STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS 2013

Welcome to the new and returning members of the 2013 SRC. The newly elected Year 7 students have been voted into the SRC after presenting a speech to their respective classes. Each year has four representatives, except for Year 12 who have the school leaders plus four representatives; Year 7 have one representative from each class. Members of the SRC are expected to be willing and vocal participants in decision making at Eden Marine High School. The SRC meets weekly, and runs on strict rules of meeting procedures.

Some of the responsibilities expected of SRC members are:

- organising and chairing year meetings,
- participation in the breakfast program each morning at the canteen with the help and cooperation of the canteen manager,
- organisation and running of school dances,
- various fundraising activities, including BBQs at carnivals and other school events,
- attending camps, workshops, conferences,
- representing the opinions and ideas of their year groups.

The SRC is a body of students who are the voice of the student body and are expected to willingly give their time, energy and ideas in whole school decision making.
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

This report has a focus on school based support practices and several current initiatives.

Digital Education Revolution (DER)

All Year 9 students should have now received and taken home an invitation to attend an information session regarding the issue of DER laptops. This will be the last rollout of this federal funded program to provide students with greater access to technology as a tool in teaching and learning. An information session will take place in the school hall on Wednesday March 13th from 7.00pm. It is essential that all Year 9 students and a parent/caregiver for each student are also in attendance. (It is a requirement that a legal guardian of the child must be present to sign the Laptop User Charter). The evening will provide technical information about the laptops, an explanation of DEC policies and procedures regarding the issue of laptops to students (including responsibilities and expectations) and the signing of the Laptop User Charter. At the completion of the presentation and the submission of the signed charter, students will then be issued with their laptops.

Students and parents/caregivers who are unable to attend the evening will be required to make an appointment at the school following the information evening so that the presentation can be undertaken, the Laptop User Charter to be explained and signed and a laptop issued. Appointments will be based on staff availability, so it is strongly recommended that every effort be made to attend the meeting on Wednesday March 13th.

Student Assistance

The school has developed a process for requesting financial assistance for school uniform.

It is recognised that some families may require support in the provision of school uniform. The school will work with families to ensure students have adequate uniform for school.

Parents seeking financial support from the school for uniforms are asked to provide a confidential application addressed to the Principal (in a sealed envelope). An application form can be picked up from the front office of the school for this purpose. Information required is:

- Name, address and contact phone number.
- The names and years of students attending the school.
- The circumstances behind the need for uniform assistance.
- A breakdown of the uniform items and costing per item based on school uniform shop prices.
- Applications must be signed and dated.

All applications will be considered individually. A written response will then be posted and support offered where appropriate and possible.

Transition 6-7

The 2014 Year 6-7 transition team have started the process for transitioning students from Year 6 into Year 7. Meetings have occurred with partner schools to revise existing practices and plan events for the year.

Mrs Thurston has developed a promotional flyer for meetings to occur Tuesday, March 12th, Wednesday March 13th and Thursday, March 14th as an opportunity for parents and students to gather information about Eden Marine High School. The flyer is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Mr Ian Moorehead, Principal

CAREER NEWS

A happy group of Year 12 career students travelled to Wollongong in February with Careers Adviser, Ms. Sue Hardwich, and Year Patron, Mr. Greg Russell, in order to investigate possible future career directions. This was a unique opportunity to explore courses by attending lectures of their choice selected online prior to travel. This is in fact how university students at University of Wollongong enrol for their subjects after their initial enrolment. The trip was heavily subsidised by the University of Wollongong and included overnight accommodation and three meals with free coach travel. The only requirement is that students are eligible to get an ATAR to participate.

Students enjoyed the games room on arrival at Campus East and all had their own room, to the surprise of some. The only trick was not to lose the key as it costs $110 to replace if lost and someone managed to do this in the first ten minutes despite each key being handed to each student on a lanyard! Luckily it was recovered in the room.

