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# News from the Humanities Faculty

Chris Kenna – ACT Secondary Teacher of the Year.



Above: Chris Kenna

We are immensely proud that one of our own - Chris Kenna - was recognised as ACT Secondary Teacher of the Year at the recent ACT Public Education Awards. Chris was an exceptional candidate for the award as his professional diligence and efficacy as a teacher is of a high order. As well as offering inspiring and challenging lessons to his English and History students, Chris's compassion and generosity of spirit ensure he is an outstanding MI-group teacher.

Chris's commitment to lifelong learning is unparalleled. He has several postgraduate degrees and is an active member of the local professional associations for both English and History. We all benefit from this as Chris is generous in 'giving back' and sharing his knowledge with others. Earlier this year, Chris led a poetry workshop at the ACT Association for the Teaching of English Conference, and he delivered workshops at the National History Teachers' Conferences in 2014 and 2015. Chris's generosity is also evident through his willingness to mentor pre-service teachers. Not only does he put his hand up for this role every year, but he is a model mentor. Chris is patient, supportive and generous with his time. He has high expectations of his pre-service teachers but supports them at every stage of their journey and

celebrates their successes, just as he does with his own students.

It was right and proper that Chris be recognised in 2015, as in addition to his fine contribution to the teaching profession, Chris initiated and led a special event: an ANZAC Centenary Commemoration Service. Chris worked in an inclusive and collaborative manner, involving the Student Leadership Group, Acting Principal, specialist Media and Drama teachers, the Belconnen RSL and the New Zealand High Commissioner in the ceremony.

We congratulate Chris on his fine achievement and thank him for his unwavering dedication and generosity.

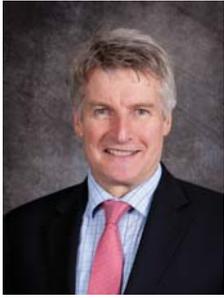
Kathryn Sutherland  
Executive Teacher, Humanities

## Writing What Matters with Aussie Authors and Storytellers

On Wednesday 22nd of July, the National Library of Australia hosted the Aussie Writers' Canberra Readers, Writers and Storytellers' Festival: Writing What Matters. It was a day where students and other members from the public could come and listen to famous Australian authors talk about their published works (and some not yet released), as well as their personal journeys in the

researching and writing of their various novels. Included in this group were the author, Graeme Simsion of *'The Rosie Project'*, Rachael Stevens: *'The Skeleton Diaries'*, Peter Rees: *'ANZAC Girls'*, Susannne Gervay: *'Butterflies'* and Jack Heath: *'The Lab'*, *'Replica'* and *'Cut Out'*, who later signed copies of their books and gave us the opportunity to discuss writing with them. It was a fantastic day, full of interesting stories as the authors discussed ideas such as the ability to address real life problems through the guise of fiction. As Graeme Simsion said, "fiction can go where non-fiction can't." We also heard two fabulous stories told by Brian Hungerford, the famous storyteller, and had a chance to hear other individuals involved in the writing industry talk about their favourite books, and why they matter. It was very inspiring for aspiring writers, and fun and engaging for all who attended. Maybe one of the most important lessons we took away from the day was Rachael Stevens telling us that "Writing gives a voice to someone and sharing stories can make us feel less alone."

Amy Hiscocks (Year 12) and Corinna Schubert (Year 11) - English Honours students.



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Peter Sollis is continuing on leave for the remainder of Term 3 and we are maintaining arrangements with Crystal Mahon as Acting Deputy Principal Students and Community, and Tony Hilton as Acting Executive Teacher Student Services.

### Validation

I would like to thank colleagues, students and parents for their productive participation with the validation review. I also thank our validation review panel for their diligent, collegial work with our college. Members of the validation panel were impressed by our articulate, actively involved students, after meeting with members of the Student Leadership Group, Gaia and SIA.

