



2010 Year 12 Graduation



We hope they have the time of their lives...

COLLEGE PRINCIPAL

On Friday December 10 three of our students will receive the prestigious NSW Combined High Schools Blue for outstanding achievement in sport at The Blues Presentation Night in Sydney; Robert Coleman TSC and Lydia Toms FC for Canoeing and Tara Creighton TSC for Volleyball. This is an outstanding achievement by these dedicated students. Special note must go to Lydia who is in Year 10, as usually these awards are designated to students in Year 11 and 12. Congratulations to all three students as well as their coaches and parents who have put an enormous amount of time and effort over the years.

It was very pleasing to see so many parents attend the Year 12 Graduation Assembly this week at Tuncurry Senior Campus. The culmination of this journey for students and their parents is always emotional and this assembly was no exception. I would like to acknowledge the organising team for an excellent celebration of staff, student and parental achievements. I know that the staff of Great Lakes College is very proud and confident that this cohort of young men and women will make an impact in what endeavours and challenges they take on in the future, and we wish them well.

The Deputy Principal position at Forster Campus has just completed the Merit Selection Process to appoint a new Deputy. I am pleased to inform our community that Brad Germon is the successful candidate. Brad has been relieving in that position this term. I am sure he will be a valuable member of the Senior Executive at Forster Campus and we congratulate him on his appointment.

*Graeme Jennings
College Principal*

COLLEGE SPORT

Camden Haven Horse Sports Competition

I'm sure we weren't the only people awake at five in the morning lying to ourselves and saying the rain isn't that bad. Two hundred keen riders amazingly showed up to the 2010 interschool's day at Camden Haven showground. On arrival the weather was kind and a nice day was looking promising.

Riders from all different areas wore their school emblem proudly while events began, and the thrill and excitement of competing made the first sign of rain go unnoticed. Puddles expanded and mud became thicker and the once smiling faces of riders from Years 1 to 12 were soon swiped once the rain could no longer go unnoticed. Parents swamped the arena desperately getting their children a raincoat.



Above: Emily Cutler and Elli Swanson

Events continued until the point where horses were beginning to look more and more like ponies due the depth of the mud. Hack and rider classes were the only classes able to be judged on the day. Horses and riders fled the arena as the rain bucketed down interrupting the classes and while they raced back to a dry place many underestimated the depth of the innocent looking puddles. No person would have left that showground with dry feet. While some stayed, drenched in the arena begging their class would be soon, others packed up their wet gear and left, and although only two classes were judged for each age group champion rider and champion hack pushed through. Riders trudged through their workout making the ground even muddier for the next rider and although their performance wouldn't have been to the best of their ability, probably due to the minor frost

bite, winners were given their drenched ribbons and smiles were still worn. After worries of possibly being bogged the once promising showground full of enthusiastic riders became an empty wetland ending the day at 11am.

Various ages from our school both junior and senior attended this event despite the unfortunate turn of events. Emily Cutler, Jess Craythorn, Bridget Isles, Marina Harrison, Alison Warner, Elli Swanson, Grace McCarthy, Nicole Whitehouse, Emily Farr, Karly Bourke, Shannen Thorsby, Lea Fraser, Alison Isles, Melissa Taylor and Markala Johnston, all did their best to ignore the weather and continued to be competitive in the pelting rain. Both Emily Farr and Karly Bourke won their riding classes making them both competitors for champion rider. Both tried their best to get the feeling back in their bodies to do a decent workout. Neither riders won champion but Karly Bourke managed to win reserve champion.

Although the day was cancelled early in the day riders from our school still came out winners. I'm sure if the day hadn't been flooded out our school would have been very successful. If it wasn't for the hard work, organisation and patience of generous volunteers, judges, and riders, Camden Haven interschool wouldn't have happened at all, and although all their hard work was washed away riders still enjoyed themselves despite the weather.

*Elle Farr
Year 9*



Above: Karly Bourke and Emily Farr

I would like to add a huge thankyou to all the parents and extras who give up their time to support the students in this event. Thankyou for your continued support and keep your fingers crossed for a fine day next November.

*Heather Clark
Manager*



Below: Jesse, Nikki and Family trying to keep dry



Above: Alison Isles

Athletic and Cross Country Success for James Turner

Tuncurry Junior Campus student James Turner has been meeting with quite a deal of success in a variety of sporting disciplines due to his dedication in achieving his personal best. After success at the School, Zone and Regional Cross country carnivals earlier this year, James went on to win the 14/15 year old AWD category at the National All Schools Cross Country Championships in Brisbane in August. He was also part of the NSW team in that event which took out first place in the teams' event.



James is now heading off to Canberra on November 20 to contest the National Athletes with a Disability (AWD) titles. The College wishes James good luck and admires his dedication.

