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principal's report: year 11 leaders investiture

Leon Weatherstone - Principal

It was fantastic to recognise our 2018 Senior Student Leaders at our recent investiture, attended by themselves and their families.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, I am once again pleased with the quality of our student leaders and I am confident that they will make a real and positive difference to our school. They have already enthusiastically decided to further develop a mentoring program for younger students to assist them with their studies as well as other issues.

School Captains 2018

Tatiana Tilman | Marko Zivanovic

School Vice Captains 2018

Nancy Nguyen | Raymond Singh

Student Leadership Team 2018

Chantel Dart | Jose Garrido | Sandra Golub
| Tiffany Lim | Stefan Polic | Eddie Skopljak

HSC Examinations

Our Year 12 students are currently sitting their examinations and I have been informed by the exam supervisors that all are doing this with great application with the vast majority working hard to the last minutes of each exam. Other students have also shown great respect in making sure that there is a quiet environment

around the hall so our Year 12s can concentrate and do their very best.

Working hard

As we move toward the end of the year, it is important that all students make every day and every lesson count. This can be done by attending school regularly and by giving their best effort in each and every class. I often remind students that some home study is needed to reinforce work that is learnt at school, so students can remember the key concepts and apply them where needed. I expect the following home study times for students to be able to keep up with their work and do their very best:

- Years 7 & 8 – 1 hour per night
- Years 9 & 10 – 1 ½ hours per night
- Years 11 & 12 – 2 hours per night

A good study routine will be 'timetabled' at home to make sure it happens. Each of the learning guides on our school website



(under the 'assessment' tab) has a format you can use.

Study includes:

- Revising notes from the day of learning
- Homework
- Completing assessments and study for upcoming exams
- Finding extra information about the subjects you are learning about (perhaps through the internet)
- Reading for pleasure (this should be at least 20 minutes every night).

Leon Weatherstone

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CHANGES TO OUR NEWSLETTER CYCLE

Due to the high demand on our administrative staff at the end of each school term, we are making a change to the publication dates of our newsletter.

So, instead of Week 5 and Week 10 of each term, the JEHS Newsletter will now be published in **Week 3** and **Week 8** of each school term.

The newsletter is available for download from our school website and also viewable on our facebook page.



admin report: are you leaving?

Michelle Smith - School Administrative Manager

As the end of the school year draws closer, it's time to make plans for 2018.

If you are planning on leaving JEHS and not returning for the new 2018 school year then there are some very simple procedures that you need to do before you leave JEHS and sign into another school.

These include returning any school resources, library books, hire blazers and paying any outstanding school fees.

Please contact Mrs Casey, in the Administration Office, to discuss what is required to sign your child out of JEHS. Don't leave it until the end of the year. #



EARLY LEAVERS

As we are approaching yearly exams and HSC exams, please be aware that we are unable to use the public address system to call for students to come to the front office to leave the premises early.

If you require your child/ren to leave school during the school day you must follow the JEHS early leaver procedure.



JEHS - John Edmondson High School

If you haven't already, please ensure you like our school facebook page to keep up-to-date with all the latest information.



The November JEHS P&C meeting will be held in the school library on Monday, 6 Nov @ 6:00pm
Everyone welcome



year twelve report: it was a big final three days

Regina Young - Year Adviser

The last week of Term 3 was the last official week of school for Year 12.

During that week, the Year 12 Olympiad was held. This consisted of various sports on the oval including: volleyball, soccer, an obstacle course, tug-of-war, three legged races, Twister and slippin'n'slidin'.

The students had a great time, especially the slip-n-slide, where the combination of dish washing detergent and water gave some the greatest entertainment in their time in high school. Of course, the annual Year

12 versus staff soccer match was eagerly anticipated and earnestly contested.

