Approaching the end of Term 2, the mid-point of the year, we are all aware of the very busy term behind us. Students have participated in a variety of opportunities: the Camp Gallipoli overnight excursion to commemorate the ANZAC centenary; the Year 11 RYDA excursion to learn about road and driver safety; the Happiness Cycle excursion where students learned about healthy habits around physical activity and received a new bike; the REAL GAME where Year 8 students explored the world of work; Year 10 Work Experience; the Synergy Dance Festival; Refugee Week activities and performances; NAIDOC Week assemblies and a host of other excursions to explore post-school options, leadership opportunities and subject-specific content.

Half-Yearly Examinations and assessment tasks have been finalised and reports will be distributed very soon.

Groundworks
Students, parents and visitors to the school will be well aware of the major groundworks under way at Evans. We have a lovely new entrance path from the pedestrian gate on Walters Road and over the (Continued on page 2)

Dates to remember

| JUL 13 | Staff return for Term 3 |
| JUL 14 | Students return for Term 3 |
| JUL 27 & 28 | MADD Fest 2015 |
| AUG 3—12 | HSC Trial Examinations |
| AUG 10—21 | IEC Swim School |
| AUG 10 | Year 10 Subject Selection Evening |
| AUG 13—21 | Preliminary Examinations |
| AUG 24 | Scripture |
| AUG 26 | Parent Teacher Night |
| SEP 11 | Merit Assembly |
| SEP 16 | Year 12 Formal |
| SEP 18 | Year 12 Graduation |
| SEP 18 | Last day of Term 3 |
next few weeks, the original pebblecrete surface in the quad, which was definitely showing its age and had become unsafe in areas, will be replaced by concrete. Our basketball courts surface will also be replaced in the holidays. I have been most impressed by the cooperative and responsible way staff and students have coped with the construction site.

Because of the ongoing works around the hall, we were obliged to postpone our MADD Fest Extravaganza to 27-28 July in Week 3 next term. We apologise for any disappointment or inconvenience this has caused, but acted in the interests of safety and accessibility.

**CPR – Cooperative, Polite, Responsible**

I have been reminded lately on a few occasions of how well our students follow our code of being Cooperative, Polite and Responsible citizens. Firstly, I must congratulate all the Year 10 students who participated in the Work Experience program. Their conduct and attitude in the workplaces they attended were exemplary and brought nothing but credit to them, their families and the school. Secondly, positive comments were made about the behaviour and manners of our dance students attending the Synergy Dance Festival and the IEC students performing at the Refugee Week celebration in Blacktown. And thirdly, I received an email from a member of the community praising the behaviour of our students who catch the route bus from Blacktown Station.

The school’s reputation in the local and wider community can be a significant advantage for our students, so many thanks to all those students who are contributing so positively.

**Car Park**

In the interest of safety, please note that the school carpark is not available to parents to drop off their children. Students should be dropped off outside the school and only enter via the pedestrian gates in Walters Road or Vella Cres.

**Staff**

We have welcomed 2 new staff during the course of the term. Ms Natalie Moring has taken up a position in the English Faculty and Ms Sascha Zsigmond has joined us as a Learning and Support Teacher. I know our school community will benefit greatly from their skills and expertise. From next term, Ms Madeleine Lewis will fill a vacancy in the TAS faculty.

Ms Bridget Sarris

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**Updated Student Information**

In the interest of safety and security, it is essential that the school has your current contact details. The school will make available an Updated Student Information sheet. If your contact details have changed or if the emergency contact details have changed, please fill in the form and return to the front office or roll call teacher.

Forms are available at the front office and on the school’s website.
Term 2 has certainly been busy for both staff and students at Evans High School. Year 7 students have settled in very well to the structure of ‘high school days’, and are producing some very high quality work. I am particularly looking forward to 7S showcasing their French café skills as part of their LOTE class. It has also been very pleasing to see so many Year 7 students receiving signatures on their CPR ‘passports’ in recognition of the Cooperative, Polite and Responsible behaviour demonstrated in classrooms and around the school.

