



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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ROUND-UP



Welcome to Callaghan College's sixth Community Newsletter. Throughout this publication you will find a wide range of articles that showcase our student success stories as well as the amazing programs on offer across all three campuses. From everyone at Callaghan College, enjoy.

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Collaborating To Empower Learners

THANK YOU MR GRAHAM EATHER

Students, staff, partner primary school principals and community member's farewell College Principal Mr Graham Eather.

Mr Eather will retire at the end of Term 2 after 35 years of service to the Department of Education. In this time he has worked tirelessly, always putting the needs of student's first as well as building capacity and leadership in teachers. As a Teacher, Head Teacher, Departmental Consultant and Principal he has been an unwavering supporter of public education and will be missed. We thank you and hope you enjoy a well-deserved break.

The outgoing College Principal welcomes to Callaghan College three new principals. Hayley McDonald at Waratah Technology Campus, Paul Taylor at Wallsend Campus and Roger Macey at Jesmond Senior Campus.

Graham Eather also welcomes our new Director of Callaghan Pathway Schools Mrs Josie Bailey.

"Losing someone of Graham's dedication and capacity is not easy but the legacy of excellence, innovation and growth he leaves behind is something we are very grateful for. For Graham there are no more HSC targets, no more school improvement measures, no more meetings and no more budgeting with no budget! All there's left to do now is to unfurl all the happiness that life has in store. Congratulations on your retirement Graham and many thanks on behalf of the Callaghan network for your many contributions."

Josie Bailey (Director, Education Leadership, Callaghan)

Amy Worth
Callaghan College Coordinator

ISTEM ROCKET LAUNCHERS LIFT OFF

On May 21st, the two winning teams from the Year 9 iSTEM rocket competition travelled to Hunter River High School to compete in the regional finals.

Over one hundred students were present on the day, competing in three categories. Students spent the morning constructing rockets and test firing before the competition kicked off at midday. Of the three rockets entered, one reached the final.

The final started, with Callaghan allowed three attempts to maximise their distance. Unfortunately, a combination of things went wrong on their launches and only 1 flight made a competitive distance. Callaghan placed 2nd on the day, with a maximum distance of 97m.



Congratulations to the students who worked hard all day and were competitive but fair in their approach to the competition.

"A great day, focused more on the building and problem solving than the actual competition." Mr Jivvel Kilham

Jivvel Kilham
Callaghan College Wallsend Science Faculty



WALLSEND CAMPUS

INAUGURAL WALLSEND PDHPE CONFERENCE

A number of Wallsend Campus PDHPE staff were busy at the beginning of March as they ran the inaugural Callaghan College Wallsend Campus PDHPE Conference.

87 PE teachers from all over NSW came to Wallsend to attend a variety of workshops run by the PDHPE staff to showcase the many programs we offer here at our campus and to demonstrate to the PE staff who attended how they could incorporate these programs into their own schools.

Congratulations to all staff involved in running a well received and educational conference.



Kirby Masters
Callaghan College Wallsend PDHPE Faculty

YEAR 7 ACTIVE EDUCATION DAY CAMP

With more than 170 students in attendance at the Active Education Outdoor Centre at Morisset, including our fabulous Year 10 peer support leaders, we had a glorious day out and I can confidently say that our students made us proud. Yes, there were tears, chills and nerves up on the high ropes and flying foxes, but everyone still had a great experience.

*"It was a lot of fun and I would like to go again one day".
Isabella Ahlsen*

Eunice Hsu
Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus



WARATAH CAMPUS

YEAR 5 TRANSITION GALA DAY

Waratah Technology Campus ran another successful Year 5 Sports Gala Program recently, hosting over 300 Year 5 students from our combined 10 partner primary schools. It ran over a three day duration staggering different schools each day. The PE Faculty showed students great ball skills and a variety of games over the three days. As well as this, the students will find it less daunting to make the transition into high school when the time arrives.

"I really enjoyed meeting a lot of the Year 5 students and cooking a BBQ lunch for them. It was good that the students can learn a little bit about high school before they get here". Josh Boyle

Anne Grieve
Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus



MOCK TRIAL TEAM TAKE ON THE LAW

The Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus Mock Trial Team were congratulated on a strong defence in Round 3 of the 2018 Mock Trial Competition against victors Hunter Valley Grammar School.

