



Week 11 Term 4 , 2015

Principal's Report

Staffing Update

Mr Joel Wood, Head Teacher Teaching and Learning, has been successful in gaining a promotion to the role of Deputy Principal at Chatham High School in Taree. We are extremely proud of his achievements and we are happy that he has received a promotion he so deserves. On behalf of the school I thank Mr Wood for everything he has done for us. He commenced here as a classroom teacher in 2009 and was appointed Head Teacher Teaching and Learning in 2014 after having relieved in the role in 2013. This year Joel stepped up as Relieving Deputy Principal two days per week in Ms Cathy Thompson's role when she has been Relieving Principal for me, whilst I have been Principal School Leadership. We will miss Mr Wood very much but we know he will bring huge benefits to his new school.

Ms Blae Levy, Head Teacher English will be taking 6 months maternity leave from the beginning of Term 1 2016 as her first baby is due in January. We wish Blae all the best for this exciting time for her and her family and look forward to her returning to the English Department later next year.

In addition to filling the Head Teacher Teaching and Learning position next year we anticipate needing to fill four to five teaching positions in English, HSIE, Mathematics and two Science positions.



L-R Ms Blae Levy, Ms Rosemary McDowall, Mr Joel Wood

P&C and School Council

Parents and community members have supported our school throughout the year, not only as volunteers but also in terms of funds to provide quality programs for our students. P&C funds from the Canteen, Uniform Shop and other fund raisers made it possible for the school to continue with a number of important programs including High Resolves, a social justice and global leadership program as well as a number of smaller, but still significant initiatives. The P&C, led by a strong Executive team headed by Tracy O'Shanassy, P&C President, has also generously contributed to the upkeep of our grounds and gardens.

Additionally the P&C and School Council, led by President, Michael Strugnell, have played a key role in working with supporting the Executive to continue to improve the school. In 2015 we refurbished the staff common room to create a second 21st Century teaching and learning space and the Hall has now been refurbished to incorporate new change rooms and amenities for our student performances and for members of the public. In the upcoming school holidays, we will be refurbishing a science lab in A Block to create a wet and dry laboratory and the AV Room in the school library is being converted to a senior classroom to cater for our growing school population.

I would also like to make special mention of our P&C and School Council Executives and acknowledge outgoing officers for their dedication and commitment to the school, particularly in the support they have provided to the Senior Executive in working collaboratively with Health Infrastructure and Roads and Maritime Services to ensure that full consultation with our community has occurred before and during all phases of construction of the new Northern Beaches Hospital and the road works. Additionally I would like to acknowledge the strong partnership we have formed particularly with Healthscope and the many future benefits this innovative partnership will bring for our students.

Students and Staff

In 2015 the Student Representative Council, under the leadership of Miss Nicole Murray was active in raising funds for numerous charities and explicitly teaching students the skills of leadership and the school's expectations. Special thanks go to our School Captains, Erica Kolo and Brandon Egan-Walters, their Vice Captains, Juliet Docwra and Thomas Tobler, Sport Captains, Taylor Moroney and Hollie Mason, Creative and Performing Arts Captains, Tangesi Maile and Jaime Browne and Environmental Captain, Dyana Freitas for their impressive leadership this year.

Thanks to our students who have worked consistently to achieve their personal best in key learning areas, culturally, in sporting pursuits and in terms of leadership and citizenship throughout

2015. And finally congratulations to all our HSC students on their results - enjoy your summer break and I wish you well in your future endeavours.

I would like to thank each one of our staff for a wonderful year. We are indeed very fortunate to have such diverse, talented and committed teachers and support staff at The Forest High School. It is their efforts to support and nurture the students that have helped our students achieve.

Staff return on Wednesday 27th January for staff development, 3+3 students and Year 7 return on Thursday 28th January and the rest of the students return on Friday 29th January. I wish our community compliments of the season and a relaxing and safe holiday.