We anticipate that the validation report will be endorsed in the near future. At that time, a copy will be posted to the Board page on the college website, at [http://www.hawker.act.edu.au/our\\_college/board](http://www.hawker.act.edu.au/our_college/board). Four commendations and three recommendations are under consideration. The commendations relate to student well-being, blended learning in mathematics, a culture that promotes tolerance and sustainability and initiatives to support learning diversity. Proposed recommendations are about developing an improvement plan in collaboration with the college community and aligning marketing with the college's strategic priorities; using formative assessment data to underpin a visible learning strategy; and pursuing work on effective, evidence-based teaching and learning practices.

We look forward to finalising the new strategic plan for Hawker College in consultation with the college community, following the publication of the validation report in coming weeks.

### Subject Selection for 2016 Year 11 intake

Following Subject Selection Evening on 25 August, any families unable to participate are invited to contact the college to provide subject choices for students commencing in 2016, or to make an appointment for assistance with the subject choice process. For information about courses available in 2016, please refer to the 2016 Course Handbook, available on the college website. Copies of the printed edition are also available from college reception.

### A week of achievements at Hawker College

Recently, we took the opportunity to publish, on DVC screens, a snapshot of a week of Hawker College achievements, with examples taken from Thursday of Week 3 to Wednesday of Week 4. Consider these:

- Thursday 6 August – Mock Trial, Wins in the first two rounds vs Narrabundah (23 July) and Radford (6 August). For the report on Round 1, see the August newsletter. Chris Kenna, Public Education Awards, ACT Secondary Teacher of the Year 2015. For details, see the front page of this (September) newsletter.

- Friday 7 August – Hawker College received four commendations from the review panel for School Validation – review panel members were particularly impressed with input from student representatives. For more details, see above.
- Friday 7 August - The Hawker College mixed hockey team won all their games to be outright winners of the inter college mixed hockey competition.
- Saturday 8 August – The play “Stagnant” by Seven Year 12 Hawker College drama students selected to go to Short+Sweet finals in the Courtyard Theatre, Canberra Theatre Centre, on Saturday 16 August. See the update in the current newsletter.
- Monday 10 August – Six films by Hawker College students (from the class of 2014 and current classes) selected for the 2015 Limelight Festival, screened at Palace Electric Cinema on Tuesday 18 August.
- Wednesday 12 August – Excellent attendance (40 parents/ students, plus staff) at the P&C Forum evening on “demystifying college terminology” – how the college system works, in plain English.

### Portraiture Exhibition at Kangara Waters



On Friday 21 August, Glenn Irvine (Lifestyle Manager at IRT Kangara Waters) and I had the honour to open the Portraiture Exhibition in the recently

renovated Birrigai Café at Kangara Waters retirement lifestyle community and aged care centre. This is the second year of the Portraiture Exhibition, which is well received by residents and staff members. Congratulations to the students whose works are represented and to their Visual Arts teacher, Anita Briedis.

### Jocelyn Thompson

Jocelyn Thompson, our former teacher librarian, passed away at home on Monday 17 August after a long illness. We were privileged to be able to have Jocelyn's farewell with her at Hawker College last term. She valued her time and her connections at the college very highly and she was glad to be centrally involved in our successful Library renovation. Jocelyn's memorial service will be held at the at the North Canberra Bowling Club in Turner, from 11 am on Sunday 30 August.



**Frank Keighley**  
Acting Principal

## DEN NEWS

The staff in Student Services are always available to help. Students should feel free to speak to any staff member in the Student Services Team about questions or concerns, including the Careers Advisors, Year Coordinators, Work Experience Co-ordinator, Counsellor, Chaplain, and Student Services SLC.

### Attendance Process

When students are away they must account for the absence within 2 weeks by bringing a note signed by a parent/ carer to their MI Group teacher. By submitting all notes to the MI Group teacher (either in the scheduled Monday MI Group session or by visiting them when they are off class) students get their notes and absences monitored closely by a teacher who has a pastoral relationship with them. This also provides an opportunity to discuss on going issues that may impact on the progress of their leaning. It is hoped this facilitates communicating with parents should any concerns regarding attendance or legitimacy should arise.

This semester we have commenced sending out fortnightly absence emails to assist families in tracking and accounting for absences.

