

# ERINA HIGH SCHOOL

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## **E** WELCOME BACK!

Term 3 began with a very productive school development day focussing on 'Technology in Learning' in conjunction with teachers from our partner primary schools. Workshops to raise awareness about 'e' technologies were provided by skilled teachers from our schools and from DET directorates. The experiences provided were invaluable and introduced learning tools as interactive whiteboards, virtual excursions and competitions, a range of Internet learning opportunities, educational software and tools to involve students in effective learning with technology. The opportunity to work with primary school colleagues was also a fantastic facet of the day. Congratulations to all who worked to make the day a successful learning experience!

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**N** The term calendar commences with our **DECISION DAZE** process that assists year 10 students and their families to make important decisions about the senior school and their vocational future. Week 2 has been designated **DECISION WEEK** with an information evening for students and their families on **Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup>** commencing at 6pm in our MPC. At this evening school personnel will be joined by local TAFE, University and Youth Connections representatives who will combine to provide information and guidance about senior school learning pathways and opportunities.

**A** Our semester one junior school **parent-student- teacher meetings are scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> (6-9.30pm) and August 18<sup>th</sup> (3.15-6.30pm) in the MPC.** Invitations and 'request for interview' forms have been sent home in the junior report folders. It is essential to book for these interviews and I urge all families to take advantage of this opportunity to discuss student progress, options for future study and participation in co-curricula programs, and establish that invaluable "team approach" to support the learning of our students.

**N** **Our senior students are all working towards important academic benchmarks:**  
**E** **Year 11 students will complete preliminary course studies** this term and commence HSC studies in term 4. Year 11 reports issued in second term indicated that the majority of students are managing the demands of senior study well and should feel proud of their achievements. Students should be vigilant about completing all tasks identified in N determination letters as non-completion of these tasks will result in students failing to satisfactorily complete the preliminary course. These students would then be unable to progress to Year 12 in that course.

**W** **Year 12 students** approach that time when their secondary studies will end. Trial HSC examinations will commence in week 5 (August 24<sup>th</sup>) and all HSC course lessons will conclude at the end of term 3. A formal Farewell Assembly will be held for year 12 students and their families on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**S** It is vital that Year 12 remain focused and build on their current study pattern in term 3 in order to achieve their best results in the HSC external examinations which commence on **Tuesday October 20th.** A range of support systems will be provided for year 12 in the coming weeks to assist them in their preparation for the HSC. Our careers adviser Mrs Pursehouse should be the first point of contact for UAC entries, TAFE deadlines and scholarship availability.

Mr Allomes will continue to deliver the UAI preparation program for students seeking to maximise the university entrance rank. Year 12 students will receive a separate letter advising them of procedures in the lead up to the HSC, the exams themselves and sign out guidelines. This is a very busy and emotional time for our most senior students. School personnel are experienced and here to help... just ask!

**An important routine for all year 12 students** should be a daily check of the year 12 careers noticeboard in bottom 'A' block. Information on courses, scholarships, traineeships and apprenticeships will be posted there daily. Deadlines come 'thick and fast' in the second half of term 3 and must be met!!!  
**A careers update** will be published as a supplement in this newsletter each fortnight.

**Stage 4 learners** also have an interesting term ahead as they commence new design and technology units and make the change between geography and history. Some class changes have occurred between A stream and mixed ability classes to reward students who have shown diligence and aptitude in semester 1. The A stream classes move more quickly through the curriculum and examine topics and skills to a greater depth. In semester two students in stage 4 will be monitored to determine class placement for 2010. Later this term year 8 students will commence a program which will assist them to identify their supplementary subject choices for the School Certificate which begin in Year 9.

**Our continuing focus this term will be on "personal best effort and achievement" in all aspects of school life.** Our assemblies and events will centre on this theme and to commence the focus I have had the pleasure of writing to 160 students and their families congratulating them on their excellent learning focus and contributions to the school community during semester 1.

Our annual "Academic Excellence" assembly which is sponsored by the P&C will also be held in term 3 recognising students who have consistently shown commitment to learning and achieved fine outcomes.