Thursday was the Year 12 picnic day held this year at Clifton Gardens. The weather, location and good spirit of all who attended ensured that it was a fabulous day. Clifton Gardens located behind Taronga Park Zoo is right on the harbour and has facilities for basketball and soccer, which were well tested. Games of Twister were also popular! Approximately 40 students gamely kicked on going into the city afterwards for more partying, fun and adventure.

Friday was Graduation Day with over 700 family and friends present to cheer on the 2017 graduating class. Through many smiles, cheers, tears, speeches, songs and laughter all graduated without incident. The graduation caps were proudly worn by some for photos and the traditional toss into the air.

Congratulations to all of Year 12 for a fabulous last week. Thank you to Year 12 for being an exemplary year group and best wishes for the Higher School Certificate exams. #





capa report: art is all around

Karen Hayward - Head Teacher

With Term 4 already underway we would like to send all of our 2017 HSC CAPA students all the best for their HSC Written examinations.

- Music - Monday, October 16 (*I got a 'thumbs up' by all exiting the exam – a good sign!*)
- Visual Arts - Friday, November 3
- Drama - Tuesday, November 7

Well done to all Year 12 CAPA students who performed and submitted works for the practical component of their course. It is a tough slog at the time but to already have completed a large percentage of your actual HSC before exam time must be a relief.

Once again the talent and dedication of our students has amazed the CAPA staff and we look forward to hearing good news regarding positive results achieved in mid-December.

Once again the standard of HSC Visual Arts Body of Works was strong. Images included are from Nanditia Kumar (Painting), Syhra Duazo (Collection of Works), Crystal Vertsonis (Painting), Courtney Smith (Ceramics), Angela Dupuy (Painting) and Tracy Jung (Drawing). All Year 12 artworks will be on display in the studio for MADD.

On Wednesday, November 22, both Visual Arts classes are trekking into the city to visit both Sydney's major art galleries; the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Art Gallery of NSW.

The MCA exhibits cutting-edge Australian and International modern art and is housed in a grand, waterside art deco building at Circular Quay.

The Art Gallery of New South Wales, located in The Domain, is the oldest and largest public gallery in Sydney and Australia. The day has been designed to introduce

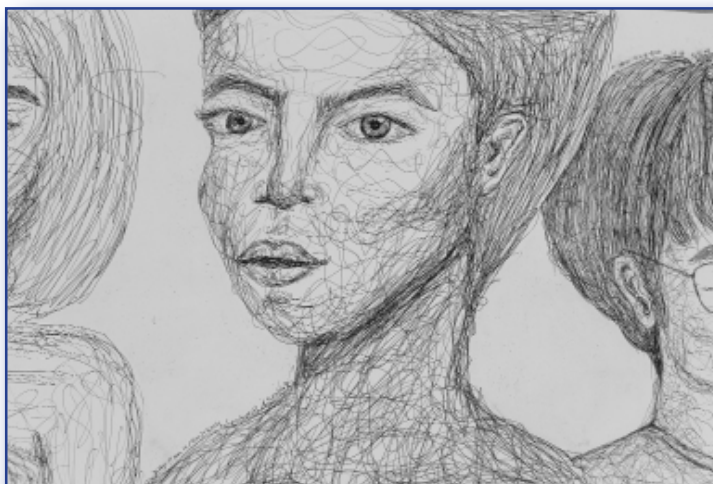
students to our city's major galleries, familiarise themselves with their location (so they can visit independently) and how to manoeuvre around the buildings. We will be visiting Swiss artist Pipilotti Rist's 'Sip my Ocean' exhibition at the MCA.

She has achieved international acclaim as one of the pioneers of experimental video art and multimedia installations. Incorporating video and sculpture, her dazzling environments plunge viewers into colourful kaleidoscopic projections which explore the relationship between nature, the body and technology.

(<https://www.mca.com.au/pipilotti-rist/>)

After lunch at Circular Quay, Year 10 will then travel up through the Botanic Gardens to have a quick tour of the Art Gallery of NSW.

