PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

It is good to be back on deck after taking leave through much of Term 2. I would like to thank Ms Donna Loveridge for her hard work and exceptional leadership of the school in my absence. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Ms Kirrily Harvey from BWSC Woy Woy Campus who came across as relieving Deputy Principal and also did a fantastic job. Mr Robert Cox is on leave for the first three weeks of this term, and Mrs Natalie Wearne will be the relieving Deputy Principal. Mrs Tracy Smith will be relieving Head Teacher Secondary Studies for Mrs Natalie Wearne.

COMBINED GCLC SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 18 July was our first combined Gosford City Learning Community (GCLC) School Development Day with our partner schools, Gosford Public School and Point Clare Public School. This is an important day of professional learning for our schools – both in terms of the work we do on the day and in bringing our learning community together with a focussed vision that supports learning from kindergarten to the HSC. We had a number of guest speakers presenting topics that included

- Behaviour management that meets the needs of all students in every classroom.
- Cultural Perspectives.
- ICT and pedagogy for the 21st century teacher.

This was a valuable day, and one that we will embed in the professional learning calendars of our schools.

YEAR 12 PREPARING FOR HSC

We have entered the final term of schooling for the 2014 HSC cohort. This will be a busy time with major project submissions and performances, trial exams, conclusion of important assessments, final HSC revision and preparations, and farewells. Our students are particularly focussed and are working well, and it will be important that we keep expectations high, both at school and at home, to ensure that students have the best possible preparation and maximise every available HSC mark. That said, it is also a stressful time, and something to be mindful of as we support our Year 12 in their preparations.

FEEDBACK FROM LEARNING CULTURE RESEARCH PROJECT VALUABLE FOR FUTURE SCHOOL PLANNING PROCESSES

Throughout Term 2 HKHS employed two retired Principals to conduct a research project aimed at informing our school planning processes and strategic directions for the next three years. The focus of this project was to look at our ‘Learning Culture’ from a student perspective – what do our kids say and think about learning, and how will that inform our priorities and strategies.

The project involved every year group in the school (over 350 students) and looked at a broad range of learning aspects, from the learning environment, to teacher characteristics, to student characteristics, to what a good lesson ‘looks like’, to successful learning styles.
Whilst I am awaiting the final report on the findings, I have had the opportunity to read much of the raw data of student responses and believe that there is some really valuable feedback from students that will inform our teaching practices and assist in the way we develop learning skills in our students. I would like to sincerely thank all of the students involved for their insightful, honest and candid responses.

Mr Andrew Backhouse, Principal

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING YEAR 9 STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED ACADEMIC AWARDS

Congratulations to the following Year 9 students who received Academic Year Adviser Awards at the conclusion of Semester 1.

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Tracy Smith – Year Adviser

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## CONGRATULATIONS EMILY!

Emily Hoyle of Year 8 took to the slopes over the schools holidays to represent HKHS in the Northern NSW Interschool Snowsports Championships in Snowboarding.

The first event was the Gland Slalom. In her second run Emily managed to shave 12 seconds off her first run time and gain a respectable 6th position. Next up was the Boarder Cross. This is a timed race through a series of bumps, jumps, and berms. Emily avoided flying off into the safety nets on the difficult course to post two consistent times less than a second apart landing her in a well-earned 5th position.

The two top five positions in Boarder Cross sees Emily qualify for the State finals in August. Good Luck!

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## INVITATION TO THE GOSFORD ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP (AECG) MEETING

The next Gosford AECG meeting will be held at Henry Kendall High School on Monday 28 July 2014 (Week 3), at 4:30pm in the Aboriginal Resource Room (F1).

The AECG is a community based voluntary organisation that has been operating from a grass roots level since the 1970s and is the peak advisory group for Aboriginal Education in NSW. The AECG provides the opportunity for parents and community members to have a voice, and a say in what happens in your child’s education.

The meetings are very informal and it would be great to see as many parents and members of our school community there as possible.