Rosemary McDowall, Principal

Deputy Principal's Report

The school year is rapidly coming to a close and I am amazed how much we have achieved in the school in 2015. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year here. I have been made to feel very welcome from staff, students and parents. We have a fantastic school thanks to the hard work of the whole school staff and with the support of the parents, our students can achieve great things.

One area I have been closely involved in has been the changes to roll call and DEAR, our reading program in roll call. Being literate sets students up for success in their school and working life, and encouraging students to read has been a big part of that. Next year will see the continuation of our reading program in DEAR, along with the pastoral care aspect we have introduced. In Years 7-9 we will look at issues affecting young people such as bullying, being different, people with disabilities, cyber safety, making choices and domestic violence. The senior years of 10-12 will focus more on study skills and other elements of helping them succeed in the HSC.

It is well known that parents are important role models for students regarding reading but staff are also being encouraged to be role models. On the Staff Development Day at the end of the year, there will be a presentation from a wonderful bookseller who will recommend books for staff to read. We are also going to give each staff member a book, out of a selection of 6, to read over the holidays. On our first day back we will be discussing the books they have read. It is hoped that the staff will read more of the books people recommend.

If any parent would like to read the books we are using with our students, or the ones recommended to staff, please feel free to contact me.

Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday to all.

Denise Wright, Deputy Principal

Year 7 Report

To round the already fantastic year with Year 7, I had the pleasure of presenting Certificates of Academic Excellence and the P&C Prize for Academic Achievement to students in our year group at Presentation Night this week. It was fantastic to see so many students receive these awards as well as sporting, leadership and music awards. It was also great to see Year 7 students in the concert band performing a beautiful piece during the night. I am excited to see what will be achieved in Year 8 and beyond.

Year 8 has begun, and I thank students and parents for a smooth rollover with new classes and teachers. The first five weeks have been very busy with students participating in the Digital Thumbprint Program, to promote online security, as well as Swim School. They have enjoyed two days at the pool learning about water safety and CPR as well as a day at the beach to learn about surf safety. It was been an enjoyable few days with Finn Soegaard commenting *“All together it was a great couple of days. I learned some important life skills and had a lot of fun with my friends”*





I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Enjoy the rest, however, use this time to revise the first five weeks of Year 8 and keep on top of any assignments. I can't wait to work with Year 8 in 2016.

Julian Floriano, Relieving Year 7 (8) Adviser

Year 8 Report

As the year draws to a finish I would like to congratulate all the Year 8 students for the ease with which they progressed into the Year 9 academic year. A few elective changes have been finalised and the students seem very happy with their timetables. Even though the students have expressed how tired they are, the teachers tell me they have settled into the new classes and the new assessment schedule well. The students are certainly looking forward to a well deserved break.

The Year 9 camp dates have been finalised. The dates for your calendar are the 1-3 June 2016 (Term 2, Week 6) at Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre. More information regarding the camp will be given out in the new year. On behalf of the Year 8 teachers, I wish you all a happy festive season, stay safe and I look forward to seeing everyone in 2016.

Clare Diggins, Year 8 (9) Adviser

Year 9 Report

As the year draws to an end, the momentum certainly has not slowed down. Rolling over to Year 10 has seen some wonderful opportunities arise for our year group, such as Café De Forest, Peer Support and Swim School. These programs have allowed the students who have been putting in the effort to be rewarded with wonderful opportunities to increase their skills and become leaders. Next term, new opportunities will be presenting themselves for students who would like to be involved in additional programs. The Peer Tutor Program is a year-long commitment that involves being a mentor for a new Year 7 student starting at The Forest High School in 2016. Students in the group

from Year 7 are selected based on their needs as they may require additional academic, social, or emotional support. I will be selecting 15 students from Year 10 to be a buddy and assist the Year 7 students during roll call each morning. If you are interested please see Mrs Garnett by the end of the year to put your name down for consideration.