Visiting galleries and viewing artworks independent of the school is something we





capa report: art is all around

Karen Hayward - Head Teacher

encourage in Stage 6. It is hoped this day will show students how easy it is to access such fantastic resources.

Our Creative and performing arts night 'MADD' will be on Wednesday the 29th of November. More information to follow but for now here's a teaser...

*Let's do the time-warp again
It's just a jump to the left
And then a step to the right
With your hands on your hips
You bring your knees in tight
But it's the pelvic thrust
That really drives you insane
Let's do the time-warp again*

Congratulations to Nancy Nguyen who completed the NAS HSC Intensive Studio Practice. The course is endorsed by the NSW Board of Studies and has been offered by NAS to Year 11 Visual Arts students in all government and non-government high schools since 2000. Studio Practice is

designed to enhance and extend students' technical, conceptual and intellectual skills.

The National Art School Intensive Studio Practice will appear on Nancy's HSC certificate as a one unit course but will not count towards her ATAR.

Nancy chose Painting as her discipline. The artwork will be displayed in the front reception until the end of the year for all to admire.

On Wednesday, October 11, Year 9 students performed a repertoire of songs in front of their family, friends and staff for their Music Evening. There was a fantastic turnout with over 50 audience members in attendance!

The night was concluded by a finale of Bruno Mars' 'Treasure' that raised the house, with all year 9 students taking part! Thank you to all who supported our talented

students – well done to Miss Rositano and Mr Chavez!

Throughout the year our Junior Ensemble from Year 9 Music have also been performing at Jed's café every Tuesday Week A, entertaining diners during lunch time.

Upcoming dates

- **3 Nov** | Visual Arts HSC Examination
- **3 Nov** | Year 9-11 Sculptures by the Sea
- **7 Nov** | Drama HSC Examination
- **22 Nov** | Year 10 Visual Arts MCA & AGNSW
- **29 Nov** | MADD Creative and Performance Art extravaganza!!! #





careers report: work experience is vital

Kimmy Tran - Careers Adviser

Coming to the close of the year, the careers office is a very busy place.

TVET (2018) News

TAFE are currently finalising student applications. Students will find out if their application has been accepted or declined by Term 4 Week 6. Once an offer has been made, students must accept or withdraw from courses. Late enrolments can take place from 29 Jan 2018 & close 1 Feb 2018.

Work Experience

We've had a large number of students requesting work experience opportunities. Many have had a successful and enjoyable time "working". If a student is interested in undertaking work experience, please refer them to the Careers office for a Student Placement Record Form. A reminder that it is the responsibility of students to seek their own placement and not all requests will be approved. This may depend on White Card approval, location, risk factors and in school assessment task.

UTS Robotics Engineering Experience

by Katie Giligren

On Tuesday 5/9/17, I attended the UTS robotics and engineering day.

I participated in a wide variety of workshops and hands on activities.

I got to engage in

Coding workshops with a current UTS student. I used a computer program to send scripts to a circuit board to enable the LEDs and speaker to activate.

EVENT	WHEN	WHERE	YEAR
Elevate <i>Study Sensei Workshop</i>	October 23 9:00am to 10:00am	JEHS	10
UNSW Engineering <i>High School Information Day</i>	October 25 8:30am to 3:30pm	Kensington Campus	11
Western Sydney University <i>U Day</i>	November 25 all day	Campanella Campus	11 & 10 (max 60)
Elevate <i>Student Elevation</i>	November 9 9:00am to 10:00am	JEHS	11
WHS White Card Course <i>Student Elevation</i>	November 20 9:00am to 1:00pm	JEHS Sole Room	9 - 11

The next activity I participated in was a Gaming workshop. I worked in conjunction with two current students. They took me through step by step on how to use a program called 'Unity' to make a simple UFO game.

After lunch, I met with a current student who introduced me to the Data Arena. This is a room with 360-degree interactive facility complete with six 3D screens. We watched many types of videos to experience its full capability. To finish off the day, we watched the robotic competition, in which many universities across Australia and New Zealand, make their robots compete, to be Australia's national champion and will get to go to America. Overall I had an awesome day.



