Athletics Carnival

Our annual Athletics Carnival was held last week. Luckily the weather held off and students participated with enthusiasm. Even those students who didn’t compete supported their friends and enjoyed the atmosphere. A special thanks must go to Frank Ling our photographer who always does an amazing job. Also, to Ms McKenzie’s Sport Coaching students who assisted on the day.

Jessica Tillack of year 10 representing Sydney South West in Cricket. The team travelled to Armidale where they placed a creditable 5th place at the Combine High School carnival. This is the second year Jessica has been selected for the team.

On the last day of the carnival Jessica received the award for ‘Cricket Excellence for her bowling figures of 4/9 off 5 overs. This award was only presented to 3 players in total from Sydney South West.

Jessica has also been selected in the U/16 AFL school girls Greater Sydney Team squad to contest the state carnival on the 1st of June at Henson Park.

Excellent results Jessica, it is great to see girls participating in sports other than the traditional female sports.
It has been a busy term for students and teachers. With one exception the athletics carnival was a huge success, again. Even the afternoon’s expected downpour held back. Our students looked great and seemed to have a lot of fun. There were some spectacular individual performances you will hear more about from the sports faculty. The students had lots of energy and their behaviour was praised by Campbelltown athletics centre staff. The one thing that placed a negative spin on the day was the theft of four mobile phones. Students reported that phones were left in their bags and they returned to find them gone. It is a shame that the actions of one individual and the mates who watched him affected the enjoyment of so many as well as the local community’s perception about our students in the community.

The last weeks of this term found all students participating in the school public speaking competition which forms part of their class marks. In the last week the six year group winners all presented their speech to the school. The speeches were all well-presented and of outstanding quality. All competitors did both themselves and the school proud. In the junior group Samantha Statton was the successful winner just beating Rasmine Giles and Linda Said. For the seniors Amelia Bulloch just beat Emily Gregson and Jordyn Smajlagic. Well done to all students who presented to their class groups.

Mrs Adelia Fuller was my co-principal on Mondays. Mrs Fuller has taken a new principal role in country NSW and will not be returning. I thank her for all her effort and support. Mrs Birungi and Mrs Griffin will be taking more than a terms leave and their classes have been covered by qualified classes. Mrs Matti has reduced her teaching days to two for the remainder of the term and Mrs Hagerty will be returning three days a week next term.

Do not forget to keep up-to-date on our school website and Facebook page. Our new digital sign is also working to keep you informed about current events. If you would like to talk to your child’s teachers please ring the front office to arrange a meeting with them or their head of department. If your question is not about a subject or affects many subjects contact your child’s Year Adviser.

I hope you have a great Easter break.

2015 has been a productive time for our students with involvement in a number of extra curricula activities throughout the term. These include art and photography excursions, visits to universities by our senior students, a leadership program linked to St Andrews Primary School as well as the usual gala days when our students support Robert Townson Primary.

The School Athletics Carnival was a great success (apart from the weather closing in) with many students competing and performing at a personal best. The year 12 entered the day in good spirits dressed in costumes providing colour and enthusiasm to the day. This has now become a tradition which staff and students appreciate.

Term two will be busy for academic reasons. Half yearly reports leading to parent teacher night providing the motivation for students to be at their best. I always look forward to these meetings to give feedback to our excellent young people. On a personal note it will be bitter sweet as it will be my last such Parent Teacher evening as I move towards retirement at the end of this year.

Robert Morrow
Year 8 Creative Arts Day

On Tuesday 17th March, all year 8 students created light installations with visiting artists Rebecca Baumann and Brendan Van Hek, with the assistance of Campbelltown Arts Centre. Next term, on Thursday 21st May, year 8 students will travel to the gallery to see these artists light works on display. They will also participate in music, performance, photography and visual arts workshops and are reminded to return their permission notes and payment by the end of term one.

Mrs James  
Head Teacher Creative & Performing Arts

Year 11 Ceramics

This year we have our first year 11 ceramics class in nearly 20 years.

Ceramics is a non - ATAR subject and many students are finding it a therapeutic break from their more academically strenuous classes. Here you can see some of them making clay buildings for their first practical assessment task. Over this two year course students will try various hand building methods and learn to ‘throw’ pots on the electric wheel.

Ms Wood
Photography Competition

Creative and Performing Arts Head Teacher Mrs James entered a number of her photographs into the Camden Show and won 9 awards — 4 first places, 3 seconds and 2 highly commended. Most of her photographs were of the local Camden area and are currently on display in the Art block.

