



Top: Ms. Byrne cut a ribbon today to mark the handover of our new school hall as an interim teaching space.

Above: Staff and students supported CanTeen's Bandana Day last week, raising \$550 for kids and families affected by cancer. A great effort for a very worthy cause. Well done HSHS!

Hunter Sports High will welcome the NSW Minister for Education, Mr. Rob Stokes MP, to the school next Tuesday 7th November for an official visit to view the progress of our redevelopment. His visit coincides with the commencement of classes in the new school hall (S Block) which start on Monday next week.

The temporary fit-out of this building as an interim teaching space has been completed and our staff and removalists have been busy preparing for the move. Students will receive new timetables at roll call on Monday and these new classes/timetables will remain in place until the end of the school year. This is a very large transition for our school and I thank all staff for their cooperation and support during this time, as well as our students for their maturity in working through these exciting changes. We appreciate your patience as we transition to the new building and assure you that teaching and learning remains our greatest priority. We are working closely with the project management team to minimise disruption and ensure the transition is as smooth as possible.

Our Year 12 students wrap up their HSC exams tomorrow. Well done to them all and we hope they can now relax and enjoy the weeks ahead as they await results and decide on their future study and career paths. We look forward to celebrating with them at their formal on November 14 and remind them to come into school on Monday 13 November to officially 'sign out'. They should make their way to the library between 9am and 12pm and bring all text books and school-owned items with them for return.

Next week our junior years will commence their yearly exams, with Years 9 and 10 exams during Week 5 and Year 7 and 8 in Week 6. Exam timetables are included at the end of the newsletter and have been distributed to all students from Years 7-10.

I was very pleased to see the latest 'Value-Added Data' results which were released to all schools last week. These results measure student growth and achievement by comparing Year 7-9 NAPLAN results and HSC scores. Hunter Sports High students have shown continued improvement over the last five years with our 2017 results the best we have seen since 2012. These encouraging results are testament to the efforts of our staff and their pursuit of improvement for all students.

Please note that the P & C meeting that was scheduled for next Tuesday 7th November has been cancelled and will now be held over until the December meeting date (Tuesday 5th December) when executive staff will discuss the 2018-2020 school plan and the redevelopment.

Rachel Byrne – Principal

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Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Fri 03 November	Immunisation Clinic
	Job Centre Program Taster
	Shine Program
	Brospeak
	Royal Life Saving First Aid Training
	Year 8 VALID Examination
	VET Retail Excursion
	Support Unit Excursion
	Year 9 PASS F45 Session
Mon 06 November	Support Unit Leaving to Learn
	Marine Studies Snorkeling
	Why Try?
Wed 08 November	Centre 4 Hope
	The Inaugural Sports High Schools Knockout Athletics Carnival
	Why Try?
	Girls Rock & Water Program
	Japanese Maps & Exploration Excursion
Thurs 9 November	Junior Cricket PSSA
Fri 10 November	Job Centre Program Taster
	Shine Program
	Brospeak
	VET Retail Excursion
Mon 13 November	Year 12 Sign-Out Day, 9am-12pm
	Support Unit Leaving to Learn
	Why Try?
Tues 14 November	Year 12 Formal
Wed 15 November	TSP Presentation Night, 7pm, Wests New Lambton
	Centre for Hope
	Girls Rock & Water Program
	Why Try?
	Marine Studies Snorkeling
	Hunter Boys Baseball CHS Trials
Fri 17 November	2017 NSW Touch Football Year 7/8 State Final
	Shine Program
	Brospeak
	VET Retail Excursion
	Year 9 PASS F45 Session

Goodbye & Good Luck



Tomorrow we will say goodbye to our Deputy Principal Mr Trent Colley. We congratulate Mr Colley on his appointment as Deputy Principal at Irrawang High School. He'll be closer to his family but missed by all at Hunter Sports High School.

"During his four years at Hunter Sports High, Mr Colley has made a big impact at the school and has been an exceptional role model for staff and students," said our principal Ms. Byrne. "He has been a huge contributor to the significant improvements that HSHS is achieving across both academic and sporting spectrums. He will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best in his future in education."