Taking on new challenges not only aids in development and increases skills but it is also rewarding. Numerous students from our year group assisted in the Fisher Road program this year. Due to their dedication and great effort, Fisher Road invited us to attend their end of year concert. It was a fabulous morning and I would like to personally thank the students involved for their time and displaying such amazing qualities during the program such as being caring, empathetic, understanding and patient.



Fisher Road Concert

Finally, I would like to wish the students and families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all next year ready to learn and focused to complete your ROSA Year 10 certificate.

Michelle Nunura (nee Garnett), Year 9 (10) Adviser

Year 10 Report

Year 11 students commenced their senior studies in week six of this term and they are well into the preliminary courses of their first three subjects. Most of them will by now have completed their first senior assessment task and are probably just now realising the big step up required of them. I

am sure I speak for all their teachers in encouraging them to start their assessment tasks early and ensure that the work they hand in is of as high a quality as they can make it.

In keeping with the school's efforts to create and foster a senior campus environment, Year 11 will be permitted to purchase and wear a senior jersey from Term 2 next year. Students have been busily trying on jerseys for sizes and the next step will involve a design team coming up with a few designs for the year as a whole to settle on a single style. Students will be able to nominate an appropriate nickname to go on the back of their jersey, made up of a maximum of 12 characters. It is anticipated that the jersey will cost approximately \$80 but they will get to wear it for 18 months.

With the end of year approaching and the start of the holidays just around the corner, I wish all students and their families a very happy and restful break. It is a long break so students should be encouraged to review work completed to date, prepare for what is to come and complete any holiday tasks assigned to them by their teachers.

Jason Millar, Year 10 (11) Adviser

Year 11 Report

It has been a pleasure to see everyone in the year group adopt the position of leaders and role models of the school. Having now completed the first half of their HSC subjects, Year 12 are now undertaking the preliminary courses for the second round of subjects. A gentle reminder to all students to not become complacent while the preliminary course is happening, as the work you put in now lays the foundation for success in the HSC courses.

The senior jerseys have all been ordered from Canterbury and we are looking forward to receiving them early in Term 1, 2016.

School vice-captain Ben Lofthouse has taken the initiative to organise a school team for the Sun Run which goes from Dee Why to Manly and is held on Saturday 6th February. We encourage all students, parents and members of the school community to get involved. For entry details, see Ben or check out one of the many posters around the school for details regarding registration.

Happy holidays to all. Stay safe and we will see you next year!

Chris Falkland, Year 11 (12) Adviser

Year 12 Report

The Formal and Graduation were held on the 18th November and it was lovely to see everyone

looking so smart for the event. The audience at the Graduation listened to speeches, musical performances and witnessed the cohort receiving their Graduation Certificates, as well a range of special awards. Families and friends filled the hall, demonstrating their strong support of the graduating students.

The Formal, held at Taronga Zoo, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The guests were treated to a stunning sunset over the harbour, a two-course meal and a dance floor with a DJ. It was a great way to conclude and celebrate the end of their high school years at The Forest High School.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being the cohort's Year Adviser for 2015 and I hope that everyone is pleased with their HSC results and ATARs. I wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

Alex Castle, Year 12 Adviser



Wellbeing Wall

Ms Chaloner facilitated wellbeing workshops for students during Year 10 Motivation Week in November. Students were involved in activities around self-esteem, building positive relationships and the Wellbeing Wall was the culmination of the session for the groups.

parents to check. All Year 8 to 10 students have been issued with their Mathletics and Mathsonline passwords. Senior students may speak to their teacher about registering for Mathsonline. The textbooks for Years 8 and 10 will be arriving shortly and will be issued next year after being covered. Students will also be offered a password to use the textbook online. The senior students are well into their Preliminary courses now. We have two Mathematics classes, four General 2 classes, one General 1 class and Extension 1 and 2 classes. The first assessment was in weeks 9 and 10 and will be handed back shortly

How can I help?

