BLAKE O’CONNOR RECEIVES THANKS FROM R.S.L.

Greg Baird, President of the Port Macquarie RSL Sub-branch, attended the assembly on Tuesday to present Blake O’Connor with a RSL Medallion in appreciation of Blake’s rendition of the Australian and New Zealand National Anthems at the ANZAC DAY Services in Port Macquarie in April. Blake was pleasantly surprised by the recognition that was given to him.
What’s happening in Week Eight
Tuesday June 14: Year 12 Physics Assessment
Wednesday June 15: Zone Tennis
Thursday June 16: Yr10-11 Subject Selection Evening MPC
Friday June 17: Year 12 Chemistry Assessment, Regional Cross Country

POLICE SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICER VISITS PORT CAMPUS

Senior Constable Steve Jeffery visited our school during the week and spoke to classes from Year 7 to Year 10. Topics covered by the Police School Liaison Officer included the dangers of being involved in illicit drugs, alcohol, theft and sexual assault.

Mr Jeffery made it very clear as to what the ‘law’ expects and what the serious consequences are when the rules of society are broken. I am sure the students left his lesson being more aware of the dangers and responsibilities of their potential actions.
From the Principal

We have had a somewhat quieter week this week but there have still been many things going on. Year 11 Work placement has been going well with students keen to experience the work place and parents keen to have their sons and daughters experience the world of work. Zone athletics was another opportunity for our sporting students to excel. I have been able to spend more time in the school this week and took the opportunity to interview some of our wonderful students.

College News

The most exciting part of the week for the college was the presentation by Kylee Owen, Michelle Garven and Ian Mavin at the Innovative Learning and Design Conference Secondary Schools Conference. They were telling the delegates about our alternate learning programs including academies, Zenith, STEM and the LEAP program. These are all very innovative programs that are of great interest to other schools. The conference had presentations by other schools and experts from the Department of Education and a keynote speaker Keren Caple. Keren reflected on her innovative work on learning, teaching and leadership. She has worked as an education consultant with the governments of Abu Dhabi and Qatar. She is now general manager of the Australian Institute of Teaching and School Leadership. The conference was a wonderful opportunity for the college to reflect on the innovations we are making and show the education community what has been achieved.

Year 10 into 11 process and Subject Selection Night (June 16)

On Monday we had our second meeting with Year 10 to issue the subject selection booklets and go through the process again. Most students now have a time booked for their interviews with parents. We were stressing to students the importance of being actively involved in the process of selection. They were taken through how the college system will work for them and how they will have a wider subject choice than that they might get at one campus. I spoke to the students about the different pathways they can take including an academic pathway, a pathway that mixes VET courses and category A courses and a non-academic pathway that can lead to Australians Framework Qualifications and few or no HSC exams. Year 10 have much to take in but the process to come of a subject selection evening with a series of displays and staff to talk to as well as individual interviews with their parents will help them to make wise decisions.


Last week I told you about the overall structure of the night. This week I will give you more details of what you will see. We will be starting in the MPC with a general introduction to the night and the presentation of key personnel. Then our visitors will move off in groups with 2 student leaders. They will visit a series of stations including,

- Poetry with the English staff
- Electronics and Agriculture
- Year 7 presentations from HSIE
- Interactive Chemistry
- A STEM practical
- A look at the LEAP Room
- A Q&A with the senior executive – anything you want to know about the school
- A presentation from the Sport Academy
- An Art Challenge

We will all then meet again in the MPC.

