students and tutors worked hard at these skills. A great literacy program was in place to assist these Year 7s.

Also for the first time, students had the opportunity to listen to oral stories and paper theatre told by Mr Davidson our teacher librarian. Students thoroughly enjoyed this component of the program.

A resilience building program was in place for all Year 7's and reading roll benefited hugely as they were able to engage and share with their peer tutors.

Biblio-battle was also introduced so that our Year nine Peer tutors could gain skills and confidence in presenting storytelling to their group. Whilst some students found this daunting, most students were keen to give it a go.

Literacy games was also part of this reading roll call program and students enjoyed playing these games with the tutors. We also managed to give students from EALD backgrounds an opportunity to share their cultural celebrations with the group.

Mr Davidson definitely gave it a great cultural flavour by sharing Japanese, Chinese and Hindu ancient folklore.

It has been a great year with Reading Roll Call and we hope that our year sevens have benefitted from this program. Our sincere appreciation to all the year 9 tutors for their dedication and commitment this year. #



book club report: enthusiastic membership

Lara Jane - Co-ordinator

Junior Book Club has started this term with members enthusiastically signing up.

It runs during lunch time every Monday Week A, however, the time may change next year due to timetabling.

The students have enjoyed introducing themselves and what they like reading, with a hot debate topic being about who loved the Harry Potter books and who didn't!

It seems the reading phenomenon that is the world of Harry Potter is still strong!

Students attended an excursion with Mr Hilton to Liverpool Library for a Writer's Festival Event, where they listened to special guest authors speak, and participated in writing workshops. Excursions are always a great way for our students to connect with others who share their interest in literature, and are a way to continue to nurture this.

More excursions will be planned in the future, as we are building ties with the new local library, and we look forward to the exciting events. Speaking of libraries, watch this space as a little surprise might pop up

in our school one in the books for readers in the New Year!

Finally, if you are wanting to read a Christmas classic over the holidays, why not read 'A Christmas Carol'? Yes, although there is a film, there was a book first! 'A Christmas Carol' the novel was released in shops on December 17, 1843, and sold out in three days! There are many Christmas traditions around the world that focus on giving books, and I know the Book Club students are all looking forward to receiving some new books this festive season. #



year eleven report: leadership focus

Regina Young - Year Eleven Adviser

This is a vitally important term for Year 11 students, as it is the first term of their Higher School Certificate year. All school assessments count toward the Higher School Certificate and it is important that students understand that they must make a genuine and diligent attempt with all assessments.

If an assessment is missed students must submit an Illness/Misadventure form to Mrs Violi with accompanying documentation. If the request is denied, a mark of zero will be awarded for the task.

Attendance is also critically important to successfully complete Year 12. Not only as being present in class means that students have the opportunity to participate in discussions and benefit from hearing other people's opinions, they can ask questions for clarification and seek assistance

from their teachers. Also, attendance is important as BOSTES requires a minimum of 85% attendance to qualify for the Higher School Certificate. With an attendance rate of less than 85% students are at risk of receiving N Determination Warning letters asking them to complete missed classwork.

If the work is not satisfactorily completed the warning will become a N Determination, if a student receives two N Determinations in one subject they are at risk of not satisfying BOSTES requirements for a Higher School Certificate.

Many students do not realise the importance of participation in class activities and miss opportunities to enhance their knowledge and understanding of the content and hence their results. It is important for all students to make a concerted effort with Year 12 making school and study a priority and ensuring that their Higher School Certificate result accurately reflects their ability and potential.

It has been a busy term with the 2017 Leadership Team having successfully run the annual Anglicare Food Drive, acted as tour guides and references for the annual JEHS Year 6 Orientation Night and the Vice Captains have hosted the annual Sports Assembly.

Azhar Ali, Jarrod Moren, Sean O'Brien, Allysha Grattan, Claudia Vella, Jason Zhong donated blood and Emily Baonza and Syhra Duazo attended the University of Technology Sydney *Women in Engineering & IT Hands-on Day*.

MADD night was a great success and Penny Protogeros, Jasmine Rice, Ebony Andres, Abbie Baker, Rhys Hawkins, Andrea Jakanovic, Daniella Leotta, Ritika Sharma, Luey Sisouvath, Jessica Smith and Chang Song Wang all performed magnificently and assisted with behind the scenes organisation.

