EMHS Academic Success 2014

In week 10 of this term, Eden Marine High School celebrated academic success with our annual Presentation Night. Students from all year groups received awards for outstanding academic achievement and commitment in Semester 2, 2014. Sports awards were presented to the most consistent sportsmen and women of the year, and guest presenters were also in attendance to present scholarships from the community. Our new school captains, Xiu Chen Han and Grace Knox, and vice captains Emily Claxton and Claire McKenna were inducted into their role for 2015. Two items were performed by the school band to keep the audience entertained. Congratulations to all award recipients and also to Jessica High who was named Dux of 2013.
Outstanding Academic Achievers in year 11 (left) Xiu Chen Han and Rhiannon Bolton and in year 8 (right) Darcie Matthews and Anna Auer

Outstanding Academic Achievers in year 9 (left) James Sediakin and Hannah Webster and in year 7 (below) Rory Warne, Taj Wedutenko and Randall Ewin

Academic Award recipients in year 8 (left) year 9 (below) and year 10 (bottom left)

Congratulations also to our “Exemplary Students” for 2014: Taj Wedutenko, Alice Dein, Shannon Butterfield, Anna Auer, James Sediakin, Caitlyn Jordan, Wally Samuels-Connell, Amy Giggins, Brendan Winnel and Madeline Newton
Principal’s Report

It is appropriate that we reflect back on journey and the highlights for 2014. Rather than be specific I will broadly touch on a snapshot of achievements as they continue to emphasise and embody our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience.

In the areas of student and school achievement:
- Our students have once again performed exceptionally well in many academic areas with excellent results right across the school and we eagerly await the 2014 HSC results that are released soon.
- Our students continue to excel in a broad range of pursuits with students receiving recognition in a number of performing and creative arts areas.
- 2014 has again been a highly successful year on the sporting field. The whole school swimming and athletics carnivals were highly successful and many of our teams and specific individuals going on to claim regional and state sporting honours.

More details of these outstanding achievements will be provided in the school’s annual school report. This report will be available on our school website from the start of Term 2, 2015.

From a whole school perspective:
Once again, Eden Marine High School’s involvement in the SCLC Performing Arts Festival in 2014 was outstanding. The number of staff and students actively involved has been critical to the event’s ongoing success.

The Multi-cultural Day was once again a huge success. This year we “went it alone” as a school only event of celebration and recognition. The way the staff and students participated in the philosophy of the day gave the school a great inclusive atmosphere.

The Positive Behaviour for Success (PBS) framework has continued to contribute to the enhancement of positive school culture as the year has progressed with an even higher profile for PBS in 2015.

Several of our staff are retiring at the end of 2014, other staff are concluding their employment at this time whilst others are taking extended leave in 2015 and may not be returning. These staff have given great service to Eden Marine High School and public education. Tony McDonell, Bob Kulibab, Steve Faggotter, Greg Ferguson and Isabel Robinson have all had distinguished teaching careers and will be greatly missed by the school community.

On behalf on the school community, I would like to thank these staff members for their contribution to Eden Marine High School and wish them well for the future. A number of our temporary staff will also be leaving us and I wish them well in their future careers.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank all staff right across the school. Teachers, Learning Support staff, School Administrative assistants, our general assistant and cleaners. I would like to thank you for the professional and caring way you have committed yourselves to improving learning outcomes for all students at Eden Marine High School.

And now, looking forward to some our directions for 2015.

All schools are now well into developing a new strategic plan for 2015 to 2017 to be completed by the end of Term 1 next year. Eden Marine High School has already identified our 3 draft strategic areas
- Engaged and Active Learning in a 21st Century World
- Leading and Learning together
- Creating Opportunities for staff and Students to be Their Best

There has already been considerable consultation to this point of the planning process. However, there will be further opportunities provided as we work together to develop our school plan for the future. Later this week all parents of students at Eden Marine High will receive a letter in the mail that contains a link and a description to access an online survey. This parent survey called “Tell Them From Me” will provide the school evaluation team with valuable information and insights about how the school community feels we are progressing as a school and what needs to be considered as we move to the future. Hard copies of surveys will also be provided at the front office for completion.

