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“"We learn more by looking for the answer to a question and not finding it than we do from learning the answer itself."” - Lloyd Alexander

New and exciting pathways are currently being forged through our work at Cooks Hill Campus. Advisory teachers are still “building the plane and flying it” as we head into the new frontier of the HSC. Students in both Year 10 and Year 9 will be moving into a new schedule from Week 6.

For the moment… plenty of work is being completed as our Year 10 students prepare for their gateway exhibitions and finalize their junior years of schooling. This will change the way that the school operates over week 4 of this term. From the 27th-31st of November, Year 10 students will only be required on Campus for their exhibition and their study partner’s exhibition. The exhibitions are scheduled for 75 minutes each. They are able to invite whomever they wish and the Advisor will nominate a Year 9 student to sit in on the exhibitions to see the expectations for them in the following year.

During this week, Year 10 students will have work to continue on with at home, or prepare for their exhibitions.

In the following week we have “O” week for senior students. Students will be introduced to all their new subjects and the blended learning strategy of the delivery. This includes a greater affiliation with the Moodle site and a greater direction in terms of the hours of work required for each subject. Basically, each subject will have 8 hours of delivery over the week in the blended model. Students will walk through assessment scheduling, seminar lessons and meet their teachers for each subject. Senior students will be able to leave the Campus on a Friday early, as they no longer do sport. There will be a supervised senior study period for students who would like to stay back and study in this time.

There will be a parent-learning meeting later in the term to show you around the model and allow parents a greater connection with the materials set for study.

This is a new frontier, but one we are excited to engage with.
From Darren’s Desk

Question from parents to students for this week:

“What part of your narrative to your advisor are you the most proud of? Why?”

As our year 10 students complete the preparation for their final project of their junior schooling (the Gateway Exhibition), it is important that they embrace the very many positive achievements every one of them have made this year at CHC. The Gateway Exhibition is an excellent opportunity for students to reflect on and celebrate all of their hard work throughout the year, with the people who have been integral to making this year a success.

I want to take this opportunity to say congratulations year 10. The educational development you have exhibited this year has been exciting, motivating and a privilege to observe. The maturity and respect that you have demonstrated and, as such made the foundations of our new campus, is a credit to you. Well done!

I’m really looking forward to witnessing our year 10 students exhibit what they have learnt this year at the Gateway Exhibitions in week 4. Please ensure your student has booked their week 4 timeslot (online, accessible from the Moodle front page). Remember year 10, during week 4, you only have to attend school for your exhibition and your peer observation exhibitions. The remaining time should be spent completing year 10 tasks, preparing for Gateway exhibition, writing narratives to your advisor, or preparing for stage 6.

As always, please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding your family’s experience at Cooks Hill Campus.

Darren Ponman
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Cooks Hill Campus
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM 4 WEEK 3

Wednesday: Presentation workshop for Year 10 students.
Thursday: Essay Writing workshop for Year 10 students.

TERM 4 WEEK 4

Year 10: Gateway Exhibitions

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE

the struggle you’re in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow

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LTI REPORT

First Cooks Hill Campus School-Based Trainee

Today was a day to celebrate as it was the sign-up of our first School-Based Trainee. Nikita, a year 9 student, has been attending her Learning Through Internship (LTI) placement for term 2 and term 3 and has impressed her host organisation Response Services that they wanted her to continue working for them in a trainee position. Nikita’s easy-going and approachable nature has seen her excel in her internship placement where she has always been willing to take on whatever responsibility and duties required of her.

As part of the requirements of the Internship program, Nikita has developed an LTI project which has been a fantastic addition to the Response Services programs. She developed a touch football competition to support clients in a group activity.

All staff at CHC are so proud of Nikita and we congratulate her on her effort and engagement towards the LTI program, which has been so beneficial to her. We wish Nikita all the best in her future work and training in her chosen career pathway.

Response services manager Sam has been so impressed with Nikita’s contribution at Response Services and has written the following.

Well done Nikita!