The Deputy Principal position has been advertised and should be filled by the end of the year. In the meantime, Mr. Scott O'Hara will take over responsibility for our Year 11 & 12 students and Mr. Rob Symonds will work with our Year 8 & 10 students. Mr. Curry remains as the deputy for Years 7 & 9.

We will also farewell Ms. Linden O'Brien at the end of next week (Week 5) and wish her all the very best in her new role at Dungog High School where she has been appointed in a permanent English/Japanese teaching position. Ms. O'Brien has been an outstanding mentor to her Year 7 charges as Year Advisor this year and will be missed by staff and students alike. Mr. David Staley will take over as Year 7 Advisor from Week 6.

We welcomed Mr. David Winter to our Head Teacher Administration position this week. Mr. Winter brings a wealth of experience and knowledge having spent many years in this role at Northlakes High School. He will teach technology classes and is also responsible for managing the daily organisation of staffing throughout the school.

A Reminder About Absentee Notes!

If your child has been away sick or on leave, please notify the school (by phone, email or a note sent in with your child) within **TWO WEEKS** of the date of absence so that records can be adjusted accordingly.

Spooky Science Haunts Hunter Sports High



Students are solving spooky problems in science classes this term as staff incorporate Halloween into a Forensic Science unit they have been working on.

Students set a murder mystery 'Who done it?' scene. They are engaged and having fun learning some of the following outcomes and skills:

- Critical thinking and analysis abilities
- Laboratory skills to exacting standards of precision and care
- Problem-solving skills
- Ability to apply diverse information to solve a real problem
- Conceptual understanding of criminal justice system
- Oral and written communication skills

Laptops Aid Learning

The school purchased 30 new laptops recently which the Science faculty are putting to good use. Students have all had access to a wide variety of learning tools and platforms to engage in 21st Century learning. Students below from the Year 8 class have enjoyed the new learning opportunities and accessing current science research technology.



VALID Examination

The Validation of Assessment for Learning and Individual Development (VALID) program provides online end-of-stage assessments for the science key learning area. Year 8 will sit the VALID examination tomorrow, Friday 3rd November. The exam is 70 minutes in duration and tests science concepts learnt in Stage 4.

This examination is compulsory across the state and parents will be given a report on their child's progress. If your child misses the exam on Friday we have a window of a week for students to catch up and complete the exam. We are really excited to see the progress of our students.

Get Better Soon Nathan

Former student Nathan Pili had an unfortunate accident during a rugby league match recently that left him with limited feeling in his legs. Hunter Sport High staff rallied together and raised over \$400 which we hope can help Nathan in some small way and support him in his recovery. He was a great student and we wish him all the best.



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It is hard to believe the end of another school year is in sight! Students in Years 7-10 will soon submit their final assessment tasks for the year. Years 7-9 will be sitting their final examination while Year 10 students will submit their last History research task. Year 11 students have eagerly started their HSC studies while Year 12 students have all but wrapped up their HSC examinations.

With the great weather this winter, the HSIE faculty was able to organise fieldwork opportunities and excursions to continue to support and further the learning of students. Ms. Britton arranged a traditional Aboriginal games day which was led by Sports and Recreation Officer of the DOE, Gerald Bradshaw, or Uncle Gerald. These traditional games were used to teach necessary skills for survival, such as hand-eye coordination and fitness. The students really enjoyed the day and look forward to doing more with these games in the future. Further, students also attended an excursion to the Awabakal Environmental Education Centre to learn about local Aboriginal culture, including Dreamtime stories, bush tucker and shelter. Mrs. Griffin also visited the education centre with her senior Aboriginal Studies class, investigating local significant sites.

Mr. Scully has taken a hands on approach to learning about life in the trenches with his Year 11 Modern History class. Students had the opportunity to taste some of the delicacies of a modern 24-hour army ration pack. The class had mixed reactions to the taste of the food but the consensus was that Mr. Scully definitely needed to reconsider and work on the presentation and plating. Ms. Jubb has also taken the hands on approach to her Retail class. Students have been involved in unpacking and checking off deliveries to the school and also went on an excursion to Charlestown Square to analyse displays. In the coming weeks, Retail students will be required to design and create a store display.