In recent weeks the Department of Education and Communities has released the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) funding for 2015. RAM funding for 2015 has a number of loading components designed to create greater equity for all schools. Expenditure of school funds must have a clear linear alignment to the school planning process.
Many schools, including Eden Marine High, have received a significant increase in RAM funding from 2014, due mainly to the increased Gonski funding element. It is essential that school communities continue to be aware of just how critical this element of school funding is now and in the future. I would like to wish everyone a merry and safe Christmas and a prosperous 2015.

Ian Moorehead
Principal

SLR Light Weight Camp
On the 1st of December the year 11 SLR class drove to Wapengo Lake to start their hike towards Picnic Point. The first walk was only short, although the heavy packs made a slow and long walk for some, especially Brendan Winnel’s, whose bag weighed in at 24 kg. Isaac tried to cheat by stuffing clothes and food into his surfboard bag but Langers was on the ball and found him out! The leaders for the first hike were Dylan, Max, Callan and Grace. They did a top job, leading, navigating, whipping and floating. When arriving at Picnic Point, the group began to set up camp before the weather hit. The rain didn’t stop the keen boys from going surfing and playing cricket all afternoon. That night we played camp games around the fire, with some students still not being able to “see the moon” or find out how many elephants were in Rainbird’s hand.

The weather cleared up the next morning while we packed up camp and headed for Gillards. The river crossing was interesting; taking longer than expected although was successful in the end due to the groups’ great engineering expertise. The group then trekked along the rocks, coming across a dead dolphin or whale (according to our very own Bear Gryllz in the group, Callan) washed up on the rocks. They then continued along the beach embracing the amazing serenity that is Mimosa Rocks National Park. There was no more rain to come, so the Gillards camp spot was perfect to set up camp, surf, make damper, sing team songs and play more mind games that annoyed everyone. The team “Gillards Eels” wrapped up the point system for the chant, closely followed by “The Mighty Windex’s”.

The next morning the group headed for Mogareeka, the last leg of the hike. Another river crossing led by Madi Whatman, Luke Higgins, Jack Gray and Zac Slater was successful and didn’t take long before we continued along Moon Bay and up through the bush led by Mr Langford. The tempers of the group were running low at this point as we were led into unnecessary thick bush and everyone came out tired and ready for bed. A few awards were given out for the camp with the two biggest ones “Camper of the Year” going to Brendan Winnel and runner up going to Wayde Aitken.

Overall all students had an awesome time on this camp! We enjoyed the experience of camping and navigating through the bush and loved being able to be in the outdoors with our friends away from school. Thanks to Monique for coming on the camp and driving around all of our surfing and fishing gear... we couldn’t have done it without you!

“YEAH THE BOYS”
A DAY OF CELEBRATION, CULTURE, COLOUR, CUISINE AND DIVERSITY.

On Friday the 28th of November the students and staff of EMHS represented foreign lands by donning their favourite international and national costumes, sampling foods of the world and immersing themselves in a wide array of cultural activities. In the spirit of promoting and celebrating cultural diversity, International Day has very much become a highly anticipated event on the school calendar for students and staff alike. Running since 2010, the event aims to expose students to the broader world in which they live through a range of cultural experiences and encourage values such as acceptance, tolerance and appreciation.

This year’s event had even more than before to offer. Students spent periods 3 to 6 participating in a selection of workshops ranging from flamenco dancing, yoga, meditation, martial arts, Japanese drumming, Irish dancing, basket weaving, tie dying, Aboriginal art and craft, line dancing, origami and a global crisis quiz. At lunch the spicy and sweet aromas of the Hospitality students’ food stalls wafted through the quad luring hungry tummies. ‘Bad boy’ burritos, Singapore noodles, butter chicken and naan bread, American mini burgers, tiramisu, and New York cheesecake soon satisfied the cravings. Lunchtime entertainment provided by Mrs Martin’s Year 11 Music class band, the school choir and “Stonewave” (our guest Taiko drummers from Bega) added a festival feel while many students took the opportunity to visit the hair braiding, henna tattooing and nail art stalls.

