Many of our talented students displayed and performed their HSC works before an appreciative audience on 4 August. It was an intimate evening with many standouts. Artworks were a talking point with various elements and mediums used. The people’s choice award for Year 12 went to Suzannah Combe and her work *One Planet*, followed by Jack Cornish with his work *Dreamscape*.

Ethan Dennis took out the people’s choice awards for Year 11 with his Self-portrait showing his love of music. He was closely followed by Grace Doblo’s work *Fragile* with its striking colour choices of winter reminding us of the fragility of life. Highlight performers were Shannon Beck, accompanied by HATCH Big Band which opened the show, singing ‘Orange Coloured Sky’. Ryan Johnson’s version of ‘Who Did You Think I Was’ along with Oliver Blythe’s performance of ‘Breezin’’ had the audience moving in their seats. Daniel Wren’s monologue captivated the auditorium and the group performance from our Year 12 Drama class had people crying from laughter with its adaptation of ‘Noah’s Ark’.

We would like to thank all the CAPA staff, Entertainment students, Ms Jo Bourke and Ms Wells for their customer service in the canteen, Mrs Kim Middleton for the programs, and everyone who helped make the night possible.
We have had a very busy fortnight with trial HSC exams, work placement, the technomuseum, our Japanese sister city visit, two different excursions to Sydney and a Stage 6 CAPA night.

College News

The college has been busy with the Community Advisory Board Meeting on Monday and visits to our partner primary schools through the week. The CAB meeting looked at how we might go about reflecting on the progress of the college and how we are going to do our statistical analysis in preparation for the 2018 3 year plan. In the current plan we have one strategic direction for the college and 2 strategic directions for each individual campus. The new plan will be a whole college plan. The visits to the partner primary schools were to inform students about our Academies and PIPs classes (Personal Interest Projects) classes. We are offering the three academies again, Sports, STEM and Creative Industries as well as 5 PIPs, Food Design, Farmer’s Market, Film, Theatre and Multimedia, Computer Technologies and History.

Year 12 Post Trial HSC – Practical Marking

We have finished off our trial HSC exams this week and we are entering a very important time for Year 12 students. This is the time that can make or break an HSC student. Most assessment tasks are finished and students must learn to focus on study and revision. A gap starts to grow between the students who can do this and those who can’t. It is important to attend each school day to participate in revision lessons. A very effective method of study is to do past papers and get teachers to mark them. Past papers are readily available on the BOSTES website. It is time for students to make their teachers work hard. The first of the HSC practical exams is on 2 September. In the morning we have our practical Drama exams and in the afternoon the Industrial Technical Wood projects will be marked. Visual Art and Textile & Design Projects will be sent away for marking. We are still waiting for the exact date of the practical Music exams, they will be in the week starting 9 September. There are important rules students must be aware of for the exams.

- The most important is no mobile phones.
- Students MUST wear uniform and should bring the equipment specified for the exam.
- Students should bring water to the exam in a clear bottle, keeping your brain hydrated helps!

I would like to wish all our students good luck in the upcoming final exams.

Electing our new captains

We have started the process for electing our School Captains for 2016/2017. We have ten students who have been nominated. They have all been allocated a mentor. On Wednesday I held a morning tea for the candidates, their Year Advisors and Senior Executive. We outlined to them the expectations of the role. The candidates will give their speeches at a formal assembly on 1 September. I look forward to hearing their presentations, they are always entertaining. Voting will take place in the week after the speeches. The successful students will be given their badges by the outgoing captains. This is an exciting event, only two people will know beforehand and I am not one of them.

Year 6 Information Night

Our prospective Year 7 students and parents are invited to an information evening 31 August at 5.30pm. We will be talking about what Year 7 will look like in 2017. We will have some demonstration lessons in Music, History, Drama, Food Technology and Maths. These are all different areas to those covered at the Expo. We will also include a Question and Answer session. After the demonstration we will host a BBQ at the end of evening. Students will also have the opportunity to meet their two Year Advisors - Louise Newbound and Jen Smith.
Parent and Citizen News

The P & C met at the Town Green Inn on Tuesday. We discussed many interesting issues including changes to uniform and future fundraising.

The Antique Fair is on the first weekend of the Holidays (23, 24 and 25 September) for which the P&C will be catering. This was great fun last year. Please contact Leanne Burbridge or the school office if you are available to help.

Members of the P&C are going to help at the upcoming Tournament of the Minds. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20 September at 6.30pm.

