

NEWSLETTER

Callaghan College Wallsend Campus

DECEMBER 2018



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It's been a busy year and I would like to congratulate all students and parents on behalf of the school staff for the positive year we have had in 2018. CCWC is a great learning institution and we provide our students with opportunities to excel at their studies and in a variety of other sporting, cultural and educational activities. The staff of the school can take pleasure in acknowledging that the vast majority of students have taken full advantage of these opportunities this year.

At CCWC we have aimed in 2018 to provide a variety of quality learning experiences as well as a caring, cooperative and challenging learning environment. We have strived to have our students develop to their full potential socially, creatively and academically. We have provided opportunity for students to display our values of respect, responsibility and excellence. I'm proud to say that as 2018 draws to a close, I see in our students a strong self-awareness and confidence and a capacity to develop positive relationships built on respect and concern for others.

It was fantastic to see the school hall packed to capacity with family and friends who came along to our Award Presentation and First in Class Ceremony's last week. These end of year events are a time to celebrate the success and achievements of students across all aspects of learning throughout the school year. Last week also saw us receive some more wonderful news with Sophie Gray, Year 10 student, achieving the 5th highest score in the state for VALID Science 10. This is a Science test that all students in the state sit for, with CCWC students achieving well above the state average. Well done to all the students of Year 10 and of course our amazing Science faculty.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for their ongoing support during the 2018 school year. Especially, my dedicated and enthusiastic staff, all the students and finally the wider school community. With your ongoing support, we will prosper and achieve wonderful things during 2019.

With the Christmas Holidays fast approaching, I wish all students, parents and community members a safe and happy break and the staff at CCWC look forward to welcoming all students back in full school uniform next year after a well-deserved break.

Mr Paul Taylor
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19 Dec	Last day of school for students
30 Jan 2019	First day for Year 7 Year 7 photos
31 Jan	Years 8, 9 and 10 return to school
15 Feb	College Swimming Carnival (Competitive Swimmers only)
1 March	Wallsend Campus Swimming Carnival (all students)
6 March	Year 7 Immunisation
21 May	Year 10 Immunisation
20 June	School Photos

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In our school community we value positive relationships, respect and taking responsibility for our actions. We aim to do our best in teaching and learning.



YEARLY REPORTS

All student reports are emailed to families. Each time we have a long list of emails that bounce back to us due to incorrect email address. Please make sure you notify us if you change your email address as we send out lots of information, including newsletters, student reports and parent/teacher interview information.

YEAR 10 SHIRTS – 2019

If you missed placing an order for Year 10 shirts etc. there will be another order placed at the start of Term 1 2019 which will be due by around the end of Week 2. Information will be emailed to all students early in the year.

SCIENCE FACULTY NEWS

Science has had another massive and successful year in 2018. As we bid farewell to the 2018 Year 10 class, we look back with fondness on their four years at our school and all their achievements in that time. We wish them all the best in their senior studies and know that they leave this school ready and excited for the challenges that lay ahead.

Of particular note, the current cohort leave with the best Year 10 VALID results the school has achieved. Our students achieved an average of 5 points above the state average, and an incredible 15 points above the state in Extended Response Tasks. This is a huge achievement and early pointer to the success of the writing program lead by English Teacher Miss Sarah Graham, and to the expertise of our Science staff. There were a number of individual success stories but of particular note was the achievements of our departing captain Sophie Gray. Sophie scored the 5th highest score in the state which placed her in the top 30 students in the state, out of an approximate 26,000 Year 10 students who sat the assessment. This is a huge result for her and something the whole school should be congratulated for.

Other highlights of the year for Science include:

- The Year 9 ZooSnooz, a fantastic excursion which fills up quickly and is always highly rated by the students.
- The Year 10 Australian Museum and Sydney Aquarium excursion, is a trip that the teachers enjoy as much as the students.
- Our successful involvement in a range of STEM competitions, including the Aeronautical challenge, Starlab Mars Rover coding competition and both Science and Engineering challenges.
- Our huge result in the Mini-sprint Solar Car Challenge, where our students placed second in the sprint and first in the STEM element of this competition.

In 2019 the Science faculty look forward to continuing to provide students with a pathway to success in Science and STEM. We wish our students and community a happy and safe break and look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead!

HEALTH & WELLBEING RETREAT DAY

On Tuesday 27 November, Ms Ray and Ms Masters took the Year 8 Health & Wellbeing X Elective Class on a Retreat Day into Newcastle. The girls walked from Mereweather Beach along Bathers Way to Nobbys Beach. They enjoyed a refreshing swim at Newcastle Ocean Baths then had lunch and activities at Nobbys.



CLARK CLASS NEWS

This year in Clark Class we have been working on a number of projects around our room. These projects have helped us develop practical skills in planning, building, cooking and creating a sense of ownership of our learning environment.

