BEING AN ESMART SCHOOL

A couple of weeks ago we reported the news that Northholm has been awarded eSmart school status. The commitment to be ‘eSmart’ is an important one as our children are growing up in a new digital era, and are using the online world for more and more of their educational, social and recreational needs. Teachers, parents/carers and children all need to know how to interact online in a smart, safe and responsible way.

What is eSmart?
eSmart is an initiative that assists schools across Australia to develop a multi-faceted, systematic, whole-school approach to address issues such as cyber-safety, bullying and digital literacy. eSmart accreditation is earned by demonstrating the school’s commitment to fostering a whole school community in which the smart, safe and responsible use of information and communications technology is a cultural norm.

The eSmart framework sits across the entire school - teachers, students, and parents/carers - and is embedded into the school through the curriculum, leadership, technology and wellbeing.
What it means for Northholm to be eSmart

eSmart accreditation is just the first step. eSmart is a long-term change program designed to assist us to systematically analyse and refine our current practices in order to improve the way we educate and support students, staff and parents/carers as they navigate the complexities of the digital world.

We want students at Northholm to embrace the benefits of technology while reducing their exposure to cyber risks, such as bullying, sexting, identity theft and fraud. We will be providing regular, age-appropriate opportunities for students to learn about the safe and responsible use of technology – both in class and through special activities.

We are committed to ensuring that Northholm is an accepting, inclusive and respectful environment; to putting in place effective strategies to address incidents of bullying; and to provide support for all our students as they learn to navigate the cyber world.

How can parents/carers help?

Ensuring our children know how to be responsible digital citizens takes a community effort. It is far more likely to be achieved when students have multiple trusted adults with whom they can discuss issues or concerns, and when they are hearing the same messages reinforced from both home and school.
It was wonderful to see so many parents/carers and staff at last Saturday's Cocktail Party, hosted by the School Council and the Northholm Association (P&C). I am sure everyone who attended not only enjoyed the great company but also the fantastic bar service provided by members of the School Council and the delicious food served by members of the School Council and their partners.

The School would like to thank the President of the Northholm Association (P&C), Stephen Parkins, School Council members, John Hayes (Chairman), Tony Parle (Vice Chairman) and Chris Johnson for their contribution to the success of the evening. In particular we thank Leone Robb who, in conjunction with Susan Wright, Northholm’s Marketing Manager, co-ordinated the event. Additional thanks go to Louise Johnson who assisted in the preparation and serving of the food, Angela Greatbatch who was wonderful at front of house, and other P&C members for their help during and after the event. The evening had a very positive vibe as stories were shared, old friendships enjoyed and new friendships made.

STAFF PROFILES
This week we introduce Lorna Brettell (English, Core A and Year Seven Drama Teacher) and Rob Cottrell (Year Five Teacher).

Lorna Brettell – English, Core A and Year Seven Drama Teacher

Having graduated from the University of Sydney after completing a Bachelor of Education (History and Drama) and Bachelor of Arts (Performance Studies and Ancient History), Lorna spent 2017 teaching English, History and Geography at Hunter Valley Grammar School which Lorna says was “very similar to Northholm, in that it is semi-rural, surrounded by nature and had a similar feel. Although Northholm is a bit smaller. I really like the culture here and thrive in this peaceful environment.” She didn’t expect the chickens and roosters to be running freely around but says that the transition to Northholm has been easy. “I am enjoying all my classes and working with my colleagues - it’s a close knit community.”

Lorna became a teacher partly because her mother was one, but mainly because she had a Senior School English teacher who was “amazing” and imparted his love of learning and specifically English to her. Lorna hopes to connect with her students, wanting them to feel valued and to finish school able to go into the world with confidence in their abilities and with fond memories of their school days.

Lorna is also very passionate about the arts and looks forward to drawing on her own experiences in theatre to help with co-curricular activities here at Northholm.
Rob Cottrell - Year Five Teacher

Mr C, as his students call him, has a wealth of experience and enthusiasm that he brings to Northholm. Starting his teaching career in the land of his birth, Rob taught for 20 years in England, then moved to New Zealand to teach for three years and finally emigrated to Australia where he taught at St Bernard’s Catholic School in Berowra for five years.