*Wayne Barry
Sports Organiser*



Great Lakes College MADD

Official Opening Forster Campus 5pm Thurs 18th Nov

Forster Campus Concert Thurs 18th Nov - 6.30 pm

Tickets: Family (5) \$15, Adults \$5, Child/Student \$3

Available from admin office or the night at the door.

Forster Campus Art Exhibition Thurs 18th Nov - Fri 19th Nov

Tuncurry Junior and Senior Campus Art Exhibitions Thurs 18th - Fri 19th

Principal's Report

Dear Parents

This is an exciting week for our Campus. On Thursday evening we will be hosting the MADD evening – a college event that showcases the many talents of our students in the fields of Music, Art, Dance & Drama. It is a very popular event and I hope that as many of you as possible attend on the evening. I would like to give a special thank you to all of the hard work that staff and students have completed in preparing for this event.

Congratulations to our Junior Debating Team who won the Regional finals last Friday at Macksville. The team, comprising Holly Jones, Daniel Mansour, Saul Brady and Kaspar Fiebig had a convincing win and will now await the next round of the state-wide competition. My heartiest congratulations go to all students – and also to their coach, Matt Horne.

I also need to congratulate Lydia Toms who will be awarded a state Sporting Blue for her success in canoeing. Lydia has been a strong competitor in the sport and is highly deserving of this award. The award is usually given to students in Year 12, so this is a very special achievement for Lydia.

At the last P&C Meeting I delivered a presentation to parents on the subject of 'Facebook'. This popular social networking site has many positives – but also many concerns as well. The school advises all parents to be vigilant in their supervision of this site. Some useful video links concerning issues to do with Facebook can be found at the following locations:



- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFuMUh5sLug>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGlrAhtQC24>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hK5OeGeudBM>
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4w4_Hrwh2XI

Exams for all students are now finished and teachers are busy marking these and writing reports. Reports will not be available until the last week of term. In the meantime, students are continuing with their program of study and are urged to maintain their attendance and personal best.

Best wishes to you all,

Judy Hall
Principal

Deputy Principal Report

Year 10: have now completed their School Certificate tests. They now move forward to Transition. In week 6, they will attend classes and complete "All My Own Work" a Board of Studies module for all senior students. In week 7, they attend Tuncurry Senior Campus for the week. In week 8, they attend school or complete arranged work experience or dive course (as part of MAQ course).

Fees: we ask that parents finalise all outstanding fees with the Front Office. We are beginning financial roll over at the end of November. Outstanding fees, except voluntary contributions, will be rolled over to the new financial year. Please contact the office if you would like to begin a payment plan.

MADD: we move into an exciting time next week where students will have the opportunity to perform and display their works. On Thursday November 18 at Forster Campus we will have:

- The official opening and Art EXHIBITION @ 5:00PM in the Visual Arts block followed by...
- The Music Drama & Dance CONCERT starting @ 6:30PM in the MPH.

Tickets are just \$5 for Adults, \$3 for Students or \$15 for Family (up to five). We encourage you all to come along and support and enjoy the many talents of our students!

School of Origin Basketball: the return match at Tuncurry campus will be held on Friday November 19. Good luck to our boys!

Kim Hamilton
Deputy Principal

RAP Parent Survey Report

In the last issue of Dolphin, I undertook to report on the parent survey of our RAP program. This report follows.

Over 100 parents responded to the RAP survey – which is really pleasing. I am still receiving some surveys and am adding this data to the tallies. The results for the statements are as follows:

I value the Rap Program:

Very Highly - 69; Highly - 29; Sometimes - 3;
Disinterested - 2

RAP keeps the focus on College values:

Very Highly - 70; Highly - 23; Sometimes - 8;
Disinterested - 2

I discuss the RAP results with my child:

Always - 83; Often - 12; Sometimes - 3; Rarely - 5;
Never - 0

RAP provides an indication of how my child is progressing academically:

Always - 68; Often - 27; Sometimes - 3; Rarely - 5;
Never - 0

I would like the RAP results to be sent out every:
3 weeks - 28; 4 weeks - 50; 5 weeks - 25

Many parents took the time to write additional comments on how they felt about RAP and how to improve it. Some of these included:

- ✓ I love this idea and it also provides the student with rating of their performance, so if they fall down a bit they can strive and work harder.
- ✓ Seems fine – must be a lot of extra work for the teachers, but it is better to know what is happening rather than at the end of the year when it is too late.
- ✓ Indicated whether there is an improvement compared to last month's RAP score i.e. last month's RAP score 6.75, this month's RAP score 7.00 an improvement of .25
- ✓ Scores can drop from constant 9 and 10s to 7 and 8s when casuals are on class. When this is queried I am assured that my children's attitude and behaviour has not changed.

