

CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WALLSEND CAMPUS

NEWSLETTER

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If you would like to request an interview with a staff member, including the Principal or Deputy Principal, we advise you call the Administration Office first to make an appointment. Call 4951 1811 between 8.30am and 3.15pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17-19 Aug	Year 10 Interviews at Jesmond Senior Campus
7 - 11 Sept	Year 10 VALID
15 Sept	Year 7 Immunisation
25 Sept	Last day of Term 3
12 Oct	Staff and students commence Term 4

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The start of Term 3 has seen our students return to the "new normal" of face to face on campus learning, with some Covid-19 restrictions still in place. I wish to congratulate all our students and staff for a settled transition into Term 3. At Callaghan College Wallsend Campus we celebrate student achievement on a regular basis and, regardless of Covid-19 restrictions, this newsletter, along with our Facebook and Instagram pages, is testament to opportunities students are provided as well as the amazing work they do.



It's been an unusual year to say the least and with NAPLAN being cancelled it has prompted the need to check in with how our students are progressing. Our campus is currently completing a Check-in Assessment with Year 9 students. The Check-in assessment supports our existing school practices and will help us to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help us tailor our teaching more specifically to student needs. This is not to be an onerous undertaking and will have immense benefits.

At this time of the year we start planning for 2021 and students will soon be going through our subject selection process. Please encourage your child to discuss any questions they might have regarding subjects with the relevant member of staff as identified with each individual subject in the booklet. If you would like to discuss any of the subject offerings yourself and receive further information, please contact the school to discuss the matter with the relevant faculty Head Teacher.

Callaghan College Wallsend Campus continues to be committed to the safety of students. May I commend the students on the responsibility they have demonstrated as building works in our hall and general school maintenance have taken place on the campus over the past term. The contractors have commented on how well the


students have adapted to the disruption to their environment and have been more than impressed with the way students conduct themselves around the school. Recently we completed the 'Cooler Classrooms' program with the installation of extra air-conditioning in classrooms, upgrades to our hall, general maintenance to all learning blocks and the installation of five outdoor table tennis tables for students to use in breaks and for sport. We are also nearly finished a conversion of our unused F Block into a fully-equipped gymnasium that students will be able to use for PE and sport lessons. In the months ahead, we will be upgrading furniture in some of our classrooms, upgrading and expanding our computer labs and access to technology, improving the access at the front of the school and building a ramp for all students to access the school ovals. We will also be having two new multi-purpose sport courts built to provide better sport facilities for students.

Just a reminder to all students and their families that regular attendance at school is essential if students are to reach their potential. Our school, in partnership with parents, makes school attendance a very high priority. Don't forget that good school attendance leads to better school results, better peer relationships and better life chances! Support your child's success at school by getting them there and always inform the Administration Office within 7 days of absences.

Finally, I would like to thank the vast majority of parents who have assisted in ensuring their child is dressed in appropriate school uniform each day. When all our students dress in correct uniform, it sends a strong and positive message to our community about the standards and values of our Campus and demonstrates the pride that the students have for their school.


On behalf of all the staff at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus I would like to express our ongoing thanks and gratitude to our school community for the support they have shown the school over the past 6 months. The support from our community and the value placed on our students' education is much appreciated.

Mr Paul Taylor
Principal




EVERY MINUTE COUNTS....

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning



Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...

**Check the time CCWC
school starts.
DON'T BE LATE!**



GETTING TO KNOW OUR YEAR ADVISORS

This month we will be getting to know our Year 8 Advisors.

MRS EVELYN SVENSK MATHEMATICS FACULTY

What influenced you to study maths?

I thoroughly enjoyed it but the thing that makes me excited about maths is the history of maths and the philosophy.

What was your favourite subject when you were in high school?

My favourite subject was Drama.

How do you keep up with University and Teaching?

I go home every day and do some study, and sometimes on the weekends as well.

Do you have a favourite fruit?

My favourite fruit is called the yuzu; it's a Japanese fruit.

If you weren't a teacher, what profession would you have chosen?

A mathematician.

Do you focus your skills more on fixing/building up weaknesses or perfecting/raising your students strengths?

I've got to say it's more about fixing weaknesses, in general. But it all depends on the students I am teaching.

What is your opinion on homework?

As someone who does a lot of work from home, because I'm studying online, I think it's really important to practise skills that you learn in class.