Year 9 were lucky enough to attend the Happiness Cycle this term as part of our partnership with the BEACON foundation. Our students were given the opportunity to travel to Minto and participate in the bike building workshop under the guidance of qualified mechanics and support staff. Not only did the students get to build a bike each, they got to keep it! As part of the program, each participant was provided with a helmet, lock and lights for their bike. I received a great deal of positive feedback from the event, and I would like to congratulate all of the students that attended. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Ms Tryhuba for her organisation of the day. It was a mammoth task to coordinate and the entire day ran smoothly. Just a reminder that if your child rides a bike to school, they must see Mrs Cheeseman for the documentation, and most certainly must wear a helmet and safety equipment at all times.

Year 11 are studying hard in preparation for the Yearly Examinations which will take place between 13-21 August 2015. I encourage all Year 11 students to make effective use of their ‘Study Periods’ and to refer to their Assessment Booklet if they are unsure of the due dates of tasks. The exam timetable will be distributed early next term, and any issues should be reported to Mr Khan or Miss Petschy immediately. If your child is absent for any reason during the exam period, please contact the school.

There have been many outstanding results on the sporting field this term, and I was able to participate in my first Athletics Carnival here at the school. I must say how impressed I was with the behaviour of our students, the large number of participants in each event, and the support for every competitor was absolutely amazing. Miss Minchella, Miss Petschy and Mr Tamayo did a wonderful job in organising the day, and a big thank you must go to Miss Sinclair, Miss Isaacs and the Hospitality students for their wonderful catering on the day.

I am sure that Term 3 will be another busy time, and I am especially looking forward to attending my first MADD Fest! I would like to wish all of our students, parents and community members an enjoyable and safe holiday.

Ms Belinda Hunter
Evans High School is a uniform school – the uniform has been sanctioned and is supported by our entire school community. Among the many reasons for wearing uniform, it defines an identity for our school within our community and promotes a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity.

With the onset of cooler weather, students need to come to school in full school uniform that will keep them warm during the day. Our school has a variety of options for students to choose including our polar fleece jumper, sloppy joe, or school jacket. We understand that washing and drying of uniform items may be difficult during these cooler wetter months. On these rare occasions, we ask that you send your child to school with a note explaining why they may be wearing a non-uniform item and outline when your child will return to wearing full school uniform.

We ask that you continue to support your child in wearing full school uniform to school. Please contact the school if you need assistance in purchasing uniform items. Cooler weather may also make it difficult for some students to get out of bed in the morning! Parents and carers need to ensure that students arrive at school every day for roll call at 8.35 am. If students arrive late, they must be accompanied with a note from their parent or carer explaining their lateness. Parents and carers of students who arrive late to school without a note will receive an SMS notification informing them of their child’s lateness. Some students may need to reassess their bed-times in order to arrive at school on time and ready to learn.

Year 8 students recently completed a whole week of real-world activities in what we call ‘The Real Game’. Students were taught about many of the aspects of real life that they will one day face as adults – working, earning money, budgeting for housing, groceries, transportation, and planning for the future. The game taught them to assess personal strengths and weaknesses and evaluate job satisfaction. Participating in The Real Game allowed students to assume and explore some of the realities of adult life, in a safe and supportive environment. It emphasised the value of all work and the importance of ongoing education, adaptability and positive attitudes. The game gave students a chance to grapple with and understand the social and economic changes affecting the world of work.

Year 10 students have recently commenced the process of subject selection for senior school, which we at Evans call ‘Go For It’. Many students have already completed a week of work experience and are currently completing careers lessons through Planning My Futures. Over the course of the next
few weeks, students will attend school-based seminars informing them of the *Go For It* process. Parents and carers of Year 10 students will also be expected to attend an information evening on Monday 17 August. They will also be invited to participate in interviews with all head teachers to talk about study in a particular subject area. A note has already been sent home with important information about the process. The note is also available on our website.

Please contact the school if you would like another copy of the letter sent home with your child.

**Year 12** have only one more term left of schooling before they commence their final exams and prepare for their Higher School Certificate Examinations. Students have been working on advice and feedback they have received from their teachers after their Half Yearly Examinations. For many students, now is the time to consolidate their learning and ensure they are adequately prepared by putting in extra time to revise and study. We are fortunate at Evans to be equipped with a library that is very well suited to both individual and group study. Students who perform well in their Higher School Certificate traditionally undertake three levels of preparation:

1. making comprehensive study notes from the beginning of their course;
2. regular completion of past HSC papers, available through the BOSTES website; and
3. wider and deeper reading on the particular area of study. I encourage Year 12 students to use this coming ‘holiday’ period to put in some extra time to study and return to school in Term 3 ready to give their personal best.

