FROM THE PRINCIPAL

End of Term
This Friday is the last day of term 2, before staff and students enjoy a well deserved break. Staff will return to school on Monday 14 July, with all students returning on Tuesday 15 July. The timetable will resume on Week A, Day 2.

Term 2 is always one of the busiest with NAPLAN, Zone and Regional Cross Country, Athletics and the vast array of first and second round knockout competitions our students enter. The days gradually get shorter and weather colder as we round out term two.

The upside to this is the days are already getting longer (I’m sure you have noticed!) and when we return to school in Term 3 we will be officially heading out of winter.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work by our support and teaching staff over the first two terms of 2014. They have worked tirelessly to ensure our children receive a superior education and are well equipped for the years ahead.

I wish all our students and their families a safe and happy holiday break and look forward to returning in Term 3 which, undoubtedly, will again have a full calendar.

Compressed Curriculum Mid-Course Examinations
Mid-Course Higher School Certificate examinations will be held this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Students are NOT required to attend school during this period if they do not have a scheduled examination.

Combined High Schools’ Cross Country
Congratulations to Lucas Shore who recently qualified for the State Cross Country titles to be held at Eastern Creek, Sydney next term. This is an outstanding effort with Lucas being the first to attain this result in many years. We wish Lucas all the best at the upcoming CHS Cross Country Carnival.

Year 10 Subject Selections and the Compressed Curriculum
Year 10 have now submitted their subject selection forms and we are processing their feedback on their preferred line structure. This should all be sorted by early next term and we will be able to inform students and their parents of their requirements for senior school, including the courses that will be running in 2015.

Flu season is here!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good

COMING EVENTS

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hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develop influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's [vaccination page](http://www.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

**Banish the “I’m bored” complaints these holidays**

It’s harder in winter to keep kids occupied with anything other than a small screen. Here are some websites that have great tips for things your family can do these school holidays, whether you’re staying put or taking off on a holiday across the state:

- **Destination NSW** ([http://bit.ly/1niJ7sI](http://bit.ly/1niJ7sI))
- **Winter school holidays in Sydney** ([http://bit.ly/1nQsVC6](http://bit.ly/1nQsVC6))
- **School holidays in Newcastle** ([http://bit.ly/1njljPg](http://bit.ly/1njljPg))
- **Winter school holidays Central Coast** ([http://bit.ly/1ingSwX](http://bit.ly/1ingSwX))

**Kids Camps – NSW Sport and Recreation** ([http://bit.ly/1hWxTrA](http://bit.ly/1hWxTrA))

**Keep brains ticking over these holidays**

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don’t forget [www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au](http://www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au) has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here’s where you’ll find the free app to download: [http://bit.ly/Q9ezOG](http://bit.ly/Q9ezOG)

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**D Crelley, Principal**

**SMALL SCHOOLS’ RUGBY LEAGUE**

On Wednesday, June 18 a group of Under 13’s and Under 16’s boys travelled to take on small schools from across the area in the annual small schools’ knockout. The Under 13 group was bolstered by the inclusion of players from feeder schools including All Saints, Tumbarumba Public and Khancoban Public. Although beaten in both games, the future of this team looks strong, as all but three of its members will be eligible for this age group next year. Well done to the boys for putting up stern resistance against generally larger, older opposition.

The Under 16’s group were unfortunate not to progress to the next round of the competition. In their opening match they beat McCauley of Tumut. In their second game they lost to eventual winners, St Anne’s of Temora by four points after an attacking raid after the final hooter didn’t go quite to plan. Following this game, they were beaten in a hard fought encounter by Sacred Heart of Cootamundra. The boys should be congratulated for the pride they showed in their own performance and in their school.

**D Smith and S Sowter**
CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday, May 30 a group of ten students, Sam McLeod, Tim Carmichael, Tyler Wooden, Lucas Shore, Callum Wilson, Mitchell Deluca, Samuel Chaffey, Jaxon Currey, Rebekah Munday and Ebony Shore travelled to Harden to compete in the Zone Cross Country. After running a rugged and, at times, steep course Lucas finished 2nd in his 15 year boys’ age division. Jaxon Currey finished 3rd in the 12 year boys.

