



**CALLAGHAN
COLLEGE**

WALLSEND CAMPUS NEWS

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Welcome to 2022

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LEARNING AT CALLAGHAN

Welcome to our families joining Callaghan College this year. We have such a vibrant learning community across three campuses, with our teaching staff committed to seeing our students achieve their personal best. Keep up to date online via facebook, via our online learning platforms and our newsletter.

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Principal's Update

Mr Paul Taylor, Principal



Welcome to our first Newsletter of the year and a very warm welcome to all our new students, staff and families. After such a challenging year in 2021, the year has begun with a sense of stability as we have welcomed our new Year 7 cohort to the school.

This group of 225 students have generally settled in very well to the school and staff have recognised we have a group of young people with energy, perseverance, leadership and teamwork skills, all of which will serve them well in their high school journey. They have had a great transition to high school and are representing our values of respect, responsibility and excellence to a very high standard.

Our NAPLAN performance in 2021, by any measure, was a phenomenal achievement, with the school attaining improvement in all areas of literacy and numeracy and the students achieving at a level higher than at any time in the past 10 years. The school is proud of the educational programs we run and the support we provide students, so it was pleasing to see students reap the benefits of this last year.

The staff are equally determined to improve outcomes and results for our students this year and will continue to support them to be the best they can. Many of our staff come in during the holidays and work long beyond the school hours, to ensure every student is given the opportunity to realise their potential. Teaching is a rewarding yet difficult job, and I admire daily, the teachers at this school who enrich the educational experience of our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge our staff for the valuable contribution they make in shaping our future generations. As a comprehensive, public high school, we cater for students of all abilities and interests. Educational research identifies that "the quality of teaching is the single most important school influence on student performance".

Callaghan College Wallsend Campus openly declares that our teachers are of the highest calibre, and I am very proud to lead staff who are committed to making education meaningful for each student, by providing high quality, contemporary experiences.

In 2022, there will be a continued school focus on improving attendance across the school (other than COVID-19 absences). Your support in ensuring students are arriving at school, in uniform and fully equipped for their learning by 8.55am is greatly appreciated as part of this focus.

It was fabulous to welcome all of our students back, refreshed from the summer break. Our teaching and administrative staff spent the first two days of term in professional learning, to ensure we are prepared and ready to provide quality learning for all of our students.

I am sure you know that last year, we had some students who adapted well through the changes that kept happening and others who found it very challenging. We have been reviewing and selecting a range of wellbeing and teaching strategies in response to this. It will assist our students to catch up and allow others to continue to thrive.

Finally, I would also like to thank our parents and carers who shared the educational journey with us over the past couple of years and thank them for their support, particularly during the challenging times of having to repeatedly shut the school and revert to online learning. We recognise that student's success is best achieved when school and parent/carers work in partnership, and we appreciate the support of our wonderful community.

Our Student Leadership Team 2022

Our 2022 Student Leadership Team have had an active start in our school community, kicking off the year spreading 'punny' messages for Valentines Day. They also successfully raised funds for their student initiated School Improvement Plan projects with a BBQ in Week 4. This was a huge hit, raising over \$700, which will directly benefit our whole school community.

Keep your eyes and ears open for some exciting changes at the school in the coming term including the beginning of Return and Earn and recognition and fundraising for worthy causes in our community.



Our 2022 Student Leaders are: FRONT ROW L to R: Shaye Q, Mia I, Makayla S, Kim D, Ashleigh H, Ruby C; MIDDLE ROW: Brooklyn E, Winter M, Abigail S, Aminah A, Lauren K, Destiney F; BACK ROW: Teghan D, Louise H, Bradline A, Yamin OC
ABSENT: Callum N, Julian F, Jessica D and Fatima Z.

Fly with your own wings...

Schools are steeped in history, including our very own campus.

With the opening of Wallsend High School in 1960, the school's original logo, a shield with a golden eagle standing on a wall within a shield, originates from the Coat of Arms from the Borough of Wallsend in England. Wallsend's first principal received permission from The English town's Council to use this powerful symbol, which itself originates from the Roman Empire. The English town of Wallsend is situated on a Roman Army campsite defending Hadrian's Wall, and at that time the Roman Army's emblem was a Roman eagle.