Mr Chavez and I hope you enjoy a relaxing and safe holiday. #



sydney story factory: it's a state of mind

Rukeshma Lata - EALD Teacher

Students at our school recently took part in a two day workshop for two hours each for the first ever State of the Mind creative Writing Project.

Seven volunteers from the Sydney Story Factory worked with our students to get their creativity out on paper. Students were lucky enough to have one adult to a group of three to four students which is very hard to achieve in a classroom situation. In their groups, students asked questions and clarified their thoughts with the tutors.

Students wrote six word memoirs and shared it with the rest of the class and picked out some of their favourites. Using this idea or aspirations to where they might be in the future, a draft process was started, scaffolding their main ideas. In the second session students started to write their creative stories. All throughout the process, students had a lot of guidance

and assistance to produce and polish their work to a publishable standard. We hope to see some of the students work in an anthology to be published next year by Sydney Story Factory.

The students really had fun and actually enjoyed writing their stories. Finally the school made a donation to Sydney Story Factory as it is a non-profit organization and it was greatly appreciated by them. #





aboriginal education: mural for the café

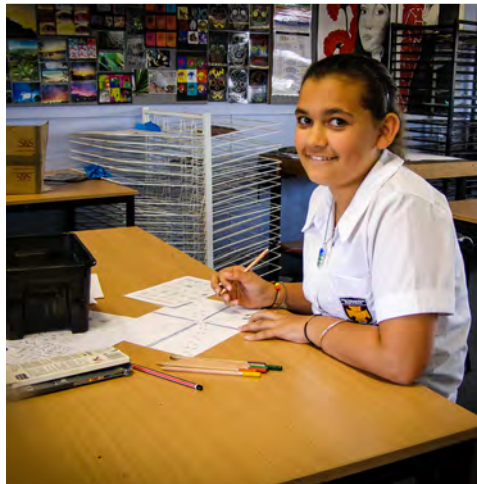
Shaun Lockard - Aboriginal Education Team

As much of the school winding down towards the end of the year, the Aboriginal Education Team and JEHS students have been very busy.

Recently students attended the end of year AIME (*Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience*) celebrations where Emma Brown was recognised for her leadership skills and presented with the honour of being the JEHS AIME Ambassador for 2017. Congratulations Emma, I am confident that you will do us proud.

Meanwhile under the expert and experienced guidance of Ms Kenton, students have been working tirelessly to complete a very large Indigenous Mural for the newly created Jed's Café area. We have been so very lucky to have Ms Kerrie Kenton, a renowned professional artist, to work with our students and teach them the skills and techniques required to produce such exceptional art.

On behalf of the JEHS Aboriginal Education Team I would like to thank our student's parents and families for their support this year and I look forward to working more closely with you in 2017. #





src report: awesome 2016 representatives

Emma Davidson - SRC Co-ordinator

I would like to wrap up 2016 with a big thank you to all the members of the SRC, or the 2016 SRC 'family' as they call themselves.

It was a delight to work with a group of students who displayed empathy, care, concern and leadership in many different matters or issues across the school year. There have been many big events – Wear It Purple, One Meal, RU Ok Day, running

BBQs, presenting at year meetings and devising and delivering positive mindsets. The members of the SRC have participated in these events with enthusiasm, giving up A LOT of their personal time to do so. It is very heart-warming to know that there are young people like this group of students. They have big ideas and even bigger hearts.

Thank you to each of these students for all their work this year: Aisha Ali, Vina

Houshyar, Christopher Lentini, Alana Mithouard Lascala, Jonathon Caroi, Anastasija Jovanovic, Jessica Moore, Abraham Zumaya, Bronte Baonza, Julian Baonza, Rhyana Maan, Tahlia McLachlan, John Kameas, Seth Khouri, Nancy Nguyen, Tatiana Tilman, Dany Allaf, Abbie Baker, Vibhuti Khanna, Phillip Leung, Kimberly Refalo, Chang-Song Wang, Andrew Webster, Rabiya Fathima, Emma Hatton, Marc Lang and Callum Pethybridge. #



enviro crew report: boys can be proud

Julie King - Enviro Crew Co-ordinator

Yet again our Enviro Crew boys have achieved a great sense of pride this term.