CAREERS NEWS

Applying for University
Information Night

An Invitation to Year 12 Students and their Parents/Careers to learn more about applying for University

When: 6pm – 8pm Tuesday 23 August 2016
Where: Port Macquarie Campus MPC

SCIENCE NEWS

Science Fair

To celebrate Australian National Science Week and the role that science plays in our lives, Camden Haven High School, Hastings Secondary College and Wauchope High School held the inaugural Hastings Science Fair at Port Macquarie Panthers. Students presented to hundreds of Year 5 primary students from Comboyne, Beechwood, North Haven, Kendall, Hastings, Port Primary and Tacking Point Primary schools and were judged by industry experts: engineers, doctors and scientists. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came along. The students were on their feet explaining their work for hours and I was very proud of their dedication.

Our students displayed their individual science research projects, each student chose their own topic and designed and carried out an investigation. The topics they displayed were varied from Fitness to Fertilisers.

The following students represented our school; Kiera Cox, Grace Rogers, Miriam Woof, Jessica Day, Charlie Zekanovic, Blake Elliott and Samet Portakaldali. Grace won the Judges’ choice award and Miriam the people’s choice award for biodegradable bags, well done!

Year 8 Techno museum displays were; Virtual reality glasses: Tom Woodham, Holly Lamont, Leah Elliott, Chloe O’Neill, Computers: Caleb Terewskyj, Brendan Bartels, Bailey Burns, Jack

Computers won the teachers’ choice at Port Campus well done Caleb, Bailey, Brendan, Zac and Jack. LED lighting won the judges’ choice at the Science Fair well done Nicholas and Brodie.

The overall people’s choice award was won by our campus for Virtual Reality. Not only did the students explain how the brain perceives virtual reality they also described the potential benefits for medicine in treating paralysis. I am so proud to see our students leading the way in Science.

Our students showed so much pride in their work and presented with such enthusiasm many of the primary schools did not want to leave.

Congratulations to all of Year 8, your techno museum displays were so interactive and they looked amazing. You are all winners. Enjoy Science week! I hope to see as many students, parents, grandparents and friends at “Sky Stories” on Friday.

SPORTS NEWS

Rugby League Boys 14’s

On Tuesday 2 August the school’s 14’s Rugby League team participated in the Harry Wells tournament. Conditions were ideal on the day and the team played with tremendous spirit. It was a particularly courageous effort given that we had no reserves and were even one player short on the field - two games were played and we only narrowly lost the first game 14-12, with the opposition scoring with about a minute remaining.

It was fantastic to see all twelve boys give their all and they were a credit to our school. Thanks must also go to the tournament officials who helped the day run smoothly and to Jayson Corr who provided coaching assistance.

Well done boys we look forward to seeing you run out again at the next tournament.
The City 2 Surf excursion was once again a huge success in allowing our students to be involved in one of the world’s biggest fun run events. The group headed off early on Saturday 13 August in the school’s mini-bus and were well entertained by supervising teachers Ms Davis and Ms Bourke, with hours of trivia and card games. After arriving and settling into our Sydney Harbour YHA accommodation, the group got to see some sights of Sydney, followed by some carbo-loading and singing at one of the Rock’s most famous Italian restaurants. We got back to the hostel just in time to watch the fireworks over the Opera House from our accommodation rooftop.

The following morning saw the group ready and warming up before heading to the start line near Hyde Park for the 14 kilometre run to Bondi. Some of the runners were seeking competitive times, while others were happy to soak up the festival atmosphere of the event and try and complete our school photo challenge scavenger hunt of the many and varied sites and characters on the course.

Following the run, the team gathered on the Southern Hill overlooking Bondi and recounted their race efforts, while stretching some fairly stiff muscles. The weather was absolutely perfect and allowed everyone to enjoy the day.

All of the students were fantastic ambassadors for the school and should be rightly proud of their efforts. Special thanks to staff members Ms Davis, Ms Bourke and Mrs Porto for their input in making the trip such a success.

Lewis Kranitis took out the fastest time for our team this year, closely followed by Matt Covetz. Well done boys! The final times are listed below:

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Schools National Tree Planting Day

On Friday 29 July, a group of Year 10 students eagerly participated in the Schools National Tree Planting Day held at Mrs York’s Garden on the corner of Grant and Stewart Streets.

The seven students actively planted trees, mulched and carefully tended the many trees that were planted on the day with the help of students from Port Macquarie Primary School. The students were excellent ambassadors for our school and worked tirelessly to complete the task. Well done everyone!

Expert consultants come from all over the entertainment industry. Blake has just returned from Sydney after his first 2 days in this workshop, "I have learnt so much already in the two days of being here, stage presence, performance, vocal training, I have been given so much support from professionals in the industry. It's awesome".

Word of Life Ministries Visit

Each year Word of Life Ministries visits the Hastings to present Christian SRE Seminars at a range of local high schools. On Tuesday they made a presentation at each campus of the Hastings Secondary College. The presenters were an international team, Scott from Australia, Mary from Chile, Jim from the United States and Emmanuel from Argentina. This year the seminar focused on the theme of Rejection and Acceptance. Using personal stories, multimedia and examples from the life of Jesus, students were encouraged to consider their own experience of rejection and to know the acceptance of friends and Jesus.