### **PARENT-STUDENT- TEACHER NIGHTS 2009**

Our mid year (Year 7 - 10) Parent-student-teacher Nights will be held on:

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August** (6.00 – 9.30pm) and

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August** (3.15 – 6.30pm). Both events will be held in the school's MPC.

The purpose of these evenings is to give parents the opportunity to discuss the progress of their students with class teachers following the receipt of Semester Reports. I cannot stress enough that your demonstrated interest is a significant factor in determining your child's learning success.

A computerised appointment system will operate based on your requests submitted on the Request for Interview form provided last week. These request forms are due back to school at the **latest by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August**. While late requests will be accepted and every effort will be made to accommodate your needs we unfortunately cannot guarantee that all late requests can be met.

### **ATTENTION YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND PARENTS.**

Prior to the holidays students received a senior study prospectus that provides course information on school, TAFE and Board of Studies requirements relating to their study options for 2010. This week they also received the Board's "Year 10- studying for the HSC" booklet. Across weeks 1 to 3 of term we will hold our '**Decision Daze**' program that involves teacher presentations for all courses; an information night (**Thursday August 6<sup>th</sup>**) that gives students and parents the opportunity to discuss courses with staff and hear from university and TAFE representatives; an individual student interview to review course selection and eligibility for the HSC and to facilitate the handing in of selection forms. Teachers in our Decision Daze team will also provide valuable support and information during this time for those who may be considering a move to full time work or training.

**NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS 2009** Students from our partner primary schools will join high school mentors along with members of the local Aboriginal community to learn about and celebrate Aboriginal culture in our second annual NAIDOC celebration. The day will be held on Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup> in the school MPC and surrounding areas and will include cultural sessions and dance workshops with the senior students of the NAISDA academy which now has its home at Kariong on the Central Coast. Marj Kong

## UNIFORM REMINDER FOR JUNIOR STUDENTS

A number of students in years 7-10 have been wearing black or other coloured jumpers and/or pants. **Erina High School junior uniform is Navy blue for both jumpers and pants**. Only senior students should be wearing black for both pants and jumpers as specified in the uniform code that you will find in your child's student handbook issued to each child at the beginning of this year. **No student should have jumpers of other colours**. Appropriate uniform items are available at Lowes, Erina Fair. In addition purpose made uniform can be tailored to your child's personal requirements through Jenny Gee Uniforms contactable on 43684809 or [www.jguniforms.net](http://www.jguniforms.net)

To the majority of parents and students: thank you for your continued support in wearing our uniform at Erina High School and as a result enhancing the image of our school within the Erina community!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTISTS** Our school community enjoyed a smorgasbord of creative and performing arts (CAPA) events over the last weeks of term 2 thanks to the commitment of the CAPA teacher team and their wonderful students (not to mention the parents who supported them)

- ❑ Congratulations to Mrs Fearnley and the music team who readied **Year 12 music students for their performance evening**. The quality and variety of acts was awesome, the sound was fantastic and the support of staff from other faculties, younger students and that of families and friends again made the evening a real success!
- ❑ Well done to Mrs Scully who rehearsed her Year 10 dance group to a beautiful and technically excellent performance at the **Central Coast Dance Festival**. The girls made a real impact on the audience and enjoyed every minute of both shows!
- ❑ Accolades also to those students selected to perform in the **Central Coast Schools Showcase**. Due to the leadership of Mrs Gillard and the hard work of CAPA teachers we will have actors, vocalists, musicians and dancers in individual acts and the finale on both Wednesday and Thursday nights! This level of opportunity for performance is new for our students and will open up further chances for students to explore their talent at regional level.
- ❑ A sensational **Drama Showcase** was initiated and hosted by Jackson Vanderslot and Dylan Parberry of Year 12 with the help of drama and multi-media teachers. Performances were lively and most entertaining and a credit to those involved. The audience acclaimed the talents displayed and students involved should feel very proud of their efforts.

## DEBATING

Congratulations to the Year 10 Premier's Challenge debating team who has won all three of its preliminary debates this year. The team members are Rebecca Selman, Natalie Knowles, Annie Vanderheul, Felicia Clark and Brendan Clegg. They have had victories over Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College, Brisbane Water Secondary College (Woy Woy) and Brisbane Water Secondary College (Umina).

