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Mr Christopher Lee, Deputy Principal

As we reach the end of another term, it's essential to reflect on the fantastic achievements and activities that have taken place within our school community.

Kicking off this term's newsletter, we have a lot of sporting and academic wins to acknowledge.

- Congratulations to our Boys Under 15 4 x 100m state relay team, who convincingly won the state championship this term.
- The hard work and teamwork of our Under 16 Rugby League team has truly paid off, emerging as the Knights Knockout champions.
- In netball, our students participated in the Netball Schools Cup and have qualified for the State Final! Great work team!
- Our Year 8 Debating Team demonstrated their critical thinking and persuasive skills in the debating competition, a testament to their dedication and hard work.
- Congratulations to our fabulous Chess team, who recently placed 2nd in the Academy of Chess Interschool Tournament. Waratah Campus placed 3rd, meaning Callaghan College has two teams through to the State Finals in Sydney in Term 4. We wish them well!
- Our annual Book Week was a resounding success with many students and staff participating in the festivities by dressing up as their favourite book character. Special thanks to our librarian, Mrs Howard, for organising so many engaging activities in the library.
- We had two overnight excursions this term. Year 10 students embarked on an unforgettable ski trip, creating lasting memories on the slopes and Year 8 had a fantastic time embracing the great outdoors at Point Wolstencroft.

In respect of our everyday learning environment, I would like to emphasise the importance of regular school attendance for our students to reach their full potential. Our school in partnership with parents, prioritises attendance as a key factor in academic success, peer relationships and future opportunities.



Attending school every day allows your child to get the most out of their learning and improve their career and life options. If you require support in getting your child to school for any reason please reach out to us.

Each day your child is absent you will receive a short text to inform you they are not at school. It is very important that you reply to the text as soon as possible. This allows the school to keep accurate attendance records for your child and reduce their unexplained absences. Twice per term the names of students whose attendance is consistently high are placed in a draw to win a gift card or canteen voucher.

Students are to be commended for how they have embraced the use of the Yondr pouch system. It has been a pleasure to walk through the playground and see students interacting with one another and not consumed by their mobile phones.

As we break for the term, I would like to thank the staff for their efforts and dedication in driving all the learning experiences that happen here each and every day.

I would also like to thank our supportive parents, and exceptional students for their commitment to making our school community a thriving and dynamic place of learning.

I wish you all a restful break and look forward to the exciting opportunities and achievements that the next term will bring.

Enjoy your break,
Mr Lee

Learning beyond the classroom



Year 10 interviews at Jesmond Campus



**Hunter Region RoboCup
Year 9 iStem teams placed 2nd and 3rd!**



Year 7 Wetlands excursion - beautiful !



**Art students at
Jesmond's
HSC Exhibition**



2023 CAPA Showcase



Year 7 Wetlands excursion

As well as the everyday learning on Campus, students have had a busy term with various excursions. These included competing against Hunter students in Science and iStem competitions at the University of Newcastle, CAPA Showcase, Year 10 Subject Selection Interviews for Year 11 at Jesmond Senior Campus in 2024 and with beautiful weather, a Year 7 excursion to our local Wetlands.