- ✓ Less often sent home as I feel the impact of the information contained in the RAP letters has lost a bit of its importance/value to the students and parents particularly when outcomes remain stagnant.
- ✓ I would be interested to know why my son's score goes up or down but I realise this would be time consuming. Although we do ask him he gives only his side. It is a fantastic tool to chart progress and I know it helps him to try and improve himself.
- ✓ It is the most valuable program I have come across as a parent. However, my child feels that in some cases, teachers do not respond with a higher RAP score when he has worked hard over time to improve his application and behaviour. But, there is not much that I would change. I value the great effort it takes to put together every 3 weeks, from teachers to head teachers, clerical staff etc. we look forward to the RAP and discuss it (both parents and child) the day we get it.
- ✓ I think this a great resource many parents feel they are out of touch with their kids' lives. Here is one way they can have valuable information. An option to have results emailed to save paper and postage. Thanks hope it continues next year.
- ✓ I don't have any suggestions for improvement. It is a great program. Congratulations
- ✓ Hi my name is XXXX I am XXXX's father. I live in Sydney. Firstly I would like to thank you or the person who sends the RAP sheets to me. Secondly I think they are a great indication on how my XXXX is going with XXX school work.

*Judy Hall
Principal*

2011 Leadership Team

Ready and Rearin' To Go

Forster Campus are very proud indeed to present their leadership team for 2011. We had fourteen outstanding candidates. We couldn't lose. Our only regret is that there were only six positions to be filled. Congratulations to the following students who will lead with distinction in 2011:

Captains: Amelia Cross Matthew Thomas

Vice Captains: Riana Johnston Joshua Walpole

Prefects: Alexandra Underwood

Benjamin Summers

Sincere thanks to the following students who also nominated:

Jesse Mills, Ryan Andrews, Jessica Lonsdale, Courtney Rush, Josie Nixon, Sally Cottam, Emily Bryan and Tanayah Tooze

Fine leadership is guaranteed at Great Lakes College in the coming years with candidates of this calibre.

Steffani Laurence
SRC Coordinator

Introductions

My name is Amelia Cross and I was recently elected to the position of Captain for 2011. I am proud to be on the leadership team which I share with five friendly and enthusiastic peers. I am looking forward to the coming year and I hope that I can serve the Forster Campus School community with the same distinction that our 2010 leaders did. I thank everyone for the trust that they have placed in me.



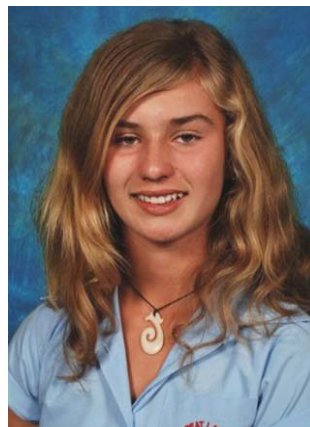
the Group 3 Junior Development Academy. I have enjoyed attending Australian Air Force Cadets on a Wednesday evening for the past three years where I have experienced many great and challenging leadership activities. My time with the cadets is coming to a close now; however I hope that I can use the leadership skills I obtained there, to serve the Forster Campus school community in 2011.



Above: Riana Johnston



Above: Joshua Walpole



Above: Alexandra Underwood



Above: Benjamin Summers



Hi, my name is Matt Thomas and I have been recently elected as Forster Campus Captain for 2011. I plan to represent Forster Campus with great pride and strive to achieve my personal best throughout next year. I personally love to play Rugby League for the Forster Tuncurry Hawks and more recently,

Gifted and Talented Program

Daniel Mansour has recently completed a ten week program for GATS students (Gifted and Talented) the program required Daniel to tackle a series of tasks, online, each week. He was challenged and entranced as he worked his way through a diverse range of tricky problems. The online nature of the program allowed Daniel to be in touch with his GATS mentor via a blog and also enabled him to chat in the "Kids Chat Room" with other e-GATS students.

Daniel was selected to participate in this program from students across northern NSW – no mean feat – only 50 students were chosen. Students came from as far as from the northern border with Forster being the southern most point.

Daniel, his mother Julie Mansour and his teacher, Lynn Graham travelled to Woolgoolga on Friday October 22, to present his final task, a major work, entitled "It's Puzzling". "Speed" is of particular interest to Daniel and he researched how to improve the speed of humans, culminating in an engaging and plausible super suit being designed. Daniel received the highest of accolades at the presentation and was acknowledged for his academic performance and creativity.

*Lynne Graham
Teacher English*

Regional Debating Champions

Forster Campus's Year 7 and 8 Debating Team became North Coast champions after defeating Alstonville High at Macksville last Friday November 12.

Our team was Holly Jones (1st speaker), Daniel Mansour (2nd speaker), Saul Brady (3rd speaker) & Kaspar Fiebig (team advisor)

Both teams had only 1 hour to prepare their arguments on the very difficult topic; "That we should accept more migrants". Making things even tougher for Forster was that we had to argue the negative case. Teams are only given a dictionary and a whiteboard for note making.

