

CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WALLSEND CAMPUS

NEWSLETTER

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If you would like to request an interview with a staff member, including the Principal or Deputy Principal, we advise you call the Administration Office first to make an appointment. Call 4951 1811 between 8.30am and 3.15pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30 June	JAECG Meeting
2 July	Wallsend Gift 2020
3 July	Last day of Term 2
21 July	Students commence Term 3
23 July	Year 10 Immunisation
24 July	New 6 week sports series starts – Yrs 8 – 10
5 August	Yrs 8 – 10 Last date for Sport bus payment
6 August	School Photos
17/18 Aug	Year 10 Interviews at Jesmond Campus

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Semester has been one of change for all the staff and students at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus. We have seen some extraordinary changes in the way we had to deliver an education to students. I sincerely thank all of our parents, carers, grandparents, relatives and friends who worked so hard to keep our young people engaged in learning during this time.

After so much disruption and uncertainty it was great to welcome all students back to school in a full-time capacity. We are aware, however, that many students struggled with their learning during the Covid-19 disruption so staff have gone out of their way to support students in the classroom upon our return to school.

One exciting initiative we have undertaken is a practicum partnership with the University of Newcastle for Semester 2. A number of pre-service teachers will work with staff and students at school each day to provide targeted academic support to students who have been impacted by the Covid-19 disruption. This will take place in small groups in the classroom, focusing on numeracy and literacy, as well as an opportunity for a regular and ongoing afterschool homework centre.

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who have assisted in ensuring their child is dressed in appropriate school uniform each day. Despite shortages in the uniform shop and economic uncertainty, students have presented in uniform 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.

On a final note, I would like to thank staff for the great effort they have made to ensure the best possible learning opportunities for our students. What is often not seen by the community is the countless hours staff have been working together after school, undertaking professional learning to ensure they are continually improving teaching and assessment practices in light of the latest research in education. Examining and



improving professional practice are key to improving student outcomes. It was this continuing effort that saw our school so ready to quickly adapt to online learning.

As Term 2 draws to a close, my sincere thanks to all our community for your outstanding support of Callaghan College Wallsend Campus during the first 6 months of 2020. Our student's response and reaction to the Covid-19 situation has been fantastic, and I believe this is on the back of our parents/carers support for their child's education. Once again, thank you from all the staff at Callaghan College Wallsend Campus.

Mr Paul Taylor
Principal

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

At Callaghan College Wallsend Campus, we encourage all students to attain an attendance level of 90% or above, in order that they gain the most benefit from their education. As a guideline – an attendance level of 80% means that, on average, a student is missing one day of school a week. Over a school year, this means eight weeks of absence. If this level of absence was maintained across Years 8, 9, and 10 by a student, this would mean that they have missed half of a school year out of a possible three years.

100% ATTENDANCE: Students whose attendance remains at 100% for the term are in the running to win a prize. There will be one prize awarded in each year group and these will be presented at the Week 8 Year Assemblies.



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 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a 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...

**Check the time CCWC
school starts.
DON'T BE LATE!**



GETTING TO KNOW OUR YEAR ADVISORS

We will be sharing interviews with our Year Advisors each newsletter over the coming months, commencing this issue with Year 7. We hope you enjoy getting to know them better.



Mr Mitchell Turner

**What is your nationality/
family background?**

Australian with a fair bit of British and Irish through the family tree.

What is your middle name?

Very boring – John

What is your favourite sport?

Long distance running / trail running – does that count as a sport?

How long have you been teaching at CCWC?

I think this is my 6th or 7th year here. I started in PDHPE and am now in Science.

When did you know you wanted to be a teacher?

I used to coach a lot of softball as a teenager. I loved it and started to think it would be cool to do some sort of sport as a job. This naturally turned into wanting to be a PDHPE teacher. After doing that for a few years, I had the opportunity to teach some Science and loved it as well.

Do you have a family?

My wife's name is Ali and I have a little baby boy on the way – no name yet, do you have any suggestions?

What was your favourite subject at school?

PDHPE and Woodwork, closely followed by Geography.

Who is your idol?

A guy named Anton Krupicka who is an awesome ultra-marathon runner/rock climber/ bike rider. He is always on an adventure of some sort. And Mr Kilham, who doesn't love Mr Kilham?

What would you do if you were given \$1,000,000?

Probably blow it all on new running shoes and bikes... or buy some land in the middle of nowhere and build a cabin in the trees.

**What is your nationality/
family background?**

Irish/English/Scottish

What is your middle name?

Tremaine

What is your favourite sport?

Soccer, golf and tennis.

How long have you been teaching at CCWC?

Since 2015 – nearly 6 years!

When did you know you wanted to be a teacher?

When I was in Year 9, I had an awesome PDHPE teacher, Mr Went who inspired me to be a PDHPE teacher. I wanted to be involved with sport somehow and I enjoy teaching others. The holidays aren't bad either.

Do you have a family?

My wife's name is Charlotte and my boys are Leo (age 4) and Luca (age 2).