They helped on the new café garden. It looks amazing. They also planted some new herbs for our hospitality classes.

It was obvious that the boys enjoyed this time working together as a team. They developed confidence, a sense of achievement and ownership. Congratulations Boys! #





industrial arts report: awards for technology

Shaun Lockard - Head Teacher, Industrial Arts

Term 4 is always a very busy time of year in the Industrial Arts Faculty with the culmination of Stage 4 and 5 projects and the start of the HSC courses.

JEHS has a proud tradition of outstanding achievement in technology, and 2016 was no exception.

Each year the University of Wollongong conducts the New South Wales Senior High Schools STEM Competition. This annual competition is open to all students in New South Wales and recognises outstanding achievement in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

In 2016, Shamron Prasad's report was awarded with the Aeronautical Engineering Module Historical Awards Runners-Up.

Not to be outdone and in a truly remarkable achievement, Emily Baonza in Year 11 was judged as the Engineering Products Winning Student and Overall Engineering Studies Runners-Up.

These amazing results continue the proud tradition of JEHS students excelling at these award ceremonies, congratulations to Shamron and Emily.

Continuing with the theme of girls excelling in Industrial Arts subjects, JEHS was recently represented at the Women in Engineering at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). Students participated in activities designed to promote connection

and engagement for female students at all levels, and encourage networking and collaboration with Engineering and IT professionals and thought-leaders in gender diversity and innovation.

I am very proud to say that the standard of work produced within the Industrial Arts Faculty has experienced significant improvement over the course of 2016.

This is in a large part due to the commitment and dedication of Mr Uzelac, Mr Singh and Mr El-Hajje, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude for their efforts this year.

2017 is shaping up to be a fantastic year in the Industrial Arts Faculty. With a very talented cohort of students exciting times lay ahead. #





child studies report: bambino's visit

Monia Khanna - Head Teacher, Food Technology

This year as part of our child studies course, Year 10 participated in a work experience program that saw two students each fortnight visit Bambino's Child Care centre. Lucy Wong from Year 10 Child Studies shares her experience with us.

This program ran the entire year. Through this opportunity we were able to experience the daily routine or a "day in the life" of a child at preschool. We learnt different techniques on how to take care of small children and how to keep them entertained.

This proved to be a stressful yet fun experience which definitely gave all of us a better understanding of what a future career in childcare may look like.

Just recently, the whole class went back for an extended visit and we presented the staff and children with soft toy owls that were made by our very own year nine child studies class.

We enjoyed reading stories to the children, playing games, making ice blocks and moulding shapes out of play dough with the various age groups at the centre.

On behalf of all the students of year 10 child studies, I'd like to thank Sarah the director of Bambino's for this wonderful opportunity. She was very informative and professional.

This work placement gave us real life experience in working with children.

Good luck to next year's child studies class who will again participate in this program at school. Guaranteed, you will love it! #





capa report: artexpress honours and madd

Karen Hayward - Head Teacher, CAPA

What a great year it has been in the Creative and Performing Arts.

A huge congratulations to Melinda Saroo, her HSC Body of Work for Visual Arts *Garden of Eden* was chosen for **ARTEXPRESS**.

From 9,004 students who submitted Bodies of Works for the HSC Visual Arts Examination 500 students were nominated for **ARTEXPRESS**. From these nominations 228 bodies of work were selected to create nine exhibitions, representing schools from across NSW. Melinda's work can be seen at Campbelltown Arts Centre from 6th April to 14th May, 2017.

Well done to Justine Jabur whose Body of Work was also nominated for **ARTEXPRESS**. Justine's work *I'm not holding my breath*

has been selected to be included in **2017: NEXT**, held at the Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre. Justine's work can be seen at **NEXT: 2017 EXHIBITION**, Casula Powerhouse from 18 February to 24 April, 2017.

CAPA would like to thank all our HSC dancers, actors, musicians and artists for their hard work, sweat and tears. Yet again we were impressed and awed by the wonderful talent at JEHS.

“And when things get tough, this is what you should do. Make good art.

I'm serious. Leg crushed and then eaten by mutated boa constrictor? Make good art.

IRS on your trail? Make good art.

Cat exploded? Make good art.

