Jack and Paddy’s Big Day!

On the 7th of May, Captains Jack and Paddy flew to Sydney for a day of super fun. The noblemen arrived in Sydney at 8:30am and then caught the train to St. James Station and made their way to Parliament House. After both Jack and Paddy set off the security gates, they went inside where they met other school leaders from many schools across NSW. The students were greeted by Parliamentary Education Officers, who took them into the theatrette where some MPs and upper house representatives talked students through their political history. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions to the representatives.

Jack and Paddy then went with the group to the media room, where they were explained the role of the media in relation to politics in NSW. Students sat in on the lower house and upper house and gained a valuable insight into the work of politicians in our state. Students were then gifted with exquisite, divine, gourmet and fine dining lunch of...chicken and lettuce sandwiches. Jack and Paddy met with local member for Bega, Andrew Constance, who informed them of his very busy schedule and need to get his budget organised.

After lunch the group of around 120 students walked to Government House through the beautiful Botanical Gardens. Here, they were given a tour of the house and an insight of the history behind it. The students then were presented to Her Excellency Professor, the Honourable Marie Bashir, who informed students of her role of Governor of NSW. The Governor then gave time for students for ask questions. By this time, having been up since the early hours of the morning, Jack and Paddy were both tired, almost dozing off. After being treated to some light refreshments in the Government House gardens, Jack and Paddy then made their way to Circular Quay where they were greeted by Her Excellency Student the Honourable Miranda O’Rourke, who shouted the boys a good feed of a kebab for Jack, a hamburger for Paddy and chips to share. The lads then caught the train back to the airport where, after many failed attempts (some of which were caught on camera), Paddy learnt how to use a vending machine. Who would have thought you put the money in first?

Jack and Paddy were reunited with Merimbula Airport at around 8:30pm, very tired and slept very well that night.

Written by Paddy O’Rourke, Year 12
It has been a very positive start to the term for both staff and students.

During the break, six of our senior students, including our four school leaders, Paddy O’Rourke, Jack Webster, Hannah Galloway, Kate Bond, Kali Samuels-Connell and Ellen Soroka represented Eden Marine High School at Anzac Day ceremonies in our school community. Paddy, Jack, Hannah, Kate, Kali and Ellen gave addresses about Australia’s early war engagements. These addresses were very well received by the large crowds in attendance.

Staff were involved in a school development day held on Monday April 28th. All Staff actively participated in Module 4 of the “No Gap No Excuse”. Once again, it was great to have Uncle Ossie Cruse perform a welcome to country and also contribute great insight and context to this very important professional learning initiative. Staff also completed on-line modules regarding the Disabilities Discrimination Act.

It was pleasing to see the number of parents who took the opportunity to attend recent parent/teacher evenings. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss the progress of your child so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

The 2014 School Management Plan and 2013 Annual School Report are now accessible from the school’s website. I actively encourage all parents and community members to visit our website to access important school information.

NAPLAN testing was conducting from Tuesday 13th of May to Thursday 15th May. Mrs Douglas was particularly happy with the way the students engaged themselves in these tests. Individual and school results will be available later in the year. These results will enable the school to identify areas of improvement for individual students for implementation through the Learning and Support Team and inform school planning in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

Recent changes in legislation has required the school to re-visit our Workplace, Health and Safety practices (WH&S) in the school. This review has seen a new WH&S committee formed and a Workplace, Health and Safety Representative elected.

On Tuesday May 13th an extraordinary P&C meeting was held to vote on a motion that the Eden Marine High School P&C be dissolved due to the inability to fill office positions. It was very heartening to see a significant number of people attend and allow this important part of the school to continue. As part of this meeting a new executive for the P&C was voted in. Positions filled include: President – Kathy Danvers, Vice President 1 – Karl Auer, Vice President 2 – Angie High, Treasurer – Ruth Fletcher, Secretary - Tracy Coleman. Some time was spent at the end of the meeting discussing ways to re-vitalise the P&C structure to promote an engaging format for future meetings.

Ian Moorehead
Principal
LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to Term Two. I am pleased to inform parents that Mrs. Yvonne Holman has been appointed to the vacant position of Library Assistant, replacing Mrs. Karen Butchers.

This is a wonderful time of year – there are so many NEW books in the Library to choose from! And as the days become colder, reading is a great sport for the mind. There are a number of new releases that extend or complete series. Part five of the Dragon keeper has arrived this week… and the complete Violet Eden Chapters are here as well!

Senior students are very busy with Major Research Projects. Access to a wide variety of full text journals is available via our local library service (BVSC) and the State Library of NSW. Students only need to have a membership number to access these resources. Membership is FREE. Please see Mrs. Taylor if you need assistance gaining a membership to either service provider.

NEW BOOKS

Machine Wars is a fabulously fast-paced sci-fiction thriller from Michael Pryor. It’s set in a world where a super intelligence has evolved, which can control any machine connected to the net. Bram, our hero, has to flee because his mother is aware of the super-intelligence and is trying to destroy it.

The Wardens is the first book in an exciting new series called Brotherhood of Thieves. It’s about a secret brotherhood of treasure hunters who are seeking lost magical weapons to help in their fight against an oncoming army.