; ) Amanda Hine

Response Services Inc

Our service aims to assist young people with a disability to transition from school life to adulthood and lives of less dependence. Our support workers facilitate outcome based programs aimed at enhancing independence. It’s extremely rare that someone of such a young age shows both the desire and the natural attributes required to pursue a career helping others, Nikita certainly possesses both. Nikki has been volunteering her time with us over the last 6 months, assisting a number of young adults develop skills in independent travel, communication, social skills, community access and much more. We are proud to call Nikki one of our staff, and she thoroughly deserves the opportunity. Many thanks to her school, and family for allowing and encouraging Nikki to actively pursue this career path.

Thanks,
Sam Webber
Service Manager
Response Services Inc
School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeships – The Basics

Cooks Hill Campus values the School-Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT) pathway for students as we recognise the many benefits students gain from learning new work skills in both on-the-job training in the workplace and through formal training delivered and assessed by a registered training organisation.

The SBAT pathway for students suits our unique learning design as we offer flexible and student-centred delivery. We recognise that for students to participate and be successful in an SBAT arrangement that it must suit the individual student and be in the student’s best educational and career interests.

The School-Based Apprentice or Trainee has an opportunity to work and get paid one day per week (more if required and negotiated) and also complete training one day a week to obtain a nationally recognised qualification. There is also ongoing support and employer financial incentives to assist employers when taking on an SBAT.

All days that have previously done with Internship placement is counted towards the training plan requirements as well any extra days that are done in school holidays.

Something to think about a an optional pathway for our students…

Amanda
Office Administration School Based Traineeship

Are you a High School Student becoming a Senior School (Year 11) Student next year? If yes, this is for you!

Do you want a career in Office Administration?

Do you want to achieve your Certificate II in Office Administration?

Do you want to work one day a week, gain valuable office experience AND get paid for it while studying at school?

THEN THIS IS FOR YOU!

Master Builders Newcastle is in need of a School Based Trainee for 2015 / 2016!

Learn how to:

- File
- Type/send letters
- Answer Phones
- Make Appointments
- Assist with Payroll
- And so much more!

APPLY NOW!

Send your resume and cover letter to one of the below:

165 Lambton Road Broadmeadow
Fax: (02) 4950 9311
NEWS from the MAD SCIENTIST,

This week is the last Science lab for year 10 students, and it was all about PHYSICS and my favourite Scientist, Sir Isaac Newton.

He was an interesting man, thrown out of school in his early teens for being a disruptive, naughty boy. Several years later, he was living with his grandma in London and, by accident, invented the CAT FLAP simply because his best friend, CAT, kept ruining his experiments with LIGHT rays, wanting to come and leave his room. How cool is that? You can visit his grandma’s home in London and see his bedroom walls full of mathematical calculations and formulae.

The last fortnight students applied Newton’s three laws using balloons, medicine balls, flicking cards, tug-o-war comps (PS girls are winning 2-0 versus boys) and, the best and messy part: using baking soda, vinegar and old film canisters to make ROCKETS. The discussions between students has been inspiring.

Thanks Year 10 for taking part and having fun in the Science Lab. Year 9, I look forward to investigating more with you this term.

Aurelia

PS Where does bad light go? To a prism.
ADVISORY #1
“pictures can say a thousand words”

The Boys

The Sasha Wall of Fame

Frank the Plant

How many rulers can we fit through the hole in the door?
Welcome back to Term 4. The year keeps moving very quickly. Those of us in Year 10 are preparing for our final Gateway Exhibition, transitioning from junior schooling into our senior years. We are nervous but excited to share our learning growth with parents, advisors, mentors, friends and fellow students. We are very proud of ourselves and our campus. We would like to share with you our greatest achievements this year:

**Jacob** - Internship with Lake Macquarie Landcare and now with Shortland Wetlands. The campus handball competition to raise money for the Hunter Rescue Helicopter

**Tiana** – Factory Farming PIP, achieving goal from my future map. E.g. Working at Oakvale Farm.

**Shelby** – Being in the Hunter Women’s hockey team and being offered a chance to apply for a scholarship in the USA and am very proud of my attendance this year.

**Matthew** – Journal reflections and becoming more self-directed in my learning.

**Caitlyn** – My PIP creating a Loki costume and wearing it to OZ Comic-con and my internship at a Costume Hire shop which is now my part-time job.

