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“Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you.” — Mother Teresa

This week we had a visit from Viv White, the co-founder of Big Picture. When she walked in, she could hear music. One of the things she asked for when we first stood in the echoes of the empty school was that she wanted to hear music and laughter. So, today she thanked us for helping to share in her vision and make this school happen. Maddie was singing in our newly formed Campus Recording studio. The two Apple Mac computers were donated via our Facebook feed, through two very dear friends of mine and I thank them most sincerely.

It is already week 4. This is a flying term. Today the school photos arrived—our first recorded memories of the inaugural campus team and student body. What a great looking bunch! Looking at our students, I am reminded of our differences, our stories and how we are now creating a story together.

We are heading into our second exhibition cycle. This time our students will have developed a whole new section of their learning journey. One that will, for the first time, include an Internship and a Mentor who has helped to guide their learning in a new way.

We look forward to their development as a student and a member of their community.

TRACEY BREESE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

TERM 2 WEEK 4

Whole School Excursion to Hunter
Careers Day @ Newcastle Jockey Club
on Thursday 22nd May. Leaving from
venue. Excursion note being sent home
Monday.
This week’s question to encourage student reflection is:

“What happens during the ‘Development’ stage of your project?”

What is BYOD?

BYOD stands for ‘bring your own device’. As a BYOD school, we at Cooks Hill allow and encourage students to bring their own technology devices to assist in their learning. Things to note:

- DEC wireless infrastructure only supports devices which have 5GHz wifi capability. This means you must ensure any devices (laptops, tablets, etc) you purchase for students to use at school will not be able to access the internet without this specification. If you are unsure, please contact the school BEFORE purchase.

- Due to limited bandwidth at the school and a large amount of traffic, we ask students to restrict their internet use to educational purposes only. Web use which requires a lot of bandwidth (video streaming such as Youtube, etc) heavily impacts on the technology experience of all users, so we ask students to be considerate and respectful as always, in this regard.

- The school can accept no responsibility for damage or breakages which may occur to BYOD devices on school grounds.

Will students who do not have a BYOD device be disadvantaged?

In short, No. We pride ourselves at Cooks Hill Campus on providing students with an amazing array of technology resources, to enhance project production options and engagement. As well as the awesome industry standard audio and video production equipment, students have access to a pool of 50 laptops which can be borrowed from the lovely Ros at the office. We also have a dedicated Multimedia suite, equipped with 20 high performance PCs, computers, smartboards and sound systems in every advisory, as well as a Mac based production suite.

If you would like to purchase a BYOD device for use at Cooks Hill, I would recommend considering the Lenovo ThinkPad (Lenovo ThinkPad X131e non-touch). These devices have a fantastic battery life, respectable performance specifications and most importantly come equipped with over $6000 worth of software (follow this Link to Software specs). These can be purchased through the school for $499. Contact the office for further details.

Lenovo Specifications: Celeron 1.5GHz, 4GB RAM, 128GB SDD HDD, 11.6” Screen, integrated graphics, 2yr warranty

Finally, a reminder that positions are still available for the in-school guitar tuition.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries:

Darren Ponman

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Lessons from the Science Lab

Congratulations to those students who have handed in their Science Experiment proposal for this term. Please check with your young learner that they have completed this. It is a requirement of the DEC and Board of Studies that all students in Year 9 and 10 complete an individual science investigation. All the information is on the school Moodle. Some students have decided not to complete the Science proposal and are at risk of not meeting their ROSA.

Here is an updated version of the timetable for Science lab visits to Newcastle High.

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It is mandatory that students develop their laboratory skills and science learning outcomes. If your son/daughter cannot make it to their advisory time due to sickness or approved leave, they can come along to another session, as long as it is approved by their Advisor. I hope this clarifies any confusion. Please let us know if you have any concerns or queries.

Eloquent Aurelia
This week in the R.F.P’s we have all been working hard to complete our P.I.P proposals. We all have some good ideas for our projects. For example, Matthew is working on USA history, Jacob is studying Ancient Egypt, Scott is designing a skateboard and Josh is analysing statistics on famous football players and coaches.

A few of our students have volunteered to help our Newcastle City Council at the Newcastle Library. They are required to ask library-goers to take a survey on what they think about the library and what they think could be improved. 17 students from Cooks Hill Campus are volunteering two hours of their time for the next fortnight to help community members complete the online survey.

We are all busy working on our time management skills as it’s only 5 weeks until we present our second exhibitions.

RFP’s Word of the Week. E.g. “That was very eloquent, Aurelia.”
LTI Feature:
Rhiannon Muddle— Noah’s Ark Veterinary Clinic

On Tuesday, 18th March, I had my shadow day at Noah’s Ark Veterinary Clinic in Medowie. I was really nervous on the way there. I met the lovely staff and was shown around the clinic and told where things were kept.

The work area was very clean and had to be regularly sanitised to avoid bacteria spreading and causing the animals to become sicker.

The vet and vet nurses had to wear a drape sort of uniform and jeans, whilst the other staff members had to wear a shirt with the business logo and jeans. The workplace was really warm and friendly and when the staff spoke to clients about their animals, they were really heartfelt and passionate about their job.

I loved helping them with the animals. I saw a cat have surgery to get a lump removed. I also cleaned cages and made the animals feel comfortable until they were ready to go home. I washed many dogs and made them smell beautiful but there was also a sad side to being in a veterinary clinic…

I saw an old black Labrador being put to sleep with his owners by his side. It was a very teary moment for me but he was in pain and his quality of life was diminished, so it was the most humane thing for him.