MR CHRIS TYRIE PDHPE FACULTY

What made you want to be a teacher?

I like seeing young people learn new skills and become more resilient and confident than they were before. I think teaching is a really important profession where you need people who are passionate about helping others.

What sports were you involved in and passionate about when you were younger?

The sports I loved the most growing up were surfing and rugby league. I was also heavily involved in nippers, athletics and touch football.

Did you enjoy school when you were younger?

I loved attending Stockton Public School and Newcastle High School while I was growing up.

I was fortunate enough to have some great teachers who taught me great lessons about life and helped me reach my potential.

If you could go back in time would you choose a different career?

Simple answer is no. I don't know if there are many more rewarding jobs than teaching.

Maybe I would have tried my hand at acting.

Do you prefer to improve weaknesses or build on strengths while teaching students?

I try to do both. Students have different needs and trying to find ways to engage them on their level is something that is both enjoyable and challenging.

What is the overall biggest accomplishment of your life so far?

Marrying my wife Heidi and raising our 3 daughters Juliette, Lucia and Esther.

What makes you the happiest?

Spending time with my wife and daughters.



MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE:

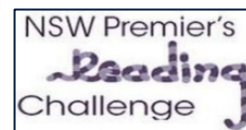
Do you know anyone with a student coming to Year 7 at CCWC in 2021?

If so, please remind them to return their checked and signed Application to Enrol (and supporting documents) to the Administration Office by Friday 25 September 2020.

NEWS@OURLIBRARY CCWC

Welcome to the August edition of news@our library.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE: The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge closes on Friday 28 August, so don't forget to remind your kids to get their entries in before this date. Congratulations to the following students who have already completed this challenge – such an amazing effort:



Jamison B. Guy A. Campbell B. Lucy M. Hayden P. Matthew S.

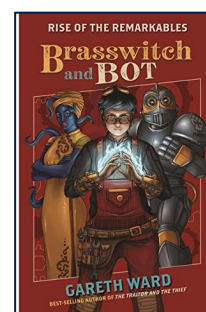
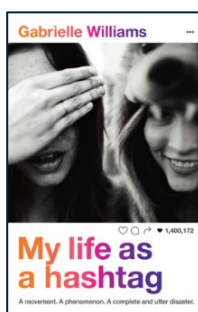
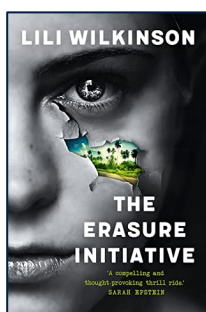
To the parents of Hunter K., Cameron L., Crystal L., Ava M. and Ralph T. – they are all so close to reaching that '20 books' milestone, please encourage them to complete this challenge. They have already done the hard work and deserve the accolade that comes from completing something so totally worthwhile – reading.

CHESS NEWS: I would also like to congratulate our chess team here at CCWC who managed to defeat Hunter Valley Grammar in the 3rd round of the NSW Country Secondary Schools Knockout Chess Tournament – Second Place Division. It was interesting to see both teams playing online

against each other. Christian was the first to win on board four, followed by Louay on board three. All we needed was for one of our other players to win their match but the competition was a lot tougher on the first two boards. Jack then won his match which sealed the victory. This win was quickly followed by Zac who made it a clean sweep for us. Well done, everyone. You've made us proud and represented our school with distinction. Oh, and good luck in your upcoming match against Muswellbrook High on Thursday 27 August.



Lastly, why not encourage your kids to borrow some of these new additions to our library to read at home.



Mr C. Noud, Teacher Librarian/PRC & Chess Coordinator

YEAR 10 TRANSITION TO JESMOND SENIOR CAMPUS

Course Selection Interviews are a major component of all Callaghan College student's transition into Year 11 and 12, tertiary institutions, vocational institutions or career pathways. We value the process of developing effective methods that ensure students follow a clear and proactive pathway in line with their future aspirations.

During week 5, Wallsend students together with their parents/carers, have attended personalised interviews at Jesmond Senior Campus. Staff from both campuses have ensured that all of our students are known, valued and cared for. They commented on the maturity level of our students, their willingness to take on advice, their eagerness for senior schooling and the detailed thought that students had gone to in order to select the subjects that best suit their needs.