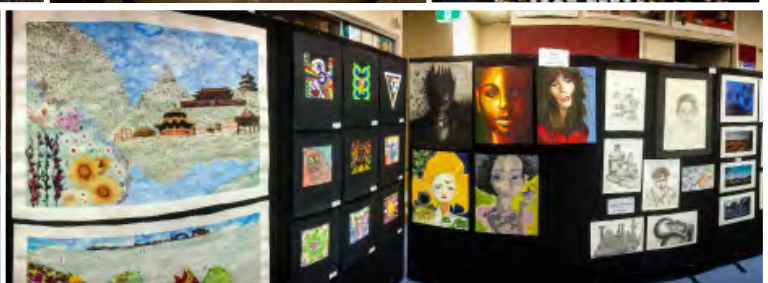
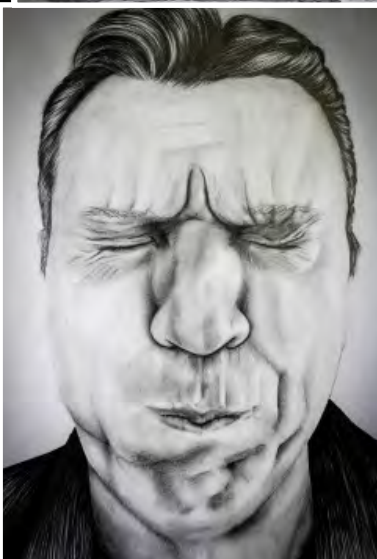
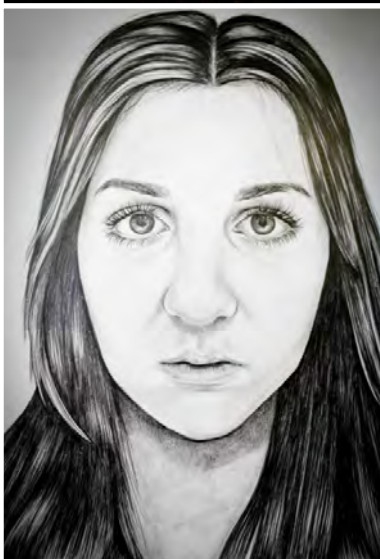
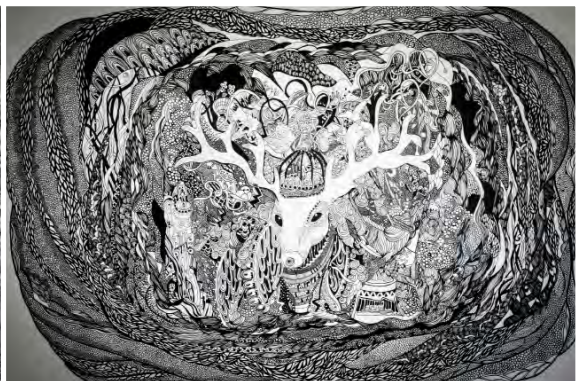
Somebody on the Internet thinks what you do is stupid or evil or it's all been done before? Make good art.

Probably things will work out somehow, and eventually time will take the sting away, but that doesn't matter. Do what only you do best. Make good art.

Make it on the good days too.”
Neil Gaiman

Hopefully you will all continue to make good art – CAPA wishes Year 12 all the best for 2017.

Miss Day escorted our students to this year's School Spectacular in November. The Schools Spectacular is an outstanding showcase of the talent in NSW public schools.





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In terms of sheer size, scale and scope, the Schools Spectacular is unequalled in the world with a 2700-strong choir, 2300 diverse dancers, an 80-piece symphony orchestra, a world-class stage band and a huge number of outstanding solo performers.

As you can see from the images it was a fantastic day – inspirational!

CAPA ended the year with a bang *Hunger Games* JEHS style ... MADD 2016.

WOW – what a fabulous night!

Congratulations to all our Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts students who

performed on the stage and exhibited their artwork. There were also lots of students behind the scene we would like to recognise; from lighting, sound mixing and stage crew.

All up we were close to involving two hundred students in the preparation and performing on the night.

