

CALLAGHAN COLLEGE WALLSEND CAMPUS

NEWSLETTER

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 3 Apr:	Yr 7 & 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews
8 – 12 April	Mobile Dentist Visits
Thurs 11 Apr:	Holocaust Museum Excursion
Fri 12 Apr:	Last day of Term 1
Tues 30 Apr:	Students commence Term 2
Tues 21 May:	Year 10 Immunisation

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

This week I have had several reminders of this incredibly beautiful area of the world in which we are fortunate enough to live. The early morning mist in front of the mountains with the sunrise filtering through is a magnificent sight early in the morning. Or the exhilaration of a hot air balloon being filled up ready for launch are the sights that have greeted me on my drive to school this week. As beautiful as these images have been, what I love more is actually the people that make up the area in which we live. Having spent my first 10 weeks at CCWC, it has struck me just how highly we value relationships and how lucky we are to live in such a community. It is fitting then that our core values are Respect, Responsibility and Excellence. This term we have had several new families enrol at our campus and my hope is that they come to enjoy the community here at CCWC as much as I have over the term and that as a campus, we would be able to be leaders in this town of the type of positive community that can exist when people value relationships.

Whilst at a number of different events this term, I was asked about school leadership and my reply was, "it is leadership by 10,000 conversations." It is amazing how many various conversations we have throughout our day, from first thing in the morning as our students pack lunches and get ready, to organising which parent is on kid duty, not to mention the numerous conversations we have at school throughout the day. As a school, we endeavour to raise our students up as leaders who influence the world in which they live.

One of the ways that we can demonstrate this leadership is through the quality of conversations we have with people we come in contact with. I love it when I receive feedback on how impressed the public are with our students and it is a reminder that there is always someone watching and listening to who we are. What a difference we can make in this town by considering the words we use when under pressure, under stress, when frustrated with traffic, when the line in the shop is long and slow. These



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are the times when our words matter most. May CCWC students continue to be leaders in building community by the way that we speak to one another.

ATTENDANCE: There are many benefits your child will gain from arriving on time to school

- Ensures your child does not miss out on important information and learning activities scheduled early in the day.
- Helps your child develop good habits, learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives your child time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as partial absences and will appear on school reports. Where possible, please ensure your child arrives at school before 8.55am so they can be settled and ready for the day ahead. Children arriving late often disrupt learning for the teacher and other students in the class and your child misses valuable learning themselves.

Several studies have shown that regularly arriving late to school has a negative impact on learning outcomes. Students receive fewer hours of instruction, are more unsettled and are often embarrassed to arrive late.

Only Missing	That equals	Which is	Over 13 years of school
10 minutes/day	50 minutes/week	Nearly 1.5 weeks/year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes/day	1 hour & 40 minutes/week	Over 2.5 weeks/year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes/day	half a day/week	4 weeks/year	Nearly 1 & a half years
1 hour/day	1 day/week	8 weeks/year	Over 2 & a half years

We know that being on time for school requires good planning. We understand that there are the occasional circumstances that cause a student to be late. If there is a particular reason why you are finding it difficult to arrive in school on time, please discuss this with your child's Deputy Principal or Year Adviser.

Finally, thank you to the whole school community for welcoming me to CCWC. I look forward to working with you all in the coming years.

Mrs Kylie Fabri
Deputy Principal
Years 8 & 10

CCWC DEBATERS

The Junior and Senior Debating teams are well underway with their training for the Premier's Debating Challenge this year. We have focused on improving our rebuttal and identifying key themes within a debate. We look forward to competing again this year. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members of our team and invite anyone interested in debating to come along to our training sessions on Wednesday morning after the assembly.

Mrs Nicole Pellow
English Faculty/Debating Coordinator



SUPPORT UNIT – WALKING FOR SPORT

Students from the Support Unit have been enjoying the weather and travelling to the beach for sport each Friday morning. Some of our favourite walks are the Nobby's Breakwall and the Bar Beach to Merewether walk. Some students have been working on their fitness from week to week - helped along by the hills at Bar Beach and Dixon Park. Last week we were lucky enough to see some of the Surfest surfing competition at Dixon Park Beach and we are always on the lookout for dolphins and other wildlife. We will continue our walks on Fridays for the rest of the term.