*Mr Steve Fenech*

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**DEC Attendance and Exemption Policy 2015**

The DEC has released an updated policy on student attendance and exemption from schooling that is to be followed by all schools this year. There are some significant changes to past practice and some aspects will affect our families:

1. **Exemptions from school can no longer be given for family holidays.** Absences for this reason will be recorded as “leave”.
2. **If a student is absent from school for an “appointment”, proof that the student has attended will be required within 7 school days.** For example, if a student has an appointment during school time, this will be recorded as an unjustified absence until a medical certificate or other proof of attendance is provided to the school.
Term Two was busy with student performances and sporting activities both at school and in the community. It was very pleasing to see students from all classes taking up the opportunity to perform and engage in sport.

Forty IEC students were invited to perform at the Blacktown City Council's Refugee Week Celebrations. I was very proud to watch our students dance, sing and act in front of the large audience at the celebration. Needless to say, they did an excellent job and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

At school the performance group performed in front of all the IEC classes. Drama students had the opportunity to take part in a drama workshop run by the Belvoir Theatre. Our senior class took part in the Adobe Youth Voices Program and produced short films. I am looking forward to the preview of their films.

At sport, many junior and senior students participated in the In League in Harmony Program during sport on Thursdays. Five students from the group who displayed exemplary sportsmanship were chosen as ambassadors for the program. Three teams represented the school in the Football United Gala Day and once again the students were excellent role models for the school. Personal bests were recorded by students at the Athletics Carnival, Zone Athletics Carnival and the Zone Cross Country Carnival.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all students who received awards at the Merit Assemblies, the IEC Leavers’ Assembly and to those who attended the CPR Celebration Day. I wish the thirty exiting students all the best in their studies at high school and TAFE.

Have a happy and safe holiday.

Mrs Linda Cheeseman

From Linda Cheeseman
IEC Deputy Principal (Relieving)
From Priti Mann
Year 7 Adviser

This has been a productive term for Year 7 students. They have been busy revising and completing their NAPLAN examination, closely followed by their Half-Yearly Examinations. Students coped well with the pressure of sitting for multiple exams in one week. Their effort and endeavour is commendable and many students have achieved pleasing results.

Term 2 also saw the creation of a new class and the class members are settling in well with the change in routine.

Year 7 students have taken to the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus with gusto and have been diligent in doing the right thing so they can get their Cooperative, Polite, Responsible (CPR) passports completed. Their efforts have been rewarded with nearly half the year group getting an invitation to go to the CPR celebration day on Monday 22 June 2015!

The first official high school photos have also been taken and we are looking forward to receiving our personalized ID cards.

Congratulations to the encouraging number of students who participated in the school sports carnival. The following students are eligible for the Sydney West Zone Carnivals.

- Kaitlyn Findlay (swimming, cross country and athletics)
- Katie Hollis (swimming)
- Kurt Diks (swimming and athletics)
- Luka Pernjek (cross country)
- Tamzid Ahmed Dipto (athletics)
- Shaquille Chandra (athletics)
- Maddison Green (athletics)

Mrs Priti Mann

From Saqi Abawi
Year 8 Adviser

Term 2 has surely been a very busy one for our Year 8 cohort. The focus has been on careers and in Week 7, all Year 8 students participated in the REAL GAME. The Real Game is an innovative, interactive and experiential career exploration program which enabled students to learn about many aspects of real life that they will one day face as adults—earning money, tertiary study options, budgeting and (Continued on page 8)
Term 2 has been another productive term for Year 9. Students sat the NAPLAN tests and their Half-Yearly Examinations for all subjects. Approximately 60 Year 9 students engaged in the Happiness Cycle Program, where they looked at road safety and tested their skills throughout different obstacle planning for the future.

The program emphasised the value of all work and the importance of ongoing education in a safe and supportive environment. A great time was had by all throughout the week and as we celebrated our success with a sausage sizzle to mark the end of the game. Special thanks go out to Ms Jansen (Careers Adviser) and all other teachers and students involved, whose effort made the week such a huge success. Year 8 students are now in the process of choosing their elective subjects for Stage 5 as they reflect on their Real Game experience.

