## Year 12 Report

Hello all. I hope that this message finds you well. Year 12 are continually showing that their maturity levels are forever improving as I have noticed a dramatic change within the group dynamics displayed both within the classroom, at year meetings and out in the playground. No photo tells a better story than our Year 12 “muck up” photo, what a great bunch of young adults we have….

Jackets are in and almost all payments have been finalised. I thank you all for your support, parents, staff and students, for this relatively pain free procedure. Almost the entire year group have purchased a jacket and a fantastic number of staff have also supported the year group in purchasing one for themselves. Again it is just great to see how well the year group pulls together when they put their minds to it.

We have just had the athletics carnival and it was great to see the participation from our Year 12 cohort. Along with their participation we had “Slave for a Day”. This is where our Year 12 students volunteer their services to become a staff member’s slave for a day. We had some interesting costumes and challenges for the day and it was great to see our students having so much fun. Here is a picture of some of our troops, Private Jason Zeballos and Private Mark Common, who were reporting to Colonel Clements.

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**Check our website:** airds-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
They were asked not to break character all day and follow orders right down to the way in which they had to stand. One of the orders was to be "no hands in pockets". If they were caught relaxing on this order they were met with the firm hand of military style discipline from Colonel Clements. Let's just say by the end of the day the troops were well versed in the art of military style pushups.

Between the start of Term 2 and end of Term 3 will be some of the most memorable weeks that our students will ever have at high school. I ask that our students do two things between now and the end of their schooling. Firstly and most obviously, please remember the important academic commitment that needs to be shown between now to the Trials in Term 3 and most importantly the HSC examinations during Term 4.

Secondly I ask that our students appreciate and enjoy this time as this is the time that will be long remembered in years to come when they sit around and reminisce to each other their stories of old.

Keep up the good work, have fun and always strive to achieve and gain the knowledge you desire for a full and fruitful life. Not long to go now, cherish every moment. Lightfoot out.

Mr D Lightfoot
Year 12 Adviser

FROM THE PASTORAL CARERS DESK

Term 2 is well underway, and it is going to be a busy term with so many positive things planned & happening. Our annual Flag Ceremony will no doubt be a highlight again, and the preparations are progressing well for this important day on the school calendar.

The staff at Airds High School work tirelessly to support our students in their learning and personal development. The students overall wellbeing is always a priority, and this caring attitude goes above and beyond normal teaching and learning.

I'd like to share some thoughts with you, as some recent events have made me think how precious time really is. How easy it is to get caught up in the busyness of our daily lives. For our own health and wellbeing it is important to get the balance right.

There is a time for everything…
At this time of year, as the autumn colours give way to the starkness of winter, it's not only reflective of the seasons but also the constant changes that happen in our lives. There is a time for everything. Generations come and generations go, but the seasons continue forever. I ask. What gives our lives meaning and purpose?

Is it money & wealth, is it possessions & things, is it where we’ve been or what we’ve done? Or perhaps it’s simpler than this…maybe it’s the measure of our relationships; how we relate to others and how others relate to us. The truth is, it is our relationships in life that really matter and have the capacity to live on across all the generations…and through all the seasons. (I also like to think that a genuine relationship is a giving relationship, not one based on what we get!)”

“We have to recognize that there cannot be relationships unless there is commitment, unless there is loyalty, unless there is love, patience and persistence.” Cornel West

So here's the big question…Are you developing strong relationships?

I would like to remind everyone that I am at AHS on Wednesday this term. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope everyone has a great Term 2.

Mr R Hodgson JP

We are:
Safe
Respectful
Learners

SLSO’s

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.” - Benjamin Franklin

As an SLSO my job is to assist students and teachers maximise learning potential in the classroom. It is a privilege to work with students who are eager to achieve their learning goals and will happily assist wherever I can. With prior arrangements and written permission from their
teacher, all students have the opportunity to receive individual attention and assistance.

Unfortunately, Ms Hopwood has been absent from school for the past few weeks but she will be back on board mid-term. Meanwhile, if there are any students requiring assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me, Ms Addamo or our wonderful STLA’s.

I am happy to see that the Year 7 students are settling down into high school life. It can be daunting for some students.

Congratulations to all the Year 7 and Year 9 students who valiantly sat the NAPLAN exams. I was very impressed by the students’ behaviour and attitude to testing and the great respect the students showed their peers.