I had some interesting experiences there where I had to examine a urine sample under a microscope. I also put some samples of blood on a slide and dyed it to find out what had caused the animals to become sick.

I had a great and eventful first day. As I left the clinic in the afternoon, I felt very eager to be starting my internship there.

Rhiannon Muddle
#sashaowesuspizzaandlavacake!

1 advisor. 11 students

Amazing people. Amazing ideas
Doing things together as one
Very special people with special talents
In the classroom we have fun
Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious
Over pizza we chat about things we love
Racecar spelt backwards is still racecar
Year 9 are so sick of NAPLAN

This week in Sasha’s Advisory we prepared for NAPLAN by discussing and doing practice questions. A shout out to Anne for showing us how the Writing section is marked. We have been working hard on our PIPs and LTI projects but we all have a long way to go. Most of the class has finished the History task and are working through the MathsOnline tasks. During lunch break the boys have been competing in the “Wild Taxi Tournament”. The current placing’s are:

No.1, Kyle Ferguson with 72881
No.2, Callen Skinner with 63750
No.3, Lennox Korn with 33600.

We have been also working on our websites in the computer room. Our whiteboard is full of inspiration quotes and little drawings. Nearly everyone has finished decorating their space and the room is starting to look awesome.
PHOTO WALL

Everyone chilling out after Friday sport.

Playing Handball during breaks
This week has been a great week in The Zen Pen.
The guys have really started to take it up a notch and get on top of their tasks for the term. Some of the Personal Interest projects are coming along great and the originality has blown me away.

On Friday it was Holly’s 16th birthday so we went off a nice stroll down to Marketown to test out the new Yoghurtland.

Remember guys if you don’t yet have an Internship, this should be goal number one for next week, it is an important aspect of Big Picture and the skills you will gain are invaluable.

Remember MathsOnline tasks are up and ready to go. Try to get a start on them now so you are not trying to complete a number of tasks in the lead up your Exhibitions.

Also if anyone had some old unused gym gear sitting around at home, we would be more than happy to take it off your hands. The plans are to get a school gym up and running as soon as we can for during-school use and potentially before-and after-school use.

Matt
It’s already week 3 and Wolfpack – ADVISORY 3 – are progressing promptly into their ‘Personal Interest Project’s, which is being exhibited at the end of the term. We are excited to see our classrooms becoming our own and we are thrilled to watch our projects begin to come together.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY LIZZY! From the wolf pack! (she thought an Alpha should get a mothers day)

We have been welcomed into our LTI’s throughout the weeks, and we give our congratulations to Ally who found an LTI that she likes.

The library has asked for volunteers and we thank all those people who have given their time for helping the library survey the customers.

Well that is our very exciting ADVISORY for week 3, Wolf pack out. *makes howling noise*
Hello all!!

This week the year 9s in our advisory have been completing their NAPLAN while the year 10s have been off to their internships. Almost everybody in the school has got an internship, with our class having the most people on internship.

We are all very happy that we our now taking our projects into our own hands this Term.

On Friday, Brendt took some students from our advisory and other advisories to the Cooks Hill Galleries just around the corner where students were able to hear some expert advice from the owner, Mark Widdup, who was in the middle of setting up the latest exhibition. He gave us a great piece of advice for us. He said that we should choose 5 leaders in the field we are interested in and find out all about them and to emulate them. And, if we are brave enough, to get in touch with them.

Tom

**THE AUTUMN COLLECTION**

Featuring the ‘who’s who’ of Australian Art!

**EXHIBITION OPENING FRI 16 MAY 6-8PM**
**CONTINUES TO MON 2 JUN**

John Coburn, David Boyd, Arthur Boyd, Sidney Nolan, Matthew Perceval, Norman Lindsay, John Olsen & more!

“Precedent” by John Coburn

Two Private Collections... and more! Collections of art are often not arranged but develop as the passion for art builds within the individual. This is exactly what happened with these two vendors. The art collected was with a moderate budget, being principally works on paper or limited edition prints and were bought for the love of art - pieces they just liked!

All artworks are for sale at modest prices presenting a fine opportunity for those who were unable to collect from this era of the past or to revisit a missed opportunity. Perhaps that artwork you dreamed of owning however was elusive over the years.
SHOUT OUTS!

SHOUT OUT— to Aurelia for taking the advisories down to Newcastle High each week for our Science lessons.

A second SHOUT OUT goes to Darren for setting up our very own personal websites to upload our work onto.
A SHOUT OUT to Di & Chris who have donated, not one, but TWO Mac computers for our recording studio.
A WELCOME to Pearl O’Hara to Sasha’s advisory.

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES

“Questions open the door to all possibilities” - Gary Douglas

“Being listened to is so close to being loved that most people cannot tell the difference.” - David Oxberg

“Have patience. All things are difficult before they become easy.” - Saadi

The “Twins”

Selfie-time!
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- See the lead advisor to register their booking and receive the laptop
- Charge the laptop at school on the laptop trolleys (chargers will not be loaned)
- Return the laptop within 10 days, or bring to the Lead Advisor for re-booking

Darren Ponman  
Lead Advisor

Please tear off slip below and return to the office

I agree that once signed out in my name, the laptop will be my responsibility. This means that I, (or my caregiver) am liable for any damage or loss incurred to the machine through treatment which the Cooks Hill Campus School deems inappropriate.

Signed:

____________________________________  ______________________________________
Student signature                  Parent / Caregiver signature