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## Welcome back to Term 3

We are very much looking forward to Warialda High School 50th Celebration this Saturday. The school will be open to all from 10am to 2pm with a ticketed re-union event at the Warialda Golf & Bowling Club in the evening.

Unfortunately the school lost a valuable art teacher Sonya Marsh to the coast. Art lessons are now taught by Miss Rose and Miss Mullany.

### **Over 90% Attendance**

Congratulations to the 74 students with above 90% attendance for Semester 1. Given the DEC rules regarding attendance with flu symptoms, this is an outstanding effort and well deserving of the \$30 eftpos card rewards.



Dates to remember.....

Sat 30 July - 50 Year Celebration **Tue 9 August - Year 6 into 7 Transition Day** 



# **Athletics Carnival Awardees**

Congratulations to Kakadu as the overall team winner! Champion and Runner-up Champions as follows;

Age	<b>Boys Winner</b>	Runner up	Girls Winner	Runner up
12	Aiden Gooda	Marli Mullens-Silvestri	Izabel Smith	Alirose Williams
13	Riley Burley	Darcy Mitchell	Caelee Green	Summa Beel
14	Os van Velthuizen	Myles Beel	Scarlette Smith	Zayleah Schutt
15	Vashtan Gallen	Thomas Bell	Philippa Schoupp	Lucille Reading
16	Rowdy Laidlaw Hodge	Tommy Lysaght	Natalie Tu	Jasmine Cuell
17+	Darcy Wood	Western Mitchell	Liliana Reardon	Lacey Cooper

# **Winners are Grinners**

State champions CHS 1s especially our own Liliana Reardon. CHS2 4th in state narrowly losing to CIS 17-14 with Lani and Lillee playing extremely well.





# Year 10/11/12 students in Sydney last term .....diary of events!

### Monday 20 June;

The Sydney tour group had a long travel day to get there. After checking in to our amazing accommodation facilities we ventured to the Macquarie Centre food courts for dinner and made grocery purchases for our lunch packs. Students braving the traffic as pedestrians was alarmingly nerve wracking for staff! But, we are all still present and accounted for.

### Tuesday 21 June;

The touring group enjoyed soaking up the Taronga Zoo atmosphere and sensationally kind weather on Tuesday morning. The exhibits and animals appeared and performed admirably as we clocked up the steps to each impressive enclosure. Year 12 set a cracking pace to see everything they could before our agreed pre-lunch catch-up. Some incurred awful blisters but didn't have time to complain. Upon checking off all species and successfully finding the right charter bus, we returned to our city home for a quick freshen up and headed for the ice rink.

The great self-guided zoo tour proved a fitting warm-up for the late afternoon ice-skating session. There were some REALLY solid falls. The improvement rate was equally impressive, along with the resilience and perseverance of our novice skaters/wall-huggers. Photographs show many facial expressions not yet "emojifiable". Staff appreciated the maturity of many to call time before serious injuries were self-inflicted. There is no doubt significant bruises would appear in coming days. Students will only be encouraged to "walk it out" as we continue to accumulate our urban experiences.

#### Wednesday 22 June;

As Wednesday draws to a close, we can reflect upon another great set of experiences chalked-up. The Fish Market tour was really engaging and the figures presented in terms of sales and auction processes were just staggering. We were fortunate enough to see a working fishing boat - an oldie that still does the job - and various retail operations. There was also some sampling of seafood creations.

Year 12 were tasked with mastering different legs of our adventures and successfully navigated the group to their activities that followed - another P&C packed lunch was consumed overlooking Darling Harbour, then there was a movie at George St Event Cinemas - a gold class showing of Jurassic Park or Top Gun, and both choices were great options!

We then poked about at the Chinese Gardens of Friendship, browsed about Paddy's Markets, had dinner at Spice Alley then ventured back to the harbour for a trip on the Ferris Wheel. Our kind bus driver then offered a trip back to the motel via the Sydney Harbour Bridge, capping off another awesome day. The weather has been ridiculously fantastic and our students not far short of perfect. Some bruises from ice skating are appearing, others have some blisters and chafe from walking, but nothing of any significance is affecting appetites. We are working together really well, sharing the load and the laughs. Lights were called around 10 each night – well, students in their own rooms at least. There was no shortage of talking, giggling then snoring to be heard from the halls.

### Thursday 23 June;

Thursday morning was either a lazy one or grocery run to get water, lunch and snacks for the remainder of the trip. Year 10 boys were troopers, with school captains' support – all knew their way around the supermarket – the boys handled 6 crates of water in a stolen shopping trolley, narrowly evading police who were too busy laughing at our antics than pull up for a chat, and we returned to the accommodation fully stocked!

Shortly thereafter, we all headed off for a cultural theatre experience – Othello – at Parramatta Riverside Theatre. To see a live production of such calibre was truly an amazing experience. Following the play, 20 x large pizza hut pizzas were obliterated in record time and we were promptly taken to The Rocks. Some time was filled in with a handball and Frisbee quayside and admiring a MASSIVE cruise ship docked at the terminal!

We were early for our Rocks tour, our guide was late, but once we got it all happening, it was engaging and informative. We enjoyed a burger/ribs/salad meal at a retro themed Cafe and the manner in which our students conducted themselves was positively commented upon by patrons who were seated amongst our group. The return bus trip was fairly quiet and the kids have settled well. They are tired and ready to head home. Mission accomplished! We had an amazing week getting amongst city life.

## Friday 24 June;

Friday was dedicated to return travel. All bags were booked through on one teacher ticket, as decided by the baggage handler, who then tried to charge for over half a tonne of excess baggage – we won't be paying that invoice! We had a relatively quiet trip back. Over the coming days, many tales have already been talked about. It is great that students can again take post-COVID trips and share such experiences with their schoolmates.

Supervising staff would like to acknowledge that our tour group was amazing – so fantastic that we too had a great time! It didn't really seem like work! Students were supportive of each other and really appreciative of the range of activities on offer. We would especially like to thank our P&C for sponsoring bus/train travel and educational opportunities, as well as our lunches! We didn't waste a moment of time and may take longer than we think to absorb all we gained from the experience. See our Facebook page for more photos...

## Kate La Fontaine Deputy Principal (Relieving)