The motto chosen to marry with the Eagle emblem was *Alis Volat Propiis*, "he flies with his own wings", to encourage a student to depend on yourself, and not on others. Although our motto is no longer in Latin, today we still maintain a strong focus in our teaching and learning for student self agency.

From a local perspective, the eagle's connection to our land is even more historic. The significance of this beautiful, powerful bird of prey has long been part of the Awabakal people's rich cultural and spiritual connections to Country and each other, linked through the Dreaming. Biraban, the eagle hawk, is held in highest regard by our coastal tribes.

Now, when you notice the eagle proudly on display in our entrance and throughout the grounds, you can appreciate that it is deeply embedded in the history of our school and the land on which we stand.



Callaghan College Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Callaghan College Competitive Swimming Carnival, which was held earlier this term. Competitive swimmers from Wallsend, Waratah and Jesmond campuses compete to progress to the Zone Carnival.

Twenty two Wallsend Campus students then competed at the Zone Carnival, with Taylen M and Taj L progressing to Regional.



Callaghan College Age Champions

Well done to these Wallsend Campus students who were awarded Callaghan College Age Champions for 2022

From left to right:

14 Years Girls: Monika U

13 Years Girls: Faith P

15 Years Boys: Taj L

13 Years Boys: Jarrah N

What's coming up in Sport?

Winter sport kicks off next term, with Coburn Cup for Year 8 students, Athletics Carnivals and Zone Cross Country. Students interested in representative sports including AFL, Lawn Bowls and Football/Soccer will get a chance to try out for our College teams.

Information on these teams are posted on our Social Media and mentioned in weekly assemblies. Students can also talk to the PDHPE Faculty about sports opportunities.

Check out our new representative sports strip



ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2022

Congratulations to the 22 Wallsend Campus students who swam at City Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday 24 February. All students swam well on the day and were excellent representatives for Callaghan. A standout performance by Taylen M, qualifying first for the U16 Boys 100m Backstroke.



NEWS @ OUR LIBRARY

LIBRARY OPEN: All students are free to come into the library before school and during breaks. Relax on a lounge, read or reflect, challenge yourself on a computer game or catch up on some study! Just remember to follow the rules and respect our library while enjoying yourselves.



BOOK CLUB: Online orders are due by Friday 25 March. It's easy to order online at <https://scholastic.com.au/loop>

CHESS NEWS: Chess Club is back! If your kids are keen players and want to participate, or they want to learn how to play, they need to see Mrs Howard in the library. Callaghan has a champion reputation in State chess competitions. All new players welcome.



2022 NEW BOOKS are ready to borrow. Come in and have a look what's new! Here's a few...

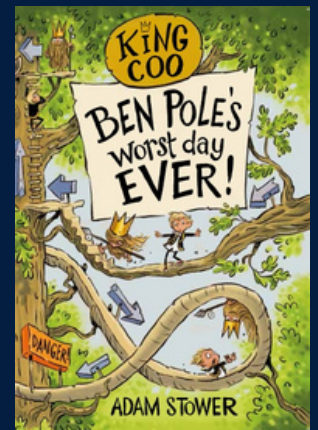
HEAD OVER HEART:

Zeyneb is like any other 13 year old British girl, juggling the demands of her social life, school work and family. But as a Muslim girl attracted to a non-Muslim boy she has more difficult choices and one very big decision. Zeyneb wants to make the right choices, not just for her family or friends, but for herself.



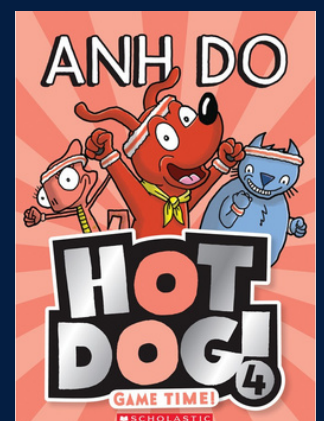
BEN POLE'S WORST DAY EVER

Ben Pole is on the run from arch-enemy Monty Grabbe when he discovers a forest with rope swings, water slides, Herbert the wombat, and best of all, KING COO. But watch out! Monty and his gang have a dastardly plan, and Ben and Coo need to come up with their best invention yet...