For information on attendance policy and procedures see: [www.hawker.act.edu.au/our\\_students/attendance](http://www.hawker.act.edu.au/our_students/attendance).

### Special Consideration

Students can apply for Special Consideration if they are concerned that a personal/family/medical event impacts upon their progress during or throughout the semester. Students should speak to Tony or one of the Year Coordinators if they feel that they require Special Consideration. Any information given in connection with a special consideration application will remain confidential. Students awarded Special Consideration last semester, who feel that they will need continued support due to ongoing concerns, should re-negotiate their Special Consideration application for this Semester with Tony ASAP.

### DEN Special programs in Semester 2:

Mental Health Week at Hawker College will occur in Week 10 this term. This celebration is being coordinated by DEN staff with a range of student groups involved in facilitating events across the school throughout the week

including: Performance Gala, Bake Sale, Movie Event, Yoga/meditation activities and a 'Dress How You Feel' day. A reimbursement grant was awarded to Hawker College from Mental Health Community Coalition ACT to help support this initiative.

SIA have proposed a fundraising event in the form of a community Trivia Night in the new bakery/hospitality area on Wednesday 28 October, Week 13. The restaurant has a capacity of 60 and we aim to invite parents, students, teachers and prospective parents to the event. This event will include nibbles or dinner and will raise funds for the Share the Dignity campaign - a charity which supports other charities - raising awareness and funding for women's hygiene products for those in need. The College will also support SIA to become a community collection point for the donation of these products from the community.

GAIA are attending the Sustainable Cities Awards at Government House followed by a youth leadership think-tank at the Australian Botanical Gardens on the 26th August. They are also proposing to participate in this years Keep Australia Beautiful campaign on 24 - 30 August through another Clean Up Hawker campaign. More information will be available on our Facebook page.

Tony Hilton  
A/g School Leader, Student Services

### WHAT'S NEW IN SCIENCE @ HAWKER?

#### News From a Former Science Honours Student

Christine Byrnes was a Science Honours student in 2010/11 and gained one of the top 10 ATAR scores for the College graduating in 2011.

*Third year medicine at UWS is the first full-time clinical year. I rotate through seven different placements during the year and so far I've had two community/ GP placements, the first one being a drug and alcohol service and the second one being a disability service. In the hospitals I've done an Emergency Department and Anaesthetics rotation, General Medicine, and Vascular Surgery at Liverpool.*

*Emergency Department was great because it's the field I want to go into and you get to do a lot to help as a student, but Vascular was also a fantastic rotation. Liverpool being a major trauma centre meant we got a lot of critical patients and I got to scrub in to plenty of surgeries,*

*by the end of the 5 weeks the Registrar said I had been great to have around and helped out the team. That's about as big as praise gets for a third year! Scrubbing in to a life-saving emergency surgery for a patient whose femoral artery ruptured was probably the first time I felt like I'd helped to save a life, so it was a big moment. As well as that I unknowingly was taught how to scrub in by Dr. John Crozier, who I later found out is a prominent trauma surgeon who directs health in the Army Reserve as a Brigadier. Hopefully he wasn't too unimpressed when I struggled to put my gloves on.*

*On that note, being in the RAAF has turned out to be really great so far, I've been able to focus on studying without having to work a part-time job, and have much more time to keep up fitness and make healthy meals etc. At the end of last year I went to the base at East Sale for an introductory course to learn basic military skills like marching and wearing the uniform, so that was a lot of fun. I've been helping out Defence Force Recruiting (DFR) a little bit, there was a live Facebook chat that they ran earlier in the year and I went into the office to help out with that. In March, for International Women's Day they held a high tea at Gunner's Barracks and invited about 100 year 11 and 12 girls from around Sydney schools. The Major I'm in contact with had mentioned that I could come along if I was interested, so you can imagine my surprise when two days before the event I was contacted by the organiser to ask if I could actually be a guest speaker. I quickly wrote up a speech talking about my journey since finishing school, pursuing my dreams, lessons I've learned and other cheesy sentiments etc.*



