Another International Success

Students at EMHS enjoyed another successful International Day last Friday. All students were involved in activities with an international flavour, from Calligraphy with Japanese teacher Takako Teranishi, to Flamenco dancing with Veronica Valderrama and everything in between. Many thanks to our visiting tutors who volunteered their team to come to the school and give our students a small insight to other cultures. They included: Wendy Kenyan, Yoga, Emma-Jane Skeers, Zumba and the University of Wollongong students who ran a workshop on the Cacao industry. Thanks to staff, who also gave up their time to run workshops, including Mr Russell and Meaghan Holt, Aboriginal workshop, Ms Gilmour, paper weaving, Ms Mamone, beading, Mr Langford, square dancing and Mr Bulters and Mr Hill for international sports. As always Ms Fogg and her Hospitality students did a sensational job with the international food court where students were able to enjoy delicious delicacies from around the world. Well done to all for their wholehearted participation. We look forward to another great day next year.
Principal's Report

Now is a good time for us to reflect on the journey and the highlights for 2015. 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 2015 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 extra-curricular areas.
- 2015 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 went 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, 2016.

From a whole school perspective:
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 2016.

Several of our staff are retiring at the end of 2015, other staff are concluding their employment at this time whilst others are taking extended leave in 2016 and may not be returning. These staff have given great service to Eden Marine High School and public education. Stephen Huff, James Williams, David Prowse and Stuart Fogg have all had distinguished teaching careers and will be greatly missed by the school community. On behalf of 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 2016.

Our 2015 school plan is currently under review. As part of this review we are exploring what we have achieved, what we may have missed and what we can improve upon in 2016. Parents and community members play a key role in the consultation process. A current copy of the school’s 2015 plan can be found on the school’s website at http://www.edenmarine-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/annual-school-report

Please contact the school if you would like to play an active role in the consultation process.

Our three strategic directions for 2016 will continue. They are:
- Engaged and Active Learning in a 21st Century World
- Leading and Learning together
- Creating Opportunities for staff and Students to be Their Best

In recent weeks the Department of Education and Communities has released the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) funding for 2016. RAM funding for 2016 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 for 2016, 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.

This newsletter contains some information about a Bring your Own Device (BYOD) policy the school will trial from Term 2, 2016. The information provides some background context, basic information and recommended specifications for purchase. Hopefully this may assist if you are considering making a purchase for your children in readiness for 2016.

I would like to wish everyone a merry and safe Christmas and a prosperous 2016.

Ian Moorehead
Principal
CYC Excursion

Early morning on the 9th of November 18 bright eyed and bushy tailed Eden Marine High students jumped on the bus to Canberra for the start of a brilliant excursion. After 8 long hours we arrived in Sydney, super excited for a week of sailing. We were all very hungry after the long walk to Phillips Foote, and ready for a big feed. Thanks to the Phillips Foote owners for the delicious free dinner. After a comfortable nights rest, we woke up to the gentle rocking of the boat that East Sail kindly provided for us. As we set up the boats for our first day of sailing, everyone was feeling nervous but excited. We learnt lots of new skills and terms that sailed through our heads. We were all tacky tourists as we sailed under the harbour bridge and past the Opera House. The day we sailed past the heads to Balmoral was surely a day to remember as boat 10 went trawling for prawns and boat 6 nearly crashed into south heads. Many thanks to our coaches who were very helpful, patient and forgiving. Night time never failed to disappoint. Tuesday night we headed off to the event cinemas on George Street to enjoy a free movie with drink and popcorn included. A big thanks for the donation of movie tickets. Wednesday night was full of joy as we got on to the big boats for twilight racing around the Sydney Harbour, thanks to the CYC members for letting us join in. The last night in Sydney we enjoyed a memorable paella cooked by Julio himself, a big effort for cooking it under a tent in the rain, and we would like to thank him very much. The trip home was much quieter as we were all exhausted after a big week sailing on the Harbour. Thank you very much to Robyn Malcom and Ms Hornsby for taking us on this incredible trip. Thanks to James Oliver who gave up his time to help us out. But most of all thank you to Pam Scrivenor for coordinating and organising this unforgettable trip.
By Gemma Gilbert, Lucy-Sue Beukers, Gemma Oliver and Alice Wiebe.
CAREER MATTERS

Congratulations to Year 10 for their successful completion of the Mock Interviews and the article that was in last week’s Eden Magnet. We had 14 members from the Pambula and Merimbula Rotary groups conducting the interviews, including Brad Barker (past Principal), Wanda Akkerman (past HT Visual Arts) and Laura Koerbin (past student). Although there were a lot of nerves on the day, the Rotarians were most impressed by the way the students conducted themselves. Thanks also to Brittany Fogg, Kelly Williams and the Yr 11 Hospitality students for the delicious morning tea! Year 10 students can now apply for another week of Work Experience, if they want to.

