

CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WALLSEND CAMPUS

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26/27 Aug	Japanese Restaurant Excursions
28 Aug	Year 9 ZoosnooZ Excursion
30 Aug	Y8 – 10 House V House II
3 Sept	Y7 City Zone Soccer Gala Day
4 Sept	Y9 Wellbeing Day
10 Sept	Y10 bStreetsmart Excursion
12 Sept	R U OK? Day
13 Sept	Y7 Wellbeing Day Y7 & 8 All Schools Touch Football
25 Sept	Y7 Immunisation
27 Sept	Final day of Term 3
14 Oct	First day of Term 4 Staff and Students

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Term 3 is underway in the very frenetic Callaghan College Wallsend way. There are a myriad of extracurricular opportunities for students to engage in and it is wonderful to hear stories of how the students involved with the variety of programs we offer are challenging themselves to manage their commitments to homework and study all the while learning new skills through the various prospects we offer in sport, creative and performing arts and debating, amongst others.

As always at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus we encourage students to set challenging goals with incremental steps over extended periods in order to realise their goals. With a plan and consistent belief in themselves students can achieve whatever it is they set out to do. Likewise, many students have some areas of school life or study that they find very challenging. With the right plan and support, however, we see that many diverse challenges can be overcome. Besides support from home, there are also a number at school, including our counsellors, a chaplaincy program, Year Advisors, Head Teacher Wellbeing, the Learning and Support Team and the Deputy Principals. If ever your child is in need of support, encourage them to take advantage of these people to set them on the right track.

Callaghan College Wallsend Campus School 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 this 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. On this note, can I also ask parents to remind students to be safe and sensible when exiting the school grounds in the afternoon. Streets around the school can become very congested and busy at this time and it is important students obey road rules and not take risks that put themselves or others in danger.

Finally, I would like to thank you to the vast majority of parents who have assisted in ensuring their child is dressed in appropriate school uniform



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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. Also, I would like to remind 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! Always inform the office of absences within 7 days.

Mr Paul Taylor
Principal

A MESSAGE TO CALLAGHAN COLLEGE FROM THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

This letter was emailed directly to Kylee Owen, Principal of Callaghan College, congratulating us on our recently being awarded The Best Use of Technology at the Australian Education Awards.

Dear Kylee

I am writing to congratulate you and your staff for receiving the Best Use of Technology award and being recognised as a finalist in the Best STEM Program category at the Australian Education Awards last week.

This award recognises your work, and that of your staff, to innovatively embed the use of technology at Callaghan College, across your three school campuses, to improve teaching and learning practice. I understand the creation of a personalised learning platform for students has been instrumental in promoting collaboration between students, staff and parents – a terrific use of technology.

I commend you for developing strong partnerships with the department's Information Technology Directorate, the University of Newcastle and global collaborative communities to provide a range of STEM learning opportunities for students. Please pass on my thanks to your staff who have been fundamental to the successful integration of technology for learning across so many classrooms and staff rooms.

Congratulations once again on a job well done!

Regards

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DEPUTY SECRETARY, SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND PERFORMANCE



YEARS 7 & 8 ELECTIVE SUBJECT SELECTIONS FOR 2020

Student in Years 7 & 8 will soon be choosing their Subject Electives for 2020. A Subject Selection Information Booklet will be emailed to all students and families, students whose families have informed us they have no email address can pick up a printed copy from the Administration Office. Students will be emailed (to their school email address) a link to choose their elective subjects via Edval, selections must be made by Wednesday 11 September.

YEAR 7: Students in Year 7 will have the opportunity to choose four subjects, in which they have an ability or an interest, to study in Year 8. Two subjects will be studied in Semester 1, then they will change to their other two choices for Semester 2. Having the opportunity to study four subjects over the course of the year allows students to widen their educational experiences and explore new

interests. They will choose six subjects in total, with four being their main preferences and two extra in case a course does not run or is unavailable.

YEAR 8: Students in Year 8 will choose two elective subjects, an X and a Y elective, which will be studied over 2 years in Years 9 & 10. When making their elective choices, students should consider their interest in the subject (students do best at subjects in which they are interested) and the type of work involved. They will choose four subjects in total, with two being their main preferences and two extra in case a course does not run or is unavailable.

YEAR 10 iTRACK

iTrack is The Smith Family's National online mentoring programme for Year 10 students and has been operating at our school for approximately 8 years. Students chat for one hour per week for two school terms to a volunteer iTrack mentor about their education and career options, post school options for the future, and share practical tips for the job-seeking world. The mentor and student 'chat' via a secure online chat room which is monitored by The Smith Family.

