



**CALLAGHAN
COLLEGE**

Wallsend Campus

NEWSLETTER



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DID YOU KNOW?

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Adobe PDF Reader on smartphones and tablets has a relatively new feature called 'Liquid Mode'. To use Liquid Mode, simply open any PDF file, then tap the Liquid Mode icon at the top of the screen. This is what the icon looks like: 

Your newsletter will now adapt to your screen size and you can zoom in and out on images, adjust the size of the font and line spacing, which makes it easier to read.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 28 May Regional Cross Country
- 3 June Year 7 Wellbeing Day
- 18/19 June Star Struck 2021 – Rise Up
- 25 June Last day of Term 2
- 12 July Staff return to school
- 13 July All students commence Term 3
- 25 July Year 10 Ski Trip (returning 28 July)
- 28 July CEP Community Carnival at Jesmond Campus (4.00 to 6.00pm, followed by the College production of Grease, The Musical)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

On behalf of the school staff I congratulate all students and parents for a very positive Semester 1 so far. I would also like to compliment and thank students for doing their best to display our values of respect, responsibility and excellence with how well they have worked in class and maintained their effort over the past term.

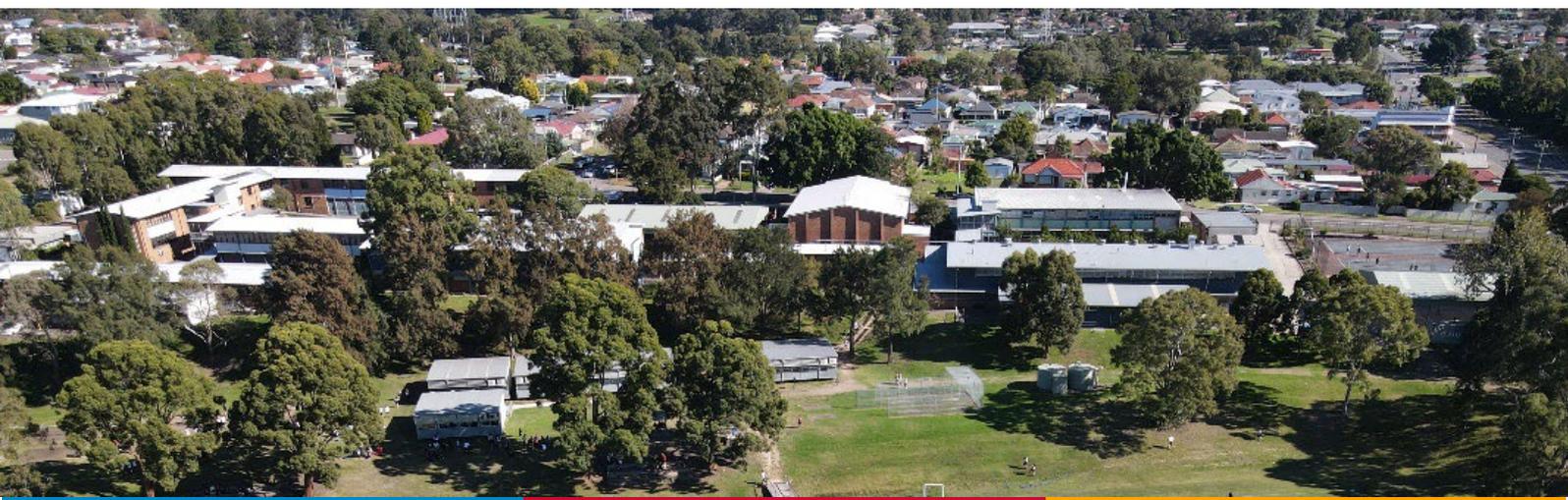
Callaghan College Wallsend Campus is a great school. We provide our students with opportunities to excel at their studies and the many other activities that are offered on our Campus. As well as an extensive curriculum, we excel in sport and the arts with students given multiple opportunities to participate and represent the school and community. With COVID-19 restrictions easing, it is great to see so many students going on excursions, playing interschool sport and being involved in a range of creative and performance activities.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who have assisted in ensuring their child is dressed in appropriate school uniform each day. The students have never looked so good. 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.

With the halfway point of Term 2 just gone, teachers will soon be preparing Semester 1 reports. It is important for all students to attend school each day and for them to keep working to the best of their ability. The school provides many support staff and programs to assist students with their learning above and beyond their normal classroom teachers and it is important to encourage them to seek help if they need it.