This means that they now progress to the regional quarter finals in September. This is a wonderful accomplishment for these students as they have had little debating experience until now. The nature of the wins was also very pleasing as they were clear winners on each occasion and they spoke with confidence and intelligence. More importantly (for certain team members) their coach shouted them junk food on the way home from their final victory.

**P White, Debating Coach**

## CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION

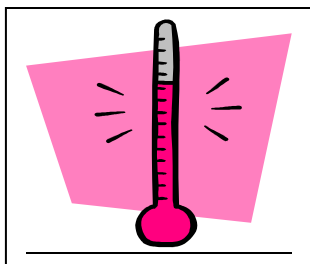
For any parents who have concerns over '**cyber safety**' there is information readily available via the 'CLICK' online magazine via the DET Public Schools website. [www.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au) A pamphlet offering parents guidance about cyber safety is also available from school reception.

**Parent-student-teacher evenings** for students in Years 7-10 have been scheduled for **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August between 6.00pm and 9.30pm** and **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 3.15pm and 6.30pm**. Information about how to secure appointments with teachers on these evenings was included in each report folder.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE DATES AND TIME – some incorrect information was listed on the appointment sheets that went out with the reports.**

## **PROUDLY PURSUING PERSONAL BEST**

- ❑ **Congratulations on Central Coast Showcase performance excellence** to Stevie Pounder (vocals), Cameron Miller, Rochelle Quattrionni, Rowen Tucker, Jake Sheppard & Dylan Moore (band), Dylan Parbury & Bryce Harlum (musical duo), our year 7 and 8 'Z' dance class, our year 10 dancers, Andrew Partridge, Grace Fellsch, Josh Hichens, (Stage Band Reeds), Tim Woodcraft, Sean Edwards, Jamin Woodcock & Ben Manners(band), Courtney Dagasso, Shannon Platter (vocal ensemble). You were all fantastic!
- ❑ **Well done to Shannon Holley (11)** who came third in the Queensland Karting state championships only 0.1 second behind first place!
- ❑ **To Year 11 and 12 Earth and Environmental and Senior Science students** who participated in a brilliant excursion based on water management late in term 2. They experienced science through the soles of their feet at Mangrove dam, Somersby water treatment centre and through their noses at Kincumber treatment works.
- ❑ **To all our artists who entered the University of Newcastle (Ourimbah Campus) art and photographic competition.** Your works were clever and technically very good, drawing favourable comment from those who visited the exhibition during the term break. Well done!



## **SINGLETON'S MEATS FUNDRAISING**

Thanks to the many families who are taking advantage of the "SINGO'S MEATS" fundraising promotion using the cards distributed last term. Last quarter your efforts saw the school presented with a cheque for \$425.70 which will be used to improve student amenities and resources.

Thanks also to SINGO'S for supporting local schools in this way.

## **PARENTS AND CITIZENS MEETING- AUGUST**

All parents are cordially invited to our next P&C meeting which will be held in the school library on **Wednesday August 19th commencing at 7.30.**

Agenda items will include:

- ✓ Updates on our facilities and learning space development projects;
- ✓ Our 2008 Annual Report; and
- ✓ An update on learning programs and school initiatives.

Your participation is appreciated by the P&C executive and you will enjoy the company of other parents whilst discussing the school's directions.

## CREATIVE AND PERFORMING ARTS REPORT

### **STOP PRESS !!!!**

**The Lizotte's performance scheduled for 11<sup>th</sup> August has been postponed.** At the time of printing we plan to hold this event in September. Further information about the transfer of tables bookings will be supplied after an alternate date is confirmed. Thankyou for your understanding with this change.

**Music Staff**

### **BEAUTIFICATION OF SCHOOL GROUNDS - GATS MURAL PROJECT**

As part of an initiative by Mrs Kong and Mrs Scott in the Art Department, a number of projects are underway to help make the school grounds a more attractive and inviting place for students, staff and visitors.

One of these projects is a large mural being painted by four Year 10 Visual Arts students with the theme of Harmony Day and the local beaches and landmarks of Terrigal. The girls involved are Mikayla Kelso, Lisa Jones, Sarah Littlechild and Felicia Clark. They began designing the four large panels, each measuring 1200mmx900mm, in Term 1 and began painting them early in Term 2.

