NSW Community Services’ Award for Volunteer Student Program

Michelle Bond (centre) from Eden Marine High School being presented with the NSW Children’s Week Community Commitment Award by Mrs Hurley at Government House on Wednesday October 21.

Eden Marine High School students have been recognised for excellence, receiving an award as part of the Children’s Week celebrations from Saturday October 24th to Sunday November 1st. The school and students were among four winners in different categories who were presented with their awards at Government House. EMHS received the “Community Commitment Award” for its program involving weekly voluntary visits by students to the Bupa Aged Care Facility in Eden. This program was an initiative introduced by Mrs Michelle Bond, our school’s Careers Adviser. Congratulations to all of those students involved.
Principal's Report Week 4 Term 4, 2015.

It has been a busy and productive start to Term 4. By the time this newsletter has been published, our year 12 students will have progressed towards the completion of their HSC examinations. In my regular discussions with students during the examinations, students have remained positive and focussed at all times. The whole community wishes our students well in the completion of exams and the anticipated excitement in the release of the results.

The school continues to seek ways to review and strengthen our communication practices with parents and the school community. There are times when circumstances create real challenges in testing these relationships. It would be appreciated if social media was not used to vent concerns or complaints as this can contribute to making the resolution of issues far more complex and difficult to address. It is requested that concerns are expressed individually via phone, email or appointments being made to discuss directly concerns with specific school personnel.

A successful year 11 into year 12 study day was held on the first day of Term 2. Mr Barrett, Mrs Wungluck and a number of other staff worked to develop and present a range of workshops for students to assist them as they transition into their HSC courses. The feedback from both staff and students indicated that the day was highly successful.

Mr Berman has liaised with the local Rural Fire Service to offer a program for our students during Term 4. The students are working alongside Rural Fire Service staff in developing a variety of skills and experiences in this very important emergency service area.

This newsletter contains a story on a wonderful contribution Mr Rod Bryar is making to Eden Marine High School in the form of a music scholarship. Rod has put together a blues CD called “Moods of the Blues”. The CD is available for sale from the front office of the school, the Eden Newsagency and Magpie Music in Bega. Rod will be donating proceeds from the sale of the CD to the school to establish a music scholarship. The CD features a number of local artists and is for sale for $20. There are only 500 CDs that have been produced.

As we move towards the end of the school year some staffing changes will occur as a number of our staff move into leave and then retirement. The school hopes that most of the vacant positions will be filled permanently for the start of the 2016 school year.

Ian Moorehead
Principal

Music Scholarship for Eden Marine High School

A local musician, Rod Bryar, has gotten together with a number of local artists to compile a CD called “Moods of the Blues”. Rod has made 50 CDs available to be sold at the front office of the school for $20 each. There are only 500 CDs that have been produced. Rod is going to donate all proceeds of the CD, after production costs, in the form of a music scholarship, to Eden Marine High School. Below is a quote from Rod:

“This production has been a labour of love, quite a complex recording and has been a lot of fun to produce. I really hope you enjoy the twist on some of the songs and also the originals I have written. I would like to pay tribute to the incredible work put in by James Hinkley on the recording, engineering and production at ‘The Old Stable’ recording studio and without whom this project would never have got off the ground.

I will be contributing all the profits of the sale of the CD to the Eden Marine High School for a music scholarship supervised by the school.”

The school acknowledges and deeply appreciates this magnificent gesture by Rod in contributing to the music faculty at Eden Marine High School.

Principal Mr Ian Moorehead, Mr Rod Bryar and music teacher Mrs Robyn Martin.
Outstanding success for EMHS students

EMHS students have achieved outstanding results upon completion of a University of Wollongong (UOW) partnership program. Year 12 students have committed over 30 hours of their own time, during terms 2 & 3, to gain valuable support from UOW mentors to assist them in preparation for their HSC exams. This year we had 13 EMHS students complete the program and all received the opportunity to interview for the course of their choice with UOW.

Samantha Avitaia, Manager UOW Bega Campus, has been thrilled with the ongoing partnership between EMHS and UOW: “It has been an absolute pleasure working with the students of Eden Marine High School towards reaching their higher education goals. Many of this year’s group have already received Early Admission to university courses through our program and for those still making decisions about university pathways and options in 2016 they now have the knowledge and the contacts to help make fully informed decisions.”