Just a reminder that the school is no longer allowed to do the paperwork for Tax File Numbers (TFN). You have to apply online through the Australian Taxation Office website, print out your details and book an appointment with Bega Post Office to now obtain one. All current Yr 11 students will need a TFN to be able to claim Youth Allowance, so make sure that you apply over the holiday period.

Mrs Michelle Bond
Careers Adviser

END OF YEAR ACTIVITIES 2015

As the year begins to wrap up, staff and students are beginning to prepare for the annual end of year activities. The activities run over a course of three days and are compulsory for all students to attend. The activities the school are running this year include;

**Card Designing**- EMHS Library; Students can participate in card designing, making and displaying in the facility of the school library.

**Working Bee**- School Grounds; Students can cooperate in the ‘Working Bee’ activity on and around the school grounds. This activity involves students assisting in the general maintenance of the school this may include; gardening and painting.

**Surfing and Bushy Surf Competition**- Merimbula Bar Beach and Short Point; the students have the opportunity to participate in a three day course, in which the students learn techniques and how to surf. The students must have their Surf Survival Course (9&10) completed or have completed their Bronze Course at a Surf Club. Students without these certificates, can discuss partake in the activity with Mr Morgan or Mr Langford.

**Movies/ Beach/ Walk**- Merimbula and Pambula; Students have the opportunity to catch a movie and walk the beautiful surrounding beaches.

**Local Fishing**- Eden; Students will visit local areas and will hopefully learn some new techniques with the help of peers and staff.

**Fly Fishing**- Jindabyne; An overnight camp in Jindabyne, learning the subtle art of Fly fishing.

**Mandeni Bike Riding**- Merimbula; Students have the opportunity to follow various paths and tracks around the local area, riding bikes and exploring.

**Scuba Diving**- Merimbula Wharf; Discover the amazing underwater world whilst diving in the pristine waters of Merimbula. With the help of our staff, students will have the opportunity to learn the techniques needed to dive.

**X-BOX and Games and Movies**- School; Games must be age appropriate and educational. Students will be given adequate time outside.

**Lighthouse to Lighthouse Walk**- Ben Boyd National Park; A two night, three day walk from Ben Boyd Tower to Green Cape Lighthouse.

End of Year Activities is compulsory for all students to attend and is an enjoyable week for both students and staff.

Students will be asked to sign up to one of the activities, collect an information sheet and permission note and attend meetings to discuss further details for certain activities.
Library News - Overdue resources
As the school year is rapidly coming to an end, it's a good time to return all current resources that are out on loan. Students have regularly been issued with overdue notices via Roll Call. It is school policy that students with long term overdue resources are not issued their report until the resources have been returned, or replacement costs have been paid. Please assist your child to return all items as soon as possible.

Holiday borrowing
Students are encouraged to borrow resources over the Christmas break - please see Mrs Taylor if you need a recommendation or two! The Bega Valley Library Service operates a Summer Reading programme with some awesome prizes, so visit a local library branch to sign up.

OLIVER
Need to revise concepts taught in 2015? Want to get ahead for 2016?? Access OLIVER via your student portal to search for online resources to support your learning - there are Click View media files to watch, websites to access and some ebooks to read.

Kaylene Taylor - Teacher Librarian

Year 9 Uni of Canberra Visit
For a little insight into what university life is like, a group of year nine students travelled to the University of Canberra. Everyone was very tired from the early start but when we arrived at the university, we were introduced to our ‘aspirations agent’, who would be our guide for the day then we all filed into one of the lecture theatres where there paper planes everywhere. Why, you ask? Well, after a brief introduction and surveys, we had two guest speakers. Turns out we got to meet the only ‘paper plane consultants’ in history! The two of them explained their roles in the production of ‘Paper Planes’- a recently released film - and some tips for flight. The guys were really interesting and inspiring to listen to.

We ate recess outdoors on the concourse. Our group went to a discussion presented by one of the teachers at the university. The talk was focused on marketing for tourism - “Would your rating of a room decrease if you saw a cockroach?” Our guide showed us around the campus and accommodation.

Now, the games began. In teams of five we made off on a scavenger hunt. The aim was to wander (we had to sprint) around the campus and answer questions. Our team didn’t win, but it was great fun anyway.

Toward the end of the day, an expo was held. There were people at different tables representing the different courses and opportunities offered by the university - exchange programs to dancing robots.