What do students and mentors chat about?

- Opportunities that exist after school (university, travel, gap year, work experience)
- Creating a resume
- Exploring university/TAFE courses
- Thinking about hobbies and how to consider these with your career
- How to obtain good references
- What do they imagine their future to be?

The mentors are from all over Australia, some are 'top' in their field of experience. They have been given an hour out of their working day to connect with a student and share ideas. A few of our students share their experiences;

Sai said; iTrack has helped me in so many ways. At the start of the programme, I was unsure as I didn't know my mentor but over time I got to know him. When I started, I was quite positive about what I wanted to do when I left school, but my mentor has opened my eyes to different opportunities. I also had a lot of doubt about my future and expressed this to my mentor. He reassured me that I'll be fine and it's all part of being young. He understood how I felt about the challenges of school. I couldn't have asked for a better mentor. Thank you Smith Family.

Arianna said; The first time I had iTrack, I was quite nervous but after getting to know my mentor Maria I felt better. We share a love of animals and talk about what we do in the weekends. After one term, I think I have gained more confidence and I know I have options for the future. She has talked to me about different options that I didn't know about. iTrack is a great way to help you reach your goals in life.

Monique said; I didn't know what iTrack was in the beginning and thought 'I may as well give it a go'. My mentor and I talked about our hobbies in the beginning and got to know each other. It's like having a massive bond with someone but without even knowing them. If you're shy and don't like talking face to face like me, this is a great opportunity as talking on a chat one hour a week is honestly something I look forward to in my week. My mentor and I have created such a great connection that I feel comfortable talking about anything. Things we have discussed are career pathways, how to achieve them, H.S.C. and fear of failing exams, making back-up plans and how to set goals. I can now see a much clearer pathway to my future goals. I had so many ideas and wasn't focussed. She asked the right questions and supported me in my decisions. I have decided to follow medicine at this point and she has sent me information that has been so useful. I am so excited for my future thanks to my mentor, Lorraine.

Mrs Janet Maddison, Learning and Support Teacher

CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WALLSEND CAMPUS PRESENTS ALADDIN JR!!

SALAM AND GOOD EVENING!!! Aladdin Jr was a HUGE success! Over 110 students were involved in this production – from the main cast and ensemble to backstage crew, sound and lighting, stage managers, hair and makeup and students at the doors to meet and greet our audience members. 8 weeks of rehearsals and only 4 days in the hall beforehand saw a show that was of a very high standard!

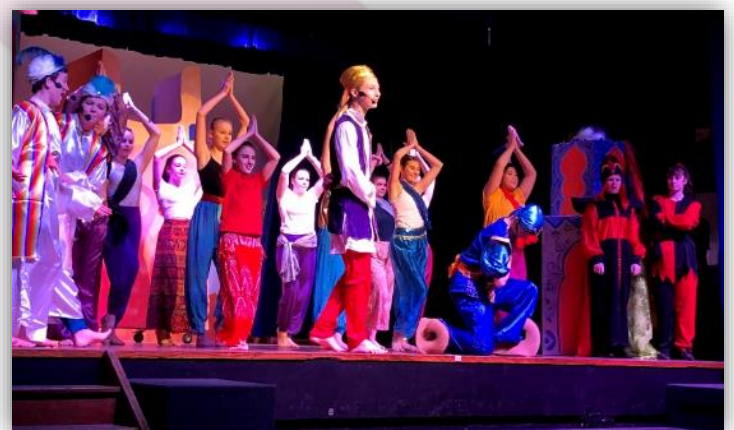
Reviews from the community; *"I was blown away! It was an amazing show," "Absolutely fantastic performances by all," "The show was phenomenal, without a doubt the best show I have ever seen. It was classy, fun, clever...wow!" "I have never been to a school production so wonderful."*

Over the course of the six performances, industry professionals were in the audience and were also extremely impressed with the level of talent and professionalism by the entire cast and crew. As a result, four of our students have each been offered a scholarship to attend the JTCOz (Junior Theatre Celebration Australia). Congratulations to Zac (Aladdin), Olivia (Jasmine/Rajah), Ethan (Genie) and Sophie (Jasmine/Rajah). They will spend a week working with numerous Broadway Producers at the JTCOz at the Civic Theatre in September. They will be involved in the audition, casting, rehearsals and performance of the world premiere of Disney's Moana Jr. A spectacular achievement for these students!! 30 of our Aladdin Jr cast will also attend the celebrations

THE JUNIOR THEATRE CELEBRATION IS AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST CELEBRATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND MUSICAL THEATRE bringing students, teachers and industry professionals together to celebrate outstanding student musical theatre productions. Thank you to Hunter Drama and Travel Gang for your ongoing support of our Creative and Performing Arts students.