Ms Addamo & Ms Hopwood

CAREERS

THE HSC AND CAREERS EXPO 2014

When: THURSDAY 29th MAY &
FRIDAY 30th MAY
SATURDAY 31 MAY &
SUNDAY 1 JUNE

Time: 10AM – 3PM
Where: Royal Hall of Industries
Moore Park
Sydney

The biggest careers and education event in New South Wales.
For more information please visit www.hscandcareers.com.au or call 1300 190 290

$5 admission fee for students in school groups attending on Thursday or Friday, general admission $10

Please see Ms Fitas for any Careers Counselling or further information.

Ms Fitas
Careers Adviser

GIFTED & TALENTED

The Gifted and Talented Program has seen success this term with differentiated curriculum and withdrawal lessons continuing with the Year 9 G&T cluster group. The Year 9 students once again stepped up to the challenge when they hosted the Term 2 Airds High School ‘Gifted and Talented Middle School Challenge’ on Wednesday 7th May. The students showed great organisational and leadership skills and were excellent ambassadors for Airds High School.

The Year 9 students received great feedback from all of the visiting schools and their teachers for the outstanding enthusiasm and knowledge shared with the primary school students. I am really proud of the maturity, passion and willingness these Year 9 students have shown and they are to be congratulated for their efforts.

Congratulations must go to Bradbury Primary School who won the first challenge for this term. Looking forward to the next challenge day!

Special thanks to Brett Walker for driving the bus, Mr Miezio for his tireless support and organisation and of course to the Year 9 Gifted and Talented students who continue to make Airds High so proud.

Miss Zalewski

LIBRARY REPORT

The Library has recently purchased many new resources as well as a class set of beanbags to support reading for leisure. It’s fantastic to see the number of students who now come in and check out the “recently released books” display before anything else as well as the class groups who have regularly been using the new relaxed reading
area. Presently, our borrowing statistics reflect an increase in reading across all year groups which is great to see.

Our Library Monitors continue to do an outstanding job assisting at recess and lunch in many ways. They run the Circulation Desk and also help with the reshelving of books and keeping things tidy, as well as many other Library-related tasks that need doing. This frees us up so that we can work with students during break times, helping them find resources and reading material or providing technology assistance. We could not assist your children in this manner without our wonderful monitors who give up their time.

Please remember that all Library resources can be searched from home via the student DET portal. In the portal, click on the ‘My Library’ button to access our internal search engine. Remember also that we welcome and encourage parents and carers as borrowers.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

This year we are encouraging all students in Year 7-10 to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Students are required to choose and read books from the PRC booklist. Once the required amounts of books have been read, students are to return the completed Reading Log sheet to their classroom teacher.

**What is the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge?**
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a voluntary challenge to encourage students to develop a love of reading.

**What will the students receive for participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge?**
All students who enter and complete the challenge will receive a Premier’s Reading Challenge certificate and have their name published on an Honour role.

**When does the challenge start and finish?**
The challenge runs from March 5th until September 1st.

**Reading Records**
Students are to keep a paper record of the reading challenge and bring it to school when the challenge has been completed to be validated.

**Where can I find the books from the PRC booklists?**
The books from the booklists can be found in the school library. These books can be identified by a coloured dot that is related to the booklist level. These books can also be found at Council libraries.

**Can I read any title in a book series? Can I read more than one title in a book series?**
Many book series, trilogies and quartets have been included on the Premier’s Reading Challenge booklists.

You can read any two books from a series from the Challenge booklist. Students are limited in the number of books they can read from each series to encourage readers to experience a wide range of books and authors.

**When do the certificates arrive?**
Every student who successfully meets the Challenge requirements receives a certificate signed by the Premier. The reading records must be handed in and validated by September 1st and no later. Certificates are distributed late Term 4.

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, said Jojen. The man who never reads lives only one.”
— George R.R. Martin, A Dance with Dragons

Miss Zalewski – Teacher-Librarian

**Correction**
A huge apology to Mr Rob Williamson, community member, who drove the bus to Canberra for the Support Unit last term. In the last issue of the Airds Announcer he was incorrectly named as Rob Hodgson. We once again thank him for his wonderful contribution to our students.