The team are now preparing for Round 4 where they compete against All Saints College, St Peters Campus in a common-law action. During these practice rounds students have gained a real-world understanding of our judicial system, while increasing their skills in listening, public speaking, legal writing, reading and analysing.

Team members Lara Heslop, Tristan Deeg, Samuel Iveson, Jordan Arnott, Sarah East, Chloe Edwards, Caitlyn Whitehorn and their support teachers, Mrs Karen Allen and Mr Mathew Jennings who have dedicated numerous hours of their own time to build the strong team.



“Sitting in the court room challenging another school is an awesome learning experience, we will be ready for the knock-outs”. Tristan Deeg

Mrs Karen Allen
Callaghan College Jesmond HSIE Faculty

JESMOND CAMPUS

SHOE HORN SONATA EXCURSION

On the 31st of May Kira Jones, Georgia Callaghan and Dominique Georgiou took 50 Year 12 English Standard students to the Giant Dwarf Theatre in Redfern.

On this excursion to Sydney we saw *The Shoe Horn Sonata*, a play they studied in Term One. The students were very excited to see this production on stage leading up to the day and when asked how they found the excursion there was lots of positive feedback.

The excursion to Sydney was a success, starting at 6:30am and ending at 5pm. The group represented Callaghan College well and were commended on their behaviour by the NSW transit service and the owner of the theatre.



“The play was empowering and gave me a better understanding of the text. Overall, the day was fun and really enjoyable!” Rohan Davis and Mitchell Gardiner.

Kira Jones, Georgia Callaghan and Dominique Georgiou
Callaghan College Jesmond English Faculty



SIMONE LANDERS

Simone Landers is 13 and already a superstar.

Simone is a Year 7 student attending Waratah Technology Campus, originally from Kingaroy and has starred in a mini-series called Grace Beside Me and a movie called Cargo, soon to air on Netflix.

Her journey started when a friend gave her a flyer with information on an up-coming audition so she videoed several auditions and sent them in, which won her a trip to Adelaide. Since then, she has gone on to feature in these Australian shows but is still a shy, reserved young lady who also wants to focus on her education.

She's met David Gulpilil and Susie Porter, just to name a few, however she still remains grounded and enjoys being at Waratah Technology Campus.

Simone met Martin Freeman who is also in Cargo and shown in the (Newcastle Herald) photo.

"I enjoyed the whole experience and really like Martin Freeman and David Gulpilil". Simone Landers

Marcelle Powell
Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus



WARATAH CAMPUS

COLA FOUNTAIN FUN

Students in the Intensive English Class at CCWTC have been learning about the Scientific Method. One of the main parts is observation and looking at the world around them. Students have been performing many experiments in class that includes growing their own plants, changing the colour of celery leaves, keeping a moon chart and monitoring the weather.

The experiment pictured had students drop a Mentos into a cola bottle. Students made a hypothesis and tested if cola or diet cola created the highest fountain.

"Miss I like Science now". Ahmad

Hollie Tilse
Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus



STARSTRUCK



This Year the Waratah Campus had their largest ever Star Struck Group. This included, The CEP Aboriginal Dance Group which included primary students from Waratah, Shortland, Maryland, Jesmond, Mayfield West & Mayfield East. They performed with our Waratah Campus students in “Drover”. Our Dance Group in - “Straight Lines” (pictured above) and “Roller Skate”. Our Drama Group in – “Be Our Guest” and “On a Newcastle Morning”. We had Brooke Carey and Shelby Nolan in the Feature Tap Group dancing to “Dry Bones”. Rhanee Coleman who was selected and performed as a Backing Vocalist in numerous items. We also had a group of 8 students who volunteered to assist Newcastle Senior School students. Without their help those students would not have been able to participate.



Melissa Freeman
Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus

WARATAH CAMPUS

GRAPHIC ARTIST FINALIST

Jacob Moore was invited to enter a competition to design a logo to be used on the rebranding of the Hunter Multicultural Communities in Waratah that is currently branded as the Ethnic Communities Council.

He submitted three designs several months ago and on Monday May 28, attended the launch of the new logo and to hear the announcement of the winner.

While Jacob was not an outright winner, he was one of the finalists out of 60 other entries and was awarded \$100.00 for his achievement.