Mrs Fabri would like to thank our parents/carers who have taken time to attend interviews in order to gain a better understanding of senior schooling. Your support is very much appreciated.

Thank you to the large amount of staff who have taken time away from their regular classes to ensure our students have received first class support during this period of transition.

Check out our [Facebook page](#) for a video of highlights over the three days.



SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM: Tuesday 15 September 2020

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE? If your Year 7 or Year 10 child has missed any vaccinations throughout 2020, they will be offered these missed doses at the next clinic at school.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED CONSENTED VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2020? If any Year 7 or Year 10 student has returned a signed consent form in 2020, they are eligible to receive:

- Year 7 - any missed doses of HPV & dTpa vaccine in 2021.
- Year 10 - any missed dose of Meningococcal ACWY vaccine in 2021.

ADDITIONALLY: Any 2020 Year 8 student who commenced HPV vaccination while in Year 7 and are yet to finish the course of HPV (and who has not received any from their local doctor) can still receive this at the next clinic at their school (as long as 6 mths have elapsed).

Please note: As of July 2017 any student who has missed school program vaccines or any childhood vaccines can now receive these vaccines from their local doctor.

Don't forget a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Any questions, visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx

Years 7 & 10 - It's not too late to return your consent form!

FACULTY IN FOCUS: Mathematics

Mr Mark O'Brien, Head Teacher

Why is Mathematics such an important subject area?

Mathematics helps us understand the world better, it is all around us. Some of us will use it more (engineers, scientists, builders, accountants, economists) but we all need to understand basic things like: daily transactions with money at the shops, telling the time, budgets, getting a loan and using interest rates, problems solving and the dreaded tax return.

Can excellence in Mathematics be taught or do people have to be born with it?

Nobody is born with skills or talent. The greatest writers, artists, musicians, athletes and mathematicians developed a passion for their chosen area, they're motivated to learn and they practice, practice, practice. I know it can be hard to be excited for mathematics, but if you treat it like any skill and practice it, you will get better. Read "The Talent Code: Greatness Isn't Born. It's Grown". by Daniel Coyle.

What do students need to do to excel in Mathematics?

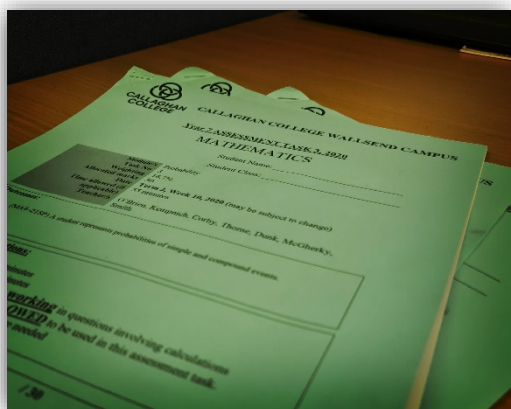
Not everybody has to excel in mathematics, but we all need a good level of the basics to function in life. To do this, you need to practice but most importantly, if your mindset is one that believes mathematics is not important, this needs to change because it is a life long skill. You will need it.

What is the hardest thing about being a Mathematics teacher?

Not being able to fully show students the practical applications of mathematics. We have to cover a huge amount of the theoretical side of the subject, but we hope that when students learn these skills, they can apply it when necessary in their other subject areas.

How is Algebra useful in everyday life?

On the surface, algebra seems like a whole bunch of letters and numbers all mixed together into a confusing mess. But studying algebra helps us to think logically and break down a problem into steps to find a solution. Although you may not see theoretical algebra daily, being exposed to problems involving algebra trains our minds to think logically.



WELCOME DANA CONSTABLE, STUDENT SUPPORT OFFICER

Hi, I'm Dana and I am the new Student Support Officer (SSO) at Callaghan College Wallsend. A bit about me: I was born and bred in Tamworth, the Country Music Capital of Australia. I have a significant love for food, sports and the ocean. I am super excited to join the team here at Wallsend, as part of the Wellbeing Team and I can't wait to run a range of different groups, sports events and most importantly provide support to our students. Students can find me in A block- just next door to Mr. Unthank's room.



INCREASED RESTRICTIONS IN SCHOOLS

The following email was sent to all families on Monday 17 August 2020. We will continue to send updates as they come to hand via email. Please notify the Administration Office if you did not receive it and need to update your email address.