Silver People is a sublimely beautiful verse novel about the Panama Canal. It’s written by Margarita Engle. The book uses different viewpoints to tell many of the tragic and hopeful stories behind the building of the canal. Rising above all the voices is the sorrow of an environment destroyed by human greed and politics.

The Ratcatcher’s Daughter is a new historical novel from Pamela Rushby. Set in 1900, it looks at the outbreak of the Black Death or Bubonic Plague. The historical details are all given within a very appealing story of a family and community dealing with the fallout from this terrible epidemic.

Unnatural Creatures is a collection of stories chosen by Neil Gaiman. The collection is a selection of his favourite short stories featuring beasts from myth, fable and imagination.

Hostage three is written by Nick Lade and is the fast-paced story of a family kidnapped and held for ransom by Somali pirates.

The Thing about Luck by Cynthia Kadohata is this year’s winner of the US National Book Awards. This is the story of one family’s migrant experience, told through the eyes of twelve-year-old Summer, her troubled brother and her Japanese-American grandparents during one gruelling season of the contemporary Midwest wheat harvest.

WEBSTIES

ThingLink – www.thinglin.com. Add hotspots and links to images to explain concepts and images. ThingLink is useful for labelling diagrams, creating presentations, researching further information about a famous image, creating interactive greeting cards and embedding links from a variety of sources into one space.

Smore – www.smore.com. Create one page flyers to share student work/create a list/Presentation or class links/create an agenda for School Development Days or other school events. Smore is easy to use and share among your school community. Check out the sample on Smore’s website to see many Department examples.

The CBCA has announced the shortlist for their Book of the Year awards (www.cbca.org.au). We have copies of titles from across a range of categories. The winners will be announced in August, during Book Week. At EMHS we celebrate Book Week with an annual bake-a-book competition; further details will be provided to students early in Term Three.

As this is a shorter term, we will be sending out reminder notices for overdue items via Roll Call classes in weeks 4 & 8. Students are encouraged to renew items that they are still reading to avoid unnecessary reminder notices.

Mrs Kaylene Taylor
Teacher Librarian

‘Literature adds to reality, it does not simply describe it. It enriches the necessary competencies that daily life requires and provides; and in this respect, it irrigates the deserts that our lives have already become.’ C.S. Lewis (author)

P&C NEWS

Come and join Eden Marine High School’s newly appointed P&C representatives.

Date: Wednesday, 28th May
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: EMHS, Library

All are welcome :)
From the 5th to the 7th of May I took part in an Air force work experience programed based at Amberley, Queensland. Every day at 8am the group of 22 would meet up outside the front gate to shortly be taken to each area of the base in a mini bus. Each day was filled with fun and insight into the careers and opportunities within the Air Force.

The first of the three days was the best and the most nerve racking. We went to the post-graduate studies gym where we did a team building exercise so everyone became closer. After that we arrived at Squadron 36 (fighter pilots) and closely examined the super hornet, Australian’s best fighter jet. Sadly we were not allowed to take photos because it is “classified”. Next we went to “the mess” (eating hall) for lunch, it was huge and there was something for everyone, I had pizza. Soon after we were in the base gymnasium where we participated in an over-water obstacle course. It was three meters above the pool; challenging but fun. Last thing for the day was the air traffic control tower. While we were up there, four super hornets flew about 80kms in around three minutes and landed. We got back to the front gate at 4pm and the first day was over.

Everyone in the group was less nervous on the second day so we could get to know each other a bit more. Firstly we headed to the fire school where we saw the 60 tonne giant fire truck equipped with two huge water cannon which fired 70 meters. Next we had a tour of the gym and all the different machines and rooms. After lunch the heritage centre was visited where we saw old planes and sat the cockpit of a fighter jet. Lastly was the operational health unit of the base, we learned about how they carry all the gear and people to third world countries to heal the injured and sick. Day two was complete.

The final day was the day I learned the most about the job I personally want to do (pilot). First up was the 23-squadron fire section on the runway. We controlled the water gun on the trucks and sat in the driver’s seat of the beastly truck. The next thing was my favourite. We talked to two pilots who flew the giant C-17 (cargo plane) capable of holding three black hawk helicopters in the back. After talking about their life, we went into the plane itself and had a look around. It was huge. I sat in the cockpit and played with the very sophisticated controls and learned what most of the important things did. Next and finally was a presentation about the recruiting process and the requirements that were needed.

It was a very fun and interesting three days spent with a great group of people. I recommend that any one thinking about joining the defence force look into one of these programs.

A very special thanks to my Dad for taking me to Queensland and driving me everywhere.

Written and compiled by Lincoln Warne, Year 10
CAREER MATTERS
WANTED! Employers to take on an SBAT
So what is an SBAT? It is a School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship that allows senior high school students to commence an apprenticeship/traineeship while still at school. Both options combine paid work, training and school. It is available to students in Years 10-12.