“As a reward for my achievement, I was gifted \$100 which I can spend on my future”. Jacob Moore



Ben Peters
Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus

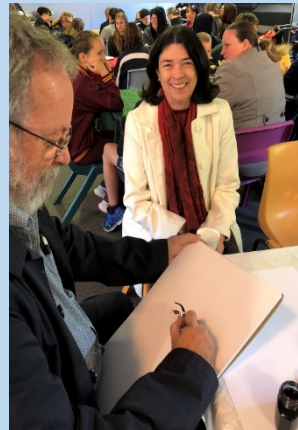
MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

On Friday May 12, Waratah Technology Campus, welcomed approximately 100 Mums, Nanas, big sisters and all other significant female carers to a sit down BBQ breakfast cooked by several students and Darren (Aboriginal Education Community Liaison Officer). It was wonderful to see so many guests, including Peter Lewis (Cartoonist from the Herald) and to have the opportunity to welcome our new Principal Hayley Macdonald to our campus.

It was fantastic to see so many students take such good care of their Mums and to serve them a cooked breakfast which was a great way to start the Mother's day weekend.

"I am one of five and my Mum works hard all the time for us, so it was nice to spoil her at the Mother's Day Breakfast". Matt Casey

Marcelle Powell
Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus



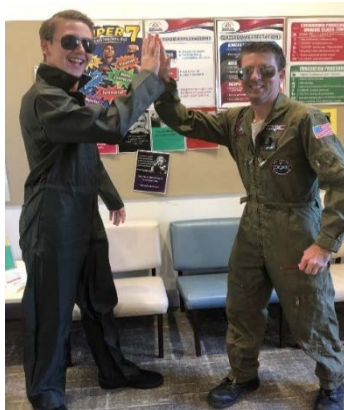
WARATAH CAMPUS

COLOUR FUN RUN

Students and staff at CCWTC together raised over a thousand dollars for MS Australia last term at our successful Year 10 MAD Team 'Throwback Thursday' event. The 80's Disco themed fundraiser featured an 80's style out of uniform day, colour run, sausage sizzle and live 80's band. Both students and staff made a big effort to get into the 80's spirit with the staff out-styling the students in their big hair and shoulder pads. The band, led by Ian Andrew gave fantastic renditions of 80's rock anthems helping to set the scene. As ever, the success of the day depended on the organisation and participation of the whole school, including all supervising staff, who helped to ensure the safety and success of the day.

"I ran around the colour run track about four times to get more colour, I liked it so much. It was so great seeing everyone enjoying themselves". Tony Faalua

Sheena Roberts
Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus



YEAR 6 SOLAR CAR CHALLENGE

On Friday 25/5 as part of their Yr6 transition program Callaghan College Wallsend campus conducted their annual Solar Car Challenge with their partner primary schools.

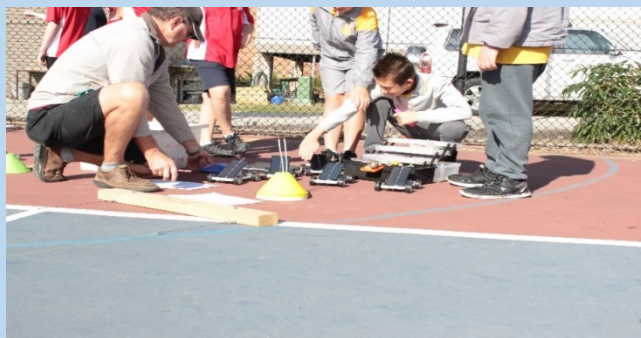
20 students in total, from Maryland, Plattsburg, Minmi, Glendore and Wallsend primary schools taking part in the event which was Co-ordinated by Wallsend Campus TAS Teacher Mr G. Westley.

Over a period of 4 Friday mornings from 9am to 11am, the students built and constructed their solar cars and completed a PowerPoint presentation about solar cars & solar energy under the guidance of Mr Westley.

On The last Friday the students presented the PowerPoints in the library in front of their parents and school principals. Then in glorious sunshine they competed in a series of races to see which solar car performed the best.

The solar car engineered by students from Plattsburg primary school was the eventual winner of the solar car challenge.