Mathematical skills can be gained in many ways. Over the holidays play some games like Yahtzee and Monopoly which both improve addition skills. When teaching probability there are many students not familiar with the suits and numbers in a pack of cards. Any card games would provide this understanding and be fun. The students are able to access Mathematics and Mathsonline over the holidays and these programs would be a great way to consolidate key concepts. I suggest the senior students use the holidays to go through their first assessment and go back over concepts they did not get full marks for.



A Christmas Puzzle ...

How old is Santa? Santa is eighty years younger than three times Frosty the Elf's age. If you add twice Santa's age to three times Frosty the Elf's age, the total is six hundred and five. Can you find Santa's age and frosty the Elf's age?

Enjoy the Holidays from the Mathematics Staff - Mrs Gourlay, Mrs Blair, Mrs Frykberg, Mrs Barry, Mr Somerville, Mr Windsor, Miss Wallace, Mrs O'Donnell, Mr Shaw and Miss Page.

HSIE Report

Year 8

This term Year 8 has been learning all things Medieval. The students have enjoyed learning about everyday life, castles and knights and also crimes and the grisly punishments handed down. Students have been issued with the notice for assessment task two (due Term 2, 2016) which is [the e-portfolio](#). This task requires students to create revision notes throughout the year for

each topic they have studied. The holidays provide the students with a good opportunity to start the e-portfolio.

Year 9

The HSIE team are excited to be teaching mandatory Australian History and Geography, Elective History, Commerce and Philosophy to our Year 9 students. Assessment task one has been completed for Year 9 Geography and Commerce with Philosophy and Elective History due mid next term.

3+3

On Friday in Week 9, Year 11 and 12 Geography students completed fieldwork in the Ku-Ring Gai National Park at the Gibberagong Environmental Education Centre. All students were highly engaged in observing and measuring aspects of the biophysical environment at three different sites, including a mangrove, dry sclerophyll and remnant rainforest. We had a great day and look forward to more fieldwork opportunities in the HSC course.



History Discovery Day

In November, The Forest High School ran a History Discovery Day for Year 5 students at Allambie Heights Public School and Wakehurst Public School. These days were the result of collaboration, through a History Transition Team, between the two primary schools and The Forest High School. Its aim was to strengthen the continuum of history ideas, concepts and skills from Stage 3

History into Stage 4 History, culminating in a day specifically design for Year 5 students.

The Year 5 students came to the school and experienced a number of activities focusing on ancient Greece. They participated in an archaeological dig which allowed the students to understand the processes that are undertaken for a successful dig. They uncovered artefacts that represented ancient Greek theatre tickets, broken vases and small oil lamps.

The students were then asked to become thespians, don a toga and create plays based on the Greek Gods. Not only did they look the part but there were many budding actors amongst them.

The final activity was a research session on the ancient Greek Olympic Games. The students spent the lesson in the Library Learning Centre using the computers to find information on who participated in the Games and the most grueling sports.

All the activities were run by enthusiastic Year 10 Philosophy students, who dedicated themselves to ensuring the Year 5's remained actively engaged in each activity, were entertained and learned about ancient Greece. This day would not have been possible without their assistance. Without a doubt, the Year 10 students had as much fun as the Year 5 students.

We would like to thank the Year 5 teachers from both Allambie Heights and Wakehurst Public School for their participation in the day and especially Mr Mitchell and Mr Wootton, who were part of the History Transition Team.

Mrs Richards and Mr Floriano



State Tennis Championships

The State Tennis Championships were recently held at District Park Tennis Courts Newcastle, with players competing for the Alan Basford Shield.

The Forest High School Year 10 student Alex Turner was playing for a third consecutive year representing Sydney North who won for a third year in a row with a 7-5 matches win.

Alex won all his singles and doubles matches playing at No.3 and 4, including a 6-0 singles win in the final. Alex received a medallion, Merit Team Award and 3 year selection Bronze Certificate. Congratulations to Alex on this great achievement.