Many thanks to our community, teacher and student guests who shared their skills and cultural practices by running workshops: Veronica Valderrama and Lis Shelley (flamenco dancing); Gary Rowlands and Ian Moorehead (martial arts); Julie, Margaret, Lynne and Wilma (line dancing); “Stonewave” (Japanese drumming); Brooke Innes and her capable assistant from UOW (global crisis quiz); Wendy Kenyon (yoga); Leif Bergersen (meditation); Angie Butler and Sue Andrew (Aboriginal art and craft); Jenny Halper and Rachel Smith (basket weaving); Pari Gilmour (tie dying); year 8 student Anna Auer (origami); Bernie Langford (the history of thong flinging); Stuart Fogg and Nick Mitchell (European sports); Rhonda Douglas, Monique Larkham, Melissa Hunter and Cindy Clarke (Lunchtime stalls). Special mention should also be made to the International Day team of teaching staff and students who worked tirelessly and expertly in organising the day, making it a memorable experience for all: Mrs Smith, Mr Barros, Mr Morgan and his year 11 assistants, Ms Fogg and the Year 11 Hospitality students, and Ms Rainbird.

Written by Mrs Scragg.
Year 6 Orientation

On the 3rd of Dec, 110 Year 6 students spent the day at Eden Marine High School. 2015 Yr 7 Year Advisers Robyn and Sam Martin, along with Head Teacher Support, Beverly Andren, met students and parents in the hall at the start of the day. The 2015 Year 7 students have the year group name YUIN. This is a sign of respect for the people whose land on which our school is built. The students were given their class lists for next year and had the opportunity to meet and begin to get to know their new classmates. The year 6 group experienced a taste of high school as they navigated their way from classroom to classroom for periods 3 and 4 and attended Maths and English lessons. The SRC are to be commended for their excellent work in preparing and serving a wonderful BBQ for our visitors, served with a welcoming smile and friendly chat. The lunch was delicious and healthy and the SRC prepared compost bins for the thoughtful disposal of worm friendly waste. Mr Sam Martin led a popular game of soccer on the oval during lunch which was followed by a series of sports games led by Year 9 PASS students during period 5. The Year 9 students prepared half a dozen different games that the Year 6 students cycled through in smaller groups. The day finished back in the hall with a talk from a representative from Deanes Bus Lines about logistics regarding bus travel.

Starting high school can be an anxious time and everyone’s welcoming support of the Year 6’s on their Orientation Day helped alleviate much of the incoming student’s nervousness. We thank everyone involved – students, staff and parents – for a successful day and very much look forward to the new Year 7’s joining us in 2015.

Year 6 students from Merimbula, Pambula, Wyndam, Wolumla, Eden and Towamba had a great day tasting of life at high school.

Eden Marine High School’s soccer star

Talia Westley is currently in Fiji competing as captain of the NSW u15’s girls soccer team. Although the competition is still underway as we go to print, we are pleased to report that Talia has led her team to a 2-2 draw against Victoria. Well done Talia! We look forward to hearing more on your return.

Anna Auer receives Science Scholarship

Star Achievers scholarships are available to students attending selected secondary schools in the Bega Valley and Eurobodalla shires. Anna went to Mogo Zoo with other Star Achiever students on 28 November to meet with Paul Whitehorn, the operations manager, to hear what life is like for the humans and the animals at the zoo as well as some of the breeding programs and operational challenges the zoo faces. Anna will be working on a special science project over the coming year. Thanks to the Eden Marine High staff and Ms Sheehan for nominating Anna below: Year 7 2015 spell out YUIN as the name of their new year group.

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Monday: On Monday the 17th of November 20 students from Eden Marine High School set off on a school excursion to Rushcutters Bay to sail the Sydney Harbour for a week. Pam, who would be our “mother” for the week showed us where we would be staying on the yachts and gave us the ground rules. We then set off on what Robyn told us was a 20 minute walk to the restaurant for dinner. An hour and a half later we arrived at “Philippe’s Foote” at The Rocks then we walked back to Rushcutters Bay enjoying some gelato and had our first night’s sleep on the boats.