So what are the benefits for the employer?
- You can employ a young and enthusiastic student through flexible part time arrangements.
- An SBAT can ‘fill the gap’ whilst older apprentices are at TAFE.
- You can choose the registered training organisation (RTO) and training delivery.
- Your apprentice/trainee will be trained in a nationally recognised qualification.
- Gain financial incentives by taking advantage of a range of government incentives available to employers of school-based apprentice/trainees.

For more information on SBATs contact me at school or visit www.SBATinNSW.info. I have students interested in completing an SBAT, but not enough employers!

Work Inspirations
In an endeavour to promote the Bega Valley Shire Council and the opportunities that are available in gaining traineeships and cadetships with them, eleven of our students from Years 10-12 attended Part 1 of the Work Inspirations Program.

Twenty-five students from schools in the region were invited to attend and were led by members from different sections of the BVSC who assisted them in activities designed to help them understand their own abilities and preferences and what jobs are available in the workplace.

The students had a behind-the-scenes tour of the BVSC and got the opportunity to speak with the staff from sections that interested them. Only ten students from the twenty-five that attended Part 1 will be selected to attend Part 2, which will place students in the areas that interested them on their first visit and give some of them a chance to get their hands dirty out in the workplace.

For more information on Careers, please see our school website: School Years – Year 12 – Careers Matters. www.edenmarine-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/

Michelle Bond, Careers Adviser

Gideon’s International – Visit to the School
The school has hosted representatives from Gideon’s International over the past few years. They would like to visit the school during Term 2, at a date to be determined, to speak with Year 7 students and “to offer New Testaments to your Year 7 students”.

If you do not want your child to participate in the meeting you could contact the school on 6496 0000 and speak with Mrs Rachel Smith (relieving Year Adviser) or Mr Tony Shaw (relieving HT Support) or Mrs Linda Thurston (Deputy Principal).

YACHTING DAY AT QUARANTINE
As part of last year’s cruising yacht club excursion, a small number of students went to Twofold Bay to refresh and learn new skills. Prior to the day, Mr Langford advised us to bring warm clothes which proved to be good advice. We began the day rigging up our yachts, tying bow lines, securing stays and putting up masts. With minimal wind the sailing proved quite difficult but didn’t prevent the fun we had while on the water. Lunch was provided by the club and Monique Larkham.

The ‘Pirates’ - Dylan Jordan, Giovanni Sabitini, Brendan Winnel.

The ‘Sirens’ - Kalia Rogers, Amber McGarrity, Larissa Larkham, Madeline Jordan, Tahlia Ingram, Bronte Balodis.
On Friday, 9th May, Year 7, 8 and 9 students were recognised for their Outstanding Effort and Application during Term I through the PBS (Positive Behaviour for Success) program. Each student was awarded with a certificate by Mr. Moorehead and Mrs Wungluck commending their achievements. The students celebrated their success with a special morning tea provided by Waves Cafe. Congratulations to the students and also to the staff involved for their hard work and commitment to making the assembly a success. What a wonderful way to highlight learning and achievement. Great job!
SCHOOL X COUNTRY/FUN RUN
On the first day back this term we held our school cross country and fun run. It was a great start to Term II. A lot of money was raised, over $1,500 so far, which was a great effort for everyone involved. Emmily Yeoman and Lachlan Westaway were our highest fun run earners and received a $60 voucher to Merimbula Surf Shop, which is a long time supporter of the school. The weather was a little warmer than usual, and yet the participants all ran exceptionally well.
Thank you to Mr Langford and his Year 10 PASS students who were a great help, plus all the other teachers who helped make it happen.
Our champions for 2014 were:

Layne Maher 12 Years Boys
Natasha Swires 12 Years Girls
Charlie McGuire 13 Years Boys
Tahlia Marson 13 Years Girls
Lachlan Macarthur 14 Years Boys
Talia Westley 14 Years Girls
Kasey Maher 15 Years Boys
Ebony Pointon 15 Years Girls
Corey Spink 16 Years Boys
Grace Knox 16 Years Girls
Jayden Stove 17+ Years Boys
Madi Whatman 17+ Years Girls

ZONE X-COUNTRY:
On Friday the 9th May the Zone Cross-Country was held at Wolumla Recreation Ground. Throughout the day the weather couldn’t have been any better. Although certain sections of the track were slightly muddy, it didn’t stop our students from achieving impressive results.
There were many great Year 10 volunteers who helped make the day successful. A special thanks to Harrison Peters, Jordan Pilgrim, Paddy Schofield and Ryan Casey who assisted a girl who had collapsed at a checkpoint. Their quick actions helped the girl recover from her asthma attack and head home feeling better.

Thank you to the teachers who helped during the day, as well as the parents who drove and watched. Without volunteers like them, sporting activities would not be able to take place.

Talia Westley 1st Girls 14 years
Hayley Ashcroft 3rd Girls 15 years
Tahlia Ingram 2nd Girls 16 years
Madi Whatman 1st Girls 17 years
Lachlan Macarthur 4th Boys 14 years
Kasey Maher 1st Boys 15 years
Corey Spink 2nd Boys 16 years
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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS.**

The school tracksuit pants is NOT part of the everyday school uniform. It is only to be worn during PE classes and on Sport days.