“When I was at university I worked on some community action groups and loved being around kids. Friends and family persuaded me that even though I was good at maths I had a gift working with children so pushed me towards teaching. I’m so glad I listened as I absolutely love this job and hopefully I still have that gift,” said Rob.

“What is important to me is the progress students make in their learning. When you see the lightbulb light up because you have taken the time to explain or discuss what isn’t understood - I love that,” says Rob, who is also the author of seven education books, and is hoping to explore other media directions to present his teaching ideas. Watch out for his times tables songs on YouTube!

Rob hopes to keep his students inspired, build a real understanding of themselves as learners and support them in becoming independent and creative thinkers with a love of learning. “I feel I can bring a great deal of valuable experience to Northholm and look forward to working with students, parents/carers and staff.”

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs Lisa Smith and her husband, Rohan, are very pleased to announce that they are expecting their first child in August. We congratulate Lisa and Rohan on their exciting news. Ms Jasmine Wanschers has been appointed to replace Mrs Smith when she takes maternity leave in Semester Two.

EMAIL APOLOGY

On Thursday afternoon parents/carers may have inadvertently received a string of emails from the school. We have been working on modifying the Parent Portal to make it more user friendly and, in the process, used the calendar function to showcase upcoming dates, unaware that this would trigger automatically generated emails. Please accept our apology and be assured that we are working towards an improved Parent Portal for the school community.

Verity Paterson and Jenny Plüss
Joint Acting Principals
Key Dates

TERM ONE 2018
2 – 5 March    Music Camp – Collaroy Centre, Collaroy
Sat 3 March    Arndell Derby Day, Hawkesbury Showground
Wed 7 March    AICES Girls Basketball Trials
                HICES Swimming Carnival
Thurs 8 March  AICES Boys Basketball Trials
Mon 12 March   Year Seven and Eight Vaccinations
28 April – 1 May Snowy Mountains Interschools Equestrian Competition, Jindabyne

TERM DATES 2018
Term One        Tue 30 Jan – Fri 13 Apr
Term Two        Mon 30 Apr – Fri 29 Jun
Term Three      Mon 23 July – Fri 28 Sep
Term Four       Mon 15 Oct – Wed 12 Dec

School News

YOUNG ENDEAVOUR YOUTH SCHEME
Applications are being taken for young Australians aged 16-23 to join a voyage in the national sail training ship, Young Endeavour. A voyage in Young Endeavour is an exciting experience and a unique opportunity for youth to develop skills for life. This program builds self awareness, develops teamwork and leadership skills and fosters a strong sense of community responsibility.

Since the ship was gifted to Australia in 1988, more than 13000 young Australians have completed the Young Endeavour Youth Development Program. No sailing experience is required. Young Endeavour is operated by a professional Royal Australian Navy crew who ensure the highest standards of safety and teach participants the skills to sail a square-rigged tall ship.

Twenty-four youth from across Australia will join each eleven day voyage during the 2018 program. As members of the crew they will keep watch and take the helm, handle lines on deck, cook in the galley, navigate using the ship’s charts and climb the 30 metre mast to set and furl the sails. While at sea they will be encouraged to pursue personal and team goals and challenges. By the end of each voyage they will have the skills and confidence to elect a leadership team and take command of the 44 metre brigante, sailing Young Endeavour along the Australian coast.

Applications are open at www.youngendeavour.gov.au. Voyage fees and conditions will apply to successful applicants who must be aged 16-23 years on the day of departure of their selected voyage/s. Potential applicants should apply now for the best chance of being drawn for a voyage.

