Remembrance Day Remembered

RSL President Mr. Greg Laird and Treasurer Mr. Colin Clark went along to the weekly assembly at Port Macquarie High School to praise and thank Erin Moss for the part she played at the Remembrance ceremony on Town Green on the 11th November last year. Erin gave a very comprehensive and well researched speech on Australia’s involvement in all wars and how the sacrifices made are appreciated and honoured by the current generation. Erin’s speech was listened to appreciatively by the large crown present, which included many veterans both male and female.

The two veterans presented Erin with a beautifully engraved keepsake to mark the occasion. Mr. Laird assured the students that the returned soldiers appreciate it when school students are prepared to get up and speak about the many conflicts Australia has been involved in and the sacrifices people have made to allow us to enjoy the freedoms and standard of living we have today. He invited the listening students to consider putting themselves forward, like Erin did, to speak at events like Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and Vietnam Veterans Day in future years.

Assembled staff, other guests at the assembly and students showed their appreciation of the former soldiers’ gesture to Erin with prolonged applause.
Jordan Hanimair

Jordan Hanimair from the HSC class of 2014 has been selected for Bravissimo 2015, which features the best HSC Music students from both public and private schools from the Mid North Coast and Tablelands regions. Twenty outstanding performers from the region will gather for a once only matinee two-hour concert on the 11th February at the Glasshouse in Port Macquarie from 12 noon to 2 pm.

Two other Port Macquarie students were also selected: Clare Walsh from St. Joseph’s Regional College and Sarah Morris from MacKillop College.

Jordan began playing music in Year 10. Through his busking efforts, a talent program and performance opportunities at school assemblies and concerts, Jordan developed his skills. His HSC music course became his best result and he is now planning to study music at a tertiary level.

NSW SES Graduates

Community Notice

Lake Cathie Raiders Football Club (soccer) - Registration days for the 2015 season will be held on the 7th, 14th and 21st of February. Registrations will take place at Lake Cathie Bowling Club from 10am-1pm. For any enquiries, contact Lou on 0418811183 or email secretary.cathieraiders@gmail.com

Girls and Boys welcome!
Auskick: 5 - 9 year olds play Fridays 5-6pm
Under 11, 13 & 15 play Sunday Mornings
(Girls are not permitted to play in mixed competition beyond U13s)

Come and Try registration days 5pm 12 Feb, 18 Feb & 10.30am 1 Mar at Wayne Richards Park

Port Macquarie Junior AFL
Email: pmjafl@hotmail.com Ph: 0403495903
From The Principal

Welcome back to all those who were enrolled last year and a special welcome to our new Year 7 students.

College news
The college is now officially operating. Year 11 students started going across campuses on Thursday week 1. The students I have spoken to have been enjoying it. They are keen to be organised and start their work. Some students do two cross-campus courses so are with us period 1 and period 5 four days a week. I hope you have all had the opportunity to see our new school sign that was installed last Friday. It can display photos and videos as well as text. It can advertise upcoming events and celebrate events we have had. Expect to see some photos of our carnival soon. One of my favourite features is the weather, I like knowing what the temperature is. We are very pleased that the college has provided us with our new method of communication. We have started our Steering Committee and Principal’s Consultative Group Meetings so we can work on our goals: excellence, innovation, opportunity and success. We have started organising our transition visits to local primary schools to advise students and their parents about how the college works and what opportunities students will receive at each campus.

Term 1 goal setting assembly
One of the highlights of our first week was the assembly we had to help students set their learning and personal goals for the year. The reasons we ask the students to set goals is so they have direction and can work out the smaller goals they need to set to achieve larger goals. The assembly was run by the captains and featured YouTube clips of high achievers. This presentation was followed by shots of some of the high achievers in our own school last year. The captains emphasised the message that everyone could achieve if they wish to do so. They also spoke about our Positive Behaviour for Learning values and students’ needs to be proud, motivated, honest and safe in a number of school settings. We have high expectations of our students and wish them to understand that clearly. We will be doing ongoing work on the goals each student has set, including reflection on achievement. I would like to thank our student leaders, Mrs Holland and the CAPA faculty and Mr Duck for an inspiring and entertaining assembly.

Students Give a Helping Hand
Some of our Year 10 Sports Studies students helped as officials at the Westport PS Swimming Carnival on Friday of last week and did a great job. Thank you to our students for helping one of our feeder schools and Mr Duck for organising them. The students involved were Tayla Davenport, Ambrose Kranitis, Jay Beasley, Alana Butlin, Aisha Green, Brittany Temple, Jade Milroy, Kayla Keegan, Harvey Kaye, Kane Pollard and Luke Batchelor. Well done

Swimming Carnival
Our swimming carnival was held on Wednesday and fortunately we had good weather. What impressed me the most was the number of students who were willing to have a go for their houses even though they were not the strongest swimmers. Their determination made me very proud of them. The full details of the carnival and the results will be in next week’s newsletter. I would like to thank Mr. Sanderson and his team for all their organisation.

P&C meaning
Our next P&C meeting will be in the school common room on February 17th starting at 7:30 pm. Please come along and hear what is happening in the school and take the chance to address any questions you have.

Year 12 fund raising barbecues
Each Friday Year 12 put on a barbeque to raise money for their formal. They sell sausage sandwiches with onions as well as drinks.

We have a busy week next week with Year 7 Friendship Day, a Volleyball competition, Bravissimo for Year 10, 11 and 12 Music students and regional University Road Show excursion.

Lorraine Haddon
Principal
**Careers News**

**Regional University Roadshow**
Next Tuesday the 10th of February there is a road show presentation by Southern Cross, New England and Charles Sturt Universities, aimed at informing Year 12 students about their courses, campuses and facilities. It is also going to address university study and life in general, as well as administrative processes for application. It is a most suitable insight for all students contemplating university study. The Regional University Roadshow will be held in the MPC at Westport High School during periods 3 and 4. Yr 12 students should return their permission note and $3 for bus travel to the Careers Room.

**Defence Force Recruitment Presentation**
Australian Defence Force Recruitment Officers will be visiting Port Macquarie High School next Monday 9th of February to speak with interested students in Year’s 10, 11 & 12 about career opportunities. This is a very valuable information session for students interested in this field. The presentation will take place in the library in period 5. To attend this session students must register their name with the Careers Adviser prior to Monday.

Mr White – Careers Adviser

*** POSITIVE SPOT ***

Congratulations to our Year 11 student Toni Hurkett on her recent outstanding results at the NSW Country Lifesaving Championships held at Mollymook Beach in January. Toni achieved the following results in the Under 17 female division:

- Gold Medal in the board race
- Gold Medal in the 2km beach run
- 3rd in the single ski race
- 3rd in the tube race.

Well done on this fantastic achievement which is testament to all her hard training.