When completed, the brightly coloured murals will be installed in a highly visible position on one of the school buildings for all to enjoy. The use of exterior house paint will ensure their colour and brightness will last for many years to come.



Pictured above are the Year 10 students working on the mural panels in the MPC on 17<sup>th</sup> June.

### **DRAMA ENRICHMENT DAY -29<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Last Wednesday elective Drama students from years 9 through to 12 were involved in our Drama Enrichment Day. The motivation for the day was to expose Drama students to the skills and talents of their peers across year groups and to allow them to engage in group work with their fellow Drama students from other classes. The students participated in games and warm-ups followed by skill development activities. The second half of the day was dedicated to them putting their skills to the test in the play building process.

The day was a huge success and the students' hard work culminated in group performances that were cleverly composed and highly entertaining. Our Drama students looked most fetching in their new Erina High Drama t-shirts and because of the student's wonderful behaviour we will definitely make this an annual event on our Drama calendar.

**Thank you Drama students from the Drama staff.**

## **DANCE FESTIVAL**

On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June our year 10 dance class performed their 'Friendships' item at Central Coast Dance Festival. The girls have made a committed effort to rehearsals for this item since the end of 2008 and performed beautifully on the night. Congratulations to all of the girls involved: Alana Woods, Holly Picton, Jessie-Lee Worthy, Erin Golledge, Madeline Daniel, Marlee Hopkins, Rebecca Bready, Nadege Green, Brittney Sheehy, Alyssa Moore, Perri Martin, Sarah Frazer, Christie McCaughan, Elyse Huntingford & Hayley Reynolds.

## **HSC PERFORMANCE EVENING**

Thank you to all Year 12 Music Students for their fantastic performances on 24<sup>th</sup> June at the HSC Performance Evening. After many hiccups during rehearsals, the evening went really smoothly and that was due to everyone who helped out and did an amazing job.

### **Special thanks to:**

- Mrs. Gillard for overall support and help and particularly for stepping in to over see the sound production when Mr. Read became ill.
- Tom Read for setting up the sound on the Monday and organising the sound/lighting crew even though he was really ill and unable to attend rehearsals.
- Tanya Reeder for her overall support and stepping in at the last minute to sing vocals when I lost my voice (and put me to shame...what an awesome voice!)
- Pam Williams for the Power Point Presentation and overall support.
- Jeff Golding for filming the night.
- Jordan Gazzard (Year 10) for his professional sound engineering efforts over both days and the Performance Evening. Jordan did an awesome job and remained focused for the entire time which is a tribute to his musical and technical ability..
- The lighting and stage crew – Matthew Pook, BJ Fuller, Nick Hancock, Andrew Partridge, Brendon Meredith and Ryan Osborne
- Mrs. Kong. As always – extremely supportive of the Performing Arts.

This class is a talented and focused group of musicians and they are to be congratulated on many levels. Their help and support of each other is amazing with many students playing in multiple performances so as to accompany their class mates. In particular Dylan Moore, Jake Sheppard, Jeff Edge, Alex Levi, Blake Moteby, Rachelle Quattro. Huge thanks to these students for the extra load they carry. We continue to wish them well for their HSC performances. **Mrs Fearnley**

## **BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

The Erina High School yr 10 band Black Pheonix (Alan Hall, Alex Gresley, Anthony Kabbout, Thomas Mulhall, Bradd Bennett) performed during the holidays in the Erina Youth Centre "Battle of the Bands". Their performance was of a very high standard and they dominated the stage with their show. Best of luck in the future with this competition, boys!

## **DRAMA PERFORMANCE EVENING**

The Drama performance evening was a huge success and was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July in the Erina High School hall. Students involved came from years 9-12 and showed a diverse range of performances from the comedic to the intense.