Annie's Amazing Achievement



Congratulations to Year 10 student Annie Grove who represented Australia in both the U17 and U19 Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Women's Championships in Thailand and China recently. Annie was the number one keeper in both age groups and made it to the semi-final knockout in the U19's championship. Although they went down to a very strong DPR Korea opposition, this was the first time since 2006 that the team had made the semi-finals of this competition. Well done Annie on this amazing achievement.

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Sportspeople of the Month:



July: Mathew Croker

Mathew is an outstanding young man and a member of our Rugby League program. Mathew relocated from the North Coast to attend Hunter Sports High last year and follow his dreams of becoming an NRL player with the Newcastle Knights. Originally selected in the Knights U18 SG Ball side, during the course of the season he was promoted to the NYC U20's Knights team where he established himself as a vital member of the forward pack. His performances for the Knights saw him awarded the Johns-Carlson Medal as the Player of the Year for the Knights Junior rep system. A natural leader, he was also selected as captain of the Greater Northern Schoolboys representative team this year. Congratulations Mathew!

August: Luke Huth

Luke is a member of our Rugby League program. He was originally selected in the Knights U18 SG Ball side before being promoted to the NYC U20 team in his position of hooker. It is in the school sport system that this young man has achieved his highest honour in 2017. Showing a huge amount of resilience after initially being overlooked for selection in the Hunter Region school representative team, Luke was a late call up to the President's XI to participate in the National Schoolboy Championships. At this tournament his performances were outstanding and his efforts were rewarded with selection in the Australian Schoolboys team. So from not being considered good enough for the Hunter Region side, he fought his way all the way to the top with selection in the Australian side - a truly outstanding effort. Well done Luke!

September: Joel Rauch

Joel is a member of the Senior Men's Newcastle Hunters Basketball team who play in the NSW Basketball State League every weekend. This year he was selected in the NSW All Schools Basketball team for the third year in a row and his performances for this team have seen him become the first Hunter Sports High School basketballer ever to be selected in the All Australian Schools basketball team - a truly wonderful achievement. Congratulations Joel!

Thank you to Body Science for their continued support of our Sportsperson of the Month awards.



Rugby Girls Representing NSW:



After an awesome few weekends where we had players in Eastwood, Hunter Women's and Hunter Sports teams at various events, three of our students – Emma Bradford, Jorja Holden and Sophie Buller – have been selected in NSW Squads to compete at Nationals. Jesse Southwell has also been picked as a development player at the age of 12 which is phenomenal.

The squad was picked after the Central Coast 7's event, where our boys toiled against eventual champions Gordon and the eventual runners up NSW 7's, with some great performances from Kye Davis and Fossie Bradford. The girls made the bowl semi-final with wins against Manly and tight losses to Central North Rep and Eastwood, who included Sophie Buller. Emma Bradford and Jorja Holden were standouts with good performances from Bella Warry and Kiara Bassam. Congratulations to all!



ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™ INVITATION TO PARENTS OF TEENS

Learn strategies and skills to improve parent – teen relationships

A three-session program for parents and carers
By Allambi Care & Belmont Neighbourhood Centre
359 Pacific Highway Belmont North
When: Wednesday Evenings 1st, 8th & 15th November 2017
Time: 6pm – 8.30pm, 3 consecutive sessions
Cost: \$20 for Workbooks and light refreshments. (Concessions available).

Learn:

- ✓ Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to have about adolescents
- ✓ New understandings of adolescence
- ✓ A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- ✓ Self-check-in, first-for parents
- ✓ Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- ✓ Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can't ignore

What parents have said...

A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.

A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case.

Who's running it?

The trainer for this course is Michael Burke who works as an Adolescent & Family Counsellor in the East Lake Macquarie Local Government Area.

Registration is required
Limited spaces are available, please register for this course by contacting Michael Burke on 0408 474 602.



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STUDENT WELFARE at HSHS: Keeping Our Students Safe & Happy

Our student welfare page lets students, parents and carers know about some of the great programs and support services that are available to students and their families at Hunter Sports High School and in the local community.

Stress Less Workshop



It is that time of year that Year 11 students start realising that the HSC is coming and assessments are piling on top of assessments. Time management and positive relationships are key to a successful year. Headspace held a workshop for our new Year 12 students in the stadium this week to help them on the road to success.