Christine Byrnes pictured above centre and the International Women's Day

*It must have left an impression because when I saw the people at DFR a couple of months later they brought up how much they enjoyed the speech and apparently DFR Headquarters were pretty pleased too. So it was a big day, especially since*

*I'd found out a couple of hours before the high tea that my Grandmother had passed away, but I guess in life we just have to press on.*

Christine Byrnes  
Former Student

### **RIO TINTO Big Science Competition Results**

On Thursday 21 May 2015, 9 students participated in the Rio Tinto Big Science competition and were awarded 1 High Distinction certificate (Duncan Rae), and 4 credit certificates (Acacia Hoy, Angeline Mutsinee, Lauren Ducat and Jhanvi Kotecha). Over 50 000 students participated in this competition from 585 schools. Congratulations to these students on an excellent result.

### **ACT Titration Competition**

The ACT preliminary Titration competition was held on Monday 3 August 2015 at ANU. Forty teams participated in this competition from colleges and high schools in both the public and private education sectors. The Hawker College team placed 26th (Zalak Desai, Rija Patel and Tahirrae Slikker). Congratulations to the team and to Miriam Ambrose, their coach. A big thanks to our lab assistant, Samantha Tarlinton, for making titration solutions for the many practice sessions.

Laura Jones  
Science Teacher

### **AST**

As this newsletter goes to print, Tertiary students in the Class of 2015 are finalising their preparation for the AST, scheduled for Tuesday 1/09 and Wednesday 2/09.

Students have participated in a variety of formal trials, in an AST Camp and a Focus Day program throughout their time at Hawker. We wish them well for the two days of testing and trust their will do their very best. However, students should also remember that while the AST is important, it is only one measure of their ability and that there are numerous alternative pathways to Tertiary study.

Year 12s will also be given an opportunity to offer their feedback on the College's AST preparation before the end of the year so that we can continue to improve our program.

Current Tertiary Year 11 students are to sit their first AST trial – a Multiple Choice paper – on Thursday 3/09. This initial

trial will give students an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the nature of the test as well as to get used to its conditions. A second Multiple Choice trial will be held in Term 4, enabling students to consolidate the skills needed to confidently tackle this assessment. The remaining two papers – Short Response and Writing Task – will be addressed in trials throughout 2016.

Julia Braguina  
AST Coordinator

### **IRT AGED CARE FACILITY AND HAWKER VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION 'PORTRAITURE' 2015**

Hawker College Canberra has had a partnership arrangement with Kangara Waters IRT Aged Care Facility Belconnen since 2010.

Visual Art classes at Hawker College have undertaken a highly motivating unit of work with Photography and Visual Arts students this year focussing on the school's relationship with Kangara Aged Care.

The students visited the facility meeting with the residents exchanging stories and memories as background to the creation of 'portraits'. These visits have concentrated on capturing images of the residents who have volunteered for this exchange through photographs and drawings.

Visual Art students have been working towards this exhibition over the past 10 weeks generating a wide range of artwork. Portfolios of portrait images have been used to create an inspiration board to support the young artists in their development of several artworks and collaborative portraits in painting and drawing. There are 3 collaborative artworks, which involved students working individually on their segment. These segments were then reassembled to reveal the final large artwork, with students very surprised and pleased with the dynamic outcomes of their collaborative efforts.

Overall, the exhibition has about 15 major works on display and involved at least 60 students. A postcard has been also been designed by students to mark this event.

These artworks will be on display at Kangara Waters Aged Care Facility on the walls in their Birrigai Café located at the residence from Friday 21st of August to the 15th of September 2015.

Included are a few examples of student Portraits with Artist statements, which are on display in the Birrigai Café at Kangara Waters Aged Care Facility.

Anita Briedis  
Visual Arts / Photography Teacher

### **Image of David**

In photography, you try to capture atmosphere and a sense of emotion with your image. I like to believe I have achieved that with the photograph of David. I feel it successfully captures David's quirky and intriguing personality. I enjoyed the topic of portraiture for my unit of study, and overall, it was engaging and interesting.