As a class we have designed, built and now planted a number of garden beds around our backyard. This has been great for students in developing practical skills. Now that our gardens are flourishing, we have been able to enjoy the fruits of our labour as we cook with our fresh produce. We look forward to all of the yummy produce and cooking adventures next year as we plan for the 2019 autumn crop.

We have also completed murals for our front room to remind us of who we are and what we stand for. We have upcycled old furniture from around the school, rebuilding outdoor tables so we can do some of our work outside.

We look forward to 2019 and the projects to come.

Ms Hanna Sommerlad
Class Teacher



SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR DANCE TROUPE 2018

This year, the Schools Spectacular Dance Troupe featured in Great Aussie Exports at the Schools Spectacular 2018 'The Greatest' performance at Qudos Bank Arena on the 23 & 24 of November.

Grace Farmer, Ranya Gillamac and Emily Jones were also successful in their audition to feature in a specialised section of the performance. Congratulations to all students on your commitment, dedication and representation of the school throughout the long rehearsals, performances and team dinners.

Ms Masters also choreographed for the Greatest Stories Ever Told segment which featured our fantastic puppets!

Ms Kirbi Masters
Dance Teacher



DANCE EXCURSION

On Monday 3 December, students from the Years 9 and 10 Dance Electives and Dance Troupe attended a Jazz Dance Workshop at the Australian College of Physical Education (ACPE). Students got to explore the facilities offered at ACPE and learn a range of choreographic and jazz technique from Artistic Director/Choreographer/Dance Teacher Virginia Ferris. A great day of dancing enjoyed by all students!

*Ms Kirbi Masters
Dance Teacher*

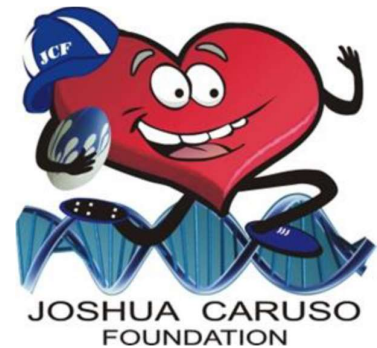


DONATION - DEFIBRILLATOR

Callaghan College Wallsend Campus has been a grateful recipient of a ZOLL AED Plus Defibrillator Package, donated by the Joshua Caruso Foundation. The foundations main goal is to donate 100 Defibrillators to schools and sporting clubs in the Newcastle and Hunter Valley area.

In August 2013, Joshua Caruso died suddenly of an undiagnosed heart condition. He was on his way to school when his heart stopped and he died instantly.

Josh was living with hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM). HCM is the most common cause of heart-related sudden death in young people, yet little is known about the condition. Very few people are even aware of it, making detection and prevention very difficult. Josh and his family were completely unaware of the condition, until it was too late.



With access to defibrillators, schools and sports clubs are able to administer potentially life-saving first aid in an emergency. During a life-threatening cardiac arrest, a defibrillator (in combination with CPR) is vital to survival. The device delivers electric shocks, jumpstarting the heart and helping return it to a regular rhythm. Defibrillators are expensive, and so many clubs don't have access to this life saving technology. The minutes spent waiting for an ambulance could be the difference between a full recovery and a tragic outcome.

Thank you very much to the Joshua Caruso Foundation for this valuable donation.

JAPANESE

Year 7 Japanese have finished off their Christmas in Japan unit of work. Ask them about KFC at Christmas in Japan. They may tell you some interesting things.

Year 8 have completed their class tasks and finalising all Manga and Anime work. Year 9 have finished their final chapter of work – please ensure you are revising Hiragana over the holidays as being able to sight read will make your Year 10 work easier. Practise on the [duolingo.com](https://www.duolingo.com) site.

Congratulations Year 10 Japanese on completing Stage 5 in another language. Your ability to learn another language will only continue as you get older to travel and work in a global community. It is a vital skill that many Australians do not always appreciate, yet you have managed to work on this and take steps to become more Asia literate, which will stand out in any employment and career opportunity. Well done. It is an amazing achievement no matter what your grade is.

We also farewell Miss Keffa Heaney, she has taken up a position at Kurri Kurri High School for 2019 onwards and will be sadly missed by students and staff alike. Her youth and enthusiasm has been infectious throughout her time at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus and she will be truly missed. Thank you for everything you have done for the students here at Wallsend.

From the Language faculty to all your families, we hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year's and return fresh for an exciting 2019. It has been a pleasure to have these wonderful students in our classes.

