AINSLEY SECURES REGIONAL LION’S YOUTH OF THE YEAR

Eden Marine High School student Ainsley Mann, of Year 12, recently won the Regional competition stage for the Lion’s Youth of the Year contest on the 21st February. Taking time out of her weekend, Ainsley travelled to Cooma on the Sunday to compete against students from Bega High, Narooma High, Monaro High and Snowy Mountains Grammar.

The competition is run at Club, Zone, Regional, District, State and National levels. Each competition follows a similar procedure whereby applicants undertake a panel interview based on a formal written application. This is followed by a public speaking component in an audience setting where applicants undertake two, two-minute impromptu speeches and a five-minute prepared speech on a topic of the applicants choice.

Ainsley very evidently stood out on this regional stage, winning the public speaking contest with her moving speech concerning marriage equality. What’s more her performance in all components of the competition secured her the overall prize of Regional Lion’s Youth of the Year.

“Ainsley’s performance on the Regional stage is a fantastic personal achievement” Mr Drowley, English teacher and EMHS coordinator for the contest remarked, “It truly reflects the calibre of young people we have in our community here on the Far South Coast”.

The Lion’s Youth of the Year is a competition run by the Lion’s Clubs of Australia designed to encourage, foster and develop leadership in conjunction with other citizenship qualities in our youth, at the age when they are about to enter the fields of employment or higher education. The entire Eden Marine High School community extends congratulations to Ainsley and wishes her all the best for her performance at the District level of the competition, to be held in Goulbourn on the 10th April 2016.
It is pleasing to note that many students continue to engage in their learning and maintain the positive momentum that started the school year.

Year 6-7 transition meetings for 2017 will begin next week with meetings held at Pambula Public School, Merimbula Public School on Tuesday March 8th and here at Eden Marine High on Wednesday March 9th. The Year 7 Adviser for 2017, Mr Ferguson and Head Teacher Support, Ms Findlay have been actively planning the transition practices for 2016 into 2017. Mr Ferguson and I will also be visiting Towamba and Wyndham students in their schools on Friday March 11th.

The 2016 School Plan is now complete and available for viewing on the school’s website. There is always the opportunity for parents and community members to provide feedback and assist with the self-evaluation of our progress in achieving milestones. Please contact me at the school, if interested in being involved in a strategic direction planning team or just to provide feedback.

A Welcome Year 7 BBQ was held on Wednesday March 2nd. A number of parents attended accompanied by Year 7 students. The feedback indicated a highly successful afternoon. Many thanks to Ms Sheehan and Ms Wall for their efforts and the staff and students who provided and served food and refreshments. Year 7 interim reports were issued to provide immediate feedback to parents about the way their children have progressed at high school.

A reminder that a Parent/Teacher afternoon will be held for all years Year 7-12 in the school hall on Tuesday March 15th from 4-7pm. A repeat afternoon will also be held on Thursday April 28th from 4-7pm. Parents should soon receive details and booking sheets in the mail. It is essential that students negotiate interview times directly with their class teacher before this is entered onto the booking forms. These events create a great opportunity to discuss student progress and strengthen the dialogue between the school and home to create opportunity for improved student learning outcomes.

The P&C are working towards a working bee to be held at the school before the end of term from 8.00am to 11.00am, followed by a BBQ. Bring along a trailer, gardening tools, hat, gloves, water etc. as we “spruce up” some identified areas on the school grounds. I hope to see you there. Keep an eye on the school Facebook site for the specific date.

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday April 6th from 6-7pm in the school library and will be the Annual General Meeting. The P&C have a number of initiatives they are considering for 2016, so come along and get involved.

The Annual School Swimming Carnival was held on Friday February 19th and reports indicate that it was one of the most successful carnivals of its type held at the school for some time.

Don’t forget Gonski! More than ever school communities need to engage with others and recognise with how essential the final two years of Gonski funding is for all schools and our school in particular. The final two years of funding would mean over $2 Million for resources for our school and a commitment for future funding. If you haven’t seen it, there is an Eden Marine High Gonski story in this newsletter. Spread the word and make others aware of just how important Gonski funding is already and for the future.

Ian Moorehead, Principal

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LIBRARY NEWS:
World Book Online:
Eden Marine High School students now have access to World Book Online. World Book is an online encyclopaedia that is recognised for providing accuracy, objectivity, and reliability. World Book provides access to amazing resources which will help aid students learning and develop their research skills. Our students now have access to World Book Online via their DoE portals 24/7. This means students can access World Book resources both at school and at home. Make sure you take advantage of this great new resource!
You can also access World Book Online directly via the link below: http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subacct=AU16013
Username: emhse
Password: library

OLIVER:
A reminder that students can search the OLIVER catalogue from our school computers or from home via the ‘My Library’ section of their student portal. Students are also able to access information about overdue items, investigate books currently on loan and place reservations via their DoE portals.