Students involved include: Jackson Vanderslot, Dylan Parbery, Bryce Harlum, Natalie Knowle, Rowan Slade, Che Santi., David Martin, Breanna Murphy, Jake Brennan, Kelly Hevers, Ben Thorpe, Cayley Huckstepp., Alice McCourt, Mark Nolasco, Candace Mason, Clancy Mason, Jacqueline Horne, Jacqueline Szaz, Cody Harding, Chris Martin, Blake Poole, Maddison Owens, Aiden Pugsley, Maighan Downes., Morgan Maxwell., Luke Xerri, Ben Thorpe, Jessica Smith, Jai Prior, Elizabeth Twigger, Michelle Wrench, Michelle Lalor & Bianca Slocombe.

Special thanks to Ms Balacco for her organisation of the event; Mrs White and Mrs Johnson for rehearsing and guiding performances; Ms Keckwick and Mr Golding for the multi-media.



## CENTRAL COAST SHOWCASE

Congratulations to the successful students who performed in this year's "Central Coast Showcase". The Central Coast Showcase features only the best school performers from the region and it was a great honour to be included in such a high quality program. There were four performances on at the Laycock Street Theatre at 11:30 am and 7 pm on both the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of July. The two days were exhausting but well worth the effort due to the professional nature of both the venue and the fabulous performance by the students.

### The successful groups were:

**Drama:** "Bee Keeping" Dylan Pardbury & Bryce Harlum (Yr 11)

**Music:** "Kids" Cameron Miller, Rochelle Quattronni, Dylan Moore, Rowan Tucker, & Jake Sheppard.(Yr12)

**"Home":** Stevie Pounder. (Yr 9)

**"Finale"** Ben Manners, Tim Woodcraft, Shaun Edwards, Jamin Woodcock, Shannon Platter, Georgia Hutchinson, Courtney Dagasso, Grace Felsch, Josh Hochins, Andrew Partridge,

**Dance:** **"Finale"** - The Yr 10 dance class (students as mentioned above) and the Yr7/8 Z dance class Mikayla Webster, Jordyn Tully, Kiri Togo, Hawkins, Imogen Thorburn, Josephine Roberts, Chloe O'loughlin, Eliza Neilsen, Andrea Monsalve, Mallory McRae, Casey McCool, Beth Lowe, Emma Hancock,, Sharni Guerlin, Shiarna Elonen, Emily DeVries, Cassidy Creevey, Tahlia Byers, Zebeena Bibi and Tarnisha Berdon.

## YEAR 7 & 8 GATS CERAMIC INSTALLATION

Another GATS (Gifted and Talented Students) project is about to get underway involving up to 50 Year 7 & 8 students who have been chosen due to their outstanding artistic ability.

The project will take the form of a Ceramics Installation and will involve the students in creating a series of ceramic "Totem Poles" that will be installed in garden areas within the school. Each student will be asked to design and make an individual piece for a totem pole that will eventually be 1.3m high.

On the day of the GATS workshop, the students will be divided into two groups of approximately 20-24 students who will work in an art room under the supervision of Mrs K. Scott, who is a member of the Art Faculty at EHS. During the workshop students will design and make their own unique, individual totemic sculptural piece so it can dry and be fired in the ensuing weeks. The students will then be asked back on another day to glaze their work so it can then be fired for the final time. The finished "Totem Poles" will then be installed in the school gardens at a later date for all students, staff and visitors to enjoy.

This promises to be a fun, educational and productive day, with students being given the opportunity to work in a studio environment under the guidance of a specialist Ceramics teacher. This is an excellent opportunity for talented students to be extended in their skills development and to be part of unique project within the school. Below is an impression of what the finished installation may look like.

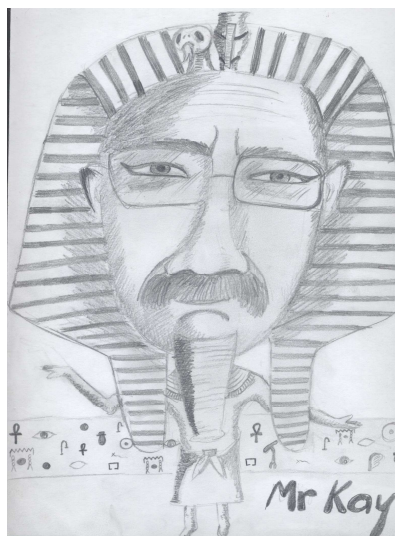


## CARICATURE COMPETITION

Mrs Scott in the Art Department has been running a fun competition for all Year 7 & 8 students to draw a caricature of their favourite teacher. A caricature is a drawing of a person involving exaggeration and distortion of particular physical features and/or personality traits in order to create a humorous imitation of that person.