Congratulations Blake

Blake O’Connor was one of 150 people in NSW Public Schools to audition for the Talent Development Project held in Sydney. It has now been culled from 150 students down to 32 and Blake has been lucky enough to be one of those 32 students. The Talent Development Project is the only free training program that provides students with regular access to some of the biggest names in the Australian music industry.

Okadama Japanese Sister School Visit

From the 4 to the 10 of August 2016 Hastings Secondary College, Port Macquarie Campus and Wesport Campus students hosted students from the Okadama Senior High School, the sister school of Port Macquarie Campus located on the top island of Japan. We welcomed eight students and two teachers. They all stayed with some of
the wonderful families of Hastings Secondary College.

During their stay, we visited Billabong Wildlife Park, Port Central via the Breakwall and some families took their Japanese students to such locations as Coffs Harbour, a camel ride along the beach and/or to the Koala Hospital. Even though the visit only lasted a week, some very strong and lasting friendships were created and tears were shed at the airport while farewelling the students. I thank each family for hosting a student this year. They all had an amazing time.

Choir and Band Update

Stage Band
Stage Band will resume in Term 4 week 2 from 2.30pm – 4.30pm in B22

Choir
All members are reminded to return their Pie-Drive forms to Ms Farmer or Mr Heddles ASAP. New members are welcome. Rehearsals are in B21 Monday afternoons between 2.30 and 3.30pm

Concert Band
We have a performance this Term 31 August. Reminder to be on time to rehearsals, Thursdays 2.30-3.30 Junior Members and 2.30-4.30 Senior Members.

Student Profiles
Stephanie Mackedie Year 12

1. How long have you been at the Port Macquarie Campus?
   About 1,157 days.

2. Which Teachers have played a memorable role in your time here?
   I don’t dare to disclose this sort of information before Trials!

3. What have been some memorable highlights or achievements during your schooling?
   Being a school captain, coming first in a Maths exam, seeing how much everyone has grown since Year 7, both metaphorically and literally.

4. What type of music do you like listening to?
   Bach, it’s good for studying.

5. Which hobbies/sports do you enjoy?
   I love soccer, volleyball, futsal and dodgeball

6. What do you plan to do after leaving High School?

7. What do you hope to be doing 5 years from now?
   Living in a villa on Capri, but realistically, enjoying the unpredictable nature of life with my chocolate Labrador.
1. How long have you been at the Port Macquarie Campus?
   *Since Year 7.*

2. Which subjects have been your favourites?
   *Art and music.*

3. Which Teachers have played a memorable role in your time here?
   *Mrs Noble, Mr Heddles and Miss Farmer.*

4. What have been some memorable highlights or achievements during your schooling?
   *Becoming school captain and getting first in a Science test once.*

5. What type of music do you like listening to?
   *Alternative Rock, RNB, Rap.*

6. Which hobbies/sports do you enjoy?
   *I have represented the school in the ‘Battle of the Bands’ with the Withernecks; shout out to Ryan and Jaxon.*

7. What do you plan to do after leaving high school?
   *Take a gap year, get money then to go to University to study Art.*

8. What do you hope to be doing 5 years from now?
   *Hope to have some kind of stable job and a pet dog.*

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**UPCOMING CAMPUS EVENTS**

**Friday 19 August**
- HSC Trial Exams
- Year 11 Work Placement – selected students
- Sky Stories – Sancrox Reserve 5pm
- Year 12 Fundraiser BBQ – whole School

**Tuesday 23 August**
- Year 12 University Information Evening - 6pm MPC

**Wednesday 24 August**
- Charles Sturt University Skill Fix Day – selected Year 11 students

**Thursday 25 August**
- Year 12 Ancient History Assessment
- Cake Stall Fundraiser to support families who are dealing with Cancer – Lunch 1 and 2 – whole School

**Friday 26 August**
- Year 11 Engineering Studies Assessment Task
- Year 12 Biology Assessment
- Year 11 Chemistry Assessment Task
- Year 11 Ancient History Assessment Task
- Under 15 Netball – selected students
- Year 12 Fundraiser BBQ – whole School

**Monday 29 August**
- Year 11 English Assessment Task
- Year 11 ITM Assessment Task Due
- HSC Mathematics Lectures – Charles Sturt University – selected students

**Tuesday 30 August**
- Year 11 Legal Assessment Task
- Year 11 English speech Assessment Task
- HSC Mathematics Lectures – Charles Sturt University – selected students

**Wednesday 31 August**
- Year 6 into 7 Years information evening – 5.30pm