Alstonville's team made a very strong moral case for Australia taking in more migrants. However our team came up with a brilliant strategy of arguing a practical case in terms of migrants' cost upon the economy & the environment. We also made a strong case on the notion of "more migrants"- is that 5 more or 5 million?

Our team members all spoke confidently, used great teamwork & successfully re-buffed Alstonville's case.

Forster Campus's team have now won all 6 of their debates this year & as region winners qualify for the State Finals at Sydney University in early December.

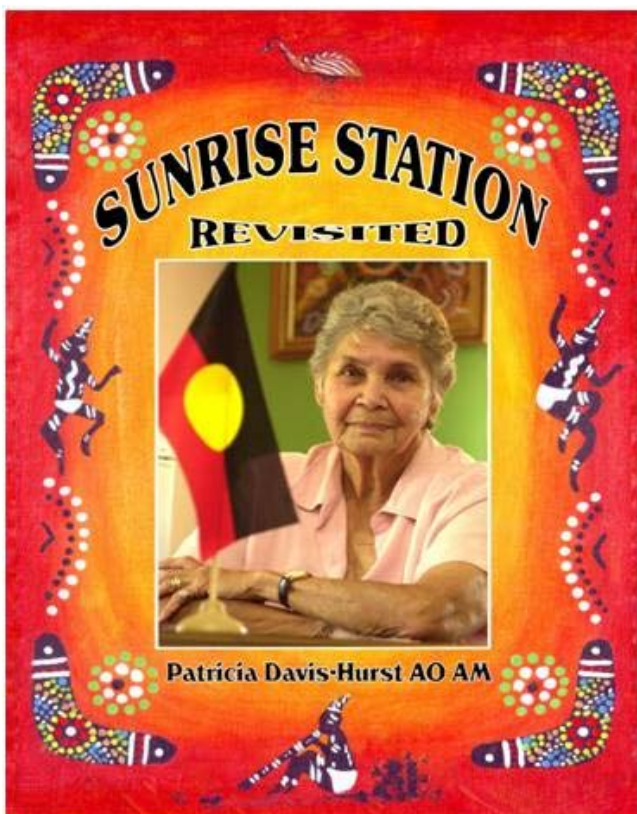
Well done, I am very proud of you.

*Matt Horne
Teacher English*

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Year 10 transition at Tuncurry Senior Campus	
Complete "All My Own Work"	Nov 15-19
Year 6 Parent Information Night	
- MPH 7pm	Nov 16
MADD	Nov 18 -19
School of Origin Return Match	Nov 19
Year 8 ESSA	Nov 23
Year 10 Scuba Course	Nov 29
Year 10 Love Bites program	Nov 29 -
	Dec 3
Year 6 Orientation Day	Dec 2

Sunrise Station Revisited



A group of Great Lakes College Forster Campus students recently attended a talk by respected author, historian and local elder, Patricia Davis-Hurst where she discussed her book *Sunrise Station Re-visited*. Patricia was born in a humpy at Taree on Sunrise Station, (now known as Purfleet) 77 years ago.

Our students joined an attentive crowd at Great Lakes Library in Breese Parade, which included respected local Aboriginal elders of the Worimi nation. They listened to tales of Pat's childhood on Sunrise Station. The trauma experienced by Pat's extended family and other inhabitants of Sunrise Station during the period when Aboriginal children were being stolen, was movingly described by Pat. Her strong admiration for her own mother's fighting spirit was evident. Pat explained how it had rubbed off on her, giving her the determination to speak up for Aboriginal people and record these important local stories. She began writing the original manuscript as a biography, but it ended up as a history book depicting 110 years of the lives of her people.

Pat emphasised how crucial it was to get a good education and encouraged our young Aboriginal students in the audience to view education as the most important thing for them personally and also for Aboriginal people generally.

Since it was first published, *Sunrise Station* has been sold to every correctional institution in NSW and it is now approved for use as a curriculum text book in Aboriginal Studies in schools and universities. It is used as a reference book in many state and federal departments as part of their Aboriginal cultural awareness programs.

Copies of *Sunrise Station Re-Visited* are now held in both the Forster Campus Library and the Great Lakes Library.

Steffani Laurence
Teacher Librarian



Back Row: Natalia Cunningham, Tamara Close, Shaye Graham and Sian Maidment

Front Row: Nakita Cosstick, Patricia Davis-Hurst (author), Tjnaya Simon

Principal's Report

This has been a very busy and rewarding term so far for both staff and students in many diverse areas of school life.

Currently we are in the midst of the assessment and reporting period for students in all years while ...Year 10 students completed their School Certificate examinations. For the first time, all Year 10 students undertook their ICT examination using DER laptops on line. Coordinated by Mrs Lee Ralston and Ms Heather Clark, this process worked seamlessly. Year 10 students are now looking forward to their transition week where they meet with their peers from the Forster Campus and experience a taste of life in the senior campus.