Also, 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 here right up until the end of the year! This year we will be running special assemblies to promote attendance with prizes for students who attend regularly.

Mr Paul Taylor
Principal



EXCITING NEWS – SCHOOL ENTRY UPGRADE

We are excited to announce that the front entrance to the school will soon be receiving a much needed upgrade. A ramp will be installed, along with new student entry and awning.

This is great news for all students and their families, and will make accessing the school, particularly the Administration Office, much more user friendly.

This fantastic upgrade will take a few months to complete, which means access via the front gate will not be possible during construction. We are in the process of designing the best possible short term solution that caters for all students and their families while the work is in progress.

Watch your email inbox for more details as they come to hand.

COLLEGE NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

This month across the College, a number of our older students had an opportunity to explore their learning pathways, and how these translate into careers.

Year 10 students from Wallsend and Waratah immersed themselves into senior learning, attending taster classes at Jesmond Senior Campus as part of our comprehensive transition program, which includes a Course Expo on 18 May.

Year 11 and 12 students attended the Newcastle & Lake Macquarie Careers Expo, with more than 80 business and university exhibitors on hand to talk with students about the vast amount of options available across the Hunter and beyond. This was followed up back at Campus by a Q&A panel of ex-students from Callaghan giving our senior students helpful advice on the HSC and career choices.

It's wonderful to experience cross-campus activities again this year, most recently with our Year 11 Sports Coaching students running a wonderful Inter-Junior College gala day for Year 7 students. We have also had a number of College sporting teams compete around the region this term, with great success and sportsmanship.

Rehearsals have begun for our inaugural College musical to be staged during July in our new Performing Arts Centre at Jesmond Senior Campus. Some of our budding actors have set a high bar with the recent performance of *The Importance of Being Earnest* in the Blackbox Theatre. The performances by the eight actors (including Wallsend former students, Ethan H, Tessa B, and Peter C) as well as the set design and staging were outstanding.

Earlier this month, one of our former Callaghan students, Arleen Wilcox, graduated from University of NSW with a double Bachelor Degree in International Studies and Media and is now working at the Mexican Embassy in Canberra. This is an outstanding achievement by Arleen and a great example of what opportunities await our students.

Mrs Kylee Owen
College Principal



PEEK INSIDE OUR HSIE FACULTY

Mr Chris Lee, Head Teacher HSIE

Why is HSIE such an important subject area?

HSIE stands for Human Society and its Environment. The name alone indicates that students will be learning about issues and topics that are relevant to themselves and the world around them. Studying HSIE subjects also makes students more informed citizens and as a result more likely to be proactive in problem solving issues they see around them.

What does a typical day look like for a HSIE teacher?

Busy! Generally, most days involve a mix of teaching across year groups (7-10) and involve teaching multiple subjects including History, Geography, and numerous elective subjects such as Law, Business and Money, Elective History or Aboriginal Studies.

What is the hardest thing about being a HSIE teacher?

The hardest thing is that there are so many amazing topics to cover and just not enough time to cover everything in the detail that we would like.

If I come into a HSIE classroom and took a photo, what would we see in the photo?

Firstly, you would see a passionate teacher who genuinely loves what they do. I don't think in over 20 years of teaching I've met a HSIE teacher who is not passionate about teaching their subject. Hopefully, you would also see this enthusiasm from the teachers translate into engaged and active student learners.

There are so many options in HSIE. What advice do you give students when choosing an elective?

The main advice I always give students is to choose subjects that you are interested in because you will always do better in those areas of interest.



HSIE Faculty dressed up in house colours at the Wallsend Campus Swimming Carnival



STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

YEAR 10 THROUGH MY EYES

My name is Madison and I am a part of the Student 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. Welcome to my second instalment.

On Thursday 1 April our school held an out of uniform day for Youth Off the Streets which included students to come dressed in colourful clothes, participate in a volleyball competition and purchase delicious treats from the cake stall. A big thank you to Olivia and Yenny from Year 10 for organising this day and making it a huge success. This term Year 10 will be commencing their lengthy transition over to Jesmond Senior Campus starting with a visit from the Head Teachers on Wednesday 5 May. Transition schedules were handed out on the second day of school to all students that were present. An email was sent out that afternoon to students and carers with the transition overview attached to it for those who may have missed out or have misplaced their schedules.