**HSIE REPORT**

**LEGAL STUDIES**
Senior Constable Alan Clapham was invited to the school to give our senior Legal Studies students a presentation on our Australian Court System and the operations of law. It was an informative presentation and the Legal students enjoyed both the presentation and Senior Constable Clapham’s demonstrations on the different police equipment. Furosa looked stunning as she demonstrated a bullet proof vest and Jason confirmed that handcuffs are not easy to get out of like in the movies. HSIE would like to thank the NSW police and Senior Constable Alan Clapham.

Mr Clements and Ms Mak
HSIE Teachers

Mobile phones are not to be used during the school day
Last term our Year 11 Legal Students attended an excursion to Canberra. They were exemplary in their behaviour and represented the school well. We toured the High Court of Australia and were shown all three courts within the High Court of Australia. The Legal Studies students asked inquisitive questions of our guide and demonstrated their knowledge and understanding by answering questions given to them by each guide. We then toured the Australian Institute of Sport. The tour was fun and informative and we had a great time. The students demonstrated their athletics abilities at the end of the tour when they were given free range to use some of the sporting equipment. A great big thanks to Rob Hodgson for driving the bus.

Ms Mak

SUPERVISOR OF GIRLS

During Term 2, female students in Year 8, 9 and 10 will be attending workshops run by Traxside Youth Health Service here at the school. Traxside is a free and confidential service for young people aged 12-24 in the Macarthur area. They are located at 4 Langdon Avenue Campbelltown and provide counselling, support groups, resources, free internet and information. The topics covered and dates of the workshops are below:

- Year 8 – Tuesday 17th June Period 1 and 2 (Sexual Health)
- Year 9 – Friday 20th June Period 3 and 4 (Sexual Health)
- Year 10 – Friday 13th June Period 3 and 4 (Drugs and Alcohol)

Female students will receive notes in their year meetings in regards to these workshops in coming weeks. If you do not want your child to attend please return a note to the school or contact me in the PDHPE Faculty.

Miss Simms

Uniform – school jumpers $15 from the Front Office
SPORT REPORT
On the 9th May Airds High School held their annual Cross Country Carnival. The boys were up first in period 1. The overall winner was Aidan Ferderer, closely followed by Jake Taylor. It was the girls turn during period 2. It was a close race with many race leaders throughout. The overall winner was Brooke Pepper in Year 7. Congratulations to all students who participated in the event and now we expect to see you compete at the Zone Carnival on the 27th May.

Congratulations to the following students for obtaining Age Champion in their year group.

12 Years
Bailey Fletcher-Colvin
Emily Philipson

13 Years
Rayshaun Carr
Brooke Pepper

14 Years
Joshua John
Samantha Gimbert

15 Years
Jack Thorn
Kimberley Anderson

16 Years
Aidan Ferderer
Samantha Gimbert

17+ Years
Nicholas Sutherland
Kira-Leigh Moore

OPEN GIRLS HOCKEY
On the 5th May I had the pleasure of taking 15 girls to play against Ambarvale High School in their first round knockout match at Narellan. The girls played a great game of hockey using teamwork and skill to outplay their opponents. Halfway through the first half Samantha Gimbert smashed the ball to hit the backboard to put Airds up 1 nil. In the second half Alyssa Gimbert who was the centre striker put away 2 goals which meant that Airds had a comfortable lead for the rest of the game. Amy McDonald our goalie did not touch the ball once which is a testament to the girls defence and attacking prowess.

The team consisted of Kira-Leigh Moore, Adde Liban-Wako, Kimberley Gimbert, Amy McDonald, Marrenars Srey, Loata Peter, Shannon Morrissey, Angela Franks, Emily Moore, Jaimee Morrissey, Jaymee Saunders, Samantha Gimbert, Mandy Talanoa, Alyssa Gimbert and Brooke Pepper.

Thank you to Mr James Morrissey who drove the school bus, Mel Cutts for helping out on the day and Justin Peachey our photographer. I would like to wish all the girls the best of luck for their upcoming matches on the 2nd June.

I would also like to personally congratulate both Kimberley and Samantha Gimbert on their recent selection in the Sydney South West hockey team and wish them all the best at the State Championship in Bathurst.

