Exemplary Students Announced

The ‘Exemplary Student Award’, for a boy and girl in each year group, was a new award for EMHS with the recipients being announced at our Speech Night presentation. This prestigious award fits within Eden Marine High School’s core values of Respect, Responsibility & Resilience and the Positive Behaviour for Success structure as a Long & Strong form of recognition (awards earned over a long period of time). The “Exemplary Student Award” demands of a student personal conduct, commitment to work and a level of school involvement of a consistently high level. Exemplary students demonstrate respect: for oneself, others and property, they listen, follow instructions and communicate with courtesy, take responsibility: for learning, behaviour and our environment. Students know their timetable, allow others to learn and take ownership of their actions. Resilience: through being positive, resourceful and persistent. Students make the most of their opportunities, strive to improve and achieve their personal best at school. To be considered eligible for this award, a student has to be nominated by teachers every term. 

Congratulations to our inaugural group of Exemplary Students: Alice Dean & Taj Wedutenko (year 7); Anna Auer & Shannon Butterfield (year 8); Caitlyn Jordan & James Sediakin (year 9); Amy Giggins & Wally Samuels Connell (year 10); Madeline Newton & Brendan Winnel (year 11); Kali Devi Samuels & Padric O’Rourke (year 12).

PBS (Positive Behaviour for Success) – Semester 2 Major Draw

Congratulations to our Semester 2 PBS major draw winner Mikayla McCamish (Yr 11) who was the excited winner of the Ipad mini.
Principal’s Report

Welcome to the start of the 2015 school year. It has been a very positive start to the year from students and staff.

The school has welcomed new staff members and other staff that have returned to Eden Marine High. Mr. Shaw has been appointed Head Teacher Special Education, Mr. Neenan and Ms Mamone in TAS, Mr. Drowley and Ms Wall in English/History and Mrs. Kercher in HSIE. All new staff have commented on the positive and friendly reception they have received at Eden Marine High. Mr. Hall has returned to the school in Mathematics. Meaghan Holt has been appointed as the Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO).

A number of other staff have been employed to work in a variety of temporary capacities across the school with several key positions in specific school areas.

At the end of 2014, all staff participated in a cultural immersion tour in the context of the Bundian Way. Led by Uncle Ossie Cruse and Les Kosez, staff were taken to various sites where a detailed explanation connecting local culture and history occurred. This event was hugely successful and a great way to celebrate Aboriginal culture in the local area.

The draft school plan is well underway for completion at the end of this term. Our draft strategic directions are:

- Engaged, Active Learning in a 21st Century World
- Leading and Learning Together
- Creating Opportunities for Staff and Students to Be Their Best

At this point in time we are developing plans for these strategic directions and milestones to assist with monitoring, review and self-regulation of the plan’s progress. The process of consultation across the school community will continue with staff, parents and students having the opportunity to engage and contribute to the planning process.

Xui Chen Han and Emily Claxton were guest speakers at Merimbula’s Australia Day celebration on January 26th. Xui Chen and Emily spoke about “What Being Australian Means to Me” with their speeches being very well received by an appreciative audience. They are both to be congratulated and commended as fine ambassadors of their school community.

Our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Resilience will continue to form the foundation of the school’s development of the Positive Behaviour for Success framework (PBS). The implementation of PBS has been highly successful and this year PBS goes deeper into the classroom and the Vivomiles reward system is being rolled out as an innovative and interactive incentive for students to engage with PBS.

A great example of our school values was demonstrated by our students in relation to the bus incident at the start of the school year. The way the students reacted and supported each other and assisted those on the scene is great credit to themselves, their families and their school community. The school’s critical incident plan was activated and our thanks go out to all those who assisted in ensuring the safety and well-being of the students involved. The school is pursuing a number of ways to recognise the bravery and positive actions of some of the students on the day.

Year 7 have made a sensational start to high school and are to be congratulated for the positive attitude they have demonstrated in all facets of school life. Well done and keep up the good work!

As mentioned in the last newsletter in 2014, The 2014 HSC results were very strong placing Eden Marine High School well against the highest performing schools in the South Coast. A big thank you to all staff and students for your contribution in making the start of the school year one of the most positive ever. We are all looking forward to an exciting 2015. The school will be implementing a range of revised and innovative programs to assist all students to reach their potential.