Also, at the end of this term the leadership team is planning to organise an activity to help celebrate NAIDOC week. We look forward to celebrating this special event with our school later in the term.

WALLSEND WINS "BUILD ME A FUTURE DAY"!!

Congratulations to all the 7W and 8W students who competed against 7 other schools in the Build Me a Future Day at University of Newcastle recently.

The students were required to work in teams using logical thinking and creativity to solve a number of STEM challenges. Activities included bridge building, designing an electrical network, and designing and building a tower that could withstand an earthquake.

Callaghan College Wallsend was awarded first place with the amazing prize of two drones for the school!!

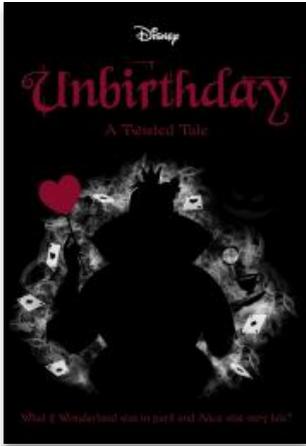
I want to congratulate our students for their great collaborative skills – it required a team effort to plan and complete each activity, and the students were definitely challenged to think creatively to come up with original solutions to the problems presented. Several of our teams achieved first or second place in their activities including ElectraCITY, Turbine, Helter Skelter Shelter and Hover Frenzy, which put us in the lead at the end of the day's competition.



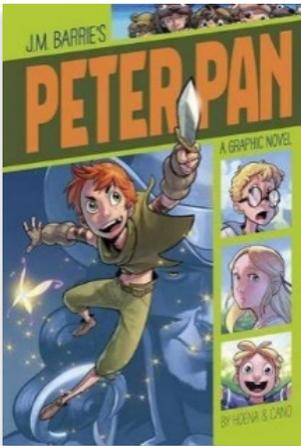
Mrs Lisa Campbell, Head Teacher Science

NEWS@OURLIBRARY CCWC

NEW BOOKS! All students are free to come and check out the new books in the library! Here are a few that arrived recently:



DISNEY'S UNBIRTHDAY: A Twisted Tale by Lyn Braswell, is an imagined sequel to Lewis Carrol's Alice in Wonderland. Alice is still being pressured to conform to respectable society. However, peculiar happenings emerge from past characters and Alice needs to stop the Queen of Hearts before it is too late!!



The newest addition of TOKYO GHOUL, by Sui Ishida has arrived in the library. It is a popular series, the latest version totalling 14!

If your child would be interested in the supernatural horror graphic novel, please let them know it has arrived and will be ready for borrowing soon.



PETER PAN: This beautifully presented graphic novel by Hoena and Cano is an easy read. A fresh visual appearance has been given to an "old favourite" adventure book.

CHESS: NSW Country Secondary Schools Knockout Chess Team Competition was thrashed out on Monday, 17 May 2021. Christian W, John M, Louay B and Ivy N contested students from St Mary's Catholic College, Gateshead in a virtual battle. Our students battled hard but St Mary's Catholic College prevailed on the day. Fun was had by all!

*Mrs Ellene Travassaros
Teacher Librarian (Rel.)*



L-R: Louay B, Ivy N, John M and Christian W

SUPPORT UNIT NEWS

FOCUS ON ABILITY FILM FESTIVAL: Class Milsom in the Support Unit have entered their short film "Milsom Dino Adventure: How the Extinction REALLY Happened" in the annual "Focus on Ability" film festival. You can see their entry here:

<https://bcove.video/3vvFzP2>

All students are very excited! More news to follow on this during Term 3 on how you can support us and vote for our film.



CERAMICS: All students in our Support Unit are currently working hard (and having fun!) designing and creating ceramic Australian animal planter pots. These pots will be on display in the school Library during our Week 10 NAIDOC Week celebrations and exhibition. Here is some photos of their work in progress.



2021 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thursday 22 April was the CCWC Athletics Carnival. It was great to see the majority of the school in attendance and participating in their events.

The day started off with the war cry which was taken out by Fletcher Falcons. Congratulations to all students for a great effort on the day, and particularly to the age champions. The overall winning house was Willis Wolves.