N.Tate
Coach

SCIENCE REPORT
The year is quickly slipping away and there have been some terrific learning opportunities for students to engage
in. We are also quickly approaching exam time, which can be a stressful time for some students. All students in Year 7-10 will sit exams during Week 5 (26/5-30/5). All students in 7-10 will be issued with a revision sheet, which will be worked on in class time so students can learn revision techniques to also use at home. Past exam results show that students who conduct regular revision at home and learn study methods in the earlier years of high school are more relaxed and prepared for exams later, including preparing for RoSA and HSC examinations. Please see below for a copy of the proposed Science exam timetable.

If you or your child have any concerns about preparing for these exams please contact any of the staff in the Science faculty who will be more than willing to answer any questions or provide extra assistance.

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**Year 7**

Year 7 have now moved onto their 3rd topic of the year, where they are learning more about the biological strand of science. Soon, the microscopes will be coming out which is always an exciting time for the students. Students need to remember that using the Science equipment comes with great responsibility, and only those who are following instructions and acting in a safe manner will be permitted to use the equipment. Students are also reminded if they are not given specific homework in class, they are expected to continue practicing their spelling words at home using look, cover, write, check, and writing sentences to help them remember how the words are used.

Congratulations also to the excellent achievement of all students who completed the Science practical exam late last term. The marks showed the effort that you have been putting into class, well done!

Below are some pictures from Ms Radford’s class working on their matter unit.

*Density Columns*
Intoscience update
All Science students from Year 7-9 have access to an online program called Intoscience. This can be accessed through an iPad or computer. Some students have been making the most of the program, and new software has just been released. Specific mention to Tonu Papalii in Year 8 who has achieved almost 200 points in the program so far, well done Tonu! If you require assistance in accessing the program, or want to know a bit more about it, please contact Mrs Stoddart in Science.

Year 9
Year 9 students have also just completed their 2nd assessment task, focusing on the relationship between the living and non-living components of our Aboriginal Garden at school. They have learnt how Aboriginal culture has influenced current environmental practices, and our understanding of land use. This unit has taught them how the environment has a unique balance and how we, as a community, have the responsibility to care for our land.

Year 10
What is out there? That is the question that Year 10 is asking themselves at the moment as they explore their 2nd topic, the Universe. From the Big Bang theory, to constellations, to modelling the distance from the Sun to the Earth, students are encouraged to ask questions, justify opinions and better their understanding of the universe.

Senior classes
The Year 12 exams in Biology and Senior Science were completed with a high level of focus and maturity that will set our students up for the HSC in Term 4. The exam timetable has been released for the HSC online. If students are unsure of where to check for their exams, they can ask any of their teachers for assistance. Students should be in the practice of completing revision at home and in senior study periods to increase their chances of success. This will also help to relieve anxiety as the exams get closer and closer.

TAS/CAPA REPORT
Year 8 Technology Mandatory classes have worked well during the first rotation. Mr Lightfoot’s 8A class have been learning and researching about different types of bridges during the Model Making Technologies unit. They meticulously made their own model bridge and have been extremely creative with their bridge building designs. Mrs Drakefield’s 8B class have been designing and creating an advertisement using the program Moviemaker during the Media Technologies unit. They had to develop a food product that they had to market to the class via the video, posters, pamphlets and other creative media. Students created interesting storyboards that they based their advert on. They also investigated sign language and how they would be able to sign their name and explain their project to someone who is deaf. Ms Vongsouvanh’s 8C class have been putting their creative hats on to design and create a bag for the Textiles Technologies unit. Students learned how to sew and had to tie dye their own material for their bags. Upon completion, students were able to produce a unique bag which was a one off piece that tested their textiles skills.

At the start of Week 4 Term 2 students started the second Technology Mandatory rotation with their new teachers. They will be with their new teachers for the second rotation until the end of Week 7 of Term 3. Starting from Week 4 on Monday May 19th 2014 students have rotated to their new Technology Mandatory teachers as follows:

8A – Ms Vongsouvanh
8B – Mr Lightfoot
8C – Mrs Drakefield

The new rotation means that there are new fees for each area of study. Fees notes will be issued to students by their teachers outlining the amount and any additional equipment required. It would be appreciated if fees could be paid at the front office within the first five weeks of the course and the receipt shown to your child’s teacher.