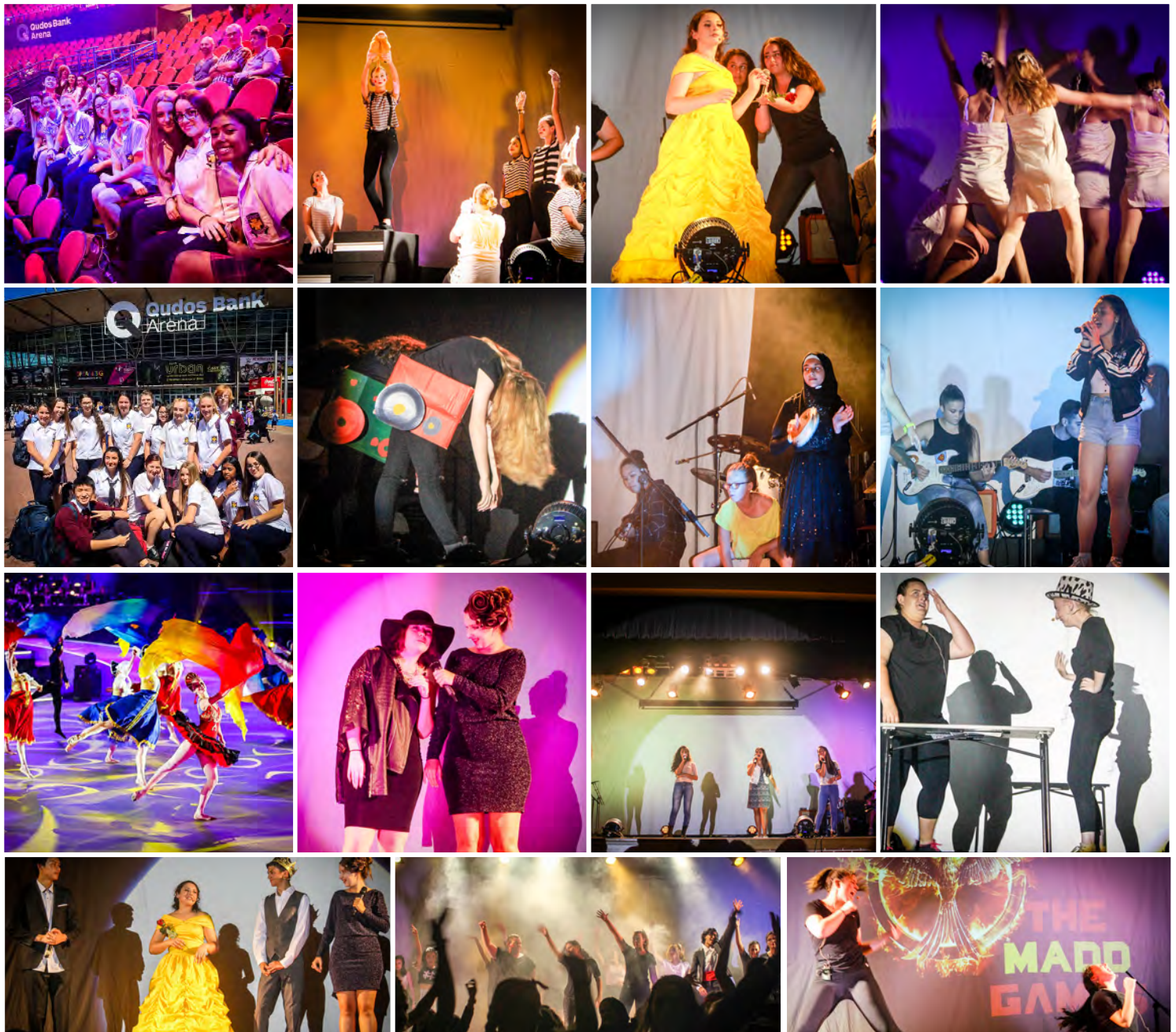
A big shout out to the Year 11 MADD Creative Team who created the story for this year's MADD: Daniella Leotta, Abbie Baker, Andrea Jekanovic, Chang-Song Wang, Luey Sisouvath and Penny Protoperos.

This year we saw a huge turnout with

family, friends and staff members making up a lively crowd that clearly enjoyed the evening.

Once again, thanks to the students and Creative and Performing Arts teachers for producing such wonderful work in all the areas of the creative and performing arts.

