Many people, organisations and businesses make donations to us and these are gratefully accepted.

Hay War Memorial High School proudly acknowledges the generous donation by the Hay Community Band of just over $11 000 to enhance and foster the teaching and learning of music at the school.

We thank the executive members of the Band Mr Mick Beckwith and Mr Alan Beissel for enabling this donation and presenting our School Captain, Ruby Barnes and Vice Captain Aaron McDougall along with Mr Honan (Head Teacher) with the donation.

Senior student news
I wish our senior students all the best for the Trial Higher School Certificate examinations which they will be sitting for next week. I take this opportunity to remind parents that the senior students are expected back in classes following the end of the trial examination period. This is in order to receive feedback on their examination performance and obtain final support from their teachers prior to the HSC examinations next term.

Year 12 news
Year 12 students are expected to be in regular lessons until recess on Wednesday September 17, with their luncheon scheduled for Wednesday, September 17 during periods 3 and 4.

Science news
Students from Hay War Memorial High School achieved outstanding results when they participated in ICAS this year. Those students whose achievements were outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Merit, Credit, Distinction and High Distinction.

'The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools are independent evaluations of students’ skills and knowledge in core learning areas and provide insight into students’ understanding. The skills and understandings tested are important indicators of success in school and beyond,’ said Nick Connolly, Senior Manager Test Development at Educational Assessment Australia, UNSW Global. ‘I would like to recognise the participation of students from Hay War Memorial High School with certificates and congratulate them on their efforts and achievements.’
and an afternoon of volleyball (periods 5 and 6).

At this time I would like to take the opportunity to thank Mrs Aylett and Mr Breen for the work they have done with our Year 12 students.

A letter to Year 12 and their parents will be issued to all Year 12 students by post after their trial examinations. This will inform them of all of the events, expectations and responsibilities of Year 12 students in their final days before the Higher School Certificate examinations next term.

Mr Y Chambers, Principal.

Hay High Ten Final Report 2014
Thank you to all students who raised money for this year’s Hay High Ten. Three thousand dollars was raised which was a fantastic effort. The money will be used to purchase resources for the library, art room and PE faculty. A donation of $300 will also go to Can Assist.

The local business prize was won by Hay Furniture Co. and Laura Cox was the lucky winner of the major prize – an iPad.

There are some sponsorship cards that are still outstanding. Please return them to the school asap.

Learning Support Team project
As part of our National Partnerships Improving Literacy funding we are providing literacy support to Stage 4 students.

Students will work in a withdrawal setting 1:1 for 1, 5 or 10 week blocks to further enhance their skills in reading texts and comprehension. Students will spend about 25 minutes in each session. Literacy sessions will be held on Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays with Mrs Zambon and Mrs Slattery, under the supervision of Mrs Millyard or on Thursdays and Fridays with Mrs Harrison. Literacy support lessons will continue until the end of the 2014 calendar year.

All students in Year 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to participate in the literacy enrichment sessions and have been given a note explaining this. If parents and carers would like to discuss this program further they may do so by contacting the school.

Indigenous Health Workshop
An entertaining workshop on health issues took place at the school on Thursday August 14. Mr Mark Trebley from the Ambulance Service of NSW provided valuable information in the form of a PowerPoint presentation. He also displayed an assortment of life-like models.

Indigenous students from Year 7 and Year 8 learned that the life expectancy for Indigenous people in Australia is 17 years less than the life expectancy for non-Indigenous Australians.

We greatly appreciated Mr Trebley’s efforts in helping our students to understand how we can all work together to “close the gap.”

Museum donation
Mrs Barbara Matthews has this week donated a very special collection of letters to the HWMHS Museum. This is one of a very few bound copies of the letters Gavin Johnston senior, editor of The Riverine Grazier, wrote each month to the Hay soldiers serving overseas, telling them local Hay news. It had been presented to her father-in-law, R.S.T. Matthews in 1945 as a permanent record of the war years when he was Waradgery Shire President. Mr Matthews had written a foreword to the collection.