Nursing at Liverpool Hospital

by Jessica Di Bartolo
In week 9 of last term I was given the opportunity to complete work experience at Liverpool Hospital and practiced

what it is like to be a nurse. To be able to complete my work experience I had to go through multiple stages including, having blood tests and vaccination to prevent exposure to viruses and infections due to working closely with patients, whilst also having to fill out countless forms in order to understand my role and responsibilities whilst on work experience.

The week placement was very insightful and it taught me many things that nurses deal with every day; it also allowed me to grasp an understanding of what my future career might be like and the various pathways offered to nurses. Working closely with them and asking questions has only driven and motivated me more.

I intend to complete another week of work experience in the not too distant future at Fairfield Hospital, with the help and organisation of Miss Tran, I hope to complete a Certificate III in Human Services which qualifies me to become an Assistant in Nursing whilst also studying subjects like Biology and PDHPE. #





food technology report:

Maria Marmolejo - Co-ordinating Teacher

lunch with a view

Year 10 Food Technology students were off to Sydney Tower last term to experience fine dining and an exceptional 360° view of Sydney.

However, before lunch we embarked on a tour of the kitchen, had a lesson in ordering and rotation of stock, food preparation techniques and the health and safety considerations for catering to the public.

It is safe to say that Year 10 loved the buffet options and happily rolled out of the restaurant with satisfied bellies. #



bush food in the botanic gardens

Year 9 Food Technology excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney.

On Friday, October 13, Year 9 Food Technology students ventured out on a wonderful day trip into the city. Our aim was to explore the traditional eating habits of Indigenous Australians and sample a variety of bush tucker.

We toured the Royal Botanic gardens with our guide and discovered the vast array of plants available to the Aboriginal tribes.

We sampled leaves, cleared our sinuses with lemon myrtle leaves and discovered the stem of the grass tree had many purposes, including nectar for eating and spear making.

We also saw the very first plot of land where the European settlers attempted to cultivate crops. The students, made damper and bush spice flavoured popcorn...YUM?

Fun Fact: Native Australian bees do not sting and they look like fire flies!

This was a great experience, relaxing in the gardens eating homemade damper with bush jam was the perfect way to finish. #





industrial arts report: hydraulic arm

Shaun Lockard - Head Teacher

With the HSC Examinations upon us, the Industrial Arts Faculty would like to remind Year 12 students that their Industrial Arts teachers are more than happy to make themselves available for any last minute revision.