Tuesday: On the Tuesday we got into our groups, met our coaches and got a quick run-down on what to expect when sailing on the boats. When asked if we had any questions, Kate Beaven asked if the boat had any brakes. She was then awarded the rubber chicken who was later named Trudy. Trudy was a squeaky, rubber chicken that had to be worn on a lanyard around the neck for 24 hours as a punishment for saying something incredibly stupid. We “rigged up” the boats and had our first morning sailing. It was incredibly fun and nobody fell in, surprisingly.

Wednesday: On the Wednesday morning everybody gathered together to meet the new coaches and to give Trudy a new owner. Ms Hornsby then awarded a Hawaiian shirt to the “loudest” and most “talkative”. I was appointed to wear the t-shirt although I still don’t understand why I was punished for my amazing conversational skills. We had a sailing legend as one of the coaches, Malcolm Page. He had won two gold medals, one in London and one in Beijing at the Olympics. We got photos with the gold medals and we all felt privileged to have been able to meet him, let alone be coached by him.

We sailed to Watson’s Bay where we had lunch and checked out “The Gap” then we raced back to the yacht club and got into our groups for the Twilight Sailing.

For the Twilight Sailing we joined a group of people who actually knew what they were doing on the big yachts and raced on the Sydney Harbour. Everybody enjoyed themselves and we all came back to the Yacht Club Restaurant telling stories and giggling while we ate wedges and pizza. I was with Tahlia and Astrid and we had so much fun on the boat we were on. We discussed properties, cars, motorbikes, boats and jobs and it became apparent to us that 8 million dollars isn’t considered a lot of money if you own a yacht and sail on the Sydney Harbour. I also felt that it was necessary to tell our new yachting friends that I was wearing the Hawaiian shirt because I had to, not because I liked it.

Thursday: The weather, yet again, was perfect as we sailed to Balmoral for lunch. Some of us went for a swim and the water was beautiful too. We raced back to the club house and got ready to go spend some money at Bondi Junction.

Friday: Friday was without a doubt the hottest day of the trip. As we rigged up the boats we were sweating and exhausted. The coaches decided to let us sail the harbour and look at the zoo before we went in for lunch instead of racing. We were all leaning back and putting our hair in the water in an attempt to cool down. After lunch we went to the beach instead of continuing sailing in the afternoon.

Twilight Sailing was up for offer again once we got back to Rushcutters Bay and most of us decided to go and sail for the last time and to make the most out of the last day in Sydney.

On the long journey home it’s safe to say there wasn’t a lot of talking, but a lot of catching up on sleep. Everybody enjoyed themselves on the excursion and it was definitely an experience none of us are going to forget!
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CAREER MATTERS
As the Health Care and Social Assistance Industry is the largest employing industry in Australia, employing 11.8% of the workforce, it was appropriate that the last “Work Inspirations” Program for this year was at the Bupa Eden Aged Care Facility. Statistics show that this industry is heavily dominated by females - 79%.
Throughout the day, we participated in many different activities organised by current and post-graduate students. These students were our “Aspiration Agents”. Without them the day would not have been possible or as much fun and we appreciated their dedication and effort.
The activities consisted of a tour of the university accommodation and an orienteering course with a quiz. While we were at the University, they had an Expo, where each department had a section to show off their courses. Some of these were: a marshmallow building competition, paper aeroplane making, computer games and science experiments, such as nitric acid onions being smashed into the ground, and making slime.
We went to a department at the university to a have a look and take part in an actual lesson. Our school broke up into two groups, one going to International Relations and the other went to Forensics. For forensics, we learned how a forensic scientist would examine a shirt from a crime scene and how to determine that a stain was blood.
Throughout the day, we learnt lots of different information about university, such as where we could live, what courses are on offer, what HSC marks we need for specific courses, what facilities are on campus and that university isn’t as scary as it seems.
By Kate Beaven Yr 9

UC (University of Canberra) Uni Day
On Wednesday the 26th of November, 50 year 9 students travelled up to the University of Canberra with Mrs Bond and Mr Bergersen. First we went to a lecture hall with four other schools and were given an introduction where we told what the day was all about and what we would be doing. Our guest speaker, a University student who also played football for the Brumbies spoke to us about his experiences of university and football, how he balances it and why he thinks we should all go to university.