Interview with Shawn and Sam

I had the great pleasure of interviewing Shawn Wilson and Sam Harris about their recent success at the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) contest. They didn't really know what to expect before the contest but immensely enjoyed the way that they had to think on their feet. There was more diplomacy and less debate involved in the contest than they expected. They formed alliances with all the countries represented except for Poland. They found the atmosphere of the contest very exciting with the quick changing alliances and intense debate. Both boys liked the way that the adults stood back and let the contestants control the situation. Shawn and Sam both reported that their parents were very pleased with their success though they not sure of what the contest was about. Shawn would like a career in politics or Science and would like to go to the Australian National University. Sam would also like a career in politics but would like to study at a Queensland university.
Both boys feel that the experience has made them more confident. They would like to thank the other school team, Shona McKechnie and Tiah Edwards for entering and Mr White, Mrs Noble, Mr Heddles and Rotary (both Port Macquarie and Kempsey) for giving them this wonderful opportunity. They hope they will be able to go to Canberra for the next round. The highlight of next week for me is the Year 11 into 12 subject selection evening. I am hoping to see all our Year 10 parents there. Students might say that the highlight of the week will be the Battle of the Bands at Camden Haven High. Good luck to our entrants.

Next P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be at the Town Green Inn on Tuesday June 21. Starting at 6:30 pm, come along and help decide what faculties are requesting help are with.

Lorraine Haddon
Principal

Attention Parents of Year 10 and Year 10 Students

Japanese Beginners for 2017-2018 is being offered for study at Port Macquarie Campus NOT by Distance Education, as stated on the information booklet. Students can study Japanese as per the usual offerings here at Port Campus. Please contact Mrs Wells for further information if required.

Nicole Wells
Language Teacher

About ReachOut.com/Parents
Introducing ReachOut.com/Parents

When a parent recognises a teenager needs help, they’re more likely to get it. That’s why ReachOut Australia – the country’s leading online mental health organisation for young people – has introduced a free new service to help parents help teenagers.

Free and available 24/7, ReachOut.com/Parents provides evidence-based practical support and tips that encourage effective communication and relationships between parents and young people aged 12–18 years, as well as easy-to-read information on a range of mental health and wellbeing issues. The service features more than 140 fact sheets, stories, practical tips and tools, and also provides access to an online community forum so that parents can connect with each other to share experiences in an anonymous, supportive space.
YEAR 7 AND 8 PIP FOOD DESIGN – DESIGN PRACTICAL PROJECTS

As part of the Year 7 and 8 PIP Food Design course, students had the opportunity to display their creative design and baking skills by creating themed baked products – decorated cupcakes and biscuits, as an awareness and fund raising venture for a charitable organisation of their choice. Students researched their chosen organisation, types of fund raising ideas, suitable food packaging, labelling, advertising, promotion and food styling of their themed baked goods.

Charitable community organisations researched by students included: Animal Welfare League NSW, Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Cancer Council, Diabetes Australia, Heart Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, RSPCA, R U OK, Salvation Army, Starlight Children’s Foundation, Surf Life Saving Australia and UNICEF.

All students are to be congratulated on their excellent efforts displaying creative flair with their beautiful themed baked products and project folios.

Ms Cowan
Food Design Class Teacher
YEARN 10 PARENTS, CARERS AND STUDENTS

Year 10 – 11 Program Study and Career Pathways Interviews Wednesday 22nd June and Thursday 23rd June 2016

- Interview times have been mailed to all Year 10 students’ parents/carers who have returned yellow appointment notes.

- Please contact Ms Cowan at school on 65 831 844 if you have not received your appointment details letter, all letters should have been received by Wednesday 1st June 2016.

- Year 10 students do NOT attend normal classes on Wednesday 22nd June and Thursday 23rd June 2016.

- Students are only required to attend school for their scheduled interview appointment. Please arrive 20 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment time.

- Students are reminded to bring their HSC Study and Career Pathways Interview Sheet (yellow form attached to your appointment letter) with all relevant information completed, to their interview, 2017 Senior Studies Guide and 2017 Course Selection Sheet.

Please contact Ms. Cowan on 65 831 844 if you have any questions.

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Friday 25 & Saturday 26 November
Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park

Tickets on sale Tuesday 14 June

Ticket sales to the general public: 9am on 14 June
Ticket prices
Category 1:
Adults $55
Concession $45
Family pass (2 adults+ 2 children) $175
Category 2:
Adults $38
Concession $30
Family pass (2 adults+ 2 children) $120