The photograph (above) depicts the exact representation of David at that moment in time, the warmth of the atmosphere and the enthusiasm of the subject.

Eugene Robertson  
Year 11 Photography Student

### **Image of Debbie**

Photographing at Kangara Waters was an amazing experience.

Spending time with the residents, seeing where they lived and what they did from day to day was enjoyable.



My photograph (above) captures a moment I spent with Debbie.

I spent time in the dementia ward and met Debbie a former model for Myer, who is still very much model material. Her presence was elegant and she sat almost completely still and so very quiet.

I feel as though my photograph captures the countless stories in her eyes and the subtle beauty in her skin.

Georgia-Rae Byrne-Jameson  
Year 12 Photography Student

## LIMELIGHT FILM FESTIVAL



Above: James Luongo, Liam Luhrs, Angus Ferguson, Jemma Collins, Jaslyn Mairs, Matt Thompson, Janus Salcedo.

The 2015 Limelight Film Festival was a great success and Hawker College was well represented by six films in this year's event. We would like to congratulate Keanna Smith, Liam Luhrs, Angus Ferguson and Jaslyn Mairs on having their short films showcased at the Palace Electric Theatre.

We were also represented by four ex-Hawker graduates: Susi Gabrielli, Emily Rush, Maddison Sweetapple and Austin Kanget. We have talented film-makers in our midst and wish them every success.

Fiona James & Fay Matthews  
Media Teachers

## HAWKER DRAMA

### 'Stagnant'

Over the past three terms a group of drama students have been collaborating together to create a piece of theatre which reflects upon the 'human condition'. They entered their 10 minute piece, 'Stagnant', in Canberra's 'Fast and Fresh' short play competition. This students group were extremely successful in this task - making it all the way to the finals. The students were excited to perform, promote Hawker College Drama and provoke thought in audience members, exploring the big question; *have we really evolved as a species?* The work also commented upon themes of childhood, gender, power, conflict and freedom. At 'Fast and Fresh' this group took out the title of 'Best Short Play' and 'Best Ensemble Piece,' winning them a spot in the adult short play competition, 'Short and Sweet'. In this secondary competition our students continued to impress audience and judges alike, getting through the

qualifying round and into the finals of the adult comp. After another outstanding performance last Saturday this team ended up coming second overall, which is a staggering feat for students performers in a community theatre festival. We congratulate all members of the team who have performed extremely well and shone a positive light on our school right from their very first collaboration. We await with enthusiasm more big things to come from Hawker college performers!

### 'Hairspray'

*Hairspray* rehearsals are off and running. We've had to move fast, with a choreographer intent on moving continents at the end of week two! The whole cast has pulled together and worked extra hard to make this possible. The cast has been rehearsing not only on Line 7 but on Line 8 and until 5:00pm on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Additionally the cast and crew spent 3 days out at Birrigai working late into the night to complete all the choreography. Camp was fantastic diving into our character roles, and blocking scenes. It was very productive having completed lots of valuable work over the course of the 3 days. Students and staff left exhausted but thrilled that the production was taking shape! On the 28th of August the cast will perform one of their numbers 'The Nicest Kids in Town' at Limelight. This is an exciting opportunity to be able to perform a polished number so early in the rehearsal process. This same number will also be previewed next week at Hawker College at the Year 11 Meeting to start to generate a 'buzz' in the Hawker College community about the upcoming musical. Stay tuned for more information, promos and tickets sales in the near future.

Donna Sullivan  
School Leader, Arts

## TOURISM STUDENTS AT 2015 CANBERRA CAREERS XPO

From 29-30 July, Hawker Tourism students were responsible for providing support to organisers of the Careers Xpo.



They undertook a range of duties such as office management, marshalling and directing students to events, providing hospitality services and supervising workshops. They excelled in all areas with a genuine openness and generosity in sharing their expertise. Over these two days, approximately eight thousand people visited the CareersXpo, so the students had their work cut out for them. In the two days they packed and delivered more than two hundred lunches and served endless cups of tea and coffee to the stall holders. They also performed duties such as writing a newsletter for Rotary (co-organisers of the event), which included interviews with the stall holders. Furthermore students were the principal 'meeters and greeters' when the participating schools arrived at the venue. To their great credit, several of them took leadership roles with very little supervision.