In our week 4 Assembly I had the pleasure of inducting the new Students Take Charge leadership team into their office. Captains, Dana Fletcher, Sam Clark, Vice Captains Emily Duval, Steve Mallia and Prefects Amy Walton, Madi Taylor, Nick Gray and Robert Neate committed to upholding the School Core Values in the execution of their duties. It was certainly a very proud moment for parents, staff and students. There was a hint of sadness as the outgoing leadership team, Sarah Germyn, Mitchell Dagger, Maddy Hennessy and Alec Hanson presented their blazers to the new leaders as a symbol of the change of office. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank the 2010 student executive for their work in STC leadership.

Last week we hosted a very successful Year 7 2011 Parent Information evening which included supper and a tour of the campus. It was wonderful to meet so many new parents and to give them an insight into important aspects of life at Tuncurry Junior Campus. I would particularly like to thank event coordinator, Mrs Melissa Laurantus, the STC, P&C President, Mrs Jenny Quiring, Head Teachers and SASS staff who contributed so much to the evening. Of course, we now look forward to meeting all incoming Year 7 students on our Orientation Day December 2.

Year 10 Drama students recently presented a night of entertainment performing their final drama items. Teacher, Ms Cate Dunn, commented that all students demonstrated outstanding work showing a strong growth in confidence and skill. I would like to congratulate all students on their learning and wish them well in their School Certificate results.

Whilst there have been many rewarding experiences this term it is with much sadness that I inform you of the passing of our Science teacher, Mrs Jane Moulder. Jane, also mother of Andrew in Year 9, had worked at the school since 2004. She was selfless in her dedication to supporting student learning, demonstrating care for the individual and a passion for the environment. For these qualities Jane was highly respected by the school community. Although she had been ill for some time, Jane maintained strong connections with campus life visiting whenever she was able. It was her positive energy, her dedication and her professionalism to the end which so many have found inspiring. On behalf of the school community I would like to offer our condolences to the Moulder family and extend our gratitude for allowing us to share in Jane's life.

Veronica Amato
Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

The School Certificate exams went extremely well and our students fulfilled our expectations very well. Congratulations to Year 10 and well done. For the first time this year, our students complete the Information Computing Technology (ICT) exam on line using their laptops. This took a great deal of organisation and we learnt a lot ourselves about the process along the way. Thank you to Mrs Ralston, Ms Clark and Mr St Hill for their great effort in ensuring that the tests ran smoothly and that none of our students were disadvantaged.

From here on all Year 10 students need to complete the activities listed on the planner that was given to them by Mrs Ralston and Mrs Horne before the exams began. This includes signing out, especially for the students who are going to full time employment, enrolling into Yr 11 and ensuring that they attend the Transition Week to happen from 22/11/10 onwards. Week 7 is vitally important for all students contemplating continuing their education into Senior Campus next year.

I feel it is important to once again discuss uniform, especially shoes. We are a uniform school and black shoes with substantial upper are part of that uniform. I see many students wearing black leather shoes that are quite soft (I think they are called 'Ravens') and afford no protection at all for students in practical classes or support for their growing feet when walking around the school. Proper footwear is an essential aspect of school uniform and has OH&S requirements that go with it as well as the need to look out for the future well being of the students. It is also important to remember that

correct uniform helps us to distinguish who are and who are not students in the school grounds. It is essential for us to be able to identify intruders and our students wearing the correct uniform helps us with that. Your cooperation in this vital matter would be greatly appreciated.

I am pleased to inform you that we have opened the oval for general use again during lunchtime. The STC group has been talking with students about our expectations around the use of the oval but I wanted to remind you about them as well. Students are to eat and drink off the oval and surrounds. Students are to remain inside the perimeter of the school at all times so, if any balls are kicked over the fence they will have to remain there until after school. The oval is an active, not passive area, and activities should be non-contact so, tackling and pushing and shoving are out of the question. Furthermore, students should follow the instructions of staff at all times, even when on the oval.

All Year 9 and Year 10 students have been issued with a Lenovo Learning Device for which they are the custodians until they complete their HSC at which time they will become the owners of them. As such they are responsible for the care and upkeep of these devices. They need to bring them to school fully charged every day except Wednesday. They should ensure that they are safe at all times, especially when in their bags. Failure to do these things could result in the devices being confiscated from the students and them having to pay any costs for repairs or maintenance on them.

Many of the parents that I speak to express concern for their children and the behaviours that they exhibit from time to time. Are you a frustrated parent as well? We are running an information session for parents of adolescents here on Tuesday 7/12/10 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in the lecture theatre. This is a session for parents ONLY, students will not be admitted. At this session we will be discussing the types of behaviours we see, whether they are associated with mental health issues, how to deal with many of these behaviours and where to go for help. It is an important evening for the parent or carer of ANY adolescent. Please note the date and come along.

*Paul Bulbert
Deputy Principal*

Mathematics Enrichment Tuncurry Junior Campus

Earlier in the year we had seven students enter the Mathematics Challenge which is one of the Mathematics enrichment activities that the Mathematics faculty offer each year. We also had thirty students enter the Australian Mathematics Competition.