CAPA would like to extend our appreciation to all the parents and staff who have supported all the activities our students in Dance, Drama, Music and Visual Arts have participated in this year. #





hsie report: war memorial for modern history

Alex Gardiner - Head Teacher, HSIE



**F r i d a y ,
November
18, along
with my Year
11 Modern
History
class, I was
struggling to
wake up at
5:00am and
stay up to**

**get to school and have my name
marked off. But we made it. Branka
Manojlovic tells us about it.**

Accompanied by Miss Chisholm, we arrived 4 hours later at Australia's Capital Territory, Canberra. Following us from Sydney was the heat which reached a top of 36 degrees, really placing us in a non-irritated ecstatic mood after a sleepless night!

We arrived at the prestigious War Memorial of Australia (AWM) where we were welcomed to a new world of military history. Surrounding us was Australia's most pristine WWI and WWII sources, as well as artefacts and information from other wars Australia has been involved in.

Artillery, weapons, letters, uniforms, artworks and lethal documents which directly correlated to the war were taken into close observation by myself and fellow pupils.

Essentially these sources were to give us better understanding and knowledge about the war from different points of view. Yet



we found the AWM mostly exhibited the 'Australian perspective'.

The resources we had access to were compact in information and were in great condition which leaves us no excuse to not ace the HSC!

The significance of the war became very evident throughout our visit as young soldiers roamed the museum, families mourned and surrounded the plaques of fallen soldiers, potentially the ones they had relation to.

It was great to see the respect toward both Australian and foreign Veterans, despite the First World War happening over 100 years ago and other conflicts still today in other countries.



Interestingly, the selection of sources were limited as they were based around Australia's involvement in each war which enabled us to gather greater knowledge about the Australian soldier.

Overall the experience was intriguing, highly educational and inspiring to see Australia's respect toward the fallen heroes of wars both past and present and to also see the unification of peace within different cultures that followed the conflicts.

I'm sure Year 11 Modern History would agree that the Maccas stop was just a minor highlight of the day.

Thank you to Miss Chisholm and fellow associates for planning and organising an amazing day. #

UNIFORM SHOP

JAN 18 - 8:30AM TO 2:30PM

JAN 19 - 8:30AM TO 2:30PM

JAN 20 - 8:30AM TO 2:30PM

JAN 23 - 8:30AM TO 12NOON

JAN 27 - 10:00AM TO 1:00PM

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

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sport report: a year of sporting success

Nathan Dwyer - Sports Co-ordinator

It has been a great year for the school in regards to individual and team achievements for sport.

Beginning with the carnivals, Freeman was the winning house taking out first place in Swimming and Cross-Country, with Thorpe not far behind winning the Athletics Carnival. JEHS finished in the top three schools in the BERNERA Zone for the Swimming, Cross-Country and Athletics Carnivals respectively. We had students excel at these carnivals making it all the way to State level, such as Luke Baker and Aragon Bevis for Swimming, and Tatiana Tilman for Cross-Country and Justin Rayhanna for Athletics.

As for Zone Age champions, we had a few across a variety of disciplines: Brayden Wilson, Tatiana Tilman, Penny Protogeros and Luke Baker.

Our Knockout Sports Teams achieved fantastic results, with the Opens Boys Football and Futsal Teams again setting a high benchmark coached by Mr Valsamis. The Opens Boys Football team made it to the Semi-Final for the CHS Championships,

which is an unbelievable feat considering the teams they were playing against had high level representative players and specific football programs running at their schools. The girls T20 team were regional champions. The Mixed Table Tennis Team finished 3rd in the region, as did the Lawn Bowls Team led by CHS Rep Jessica Smith. Speaking of Jessica, I'd like to acknowledge her for highest representative honour at JEHS in 2016, representing NSWCHS. Well done!



The surprise packet of the year had to be Mr Lloyd's Girls Rugby League teams. The junior team were grand finalists and the seniors were the Wests Leagues Cup Champions, a fantastic effort in their first season. Speaking of first seasons, we entered an U15's and U17's Rugby Union team in the Endeavour 7's tournament, with both teams finishing third overall, the U17's unlucky to miss out on the grand final, losing by 2 points in the semi-final to the eventual winners.