The Formal Recognition Assemblies took place at the start of this term and it was pleasing to see students being acknowledged for all their efforts and dedication throughout all of Term 1. It is extremely delightful to see all the students who received awards for outstanding academic achievement in TAS and CAPA subjects. Well done to all of the following students who received awards.

TAS Faculty Awards –

Year 7 Technology Mandatory:
7Opals – Alison Bow
7Wallabies – Bradley Renczewicz
7Kookaburras – Kayla Reid
7Diamonds – Blake Hunter

Year 8 Technology Mandatory:
8A – Samantha Gimbert
8B – Hayley Stokes
8C – Chantelle Robertson

Year 9:
Child Studies – Kiara MacDonald
Automotive – Blade Woodward
Construction – Connor Gilbert

Year 10:
Food Technology – Jake Taylor
Timber – Emily Moore
Metals – Angela Franks

Year 11:
Hospitality – Khaled El-Tahach
Food Technology – Anthony Le
Construction – Jaiden Clarke
Metals – Liam Osborne
Many of you would have noticed the brilliant kangaroo sculpture on the Riverside Drive car park entrance to our school. This was created by the renowned international artist Michel Tuffery. As part of this project, Michel Tuffery engaged our talented selected Year 9 and 10 students. Pelagia Dmitrieff, Elizabeth Peagam, Ashley Davis, Shain Krapljnov-Sparks, Nadine Hakes and Justin Peachey had the fortunate experience to take part in a Printmaking Workshop at school with Michel Tuffery himself. This allowed for our dedicated and talented students to sketch, create and produce their own individual Transforma designs to print onto C3West T-shirts. Students thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated this opportunity. Students from Mr Lightfoot’s Year 11 and 10 Metals and Year 9 Automotive class went on an excursion and had the opportunity to see and receive an artist’s talk from Michael Tuffery while creating his wonderful sculpture. The launch took place during the holidays at the end of last term with a huge community party to celebrate the success of the overall C3West program.

Mr Wallace organised a Video Game Training Workshop in the school library where Jeff Ayling from The Game Training Road Show delivered the course. There were eighteen students from Years 7 to 11 who took part in the workshop. They were able to learn about how to create video games and gained an insight into the professional skills required for this field. Students had the opportunity to design and create their own video games and had a wonderful time during this valuable workshop.

There will be plenty more happening throughout this term and this only means plenty more to report on once again in the next issue. That means, bye for now.

Ms N Vongsouvanh
Head Teacher TAS/CAPA

C3West Printmaking Program
Mr Lightfoot’s Year 9 Automotive and Year 10-11 Metals class excursion to the artists talk

YEAR 7 REPORT
Year 7 have had a busy start to Term 2. It started with their formal assembly where many students were recognised for their continued hard work across all KLAs. Congratulations to Blake Hunter and Bailey Baxter for their Bronze awards and Tanaya Graham and Rick Thorn for getting the Year 7 Year Adviser Awards. I would also like to mention Noelle Aiga who was our SRC representative for the formal assembly. She did a fantastic job in leading the assembly. Well done Noelle!

This was then followed by the 2nd round of vaccinations and now Year 7 have just completed their NAPLAN exams. In Week 5 students will have their half yearly examinations so I expect all students to be studying at home and to perform to the best of their abilities.
Congratulations to the following students who were successful in making the Year 7 Student Representative Council for 2014. Caitlyn Vidovic McCarthy, Noelle Aiga, Bronwyn Hardy-Fisk, Elenora Taala, Maria Lilomiava and Bailey Colvin Fletcher. The selection process was tough and all students made me very proud on the day. They all performed well and their speeches were absolutely fantastic.

Ms N Tate
Year 7 Adviser

Formal Recognition Assembly
Award Recipients Term 1 2014

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Congratulations to all of these students who received these prestigious awards. Formal Recognition Assemblies take place at the start of each term in our school hall. All parents are more than welcome to join us during these occasions to help celebrate the success of their child. I would like to thank our Year 10 student Angela Franks for doing a wonderful job as the audio person for every year assembly along with our photographers for the day, Year 9 students Nora Al-Katify and Tanisha Kassem.

Year 7

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Year 10
**SRC REPORT**

This year marks the 40th Anniversary of Airds High School. To celebrate the school is looking to hold an Open Day and a Fete later on in the year. As student leaders, the SRC has spent the first half of this term brainstorming some possible ideas for stalls etc. that they could run on the day of the fete.