Year 11 Visual Arts excursion to see the ArtExpress exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW.
Public Speaking Winners

The yearly finals for each year group were held at the end of Week 9 in the RTHS hall. All of the speakers at these finals are to be congratulated for their dedication, effort and bravery. It is not an easy thing to speak in front of a class and it is even more daunting to speak in front of the entire year. The following people are our 2015 Public Speaking Winners:

- Year 7: Linda Said
- Year 8: Rasmine Giles
- Year 9: Samantha Statton
- Year 10: Jordyn Smajlagic
- Year 11: Emily Gregson
- Year 12: Emilia Bulloch

The final round, deciding the 2015 Junior and Senior Champions were held on 31 March and the winners were:

- Junior Champion: Samantha Statton
- Senior Champion: Emilia Bulloch

Once again, I’d like to commend all of these students on their outstanding achievements.

Mrs Douglas
Head Teacher English

Uniform Shop

Open Tuesday & Friday
10.00am until 1.00pm

There will be girls cardigans available for purchase in mid May. These will be maroon in colour and available for girls from Years 7 to 12.

The cost will be $55.00. If you are unable to come into the Uniform Shop simply place the money in an envelope and your child can collect it.

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Welcome to 2015.
I would like to start by introducing myself. My name is Amy Birungi and I am the new Head Teacher Mathematics.

We would like to encourage all students to bring the following equipment to every maths lesson. This equipment will ensure that students are able to participate in the full range of activities offered in the classroom.

- pen
- pencil
- ruler
- exercise book
- scientific calculator (years 8-12)
- glue
- eraser

Mobile phones are not suitable for use as a calculator in the maths classroom in accordance with the school’s mobile phone policy.

The following students have been awarded a Maths Merit Certificate for demonstrating consistent application and effort in their maths classes.

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At Robert Townson High School in the Learning and Engagement Centre, we have supported a number of students:

- engaging with their lessons;
- making better choices with their behaviour
- catching up on work missed due to high levels of absences
- continued mentoring and coaching to increase resilience and self esteem

We have also been able to collaborate with Burnside – Anglicare to deliver a specialised program ‘BEE STRONG’ which provide students with positive communication tools. The education worker at Burnside delivered the program on-site. Congratulations to the following students in year 8 for completing the program: Mele Amato, Beisan Ammari, Meleigh Hines and Khalil Khatel – a graduation ceremony will be conducted during the last week of term 1 to celebrate the successes of the program as well as celebrate the various achievements of the students who participated.

Jeniffer Sheringham
Head Teacher Engagement
This year the Student Representative Council (SRC) was again flooded with applications of eager students wanting to be involved in the great work and opportunities SRC membership provides. This year 24 students from years 7 to year 11 have been selected to represent our school.

Our SRC students attend a meeting once a week generated through a student agenda. This time is often dedicated to planning and preparing for upcoming planned fundraising events, in addition, exposing students to an array of opportunities including youth forums and workshops with other schools and external organisations.

In 2015 we are continuing to build alliances with the Senior Leadership Team and Robert Townson High School community to address whole school issues. Currently, both leadership teams are eagerly planning the ANZAC Centenary set to include an ANZAC display containing war artifacts, a whole student body poppy wall, the selling of Anzac biscuits and rosemary and a momentous Anzac Day Ceremony held on the 24th of April (Week 1, Term 2).

Our newly elected Student Representative Council for 2015 includes:

**Year 7:** Kirra Tritton, Brieanna Baker, Liam Robertson, Sarah Jenkins

**Year 8:** Vaoita Sene, Bradley Wilshaw, Sunny Martinex, Rasmie Giles, Eevee Clark, Jorjha Woodward

**Year 9:** Keira Hoban and Tara O’Brien

**Year 10:** Aaliyah Campos, Brianne Gane, Sarah Gane, Mara Fuli

**Year 11:** Natalie Fink, Rhyannan Grant, Ra’ees Kruyer, Briony Chu, Rebekah De Matos, Kimberly Betts, Mele Falekakala and Ali Al-Najjar
The Senior Leaders have had a very busy term. We have been spending an enormous amount of time working with the SRC in preparing a special Anzac Day ceremony to commemorate 100 years since the Gallipoli campaign. The ceremony will be conducted on Friday 24th April (Week 1) next term.

The ceremony will include several musical items as well as audio visual presentations. One slideshow will contain a special tribute to all the school’s past and present servicemen and women. Several war veterans from our local community will be in attendance.

On this day students will be given the option of buying Anzac biscuits and / or purchasing a sprig of rosemary with all proceeds being donated to Legacy. Legacy supports the families of Australian and Allied veterans who gave their lives or health during or after their Defence Force service. It assists families during bereavement and provides practical assistance and social support for Widows and People with a Disability. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

The event will also be marked by the construction of a giant poppy wall. Each student and staff member will be given a cardboard poppy and the name of a Camden or Campbelltown veteran. They will have the opportunity to write a personalized message to their veteran before placing the poppy on the wall.

The Senior Leaders want this event to increase student’s awareness and understanding of the sacrifices people have made in the past for this nation. They also want students to understand that war has a devastating impact on people’s lives and that support of Legacy is one way in which the ordinary person can help others affected by conflict. Pictures of the ceremony and poppy wall will be contained in the next edition of our newsletter.