Mrs Saqi Abawi

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Year 8 students participate in the REAL GAME.

From Sarah Baldwin
Year 9 Adviser

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Year 10 students have had a very busy term. They completed Half-Yearly Examinations, participated in work experience, attended excursions and started the Go For It program. I have been very proud of Year 10 students this semester and look forward to continuing to work with them throughout the remainder of the year.

Examinations
Students completed their Half-Yearly Examinations this term. I am very proud of the effort put into revising by many of the students. I encourage all students to engage in regular revision at home to further improve on these results. As students receive their Semester One Reports, I urge them to carefully consider their teachers’ feedback and ask for assistance in improving their results throughout the remainder of the year.

Go For It Program
Year 10 students have started learning about the Subject Selection process for senior
studies. This is known as the Go For It program. During Planning My Future lessons we have been discussing the best options for students selecting subjects and potential career paths. Ms Jansen, Careers Adviser, has recently visited classes to workshop with students about their career and Vocational Education and Training options. Students will be attending a Careers Expo and Try-A-Trade Day at the beginning of Term 3 as part of these workshops.

Parents and Carers will be invited to attend an information evening about the Go For It Program at 7pm on Monday 10 August and interviews with their child about the subject selection process. I look forward to seeing parents at this evening and at the interviews.

Conviction Group
On 12 June, 19 male students attended an excursion to the Young Men’s Health Forum by Conviction Group. The Forum featured real people, telling real stories from a unique perspective about men’s issues. The key note speakers included Father Chris Riley, Chris Lee, Mark Hill, Scott Griffiths, Kathy Kelly, Mark Tonga and Phil Gould. The students engaged with each of the speakers, worked well in their small groups and were great role models. Thank you to Mr Merrick for attending the excursion with the students.

Work Experience

Year 10 students on work experience.

In Term 2, 56 students attended Work Experience. Students worked in a range of industries including; education, medical, legal, beauty therapy, mechanics, science, hospitality, physiotherapy, music, retail, information technology, administration, politics, and working with animals. I was very pleased with the dedication of the students, including travelling to and from the work place (some for almost an hour each way), their commitment to learning and enthusiasm throughout the week.

The feedback from the employers made me feel very proud of the students. One employer said “If the boys working with us this week are representative of most students at Evans High School, we would be happy to take more students for Work Experience.”
The remaining students in Year 10 will complete Work Experience throughout the remainder of the year.

The feedback from the students involved was very positive. Many of the students said that they loved the week of working, interacting with other members of staff and getting experience in their chosen industries.

If you would like to join our growing list of businesses willing to take a student for Work Experience, please let us know. Information for employers and students regarding future Work Experience is available from your Year 10 teacher.
It has been a busy term for Year 12 students. Students’ jerseys are due to be delivered by the end of term, which is very exciting for the year group. The students have been very busy completing several fund-raising efforts for their up-coming formal at the end of Term 3. On 3 May 2015, several students participated in the sausage sizzle at the Bunnings store in Prospect on the Great Western Highway. This was a very successful day, so a big thank you to all the students who gave up their Sunday to help out with the event. We have had great success with our other sausage sizzles held during the Cross-Country Carnival and the Athletics Carnival which were both held at Evans High School. The students were hard-working and committed themselves to the events to help raise funds. Our recent chocolate drive has also been very profitable with a large number of students offering their support to the fund-raising event. Now we are looking towards one of the busiest terms yet. We have a sausage sizzle fund-raiser at another Bunnings store on 26 July 2015, so we are looking forward to another successful day.

Ms Leonie Miller

Year 12 students and teachers raise money for the Year 12 formal.
IEC Sydney Cruise Excursion

On Friday 12 June, I went with my class CS2L3 on a Sydney Cruise. The excursion was really nice. We met each other at Blacktown Station at 8:30 am. We assembled everyone and we caught the train to the city. We had a stop in Central and we changed trains to go to Circular Quay. We got out there and we went to take photos of the Opera House and we saw the Rocks.