Ian Moorehead
Principal

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Eden Marine High School Welcomes New Students and New Staff

Above: Year 7 meet in the hall for their first day of high school.
Below: New staff members Mr Matt Neenan, Ms Kate Mamone (TAS) and Mrs Simone Kercher (HSIE)

Year 7 have learnt their new timetable and are adjusting to all of the changes involved in making the transition from primary to high school. Bell times, changing classrooms, numerous different teachers are just some of the things that a year 7 must become accustomed to in the early days of the year. This year’s new students are passing the test with flying colours.

The new students are not the only ones finding their way. New staff members Ms Kate Mamone comes to us from Pittwater High School and is a Technical and Applied Sciences teacher, as is Mr Matt Neenan, who has come from working in Cooma. We also welcome Mrs Simone Kercher who has moved here from Port Macquarie, to our HSIE Department.

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End of Year Activities
As is tradition at Eden Marine High School, the academic year was completed with 3 days of activities. Students were able to choose from a range of activities, including mountain bike riding, surfing, Christmas cooking, hiking/camping, fishing, art, SCUBA diving, and more.
The students are to be congratulated on their exemplary behaviour at the various activities.
Our thanks go to the teachers who organise and run these activities each year and to Mr Morgan our activities coordinator. Without this great support we would not be able to offer such opportunities to our students. Well done, everyone!

The Giving Tree - SRC
Towards the end of last year the SRC organised a Giving Tree. The gifts were passed onto Anglicare who then gave the gifts to children who may not have been as fortunate last Christmas. We would like to thank everybody involved and everybody who contributed towards the Giving Tree. It was extremely successful and everybody’s generosity is highly appreciated.

A new school year brings new SRC members and positions.
President: Ebony Ryan
Vice President: Hayden Ferencz
Secretary: Amanda Ghattas
Treasurer: Mardi Longford
Public Relations:
Bronte Balodis
Brad Chalker
Dan Carton

School Newsletter
Our School Newsletter goes out fortnightly. As this is our first one for the year we are sending a copy home with each family.
If you would like to receive a hard copy in the future and you have not already notified us please contact the school, or if you would like to have the newsletter emailed to you please inform us of your email address.
You can access our newsletters on the school website each fortnight. Thank you.

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TRIP TO FIJI – DECEMBER 2014

I travelled to Fiji at the end of December, 2014 to represent NSW Girls U15 International Football Group. Other states competing were South Australia and Victoria along with four Fijian teams. Girls in my team came from Narooma, Moruya, Ulladulla, Nowra and Wagga Wagga High Schools.

We played six games in six days, I was privileged to captain in one of them.

Whilst on tour we went on a sailing trip to a deserted island and visited a small Fijian village to give them presents we brought with us from Australia.

The highlight of my tournament was playing an international football grand final against a Fijian team, sadly losing and finishing runners up. Overall it was a fantastic experience!

By Talia Westley

FREE TUTORING

Last week the eldest child of each family received a note regarding a free tutoring service to be made available at the school. This is part of a Rotary Youth Program being offered to Eden Marine High School. If you are interested in this program, please contact Mrs Michelle Bond in the Careers Office at the school.

CAREER MATTERS

Welcome back to what is already shaping up to be a very busy year. Congratulations to last year’s Year 12 for their excellent results and entry into University. A special mention needs to be made of Rachael Rogers, who managed to receive a scholarship that will cover her first years accommodation at the University of Melbourne. The majority of students will be going to the University of Wollongong and this years Year 12 have just returned from an overnight excursion to experience University life at Campus East with myself and Mr Barros, (who kindly assisted at late notice when Mr Morgan had to withdraw). There will be an article and photos in the next Newsletter, so stay tuned.

There are 16 students who are eagerly awaiting the sign up dates for their School Based Apprenticeship/Traineeship. This is a wonderful opportunity for these students to gain valuable qualifications, whilst still being able to complete their school education. I will be introducing these students to you over the next few Newsletters.

Year 10 have started their Interviews and the writing of their Resumes in preparation for Work Experience from 1-5 June. They can start looking for employers to take them on, but won’t receive the necessary paperwork until Term 2, as they tend to lose it!

Any student in Years 10-12 can register with me now, if they wish to get their White Card qualification. This qualification is necessary for anyone thinking of going into a Trade or onto a worksite. I especially encourage any girls to do the course, which will be held at school. Last year we had a girls class and it was very successful.

Michelle Bond
Careers Adviser

Above: Talia and her team participate in a traditional village “mudbath”.
Below: NSW U15s girls were runners-up. Pictured with the Fijian winning team.
Congratulations Talia.
Need help managing stress or anxiety?
If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries, we would like to introduce you to BRAVE Self-Help – an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of Beyondblue, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8 -17 years old who are living in Australia. BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of children at these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au.
Library news 2015
Welcome to our new Year 7 students, and welcome back to students and their families for another wonderful year of reading. Many new resources have been purchased over the break and are being placed on display as they are processed and made ready for loan. Books are on loan for a period of two weeks from EMHS Library. Year 7 have timetabled lessons in the Library, once a fortnight. This year Mrs Taylor and Mrs Herd will be teaching Year 7 classes.