Suggestions so far have included:
- A Year 10 food stall
- Year 7 candy jar lucky dip
- Year 12 helium balloon stall
- Fairy floss machines
- Dunk the teacher events
- Face painting, art stores, DJ booths etc.

The community is also encouraged to both attend and contribute to the celebrations for the 40th anniversary. If parents or past students wish to contribute photographs, run a stall, or have any suggestions, feel free to contact the school on 02 46255811.

As the date approaches the SRC will be quite busy in getting things underway. Any students who have any ideas or suggestions for our celebrations need to contact their SRC representatives. SRC students are also reminded that meetings are held on Mondays straight after the whole school assembly. Please ensure that you attend all meetings as vital information is passed on during this time. Meetings are also a perfect place to raise any issues that your year group might be having, so SRC reps are encouraged to voice their concerns, as it is through them that positive change can take place.

Mr Wallace
SRC Coordinator.

**FOOTBALL UNITED**

It has been a very busy start to the year for the Football United program. Football United uses the magic of football to bring people together for the common goal of creating harmonious and cohesive societies. They aim to build the capacity of communities and improve the skills of people in diverse areas that include high proportions of refugee, migrant and Indigenous Australian children, youth and families.

The Football United After School Training program recommenced in Week 2 of this term. Numbers at this point have been disappointing especially since this is a fantastic opportunity for the students to have some fun after school and learn some soccer skills (also it is absolutely free!!!). Students from our local feeder primary schools John Warby, Briar Road, Bradbury and Woodland Road as well as Airds High School students in Years 7-10 are welcome to attend. Sessions run on a Monday afternoon from 3:15pm – 4:30pm on the back oval at Airds High School with Stuart and his team of coaches. If you want more information or a permission note contact the Sport Organiser at your primary school or Ms Simms or Mr Miezio at Airds High School on 4625 5811.

On Thursday 8th May Brock Baker and Brooke Pepper accompanied Mr Miezio and myself to the Gilbert and Tobin Law Firm for the launch of the Creating Chances program. It was hosted by comedian Adam Spencer and it gave an overview of the Creating Chances program and the importance of it. There were several special guests who attended such as Han Berger (FFA Technical Director), Moya Dodd (partner Gilbert and Tobin), Terry McFlynn (former Sydney FC player) and Catherine Canulli (Western Sydney Wanderers W-League player). The students were excellent ambassadors for the school.
Aurin Jones is eagerly counting down for his trip to Brazil for the Football for Hope Festival. We are having a sport themed Mufti Day on Thursday 22nd May where students are asked to wear the sporting jersey of their favourite team and donate a gold coin to Aurin’s fundraising efforts.

If you have any questions about the Football United program, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Simms or Mr Miezio.

Year 12 Flexible Leave students can not come back on to school grounds once they have left

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT YR 8, 10 & 12

Welcome back to Term 2 – a very short but busy term! Unfortunately there are a few negative issues that we all need to work together on:

Briar Road Bus Bay
A number of parents / caregivers are parking illegally and dangerously in the bus bay on Briar Rd making it difficult for buses to get through and dangerous for students. Please abide by the road rules for the safety and wellbeing of all. Included in this newsletter are road rules and fines related to these offences. We will be working closely with Campbelltown Local Police should the situation not improve. It's all about the safety of our students and your children, so please work with us for their benefit.

Uniform
With the cooler months upon us, it is important that all students are in school uniform. Again, this is a safety issue and one that is supported by both our P&C and School Council. School jumpers are the only jumpers to be worn in winter. Bottle green for junior students and black for senior students - $15 from the Front Office. If cost is a problem please see the Principal or Deputy Principals. Confidentiality is assured.

Mobile Phones
A number of students are using their mobile phones to contact home during the school day. We need your support to stop this happening. If your child is sick or injured then a staff member will contact you. If your child has an issue then they need to see a staff member to help them to sort the issue, there is very little you can do to sort school issues, so there is no point in them calling you. It adds to your stress and ultimately makes the issue harder to sort. So please, if your child calls or messages you during the school day, tell them they need to follow school procedures. We appreciate your support with this.