Terms 3 & 4 Certificates of Achievements

The following students were presented with Certificates of Achievement at their year meetings for consistent effort across their classes and handing in 10 Merit slips. As of Week 6 the "Green Merit Slips" will be recorded in our central mark book. Students will no longer need to hand in their Merit slips. Students can see a tally of their merit slips in the Student Portal.

Congratulations to the students below:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
A. Barker	S. Bensaul	R. Bennett	T. Barstow	Z. Burnett	B. Braeden
M. Burghoff	E. Beukers	L. Bevan	S. Dowden	L. Magallanes	T. Britto
S. Cowell	J. Butler	R. Buttiglieri	P. Eredia-Araujo	K. Salvania	U. Doric
S. deGroot	N. Butler	G. Caldarola	E. Jacobson	M. Savage	Z. Henderson
A. Dimitrov	E. Cassidy	J. Chan	B. Kelly	J. Young	
R. Dixon	M. deGroot	M. Dary	S. Limbaga		
T. Doyle	M. Filatoff	N. Doppler	S. O'Toole		
J. Dubauskas	O. Gardiner	L. Fairchild	M. Sgro		
J. Hathway	B. Glynn	R. Huston	R. Tacadena		
S. Jones	H. Keeler	S. Jukes	Z. Webster		
S. Limbaga	J. Laface	A. Malm	H. White		
S. Marcer	T. Mapstone	R. Marshall	S. Williams		
J. Martin	M. Patterson	J. McPherson			
N. McPherson	T. Pierce	S. Monk			
R. Orr	E. Raffin	D. Poulter			
L. Parkinson	B. Stringer	M. Swain			
S. Portale	T. Witcombe	O. Taylor			
R. Schwarz		H. Tuckerman			
G. Stanley					
S. Tobin					
J. Van Den Bosch					
M. Vilnis					
M. Wei					

2015 High Resolves

The High Resolves Leadership Program has ended for another year. The program will be in operation in 2016. Year 7-10 will be involved in the program and notes will be distributed in Term 1 2016 informing the students and parents/carers of the program for each year level.

On Thursday 3rd December the Year 9 High Resolves team for 2015 attended the Summit at the University of Technology. This is a day organized by High Resolves for schools to get together and for each team to collaborate on issues identified by them. It is also a celebration of what each team has achieved throughout the year. This year, Kenzo Uedo represented The Forest High School and gave a speech to all the students at the Summit.



Merry Christmas from the office

Seasons greetings to the all students, parents and families at The Forest High School from the School Office staff - we wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and an enjoyable summer break.



Term 1 2016 Events

Tues 26 th January	Australia Day Public Holiday	
Wed 27 th January	School Development Day (Staff Only)	
Thurs 28 th January	Year 7,11,12, Peer Support Leaders return,	
Fri 29 th January	Full school resumes	
Mon 8 th February	Swimming Carnival	
Wed 17 th February	School Council 6pm P&C Meeting 7pm	
Wed 9 th March	Zone Swimming Open Night 6pm-8pm	
Thurs 10 th March	School Photographs	
Sat 12 th March	GAT Testing 9am-11.30am	
Mon 14 th March	GAT Testing Reserve Day 4pm-6.30pm	
Wed 16 th March	Vaccinations Visit 1 School Council 6pm P&C Meeting 7pm	
Thurs 17 th March	Area Swimming Carnival	
Fri 18 th March	Harmony Day Celebrations	
Mon 21 st March	Meet the Principal 9am	
Fri 25 th March	Good Friday	
Mon 28 th March	Easter Monday	
Tues 29 th March	Years 7-10 Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45pm – 7.30pm	
2nd – 4th April	CHS Swimming	
5th – 8 th April	School Musical	
Fri 8 th April	Cross Country Last Day of Term 1	
Year 7	Thursday 28 th January	New Students Enrolment
	Friday 29 th January	Year 7 Testing
	Tuesday 23 rd February	Year 7 High Resolves (am)
	Wednesday 30 th March- Friday 1 st April	Year 7 Camp
Year 8	Tuesday 8 th March	Year 8 High Resolves (am)