Many people living in Hay now would delight in reading these letters about life in Hay and we hope to find a way to digitise the very fragile book so everyone can enjoy it.
**Years 12 Students Applying for University and TAFE in 2015**

In NSW, students cannot apply for most TAFE courses until the start of next year. Students need to check that the course they may be interested in does not have an earlier application date or that they need to provide a portfolio and/or attend an interview when applying for the course. Each NSW TAFE now acts as a separate business so there is a lot of variation. Individual TAFE college, such as Riverina Institute, and specific campus eg. Wagga or Griffith need to be contacted to find out specific information. Students and parents can find out a lot of information by starting at the TAFE NSW website (https://www.tafensw.edu.au/) and searching for specific information. A phone call to the specific campus will provide additional information. Many TAFE fees have gone up, as mentioned in a previous newsletter, and the fees are compulsory and FEE-HELP is available.

In particular, students interested in completing an enrolled nursing course through TAFE need to be aware that the Riverina Institute of TAFE charge $17000 to complete the Diploma of Nursing, but FEE-HELP is available. Nursing is offered at Griffith and Cootamundra.

For students interested in attending TAFE or university in Victoria next year, all university courses and many TAFE courses are applied for, this year, through VTAC. Applications are online and students need to apply for an account to get an individual code and password through the VTAC site (http://www.vtac.edu.au/). The school is not provided with account information and cannot access VTAC applications for students. Students applying for Victorian university and TAFE need to ensure they have the correct course codes as a domestic student, not use the international student codes. Students should also apply for SEAS (Special consideration and Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) for VTAC which will take into account additional information which may get them into a course below the usual cut-off. Students need to apply for VTAC by 30th September. Once they apply they can change their preferences but if they wish to apply for early entry schemes such as SEAS they need to ensure they have their first preference as their first preference. Students and parents need to read all the information on the VTAC and individual university sites carefully as there are a wide range of cut off dates.

Application to universities in NSW and the ACT is a different entity. So students can apply for both NSW and Victoria independently. NSW university applications are organised by UAC (University Admission Centre). Students use their individual Board of Studies HSC student number to apply and set up a password. The school cannot access the students UAC application. Students and parents need to ensure that students have the correct course and campus in the preference order they want. Eg CSU offer K-12 education at Dubbo, Bathurst, Wagga and Albury, students need to ensure they have the location they want to go to as their first preference if they wish to study education K-12 at CSU. UAC applications close on 30th September, but after this date preferences can be changed as often as a student like. The Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) provides a centralised early entry program for 10 universities in NSW/ACT. Students need to apply online through UAC and the information the students provide in their application is sent to the school for our input and then to UAC, who then forward it to the universities. The SRS closes on 2nd December. Students who have applied for SRS must have their first preference for the SRS university as there first preference to possibly get an offer on this date. If they do not have their first preference as their first preference they will not get an offer. E.g. If you want to study education at the University of Wollongong as you first preference and CSU Wagga is their second preference, they need to have SCU Wagga as their first preference on 2nd December as the University of Wollongong is not part of the SRS. Wollongong University like many unis not part of SRS have their own early entry schemes. SRS offers then start on 4th December if successful this offer for CSU Wagga can be accepted and Wollongong University put back to first preference for the main round of offers which come out on 6th January.

Above is a summary. If you have a Year 10, 11 or 12 student who wish to study at TAFE or university spending time on various web sites and informing yourself is vital to be well informed. If students or parents have individual questions they can contact Ms McNally.
Canteen News
Phone 69931579

Roster
Monday 25 Maxine Moorehouse
Tuesday 26 Gayl Munn
Thursday 28 Jan Zambon

Breakfast 8.30am-8.55am
Toasted Cheese Sandwich 80c
Hot chocolate $2

Next Week’s Menu
Monday ¼ Pounder w/ cheese $4.00
Tuesday Schnitzel w/ lettuce & mayo $4.00
Wednesday Caesar salad $5.50
Thursday Chicken wrap $4.00
Friday Goujons $2.50

Term 3, 2014

Week 7
Mon 25 to Wed 27 • HSC Trial exam week
Thursday 28 • School Social
Friday 29 • Whole School Assembly - Candidates for Captain (Speeches)

Week 8
All week • Legacy Week
Wednesday 3 • Performance night

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Hay War Memorial High School
Term 3 Social
Brought to you by your Student Representative Council.
When: Thursday 28th August, 2014
7:00 – 10:00pm
Where: Spirit of Anzac Centre
Theme: Business Attire
Cost: $3.00 per ticket

Limited canteen available.
Come along and farewell Year 12!