Graham Westley
Callaghan College TAS Faculty



WALLSEND CAMPUS

YEAR 9 STORY BOMB

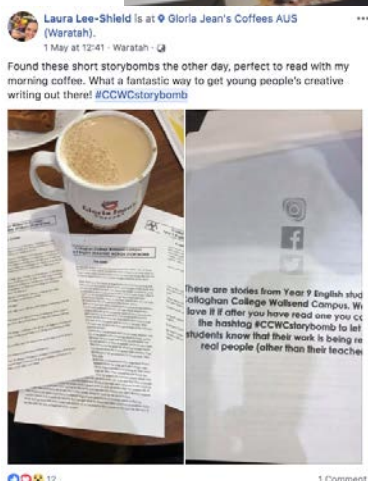
In Term One, Year 9 English students composed some amazing narratives as part of their unit, Imagined Worlds.

So amazing in fact, that these stories were distributed to a number of local cafes in the Callaghan College drawing area. We asked members of the public to support our students by firstly reading their wonderful stories and then posting about them on social media using the hashtag [#ccwcstorybomb](#).

This way, students would know that someone, other than their teacher, was reading their work.

If you come across one of these stories whilst enjoying your decaf soy latte with caramel drizzle then please let us know by using the hashtag [#ccwcstorybomb](#)

Lisa Muller
Callaghan College English Faculty



MEET THE NEW TEAM

ROGER MACEY

I am proud to work in Public Education and am focused on delivering Quality Teaching and Learning that enables each and every student with the right and opportunity to develop into confident, responsible and resilient young adults. I bring a diverse range of working life experience to my new role that includes having taught at a number of NSW schools. My teaching background is in the areas of English, History and the Performing Arts and my first teaching appointment was at The Entrance High School on the NSW Central Coast. As a much younger man and whilst completing my tertiary teacher training at Macquarie University I worked as an actor musician at Old Sydney Town and also with the Marionette Theatre of Australia and as member of the resident band at the Argyle Tavern in The Rocks.

In the late eighties I worked for a period of time as a Cultural Ambassador for Tourism Australia delivering the 'G'Day USA' and 'Australia Sends Its Best' Projects. I have a lifelong love of learning and particular interest in Australia's military history and in indulging this passion have been leading student and adult tours to Europe for more than ten years. I first established these tours as Head of History at BWSC. I also have been a passionate advocate for the Arts and have directed over twenty major musicals and plays throughout my teaching career.

Prior to commencing as Principal at Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus I was Deputy Principal at Brisbane Water Secondary College Senior Campus and during that time I was also fortunate to relieve as both College and Campus Principal.

I believe that great schools are a product of strong learning partnerships, positive engagement and willing participation. In my first year as Principal I have been truly impressed with the energy and vibe as well as the broad and growing range of engaging and innovative learning activities that are evident across the campus and indeed the whole College.



HAYLEY MACDONALD

I have been working in public education for over 27 years and have a passion for the delivery of high quality public education that allows all students to succeed and thrive. As a student myself I attended my local public school, Singleton High School and then went on to the University of New England to study a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma in Education. I still maintain a strong love of the Arts and literature as a personal interest. As a teacher I spent time teaching both English and Drama in rural, metropolitan, comprehensive and selective schools. I began my career in the Riverina many years ago as an English and Drama teacher and have also had opportunities to teach in the Sydney area, the Central West, Newcastle and the Hunter.

I have been slowly making my way back to the Hunter and Newcastle area over the last 30 years. It is an area that I call home and I am thrilled to be here. Since returning to the Hunter I have been in a variety of roles including Head Teacher English, Deputy Principal, Priority Schools Program Consultant and Curriculum Advisor. My last position before being appointed to Waratah Technology High was as Deputy Principal at Merewether High School. I am thrilled and proud to be the Principal of Callaghan College Waratah Technology Campus and am already aware of the wonderful opportunities this campus and the college itself provides to all students across the Callaghan Network.

I am excited to work with my new colleague Principals Roger Macey and Paul Taylor, my staff, students and families on building the best college we possibly can in this rapidly changing world. I believe that all students require access to a high quality education to make a difference to their lives and I am constantly proud to first and foremost, call myself a teacher.

I look forward to working with you all.



PAUL TAYLOR

It is with great pleasure that I write to introduce myself to the Callaghan College community. My name is Paul Taylor and I have been appointed as Principal of Callaghan College Wallsend Campus from the beginning of Term 2.