After that we went for a cruise around the Opera House and Darling Harbour. We saw Taronga Zoo, the Opera House and Luna Park. It was a really good time for me. After the cruise we went to eat something and rest. It was a good day, I think everyone had fun. We went back by train.

Karolina Zdrojkowska (IEC)

On Friday 12 June, 3A and 2P went by train to the Powerhouse Museum in Sydney. It was an exciting trip. In the museum we learnt how to create games and Scratch on the laptop and we also went to the general parts of the museum. We saw a lot of things about rockets, trains, planes, planets and a lot of things about forces, friction and Isaac Newton.

We then walked to MacDonald’s for our lunch. We took some pictures and then we walked back to the train station. When we reached Blacktown station we had our last roll call and then all of us went back home.

It was an enjoyable trip to the museum and I hope we can have other trips in future.

Ajinesh Chand (IEC)

On 12 June my class went on excursion to the Powerhouse Museum in the city. It was full of fun and enjoyment. We saw the Powerhouse Museum from the inside. It was so beautiful and full of historical things. We also learnt about Scratch on the laptop, it was so good. We also learnt many things about science. There were four teachers who went with us - they took care of us over there. We had a great time and we will miss it.

Nikita Nikita, Ashley Dinglasan (IEC)
LAF Flip Out

Our students in the Learning Assistance Faculty had an amazing time at Flip Out in Castle Hill. The students learnt a number of skills in effective warm up exercises before being active.

Throughout the day, they participated in a variety of activities including trampolining, jumping in to a sponge pit and trampolining dodge-ball. With two teams set, it was on for young and old, teachers included, as to who would win.

The day didn’t just consist of a sponge pit that looked like something out of Minecraft and lots of trampolining. The students also completed a number of challenges to and from the venue. These related to travel on public transport, such as knowing which bus to catch, having the correct money prior to getting on the bus, and behaving responsibly in a public setting.

Unfortunately, on this particular day, the rain poured from the moment we left the venue to our return to school. A number of us returned dripping wet and cold due to the severity of the rain, however, with some forward thinking from Mr Harrison, a number of us were sheltered with umbrellas. All in all, it was a great day with students achieving their targeted outcomes in Work and Community Education.

*Learning Assistance Faculty*
IEC Leavers’ Assembly

The Leavers’ Assembly for students exiting Evans Intensive English Centre was held on Wednesday 23 June. The assembly gave students who were leaving the IEC this term an opportunity to thank their teachers, farewell their friends, and reflect on their time in the IEC.

Aaron Tian and Steve Sun received the IEC prize for consistent effort and achievement; Benedict Levi received the award for sport; and Lionard Mahfoud and Buba Jalloh received the award for school service.

The assembly also included a number of fantastic performances, including drama, dance and singing. Students who were leaving thanked their teachers with a generous donation to Westmead Children’s Hospital.

Ms Wendy Blakeman

Benedict Levi receives the Sport Award

Aaron Tian receives the Effort Award

IEC Term 2 Leavers

Lionard Mahfoud and Buba Jalloh School receive the Service Award

Steve Sun receives the IEC Award
On Wednesday 17 June 2015, students from Evans Intensive English Centre participated in Refugee Week celebrations. The celebrations were held in Bowan Hall, Blacktown, and were attended by more than 300 people of all ages and backgrounds, including Stephen Bali (the mayor of Blacktown), members of the local community and a number of different local schools.

Students from Evans Intensive English Centre performed through dance, drama and singing. They enjoyed participating in the dance workshops and were moved by the personal stories that were shared by guest speakers.

*Ms Wendy Blakeman*
Cross Country Carnival

This term has been a very busy one for the PDHPE Faculty and students. Following the School Cross Country Carnival in Term 1, Evans High School had 35 students represent at the Blacktown Zone Cross Country at Nurragingy Reserve. At this carnival, seven students placed in the top ten positions for their respective age group and progressed to the Sydney West Cross Country Carnival. These students were:

- Kaitlyn Findlay (Year 7)
- Luka Pernjek (Year 7)
- Mohamed Mahmood (Year 8)
- Aymin Goda (Year 8—13 Boys Age Champion)
- Shahil Chandra (Year 9—16 Boys Age Champion)
- Maaz Goda (Year 11)
- Ahmad Ghanem (Year 12)
- Simon Deng (IEC)
- Chol Anhiany (IEC)

The above mentioned students performed outstandingly and represented the school with pride. Aymin Goda placed 5th in the 13 Boys 3000m event and Shahil Chandra placed 7th in the 16 Boys 6000m event. These two boys will now compete at the Combined High Schools (State) Cross Country Carnival next term! This is an excellent achievement by these students. Congratulations!