Year 10	Monday 1 st February	Visit to Vittoria Coffee – Barista Training
	Friday 12 th February	Year 10 High Resolves (all day)
	Tuesday 8 th March	International Women's Day Empower Conference
	Friday 11 th March	Year 10 High Resolves (all day)
	Wednesday 23 rd March	Year 10 High Resolves (am)
Year 11 & 12	Thursday 28 th January	3+3 Preliminary Half Yearly Exams (in class)
	Friday 29 th January	3+3 Preliminary Half Yearly Exams (in class)
	Thursday 11 th February	3+3 Legal Studies Court Visit
	Monday 22 nd February-Friday 4 th March	3+3 VET Work Placement
	Monday 22 nd /Tuesday 23 rd February	Year 11 Progress Interviews
	Thursday 25 th February	3+3 Parent Teacher Interviews 3.45pm-7.30pm
	Friday 26 th February	3+3 ESL/English theatre visit to Sydney University
	Monday 29 th February-Tuesday 1 st March	Year 11 Progress Interviews
	Wednesday 2 nd March	3+3 Drama visit to Belvoir St. Theatre
	Thursday 24 th March	3+3 Preliminary Exam (Reserve Day)
	Monday 29 th March-Friday 1 st April	3+3 Preliminary Exams

Back to the 80's

Congratulations to Brandon Koolloos in Year 11 who has successfully auditioned for a lead role in a major production of **Back to the 80's** opening in January 2016 at The Concourse in Chatswood. The Packermin Youth Productions show features over 60 of Sydney's most talented young performers and special guest star Mark Simpson (Hairspray, The Rocky Horror Show) and includes many favourite hits from the 80's such as *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun*, *Man in the Mirror*, *Love Shack*, *Kids in America*, *Footloose*, *Material Girl* and many more!

This is a great achievement for Brandon as he was selected out of an audition group of 200 students.

If you would like to show your support for Brandon and attend the show tickets are on sale now from www.theconcourse.com.au or by calling **8075 8111**. The show runs from 8th to 23rd January.



8 Jan to 23 Jan 2016

The Concourse, Chatswood

The totally awesome musical!

Following the success of their inaugural sell-out production, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, **Packemin Youth Productions** returns in 2016 with the totally awesome musical **BACK TO THE 80's**. Featuring over 60 of Sydney's most talented young performers and special guest star **Mark Simpson** (*Hairspray*, *The Rocky Horror Show*) as Mr Cocker. This awesome musical will include all your favourite hits from the 80's including *Girls Just Wanna Have Fun*, *Man In the Mirror*, *500 Miles*, *Love Shack*, *Kids In America*, *You Give Love A Bad Name*, *Footloose*, *Material Girl*, *Wake Me Up Before You Go Go* and more!

Join Corey Palmer and the graduating class of William Ocean High School as they live through their final senior year. Experience with them all the highs and lows of growing up; the fun, the heartbreak and the teenage angst - think Ferris Bueller's Day Off, The Karate Kid and The Wedding Singer!

Set in 1980's USA and against a backdrop of the biggest pop hits of the time, **BACK TO THE 80's** is the ultimate throwback to the era that brought you the Rubik's Cube, Max Headroom and the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. This totally awesome musical will take you on a journey back to a time when bubble skirts and blue eye shadow were cool and Michael Jackson and Rick Astley were the Kings of Pop.