I am very much looking forward to joining the Callaghan College team, working collaboratively to achieve great things.

I am a product of, and passionate advocate for, public education. I attended Briar Road Public School and Airs High School in Campbelltown before moving on to Wollongong University where I graduated as an English and History teacher in 1992. I have been teaching since 1993, beginning my career as an English, History, PDHPE and Careers teacher at Oakland's Central School in the Riverina. I then spent several years at Vincentia High School on the South Coast before moving to Bulahdelah on the Mid-North Coast as Head Teacher Humanities.



For the past 8 years I have worked as the Deputy Principal of Vincentia High School on the South Coast, including relieving as Principal over my last six months there.

I am excited to embrace my new role as Principal in such a diverse and dynamic school as Callaghan College Wallsend Campus.

I would like to thank the school for such a warm welcome. The students and community are well served by an experienced and dedicated staff who have the best interests of the students at heart.

Staff and students have shown me that Callaghan College is a vibrant community of three outstanding comprehensive high schools and that the way of doing things is to constantly strive toward excellence in study, attendance, sport, cultural immersion, caring for others and embracing positive changes.

For me, being a good leader is all about supporting staff and students to be the very best that they can be, not only within the classroom but in all areas of life.

I want to lead a school that can make a difference in our students' lives, and I plan to accept the challenge of working with the school and Callaghan College community to ensure we take all the necessary steps to make that difference.

I am more excited today at the prospect of coming to Callaghan College Wallsend Campus to serve as Principal than I have ever been in my educational career.

I am looking forward to working with the Principals and staff of the Jesmond and Waratah Campuses to ensure the best possible educational experiences for all students in the Callaghan network.

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New Campus Principals featured above (L to R): Paul Taylor, Hayley Macdonald and Roger Macey



College Principal, New Campus Principals and Director featured above (L to R): Paul Taylor, Hayley Macdonald, Josie Bailey, Graham Eather and Roger Macey

FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Thank you.

There's a famous leadership quote that says:

'A leader is best when people barely know he (or she) exists, when his (or her) work is done, his (or her) aim fulfilled, they will say: we did it ourselves.'
Lao Tzu

When Callaghan College was first formed 17 years ago there was a dire need for the College structure as a means of offering a broad curriculum to senior students, providing a curriculum with the broadest range of options to engage and retain students in schooling, and to focus the best efforts of staff on improving student outcomes.

Despite a tumultuous birth Callaghan College has effectively saved one and possibly two of our campuses from closing and also saved a local primary school from amalgamation. The College kept students at school, and kept them in public education, and provided students with quality curriculum options and saved schools and saved staff jobs. Seventeen years later we can question the need for, and purpose of, the College only because the College has become so successful.

So successful that enrolments are over 700 at Waratah campus, nearly 1100 at Wallsend campus, and peaked at 800 at Jesmond campus in 2017.

So successful that Jesmond campus is able to provide the largest curriculum offering to students of any government school in Newcastle and the Hunter, is the largest government school provider of School Based Apprenticeships in NSW, and prepares students who regularly succeed at University, in the professions and in the trades.

So successful that Wallsend campus is full to the brim, is a state leader in the integration of technology, and a lighthouse school for CANVAS and SENTRAL.

So successful that Waratah campus is a state leader in the implementation of Positive Behaviour for Learning and continually adds incredibly high value to student academic results.

So successful that the College as a whole has been a beacon for opportunity, innovation, collaboration and learning that has led to three (maybe four?) National Top 40 Innovative schools awards, and national and international firsts.

One way to view a legacy is to look at the leaders you leave behind. I am very, very confident that the selection of Hayley, Roger and Paul as the leadership team who will continue to lead our College forward. As well, it has been an absolute privilege to work with our partner primary school from the Callaghan group.

And finally, thank you: thank you to all our staff members, teachers and ancillary staff alike, for your dedicated service to the students of Callaghan College - striving to ensure that our students' tomorrows are better than our todays; thank you for the opportunity to be part of such an amazing educational institution; and thank you all for your kindnesses, cooperation, collegiality and well wishes.

I look forward to hearing of our students' continual successes.



Graham Eather
Callaghan College Principal