Our major award winners at the Sports

Presentation Assembly was close this year, with Annie Nguyen and Tatiana Tilman taking out the Junior and Senior Sportswoman Awards respectively. For the boys, Brayden Wilson was again too strong, taking out the Junior Sportsman and Humza Moussa took out the Senior Sportsman.

I would also like to acknowledge our House Captains for 2017.

Elliott: Dany Allaf | Abbie Baker

Fraser: Yanni Logothetis | Israa Hamdach

Freeman: Jarrod Moren | Penny Protogeros

Thorpe: Andrew Webster | Claudia Vella

Lastly, I'd like to thank all the teacher's that dedicated their time and effort into coaching these teams throughout the year. The hours spent organising teams, games, referees, training sessions and the paperwork for risk assessments etc is more than what most people realise and without them these sporting teams wouldn't happen.

I'd also like to thank Kevin Campbell for helping out driving the students around to venues, and the executive staff and office staff for all their help assisting me over the year with the day-to-day and organisational side running sport. #

JOHN EDMONDSON HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations

16-4

to Mr Spinks and the JEHS Boys U15 Wests Leagues Cup team. Yesterday they were **victorious** over Leumeah High School in the Quarter Final. They now move onto the semi-finals.

Congratulations

to the

JOHN EDMONDSON HIGH SCHOOL

Table Tennis Team

3rd

Coached by Mr Patterson, the team finished third at the recent SSW Knockout tournament

Unfortunately, the JEHS U13 Wests Leagues Cup Boys Rugby League team lost their quarter final against Robert Townson High School in an unexpected 26-12 defeat.

Better luck next year boys!!

Final Score 26-12

Congratulations to Robert Townson HS

Trice scored by: Leo, Adam & Beau

JOHN EDMONDSON HIGH SCHOOL

Winners

Our U15 Girls basketball team defeated Hurlstone Agricultural HS last week in a close game.

Tied 8-8 at half time, JEHS's great use of subs allowed us to kick away in the final ten minutes of the game to win 20-12.

The girls now proceed to the next round.

WELL DONE!

Great effort by the JEHS U15 Girls Rugby League team who yesterday finished 7th in the state at the State Championships played at Shalvey.

Girls, you did your best and we are proud of your efforts.

GAME 1
JEHS 0 - Bass HS 16

GAME 2
JEHS 10 - Maitaville HS 18

GAME 3
JEHS 4 - Orley HS 18

GOAL

Congratulations to the JEHS Open Boys Soccer team who took on Karabar High School from Canberra at Scott Park, Austral on Monday. This Quarter Final win sees the boys head into the Semi-Final against Epping Boys High School at Valentine Sports Park, Parklea on Wed, 17 August.

Special thanks to Mr. Campbell for coming down and cheering the boys on and capturing these great action photos of the game.

Andrija heading one into score for JEHS.

Goals scored by: Anthony Baek (2) and Andrija Milenkovic

Final Score 3-1





calendar:

what's on and where

Dates are subject to change without notice



Don't forget to "Like" the JEHS - John Edmondson High School Facebook page to keep up-to-date with the latest information

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
T4 W11 A	Dec 19 FINAL DAY for TERM 4, 2016 for STAFF	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Monday, 19 December 2016 to Friday, 27 January 2017			
T1 W1 A	SCHOOL RESUMES Year 7, 11 & 12 - Monday, January 30th, 2017 Year 8, 9, 10 - Tuesday, January 31st, 2017			Jan 26  Australia Day	Jan 27 FIRST DAY for TERM 4, 2016 for STAFF
T1 W2 B	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3
T1 W3 A	Feb 6  P&C Meeting @ JEHS Library 6:00pm	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10
T1 W4 B	Feb 13	Feb 14 Wear It Red Day @ JEHS	Feb 15 JEHS Swimming Carnival @ Prairiewood Leisure Centre	Feb 16 Year 7 Vaccinations #1 @ JEHS	Feb 17
T1 W5 A	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22 Year 12 Visual Art ARTEXPRESS Excursion @ Art Gallery of NSW	Feb 23	Feb 24
T1 W6 B	Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 1 Zone Swimming Carnival @ Prairiewood Leisure Centre	Mar 2 Zone Swimming Carnival @ Prairiewood Leisure Centre	Mar 3