

CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WALLSEND CAMPUS

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to our first Newsletter of the year and a very warm welcome to all of our new students, staff and families. After such a challenging year in 2020, the year has begun with a sense of stability and optimism. It's been a wonderful start to 2021. Our new staff have settled in well and are already making significant contributions for our students. Our 234 new Year 7 students have had a great transition to high school and are representing our values of respect, responsibility and excellence to a very high standard. As this Newsletter will attest, we have also had cause to celebrate some significant student sporting, cultural, leadership and extra-curricular achievements so far.



For staff, this term is all about developing our next 4 year school plan. We look forward to sharing our three new strategic directions with our school community. Our focus for the next four years is: to lift our student growth and achievement in literacy and numeracy; foster innovative teaching practices and utilise the best resources available to ensure all students get the best learning support we can provide; provide positive wellbeing services to our students and continue to build on our already extensive range of extra curricula opportunities in sport, dance, music, drama, art, science and technology. We will continue to strive to create the best classroom teachers and to grow our students into the young adults the world needs for the future. Our plan will also reflect that the Department of Education recently signed a new Partnership Agreement with the AECG. This 10 year agreement will help us walk together and work together to bring about the best outcomes for our Aboriginal students.

We are currently focusing on improving student attendance, as research shows that positive attendance can have a significant impact on students' overall performance at school. It's important that students attend in uniform every day, unless sick, to ensure they get the best possible outcomes for their learning. So far this year our attendance statistics are excellent and are the best the school has had at this time of the year in 10 years. Thank you for your support in getting kids to school and let's keep the focus going for the whole year.

Mr Paul Taylor, Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30 Mar	Parent Teacher Evening: Years 7 & 8
31 Mar	Parent Teacher Evening: Years 9 & 10
31 Mar	CCWC Athletics Carnival
1 April	Final day of Term 1
19 April	Staff Development Day: Pupil free day
20 April	First day of Term 2 for students
12–14 May	Year 8 Camp
18 May	Year 10 Immunisation

WELCOME FROM THE YEAR 7 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Our new Year 7 cohort have had a busy start to their High School years with a school camp, Curious Creations, Peer Support and around 10 new teachers to meet. Making the move from Primary to High school is never easy but this group have managed the transition wonderfully.

A highlight for most students was the three day camp at Adventureland Forster, which involved water activities, high ropes and a really muddy the mud course. Huge thanks to all the students whose behaviour and attitude throughout the camp was first class. Also, a huge thank you to Mrs Amanda Phillips and her staff for organising the camp and being brave enough to spend two nights with over 160 Year 7 students.

Our 2021 Year 7 group is the first to have the chance to undertake the Curious Creations course. I have been lucky enough to visit a number of the activities, including meeting a beautiful greyhound from Friend of the Hounds as well as our cooking crew and a great bunch of students who made some lovely sweet-smelling fragrances with Mrs Wells.

Of course, it's not all camps and fun times, there is the serious business of class and upcoming assessment tasks. Earlier this term, all families were emailed a copy of the Year 7 Assessment Schedule. If you did not receive one please contact the school and another will be sent. On my travels around the school I have witnessed Year 7 working hard, eager to learn and seem dedicated to their studies. All students undertook the Best Start Online assessment, testing both basic literacy and numeracy levels. The results are quite encouraging and it appears we have quite a talented group.

I want to thank not only the students but also the staff and parents for the great start to 2021 and look forward to working with you all closely for the remainder of 2021 and beyond.

Mr Marc Unthank, Deputy Principal



MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

At Callaghan College it is our aim to collaborate to empower learners through a vibrant learning culture where creative and confident learners thrive.

As a College, we are starting the year with the design of new, innovative and high expectations strategic plans. Staff from across all three campuses have collaborated to build plans which will empower our Callaghan learners. Each campus is finalising their four-year plan and will introduce it in Term 2. Key initiatives across the College include active thinking and learning, building student agency and an aspirations blueprint. There is much work to be done, we are however confident that the input from students, parents and staff have contributed to a highly effective plan.

Our Callaghan collaboration in 2021 is off to a flying start. Students have enjoyed the College Swimming Carnival, College representative sport such as Volleyball and a Textiles and Design workshop for students visiting from Wallsend Campus. Collaborations include HSC professional learning for all teachers from across our three campuses. And our College P&C had a very productive Term 1 meeting, which included a tour of our new Creative and Performing Arts Centre.