Mrs Elizabeth Hewitt
Head Teacher Special Education



TERM 1 GOTCHA AWARD WINNER

Congratulations to our Term 1 Gotcha award winner Shaye. Here she is enjoying morning tea with Deputy Principal, Mrs Nicole Mulhearn. Well done, Shaye!



RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – EXCELLENCE

Balian and Callum working together to solve mathematics problems, demonstrating our school core values of respect, responsibility and excellence. Fantastic work, boys !!



YEAR 9 PASS ELECTIVE INTERACTIVE LEARNING SESSION:

Throughout February, students have been turning up to classroom B5 early (at 8.15am) on Wednesday mornings in B5 with Mr Psarris. This session is set to continue throughout the year and is designed to assist any student from a PASS elective to catch up on their work and/or deepen their knowledge and understanding of content taught in Year 9 PASS Elective.

This session has a relaxed vibe and environment and personalised learning can occur. Our Year 9 & 10 PASS class content is an effective precursor to Year 11 PDHPE.

Mr Michael Psarris
PDHPE/PASS Teacher



CHAMPION CHESS

Congratulations to our chess team here at CCWC who placed first in the recent Sydney Academy of Chess Inter-school Tournament played at Bishop Tyrell Anglican College. Special mention to Charlie MacBean (who won 5 out of 6 games) and to Kevin Buxton and Ryan Dowman (who both scored 4.5 out of 6). It was an impressive team performance on the day - well done, everyone!

*Mr Colin Noud
Teacher Librarian/Chess Coordinator*



MOBILE DENTAL VISIT

Message for all students: it is not too late to bring back your permission form for the mobile dentist visit next week. Additional forms are available from the office if required.

A MESSAGE FROM NSW HEALTH: KEEP COUGHING KIDS AT HOME AND SEE YOUR GP

Whooping cough (also called pertussis) began increasing across NSW towards the end of 2018, especially in children between the ages of 5 and 14 years. NSW Health anticipates that this increase will continue into 2019.

School-aged children who are infected with whooping cough usually experience a troubling cough that can persist for months, but they rarely get severe illness. However they can spread the infection to younger siblings and other more vulnerable people, who are at higher risk of severe disease. Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies.

What can you do to prevent whooping cough?

1. Make sure vaccinations are up to date for all family members
2. Be alert for symptoms of whooping cough
3. Keep coughing kids home, to prevent them spreading the infection to others, and see your GP to get them tested for whooping cough

For more information on Whooping Cough and vaccination visit the [NSW Health Website](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx)
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>

You can also find out about other important infectious disease alerts by visiting the [alerts page](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/default.aspx)
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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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DYSLEXIA OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES?

Some children experience reading and learning difficulties as a result of visual perception problems caused by

Irlen Syndrome/Scotopic Sensitivity

Irlen Syndrome can cause **Dyslexia** and difficulties with:

- Spelling
- Comprehension
- Fatigue
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YOUTH 2019 WEEK

FEATURING

LASER TAG

PHOTO BOOTH

THERAPY DOGS

CHILL OUT ZONE

FOOD/BEVERAGES

AND MUCH MORE.....

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING YOUNG PEOPLE WITHIN THE
COMMUNITY. ALL AGES WELCOME AND NO BOOKING
REQUIRED.

TUESDAY 16TH APRIL 10AM - 2PM

WHERE: SAINT LUKE'S CHURCH
METCALFE ST WALLSEND

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Speaking
in Colour



Need to entertain the kids over the holidays?

Join us at our new Speaking In Colour Cultural Arts and Education Centre for a fun holiday program of cultural immersion.

Dates

Monday 15 April: Aboriginal dance

Tuesday 16 April: Torres Strait Islander dance

Wednesday 17 April: Ceramics

Thursday 18 April: Aboriginal weaving

Friday 26 April: Aboriginal art appreciation

Age Groups & Times

5-10 years: 10:00am – 11:30am class each day

11+ years: 1:00pm – 3:00pm class each day

Location: Near Kmart, next to EB Games.

Cost: \$20pp per activity and bookings are essential and spaces are limited. Creative Kids vouchers welcome.

Book In: Email contact@speakingincolour.com.au Plus, enjoy a free coffee just by booking in.



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