On Discovery Day at UOW about 2,000 high school students descended into the main hall and two current students took control. They managed to gain the attention of all with their video presentations and talks about university life including the free sporting clubs and groups available such as the Barney Stinton Support Group, the Harry Potter Puppet Pals’ Society and the Day of No Stress Group involving dressing as Smurfs for a day and shadowing people around the university. They also covered the option of studying overseas as part of your degree. These motivational speakers set the tone for the day and all Eden Marine High School students felt it was invaluable with lectures ranging from ‘Get Creative’; workshops in visual arts; digital media and creative writing; The Art of Engineering; What Makes Consumers Tick; to Sociology lectures on How to Fall in Love, Survive at Work and Predict the Future to name a few. No visit to university would be complete without cool music by the resident DJ and dancing on the lawn was a must at lunch. Altogether, a great introduction to the possibilities available with university life in the future.

Year 12 students pictured with Career Adviser, Ms Sue Hardwich at the University of Wollongong.
**Zone Swimming – Narooma**

Eden Marine High School students travelled to Narooma for the Zone Swimming Carnival. The students were polite, helpful and well behaved on the day, which makes everything run smoothly.

The students swam tremendously on the day. We had four age champions and two runners up. Eden came second on the points tally. The results were as follows:

- 14 Year Girls Champion Ebony Pointon with runner-up Zali Kelly
- 17+ Girls champion Tiarne Pointon with runner-up Hannah Galloway
- 14 Year Boys Champion Jack McGuire
- 15 Year Boys Champion Hayden Skeers

Twelve competitors attended the competition with six relay teams qualifying for the Regional Championships at Dapto which was held yesterday. Results to follow in next newsletter.

Zali Kelly set a personal best on the day in the 100m freestyle of 1:10.

Thank you to Mr Prowse and Ms Hornsby for escorting the students and helping to run the carnival. Without the teachers’ assistance outside of their normal teaching load, sporting excursions would not run.

A big thank you to all the parents who drove the students to Narooma and helped on the day. Again, without the sacrifices of the parents, many sporting excursions would not be viable.

**Mr Jason Morgan, Sports Co-ordinator**

**RESULTS - EMHS Age Champions**

- Gemma Oliver - 12 Years Girls
- Emily Yeoman - 13 Years Girls
- Ebony Pointon - 14 Years Girls
- Jack McGuire - 14 Years Boys
- Amber McGarrity - 15 Years Girls
- Hayden Skeers - 15 Years Boys
- Kalia Rogers - 16 Years Girls
- Callan Sinclair - 16 Years Boys
- Jacob Harris - 17+ Years Boys
- Tiarne Pointon - 17+ Years Girls

Overdue notices for all library resources will be going out very soon. If you have an overdue book, please return or renew it as soon as possible (before the notices are generated please to save time and paper).

Happy reading!

**Mrs Kaylene Taylor, Teacher/Librarian**

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**Library News**

In 2012, the National Year of Reading, ABC conducted a survey on “10 Aussie Books You Should Read Before You Die”. More than 20,000 people voted and 500,000 people watched as the final list was announced. You can find most of the books here in the school library and the rest in the town library. The list is as follows:

1. Cloudstreet – Tim Winton
2. The Book Thief – Markus Zusak
3. A Fortunate Life – A B Facey
4. The Harp in the South – Ruth Park
5. The Power of One – Bryce Courtenay
6. Jasper Jones – Craig Silvey
7. The Magic Pudding – Norman Lindsay
8. The Slap – Christos Tsiolkas
9. The Secret River – Kate Grenville
10. Picnic at Hanging Rock – Joan Lindsay

How many have you read?

A super site to visit – [www.oceantracks.csiro.au/](http://www.oceantracks.csiro.au/) The CSIRO has tagged nine marine species and has tracked them. Using stunning 3D images the fish can be followed in their natural environment. For the best result users must install the Unity Web player available on the site.

New books in the library for your enjoyment:

- **Colin Fischer** – tells the story of a young teen boy who has Asperger’s Syndrome. It is funny, smart, touching and a great detective story as well.

