Dear Parents and Caregivers

From the Principal Mr. Duncan

WotOpera Project
The project was an outstanding achievement for our community of schools with our four feeder primary schools all putting on stunning performances. Over 100 of our high school students acted as mentors, journalists, photographers, stage hands, ushers and hospitality workers. Over thirty teaching and non teaching staff were directly involved in the project doing extra work above their normal duties. I wish to thank all those directly involved with the project as well as thank the parents and P&C members who supported our school’s involvement. Special thanks needs to go to Safija Bristina for all the effort she put into her role as project coordinator. A more detailed account is provided in this newsletter by our two student journalists.

Eagle Rock Opera update
This will be the biggest and best performing arts event the school has ever put on. The story, the songs, and the music are all being developed by students with the support of our staff creative arts team under the leadership of the director, Robyn Sheridan. We are also using the talents of staff from the WotOpera program to work with our students. The rock opera will have two evening performances, dates are to be advised. Tickets will be $5.00 for adults, $2.00 for children, and $12.00 for a family of four. Information on ticket sales and times will be available shortly.

Outstanding work by our senior hospitality classes
Our students have provided catering for the Beacon industry breakfast, the official guests at our WotOpera performance, lunch for the regional vocational education committee and morning tea for our Beacon chartering signing. Many of these events were outside the normal working hours for our students and I commend them for their commitment to our school and for the quality of their service, food preparation and quality of their coffee. I wish to congratulate Keith Budden and Manu Chugh, our two hospitality teachers, for the outstanding training they have provided for our students.

Update on staffing matters
Mark Collin is on extended leave and our highly accomplished teacher, Safija Bristina is relieving deputy. Judy Buckler received a merit transfer to Macquarie Fields high school. Mahmud Ali will relieve as administration head teacher for the rest of this year. The careers role will be coordinated by Vesna Milos, relieving head teacher HISE, with year 12 careers support provided by Sharon Scott.

Beacon program
Last week we had the Charter signing for our program. The Beacon organisation is a charitable organisation which coordinates businesses to provide support for year 10 students to gain the best chance of gaining a quality job. Later this year our project will include mock job interviews and a careers day. I wish to thank Sharon Scott for the outstanding work she has done organising both the Charter signing and the business breakfast.

Would you like the “Eagle Speaks” e-mailed to you? If so, please e-mail the school address on: eaglevale-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED SRC MEMBERS

YEAR 7 Chloe Miller Daniel Rosande
Sialii Selu

YEAR 8 Joshua Miletic-Burr Aleisha Fisher
Lachlan McIntosh

YEAR 9 Sara Kearney Tahani Latu
Lachlan Miller Ryan Palmer

Tony Atsanani Cecilia Lafaele
Gemma Nocera Curtis Russell
Tommy Munce

Robbie Mouhajer Laylah Oeurn
Moria Perenise Joe Rendulic

Calendar
May
15-17/05 NAPLAN
28/05 - 01/06 Year 10 Exams

June
04/06 Years 7, 8, 9 Exams
11/06 Queens Birthday Holiday
13/06 EVHS Athletics Carnival
15/06 Year 7 Vaccination PV, dTPa
20/06 SMARTARTZ
27/06 Disco
2906 Last Day Term 2
At the end of last term, Eagle Vale High School hosted an extravaganza of talent from our four local primary schools. Each primary school created their own unique Opera from scratch over four days at high school. The success of this night is highly underpinned by our high school student leaders who facilitated the projects and of course our highly talented team of teachers.

By Mikaela Hinds and Gemma Nocera, Year 10 students

Eagle Vale High School recently hosted Australia’s first primary school WotOpera performance to great acclaim.

Claymore, Blairmount, Eschol Park and Kearns Public Schools took part in the program with help from students and staff from Eagle Vale High School.

As part of the WotOpera program, which was created by Wotif.com founder Graeme Wood and a team of opera professionals spent four days helping students craft ideas, write scripts, compose music and come up with choreography for an opera performance.

The primary school students involved in this spectacular event performed for the local community on a night filled with laughter, joy and excitement on March 26.

The students, with the help and support of their Eagle Vale High School students mentors, were able to put on an amazing show that left the audience in awe.

WotOpera creative director Murray Dahm said the program encouraged children to get in touch with their creative side and boost their confidence.

Eagle Vale High School principal Robert Duncan said the program was the highlight of the school year for many students. Blairmount Public School principal Greg Turnbull said it was fantastic to be involved in the program. “It lets us see what is available in high school and to get involved with the high school’s new music, creative arts and lighting programs”. he said. “It gives the students an opportunity we could never have given them ourselves.”

The WotOpera program started in 2008 and since then more than 900 students from 40 schools have taken part.
The Rugby Union game against Canadian School’s girls’ team, Paris District High School, has been a highlight of Eagle Vale Sport this term. 28 students from Canada along with their parents support and coach arrived after recess for a game of girls rugby. They were greeted and taken for a tour around our school and its remarkable facilities, after then it was GAME ON!!!

The game had an anxious start, the Canadian girls started with a great kick-off. The Eagle Vale players with their first game of the season took a little bit of time to find their rhythm. After 7 minutes, EVHS was successful enough to score the first try of the game.