CAREER MATTERS
Year 10 students have started their preparation for Work Experience from 6 – 10 June, 2016. Students are able to go anywhere in NSW or Victoria, but unfortunately the Department does not have agreements with the other States and Territories. Those students who have registered on EMHS’s Careers website, can now book their individual interview, to complete a resume and discuss their future career aspirations.
Mr Neenan is running the White Card course for all of Year 10 in March. It is a lot cheaper for students to complete the course at EMHS and as noted below, online White Card courses are not acceptable:
“It is the Department’s expectation that students will use a NSW WorkCover issued “White Card” to meet the requirements of the NSW Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 and where relevant, to meet the requirements of the HSC ICF courses in Construction and in Entertainment Industry. This requires 6 hours of face to face delivery. Workcover NSW does not permit online delivery of this course in NSW.”

Capes4kids
As well as our ongoing Community Service Program with Bupa, EMHS is only one of six schools that have been selected to participate in the Capes4kids Program. This entails students making capes for distribution by the organisation, to children’s wards in hospitals. This term, the Year 9 Textiles class will be starting the program in conjunction with Ms Mamone and then next term any interested students will be able to participate. You can find out more about the program at www.capes4kidsaustralia.com.au.

Michelle Bond, Careers Adviser

Our current book displays ‘Space Exploration’ (pictured above) and ‘Life in our Environment’.
Ms Innes, Teacher/Librarian
2016 ZONE OPENS GIRLS BASKETBALL

It was a scorching 35 degree day in Bega, eight Year 10 girls braved the heat to compete in the Opens Zone Basketball tournament. Arriving at 9:20, we had plenty of time to warm up. Stepping on court at 9:45, to face a tall and intimidating Bombala side, the Eden girls were off to a slow start, with a flat and quiet first three quarters. In the fourth our girls came out firing, with Nat and Amy hitting shots from all over the place. Bronty looked like Lebron James, blocking almost every shot, and Abbi scoring off hard layups at every chance. In the end, Eden came out on top, beating Bombala 46 – 28, a confidence boost heading into the next game.

We always knew the Batemans Bay team was going to be our main competitor. Due to previous experiences, we knew this was going to be a tough and physical competition. Starting the game with possession, Eden scored straight away. Shortly after, we realised the Bay side was catching up, and was going to be ahead of us soon. All of the girls played well in the game, with major standouts including Bronty, continuing to block nearly all of the competitor’s shots, and Abbi charging through the suffocating defence. The game ended with a score of 27 – 16, Batemans Bay’s way. Many of the team members were bruised and sweaty, with Sarah taking a nasty hit to the head. Although we went down in this game, we remained in high spirits, ready for the next game.

With the loss to Batemans Bay sealing their spot at Region, we were determined to secure second place. Knowing from past encounters with a tough Monaro side, our girls were prepared for anything that might be thrown our way. Eden got off to a cracking start and didn’t ease up. Bronty, Sarah and Pelenise grabbed every rebound, Morgan, Abbi and Talia snatched the ball off Monaro without hesitation, while Amy and Nat were too quick, working together to score off numerous fast breaks. Dominating the game, Eden came out victorious, 37 – 26, securing second place.

Although our Eden girls didn’t win the tournament, we all had a great time. Whether it was confidence, new skills, or just some extra fitness, all members of the team gained something from the day. With a final tally of 2 wins and 1 loss, we were overall very impressed with our outcome. Big thanks to Miss Findlay for organising and coaching the team. Also thanks to Cathy, Nat’s mum, for doing a wonderful job refereeing, Jo (Amy’s mum) for bench duties and Nicole (Sarah’s mum) for the fantastic photography.

Watch out Batemans Bay, we’re coming for you next year.
**ZONE SWIMMING**

On Wednesday the 17th of February, a group of students, travelled to Narooma to compete in the Zone Swimming Carnival. The students that participated were Jack and Charlie McG, Ebony P, Zak K, Travis N, Kaitlyn H, Holly S, Lily F, Jess F, Jessie C and Georgia C. We congratulate everyone for their participation. We thank Mr Morgan and Mr Bulters for organising notes and marshalling our events. The 14 years girls relay went especially well, after getting 2nd place in the all age 200 metre Medley relay and 1st in the 200 metre freestyle relay.