- **Big Thursday** – by Anne Brookshank. The book is about change and loss and how a young boy copes with trying to hold his family together.

- **When We Wake** – by Karen Healey. Tells the story of sixteen-year-old Tegan who is killed at a demonstration. She is the first person to be cryonically frozen and successfully revived, which makes her an instant celebrity.

- **Alex is Well** – by award winning author Alyssa Brugman, is a fascinating novel about identity and family and finding a place to belong.

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**Mrs Kaylene Taylor, Teacher/Librarian**
Busy Times For Year 7 Students
Year 7 have had a very busy couple of weeks settling in to life in high school. Week 3 saw the students travelling in two groups to Bournda Environmental Education Centre for some team building activities and great fun. We had orienteering, the ropes course and everyone’s favourite, kayaking, as well as bike riding and challenge games to complete. The weather was very kind to us and many kids learnt new skills that surprised even them on the day.

Week four was the Year 7 teacher and parent BBQ where many parents came to put a face to the names of the teachers they had been hearing about since the beginning of the year. Many thanks to all the parents who made the effort to attend, and to the students from the SRC, Caley McPherson and Ebony Ryan for offering to help out with catering and tour guiding duties. Thanks also to Spencer Wungluck in Year 7 and Mr Lind for doing such a spectacular job on the BBQ and Mrs Muller and Mrs Wungluck for their excellence in catering.

Kiarna Mitchell on the rope course at Bournda.

Above: Jackson Hannah carefully crossed the canoes with the help of fellow students.
Below: Bike riding through the Bournda centre.

Year 7 Head Teacher Support Mr Paul Gilbert, Deputy Principal Mr Bob Lind, and Principal Mr Ian Moorehead at the Year 7 BBQ.

Last Wednesday we had one of the most successful and fun swimming carnivals in recent history. The kids had a great time and it was fantastic to see them getting into the House spirit, dressing in their colours and getting involved in the events on the day. Well done Year 7.

Year 7 students Kelsey Litchfield, Roisin Ahern and Sophie Holman at the swimming carnival. Photo taken by Taylor Kearney.

Last Friday the kids participated in Clean Up Australia Day and were taken in and around the school in groups to collect rubbish and recyclables. Thank you to all of them for their participation in this worthwhile community event. Many of the kids went beyond the call of duty, collecting the odd car tyre!
During Week five Year 7 students also participated in English, Maths and Science Assessment tasks which will determine whether there is any movement necessary between classes. Parents will be notified by the end of term if their child will be moving classes.

All in all, it has been a busy but rewarding few weeks. Many of the students have made new friendships and they are settling into the routine of being at high school. Their teachers have commented on what a pleasant and settled group they are. A fantastic effort, keep it up year 7!

Mrs Kristen Smith, Year 7 Adviser

Boosting the ‘Spirit’ in Year 7/8 Sport
In a continued effort to bring back some of the ‘Ole House Spirit’ in sport, Year 7 and 8 are organised into groups according to their house. Staff are allocated to a house group and are responsible for roll marking, escorting students to venues, supervision and assisting with refereeing.

At the end of each tournament students are nominated by their teacher to receive a ‘Greenie’ for Most Valued Player and Achievement Awards. These students go into a draw to win a movie pass at the beginning of sport each week. Below are the most recent winners.

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Swim Program
An intensive swimming program was held in the past three weeks at the Eden Pool. The program was designed to improve the swimming ability and increase the confidence of our students in and around water. Twenty-two students from Years 7 to 11 undertook the program and every student improved enormously. Students practiced the skills of freestyle, backstroke, treading water, diving, floating and rescue techniques.

By the end of the program all students could swim 50m freestyle, with some students swimming 200m freestyle and treading water for over five minutes.

Congratulations to all the students on what they have achieved.

Ms Rainbird, Teacher

Some of the students who participated in the swimming program pictured with their teacher Ms Rainbird.
Back row L-R: Jarrod Armstrong, Jeremy Scerri, Corey Hardy, and Ms Rainbird.
Front row L-R: Gloria Gallard, Tonia Russell, Natalie Cooper, Abbie Yelds.
Swimming Carnival Success

A fun day was held last week at the Eden pool where students competed in a variety of novelty events at the annual whole school swimming carnival.

