Term 3 is traditionally very busy at Senior Campus and this year is no exception. P&C, AECG and parent-teacher nights have all come and gone. Astley Cup against Bathurst saw us finish Term 2 on a really positive note. We had some great wins against Bathurst. While we had more wins, the Bathurst team still pipped us on points and as a result took out the Astley Cup. The games were played in a great spirit and were a real tribute to the sportsmanship and passion of the two schools. Congratulations Bathurst, on a great victory.

Term 3 has seen the Astley Cup replaced by the Ken Eggleton Cup, with strong competition between Senior Campus and St John’s College. Our volleyball team and mixed touch football sides were victorious, with draws in netball and girls’ soccer. Basketball, boys’ soccer, rugby league and tennis have been gallant in defeat, with St John’s taking out the Cup 6-3 for 2015. Congratulations to St John’s College.

Caitlyn Coman-Sargent, Sam Read and Grace Farmilo performed in a one-day exhibition at the Western Plains Cultural Centre. The “What It Means to Be Me” exhibition was put on by the Kaldor Public Art Project. The project allowed our students to explore and test their ideas of presence, movement, the role of the body in art and how we integrate and construct ideas about ourselves and the world around us. The exhibition was an outstanding success and the Senior Campus trio’s work was highly praised.

Amberlilly Gordon (Year 11) is one of 15 students state-wide to be selected as part of the NSW Public Schools Aboriginal Dance Company. Amberlilly is an exceptional dancer and her selection is just reward for the time and effort she puts into her dance. Amberlilly has travelled to Sydney to rehearse and will perform at the State Dance Festival in September, Schools Spectacular in November and the opening of the Netball World Cup on Friday. Congratulations, Amberlilly.

The first ever Senior Campus Athletics Fun Day was a huge success with around 150 students enjoying the sunshine at the brand new Barden Park athletics facility. The feats of the students were remarkable and a testament to the quality of the new facilities at Barden Park.
There was a number of outstanding performances on the day with five new records set.

- Amelia Prince broke the 17-years girls’ discus record with a throw of 28.21m
- Nick Trappett broke the 17-years boys’ 400m record with a time of 54.38 seconds
- Jess Fuller broke the 18-years girls’ 100m record with a time of 12.87 seconds
- and Harry van Dartel broke the 18-years boys’ long jump record with a jump of 6.21m and the 100m record with a time of 11.34 seconds.

The following students were also rewarded for their efforts on the day, being named age champions for 2015:

- 16-years girls – Caitlin Acheson
- 16-years boys – Logan Acheson
- 17-years girls – Amelia Prince
- 17-years boys – Nick Trappett
- 18-years girls – Jess Fuller
- 18-years boys – Harry van Dartel

The champion house for 2015 was a tightly fought contest. Macoolari and Yaradaroo battled for second and third respectively but once again Briganera came out on top!

Special thanks must go to all the teachers for their work in coordinating each of the events, as well as house captains Harry van Dartel, Rachel Wykes, Steven Learsk, Jess Fuller, Joe Crampton and Caitlyn Coman-Sargent for running the fun activities and helping to set and pack up.

The Senior Campus Creative Arts Night has been held and was a wonderful success. Drama, dance and music students performed their assessment HSC pieces, while the visual arts students presented their HSC works-in-progress. It was fabulous showcase of student creativity.

A huge thank you needs to go to Mrs Powderly, Miss Schulte, Ms Ward, Ms Marshall and Ms Wilson for the support and guidance they have provided for our students. Mrs Powderly also put together a team of volunteers to make the night possible.

The Western Region Athletics Trial was held at Barden Park on July 24. Senior Campus was represented by a strong contingent. In the 17+ girls Jessica Fuller (400m and 200m), Gabrielle Magner-Pollard (Triple Jump) and Amelia Prince (Discus) all made it to the State titles. Likewise, in the 17+ boys Nicholas Trappett (800m) and Daniel Horder (400m) made it to State. Well done on achieving these fine results.
Year 12 are now undertaking their Trial HSC examinations. These examinations are an important part of the HSC assessment and preparations. It is critical all Year 12 students know when their examinations are on and arrive with plenty of time to spare. If a student is unable to attend an examination please contact the school as soon as possible. In accordance with BOSTES regulations there are only three grounds for claiming misadventure:

1. Illness – with a doctor’s certificate
2. Death in the family
3. Representing the school

The Trial HSC is very quickly followed up by HSC major work hand-ins and performances. In the case of dance, the HSC performance actually takes place during the Trials. It is an extremely hectic and demanding time for students, parents/carers and staff.

Senior Campus P&C meet on the first Monday of every month and would love to see new members come along. The meeting times have been changed to 6 pm.

Term 3 is a very significant and challenging term for all students. We see Year 12s complete their formal schooling after 13 years and Year 11s completing their Preliminary course. We wish them all well.

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