Students were asked to seek permission from a teacher first and then complete a black and white sketch or felt tip drawing on A4 paper of their chosen teacher, in a humorous way.

The competition closed at the end of Term 2 with judging taking place in early Term 3. The great prizes on offer for the three best entries consisted of professional artist's materials valued at \$20-\$40. All entries will be on display in the foyer of the school's Administration block during the first 2 weeks of Term 3, so please feel free to come and view them.



This is one of the entries in the Caricature Competition. It features Mr Kay from the History Department and was drawn by Caitlyn Paris of Year 7.

## “BOOST ROCK THE SCHOOLS”

Last term Erina High hosted “Boost Rock the Schools”. This is an educational and entertainment initiative to introduce professional aspects of the music business to students. Industry professionals held an audio workshop in the morning followed by a rock band concert for all the school. After lunch a music business session was held in the library.

Students involved included Jordan Gazzard, Matt Pooke, B.J. Fuller, Nick Hancock, Matt Grennan, Ryan Osbourne, Brendan Merridith, Thim Jepperson, Danielle Yee, Rhys Picton, Jack Elliot, Joel Fletcher and the 9B music class,.

Some of the highlights included the concert by Sydney band “Stone Parade“, the guitar hero performance by Thim Jepperson and the ‘Drum-Off’ between Danielle Yee and the Stone Parade drummer.

## FUTURE FREQUENCIES

Best of luck to the boys from the year 10 rock band “Justice Won’t Tell” (Anthony Jackson-Sullivan, Maurice Hage and Jake Axiak) who are in the Future Frequencies competition. The boys have been rehearsing and recording with Mr Read over many hours and have produced a number of high quality tracks to include on a demo C.D.



## **“PICTURING OURIMBAH” ART COMPETITION**

To help celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of teaching at Ourimbah, the Central Coast campus of the University of Newcastle invited Erina High School students to participate in “Picturing Ourimbah”: an art competition and exhibition organised by Jenny Roberts, the Executive Assistant of Central Coast campuses.

There were two different categories that our students entered:

Class 1 (Years 7-9) – to produce a 2D work of a scene at Ourimbah Campus using traditional media.

Class 4 (Years 10-12) – to produce a photographic image of a scene at Ourimbah campus.

One of our extremely talented Year 12 photography students, Kirk Bosquet, kindly offered to take a series of colour photographs around the natural landscapes and gardens of the Ourimbah campus. He then allowed a group of Year 7 & 8 students in the Art Attack Z-Elective class to use these photos as inspiration for a small canvas painting.

Kirk entered three photographs into the competition while there were 8 junior students whose paintings were selected for entry. These students were: Jaimie-Lee Bennett, Olivia Lippl, Tara-Leigh Uhle, Caitlyn Paris, Emma Foley, Anastasia Miller-Csapo, Maddy Lord and Gabriel Daniel.

Each category has a prize for first and runner-up for the artist, with a prize to the School's Art Department. Winners will be announced at a judging event at Ourimbah Campus in the week commencing July 20, 2009. Below is one of Kirk's beautiful photographs that inspired some of the junior paintings.



## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING:

### Human Swine Flu Information Sheet

This year it is likely many more people will come down with flu like illnesses than in recent flu seasons because few people have immunity to the human swine flu virus. As the number of cases of flu increases, we all need to take steps to minimise the transmission of the virus in school communities as some staff and students are at greater risk of severe illness from flu.

Staff or students who become unwell should stay away from school until they are well to minimise the transmission of the flu. Any student who identifies that they are unwell, or is displaying flu like symptoms at school will be sent to a sick bay area and their parent or carer will be called to take them home.

Please watch carefully for any signs or symptoms of flu like illness in your child. If they are unwell please do not send them to school until their symptoms have gone.