We look forward to working in partnership with you all in 2021 to empower every learner for their own individual pathways and success.

Mrs Kylee Owen, College Principal



RECENT FACEBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

Follow us on Facebook to keep up with all our news – search CCWallsend

SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to the following students for their efforts at the College Swimming Carnival and being named Age Champions.

13 years girls: Millicent S
16 years girls: Katelyn O

14 years boys: Taj L
15 years boys: Kinnan N
16 years boys: Jakob T



Taj, Katelyn, Jakob, Kinnan, Millicent

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Kinnan N, Jakob T. and Taylen M. for progressing to the State Swimming Carnival.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Today on International Women's Day we would like to recognise the team of strong and dedicated female staff members at Wallsend Campus. From classroom teachers, our administration staff, executive staff, learning support and more! Thank you for all that you do! Here are just a few of them...



CONGRATULATIONS 2021 HOUSE CAPTAINS!

Congratulations to our new House Captains, and check out our new House Mascots! We look forward to seeing our Brooks Bulls, Fletcher Falcons, Nash Ninjas and Willis Wolves competing at our Swimming Carnival this Friday 12 March 2021 (notes being handed out this Wednesday).



ASPIRE & CAPA PROGRAMS 2021 Partner Primary School Tour

This week 16 students and staff from our Aspire and CAPA Programs hit the road to our 5 Partner Primary Schools to showcase the programs to Year 6 students, in preparation for their transition to Year 7 in 2022. They had a fabulous time the Primary school students really enjoyed the show.



2021 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our highly dedicated staff are dressed up and ready for a great day at the Wallsend Campus Swimming Carnival today. More photos coming soon!



GETTING TO KNOW OUR YEAR 7 ADVISORS

MS VIV FEKETE, HSIE FACULTY

What was your favourite subject at school?

History!

What is your favourite colour?

Red or black, it changes all the time!

If you weren't a teacher, what job would you like to do?

I always wanted to be an Archaeologist growing up

What hobby do you enjoy?

I love reading

Do you have a favourite book?

Magician by Raymond E. Feist

What is your favourite sports team?

I don't really have one, but when the NRL season is on I support the Storm

What's your favourite food?

Anything made of potatoes

Do you prefer the beach or the mountains?

Beach!

What is your favourite movie of all time?

Die Hard or Stardust

What's one piece of advice you would give your younger self?

Make the most of every experience you have – there are so many things I missed out on because I thought it wasn't cool, or I couldn't be bothered to join in, and I regret it now that I'm older



MS KATHRYN O'BRIEN, HSIE FACULTY

What was your favourite subject at school?

I loved school and my favourite subjects were History, PE, Biology, English

What is your favourite colour?

I am like a mood ring – it depends how I am feeling. Right now it is hot pink!

If you weren't a teacher, what job would you like to do?

Museum Curator preferably at the Australian War Memorial

What hobby do you enjoy?

Swimming laps

Do you have a favourite book?

Tim Winton – Cloudstreet

What is your favourite sports team?

Queensland Reds (Rugby Union)

What's your favourite food?

CCWC Canteen lunches

Do you prefer the beach or the mountains?

Beach

What is your favourite movie of all time?

I have a few – Austin Powers, Billy Madison, Happy Gilmore, Liar Liar and Ace Ventura

What's one piece of advice you would give your younger self?

It is ok to try new things and enjoy every day and try to see the positive over the negative



DO YOU KNOW A YEAR 6 STUDENT WHO WILL BE COMING TO CCWC IN 2022?

Please tell them about the Year 6 Transition page on our website where they can find the timeline of transition events happening in 2021, plus information and links to apply for our Aspire Program for High Performing Students, and Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) Program. Click this link to find out more: <https://wallsend-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

NASA ZOOM MEETING:

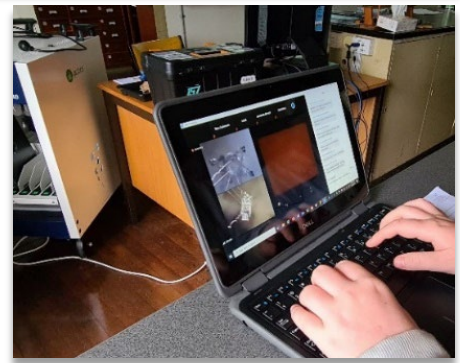
with Mars Rover Engineer
Dr Vandana Verma

In Week 5, 16 Year 9 Science students were invited to join a Questacon Zoom meeting with space roboticist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Dr Vandana Verma.