The feedback received from exhibitors and members of Rotary about the Hawker College students was extremely positive. They were commended on their efficiency, friendliness and willingness to assist whenever support was required. Overall, the exercise was a great success and their praise was very well deserved. Hawker College is very proud of them and their fantastic representation of the school during the event.

Tegan Makowski  
Tourism Teacher

## YEAR 12 PSYCHOLOGY MIEACT VISITS



Above: Emily Poulsen, Tom & Deahne (MIEACT), Maggie Hansen, Tasman McClymont-Griffiths, Kaitlyn Turner.

Year 12 Psychology students have been investigating the concept of 'normality' and the impact of labelling and stigma of mental illness in our community. They have also started to investigate the assessment of mental illness in clinical psychology and the factors which need to be taken into account, depending on individual needs and level of functioning.

Visits from volunteers at Mental Illness Education ACT provided the students with relevant case studies and important insight into what it is like to live with, and recover from, mental illness.



Above: Caitlin Kibel, Jaslyn Mairs, Gaby Short (kneeling), Dharshini Uthiakumar, Morgan Shepherd, Shaamaree & Marija (MIEACT), Genna Koumalatsos, Amy Hiscocks, Miranda Dethridge, Marc Alvin Mopon.

Antonella McCarthy  
Psychology Teacher

## SPORT NEWS



Congratulations to Leah and David Allen (pictured above) for making the ACT Pacific Schools Games swimming team. David qualified for the team in thirteen events and Leah in sixteen events. The 2015 Pacific School Games Swimming will be held from Friday, 20 November (training day) until Friday 27 November, with the first day of competition occurring on Saturday, 21 November.



Congratulations to Carl Bauer (left) in Year 11 who has been successful in qualifying for the ACT U17's softball squad. We wish Carl all the best in his sport.

## Mixed Hockey

Congratulations to the Hawker College Mixed Hockey team. The Hawker College mixed hockey team won all their games to be outright winners of the inter college mixed hockey competition on Friday 31

July. The team had no substitute players and had one player short for most of the games. The teams they played such as Erindale & Dickson colleges had enough players to make two teams yet they could not find an answer to overcome the relentless attacking game of the Hawker College students. It is difficult to choose one standout player as they all played out of their skins. However Aaron Knight was monumentally effective in both defence and attack. The combination of attacking players Aaron, Anand Gupte, Nicholas Neeson and Carl Bauer was impressive to watch. Matt Walls & Owen Adamson were very effective in centre play to regain possession as was Tilly Tomic in defence and lastly but definitely not least Sarah Hodges goal keeping skills were exceptional in every game. To make up numbers in the semi and grand final games we had assistance from some girls from Canberra College.

## Thursday Sport for term 3

We currently have a boys and girls team playing in the inter college volleyball competition. In the first round both teams were beaten by Dickson College. In the 2nd round the girl's team won over University of Canberra College Lake Ginninderra and the boys had another loss. In the third round Erindale College forfeited the boy's game and because of other course commitments we had to forfeit the girl's game.

In the inter college Oztag competition we have yet to win, however the boys are building momentum and we hope to see improved results in the coming weeks.

## One day College Sport for term 3

Seen below we have a variety of sporting activities on offer for term 3. Although there was a lot of expressed interest in these activities the follow up commitment by students has been marginal. This is perhaps due to other course study commitments. In the boys and particularly in the girls badminton competition we will see some of our international students taking to the courts to represent Hawker College. In squash we may have a secret weapon in Alex Lock who is a representative player.

Upcoming college sport competitions:

- Squash Friday 21 August
- Badminton (male) Tuesday 25 August
- Mountain Biking Championships Friday 28 August

- Indoor Rock Climbing competition Friday 28 August
- Badminton (female) Friday 4 September
- Indoor Cricket Wednesday 23 September

Bryce Anderson  
Sports Coordinator

## NEWS FROM HAWKER COLLEGE CAREERS AREA

### Careers Xpo

Year 12 students visited the Canberra Careers Xpo on Wednesday 29th of July. This event provides students with the opportunity to talk to industry experts about their future goals and aspirations in the workforce. We had 2 full Action Buses of Hawker College Year 12 Students that attended the day. Feedback from students and staff has been very positive.