Ms Amanda Minchella and Ms Michelle Petschy

Athletics Carnival

Evans High School saw a record number of students enthusiastically participate and cheer on their peers at our School Athletics Carnival in Week 4 of this term. Students had the opportunity to participate in many events including Long Jump, Discus, Shot Put, Javelin, 100m Sprint, 400m Sprint and High Jump. Following the School Athletics Carnival 52 students competed at the Blacktown Zone Athletics Carnival at Blacktown International Sport Park. All students participated well with many achieving 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in their respective events. The following 20 students have progressed to the Sydney West Athletics Carnival, which is to be held in Week 2 of Term 3:

- Tamzid Ahmed Dipto (Year 7)
- Shaquille Chandra (Year 7)
- Kaitlyn Findlay (Year 7)
- Kurt Diks (Year 7)
- Maddison Green (Year 7)
- Aymin Goda (Year 8)
- Brayden Findlay (Year 8)
- Wade Diks (Year 8 – 14 Boys Age Champion)
- Hope Tevaga (Year 8 – 13 Girls Age Champion)
- Shahil Chandra (Year 9)
- Marisa Acquasanta (Year 9)
- Chazeland Farrar (Year 9)
- Joe Kala (Year 9)
- Alhaji Bangura (Year 10)
- Robert Eremugo (Year 10)
- Drew McNamara (Year 10)
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- Rahmatullah Neikzad (Year 10)
- Michael Mutamba (Year 11)
- Ahmad Ghanem (Year 12)
- Benedict Leavai (IEC)

Congratulations to these students and best of luck at the Sydney West Carnival next term!

Ms Amanda Minchella and Ms Michelle Petschy

AFL Program

Year 10 had the opportunity to participate in a free skills session run by AFL NSW/ ACT in Week 9 and 10 of Term 2. Students not only had fun participating in the activities led by GWS Giants mentors, but also developed their ability to perform various passing and kicking skills. The students involved are to be commended on their effort when participating in the sessions and have already requested for these mentors to return in the future!

PDHPE Faculty

Basketball

The Open Boys State Knockout Basketball Team had a successful season, starting from the end of Term 1 and finishing in Term 2.

Round 1 was played at Evans High School against Holroyd High School. The boys played a fantastic first game and won by 10 points! They then progressed to Round 2 where they played against and at Girraween High School.

This was a tough game and Evans have not beaten Girraween at Basketball for over 5 years. However, this year it was basket for basket, but the boys came through with a win! Round 3 was then played at Evans against Quakers Hill High School. After two solid wins, the boys found their rhythm and beat Quakers Hill by 15 points!

Following Round 3, the boys competed at the Gala Day for the final 8 schools in the State. The boys won their first game but unfortunately lost the next two games. The boys on the team consistently displayed sportsmanship and enthusiasm for the game and are to be congratulated on their achievements! The following boys were members of the team:

- Ritzmon Bacani (Captain)
- Ernest Marquez
- Ebuka Ohiaeri
- Alvin Vega
- Kennith Ieremia
- Oliver Jimenez
- Aries Jimenez
- Kenneth Jose
- Daniel Patterson
- Arop Alor

Congratulations again boys!

Ms Amanda Pagett
**PATHE Excursion**

On Friday Week 8 a group of Maori and Pacific Islander students from Years 7 and 8 went on an excursion to The University of Western Sydney in Penrith as part of the “Pasifika Achievement To Higher Education”. At the university, students were able to sit in on workshops and take part in activities designed to show them the educational opportunities available for Maori and Pacific Islander students at a tertiary level.

The students had a great day and were commended for their behaviour by the organisers. The PATHE program even went so far as to congratulate one of our students for asking one of the most thought-provoking and interesting questions ever asked at PATHE during the open session. The students involved got a lot out of the experience and we look forward to attending again in the future.

*Mr Rhys Murphy*

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**Conviction Group**

On Friday 13 May, 20 young men from Year 10 attended the Conviction Group Young Men’s Health Forum at Parramatta RSL.