In other news, Year 11 students have been given the opportunity to express their interest in participating in Student Leadership workshops. These workshops will take place on the 22nd and 23rd April. Any student wishing to become a Senior Leader in 2015-16 must complete this training. The workshops are run by the YWCA at school and are free to attend. Students will complete group tasks discussing different types of leadership. They will have opportunities to reflect on their own personal leadership strengths and weaknesses.

After the successful completion of these workshops, students will be invited to a camp at Teen Ranch to further develop skills and prepare students for senior leadership roles in 2015-16. Students wishing to become Senior Leaders must remember to fulfill the following criteria:

- Maintain excellent application to curriculum & study
- Demonstrate commitment to improving the general school culture and assisting others in the school (e.g. students, staff, parents & community members)
- Display outstanding participation & commitment to school leadership opportunities (Examples include SRC, debating, SCRAM, mentoring, school representation etc).
- Demonstrate excellence in school attendance
- Display exemplary behaviour and manners at all times in all school settings (classroom, playground, excursions). Exemplary behaviour means respect for school rules, no suspensions for example.
- Demonstrate outstanding commitment & pride in wearing school uniform at all times in all school settings

Senior Leaders Co-Ordinator
Michael Kapitanow

Athletics Carnival Report:

There was an excellent turn out despite the wet weather and more students competed in events than previous years. The year 12 students made the day more entertaining with their hilarious costumes. There was a great display of school spirit.

Highlights included:
Zac Caruana jumping 1.60 in the high jump, Baily McParland and Adora Graff winning the ‘All Stars’ 100m Challenge and named fastest male and female sprinters in the school, and Jordyn Denham beating the boys in the 13’s 800m.

Special mention to the year 11 Sport Coaching students who did an excellent job as officials. Please see all the photos from the day within this newsletter.
Term 1 is always a busy time in sport; this has included the Zone Trials, CHS knockout sports, Zone Swimming and the school athletics carnival.

A large number of students were selected to play for Macarthur Zone in various sports:

**Girls Open Soccer**: Emily Rimmer, Mikaela Moss, Grace Potts, Brieanna Fox, Perrie Hayes, Jamie Hayes, Jacqueline Vorrias.

**Boys Open Soccer**: Warren Moss, Tyler Reid, Callum Kermack.


**Girls Open Touch Football**: Taylor Ropata.

**Basketball**: Jonothan Greig-Williams and Daniel Greig-Williams.

**Volleyball**: Jonothan Greig-Williams, Mathew Paese, Fotu Isaako, Diamond Chong Nee.

**Netball**: Taylor Ropata.

**Hockey**: Taylah Middleton, Jehaan Gamildien, Jessica Fryer, Aaliyah Campos, Siobhan Burchell, Emilia Bulloch.


Some of our talented students have then gone on to make Sydney South West teams:

**AFL**: Baily McParland (Captain), Mitchell Valher.

**Touch Football**: Ismail El Omar, Taylor Ropata.

**Rugby Union**: Tulagomanu Salanoa

**Hockey**: Jessica Fryer.

**Swimming**: Bonnie Kuru.

Some sports are yet to have their trials.

Congratulations to Ashleigh and Troy Weinert who competed at the NSW inter schools mountain biking championships at Thredbo. The pair competed in 3 events;

- Dual compressor: Troy 3rd, Ashleigh 2nd
- Downhill: Troy 4th, Ashleigh 1st
- Cross country: Troy 15th, Ash 2nd.

Troy then went on to compete at the national championships in Bright.

Well done!!!
Can you trust a photo?

The Year 10 Computing Graphics class have been experimenting with some of the photo manipulation techniques available in Photoshop Elements.

One of the activities the class did was to turn a picture of a dirty baking tray into a picture of a planet in space. Some of the students finished photos are shown below:

HALF YEARLY EXAMS

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Year 12 enjoying their very last Athletics Carnival!
The Easter break is fast approaching and, with the cooler weather also starting, it is a great time to read. We have some great new titles for you to choose from as well as literally thousands of older titles. All students are allowed to borrow for the holidays so come in and see what we have.
NRL Touch Football Youth Week School Holiday Clinic

Join us for a fun-filled day at Kayess Park, Minto for our NRL Touch Football Youth Week School Holiday Clinic

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<td>Colour Restraint- A light installation show</td>
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<td>Art Express- An exhibition of selected HSC artworks</td>
<td>To visit the gallery is FREE, however select exhibitions are paid for</td>
<td>10am-5pm Daily, 10pm close Saturdays</td>
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**Program includes:**
- Free access to *Light Show* AND *Luminous*  
- A participatory installation from guest artists Andrew Bluff and Andrew Johnson.  
- Live music  
- An array of brilliant hands-on experiences and art-making activities curated and coordinated by the MCA Youth Committee  
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