### Science in ACTION Day

We had nine of our Science students attend the Science in ACTION Day at the Old Bus Depot in Kingston on Friday 14 August. The students had the opportunity to take part in interactive displays, listen to biology, physics and chemistry presentations and were able to get further information regarding careers in Science. The students also had fun collecting things to add to their showbags.

### Excursion to CIT- Wednesday 9th September

The Careers Team are planning to run an excursion to CIT on Wednesday 9th September. Students have the opportunity to attend up to three workshops in areas they have an interest in.

These include:

- Photography
- Graphic Design/Digital Media
- Visual Arts
- Fashion
- ICT
- Interior Design
- Building Design
- Horticulture
- Floristry
- Building Management/Engineering
- Spatial/Surveying
- Hairdressing
- Beauty Therapy

- Music
- Screen & Media

Please see Careers for more information.

### Forensics Science Day at CIT – Thursday 10th September

Students from Hawker College will be involved in the Forensic Science Day over at CIT on Thursday 10th September. The Careers Team will be visiting Science classes next week in relation to this excursion. There are 15 spots available. We will be visiting or one hour – 10:30-11:30am. This session will include the following:

- Tour of crime scene facilities – along with mock crime scene scenarios to explore
- Presentation on ‘What is forensic science and what are the evidence types’
- Demonstration of the equipment used in a crime scene including a Crime Scene Kit
- Demonstration of ion scanner for trace drug sampling and Polilight
- Fingerprinting exercise using microseal casts and powders
- Summary of the degree program and study requirements for interested degree students

### First Aid Course

There will be a 2 day Senior First Aid Course running at the college on Friday of Week 9 and Thursday of Week 10. The cost of this course is \$65 and will be capped at 12 participants. Interested students can email [hawkerfirstaid@gmail.com](mailto:hawkerfirstaid@gmail.com). Students will receive an email confirming their spot on the course and details regarding payment.

### Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships for 2016 will start being advertised September onwards. Students are encouraged to check noticeboards outside of careers and read the apprenticeship section of the careers newsletter every fortnight. In addition to this students can regularly check the Hawker College Facebook Page.

### Whitecard/Asbestos Training

Carmel is currently organising Whitecard and Asbestos Training to take place in the second part of term 3. These qualifications are mandatory for those wishing to do work experience or gain employment in a trade area. Please

see Carmel in Careers to register if you are interested in either of these opportunities.

### Flexible Learning Option Programs

Flexible Learning Option Programs are designed for students to explore potential career interests and gain competencies towards a Vocational Qualification. These competencies can be used towards further training or gaining employment in specific areas. Suitable students are identified for these programs through the Transition and Careers area at Hawker College along with Student Services and the Learning Diversity Centre. If a student wishes to proceed with the program a formal application needs to be submitted.

We currently have students from Hawker College taking part in the following programs

- Caring for Animals – currently being run by CIT
- Introduction to Community Services – currently being run by Anglicare.

### Year 10 Transition

We have started several transitions visits with Belconnen High School, Canberra High School and Kingsford Smith School this term to help reduce anxiety and stress in the move from High School to College. Students from these schools will be involved in TRY College Day over a range of weeks in which they will experience a normal college day. We have also invited our students that have enrolled with us for 2016 that are currently not from our feeder high schools. Students will enjoy the extra time spent in viewing the college facilities, obtaining more information on college processes and course offerings. There will also be further opportunities for transition for indigenous student, students with additional needs and students that are feeling anxious about the transition to college next year.

### Lunchtime Talks

We have the final lunchtime career information sessions coming up (see below). Students are strongly encouraged to attend if they have an interest in these areas.