Dear Parent/Carer

This morning we received updated documents from the Department of Education (DoE) relating to COVID-19 restrictions for schools that must be implemented by close of business Wednesday 19 August 2020. We have attached the complete document; however have outlined below the changes to the restrictions and what our community needs to be aware of, and what it means for students of Callaghan College Wallsend and their families. If you have any questions or require clarification, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Students presenting as unwell: If a student is exhibiting cold or flu like symptoms at school they must immediately be sent to the sick bay. Students then must be picked up by a parent or carer and gain testing. Students may only return to school if:

- a) The testing comes back negative and the school is presented with a copy of the paperwork. The easiest way to do this would be to take a screen shot of the text message and email it to the school email address.*
- b) The student has recovered from the illness and have the paperwork to support the recovery.*

Please understand that this is the same for students, whose reason for absence is for cold and flu like symptoms and did not present to school. This is a DoE mandate that our school is obliged to implement.

PARENTS AND CARERS AT SCHOOL: There are no visitors to the school allowed for the remainder of this term. If a parent meeting is required we will conduct this over the phone. If it is urgent and you are required to pick your child up from school you will be contacted by our Administration Office and met at the front door of the school. Please do not visit our Administration Office without contacting the school first. The uniform shop will still be available using social distancing measures.

SPORT: Inter-school sport and planned sporting gala days will cease as of now. Sport on Fridays will be will be conducted as usual with some changes around meeting new guidelines.

WEARING OF MASKS: Students are able to wear masks to school if they wish. However, the DoE will not be supplying masks, and it isn't compulsory. Callaghan College Wallsend Campus will support students who wish to wear masks to school, as per NSW Health Guidelines, for health reasons.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC/DANCE: All Music and Dance Ensembles have ceased as of now. This includes: Choir, Stage Band, Concert Band, Flute Ensemble, Rock Band and Ukulele Ensemble and Dance Troupe. Please continue to practice at home and see Miss Farmer or Mr McVernon (Music) or Ms Masters (Dance) if you require more information.

We will send further information out to families to update you as we make further decisions.

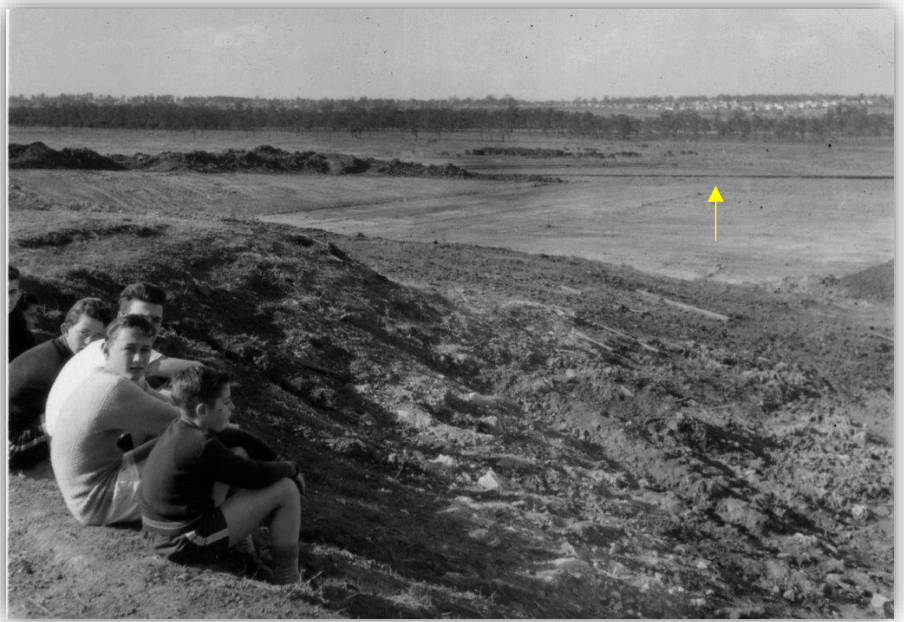
Thank you for your understanding.

*Mr Paul Taylor
Principal*

BLAST FROM THE PAST!

Do you know who the boys might be who were watching our fields being constructed in 1962?

Looking towards Minmi Road →



Plattsburg Public School in the background →



THANK YOU!

Thank you very much to The Athlete's Foot Glendale for their kind donation from their Back to School promotion earlier in 2020.