Youth Lunchtime Activities

Lunchtime activities have begun again with some meditation for interested students. The first session on Friday with our Youth Worker Kiera saw six students soaking up the benefits of relaxation which in turn helps with their overall sense of wellbeing.

Cyberbullying

HSHS Police Liaison Officer Nathan Johns had a chat with Year 7 & 8 this week to remind them of the seriousness of cyberbullying and the importance of attending school every day.

Around the Grounds:

This week we share some words from a student, Michael, who left our school this week. "I want to thank all the staff of HSHS for being so supportive, particularly the youth workers and Minimbah team. I am already settling in at my new high school."

Quote of the Week:



The first step in talking with your child about how to prevent or respond to bullying is to learn what bullying is and what it is not. Please look at the following website for this information.

www.bullyingnoway.com.au

Website of the Week:

ReachOut.com is an Australian online youth mental health and wellbeing service. It helps young Australians with information, support, tools and stories on everything from finding your motivation, through to getting through really tough times.



Bullying – No Way!

From our Website of the Week comes some great advice and tips on ways to look after yourself if you are the victim of bullying.

- Talk to someone and share your load.
- As well as being all-round unpleasant, bullying is something you can't control. One thing that you can control is how you look after yourself. Doing something for yourself every day (big or small) can really help you feel better.
- There are so many benefits to keeping active. Taking part in any sort of physical activity releases endorphins, which give you a rush of good feeling. Who'd say no to that? It can be hard to know where to start, though. You could join a dance class or a sporting team, or even take your dog (or cat!) for a walk. If these ideas don't float your boat, check out some apps and tools for exercise inspiration!

VACCINATION CLINIC FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

Year 7: Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine – second dose + catch-ups

Year 11: Catch-ups

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by phoning the school on 4943 5755 or writing to the Principal. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.



An important requirement of School Opal card is the need for students to Tap On and Tap Off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services. If students don't tap on and tap off, services may be cancelled due to the lack of recorded patronage.

With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding your students that tapping on and off at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card. This in turn helps us ensure we are able to provide the appropriate level of service to your students.

To further promote the use of School Opal, Busways will also be conducting checks on School Opal cards over the coming months. All students travelling on buses to and from school will be required to show their card and ensure they Tap On and Tap Off every time they catch the bus. Students without an Opal Card will be provided with a brochure to take home identifying how they can get an Opal Card.

Please support Busways staff with afternoon boarding and checks to ensure minimal delays to bus departure times and demonstrate a united front to students on bus travel and Opal Card use.

Examination Policy

Students are to arrive on time for the starting time of the examination (see timetable above).

- The examination supervisors (teachers) are in charge of all students.
- You must follow their instructions at all times and behave in a polite and courteous manner to all.
- Students must sit where the examination supervisor tells them, and remain in their seat until instructed otherwise.
- Students must face the front, and not talk or communicate in any way with other students.
- Students may not commence reading or writing until instructed to start the examination: if you finish early, review/refine your work, maximizing the time available.
- Students are not permitted to leave the examination room until the completion of the examination at the end of the lesson. Permission must be sought from the supervisor (teacher) before leaving your seat.
- Students are reminded to use the toilets during their break time and not during the examination.
- Students must cease writing when instructed to do so, remaining silent until they are outside the examination room.
- Courtesy is expected. Manners on, mobiles off, no headphones and all music off.

Year Examination Timetable 2017

Year 10 (Term 4 – Week 5)

Thursday (B) 9th November
Period 5 – Year 10 PDHPE – Wilson

Class	10PEH.G	10PEH.L	10PEH.T	10PEH.E	10PEH.Y
Room	D110	D107	D104	D108	D109
Teacher	JUBB	O'NEILL	IRISH	BURKE	SCERENSINI

Friday (B) 10th November
Period 2 – Year 10 Mathematics – Beckett

Class	10MAT.1	10MAT.2	10MAT.3	10MAT.4	10MAT.5
Room	D107	D110	D104	D108	D109
Teacher	TULL	SMITH	KELLY	LEWIS	SHORTEN

Year Examination Timetable 2017

Year 9 (Term 4 – Week 5)