Additional information can be provided via phone 1800 020 444 or email mail@youngendeavour.gov.au
PROJECTS ABROAD
Projects Abroad offers a range of exciting two-week programs for high school students. The summer projects for 2018/19 are based in Cambodia, Fiji, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand. There are also a range of destinations for mid-year projects including Peru, Tanzania and Vietnam. Further details can be found in brochures available from Reception or on the Projects Abroad website www.projects-abroad.com.au

Jenny Plüss
Acting Principal

STUDY BOOST – YEARS SEVEN AND EIGHT
Study Boost is offered for all students in Years Seven and Eight on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. The focus of these sessions is for students to seek assistance with assignments and test preparation. Teachers will be available to guide and promote the development of skills in these areas.
Late buses are available to take students to Castle Hill (4.00pm) and Pennant Hills (4.25pm).
Days: Monday and Tuesday
Time: 3.00pm – 4.00/4.15pm (until the late buses)
Venue: S3 & S4

Margaret Hill
Head of Stage 4 Curriculum

SENIOR STUDY BOOST – YEARS NINE TO TWELVE
Senior Study Boost is offered for all students in Years Nine to Twelve on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. Teachers from many subjects are involved so please come along to receive help with homework and assignments.
Late buses are available to take students to Castle Hill (4.00pm) and Pennant Hills (4.25pm).
Days: Monday and Tuesday
Time: 3.00pm – 4.00/4.15pm (until the late buses)
Venue: Library

Melissa Duff
Acting Head of Student Services

SCHOOL OPAL CARD – PLEASE ASSIST!
This message is being forwarded to parents/carers on behalf of the bus operators (CDC) that provide students at Northholm Grammar School with bus services, regarding student use of School Opal card.

An important requirement of School Opal is the need for students to Tap On and Tap Off when they travel to and from school.

Opal data gathered by tapping on and off is used to determine demand for bus services.

If students do not "Tap on" and "Tap off", services may be cancelled or reduced due to the lack of recorded patronage. With this in mind, we ask for your assistance in reminding students that “tapping on and off” at the beginning and end of each trip is one of the conditions of using a School Opal card. This in turn helps ensure buses will be able to provide the appropriate level of service to students.
Boarding checks of School Opal cards will occur over the coming months. Students without an Opal Card will be given a brochure to take home identifying how they can get an Opal Card.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

**CANTEEN**

We are planning some changes to next term's weekly menu to accommodate/cater for the approach of colder weather. I will keep you informed of the new items and prices.

The Prefects had a taste test of our new items on Tuesday and the response was fantastic.

Thank you to everyone who has helped this week in the Canteen.

Next week we look forward to seeing:

- **Mon (1st) 5 March** Justine Kropman
- **Tue (1st) 6 March** Kellie Davies
- **Wed (1st) 7 March** Katherine Henderson, Sophia Eagleson
- **Thur (2nd) 8 March** Kathy Reeves
- **Fri (2nd) 9 March** Martin Bartlet, Andrea Ray

If you have any spare time and would like to be involved in the Canteen, please contact me.

**Sally Klintworth**
Canteen Manager
[canteen@northholm.nsw.edu.au](mailto:canteen@northholm.nsw.edu.au)

**WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE – FRIDAY, 9 MARCH 2018**

On Friday, 9 March a group of over ten students and I will be cutting/shaving our hair during assembly to take part in the World's Greatest Shave's 20th Anniversary. The hair that is cut will also be donated to be made into wigs for cancer patients who sadly have lost their hair due to treatment. World's Greatest Shave raises money to give families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need and to also fund vital research that will help more people survive blood cancers like lymphoma, leukaemia and myeloma, while improving their quality of life.

Along with this, on Friday Mr Cunningham will be waxing his arms and Mr Turbott and Mr Moschione will be waxing their legs to fundraise. Students will be selling wax strips that you can be pre-ordered before Friday outside the Canteen during lunch-times for $5 each which is all donated towards the World's Greatest Shave Northholm Fundraising page.

The link to the fundraising page is below and it would be greatly appreciated if you would like to donate or contribute to this event.


**Lauren Ivory**
Year Ten Student
Careers

CAREER OF THE WEEK

Medical Laboratory Scientist

Conducts medical laboratory tests to assist in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease.

Daily Tasks

- Preparing tissue sections for microscopic examination
- Examining and analysing samples to study the effects of microbial infections
- Analysing samples of body tissue and fluids to develop techniques to aid in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases
- Advising Medical Practitioners on the interpretation of tests and methods for use in the diagnosis and treatment of disease
- Operating and maintaining laboratory equipment
- Preparing scientific papers and reports

Please click here to search hundreds of jobs and careers. You can view information on each job including, what you do in that job, the personal requirements you need to do the job and what education and training you have to have. There are also videos you can view to see what the future outlook for that job is over the next five years. You can also look for job vacancies.