Exciting news
Eden Marine High School Library has been selected as one of the first high schools in NSW to undertake the process of installing a new Library software platform. It is a web-based system called Oliver. Oliver enables:
• anywhere, anytime access to digital media including ebooks
• interactive engagement with digital and physical resources

More news will be shared as we undertake this transition. In the meantime, our current school library catalogue can be accessed by all students via their DEC Portal login. They are able to search for resources that we have in our school library from home. The Library is open daily from 8.30am, as well as at lunchtimes for students seeking assistance or wanting to study.

The worlds of science, engineering and the arts are set to come together in a year-long celebration of optics and photonics, after the United Nations (UN) adopted a resolution calling for 2015 to be recognized as the “International Year of Light and Light-based Technologies”. <www.un.org> for further information.

Library Lovers day is celebrated on February 14th each year. Public and School Libraries celebrate this event, so make sure you borrow a book this week to celebrate... maybe even go on a “blind date” and read a book a friend sets you up with! Happy Reading.

Mrs K Taylor
Librarian

Eden Whale Festival - HELP WANTED
The Eden Whale Festival committee will be looking for volunteers to help organise this year’s festival. The Annual General meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 17th February, starting at 5.30 at the Eden Fisherman’s Club, at which all positions will be declared vacant. A few of the current committee members will not be standing again for positions, so more volunteers are definitely needed. The committee also rely on various people to run and organise some of the events that happen around the festival. If you are interested in helping out – but don’t want to be on the committee, there are some individual jobs that you might be interested in that just report back to the committee

OTHER JOBS - that require volunteers:
• The Trashformation - the recycle competition
• Street Parade - someone to organise and liaise with the Eden Service & Social Club
• Community Group Liaison - someone to liaise with the different community groups that want to and to encourage groups to hold events
• Site Management and organisation - person to do the logistics of the site over the festival weekend.
• Fund Raising - Always in need of people and ideas of how to raise money needed.

If you are interested and in a position or want to help out in any way and would like further information on how to involved please call me on 6496 1925 (ah) or email back to admin@edenwhalefestival.com.au

All welcome next Tuesday, so see you at the Eden Fisherman’s Club at 5.30
Debbie Richardson
PH 02 6496 0234
STAGEFLIGHT DRAMA SCHOOL
Drama classes for young people and adults at Pambula Town Hall, Quondola St Pambula.
Primary Beginners 8 to 12 years 9.00-10.30am on Saturdays 7/14/21 Feb and 7 March
Advanced classes for those with previous drama training/experience:
Primary Continuers 9 to 12 years 4.00 - 5.15pm
Tuesdays starting 3 Feb for 8 weeks
Secondary Continuers 12 years and up 5.15pm - 6.30pm Tuesdays starting 3 Feb for 8 weeks
Cost: $100 per term
Adults - daytime class for adults to start soon - contact us to express your interest.
See www.stageflight.com.au or call 6495 7435

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Eden Killer Whales Football Club will be holding registration for all players on Sun 8th Feb, Sat 14th Feb & Sun 15th Feb from 10 am to 12 noon at the Barclay Street ground. Players welcome from 4 years upwards. Coaches also needed.

Interested in hair and make up on nail art?
Having photos of what you can do can help gain work in this area. If you would like professional photos and more publicity for your work without spending a cent contact me.
ph: 64957102 or txt 0491 139777

With the 2015 Hockey Season approaching, the Pambula Hockey club is looking for past, present and first time players to register with our club for a fun filled season.
We encourage first time players to come along and learn skills, meet new friends and be encouraged by our existing members.
If you are interested in playing or have an enquiries, please don’t hesitate to contact Teleesha Heyhorn by emailing; pambula_thunder@hotmail.com or phone; 0474653760, or Brenda Wyse on 0428660544

DATES to REMEMBER:

FEBRUARY 2015

Monday 23rd Feb
• Year 7 Eng, Maths, Science Assessment

Friday 27th February
• Clean-up Australia Day year 7

MARCH

Wednesday 4th March
• School Photos

Tuesday 10th March
• Parent Teacher Night years 7, 10 & 11

Wednesday 18th March
• P & C meeting in library 6 - 7pm

All welcome.

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