Monday (B) 6th November
Period 3 – Year 9 Geography – Harrison

Class	9H/G.L	9H/G.T	9H/G.Y	9H/G.E	9H/G.G
Room	D110	D107	NO EXAM	D108	D109
Teacher	GRAHAM	BRITTON		HANDLEY	HINE

Wednesday (B) 8th November
Period 3 – Year 9 Science – Jovanovski

Class	9SCL.Y	9SCL.G	9SCL.T	9SCL.E	9SCL.L
Room	D110	D107	D104	D108	D109
Teacher	PARISH	STRACHAN	WILSON	HANDLEY	BURKE

Thursday (B) 9th November
Period 2 – Year 9 English – Lindstrom

Class	9ENG.4	9ENG.5	9ENG.1	9ENG.2	9ENG.3
Room	D104	NO EXAM	D107	D109	D110
Teacher	SYKES		MEGALE	COUSIN	MALLON

Friday (B) 10th November
Period 3 – Year 9 Mathematics – Beckett

Class	9MAT.2	9MAT.3	9MAT.4	9PIP.M
Room	D107	D104	D108	D109
Teacher	KELLY	LEWIS	S LOVE	MARTINE

Period 4 – Year 9 PE – Wilson

Class	9PEH.L	9PEH.T	9PEH.Y	9PEH.E	9PEH.G
Room	D104	D107	NO EXAM	D110	D109
Teacher	GRAHAM	IRISH		O'NEILL	F LOVE

Year Examination Timetable 2017

Year 8 (Term 4 – Week 6)

Wednesday (A) 15th November
Period 3 – Year 8 PE – Wilson

Class	8PEH.E	8PEH.G	8PEH.T	8PEH.Y	8PEH.L
Room	D104	D106	D107	D108	D109
Teacher	SCULLY	HUDSON	STRACHAN	IRISH	WILSON

Thursday (A) 16th November
Period 3 – Year 8 History – Harrison

Class	8H/G.T	8H/G.G	8H/G.E	8H/G.L	8H/G.Y
Room	D104	D106	D107	D108	NO EXAM
Teacher	WAGSTAFF	BRITTON	O'NEILL	IRISH	

Friday (A) 17th November
Period 1 – Year 8 Maths – Beckett

Class	8MAT.E	8MAT.G	8MAT.T	8MAT.L	8MAT.Y
Room	D104	D106	NO EXAM	D108	D109
Teacher	MALLON	TURVEY		SHORTEN	O'BRIEN

Period 4 – Year 8 Science – Jovanovski

Class	8SCL.Y	8SCL.G	8SCL.E	8SCL.L	8SCL.Y
Room	D104	D106	D107	D108	NO EXAM
Teacher	WARD	BURKE	JOVANOVSKI	DALBY	

Year Examination Timetable 2017

Year 7 (Term 4 – Week 6)

Tuesday (A) 14th November
Period 3 – Year 7 Science – Jovanovski

Class	7H/G.L	7H/G.E	7H/G.G	7H/G.T	7H/G.Y	7H/G.W
Room	D104	D106	D107	D108	NO EXAM	D110
Teacher	WAGSTAFF	KELLY	HOFFMAN	HINE		HANDLEY

Wednesday (A) 15th November
Period 4 – Year 7 Maths – Beckett

Class	7MAT.G	7MAT.E	7MAT.T	7MAT.Y	7MAT.W	7MAT.L
Room	D104	D106	D107	NO EXAM	D109	D110
Teacher	S LOVE	KELLY	CUGALY		STONE	O'NEILL

Thursday (A) 16th November
Period 2 – Year 7 Geography – Harrison

Class	7H/G.Y	7H/G.E	7H/G.T	7H/G.W	7H/G.L	7H/G.G
Room	NO EXAM	D106	D104	D108	D107	D110
Teacher		HARRISON	INGRAM	O'BRIEN	D LEWIS	HUDSON

Friday (A) 17th November
Period 2 – Year 7 English – Lindstrom

Class	7ENG.E	7ENG.Y	7ENG.W	7ENG.T	7ENG.L	7ENG.G
Room	D109	D106	D108	D107	D104	D110
Teacher	COUSIN	TURVEY	LEE	GRIFFIN	INGRAM	BURKE