Please see our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/CCWallsend/> - where we have shared over 100 photos of this fabulous event.





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HUNTER SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL

This year, CCWC were successful in their audition to include three Dance Troupes in the Hunter Schools Dance Festival 2019, which was held at Wests Newcastle City during Week 2 of this Term.

The Year 7 Dance Troupe closed the Monday night show with their performance 'We are all Unique.' The dance was about starting high school, and how it can be a big change. The dance celebrated all the unique qualities that each individual brings to this new chapter of life.

Dance Troupe #1 and #2, which includes students from Years 8, 9 and 10, both performed on the Thursday.

Dance Troupe #1 performed 'Celebrating a Dance Genius.' The dance was a celebration of a genius who created moves we all know and love.

Dance Troupe #2 performed 'Inside Battle.' The dance explored how every person is fighting their own battles.

Congratulations to all students involved. Your consistent commitment to early morning rehearsals has been outstanding, and you represented the school with excellent performance skill.

*Ms Kirbi Masters
Dance Teacher*

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Welcome to the August edition of news@our library.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE: Time is rapidly closing for entries in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. Get your records completed online before 30 August to ensure you are credited with your excellent efforts.

"It's important for children to discover what books have to offer because we know a passion for learning will set them up for the future...The great thing about books is they cover just about any issue or story you can imagine." Ms Berejiklian. (NSW Premier)

WHEELERS EBOOK PLATFORM: In the meantime, if students looking for something to read why not download the Wheelers eBook platform and choose from a wide range of young adult fiction to read 24/7 and 365 days of the year. Borrowing is as easy as logging in, selecting the title they want and choosing the borrow button. They can then download the title to their device and read at their leisure.

See Mr Noud in the library for more information or just go straight to the Campus' Wheelers ebook platform by following (and then saving) this link: <https://ccwallsend.wheelers.co/> - student login is the same as the Student Portal login and the password is: eBookloan (note the capital B).

CHESS NEWS: Congratulations to everyone who will be competing in the Sydney Academy of Chess Interschool Tournament Regional semi-finals



which we are proudly hosting at CCWC. You have done our school proud and we wish you the best of luck. Success means we move on to the state finals in Sydney – an amazing effort.

Our knockout representatives will also be playing against Muswellbrook High School in Round 5 of the Country Secondary Schools Knockout competition. Final 8 placings: such a great effort by the team. (Peter Chambers, Charlie MacBean, Kevin Buxton, Ryan Dowman, Scott Crooks, Zac Cottrell and Zac Proctor.) You've each contributed to the success of this team in reaching this far – my hearty congratulations to you all.

Mr Colin Noud, Teacher Librarian

PRC Coordinator & Chess Coordinator



NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2019

School vaccination clinics continue into Term 3 with our final vaccination clinic this year on Wednesday 25 September 2019.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE: If your child has missed any vaccinations they will be offered any missed doses at the next clinic at their school.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED BOTH HPV VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2019? Any year 7 student with missed doses of HPV vaccine can be caught up in 2020.

ADDITIONALLY: Any Year 8 student in 2019 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 at least 6 mths have elapsed).

Any year 10 student who returned a signed consent card for Meningococcal ACWY vaccine and has not received this in 2019 (and who has not received it from their local doctor) can still receive this at the next clinic at CCWC.

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.

It's not too late to return your child's Vaccination Card to the office. We also have spares here if you need to pick one up. If you have any questions, please visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

INTRODUCING CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WALLSEND CAMPUS: THE VAN

CCWC, in partnership with the Hunter Futurepreneurs program is working with local business mentors to establish the following to introduce and sustain our newly aquired food truck;

- Business plan
- Vision and mission statements
- Roles and responsibilities
- Business structures
- Marketing and sales strategies

Our Year 10 Student Leadership Team, VET Hospitality Students and students across Years 7 and 10 have actively been engaged in the process, including;

- Signage
- Packaging
- Pricing
- Promotion
- Menu development
- Location
- Potential customers
- Local business survey interviews

Students have been learning the essential skills for future employment through collaboration with staff and teams, critical thinking and problem solving think tanks, demonstrating co-operative negotiation, creativity and commitment to a real-world experience of starting and running a business.

As a result of the efforts by students and staff, CCWC has been asked to participate in the Hunter Young Business Mind 2019 project. This project is about encouraging students in the Hunter to think like entrepreneurs, to express their creativity and develop the self-confidence to present their ideas. Congratulations to all involved.



Callaghan College Presents

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31 Morehead St Lambton

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* Many Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.

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