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## THANK YOU TO FRUIT SPOT FOR THEIR SUPPORT

The Fruit Spot at West Gosford kindly donated two boxes of choice fruit for students who came from all over the coast to participate in the Come and Try Day hosted by Henry Kendall High.

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## NATIONAL SELF-DETECTION PROGRAM FOR SCOLIOSIS (NSDP)

The Spine Society of Australia recommends that girls in Years 7 and 9 participate in the National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis. Further information can be found on the Scoliosis Australia website – [www.scoliosis-australia.org](http://www.scoliosis-australia.org). Scoliosis (spinal curvature) is an important health problem for adolescent girls and 25 per thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve. Because in the early stages the condition is most asymptomatic, screening in the range 11-13 years is a sound preventative measure.

The website contains comprehensive credible information about the symptoms and treatment of Scoliosis. Through the forum, girls and their parents can obtain general advice from certified specialists who manage patients with spinal curvature. It offers a strong support base for adolescent patients with scoliosis and their parents.

As a part of our commitment to student welfare, all female students in Years 7 and 9 were issued with the brochure for self-detection.
What Gonski means for your child

National Gonski Week is taking place from July 28 to August 1 and it is an ideal opportunity to focus on what the benefits of additional resources are for your child and our school.

Gonski, as you may know, is a way of funding schools based on the needs of students. It was recommended by the Gonski Review that found too many students were missing out due to a lack of resources.

For us, the additional Gonski funding over the next six years will allow us to really expand the educational programs and learning support we know will make a difference in what students achieve.

With this funding we will be able to

- put in place additional literacy, numeracy and technology programs and provide one-on-one assistance to students needing that help
- increase the specialist support and assistance for students who really need it
- continue building the skills and knowledge of those working with students
- provide programs that will take our students to even better levels.

The one problem we have is that in May it was announced that Gonski funds will only be provided to schools for four years, not six. That is a serious issue because only one-third of the funding comes in the first four years. This means that our students, your children will miss out on two-thirds of the funding.

Teachers and parents are working hard to try to get people to understand that this is a critical investment in our young people and the nation. You can learn more at www.igiveagonski.com.au

Remember our students and the nation needs Gonski to happen for the good of all.

Smart countries invest in educating their people!

Be smart make Gonski happen!

National Gonski Week
July 28- August 1
MAKE YOURSELF IDENTITY THEFT PROOF

Would you like to join one of the fastest growing sports in the world?

Then come and try Floorball at the Peninsula Leisure Centre!

Floorball can be described as Ice Hockey without the ice! It is a non contact sport which is fun, fast, and very easy to learn. It is also very affordable at just $6 per game ($5 for siblings), and registration only $15.00. Floorball sticks are provided for players’ use at no charge.

Intermediate and Youth games are held on Thursdays, with intermediate (under 13) teams scheduled between 4.30-6.30pm, and youth (over 13) teams between 6.30-8.30pm. The competition runs each school term - rain, hail, or shine.

So come along on a Thursday to give Floorball a go. The first two games are free, and Tanya, Julie, Alan and Mitch from the Peninsula Floorball Association will make you very welcome.

Contact: Junior/Intermediate/Youth Co-ordinator - Tanya 0449 761 886

Seniors – Julie 0401001472 or Mitchell on 0424 605 780.

www.peninsulafloorball.org or pfcjuniors@hotmail.com

EVERYFRIDAY

26th July 2014

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS

CHARITY BALL

Mingara Recreation Club, Tumbi Umbi, 6.30pm

Please help us raise funds so we can provide literacy volunteers into Central Coast schools and offer assistance to families in dire need.

Stop the struggle - Start the learning!

live and silent auctions

Grand Raffle

Photo Booth

Great food, wine and beer

$10 per head and table of ten $1000
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Funds raised will support tutoring, technology, support and learning aids. Free information evenings and workshops for parents, teachers and students, a library and specialist teacher training links and grants are also provided.

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Sunday JULY 20th

(9am-2pm)

Davistown RSL Markets

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