Mr Hagen Starrett
Sports Organiser

2021 CCWC ATHLETICS CARNIVAL CHAMPIONS		
	BOYS	GIRLS
12 Years	Jack K	Jayarni T
13 Years	Alex S	Latesha W
14 Years	Branden M	Latitia N
15 Years	Kelvin S	Georgia B
16 Years	Josh D	Sophie U
Overall Champion	Jack H	Jayarni T



TREADING THE BOARDS

During the April school holidays Year 10 student, Evelyn P was extremely busy with rehearsals and performances for Roald Dahl's 'The Witches' at The Civic Playhouse Newcastle. Hunter Drama excelled in delivering nine sold out performances including OOSH groups over three days.

Evelyn was nearly unrecognisable as one of the 20 witches attending a luxury hotel for their yearly convention to rid the world of children.

She did not wear a black hat nor carry a broomstick. Instead she wore a wig to cover her bald itchy scalp and long gloves to hide her claws. Evelyn certainly has a bright future career on the stage should she choose to follow that path.

Congratulations Evelyn, and to the whole cast and crew. It was an amazing performance.

Mrs Alchin
Head Teacher English



GIRLS U'16 FUTSAL WINNERS

Seven of our talented Futsal players competed in the recent Regional Futsal tournament, which was held at Genesis Howzat.

The girls won their round games convincingly against St Pius X and Toronto High School then faced a fiercely competitive team in the major semi-final from Catherine McAuley College Medowie. Our girls proved too strong, winning the game 3-2.



Grand Final here we come. We once again faced St Pius in the Grand Final, and our team proved to be too strong and we took the win with a score of 4-0.

All the girls played extremely well and were a pleasure to coach, with Tori J a standout performer scoring a total of 20 out of our 25 goals. The referees even commented on the fantastic behaviour and sportsmanship of the Wallsend Campus team. Congratulations to team members Charlotte C, Caitlyn D, Jacqueline D, Kahlee D, Makenna F, Tia H and Tori J.

Mrs Hall, Girls Futsal Coach

OUR AMAZING WRITERS

Congratulations to the following students who entered the Write4Fun competition at the end Term 1 and have progressed to the next round. Some students have received offers to have their stories published!

Chloe A, Jasmin A, Aminah A, Makayla B, Yas C, Georgia C, Elizabeth D, Sophira F, Julian F, Ruby H, Aaron J, Indego J, Luther L, Michael M, Charlotte Mc, Lacey M, Charlotte R, Rebecca S, Zachary T, and Abigail W.



DON'T FORGET – EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS + HIGH ATTENDANCE
= SUCCESS FOR ALL!**

100% ATTENDANCE DRAW - TERM 1, 2021
At assembly this week we drew the names of four students, one from each year group, who were at school every day in Term 1, 2021.
We would like to congratulate the following students who each won a \$100 JB Hi-Fi Voucher!



Year 7
Daniel G.



Year 8
Emily-Jane J.



Year 9
Hannah P.



Year 10
Lachlan R.

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 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly a whole 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...
School starts at 8.55am at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus
DON'T BE LATE!



HOUSE v HOUSE I

Friday 14 May 2021 the Series 1 House V House Sports Competition played out between students from Years 8, 9 & 10. The main event included students participating in the team sports of volleyball, basketball, touch, oz-tag, soccer and vortex endzone. Students also had the option of contributing points to their House by seeing how many laps of the walking track they could complete. It was an excellent morning of physical activity with all students and teachers assisting to make it a very enjoyable event.

Congratulations Willis House on being the highest point scorer of the day, Labella R & Hannz T raised the inaugural House V House Shield as Captains of the winning House.

The final results for House V House Series 1 2021 were:



Congratulations to the "Players of the Day":
Year 8/9 Division: Hannah P and Riley B,
and Year 10 Division: Mali F and Jay M

Mr Chris Tyrie
Sports Organiser



WHITE CARD TRAINING

Students in VET Construction recently undertook White Card training. A White Card is required to work or enter any construction site in Australia and is a mandatory requirement for student work placement, which occurs Week 9 in Term 3.

We were lucky to have local training company Licences 4 Work come to school to conduct the training and all students passed with flying colours. Students have received a certificate and SafeWork NSW Statement of National WHS General Construction Induction Training, and will soon receive their White Card in the mail.

Mr Peter Warren
VET Construction Teacher



COMMUNITY NEWS



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