It is inspiring to see students willing to take the opportunity to learn and investigate the intricacies and relevance of mathematics and show initiative to develop their understanding further and dedicate their own time to do so.

Students receive few opportunities to attempt problems in common with those of students at other schools, in their own region or internationally. The Australian Mathematics Competition is such an opportunity. In recent years about half a million students per year from 35 countries have taken part. As a result of the size of the competition, the statistics are meaningful, and students can obtain a good idea about the standard they have reached.

Taking up the opportunity to enter these activities is not about whether you are the best, but having a go at something different and challenging and seeing what exists in the big wide world.

Results included nine Credits and two Distinctions awarded to the following students respectively Ben Dilger, Matthew Reggers, Coen Stewart, Justin Hassett, Katie Gilfillan, Kaitlyn Butcher, Liam Johnson, Erin Saunders, Jack Reggers, James Turner (top 15%) and Nicolle Jones (top 15%).

*Jane Gabriel
Relieving HT College
(HT Mathematics TJC)*

School Fees

We ask that parents finalise all outstanding fees with the Front Office. We are beginning financial roll over at the end of November. Outstanding fees, except voluntary contributions, will be rolled over to the new financial year. Please contact the office if you would like to begin a payment plan.

Captains and Leadership Group Announced

At the recent assembly on Tuesday November 2, the Students Take Charge (STC) group and the executive student leadership team for 2011 were formally introduced to the school community. They are:

CAPTAINS	Dana Fletcher and Sam Clarke
VICE CAPTAINS	Emily Duval and Steve Mallia
PREFECTS	Madi Taylor, Amy Walton, Robert Neate, and Nick Gray



Above (L-R): Madi Taylor, Robert Neate, Emily Duval, Sam Clarke, Dana Fletcher, Steve Mallia, Amy Walton, Nick Gray

Year 9 STC

Jacque Bailey-Rodick, Janessa Cheers, Sean Guerin, Emilie Hammond, Michala Hudson, Nicolle Jones, Wade Langford, Andrew Moulder, Brock Newell, Madi Rowe, Sam St Hill, Erin Saunders, David Stevenson-Relf, Shannen Thorsby, Ashlee Webber, Zoe Zarb

Year 8 STC

Tamika Blanchard, Katie Gilfillan, Sarah Grant, Justin Hassett, Olivia Leung

Year 7 STC

Sienna Channell, Ben Dilger, Bethany Nicholson

During this assembly the captains, vice captains and prefects recited the leadership pledge and signed the captains' registry for Tuncurry Junior Campus. As a further sign of their office the outgoing captains and vice captains removed their blazers and passed them to the newly elected leaders. The main body of our leadership group, the STC, also received their badges. It was an important occasion with both the outgoing captains, Sarah Germyn and Mitchell Dagger, addressing the school and reflecting on their experiences and wishing the new team all the best.

Our newly elected captains, Dana Fletcher and Sam Clarke, responded with their acceptance speeches, informing the audience of their plans and commitment to uphold our College Core Values.

I look forward to working with such an enthusiastic and responsible leadership team in 2011.

Jo St Hill
STC Coordinator

Dana Fletcher – Girls' School Captain 2011

I am very honoured to be given the role as captain for 2011. I am aiming to follow in the footsteps of our outgoing captain, Sarah Germyn, to be enthusiastic, organised and a good role model. As a leader I promise to always be available for anyone to talk to me about issues as they arise and to do the best I can.



Sam Clarke – Boys' School Captain 2011



I would like to introduce myself, I am Sam. I am known for my dry hair and longish sense of humour. I am also known for my long hair and dry sense of humour. I have a passion for surfing and playing my ukulele. I will try my hardest to fulfil the responsibility of this position and to represent the school to the best of my ability. I am looking forward

to being part of the leadership group for our school and to learn to wear collared shirts with ties.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Year 10 Transition at Tuncurry

Senior Campus Nov 15-19

MADD Nov 18 -19

Year 6 Orientation Day Dec 2

Gifted and Talented Mathematics Award

David Sweeney in Year 7 has been attending our highest Year 8 Maths class all year and has participated in all of the mathematical enrichment activities. He demonstrates significant talent in this subject. He is a student who just goes about his business in a modest yet determined manner.



Considering David's talent he could have entered the Challenge as a Year 7 student and achieved off the chart results. But David said he would like to do the level of paper set for Year 9 and 10 students. David was the only Year 7 student in a group of 3257 students who completed this level of the Challenge throughout Australia.

His achievements are outstanding and his results placed him in the top 11% of thousands of students studying Year 9 and 10 Maths.

In addition to this David achieved a Distinction result in the Australian Mathematics Competition, placing him in the top 3% of the tens of thousands of students who completed the junior level of the paper.