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Merimbula Diggers are holding their 2014 Christmas party at Spencer Park on Sunday 14th Dec starting at 12.00pm. All players, supporters and their families are welcome and Santa will also be making a special appearance around 2.00pm for the children. Please bring along some lunch and a beverage and enjoy a great day out!

For further enquiries please contact Chris on: 0419569532 OR Bruce on: 0411061837

Eden Pool Intensive Programs:
Want to get the most out of the summer swimming season? Then why not take up the opportunity and start your child on learning a skill for life. Two summer intensive swimming Programs will be held at Eden pool from Tuesday January 13th – Thursday January 15th (3 days inclusive) and from Monday January 19th – Friday January 23rd (5 days inclusive). These lessons would be suitable for children 4 years and up: from complete beginners to children who can do all 4 strokes but require stroke correction. The cost of the 5 day program is $70 for the 1st child and $65 each for additional siblings in the family. The cost of the 3 day program and $45 for the 1st Child and $42 each for any additional siblings. For all enquiries or enrolments please call Kat on: 0428 658 416, or follow us on Facebook @sapphire aquatic for program details.

Eden Marine High Parent Survey
Parents and carers are asked to complete a survey to help us to develop effective planning for the future. You can either log on to the website or use the direct link below.

Logging on to https://www.tellthemfromme.com
Username: eden41024
Password: parents456
OR
Direct link: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=eden41024&j_password=parents456

We thank you in anticipation of your responses.
EMHS Planning team

Eden Marine High School wishes you a happy and safe Christmas and a happy 2015.

Year 9 Commerce explores Eden
Mr Barros has spent some time this term visiting local businesses in Eden with his year 9 Commerce class. The purpose of these visits has been to allow the students to question local business owners about how their businesses work. The following is some of what they had to say about their experiences:

On the 11th of November our year 9 Commerce class took a trip up to the local Eden Motor Group to talk to owner Con Zurcas to learn more about purchasing a car. He taught us about his company and also some interesting facts, such as how they sell 40-45 cars a month, adding up to about 500 a year. We also asked some questions which he was happy to answer. It was a great experience.

Jaid Boundy

On Tuesday the 18th of November year 9 Commerce walked up to “In House Real Estate” to talk to owners Grant and Adam about buying a house. We asked them questions about buying and renting a home. We learnt what is expected of a tenant, how to go about buying your first home and they talked about good options for houses in the area. I learnt a lot about real estate thanks to Adam and Grant.

Jaid Boundy

On the 25th of November, year 9 Commerce travelled to the Commonwealth Bank in Eden. I learnt some new things from an interview with Simon the manager. I learnt that there is no limit on how much you can borrow, but the Commonwealth Bank can only lend up to 95% of the full house price. I found it interesting that in the future the bank will be on the computer and there will be smaller and fewer branches to go to.

Kate Beaven

DATES to REMEMBER:

DECEMBER 2014
- Monday 15/Tuesday 16
- Wednesday 17 December
- End of year activities

JANUARY 2015
- Tuesday 27th January
  - Staff Development Day
- Wednesday 28th January
  - First day of Term 1 for years 7, 11, 12
- Thursday 29th January
  - First day of Term 1 for years 8, 9, 10

DECEMBER 2014
- End of year activities
**Student absences**

It is a legal requirement to explain your child’s absence from school. Please print and complete the following document as required and return to the school office.

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**Student Absence Note**

TO: Eden Marine High School

Date: 
Roll Class: 
Year: 

Please excuse the absence of my son/daughter: 

on (dates) 

Total number of days absent: 

The reason for the absence/s (*this reason must be specific, not just “he/she was sick”*): 

Parent Name: 

Parent Signature: 
Date sent: 

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**Student Information**

Please provide any changes to family details and/or change of address at your earlier convenience using the form below.

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**Change of address and/ family**

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New address: 

Please indicate if changes in family structure? 
Yes | No 

*NOTE: A new bus pass application must be completed when a student has: A change of address, a change of name, change of school, change of details or comes under joint custody.*

Signature: 

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