What was your favourite subject at school?

I obviously loved PDHPE and PASS at school, but also really enjoyed Woodwork and Biology.

Who is your idol?

Any sporting superstar that gets paid a lot for doing what they love, such as: Tiger Woods, Ronaldo, Roger Feder, Kelly Slater.

What would you do if you were given \$1,000,000?

Buy a house, upgrade my 2005 Hyundai Accent, take a year off and travel the world.



Mr Hagen Starrett

YEAR 10 IMMUNISATION THURSDAY 28 JULY 2020

Consent forms have been distributed to all Year 10 Students – Please return completed form to the Administration Office before the end of Term 2.

CLASS 7P SCIENCE EGG DROP CHALLENGE

Teams of students constructed a parachute and basket then carefully placed an egg in a newspaper nest. The team whose egg survived the most drops were declared the winners! Congratulations to Kobi, Jade and Makayla.



YEAR 10 TRANSITION

Jesmond Senior Campus recently hosted their online Course Selection Expo for Year 10 students from both Wallsend and Waratah Campuses. Students participated in live Zoom conferences with staff and students from Jesmond Senior Campus, then had access to information on the courses that are available for them to choose from.

This information is now available on Canvas for students to revisit, before making important decisions about their subject choices, with the online course selection now open on Canvas. Parents interested in knowing more are able to access the video of the virtual launch and view the online courses on Canvas. Year 10 parents/carers have been sent more information on this via email, if you did not receive it, please contact the Administration Office.

SUBJECT SELECTION INTERVIEWS: Students will soon be sent invitations by post to the Subject Selection Interviews, which are being held at Jesmond Campus - Week 5 of Term 3.

If you have any further questions, please contact Deputy Principals Mr Marc Unthank or Mrs Kylie Fabri. You can also contact Mr Ostermann, Deputy Principal of Jesmond Senior Campus on 4952 3922.



REFUGEE WEEK VIDEO - YOU ARE WELCOME AT CALLAGHAN COLLEGE

Staff and students from all three Callaghan Campuses collaborated to produce a welcome video for Refugee Week, which was held during 15 - 19 June 2020. This was an opportunity for us to focus on how we as a school community can provide a safe and welcoming environment to all our students and families.

We are fortunate to be one of the most culturally diverse school communities in the Hunter region. The students and staff at Callaghan speak more than 50 languages, covering nearly every continent in the world!

If you missed it, you can see the video under the 'News' section of our website, or by following this link: <https://bcove.video/3d2Ddgy>



MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE:

Don't forget to notify us if you have made any changes to your contact details, including phone number, address, or email address. Please also notify us if you wish to change your Emergency Contact details. The Change of details form can be found on our website, or by following this link: [Change of Details Form](#)

COMING SOON: FLEXISCHOOLS CANTEEN ORDERING

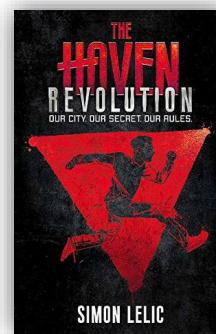
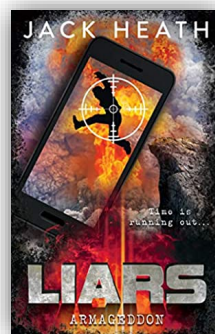
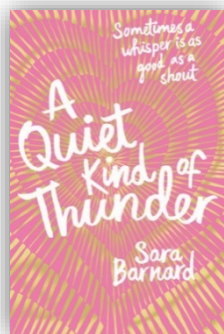


We are excited to announce that Flexischools Canteen Online Ordering System will commence early in Term 3. Flexischools is a well-established organisation allowing you to easily place all your canteen orders online at any time. Watch this space!

LIBRARY NEWS

- **PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE IS ON NOW SO GET READING:** This year the rules have changed to make it easier to participate – you can now read 10 choice books (instead of the usual 5). For more information, watch this guided video: <https://vimeo.com/419791098/ae27c2c22d>
- **ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA ONLINE:** Students can access this amazing resource for free via their Student Canvas. It includes factual information and resources from our local states and territories to every country in the world. Very handy research tool for a lot of subjects!

NEW ADDITIONS: Why not encourage your kids to borrow some of these new additions to our library to read at home?



Mr Colin Noud
Teacher Librarian
Premiers Reading Challenge / Chess Coordinator

BLAST FROM THE PAST - THEN AND NOW



1959
Construction
well underway,
with the fig tree
already planted
on the footpath.

1960
Construction
complete and
school is open! Look
how fresh and new
it was, no trees in
the playground, no
covered walkways,
and no COLA!



2020
This year
marks our 60th
anniversary.
Look at that Fig
Tree now!

YEAR 6 TRANSITION EVENTS HAVE RE-COMMENCED!

If you have (or know someone who has) a student who will be attending CCWC in 2021,
make sure you check our website for the Transition Timeline of events.

<https://wallsend-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment/year-6-transition.html>