**Results:** 13 year Girls - 1st Georgia C, 3rd Kaitlyn H; 13 year Boys - 2nd Travis N, 3rd Zak K; 14 year Girls - 2nd Jessie C; 17+ year Girls - 1st Ebony P; 17+ year Boys - 2nd Jack M.

All competitors who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd in an event will travel to Dapto for the Regional championships on the 9th March. Good luck to all competitors and thank you to the parents for driving and supporting your children at EMHS.

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**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The 2016 Eden Marine High Swimming Carnival was a huge success with everyone who attended having a fantastic time. The SRC raised a massive $400 with their BBQ and the Year 12 cake stall made a substantial amount contributing to their formal. Boyd regained their title with the winning point score at the end of the day closely followed by Imlay, then King and Flinders.

The students looked amazing in their house colours, complemented by the fantastic decorations. The day was filled with war cries, dancing, belly flop competition, relays and novelty races. The student participation made the day very memorable...the best in years!

A special thanks to Mr Barrett from Year 12 for his efforts, as well as a huge thank you to all other staff and students who made the day such a success.

Sport Prefects: Larissa, Hayley, and Ebony.
YEAR 12 CAKE STALL – A BOOMING SUCCESS

As the Year 12 Year Adviser, I would like to say a great big thankyou to all those Year 12 students, their patient parents and the kind staff who contributed to and helped make our cake stall at the Swimming Carnival a great success. Activities like this help build the students’ leadership and organisational skills, encourage social service and support for charities, and all money raised goes towards a selected charity or two, a small gift for the school and the Year 12 end of year activities.

Keith Barrett, Year 12 Adviser

U/14 ½ Hassett Cup Cricket vs Bega High School

Last Friday eleven eager cricketers from Year 7-9 travelled to Bega to play their Hassett Cup cricket fixture against Bega High School. For some of our students it was their first time playing on a turf wicket, so there was a buzz surrounding the build up to the match. After winning the toss and choosing to bat, Bega posted the formidable total of 4/228 from their 40 overs. The Eden team showed strong team spirit by giving every player on the team a bowl with Riley S, Harry McA and Riley D taking one wicket each. A strong Bega bowling line up bundled our boys out for 31 with Connor M top scoring with 13. Overall, our boys had a great day. They tried hard all match while demonstrating great sportsmanship and mutual respect for the Bega team.

UoW STEM ROAD SHOW

On the 23rd of February a selected group of Year 9-11 students studying Engineering and in 9M1 and 10M1, had a great morning with the interactive roadshow. Students rotated through 7 workshops ran by University students, including a driving simulator, 3D printing, bottle rocket and bridge building and testing, strawberry DNA, water flow, flying drones and the testing of the plutonium theory.
“i found that the extraction of strawberry DNA was very interesting.” --Randall E
“The flying drones were a lot of fun to crash.”--Connor K
“I thought that the Formula One simulator was awesome.” --Luke A
MARINE FOCUS IN ENGLISH

Year 8 novel study.

Our class novel, ‘Treasure Hunters’, is about a young boy who joins his father in his search for the wreck of a Portuguese ship sunk in 1511, off the coast of Indonesia. This has led to some great discussions about nautical knowledge and diving experiences in the local area.

FEELIN’ HOT HOT HOT!

Ms Hornsby, Year 7/8 Sports Organiser has been encouraging students to wear hats on sports days. It is fantastic to see so many students protecting their skin from the sun during the recent run of hot weather.

GREENIES AT SPORT

Students are awarded ‘Greenies’ following weekly sport for positive participation and sportsmanship.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY AND FUN RUN

On Tuesday 29th March, the first day back after the Easter long weekend, we will be running our school Cross Country and Fun Run. Year 7 and 8 students will have the opportunity to complete the course and fight it out for Age Champion. The top six entries will progress to the Zone Cross Country at Wolumla hosted by our school.

Each student will be asked to find sponsors for the school’s Fun Run to successfully complete the course. This event helps to raise money for the PE Department to purchase equipment, uniforms and rewards for the students.

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

FUN MARINE FACTS

Skipp: ‘Hey Sandy, did you know that the common Yellowfin Bream can take up to 4 years to reach 23cm in length, as they grow so slowly?’

Sandy: ‘Yes Skipp and did you know that they can grow up to 55cm and weigh nearly 4kg.’

Skipp: ‘So Sandy, when you catch these fish treat them with the utmost respect.