**Jakiya** – Being part of the campus community and improving my attendance.

**Abby** – My newspaper article on factory farming being published in the Newcastle Herald and work experience with the NSW Police.

**Erin** – Being able to complete the Music Business Certificate III at TAFE whilst studying on campus and being able to apply this knowledge by attending many music festivals this year.

**Josh** – Representing the campus and Newcastle High playing football, (aka Soccer), creating my dream soccer team in my PIP.

**Paige** – My PIP website on Youth Mental Health and coming third in a dance competition.

**Charley** – Having the bookmark I designed for my LTI project at Newcastle Library published and being the TGIF Editor this year.

**Scott** – Representing the campus and Newcastle High for Rugby Union, then representing the Hunter region and designing and making a skateboard. (PS When cleaning up wet cement don’t put it down the drain).

**Aurelia** – Witnessing the highs and lows of a new way to deliver education. Watching students mature and take ownership of their learning and supporting each other in so many ways.

Congratulations to **Cassidy** for completing her first exhibition last term and we welcome **Brittany** and **Faith** to the RFP’s Advisory.
Congratulations to Scott Tristan on achieving the next step in realising his passion to play Rugby Union for the Waratahs. Below is a letter he received confirming his selection for the Hunter Under 17s Junior Gold Squad.

Dear Under 17s Junior Gold Trialist/Nominee

RE: HUNTER Junior Gold

Congratulations on being selected for the next stage of the Hunter Under 17s Junior Gold squad.

The training for this Centre will begin on Sunday, 2/11/14 at 9am and will continue until 17/12/14.

A player levy of $155.00 is being charged for players in this squad which will go towards:
- Training venue hire
- Training equipment
- Player apparel

Each squad member will receive a training singlet, training shorts and a training hat. To pay for the Player Levy go to <jotform link>.

Player levies need to be finalised by the Friday 7th November, to ensure your place in the pre-Christmas squad and gear allocation. If there is a possibility of difficulties in completing this, contact your Centre Manager asap.

Following this stage a post-Christmas squad will be selected to compete in the Junior Gold Cup. A maximum of 25 players will be selected in this group per age group.

Can you please confirm your involvement with the program by emailing your Centre Manager Dale McAuley at dale.mcauley@rugby.com.au as soon as possible.

If you have any further questions in regards to your Centre or the NSW Junior Gold program please also contact Dale.

Sincerely,

Luke Thiessen
State Manager
NSW Junior Gold

T: (02) 8030 3324
Luke.thiessen@rugby.com.au
Locked Bag 1222, Paddington, 2021
School is back.

So, the Wolfpack made it through the first two weeks of year ten, term four. It was a busy few weeks, with new assignments and fresh goals, everyone is excited and rested, but let's not forget the driving force from our overwhelming sensation of impending doom.

In two weeks, year ten students will be graduating to senior year. Week four of term four, the 10th year students will be absent for the week to prepare for their Gateway Exhibitions. These exhibitions differ to the past, and are not necessarily about displaying completed term work, so much as explaining and exempling personal growth throughout the whole of the year.

This term's Exhibitions are all about the personal aspect, what you've achieved in learning, not just what you've done. The Gateways are about our progression, our goals for the future, from where we started to where we are, to where we'll go. This term is all about us.

But other than our constantly progressing preparation and arrangements to the Gateway, additional advancements in the wolfpack have presented themselves:

Tayla Mullen is currently spending the week at Jenolan Caves, due to her rapid internship successions. Going caving everyday, an entire week at a beautiful location and the experience of a lifetime, it reminds us all what hard work is capable of paying off.

Taylor Broadway has recently established her very first internship, here at Cooks Hill Campus Big Picture under the very accomplished Lizzy Carter, Head Wolf of the Pack.

Jasmine Ferguson went onto a newly attained Shadow Day this term at the community-loved Press Bookshop on Hunter Street.

And Dylan had Weetbix for breakfast the other day . . .