QUICK LINKS

Job Jump Newsletter
Job Jump Career Cwiz
MHS Careers Newsletter
University of Melbourne Information Day
Career Targets
Career in Interior Design
School Holiday Workshops at Macleay College
Work Experience Program at The University of Sydney – Chemical Engineering
Work Experience Directory
Work Experience Options for Careers in Defence

Melissa Duff
Acting Head of Student Services

CAPA – Creative and Performing Arts

ART CLUB

Art Club is held in Art Room 1 each Thursday at lunchtime from 12.40pm to 1.20pm. Come along and develop a creative idea over many weeks or try some different techniques weekly to inspire ideas for a fun project.

All are welcome to attend!
Please note: There is a one off date change for Art Club.
Instead of Thursday 8 March, Art Club will be held on Tuesday 6 March.
All other details remain the same.

Lauren Barlow
Acting Head of Creative and Performing Arts

Sport

UPCOMING DATES

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Northholm CUA Fun Run
In conjunction with our annual Cross Country Carnival, this year Northholm will be holding a *CUA School Fun Run* as a major fundraising event. The event will be held on Tuesday 20 March here at school.
All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. Monies raised will be used to purchase new House Tents to be used at school carnivals. Our target is $5000 so we are encouraging each student to raise just $25.00 each in order to help us meet this goal.
We ask all parents/carers to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10.00 or more will receive a prize for their effort. Thank you for your support, good luck and happy fundraising.

Hill Zone Summer Competition - Secondary Sport
The HZ Sports competitions are currently underway. Please use the following link to gain information regarding draws, scores and competition points [http://hzsa.com.au/](http://hzsa.com.au/)

Hills Hornets Summer Competition
As the Summer season starts drawing to a close we need to look ahead to the Winter competition for 2018. Can you please confirm, via e-mail to Jessika Johnson (johnsonj@northholm.nsw.edu.au), if your son or daughter is interested in playing for the school again for the next competition (Terms Two and Three). Age groups will stay the same this time around so it is the same day of play and we can only guess at a similar time to the current season.
All students involved in the Fred Caterson Basketball competitions are required to attend all training sessions during the week. All girls train during Wednesday lunchtime and all boys train during Thursday lunchtime. Please ensure that all students have suitable attire to train in and if they are unable to attend, they need to let either Jess Johnson or myself know on the morning of their allocated training days.
Nomination and Sign-Up Procedures

Students wishing to participate in sports activities should make application via the Head of Sport. The Hills Zone Sports Association (HZSA) allows students to nominate for selected individual trials in specific sports areas, usually held at U15 and Opens level. A list of the sports and trial dates can be found on the following link HZ Sport. High level sports students may wish to nominate for trials at AICES and CIS level. AICES and CIS nominations invite students from regional areas, GPS schools, Independent Schools and Christian Schools. They are highly competitive trials and usually held as ‘Open’ trials. Younger students should be aware that they will be competing against Year Eleven and Twelve students.

There is a CIS levy payable for students who are nominating. This levy is payable by the student. The current levy fee is $24.30 for any trials attended at CIS Level.

In general, information that should be provided for ALL nominations to the Head of Sport should contain the following information:

Name, Date of Birth, School Year, Preferred Positions, Playing History

YEAR FIVE GALA DAY

Our Year Five students recently had an action-packed day of League Tag and T-Ball at the annual HZ Gala Day. Students had a wonderful day of competing against the other teams in the zone and Mr Cottrell and I were extremely impressed with their sportsmanship and positive attitude on the day.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Chelsea Harkins, Olivia Charlton and Niamh Cassar who recently competed in the NSW All Schools Triathlon. As a team the girls finished in 29th place in the CIS division out of 110 teams and overall finished 61st out of 223 teams.

Chelsea also competed the day earlier in the individual events and finished 65th place out of 102 individuals.

Well done girls.