EMHS students joined with other Year 12 students in our region to undertake mock interviews this year at UOW - Bega Campus.

To date, the following students have been offered Early Entry to one or more UOW courses:
- Rhiannon Bolton: Computer Science/Maths, Maths
- Dan Carton: Mechatronics, Social Science
- Amanda Ghattas: Nursing
- Grace Knox: Nursing
- Claire McKenna: Dean’s Scholar - International Studies and Law
- Leigh Matthews: Bachelor of Social Science, Bachelor of Arts – Community, Culture and the Environment
- Shannon Scragg: International Studies - Global Media and Communications, Bachelor of Arts-History
- Maddie Whatman: Social Science - Education for Change, Social Science

To quote one of our successful students “I don’t know how people work all this out without a program like this.” Eden Marine High and UOW hope to help even more students “work it out” next year too. Applications for next year’s program close 23 October.

Mrs Kaylene Taylor
In2Uni Coordinator, EMHS
Give a Gonski - For Our Kids

Teachers and educators celebrated the positive outcomes of past Gonski funding in hope for the continuation of funding for high schools to continue offer different programs and equal opportunity for all students. Without this funding important literacy and numeracy programs will have to shut down. In Eden, an identified lower socioeconomic area, this ‘leg up’ is vital for the success of Eden Marine High School. The Gonski funding system identifies a base rate for all schools and then additional needs-based funding, with 65 percent federal funding and 35 percent state funding. This has also allowed us to help some student whose needs cannot be met at home, such as the purchase of uniforms, providing breakfast and supplementing excursion costs.

Cows Create Careers Presentation Day

On Friday 23rd October, students from the year 10 Agriculture class travelled by luxury coach (driven by classy driver) to Narooma Golf Club. No golf was played, however a lot of fun was had by all who attended. Students were required to participate in a number of fun and challenging tasks before awards were handed out. Along the way we discovered: how to keep Blake Thomas quiet, James Sediakin feels comfortable in a pregnancy testing glove (though Kye Boundy was not so comfortable), that Lachie Considine transforms into an award winning robotic fence strainer and Josh Boundy looks great in orange. Mr High also dazzled the crowd by showing everyone present how to fill a bag with cotton balls – using only his nose. Our students blitzed all the competition, winning iTunes vouchers, chocolates and a free lunch for all. It was a really fun day and a great way to finalise a term long project. In relation to the official competition, the best group submission for the CCC competition from EMHS were the MOO COWS and their informative expose on calf nutrition and management.

Postive Behaviour For Learning

Congratulations to Harry McAlpin who has successfully gained enough Vivomiles points for a movie pass. Mrs Wungluck encourages all students to strive for as many Vivolmiles as they can by adhering to the PBL principles.

Donations of Hardwoods for the TAS department for year 9 and 10 projects are required please. Your support would be greatly appreciated.
Society and Culture Excursion Report

The Society & Culture excursion to Wollongong and Sydney was a resounding success as the class of 20 students and 2 teachers (Mr Bergesen and Mrs Kercher) masterfully coordinated and led the excursion. The trip was an experience for all the senses as we travelled to many different places. One of the first locations we visited was the Sri Venkatetswara temple, unfortunately the site was closed due to a previous RTA related incident that delayed the trip by 40 minutes. That aside, even the outside of the temple was an incredible and enriching experience. It was decorated with a variety of cultural and religious objects, statues and busts that even made looking around the outside of the temple worth the trip.

Our first site to visit in Sydney was the friendship gardens, it was one of the most beautiful gardens I had ever seen, the class only had 30 minutes to peruse the vast bamboo forests and marvel over the waterfalls and ponds but after a suitable number of selfies and pictures had been taken it was well past time to run to the ferry to go to Parramatta. Throughout the trip we experienced a variety of different foods from the stalls at the Parramatta cultural festival, bowls of pho at Cabramatta markets to the vegetarian cuisine that we were given at the Nien Tien temple. After we finished shopping at the Cabramatta markets the whole class banded together and spent $100 on Asian bamboo hats. After the whole class was kitted out with some new oriental attire everyone grouped under the friendship arch.