David was awarded a Gifted and Talented certificate as recognition of his commitment and achievement along with the High Distinction and Distinction he received in these competitions.

I congratulate all the students who have participated in our Maths activities this year and encourage more of you to do the same next year and challenge yourselves in this subject.

*Jane Gabriel
Relieving HT College
(HT Mathematics TJC)*

TUNCURRY SENIOR CAMPUS

Year 12 Graduation

The Year 12 Graduation Ceremony 2010 was a successful celebration of these young adults' thirteen years of study. The celebration brought together official dignitaries, teachers from all campuses, parents and friends, as well as the Year 12 2011, to watch the graduating cohort receive their final school portfolio.

The ceremony began with the entrance of the two hundred and five graduating students to the upbeat Toploader song, 'Dancing in the Moonlight'. Speeches by the Senior Campus Principal, Mr Stephen Nicholas, as well as Jodie Eacott and Alex Gallucio representing Year 11, detailed the academic, as well as interpersonal strengths, of this cohort. Mr Nicholas cited the Onstage nominations in Drama of Lucinda Mansour, Freya Johnson, Kieran Hennessy, the DesignTECH nomination of James Perkins, the Textstyle's nomination of Alex Marlow and the Call Back nomination in dance of Jamie and Elana Leung as well as many other high level achievements of this group as evidence of their achievements. Dominique Brown and Kade Denton spoke on behalf of Year 12, reflecting on their journey from Primary School to Year 12 and the sense of belonging they have developed as a whole group since coming together from the two junior campuses.

Entertainment was provided by a dance performance by Jamie and Elana Leung, two musical items by the Year 12 Music class and a Drama performance by Lucinda Mansour, Freya Johnson and Kieran Hennessy. The ceremony concluded with the traditional Year 12 song, this year Greenday's The Time of Your Life.

Refreshments were served on the veranda in front of D block due to the inclement weather before the cohort left to prepare for the Formal dinner and dance at Club Forster later in the evening.

*Suzanne Morrell
Head Teacher English Senior*

Year 12 Graduation Continued



Girls Day Out

On Tuesday October 26 all Year 12 girls attended a development day at the Tiona Park Conference Centre. The purpose of the day was to encourage students to enhance their feelings of self worth and self esteem and to build supportive links between students, staff and community mentors that are essential for the HSC year.



The students were involved in a career forum where successful local women discussed their careers, challenges and goals. These talks encouraged the students to believe in themselves and have confidence in their choices. The speakers emphasised the importance of goal setting and developing resilience, also the rewards of liking what you do.

Students took part in workshops on relaxation and stress management using Tai Chi, and Yoga. Teamwork was also developed through Belly Dancing, and Zumba.



The day was a great success; everybody enjoyed being away from the routines of school. We had great weather, a fantastic picnic lunch and inspiring role models.

Organisers Ann Belcher and Tania Morton would like to thank all the school and community volunteers that have contributed to make this day a success.

Ann Belcher
Teacher Technical and Applied Science

Blokes Business

The Year 12 male students attended a Blokes Business day at Club Forster to discuss issues related to moving from boys to men.



The day started by listening to a panel of experts from drug and alcohol counselling services, sexual health counsellors, police liaison and a local GP. This session was well regarded on the day and our students responded enthusiastically.

The next session was a physical session run by Daniel Lawton from the YMCA and then lunch was provided and catered by the Rotary Club of the Great Lakes volunteers.



The final session of the day was a getting to know others session also run by Daniel Lawton and was well received by the students.

We would like to thank all presenters, Rotary volunteers and Club Forster for helping to make it a great day.

Tony Koch
Deputy Principal

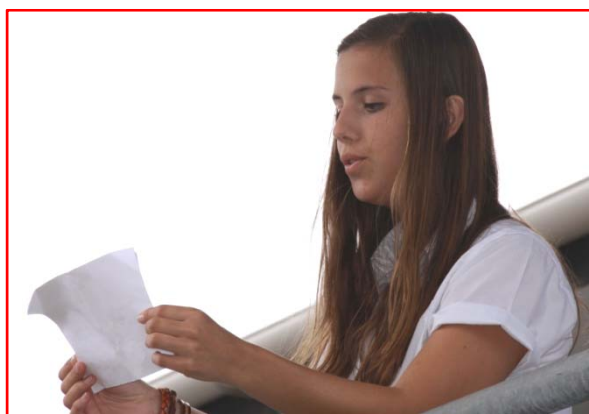
Remembrance Day Service

On the eleventh day of the eleventh month at 11 o'clock the Year 11 Modern History class conducted a memorial service for all soldiers killed in war since 1914. The service was held under the eucalypts in the school grounds. The Forster Tuncurry RSL sub-Branch kindly donated two hundred Red Flanders poppies, one for each student to hold during the ceremony. The students have been studying aspects of World War I and were able to include some of their ideas in the service. Kiara Grant was chairperson, Alex Galluccio gave the address which explained the significance of the occasion and Sarah Ieroanni explained the significance of the red poppies. The Poem in Flanders fields by Hugh McCrae was beautifully read by Darcy-Rose Harris.