A few positives to finish on:

Formal Assemblies
We ran our first Formal Assemblies at the start of this term where we recognised the outstanding efforts of many of our students. It was wonderful to see so many parents supporting their children as well. I would like to thank Mr Lightfoot, Ms Vongsouvanh and the rest of the team that helps to put these assemblies together. Without their organisation and commitment, these assemblies would not be as successful as they are. Congratulations once again to all award recipients and we look forward to acknowledging the hard work and dedication of our students at the beginning of next term as well.

Aboriginal Education Personalised Learning Plans
On May 16 our Aboriginal Education Team ran a parent workshop to develop the personalised learning plans (PLPs) for all of our Aboriginal students. I would like to thank the staff involved in this process, especially our AEO, Jason Sampson. Special thanks also go to Lisa Chesterfield, Leon Latulipe and Nancy Hooley who were all instrumental in this massive task. The workshop was very well attended and we sincerely thank all of the parents and carers that attended. Your contributions are most valued and we look forward to working closely with you over the year to achieve the goals that you developed with your child and their Year Adviser. To our parents who weren’t able to make it, we would really value the opportunity to work with you to set goals for your children. We will soon be sending home a note to invite you to make an appointment to have these very important meetings with our staff and your child.

Thank you in advance for your support with the issues raised above, As always, should you have any questions
please don’t hesitate to contact me. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming Parent-Teacher Night.

Mrs J Fuller  
Deputy Principal  

Flexible Leave for Year 12 students is only at the start and end of the day

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL REPORT 7, 9, 11

Recording Extracurricular Achievement (up2now project)
The Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) recognises that many employers and places of further education are interested in more than academic results and has piloted an online resource as an adjunct to the Record of Student Achievement (RoSA) to help senior secondary students bring together evidence of a range of extracurricular activities.

The up2now – my ongoing learning portfolio website (https://www.up2now.net.au/people/login) allows Year 10, 11 and 12 students to record, organise and share evidence of their extracurricular activities, such as first-aid qualifications or volunteer work. Using up2now provides students with the opportunity to develop skills in describing, organising and presenting their broader learning, community service and volunteering involvement, and other results, awards and achievements. Students can use up2now to share this information with prospective employers or use it to access other education or training pathways.

This week BOSTES began importing student details into up2now so that they can begin building their portfolios. Students will receive a personalised email to their DEC email address (XXXXX@education.nsw.edu.au) which includes an up2now invitation and their login credentials. If students need support in using the site, please refer to the ‘How to’ section of the up2now website where they will find a user guide to step them through the process of creating portfolios.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions about this project.

Gifted & Talented Middle School Challenge
The Middle School Gifted & Talented Challenge was held on Wednesday 7th May. This was once again a very successful day with the students from Briar Rd, John Warby, Bradbury & Woodland Rd public schools participating in set challenges and rotating their way through KLA based quiz questions, problem solving activities & team building experiences. The Year 9 students ran the activities and they were very mature and well prepared and did a fantastic job under the supervision of Ms Zalewski. The challenge will take place again on Thursday 26th June.

Football United Creating Chances Program
Creating Chances Program is designed to actively engage young people through sessions that foster positive youth development. Specifically, the program focuses on the skills required to navigate life effectively, and to contribute to the wider Australian community as agents of positive social change.

At the end of the Creating Chances program, students will have enhanced skills in:

- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Decision-making and critical-thinking skills
- Coping and self-management skills
- Cultural appreciation and engagement skills

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Mr J Miezio
Deputy Principal

If your child is absent from school, we need a note to explain the absence WITHIN 7 DAYS – this is a legal requirement otherwise the absence will be marked as unjustified. Thank you for your co-operation.

Welcome to the families and friends of Airds High School. Recently, I convened a panel to select the substantive Deputy Principal for Airds High School. We were inundated with quality applicants and our panel deliberated long and hard to select the most suitable candidate to represent our school and our community. It gives me great pleasure to announce that the successful applicant was Mrs Julie Fuller. Mr Miezio will retain the other Deputy Principal position and this now completes our Senior Executive Team. Our school is extremely fortunate to have such highly skilled, experienced and dedicated people as Deputy Principals.

I would like to publicly acknowledge and praise Tammy Anderson, Jim Samphier, Jenny Peters and Judith Ferdinand for the wisdom, compassion and professionalism that they brought to the selection process. To quote one panellist, “my faith in the process has been restored”.