Sandy: ‘Yes Skipp, like you always say “respect your elders”!’

PLEASE RETURN THE ‘PERMISSION TO PUBLISH’ NOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO PUBLISH PHOTOS OF OUR WONDERFUL STUDENTS.
The Sapphire Coast Learning Community Stage Band was formed in Term 4 of 2015. The band comprises of around 20 students who were selected by audition process from over 8 schools that are part of the Sapphire Coast Learning Community (SCLC). The Band meets twice a term to rehearse and has had two major performances so far including one at the Merimbula RSL for the Regional Principal’s Conference on the 26th Feb 2016. Eden Marine High School was well represented with Sarah L, Joel B and Brianna H on vocals, Hunter W on keys, Ethan T and Jess W playing great improvised solos on guitar and saxophone respectively and Zac L keeping the groove rolling on the drums. The bands youngest member is Year 4 student, Imogen B from Pambula Public School, who shone with her funky bass lines.

The Annual SCLC Music Camp is also coming up in week 5 of Term 2. Students from Years 5-10 are invited to apply with an expression of interest form. Any students from Eden Marine High School who would like to attend, should see Mr or Ms Martin in the Music Staffroom for the application form.

Robyn Martin, Music Teacher

Free In2Uni program available for Eden Marine High Year 12 students.

Year 12 students have a great opportunity to join the University of Wollongong’s In2Uni University Preparation Program.

The Year 12 University Preparation Program is designed to provide you with the support you need to get through the HSC and begin the transition to university life.

You will be enrolled as a University of Wollongong (UOW) student and will be utilising university resources through an on campus study centre and online materials.

You will receive both face to face and online subject specific assistance, study skills and admissions support.

All students who successfully complete the program will receive an Early Admission Interview with the University of Wollongong.

This program is useful for all students to examine post school options and opportunities.

When: Monday afternoons from 3:30 – 5:00pm at Eden Marine High School in Terms 2 & 3

How to Sign up: See Ms Innes at EMHS library for an application form or email bega@uow.edu.au to request an In2Uni application form.

For further information: bit.ly/Year12UPP

Applications Close: Monday 14th March 2016
YEAR 12 UNIVERSITY PREPARATION PROGRAM

The University Preparation Program (UPP) was a 20-week course in which Year 12 students participated in specialist study sessions tailored to their HSC subjects. Delivered on-campus by In2Uni mentors who excelled in the selected HSC subject areas, students received tips and advice to get the most out of their HSC, as well as the opportunity to gain a taste of university life. Successful completion of the program rewarded students with a guaranteed UOW Early Admissions Interview with the Faculty of their choice, based on their nominated preferences.

STUDENT FEEDBACK

85% of students surveyed indicated that after participating in the program, they want to go to university after high school.

82% of students surveyed believe that after participating in the program, they will do well enough at school to go to university.

KEY STATISTICS

- 337 students from 29 high schools across the Illawarra, South Coast and Southern Highlands regions participated in and completed the UPP.
- 100% of students successfully met the attendance and requirements of the UPP.
- 53% of respondents indicated that if they were to attend university, they would be first in their family.
- 293 UPP students applied to attend university in 2016.
- 219 UPP students received UOW Early Admission offers.

REFLECTIONS

“It was really insightful and has given me the tips and knowledge required for me to complete my HSC and attend university. I would definitely advise other students to participate in this program, because the confidence and determination I now have is great.” (Student, 2015)

“My mentor was really helpful and supportive, and got me through a lot of the tough topics! I’m excited to finish my HSC and go to uni now.” (Student, 2015)
Year 7 Bournda Excursion
### UPCOMING EVENTS

| Mon   | 9 Mar | Open Soccer          |
| Tues  | 10 Mar| Football trials     |
| Wed   | 11 Mar| Regional Swimming    |
|       |      | Combined Uni Talks   |
| Thurs | 12 Mar| Selective school testing |
|       |      | Zone Rugby League Trials |
|       |      | Bega Rugby 7’s, Lumen |
| Mon   | 14 Mar| CHS South Coast Golf |
| Tues  | 15 Mar| Parent & Teacher Night |
| Wed   | 16 Mar| Sydney Show Yr 11/12 |
| Thurs | 17 Mar| Boys/Girls Football Trials |
| Fri   | 18 Mar| Sydney Show Yr 11/12 |
|       |      | Zone Volleyball, Bega |
| Wed   | 23 Mar| Regional Rugby League Trials |
|       |      | Regional Netball Trials |
|       |      | Year 9 Engineering Excursion |
| Fri   | 25 Mar| Good Friday - no school |
| Mon   | 28 Mar| Easter Monday - no school |
| Tues  | 29 Mar| Year 12 assessment week |
|       |      | School Cross Country |
| Thurs | 31 Mar| Zone Tennis Batemans Bay |
|       |      | Year 7 Immunisations |