**These symptoms include** fever, cough, tiredness, muscle aches, sore throat, chills or shortness of breath. Some people are more likely to develop severe illness from both seasonal influenza and swine flu. NSW Health advises that this group includes people who:

- Are pregnant (particularly in the second and third trimester)
- Have chronic lung disease (including asthma)
- Are very obese
- Have chronic heart conditions
- Have chronic kidney disease
- Have chronic liver disease
- Have blood disorders (including sickle cell disease)
- Have neurological disorders
- Have metabolic disorders (such as diabetes)
- Have weakened or suppressed immune systems (which may be caused by cancers, medications or HIV/AIDS)
- Are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background (of any age).

If you or your child is in one of these categories, please seek urgent medical attention as soon as symptoms of flu appear because you may need anti-influenza medication and it works best if given early. The department has policies in place to support schools this flu season. I can assure you that the department will continue to act on all advice received from NSW Health to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff and students.

Additional health information is available from the H1N1 Influenza 09 section of the NSW Health website at: <http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/index.asp>

## CENTRAL COAST ACADEMY OF SPORT

Applications to trial for scholarship positions in the 2009/10 academy basketball program are now open for athletes born 1995 - 1998 inclusive **Applications close 5pm, Friday 28 August 2009**

Application forms are available online at **[www.thinksport.com.au](http://www.thinksport.com.au)**

### **LEARN ABOUT OTHER COUNTRIES AND THEIR CULTURES**

Vplus Supermarket in conjunction with Gosford United Community has a project to promote multi culture on the Central Coast. Each month you can learn about a different cultural group through dancing, singing and information sessions. The following groups will be at Gosford Town Centre:

August 09	Latinos	Activities on 8 August 2009 from 10am to 2pm
September 09	Malaysian	Activities on 12 September 2009 from 10am to 2pm
October 09	Philippines	Activities on 10 October 2009 from 10am to 2pm

## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 4 August	English Writing Competition 15 years boys' basketball v North Sydney
Wednesday 5 August	Year 11 Geography – stage 3 of SGP due AFL Gala Day – Year 8 – Adelaide Street Oval
Thursday 6 August	Year 11 Business Studies – Stage 2 of BRT due Probus Shield Debating – heat 1 – Kincumber Year 12 Geography Assessment task Maths Competition – Periods 1 & 2 in F6
Friday 7 August	Year 12 Business Studies assessment task Koori Konnect
Monday 10 August	Year 12 Hospitality – Crown Plaza excursion Periods 1 & 2
Tuesday 11 August	Years 7/8 Touch Football Gala Day
Wednesday 12 August	NAIDOC Day Opens boys hockey
Thursday 13 August	Years 11/12 Scripture – Period 2 – C6 and Library Year 11 SAC – Mini PIP due
Friday 14 August	Koori Konnect Year 11 EES assessment due

## DATES FROM OUR MULTICULTURAL CALENDAR

Monday 3 August	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 August	National Aboriginal and Island Children's Day
Thursday 6 August	Hiroshima Day
Friday 7 August	Jeans for Genes Day
Sunday 9 August	International Day for the World's Indigenous People
Wednesday 12 August	International Youth Day
Thursday 13 August	International Left-Handers Day
Friday 14 August	Sri Krishna Jayanti (Hindu)
Saturday 15 August – Sunday 23 August	Early Childhood Intervention Awareness Week

## STUDENT EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

**World Education Program (WEP)** is pleased to offer students the opportunity to spend the summer overseas to live with a host family and attend an overseas school. Our academic programs provide students with the opportunity to mature through the challenges of living away from home and return with a new multi-faceted approach to learning, an enhanced interest in global issues, and a tremendous sense of accomplishment. For more information phone 1300 88 4733 or email [judithortmann@wep.org.au](mailto:judithortmann@wep.org.au) or visit [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au) or [www.volunteerabroad.com.au](http://www.volunteerabroad.com.au)

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**GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITIES**

Becoming an au pair in the USA is a great GAP year option for anyone who enjoys caring for children and wants to spend a year working overseas. For more information contact Tricia Wright at Cultural Care Au Pair on 1800 677 373 or email [tricia.wright@culturalcare.com](mailto:tricia.wright@culturalcare.com) or visit [www.culturalcare.com.au](http://www.culturalcare.com.au)