Dr Verma explained her job of driving the Curiosity Rover on Mars and her role in the successful landing of the Mars Perseverance Rover earlier this month.

The students participated in the question time with enthusiasm, asking a huge number of insightful questions.

This experience was inspirational to many of our young scientists and we hope that they continue getting involving in Science activities.



YEAR 10 FROM MY EYES

My name is Madison and I am a part of the School Leadership Team for 2021. As part of my proposal to improve the school I will be composing articles that will be included in every newsletter this year. The purpose of these articles is to add a student perspective as to what's happening around CCWC.

We are 7 weeks into Year 10 and things are starting to get intense and assessment tasks are coming up quickly so we've got to switch our brains into gear. The transition into Year 10 has seemed fairly smooth so far but I'm not quite sure if it's because it's going to be a smooth year or is it just that we haven't comprehended that we're actually here already?

In English this term we are focusing on the unit titled 'Forced to the Fringes' where each class is studying a different novel and theme. To assess us on this topic we will be creating pocket films to demonstrate our ability to understand and identify marginalised groups in society.

This year will be filled with many opportunities for us to participate in sport and other school activities such as the Year 10 Ski Trip. This year is also allowing us to build our skills and organisation habits for the future. This week, Year 10 students will be heading out to Redhead Beach for a fieldwork excursion for Geography taking place across two consecutive days.

Overall, Year 10 are learning to work better with one another as well as our teachers to help us achieve any big life goals or plans we may have. We can't wait.

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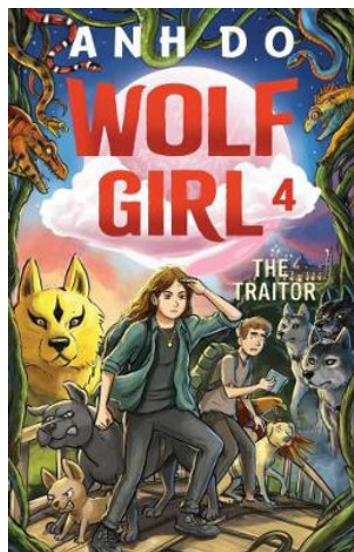
PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE:

Great news – the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge is open so encourage your kids to join and enter their details online. Get them to also check out the new student PRC site that will help them to decide what book to read next. I love it!



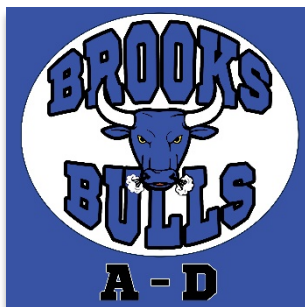
CHESS NEWS: There will be two chess tournaments coming up in March, so if your kids are keen players and want to participate, get them to come and see Mr Noud in the library. Let's continue our steady progress from last year's efforts where our Campus was second in the Hunter Region, and we are looking for new players.

NEW BOOKS: Lastly, why not encourage your kids to borrow some of these latest popular titles from our collection.



HOUSE MASCOTS

What do you think of our new House Mascots? PDHPE staff put suggestions to the students at assembly and the following mascots were chosen. We now have some fabulous new banners, signage, and new war cries which were revealed at our recent Swimming Carnival.



2021 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all students that attended the 2021 CCWC Swimming Carnival. The weather was great but the students enthusiasm and participation on the day was even better.

First up was the War Cry battle, which was won convincingly by the Fletcher Falcons. The crowd all agreed that the winner of the Fancy Dress competition was Shaye Q. In the 50m events, the majority of individual points were on offer and five students were stand outs on the day.

Congratulations to Logan F, Ava H, Kinnan N, Jakob T, and Amelia H.

It was fabulous to see so the majority of students participate in the novelty events, with everyone having a ball. The day concluded with the Belly Flop competition with lots of students having a go.

A great day was had by all with Willis Wolves being the final winners overall with the most house points. You can see more photos of our swimming carnival on our website, follow the link at the bottom of the page.