The boys mixed with students from various public and private schools from across Western Sydney.

They were fortunate enough to hear from some incredible speakers including Kathy Kelly speaking about the prevention of alcohol fuelled violence, Mark Tonga speaking about overcoming adversity and Phil Gould giving an amazingly engaging speech on leadership. They also addressed issues of body image and mental health in small group workshops. All boys represented themselves and Evans High School with dignity and respect.

*Mr Dave Merrick*
Happiness Cycle

On Wednesday 20 May, 100 students from Evans High School and Evans Intensive English Centre participated in ‘The Happiness Cycle’. This exciting opportunity sponsored by Coca-Cola and the Bicycle Network was designed to get teenagers active and riding. Every student made their own brand new bike and was able to bring it home with them. During the day the students participated in different obstacles and learned how to remain safe whilst riding their bike.

Komatsu

On Wednesday 13 May, several students attended a workshop at the Komatsu site in Fairfield. This opportunity was offered to students who are interested in taking the first step towards a potential Apprenticeship for a heavy diesel mechanic or who are interested in future opportunities in this industry.

The National Aspiring Leaders’ Summit 2015

Regine Bautista in Year 11 was successful in applying to attend the Leadership Summit. This is an annual event for young people from across Australia interested in developing the necessary leadership skills to make a difference in their community. Regine was a fantastic representative for Evans High School.

Ms Brooke Tryhuba with Regine Bautista who represented Evans HS at the Leadership Summit in Canberra.

Ms Brooke Tryhuba
Camp Gallipoli

On Friday 24 April, 20 students from Evans High School attended a special excursion ‘Camp Gallipoli’. Our students joined with families, schools and community groups in a special night of remembrance, entertainment, mateship and the birth of that special Aussie and Kiwi ANZAC spirit. They slept under the stars in Centennial Park and experienced entertainment, special guests, movies, documentaries, great food and a very special Dawn Service on Anzac Day.

12 Business Studies Excursion

Year 12 students enjoyed an excellent Student HSC Business Studies Lecture Day at Penrith High School at the end of May. The lecture focused on various examination techniques the students could use in their Higher School Certificate and the importance of understanding the Business Studies Syllabus. The students travelled by train to the venue and were great ambassadors for Evans High School. The students received workbooks they could use to practise example HSC style questions and other information vital for

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Geography Competition

We have some good news to report from the Geography Competition.

Of the 48 Evans High School students who participated in this year’s competition the following results were achieved;

- One High Distinction (Mozamel Anwary)
- Four Distinctions (Benjamin Nicholls, Mark Rainey, Aimee Reid and Kieren Sambaiah)
- Five Credits (Marisa Acquasanta, Hannah Bonafacio, Malia Lapana, Wade Turner and Tamara Wheeler)

This a wonderful achievement for our students. Huge recognition must go to Swati Dey for her organisation of the competition and her support of the students in their study of Geography.
Dance

Term 3 was very busy for the Dance Ensemble. They competed at the Dynamic Song and Dance Festival in May and received a ‘Highly Commended’ for their performance. On June 1 and 3, the same group travelled to Penrith Panthers where they performed in the Synergy Public Schools Dance Festival. The ensemble performed to a high standard and represented the school with pride. The ensemble is now preparing for their performance in this year’s MADD Fest - a Variety Spectacular.

Ms Sarah Baldwin
Science

The focus has been on experiential learning in Science during Term 2 with our senior students attending various field study days.

Year 11 Biology Students visited Penrith Lakes to study an example of a Freshwater Ecosystem. The excursion was full of hands on activities and some of the students were in deep waters....

Year 12 Chemistry students visited Sydney Water water filtration and water recycling plants in Orchard Hills and St Marys respectively. The students gained valuable knowledge and represented the school exceptionally well!

Year 12 Chemistry students also visited University of Western Sydney-Parramatta Campus to do some Chemistry experiments using more sophisticated equipment. They are competing with other schools for the accuracy of the results and we are eagerly waiting for the trophy!
Our school

We are an innovative school community supporting confidence and commitment in pursuing student dreams. Our school develops leadership, builds individual character and promotes social responsibility and respect within a safe caring environment.