*Mrs Lambert and Miss Heaney
Language Teachers*

TEACHING AND LEARNING

It has been an extraordinary year for Callaghan College Wallsend Campus for all teaching and learning programs. The Sustainability Project has been a highlight, the Aboriginal Programs lead by the Aboriginal Leadership Team, the GATS projects lead by Mrs Clydesdale, the iStem programs with Mr Kilham are all valuable contributions to what makes CCWC so great. Other achievements you may not have seen in the background:

Staff stats:

- Over 7 staff have achieved proficient status this year – this involves a major submission of work, samples and annotations of up to 30 pages in length to achieve this status. A lot of work for staff above and beyond the normal workload.
- 27 teacher education students from the University of Newcastle have participated in practicum training supported by our staff over the year.
- 3 staff have been supporting students in key roles at School Spectacular again this year.
- Several staff have presented at state and national conferences this year such as the English Teachers Association and CanvasCon based on best / innovative practise.
- Staff and students have participated in the VR Schools research project with the University of Newcastle under the guidance of Dr Erica Southgate.
- Numerous schools want to come and ask our local expert Mr Summerville and other staff about how we do things at Wallsend. There have been staff visits from Armidale, Port Hacking, Toronto, Wingham and West Wallsend High Schools, just to name a few.

There are so many more things that could be mentioned here that make CCWC great. It is always a privilege to be involved in such a motivated and forward thinking organisation with fantastic staff and students. Our children at CCWC have some of the greatest opportunities to succeed in so many areas and I hope that those who are hesitant to take a risk with their learning and think outside the square to do so in 2019. Keep following the Campus Facebook page for constant updates in 2019. Thank you for partnering us in the learning and education of your children. Merry Christmas.

*Mrs Stacy Lambert
Head Teacher Teaching and Learning*

YEAR 10 VET HOSPITALITY

As we come to the end of Term 4, I would like to congratulate Year 10 VET Hospitality students on their dedication and hard work. These young chefs have operated at a high standard to achieve great results each week and should leave CCWC with their heads held high.

Best of luck on your future endeavours Year 10.

*Chef Tentori
TAS Faculty*



TUNING IN TO TEENS

Would you like to be better able to:

- Communicate more effectively with your teenager?
- Understand your teenager better?
- Help your teenager with emotional intelligence and managing emotions?
- Prevent some teenager behaviour problems?
- Teach your teenager to deal with conflict?
- Build a more resilient, emotionally intelligent child?



Tuning in to Teens is a parenting program that focuses on emotions and is designed to assist parents to establish stronger relationships with their teenage children. The program provides parents with a greater understanding of their teen's emotional experiences while teaching specific skills that can assist in being supportive, empathic and staying connected with the young person.

It further aims to improve parent's emotional awareness, regulation and communication style and provide them with an opportunity to reflect on their own emotion socialisation experience. Tuning in to Teens may help prevent problems developing and enhance emotional and behavioural functioning.

This program will be offered for the second time by CCWC in term 1 2019. The course will be run over 6 evenings (2 hours weekly) in our local community. This program has changed family dynamics and assisted parents and carers connect. The evaluations from the last group were outstanding, so don't miss out on this opportunity.

To register your interest please email jennifer.wendtman@det.nsw.edu.au or send a text message to 0401 599 825.

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**Would you like to know when your
child has homework?**

**Register for our Parent Portal
and join Canvas to have this
information and more
at your fingertips...**

The Parent Portal and Canvas are powerful tools which allow parents to access to student information such as homework, assessment tasks, timetables, attendance, calendars, daily notices, messaging, reports and parent teacher interviews. Just register for an account through our website.

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I recall in 2014 Kirralee and I being told by a doctor at the start of our journey that we would need to raise at least 10 million to start making any sort of impact on brain cancer. This seemed a long, long way off at the time but I have never forgotten those words. What Kirralee and I underestimated was the power of community, the power of people coming together from all walks of life for the one cause..... That we MUST increase the survival rate for brain cancer and ultimately find a cure. I am so proud to say that this year took us over our 10 million dollar mark. We are not slowing down either, I could not be more determined to continue this fight as I see all too well the horrifying effects and devastation brain cancer has on families. I am very excited at the research that MHF has funded and our amazing researchers are carrying out which you can read about in this newsletter...there is lots happening.

This is the real reason we all put in time and effort and to see the research actually happening in the labs gives me so much hope. Thank you to anyone who has ever supported us, whether you have held a fundraiser, purchased a beanie or donated your time or services, you are the reason we are kicking goals and making a difference. I am personally feeling fantastic, my mind and body are strong. We have so many plans in place for the future of MHF as we need to continue our aggressive approach towards fundraising and research. We need better treatment for all brain cancer patients and we need it fast. This time of year is very hard for a lot of families who have lost loved ones or are battling this disease. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. On behalf of Kirralee and myself we would like to thank everyone for an amazing 2018 and wish you a Happy and Healthy 2019. - Mark



THE GIFT OF GIVING

Buy an MHF charitable gift card this Christmas and fund vital brain cancer research projects. For a donation of \$20 or more via our special Christmas Card link you can personalise and send your loved one an MHF Christmas Card.

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