HOT DOG GAME TIME!

Hotdog, Lizzie and Kev are training for GAME DAY! They want to win the big prize - an awesome trip to Rainbow Island! That's where Kev's mum lives! They'll need skill, speed and strength. Do they have what it takes to win?





Education

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!



Attendance Matters

In 2022 we continue to focus on improving attendance across the school (other than Covid-19 absences). It is proven that attendance plays a major role in students' engagement and success in learning.

There will be major prizes on offer for students whose attendance is greater than 90% each term and a major prize for a student whose attendance is greater than 90% for the whole year.

We appreciate parents support in ensuring students are arriving at school, in uniform and fully equipped for their learning by 8.55am. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any concerns.

If a student is late to school they will need a signed and dated note from a parent or carer, explaining why they are late. They are to give the note to the Administration Office who will issue them with a Late Slip, which can be given to the class teacher.

If your child is absent from school, the Department of Education Attendance Policy states that any absence must be explained within 7 days. To explain an absence you can telephone the Administration Office, send an SMS to 0429 550 188 or reply to the absence SMS or email you receive, or send in a note with your student on their first day back.

Don't forget, you only have 7 days to explain.

Why baby cats are great pets

Congratulations Zac T for his successful entry into the "Write 4 Fun - The Write Note" short story competition. His story has been published in the book which is now available to borrow from our school library.



"I think that baby cats are great pets because they are so damn cute and I'm sure that a lot of people would agree with me. I know that my mum is a big dog person but I know some people that are absolutely just love to have baby cats, mostly because they are cute and also because they will not rip up your curtains well not until they're adults, at least I think that anyway.

I know that when I grow up that I will surely be buying myself a kitten because they are just that damn cute. And I know that I can't resist them because of their cuteness and also because I just love the way that they play with their little kitty toys, it is irresistible and again - cute. I just wish that cats could be even cuter than they already are, but how could that happen because cats are too cute already?

What if cats were cuter? Now you might be thinking - how could that happen, cats can't get any cuter they're cute enough as they are? Well, if you thought that, then you are completely wrong because what if cats had more toys that made them look cuter, like a mouse that runs around, or a toy wind up bird, or even a ball of yarn with a think that makes it work and move.

This is a true story about a cat I know and hope that you enjoy it...

Once upon a time there was a cat that was called Lilly and she must have been left on the street or something because this nice lady came up to her and wonderfully and lovingly took her in. She took her to the vet to see if she could see who she belonged to but the vet could not find the microchip, so this nice lady took her home, but before she left, the vet said that the cat was pregnant and was just a few weeks from giving birth to 8 little kittens.

After about 3 weeks, Lilly the cat gave birth to around 8 little kittens which was really cute. She kept one and just gave the rest away to people who wanted them and gave some to her friends. She got some money for them but the one she did keep was really cute and I know that I love him, she named him Clark and after about 1 week he was still just a baby.

After 3 weeks he was getting pretty big and cute and now he is massive and super cute. I know that I just wanted to pick him up and take him home but I did not do that - I left him and that is my story.

The end."



Student Leadership Team

On 18 February, our Year 10 Leadership Team raised funds from a barbecue for their School Improvement Plans and to plan future exciting events happening throughout the year. We cannot wait to have more events and plans for our school in the coming months. A big thank you to everyone who contributed to this barbecue!

OFFICE NEWS & DIARY DATES

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Statement of accounts for school fees will be emailed to all families within the next week. Just follow the link in the email to pay online. Payments can also be made via our Administration Office by students or parents.

DISTRIBUTION OF RAT KITS

Rapid Antigen Test Kits have been distributed to all students. If you run out of your current kits, your child can collect more from the Student Counter at Administration Office. Remember the rules have changed - test if you have symptoms or are a close contact.

MARCH 2022

11	Wallsend Campus (WHOLE SCHOOL) Swimming Carnival
14	Year 7 Camp (2 nights)
23	Sport Bus payment due
24	Year 9 Wellbeing Day
25	Year 8 Camp deposit due

APRIL 2022

1	CCWC Cross Country
8	Last day of Term 1
26	Staff resume for Staff Development Day
27	All students return for Term 2
29	Year 8 Camp full payment due