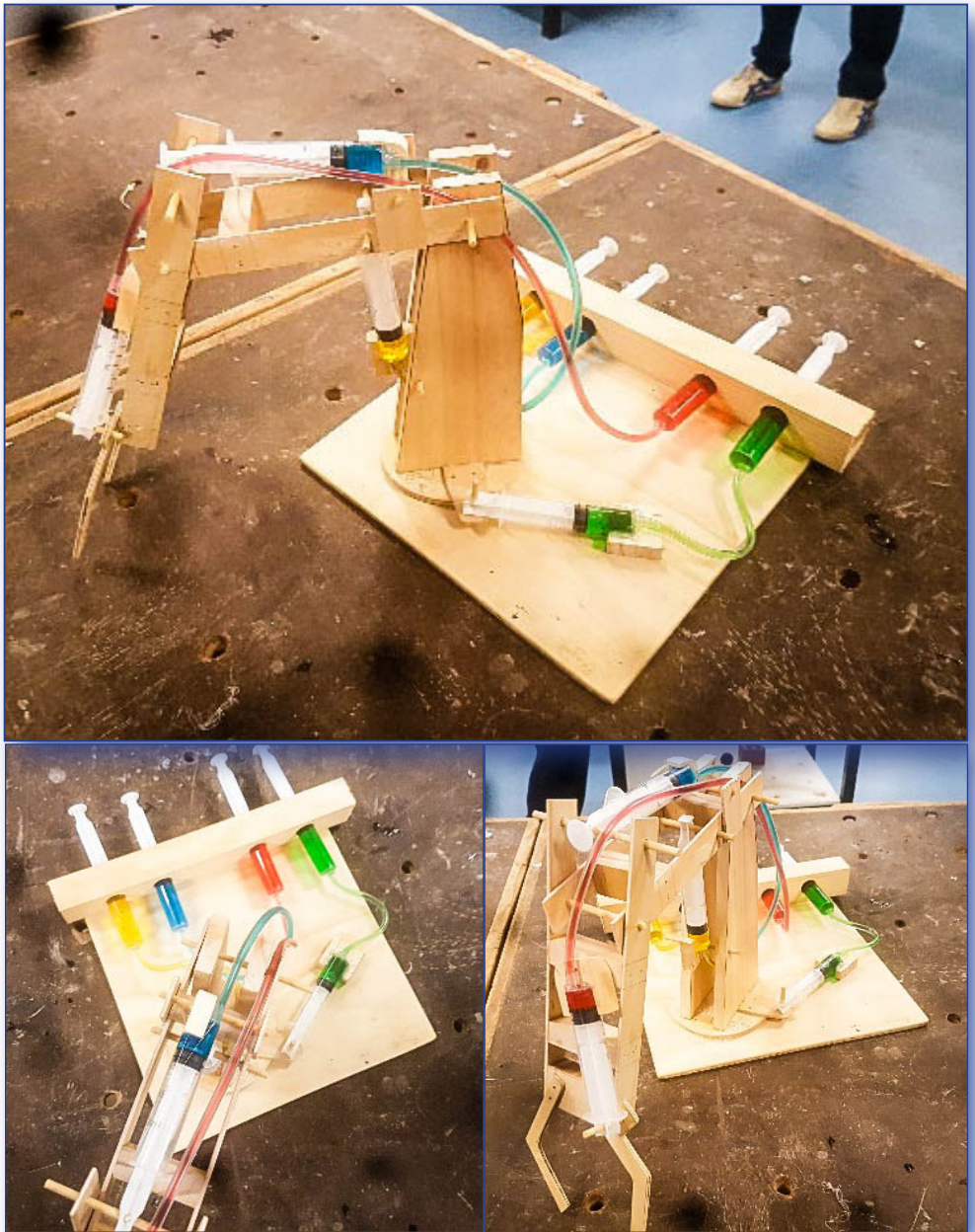
Please make contact through the school to arrange a suitable time.

Students in Years 7 – 10 now need to focus their attention towards the practical aspects of their subjects in an endeavour to ensure that all projects are completed by the end of the school year.

It is always disappointing when high quality projects remain at school unfinished. There is always many disruptions to regularly scheduled classes during Term 4, so now is the time to apply extra effort to make sure that projects are completed and to a high standard.

One project that has been completed to a high standard is the work of Haralambos Pericleous, Ayrat Bayanov, Blayze Wnuk and Rawaz Omerbili.

As part of their Industrial Technology: Engineering assessment, these students attained knowledge of control systems through successfully designing and constructing a working hydraulic arm capable of gripping and moving items over a small wall. Well done boys! #



hsie report: budding share traders

Alex Gardiner - Head Teacher

In September we began our second game for the Australian Stock Exchange competition.

This time around we had more interest from students and had double the number of students sign up to participate in the second game which is a ten week stock trading competition held nationwide.



eventually being overtaken.

If any of our students place first they will receive up to \$600 in cash for winning.

In the first game Stefan Polic of Year 11 floated around fifth place for a number of weeks until

HSIE also have an excursion to the Q-Station at Manly for our Year 9 students on November 27. We hope this site study will be an enriching experience for our students and provide a good insight into how Sydney has changed since early settlement. This is part of our new syllabus topic 'Changing Places' which has been implemented this year for our current Year 9 cohort. #