From there, Lucas was chosen to represent at Regional level on Tuesday 17 June at Gundagai. Lucas finished 6th at Regional and from there he will represent the school at the state carnival later this year. We wish him all the best.

D Smith

9/10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Bacon, pumpkin and pesto pasta

EXPLORING EMPLOYMENT IN 2014

Charles Sturt University Open Days
University open days are a wonderful way for Year 11 and 12 students to gain insight into what courses are on offer at the university. I strongly suggest that students contemplating going to university attend at least one open day in their field of interest. If interested please get a registration form from Miss Pholi.

- MyDay Nursing, Biomedical Science and Pharmacy event on Tuesday 24 June 2014 in Wagga Wagga

R Pholi, Careers Adviser

JUNIOR ENGLISH NEWS

Students in 7-8 T, U, M and B English classes are in the final stages of writing their transcripts based on the different appropriations of “Frankenstein” that have been studied in the course of Term 2. The students have been working collaboratively in groups to compose a critical discussion about the abridged novel, graphic novel and film viewed in class.

The students will be word processing their transcripts and will then practise reading them aloud to an audience. This assessment task will develop the students’ critical reading and public speaking skills. The students have also been required to make comments and statements in their Learning Logs – they have reflected on their learning and how to make their group more effective.

Students in Year 9-10 English have been busily working on their Working Lives oral assessment tasks. Students were required to critically discuss two of the texts that were examined in class throughout the term – and locate a related text of their own that relates to the concept of Working Lives. Some students are using classic paintings, feature articles from magazines and newspapers, and some are using YouTube clips. The students are transferring their speeches onto palm cards and will be utilising Powerpoint or Prezi to complement the effective delivery of their oral presentations.
SENIOR ENGLISH

Year 12 Standard English students attended the annual HSC English Study Day at Charles Sturt University – Riverina last Friday. The Standard English students, accompanied by Mr Blenkins, attended lectures on the Crucible and Section 3 of the Area of Study paper; Section 1 of the Area of Study paper; Wilfred Owen’s war poetry and The Life and Crime of Harry Lavender. The students acquired new and complementary information which will hopefully enhance their HSC preparation.

The students completed their in-class essay based on Module A last Thursday – and will be commencing their next Module based on the film Billy Elliot in Term 3. The students have been issued with practice essays and creative writing topics which they should undertake throughout the Term 2 vacation to consolidate their learning experiences.

9-10 DEBATING NEWS

Students in the 9-10 Debating team travelled to Batlow Technology School last week to participate in the third round of the 2014 Premier’s Debating Challenge. Tumbarumba High School was represented by India Masters, Callum Wilson, Celina Laing-Morales and Gabrielle Anderson. The topic area examined in this round was politics – which seemed to worry students. However, the topic – That the age of compulsory voting should be lowered – proved to be a great foundation for argument between the two teams.

Tumbarumba argued for the affirmative – and India presented a well defined topic and clearly allocated her team’s argument before presenting her own arguments. Gabrielle was able to muster a terrific team line which then underpinned each speaker’s argument.

Callum was Tumbarumba High School’s second speaker – and he presented a very solid and sustained rebuttal of the Batlow team’s arguments. He then presented a series of coherent points and reiterated the points raised by India. Our third speaker, Celina, then presented a powerful case and summarised her team’s arguments. She was able to counter many of the team’s arguments and made very good time.

At the conclusion of the debate the adjudicator determined the debate as a draw. However, this determination was subsequently changed and the debate awarded to Batlow as draws are not permissible in the Premier’s Debating Challenge. This was bad luck for the Tumbarumba team. All of our team’s members have improved throughout the last two rounds of the competition and should be commended on their efforts.

WRITING COMPETITION

We have just received news of a writing competition sponsored by the CWA. The theme of this year’s competition is “our town”. Our students have achieved at a very high standard in this state-wide competition in the past and are encouraged to enter this year’s competition. Students should see Mr Blenkins if they wish to submit a creative writing script. There is also a poster competition that may appeal to our more artistic students.

M Blenkins

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Footy Colours Day this Friday 27 June. Wear your favourite footy team colour. Appropriate footwear must be worn for practical lessons. Please bring gold coin donation.
## ASSESSMENT PLANNER

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