2021 CCWC SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Junior Boy Age Champion	Logan F
Junior Girl Age Champion	Ava H
Senior Boy Age Champion	Kinnan N/Jakob T
Senior Girl Age Champion	Amelia H
Best Fancy Dress	Shaye Q
Belly Flop Champion	Catherine V
Iron Man	Jakob T
Iron Woman	Ava H
War Cry	Fletcher Falcons
Overall Winner	Willis Wolves



Kinnan, Jakob, Ava, Amelia, Logan



Click here for more photos: <https://wallsend-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/gallery/2021-swimming-carnival-.html>

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE FAQ's

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS SICK AT SCHOOL: Students should tell their teacher that they are feeling sick and they will be sent to First Aid. The First Aid officer will assess them and call home if necessary.

CAN I MAKE A PAYMENT OVER THE PHONE? Unfortunately we can no longer accept credit card payments over the phone. You can pay online via our website or call into the office in person.

DO I HAVE TO SIGN IN WHEN I COME TO THE OFFICE? Parents/Carers visiting the office for a meeting will need to sign in using the Service NSW QR code, however if you are just collecting your child or making a payment or enquiry signing in is not required.

WHEN IS THE UNIFORM SHOP OPEN? Our Uniform Shop is open on Mondays 2.30 – 3.30pm (closed Mondays during Term 3), Wednesday 8.15 – 9.15am, and Friday 1.00pm – 2.00pm, or you can shop online anytime.
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Mon 2.30-3.30

Wed 8.15-9.15

Fri 1.00-2.00

(Not open Mondays in Term3)

NAPLAN ONLINE 2021

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between 11 and 21 May 2021.

In preparation for NAPLAN Online, our school will also be participating in practice tests between 22 March and 1 April. The practice test is a trial-run and key preparation activity for NAPLAN Online in May. It is not an assessment of student ability and the tests will not be marked.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN Online is not recommended. Students can use the public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact Mrs Sarah Gauci, organising teacher on 4951 1811 during school hours.

ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Our school attendance and engagement mantra is *"High Expectations + High Attendance = Success for ALL!"* and Callaghan College Wallsend Campus requires all students to be at school 90% of the time. This term our overall attendance rates have improved across all years, well done to all! At assembly in Week 10 we will celebrate those students whose attendance for Term 1 is between 90-100 %. We will be having a prize draw in Week 10 of each term, where students whose attendance is over 90% will have the chance to win a prize! Lets keep working together to have all our students attending 90% or above. Remember get to school and class on time, as missed minutes = missed LEARNING.

Congratulations Year 7, whose collective overall attendance so far this term is 93%, with Years 8 to 10 not far behind. Keep up the good work!

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE TERM 1, 2021			
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
93%	89%	87%	86%

HIGH EXPECTATIONS + HIGH ATTENDANCE = SUCCESS FOR ALL!

We value an excellent pattern of attendance and its positive impact on learning and educational outcomes.

As a school community we have high expectations for all students, including the expectation that all students will maintain a higher than 90% attendance rate.

Research has clearly indicated the link between student achievement in LEARNING to HIGH ATTENDANCE RATES.

READING REPORTERS

This issue, Reading Reporters Sophira, Elizabeth and Charis of 7W interviewed Mrs Simone Alchin, our Head Teacher of English to find out more about her reading habits.

1. Who do you think is the most misunderstood character?

Snape, from 'Harry Potter', is misunderstood because of how he acted and treated Harry throughout the series, as well as the fact that most people believed that he was working with Voldemort. President Snow, from 'The Hunger Games', is also a character who is portrayed as controlling and full of hatred, but in a new book that has been added to the series, we can see why he is the way he is.

2. Which book has had the largest impact on you and why?

Again from the 'Hunger Games', I was unable to stop reading the series. I found Katniss an admirable character who gave everything for sister, district and family. Because of this, she was inspiring and has given readers a better understanding of how much struggle and perseverance people can experience in their daily lives.

3. What are you currently reading?

My number one book over the holidays was "Catching Teller Crow" which is for more of a Year 9 or 10 audience. It is quite an easy read and I don't want to give too much away!



THANK YOU JESMOND FRUIT BARN!

For your amazing donation of fresh fruit to our Support Unit each week so students can learn about healthy eating, try new things and have healthy energy for learning!