- Monday 7 September: AFP Careers
- Monday 14 September: ANU – 1 on 1 Q & A session – booking sheet will be available closer to the date

Reminder that the Careers News is available fortnightly:

- Printed copies outside Careers
  - The Hawker College website
  - Important dates and highlights on the video monitors around the college
  - The Hawker College Facebook Page
- Careers Team: Carmel, Chontel & Tegan

### HAWKER COLLEGE P&C

#### Parent Forum Success: Demystifying College Terminology

There was a terrific attendance at our first forum for 2015. Frank Keighley, Chris Brown, Jane Southerton and Chontel Green guided discussion around the essentials that are useful to know when navigating your way through years 11 and 12. There will be a summary of the night in the P&C section of the Hawker College website in due course.

You are invited to our Community Dinner at RockSalt restaurant on Mon 14th September. This is a combined event with Belconnen High School and the local community. Funds raised will be split between the two schools' P&C's. Numbers are limited so please RSVP. See the invitation in this newsletter and on the school website. Bring your friends and come and join in for a very enjoyable night. We'd really appreciate your support!

We are planning to hold a Forum on Funding Options for University and further education early in term 4.

Please email us on [hawkercollegepandc@gmail.com](mailto:hawkercollegepandc@gmail.com) to be on our email list to be kept updated. Suggestions for topics, events are most welcome.

A reminder to spare a few minutes of your time to complete the school satisfaction survey, sharing your opinion really helps the school community.

### Up Coming Dates

- **Community Dinner:** Monday September 14th at Rocksalt Restaurant Hawker.
- **Parent Forum:** Early Term 4. Date and topic TBC
- **Next P&C Meeting:** Mon. 9th November at 6.30pm

*See Attached Rocksalt Invitation flyer at the end of this newsletter.*



# Important dates for your diary

<b>Tuesday 25 August 2015</b>	<b>Year 11, 2016 - Subject Selection Evening 4:30-7:30pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 1 September 2015</b>	<b>AST Day 1 - Year 12 Tertiary Students</b>
<b>Wednesday 2 September 2015</b>	<b>AST Day 2 - Year 12 Tertiary Students</b>
<b>Thursday 3 September 2015</b>	<b>AST Trial - Year 11 Tertiary Students</b>
<b>Mon 7 - Thurs 10 September 2015</b>	<b>Mid-Semester Cross Line Testing (<i>Alternate Timetable for Test Week</i>)</b>
<b>Friday 11 September 2015</b>	<b>Term 3 Units End</b>
<b>Monday 14 September 2015</b>	<b>Term 4 Units Begin</b>
<b>Friday 25 September 2015</b>	<b>Last day of term (Two weeks term break)</b>

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## *Invitation*

The Belconnen High School Parent Forum Group  
and  
Hawker College P&C

Invite you to a social night for parents,  
friends and teachers

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015

6.30pm for 7pm

Rocksalt Restaurant, Hawker Shops

\$55 per head for food (drinks over the bar)

ARTWORK FROM STUDENTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY

Come and support your local P&Cs and restaurant  
with a delicious menu from Chris and his Chef

*Limited numbers – reserve your places by Friday 11th September  
Please email [amandash@aapt.net.au](mailto:amandash@aapt.net.au) or phone Amanda Sheaves (BHS PFG  
Treasurer) on 0414 914 000 for tickets*

# *Rocksalt.*

BREAKFAST • LUNCH • DINNER

## *Entrée*

Spinach & ricotta ravioli,  
sautéed wild mushrooms & sage nut brown butter

Crispy skin confit chicken wings & sautéed scallops,  
corn puree, corn, shallot and tarragon salad\*

## *Main*

Atlantic Salmon,  
warm pearl cous cous and bean salad, almond gazpachio

Medium rare sirloin steak,  
creamy mash, caramelised shallots & a parsley,  
caper and shallot salad, red wine jus\*

## *Dessert*

Poached rhubarb,  
rhubarb syrup, yoghurt mousse, pistachio nut sprinkle\*

Chocolate almond cake,  
soft chocolate, orange sorbet\*

\* Denotes gluten free dish  
Vegetarian option available with preorder