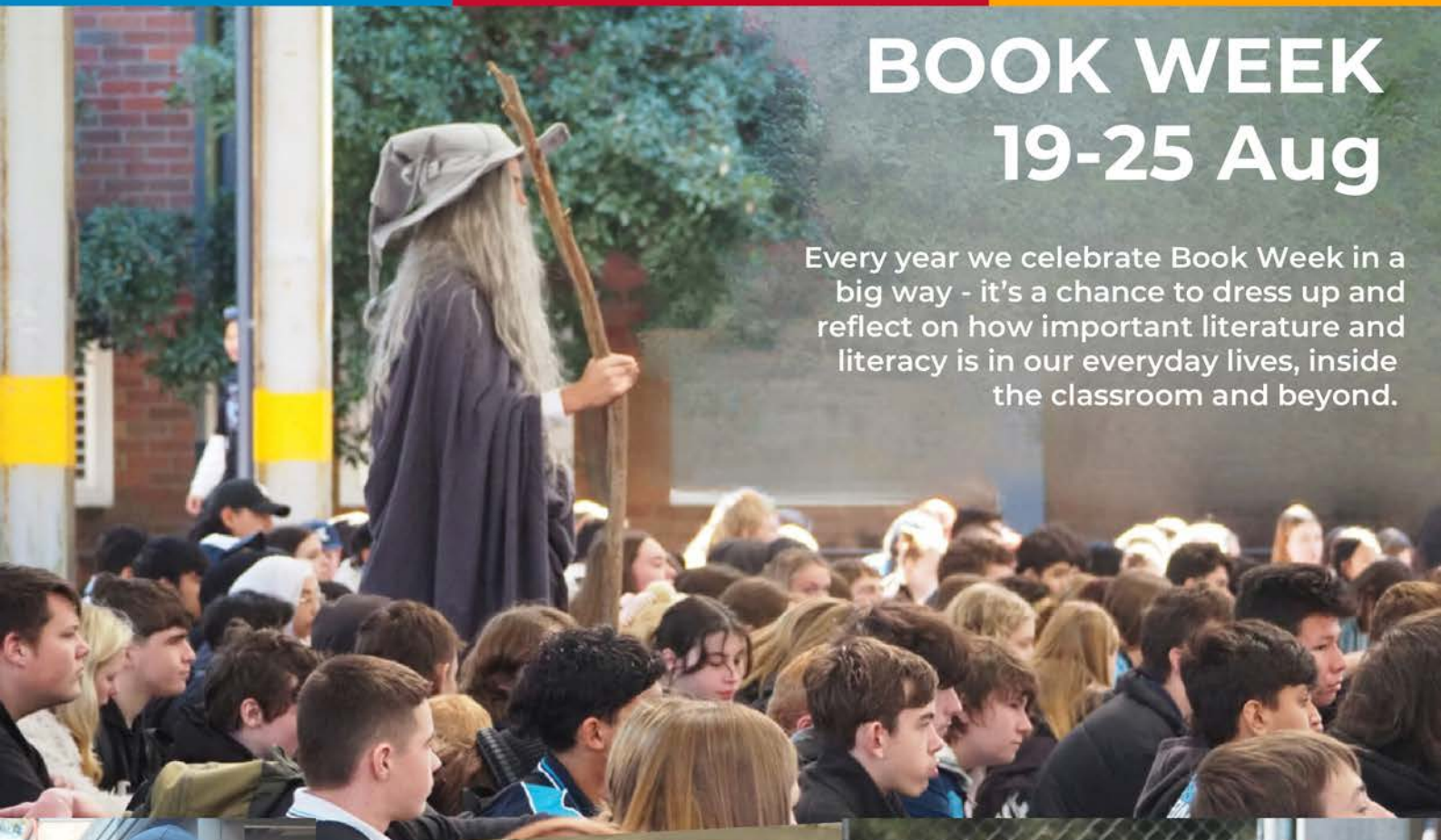
YEAR 10 SKI TRIP



BOOK WEEK

19-25 Aug

Every year we celebrate Book Week in a big way - it's a chance to dress up and reflect on how important literature and literacy is in our everyday lives, inside the classroom and beyond.

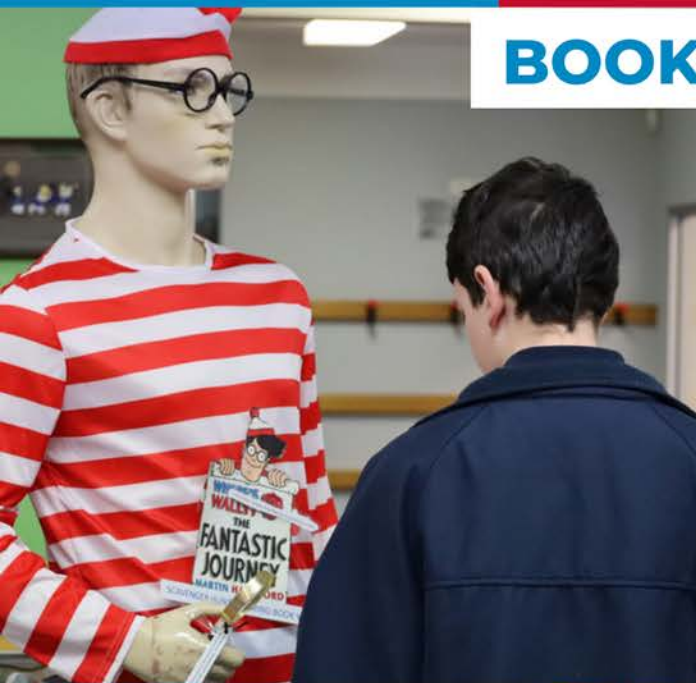


BOOK WEEK AT THE LIBRARY

**The Children's Book Council of Australia
Book Week 2023 was an amazing
adventure within the library at
Callaghan College Wallsend Campus!**

The library was visited by a local author Brett Perkins where selected students from our English classes and Book Club were exposed to the life and mind of an author. Students gained a deeper understanding into the process of writing, the power of creativity and the challenges of the writing journey.

Students were given the opportunity to enhance their library skills through an organised research scavenger hunt within the library. Through fun and excitement, our students were able to develop three core library skills: finding, evaluating, and referencing information. These skills will help to encourage and give confidence to our students when using our library within class or for enjoyment during breaks.





STATE CHAMPIONS!!
Boys Under 15 4 x 100m relay
Daniel S, Max W, Zane G & Riel B



**NSW Long Jump
Eamon G - 7th!!**

**HUNTER REGION ALL
SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS!**
U16's Knights Hunter Premiership



**We had 8 teams of boys
and girls compete in the
2023 Netball School Cup.**



**Under 15's Girls Netball Team
had a sensational season
qualify for state finals**

Our OzTag team competed at State finals

OCT 2023

9	All students return for Term 4, Years 7 to 10
27	World Teachers' Day

NOV 2023

13 - 24	MyHSC@CC Year 10 Transition to Jesmond Senior Campus (all students)
27-29	MyHSC@CC Year 10 Authentic Assessments

DEC 2023

4-8	Year 10 Work Experience or Australian Business Week program
8	Australian Business Week Showcase
11	Year 10 Final Presentation Assembly
12	Year 7 - 9 Presentation Assemblies
15	Final day of Term 4 for students



Follow us on social media to keep up with our news and events, plus find out when important emails have been sent.



Absent from school?

Reply to your SMS

Education for your child is important and having regular attendance and arriving on time for school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. If your child is marked absent you will be sent a text message to inform you, requesting an explanation for the absence. Please respond to the message when you receive it so your child's absence can be recorded as explained. When we don't receive a reason, the absence is recorded as unexplained and unjustified and will require further follow up from the school.

Should you have trouble getting your child to school, you should contact the Deputy Principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with the appropriate support networks.



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