At the conclusion of the day, we gathered in the lecture theatre again for a small questions and answers session before we said our goodbyes. We then went back and hopped on the bus, everyone extremely tired and ready to go home. Overall the day was fantastic and I think every one of us learned at least one or two new things. Definitely a worthwhile opportunity!
- Anna Auer.
Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, the federally funded Digital Educational Revolution (DER) program, which provided every Year 9 student with a laptop, has concluded. This means that from 2014, students entering Year 9 were not issued with a laptop by Department of Education (DoE). While the ongoing funding is being discontinued, schools have been left with robust infrastructure that will allow us to continue to provide wireless connectivity to students on a range of portable devices to support their learning.

Access to technology is vital in a future-focused learning environment. Whilst it is unfortunate that the funding for the DER program has been discontinued, schools cannot continue to rely on programs such as this, as we move our education system into a 21st century model of teaching and learning.

In response to the end of federal government funding for laptops, DoE has developed for consideration by schools a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy. In order to enable future-focused learning programs to continue to be implemented, this means that students at Eden Marine High School, Year 9 to Year 12 from Term 2, 2016 will have the opportunity to bring a suitable portable device (laptop or similar) to school on a daily basis. Students in all years will then be able to Bring Their Own Device from the start of the 2017 school year.

The current DER laptops issued to students can continue to be used. However, if families of students in these year groups choose to purchase a laptop for school use, we request that their DER laptop is returned to the school so that it can be used by other students.

It is important that laptops brought by students are suitable for use at school. Details of the minimum specifications and the types of devices suitable for use in the school environment are available on the school website at http://www.edenmarine-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-technology/byod-advice along with policy on student use. The DoE has negotiated preferential pricing on a small selection of devices and students will be able to access Microsoft Office and some Adobe software free of charge. Please be aware that some older and android devices will not work on the school's 5 GHz wireless network.

Eden Marine High School recognises that a laptop for student use represents a significant investment for families. We are currently exploring further options for students experiencing genuine financial hardship. If you have concerns in relation to the school’s implementation of a BYOD policy, please contact the school. It may also be the case that a device that you currently have at home can be “handed down” for use by your child at school. Older children are also able to hand down DER laptops to younger siblings, once they have been reassigned by the school. Please contact the ICT Support Officer (Mr. Stephen Rayner) at Eden Marine High School for specific technical advice.

We appreciate your ongoing support and participation as we trial this initiative in 2016.

Yours faithfully

Ian Moorehead
Principal
BLUE STAR is a youth development and leadership program created by PCYC to assist in creating "young leaders for tomorrow" in our local communities. The program gives practical, real-life skills that young people can apply to work and family, helping them on their way to becoming great community leaders.

CITIZENSHIP PROGRAM
The Blue Star Citizenship program is the first step in the leadership journey for young people at PCYC. The program introduces them to PCYC and gives them both formal and informal training opportunities. In addition to this they get the chance to meet young people from all over NSW and form friendships to last well into the future.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:
• Two camps at a sport and recreation-style facility
• Motivational workshops and experiential learning exercises
• Recreational activities that will challenge you in both a team environment and on an individual basis
• 20 hours of volunteering at your local PCYC
• Opportunity to complete the Duke of Edinburgh Award—Bronze level
• Facilitated learning sessions on citizenship

BLUE STAR CITIZENSHIP
Introductory program including 20 hours' volunteering
• Cert I volunteering
• First aid certificate
• Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award

BLUE STAR LEADERSHIP
Leadership development program, including the delivery of an activity project at your local PCYC.
• Leadership interactive workshops
• 30 hours of volunteering at PCYC
• Mentor citizenship participants

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES
Individual mentoring for development opportunities.
• Youth rep on PCYC board
• International One Young World Summit

COURSE FEES:
Blue Star Citizenship $100
Blue Star Leadership $100
Participants must be between the ages of 16 and 18

We are on the Internet - check our website at http://www.edenmarine-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
FLING PHYSICAL THEATRE
CINDERELLA - FLING COMMUNITY CLASS CONCERT
Join us for a night of magic and dance with Cinderella!
Two shows only, Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th December, 6pm at Bega High School Auditorium.
Tickets: www.trybooking.com/JJRB or on the door
See you at the Ball...

TAKE FLIGHT - FUNDRAISER DANCE PARTY
A fantastic night out for the whole family with performances by the fLiNG Company and YfLiNG, DJ Sets pumping out fantastic tunes, trivia and a party into the night!
ONE NIGHT ONLY - SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER, 7PM @ BEGA SHOWGROUND PAVILION
So put on your dancing shoes and lets party!
EARLY BIRD CHEAP TIX - www.trybooking.com/JPZH

DATES TO REMEMBER
DECEMBER
Thursday 3rd
• Year 6 Orientation
Tuesday 8th
• Presentation Night
Friday 11th
• Reports Issued
Monday 14th - 16th
• End of Year Activities

We would like to wish staff, students and their families a very happy holiday and we look forward to welcoming our new students in 2016.
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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Change of address and/ family

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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

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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