### REMINDER TO PARENTS

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

### EMHS PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS 2016

The school will be conducting two Parent/Teacher Interview evenings this year. These will be held on:

- **Tuesday 15th March 4.00pm-7.00pm**  
  (Term 1 week 8)
- **Thursday 28th April 4.00pm-7.00pm**  
  (Term 2, week 1)

You can choose to book interviews on either evening.

You should have received an information pack in the mail including both a green and blue form.

These forms represent the two different dates for parent teacher interviews (Tuesday 15th March is GREEN and Thursday 28th April is BLUE).

Please send in the form with your child for the desired evening. The teacher will book you in for an interview in an available position. Please get in early if you have limited times for when you can attend. Each interview needs to be limited to 10 minutes, so we can cater for the high demand.
National NAIDOC Poster Competition Entry Form 2016

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists are invited to submit artworks for the 2016 National NAIDOC Poster Competition. The competition is a chance for talented artists aged 13 years and older to be recognised across Australia.

The winning artwork will be used to create the 2016 National NAIDOC Poster to promote NAIDOC Week 2016 across the country. The winning artwork will also collect a $5,000 cash prize.

Your artwork must reflect this year’s National NAIDOC theme:

**Songlines: The living narrative of our nation**

For more information on this year’s theme visit [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au)

All entries must be accompanied by this signed form and be received by 5:00pm AEST, Monday 21 March 2016.

**Your Details**

Name: ……………………………………………………………….. Age: ……………………

Aboriginal ☐ Torres Strait Islander ☐

Postal Address: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

State: ………………………………………………….. Postcode: …………………………………………………..

Telephone: ………………………………………….. Mobile: …………………………………………………….

Email address: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

Title of artwork: (Please title your work) ………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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WHY GONSKI FUNDING MATTERS
Our goal at Eden Marine High School is to promote and maintain a learning environment that is based on high expectations and the belief that all students will learn successfully and achieve to their potential.

Gonski* funding has allowed our school to focus on providing a range of Literacy and Numeracy intervention programs and provide resourcing and support in Aboriginal Education.

By the end of 2016 we will have received over $398000 in additional funding which has been used to improve teaching and learning and provide extra resources that benefit our students.

This funding is being provided to schools on a needs-basis after the independent Gonski Review found a lack of resources was denying too many children the education they need.

The plan is to increase the funding over a six year period and get school resources to a standard that meets the needs of every student – now and in the future.

HOW OUR STUDENTS ARE BENEFITING FROM GONSKI FUNDING

Here are some of the ways we are using this Gonski funding to build on things the school is already doing and to introduce new programs.

• Literacy and Numeracy are a key focus for the school. Flexible funding provides the opportunity to train and employ additional staff to work with students in an intensive manner resulting in significantly improved learning outcomes measured through NAPLAN results.

• In 2015, the school employed, through the allocation of flexible funding, a full time Aboriginal Education Officer (AEO) whose role has had a strong focus in continuing to develop and strengthen relationships with the local Aboriginal community.

The school has also utilised equity funding to employ staff to support Aboriginal students in the following areas:

• Employment of two Aboriginal Learning Support Officers who work closely with teachers in the classroom with Aboriginal students.

• Employment of an Aboriginal Support classroom teacher for two days per week for the year to work with the AEO to develop, implement and evaluate programs e.g. MGoals to provide increased opportunities for Aboriginal students.

Through the utilisation of equity funding and in collaboration with the local Aboriginal community, a number of innovative intervention programs for Aboriginal students have been developed and trialled. A proposal developed jointly by the school, the AEO, the Eden Education Consultative Group (AECG) and Eden Elders titled “Healing with Knowledge” has focused on re-engaging Aboriginal students in their learning through increased awareness of local Aboriginal culture through “on country” experiences and their connection to local Aboriginal mentors.

The school has recently negotiated with the Illawarra Institute of TAFE to develop a partnership to create a temporary Aboriginal Community Engagement Space at the school where parents, community members, Elders, health and other service providers can interact with students and the school in a positive and supportive environment. Equity funding has played a vital role in supporting the school in undertaking an extensive process of community consultation to identify how the space may operate in 2016.
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