Shane Lockhart
Head of Sport and Coaching
**EQUESTRIAN NEWS**

**Arndell Derby Day**
Will be held Saturday 3 March 2018. If you like Showjumping and Cross Country, this is a great competition to start the year. There will be two John Vallance designed jumping rings with heights ranging from 45cm to 110-120cm. Entries are via Global Entries.

Venue: Hawkesbury Showground

**Snowy Mountains Interschools Equestrian Competition**
This event will be held from Saturday 28 April to Tuesday 1 May. This competition offers a variety of disciplines and events. There is something for everyone.

Venue: 8228 Snowy River Way, Jindabyne
Entries open: Friday 9 March (9.00am)
Entries close: Tuesday 1 May (8.00pm)
Enquiries regarding Equestrian are most welcome. Please email bournes@northholm.nsw.edu.au

**Sharon Bourne**  
Equestrian Coordinator

**HOLIDAY CRU CAMPS (K-12)**
During the Autumn holidays, **Crusaders** has a wide variety of camps including day camps (K-6) as close as Galston Gorge and Rouse Hill. There is also a special Masterchef Camp, Queensland adventure and trail riding options. Year Twelve Study Camps also commence these holidays. For more information, visit crucamps.com.au or speak to Mrs Lisa Smith for a brochure smithl@northholm.nsw.edu.au

**Lisa Smith**  
8-12 HSIE Teacher  
Chaplain, Faith and Life, Chapel and Junior CRU

**Argyle & Tweed (Uniform Shop)**

We hope your children have settled into the new school year. For those wanting to get organised for Term Two, a reminder that Winter uniform is required. Below is a summary checklist of the items students will need from the start of Term Two (30 April).

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*Denotes non compulsory item, but suggested for added warmth

Opening times during term: Tuesdays and Fridays 8.00am to 11.00am

Phone orders are available by using Visa or MasterCard, please call 9656 1045.

**Please note:** Due to Department of Health regulations, swimming costumes and hats bought at the Uniform Shop cannot be exchanged.

**Northholm Association (P&C)**

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP (SHU)**

Have you visited SHU? We would love to meet you. As we are also parents/carers we know mornings are busy. Sometimes there isn’t time to try on the items. Did you know that you can take items home for your child to try on? You have 7 days to return the items if unsuitable.

**NOW is the time to check your WINTER UNIFORMS.** Any items that your child has outgrown please send into SHU and we will sell them for you, both winter and summer. Consignment and donations are OPEN for K to 12. Simply **complete the form** on the school portal and drop the clearly labelled bag to reception. Please make sure all items are **clean** and ready for sale.

Are you missing buttons from your blazer, blue dresses, shirts or blouses? We can help. Drop by SHU and collect some. **FREE 😊**

We are holding a **Super Saturday Sale Day on 7 April**

More details coming shortly.

Sneak peek: Year Five to Twelve long sleeve shirts two for $12, Rugby tops ALL reduced.
Some of our volunteers have prior commitments and we are a little short of help for our Super Saturday Sale. We are in need of two more volunteers. If you are available to help out for an hour or two on Saturday 7 April, please send us an email. We cannot run the day without helpers. Come and meet a few new people, have a laugh and a chat while helping out the Northholm community.

secondhanduniforms@northholm.nsw.edu.au

**Opening Times:** Friday mornings 8.00am - 10.00am. School Terms Only.

Mail Orders please email - secondhanduniforms@northholm.nsw.edu.au

Place your order and pickup at Reception. If your order cannot be filled, your details will be placed on our waiting list until we receive more consignment or donated stock.

Consignment and donations are **OPEN for K to 12**. If you would like to put items into the Second Hand Uniform Shop please [complete the form](#) on the school portal and drop the clearly labelled bag to Reception. Please make sure all items are **clean** and ready for sale. It is preferred that blazers are dry cleaned.

Parents helping Parents,

**Second Hand Uniform Volunteer Team**

**Before & After School Care**

OOSH is open before and after school. Please contact [www.campausralia.com.au](http://www.campausralia.com.au) if you have any queries.

**Verity Paterson**

Director of Junior School