The last and possibly most impressive part of the excursion was the day at the Nan Tien temple near Wollongong. The temple is the largest Buddhist temple in the southern hemisphere only rivaled by Borobudur in Indonesia. As soon as the class entered the temple grounds everyone could feel the extreme pureness and cleanliness of the temple. The overnight stay was cultureshock for some with the strictly vegetarian food, 30 minute ceremonies to prepare tea, meditation and 5 am drum and bell wake up calls but for many if not all, the overnight stay was an extremely humbling and very educational experience. All in all the excursion was an extremely culturally diverse and worthwhile experience that I’m sure everyone involved would do again.

Written by Owen Thomson & Jesse Whitfield
French Feast is a Winner for Year 10 Class
To celebrate their winning film in the Yooftube Film Competition, Year 10 French cooked up a feast for themselves during our French activity day this week. After a high stakes tournament of pétanque out on the oval, which Mrs Smith did NOT win, there were croissants and pain au chocolat for morning tea, (thanks Melissa). Next, the year 10s showed off their culinary expertise, producing a 4 course meal which included: salade verte with vinaigrette dressing, coq au vin with steamed greens and garlic butter and potato mash, a cheese course of Brie and Camembert, and finishing up with a scrumptious chocolate soufflé. All dishes were cooked to perfection and tasted delicious. Well done all. I didn’t know you had it in you!

Cruising Yacht Club Presentation
The local Rotary club has kindly assisted the students going to the Cruising Yacht Club excursion with a presentation of a cheque greatly accepted by Luke Edgerton and Blake Thomas on behalf of the school. Ms Hornsby and Ms Malcolm will be taking 18 students for a week of ‘Learn to Sail’ and race tactics around Sydney Harbour. The annual trip is also sponsored by the cruising yacht club itself by allowing students free lessons and accommodation on luxury boats on the harbour for five nights.

Student Representative Council EMHS
The SRC has been busy the last two weeks promoting ‘Mental Health Month’. Jasmine Dorward and Kaitlin Steiner, both Year 8 students, put together a PowerPoint Presentation which was delivered to each year group by their respective SRC representatives. The presentation was well received by students and was followed by a raffle draw of friendship bracelets and the latest ‘calm’ colouring in books. A powerful video clip on bullying, and titled ‘To this day project’ by Shane Koyczan, was also shown. We would like to acknowledge Year 10 student Callum McLaughlin for passing on this link. The SRC representatives are to be congratulated on the professional manner in which they gave these presentations. It is very difficult to speak in front of your peers and they all did an admirable job. Year 7, Claire Turner, Alicia Matthews and Tiarni Burridge, Year 8 Jasmine Dorward, Kaitlin Steiner and Zoe Pentin, Year 9 Jack O’Connell and Jessica Winslow and Year 10 Jaid Boundy, Verin Sampson and Callum McLaughlin. Once again congratulations to these students and a big thankyou from me for their teamwork, and volunteering to give up their time to help make EMHS the great place that it is.

Ms Julie Lange (SRC Coordinator)
Dates to Remember

November

Monday 2nd - Friday 6th
- HSC examinations - Year 10 assessment week
  Monday 2nd
  - Year 9 excursion Cows Create Careers
  Tuesday 3rd
  - Year 12 Study Day
  Monday 9th - Saturday 14th
  - CYC Excursion, Sydney
  Tuesday 10th
  - Year 12 Formal, Oaklands
  Friday 13th
  - Year 12 Society PIP Day
  Tuesday 17th - Thursday 19th
  - Stage 3, 4 Koori transition camp Bournda
  Wednesday 18th - Thursday 19th
  - SEED Workshops yr 8 & 9 girls
  Friday 20th
  - International day
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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.

**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.

**Change of address and/ family**

Name: ___________________________.

Year: ___________________________. Roll class: ___________________________. Date of change: ___________________________.

Advised by: ___________________________.

New address: ___________________________.

Please indicate if changes in family structure? Yes | No

Phone #: ___________________________. Mobile #: ___________________________.

Do you currently have a bus pass? Yes | No | N/A

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Signature: ___________________________.

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