What’s Happening
Hay War Memorial High School

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Term 3 — Week 2
Thursday July 24, 2014

Hay War Memorial High School Café

Trial higher school certificate exams
Term 3 is a busy time of the school year for our senior students. All senior students should be aware that they will be sitting their Trial HSC examinations in Week 7, Term 3. The Trial examination timetable will be available in the coming weeks.

Education Week
Next week is “Education Week”. Some of the events happening next week at our school are:

Tuesday 29th July: Years 7 to 10 will be listening to a guest speaker during Period 4. Aunty Mary Farrell-Hooker will be sharing her experiences as a survivor of the stolen generation, her involvement with the National Sorry Day and the current Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse.

Wednesday 30th July: The whole school will be undertaking the Hay High Ten in Periods 5 and 6.

Friday 1st August: During the assembly in Period 4, the school will be officially launching the Positive Behaviour for Learning initiative and celebrating student and school community achievements. The school will also be providing a free BBQ lunch on Friday for all students and staff.

NAIDOC Week contributions
Our NAIDOC Week celebrations last term were a great success and we very much appreciated the willing contributions which were made to the festivities by visitors from various organisations.

Two performers from the Waradah

School Council Meeting
Monday night
July 28
@ 7.30pm

Maths study evenings
Maths study evenings have commenced for Term 3.

Students must have a permission note to attend and the evening runs from 5pm until 7pm in room 5. Students must sign in and out.

If you have work you need help with, revision exercises or just wanting to catch up then come along.

Miss Bowen

Senior subject selection
Reminder that all Year 10 and 11 senior subject selection sheets are due in by Wednesday July 30.

You must make sure that you have them completed before you hand them in.

For so much what shall we repay?
Aboriginal Centre in Katoomba presented highly enjoyable and informative workshops involving Aboriginal dance and music. The willing efforts of Mr Kerrin Parkes and Mr Ronald Ward throughout the day were greatly appreciated by everyone.

Charles Sturt University’s Aboriginal Support Officer, Ms Melanie Evans, was the leader of a team from Wagga Wagga who showed our students the intricacies of traditional Aboriginal weaving. They also taught them how to make johnny cakes. Thank you very much Melanie, and her team members, Ms Gail Manderson and Ms Marie Rose.

The Wagga Wagga contingent was organised by Mr Ray Woods, who was also involved in the overall planning of the event. We extend our gratitude to Ray.

A popular display which promoted healthy living habits was tirelessly manned by Mr Mark Trebley from the NSW Ambulance Service. Mark was also keen to explain the employment opportunities which his service provides for Indigenous youth, as part of his organisation’s affirmative action policy. Later this term, Mark will be returning to the school to conduct a workshop on health matters for our Indigenous students. We really do appreciate Mark’s support for our efforts to “close the gap.”

Plenty of good fun was also had on the sports field thanks to the energetic contributions of Mr John Charles and Ms Michaela Pauling from the Aboriginal Medical Service in Griffith. The weather was perfect on the day and everyone enjoyed playing the entertaining games which the AMS team presented.

Every year, themes are chosen for NAIDOC Week. With 2014 being the centenary year for the outbreak of World War One, this year’s NAIDOC theme was: *Serving Country: Centenary & Beyond. Over 400 Indigenous Australian soldiers served in the Great War from 1914 until 1918.*

Therefore, apart from providing an opportunity to enjoy various activities, our celebrations in NAIDOC Week were also intended to honour those Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who served with pride during Australia’s military actions across the globe.

The support which Hay War Memorial High School received from welcomed visitors on that day greatly facilitated our recognition of that debt.

Mr Y Chambers, Principal.
Year 10 Work Experience
There are a number of students in Year 10 who have already organised their work experience for Week 4, Term 4 (27th - 31st October). The procedure is that the student approaches a business they would like to undertake work experience with, usually by ringing them up. If they agree, the student needs to get a contact name, address and telephone number. The student then needs to make an appointment time with Ms McNally to complete the work experience placement forms so they then can be sent to the host employer. When returned from the host employer the forms are sent home for parents/guardians to sign. Students are able to complete work experience away from home if they are going to suitable supervised accommodation, which the school must approve. Parents are responsible for their child’s travel to work experience. As many schools undertake work experience in Term 4, students need to be contacting possible employers for placement very soon. All work experience should be organised by the end of this term.

Scholarships
Current Year 12 students, as well as parents and siblings, can apply for the Royal Agricultural Society Scholarships. Students need to remember that some scholarships can be applied for again if unsuccessful the first time. The RASS fall into this category.

Royal Agricultural Society Scholarships
Rural Scholarships are available to support individuals in NSW who demonstrate a passion for rural and commitment for any career that will ensure the future success of rural and regional NSW.

Scholarships of $5,000 for full-time study or $2,500 for part-time study are available. There is no limit on the types of courses that qualify or the age of the applicant. Applicants could be studying at University, TAFE or VET courses, on campus or by distance learning. However applicants all have one thing in common – a desire to play an active part in the future of rural NSW.

Applications open from July to September annually. The link is http://www.rasnsw.com.au/rural-scholarships-.htm or Browse the RAS website under RAS Foundation.

Hay High Ten
This is taking place next Wednesday at 1.30. All students are expected to attend this traditional event. All sponsorship cards need to be returned prior to the run. If money needs to be collected the card will be photocopied and the photocopy retained at school.

There are fantastic prizes to be won donated by local businesses. Every $5 raised entitles you to a raffle ticket in the random prize draw. Students that raise over $100 will be in the major prize raffle. The prize will be a choice between an iPad or GO PRO.

Please ensure cards are kept safe as they must all be returned to school.

Opportunity to explore Europe in 2016 with Hay War Memorial High School group
An information session will be held on Wednesday 30th July to discuss the possibility of a European trip for the Hay War Memorial High School community in 2016.

This is open to all students, parents and staff and those interested in finding out more are invited to the initial meeting at 5:30pm in the staff common room, main building.
Navigating the teenage years can sometimes be a confusing and turbulent time for all family members. It’s a time when young people begin to exert their independence more fully and parents often find that conflict seems to become a regular part of family life. Peer relationships can sometimes be challenging for young people as their social and educational environment changes.

If this sounds like you or your family then Vinnies Reconnect may be for you. Vinnies Reconnect works with young people between the ages of 11 and 19, helping them work through any issues they may be trying to manage. The workers also support the families of the young person to help strengthen family connections. This can be by providing information on adolescent development, additional parenting strategies and building communication links between young people and their families and other services.

In addition to our family work Vinnies Services also provides small group programs such as Drum Beat, Girls Strong and RAGE. Each program is designed to appeal to young people by being hands on and interactive while building on their strengths and attributes. These programs are delivered in collaboration with the schools the young person is attending.

Referrals to Vinnies Reconnect can be made by family members, young people, friends, schools and community members. Our services are free and confidential, so if you think we may be able to assist you or your family please call on 03 5881 7411.