Director – Jordan Vassallo

Musical Director – Rachel Kelly | Choreographers – Cameron Mitchell & Craig Nhobbs

Creative Supervisor – Neil Gooding | Musical Supervisor – Peter Hayward

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

www.theconcourse.com.au or 8075 8111





Uniform Shop Opening Times for 2016

Saturday 23rd January 2016 - 9am to 12pm

Wednesday 27th January 2016 - 10am to 12pm

Thursday 28th January 2016 - 8am to 12pm

Friday 29th January 2016 - 8am to 12pm

The Uniform will then return to normal opening hours from Monday 1st February (8am to 10am) and Thursday 4th February (2pm to 4pm)

Full details of School Uniform requirements and order forms are available on our school website

<http://www.theforest-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/uniform-shop>



SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL TO UNDER 18's

NSW Health have issued a reminder about the current laws and fines around supply of alcohol as we approach the festive season. **Stop the Supply** is a project targeting the 'secondary supply' of alcohol to people under 18 years of age, with an aim to reduce underage drinking.

What is 'Secondary Supply' of Alcohol?

The secondary supply of alcohol is when alcohol is purchased for, or provided to, minors. Examples of secondary supply are when:

- Adults supply alcohol at a party for under-aged party-goers
- Over 18 young people purchase alcohol for their under-age friends
- Alcohol is supplied to under-age sporting team mates as a form of celebration

Secondary supply is the main way young people under 18 years obtain alcohol. Almost 40% of under-age drinkers get alcohol from their parents and only 5% buy it themselves (Australian Drug Foundation, May 2012).

The

Law

The NSW Liquor Act 2007 generally states that, unless you are the parent or guardian, you cannot give or sell alcohol to a minor or buy alcohol on behalf of a minor. Supplying alcohol to a minor incurs an on the spot fine of \$1,100, or a fine up to \$11,000 and/or 12 months imprisonment.

The Stop The Supply project is a Northern Beaches Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) campaign running on the Northern Beaches of Sydney. Northern Sydney Health Promotion is a key partner along with other key agencies such as Police, Councils and drug and alcohol services.

Updates of the campaign will be posted on the Stop the Supply Facebook page. More information can be found on the website: <http://www.stopthesupply.org.au/>



SCHOOL OPAL CARD

On Monday 2nd November Transport for NSW launched its new online application for relevant parents and students travelling in the Opal public transport region. Just like the current paper passes, the School Opal card gives eligible students free travel to and from school on school days. However, the School Opal card makes travel simpler as students will now not need multiple application forms and passes if they use different transport operators within the Opal network.

Students with school travel passes this year will not need to apply for a School Opal card unless they are changing schools, campus, their home address or moving from Year 2 to 3 or year 6 to 7.

Those students who do not need to apply will have a School Opal card sent to their school for the beginning of the first term in 2016.

The application can be found at transportnsw.info/school-students

Improving Dyslexic Children's Reading Abilities

The Role of Video Games

The University of Sydney is running a study looking at improving reading ability in children with dyslexia using video games. The activities will be carried out at the University of Sydney for 11 days (90 minute sessions) during the summer holidays. Participation in the study is free and parking is provided. To participate in the study or for any questions you may have, please feel free to contact Dr Piergiorgio Trevisan at pierggiorgio.trevisan@sydney.edu.au or on 0421 948 022

26 November 2015

Dear Neighbour

Night works completed / site close down arrangements

Thank you for your patience while we completed the night works for the hospital entry/exit on Warringah Road.

This work period was considerably longer than anticipated due to the inclement weather. There are no further night works planned at this stage.

Construction vehicles accessing and departing the hospital construction site will use this new entry/exit, with left in/left out only. The former site entry/exit opposite Bantry Bay Road will close.

As part of the project's traffic management plan, Traffic Controllers and signage will remain in place at the new entry/exit to assist safe vehicle movements to and from the site and to help pedestrians.

The site will close after Friday 18 December 2015 for the holidays; reopening on Monday 4 January 2016. Site security will remain in place during this period and emergency contact signage is posted on the site hoarding.

Please telephone 0427 088 526 or email enquiries@northernbeacheshospital.com.au to receive project updates, provide feedback or ask questions about construction.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families safe and happy holidays.

Thank you

Northern Beaches Hospital Project Team