In summary, we wish you an incredible term, and though it will be stressful, there are little accomplishments in everything. We sincerely hope everyone has had a sensational year ten in the wolfpack and will continue to achieve their goals whether it be here, out in the workplace, applying for TAFE or really anywhere. Once a wolf in the pack, always a wolf in the pack.

Good luck to all, WOLFPACK out.
This fortnight in The Zen Pen we have been working hard.

**Year 10:** This fortnight in The Zen Pen we have been working hard on our Gateway Exhibitions. We have started our History and Geography. We are all both excited and nervous about our Gateway because we are going to finish year 10 going into 11.

**Year 9:** This fortnight the year 9’s have been working hard on finding out what they would like to do for their PIP this term. They have been working hard on their LTI as well.

In this fortnight we have discussed things that are fun and creative happening in our class. For example, we are having a ‘nerdy’ day where we dress up like nerds and bring in old gaming consoles. Matthew will be bringing in his old SEGA Master System we are spending the whole morning.

We have had fun this week filming Alex Moore doing his work. (Wait what work) ;) love you Alex.

This week for sport we went down to the Foreshore as a school. Some students went to Horse Shoe Beach, played football, Frisbee, soccer on the grass and it was a lovely day.

We are very proud of the way the people in our class have gone out and got internship there are two in particular that have Wowed us, Holly Stone and Madi Duffy.

Holly Stone got a work place traineeship at bunnies.

Madi Duffy’s dirty bandwagons have some more tee-shirts and hoodies left to sell.
As part of the whole school community learning project, lead by the Linchpins advisory, we have decided to take part in Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is run by a Christian organisation called Samaritan’s Purse. It was started in Wales on the 10th of October 1990 by Dave and Jill Cooke. After watching a broadcast of Romanian orphans in need, they filled a convoy of 9 trucks with medical supplies, food, water and clothing.

In 1993 the International President of Samaritan’s Purse, Franklin Graham, adopted Operation Christmas Child. Since then more than 61 million shoe boxes have been delivered to over 135 counties around the world.

A record of 316, 323 children in seven countries received shoe boxes from Australia and New Zealand in 2013.

- 5,162 shoeboxes were shipped to boys and girls in VANUATU
- 14,843 shoeboxes were shipped to boys and girls in SAMOA
- 42,982 shoeboxes were shipped to boys and girls in FIJI
- 43,078 shoeboxes were shipped to boys and girls in PNG
- 73,892 shoeboxes were shipped to boys and girls in VIETNAM
- 66,520 shoeboxes were shipped to boys and girls in THAILAND
- 69,846 shoeboxes were shipped to boys and girls in CAMBODIA

The students from Cooks Hill Campus are holding a fundraiser this Friday for Operation Christmas Child to pay for the postage of the boxes. Students can pay for the chance to go out of uniform. A sausage sizzle will also be held that Friday; sausage sandwiches will be $2.00 and cans of drink will be $1.50. Town Hall has been bombarded with Christmas decorations and soon the rest of the school will be too. Students have been asked to write on the wall outside of the girls’ toilets which has been dedicated to writing a message to the children receiving gifts from us.

Please pack a box and help a child in need.
Community Event

If you can, support this wonderful organisation and have some bush fun!

Bushies' Ball

Come join us for a night of fun at
RDA’s Raymond Terrace & Lower Hunter Centre
3219 Pacific Highway
(Watch for the sign 3 km north of Raymond Terrace)

Saturday 25th October 2014
Commencing at 6.00pm.

Featuring live Band "No Stress"
Special Event "Hair to Spare" Spectacular.

This family themed evening includes a delicious
3 Course Spit Roast Dinner, Lucky Door Prize
and huge Tombola Raffle

Book now to secure your seat
Ph. 4987 1402
Mon-Thurs (9.00 – 2.30pm)

Adults: $30
Children (under 16): $15
Family (2 adults + 2 children): $70
Under 5 yrs: free

BYO Alcohol – Soft Drinks available
(Please – no glassware; exception - wine bottles)
SHOUT OUTS!

Shout Out to Brittney & her helpers for helping to organise Operation Christmas Child.
Shout Out to Christine the chaplain from NHS for her assistance with OCC.
Shout Out to all our students who have mentored the students on shadow days. Your contribution is welcome.