For this year’s carnival students and staff were organised into house groups and this proved to very successful.

Students enjoyed themselves not only by participating in the events but also throwing themselves into the house dancing competition and house chants.

Congratulations go to the Year 12 House Captains and Vice Captains for their enthusiastic leadership.

A huge thank you to Mrs Leesa Wungluck and Mrs Belinda Muller and the members of the SRC who provided the BBQ lunch and cake stall. It was hot and sweaty work and they finished the day smelling like a sausage. Such dedication to the cause of feeding the hungry masses!

Year 12 Head Teacher Support, Ms Pam Findlay with Mr Leif Bergersen and Mr Tony Shaw kept track of the days activities.

Mr Stuart Fogg and ‘sausage-turner’ Mr Sam Martin

Year 12 student, Taylor Kearney played a vital role at the swimming carnival as the school’s official photographer. Great shots Taylor!

English teachers Mrs Liz Osborn and Mrs Robyn Scragg ‘keeping it real’.

‘Da Boys’ - PD/H/PE Teacher Mr Doug Blair and Year 7 Head Teacher Support/Maths Head Teacher, Mr Paul Gilbert.
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Girls on the Grill
On Thursday, 28 February, Mrs Muller’s Year 11 Legal Studies class attended Eden Court House for their practice Mock Trial. It was a great event for the legal team made up of Mia McMillen, Katie Kells, Kayla Haigh, Kali Samuels-Connell and Tayor Hewitson.

The trial went exceptionally well with Bega High School and Eden Marine High School debating intensely. Both schools gained a greater understanding of court life.

A big thank you to Mrs Muller for her continuous support and congratulations to Bega High School on their efforts.

Well see you in Bega High Court - It’s on!!!
Sincerely, The Legal Team.

Distance Education in the Library
Pictured below are Year 11 students Darian Conway and Caley McPherson working hard on their Distance Education programs, Information Technology and Geography respectively. The students were accompanied by a mysterious Ryan Barry in the background (not visible).

Woolworth Collection Pays Off
The staff and students would like to thank the parents and community for donating their Woolworths Earn and Learn tokens as we received enough credits to purchase resources to support our Literacy and Numeracy programs.

Canberra Raiders
As part of a National Rugby League community initiative on the school’s anti-bullying policy the Canberra Raiders hosted an informal chat with Eden Marine High School students from Years 7 to 12. The conversation soon moved to what it takes to become an elite athlete and detailed issues on diet, over-coming injuries, training routines and motivational aspects of ‘making it’.

Students were encouraged to ask questions and by doing so received rugby merchandise from the players.

Pictured above are Mrs Rhonda Douglas (Learning Support Teacher) Tegan Smith and Mrs Sharon Ruthven (Maths teacher) with only half of the boxes received from the Earn & Learn program.
Year 6 to 7 Transition at Eden Marine High School
A series of meetings will be held next week to provide information to parents/carers of students entering Year 7 in 2014. Parents and students are invited to attend one of the meetings planned for next week. Meetings will include information about the school, transition processes and programs planned for 2013 and school personnel.

Meeting Schedule:
Tuesday 12th March – Eden Marine High School, Library, Barclay Street, Eden
Time: 5:30-6:30pm
Wednesday 13th March – Pambula Primary School, Library, 25 Oregon Street, Pambula
Time: 5:30-6:30pm
Thursday 14th March – Merimbula Primary School, Jackson Hall, Main Street, Merimbula
Time: 5:30-6:30pm

Eden Killer Whales Soccer Club
Registration Day
For all ages on Sun 17th March between 10am – 1pm at the clubhouse.
If you require any further information call Mick Sawers on 64963671.

Eden Netball Club
Girls 12-15 Years Netball commencing soon in Eden.
If you are interested please call to Georgies Fine Jewellers, Eden to register or for more information.

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