Above: Darcy-Rose Harris

A special highlight was the explanation given by Rianne De Ridder, our Belgium exchange student who lives near Ypres in Belgium.



Above: Rianne De Ridder

She explained the part played by the Belgium army at the beginning of the war, that this day is a National Holiday in Belgium and how the red poppies, that signify this day, grow wild in the wheat fields near her home in Belgium. She particularly mentioned the service at the Menin Gate.

The Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing is a war memorial in Ypres, Belgium dedicated to the commemoration of British and Commonwealth soldiers who were killed in the Ypres Salient of World War I and whose graves are unknown.

Melissa Coote read the Ode and then students observed a minute's silence after the Last Post and then Reveille concluded the ceremony. These were played by trumpet virtuoso Stuart St Hill giving an emotion conclusion to the ceremony.

*Helen Ackland
Teacher Ancient History*

Lest We Forget



TEXSTYLE

Alexandra Marlow has been invited to exhibit her major textiles project in this year's Texstyle exhibition. Alex's work is one of forty works from over 2500 candidates which has been chosen to tour NSW visiting regional and metropolitan areas.



Alex constructed a corseted tutu, decorating sections with hand painted, machine embroidered and beaded roses. Other areas were encrusted with pearl beading, while an entire section was covered in silk hand made roses. Her work demonstrates Alex's exceptional design and construction skills as well as her creative technique development.

*Tania Morton
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At Parent Line we are dedicated to helping families develop richer, more rewarding relationships and create safer more nurturing environments for children to grow and develop into happy, healthy, confident, contributing young adults.

Issues in Parenting Adolescents

One third of parents who call our counselling team talk to us about issues to do with adolescent children. Raising adolescents is a particularly challenging parenting stage. Young people want more independence and can become less connected with their parents and family. They tend to have more focus on their peers and developing their own identity.

In 2009 the top 5 reasons that parents of adolescents called our service were:

1. Managing challenging behaviours (e.g. refusal to cooperate in the family, aggressive and disrespectful behaviour, internet use issues, social networking concerns, gaming issues, peer relationships, going out)
2. Parent-child relationships (challenges and difficulties in finding a way to have a connection, arguments)
3. Running away from home
4. Violent behaviour of child (towards parents)
5. Study and educational Issues (e.g. school refusal, HSC, difficulties with relationships at school, bullying).

During adolescence the brain is developing in unique ways and for a period of time, the frontal lobe is “under construction”. This means that skills like problem solving, empathy and emotional regulation are affected for a period of time.

To add to this, parents may be caring for ageing family members, may be managing their own developmental issues and many times managing busy working lives. It is also around this time that parents start to have less contact with other parents. The school, sporting and community connections are not as strong and parents can feel isolated, alone in carrying a multitude of concerns for their child’s wellbeing and future. On top of this, the parenting strategies that worked before often seem to no longer work!

It can be a volatile and challenging time in the family. The opportunities for connection, real conversation and closeness are less obvious and do not come around as often as with younger children.

At Parent Line we firmly believe that there is always a possibility that things can change and that relationships can improve. Our philosophy is that if something isn’t working, let’s try something different. Our aim is to focus on today’s issue in a way that works on a better relationship with your child tomorrow.

The highly qualified and experienced Parent Line counselling team are available 24 hours a day for the cost of a local call (charges may apply to mobile phones) and are happy to talk through the issues that you are experiencing with your adolescent.

Call us at Parent Line 1300 1300 52, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or log onto our website for more parenting information www.parentline.org.au

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Explore life on campus now!

If you're in your final years of school, it's never too early to start looking at university campuses. Charles Sturt University (CSU) has an open day every day scheme which means you can book a tour at any of their five regional campuses when it suits you. A tour with an experienced student ambassador will help you acquaint yourself with the campus and its facilities. You can also organise to talk to staff members or lecturers about courses of interest and find out what really it's like to study at CSU. Tours are available Monday to Friday and bookings are essential at least three business days before the time you require. Find out more at <http://www.csu.edu.au/campustour.htm> or call 1800 334 733.

Welcome to Year 12!

Charles Sturt University (CSU) would like to welcome all Year 11 students to their final year of study and to let you know about a great resource to help you through Year 12. Developed as part of the survival guide for students and parents, NSW HSC Online is an educational resource that has been helping students since 2001. It provides study materials for over 50 HSC subjects as well as study tips and forums. Have a browse at www.hsc.csu.edu.au

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The Great Lakes College Canteen Rosters

If you are unable to attend please try to swap with someone else, if not please telephone the contact person at the top of your roster. Thank you for supporting the canteen, we could not function without your help and support. If possible please be at the canteen by 9.00am.



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