Our Aboriginal Education committee has just completed a review of the Personalised Learning Plans (PLP) for all of our Aboriginal students. It was fantastic to see so many parents and family members in attendance and engaging with our staff to maximise the learning opportunities for our students. We will only succeed in closing the educational gap by working in partnership. We are always happy to listen to parents and community members, when it means we can improve student learning outcomes and their quality of life.

Recently our Parents and Citizens (P&C) association held a very successful Mother’s Day stall. This was well supported by our students and I have been led to believe that there was a complete sell out of all stock. I hope that the purchased products brought a smile to the faces of all the mothers in Airds and that your day was just that little more special because of your child’s efforts.

As you would be well aware by now, our school values are:

- We are safe
- We are respectful
- We are learners
Often on assembly I address safety issues to raise student awareness. Recently I informed our students that if they don’t wear a helmet, we will not be securing their bike or scooter on school grounds. With this in mind please take the time to read through the article addressing road safety.

Well done to all of our students and staff who recently competed in the cross country and athletics carnivals. These days provide opportunities for all competitors to learn that it’s not about the winning or losing, it’s about having a go! Being able to handle defeat and having the resilience to get up and try again, is what life is all about! Years 7 to 10 will be sitting their half yearly examinations over the coming weeks and I wish all of our students the best of luck. That said; hard work and adequate preparation will always provide better results than pure luck.

I wish everyone good health and good fortune and I am looking forward to seeing you all at our famous Flag Ceremony on Tuesday 3rd June.

Mr S McGuire
Principal

School starts at 8:30am EVERY day. Please ensure your child arrives at school before this time EVERY day. If they are late, they MUST bring a note from you explaining the lateness. Thank you for your co-operation

COMMUNITY NEWS

NSW Road Rules
Under the NSW road rules, a bicycle is considered a vehicle. As such, bicycle riders are required to obey the road rules, including stopping at red lights or stop signs, giving way as indicated by signage and giving hand signals when changing direction.

It is compulsory to wear a correctly fitted approved helmet when riding a bike in NSW.

This applies to all bicycle riders, regardless of age, including children on bicycles with training wheels and any child being carried as a passenger on a bike or in a trailer.

All students riding a bike or scooter to school must wear a helmet – it’s the law.
FREE fun program to help kids become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7 to 13 years old? Are you worried about their weight?

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or Leah Choi Tel: (02) 97802811 or visit http://www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au/populationhealth/Go4Fun.html where you can also register.

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Plenty more activities for Kids and Adults including Group Fitness Classes – please check our website for more details.

Canteen price list

**Breakfast**
- Pizza 2.50
- Plain croissant: 2.50
- Filled croissant: 3.50
- Bacon & egg roll: 3.00

**Salad & Salad Rolls**
- Chicken salad box: 4.00
- Ham salad box: 4.00
- Roast beef salad box: 4.00
- Plain salad box: 3.00
- Salad roll with chicken: 3.00
- Salad roll with ham: 3.00
- Salad roll with roast beef: 3.00

**Hot Food**
- Pies: 2.50
- Cheese & spinach rolls: 2.50
- King size sausage rolls: 2.50
- Chicken burger: 3.50 / with can: 4.50
- Beef burger: 3.50 / with can: 4.50
- Garlic bread: 1.50
- Chicken chippies: 2.00

**Fruit**
- Watermelon tubs: 1.00
- Seasonal fruit tubs: 1.00
- Large fruit salad: 4.00

**Ice Cream**
- Billabong: 1.20
- Maxibon: 3.00
- Maxibon caramel: 3.00
- Ice pole lemonade or raspberry: 1.00
- Milo cup: 2.50

**Milk**
- Large flavored milk: 3.00
- Small flavored milk: 2.00
- Large drinking custard: 3.00

**Snacks**
- Muffins: 1.00
- Popcorn: 1.00
- Assorted chips: 1.00

Check our daily specials

$4.00 or $5.00 with can of drink

Some items may be limited in supply so early ordering is advised.
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2014
Every Monday during school term
3.15-4.30PM

Always free to play

Airds High School Community Football United Program

Must register to play, see your teacher for registration form.

Contact:
Assmaah Heiia (Football United)
9385 8196
Mr. Jeff Miezio (Airds HS)
4625 5611