During the game there were some of the most outrageous tackles and great tough defence by both sides. The loud cheering from both sides supporters was an excellent inspiration that spurred on both teams. The Paris District High School Girls were shaken, bruised and battered due to the physicality of the Australian game. But this spurred on the Canadian team and they had a stunning run against Eagle Vale putting together some great phases to score their first converted try, which made it a close game. At half time PDHS led EVHS 7-5.

The crowd inspired the girls with their positive support and it came down to the second half, with the PDHS leading the game it made EVHS hungry for the ball especially playing on home ground. EVHS soared through their defensive line and took whatever opportunities they had to score the finishing try. It was easily converted and in the end Eagle Vale High School took home the glory and the cheers. Final Score EVHS 12 PDHS 7. Both coaches were pleased with the girls’ hard effort that they had put into the game.

After the game, both team enjoyed socialising and getting to know each other, swapping stories about Australia and Canada, singing the National Anthems, the girls were all curious and there was never a quiet moment. It was a great day sharing fun and laughter together while having a barbeque. Then last but not least our farewells to the PDHS team were filled with joy at being able share such a memorable day together.

Congratulations to both teams

Special Thanks to the Sarah Redfern High School girls who played with EVHS and staff and students for their support and encouragement during the game. The PDHPE staff, Year 12 Helpers, Mrs Shedden, Ms Koester, and Mr Duncan for their hospitality.

Written by Moli Uisa, Ana Mahina and Deidre Fauvaa

Great Efforts recognised by the Parliament of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

Hansard of Community Recognition Notice, as spoken in Parliament

**EAGLE VALE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS RUGBY TEAM**

Mr Chris Patterson to move —

This this House

(1) congratulates Eagle Vale High School on hosting Paris District High School from Ontario Canada on its girls rugby tour of Australia.

(2) Notes the hard work and dedication of teacher Julie Tocianska in organising this event.

(3) Congratulates Eagle Vale High School girls rugby team on its victory over the visitors.

Chris Patterson
Member for Camden

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Excellent Work placement

Year 11 students are preparing to undertake work placement at various businesses in Term 2 and 3 and they have gone through a comprehensive work readiness program in school. The construction students have just completed their work health and safety induction which is a mandatory requirement for students at work placement.

Nearly all year 12 VET students have completed their work placement through the efforts of VET Teachers, parents and students. Well done to all of you. Some of the students have received employment offers and part-time work and this is great news for their effort during work placement.

In Term 3 students will have an opportunity to meet several employers during our VET Careers expo at Eagle Vale High School. This is a wonderful opportunity to present their CV and gauge apprenticeship and traineeship vacancies.

By Mr. Ali (VET Coordinator)

What's Going on in Music?

The student recordings in our new recording studio are starting to come thick and fast with 3 finished recordings and more on the way.

The recordings feature an original song by Moria Perenise and Boaz Tupuola of Year 11 (Boaz played all the instruments, Moria recorded all the vocals), a rendition of the soul classic “Hold On” by the year 12 Music class (Deborah Fainifo and Pepe Matagia – vocals, Tommy Tave – guitar and vocals, Kome Ualesi – bass, Amani Tofaeono – drums), and a wonderful performance by the Special Education class of John Lennon’s “Imagine” supported instrumentally by staff and students.

The recording of “Imagine” has been a unique opportunity for the Special Education class to learn the song, perform it in front of the whole school during school assembly, and to record their voices and produce their own professional CD. This project is being supported by the Visual Arts staff who will help them in the design of the CD cover and Mr Duncan will choose which cover will actually used on the final CD. It goes without saying that this project is very meaningful and exciting for these students. Of course it is the efforts of the Special Education staff who work wonders with these students and this creates the foundation for any successes we see in the Creative Arts. Boaz Tupuola (Year 11) played bass guitar and drums (at a moment’s notice) on “Imagine”, Mr. Gwan played piano and Mr. Budden played guitars.

The Eagle Vale High School Rock Opera will be performed at the end of Term 2 and there is a fantastic opportunity for your son or daughter to be part of it – even if they do not have one of the coveted lead roles. Yes, they can be part of Eagle Vale High School Choir. It is envisaged that the Choir will have a couple of songs in the show and we still have places available for all kinds of voices. There are no auditions for the choir, the only requirements are the commitment to come to rehearsals on Wednesday lunch (and the final performances) and to do one’s best – easy!

We ask you to encourage your child to be a part of this amazing production (The Rock Opera) through singing in the Eagle Vale High School Choir – the more the merrier!

EAGLE VALE HIGH SCHOOL

P & C

Warmly invites Parents/Carers to the next P & C Meetings for Term 2

WHEN: 21 May 2012 & 18th June 2012
(P&C Meet every 3rd Monday)

WHERE: School Common Room
(Main Administration Block)

TIME: 6pm – 7.30pm
Refreshments provided

Come along to:
· Meet other parents and staff
· Hear about what’s happening in the school
· Ask questions, get answers
· Find out about upcoming events
· Chat over coffee

For further information please contact Lynn Baker, Community Liaison Officer Monday or Tuesdays during school hours on 02 4626 5088

FABULOUS ARTWORK FROM YEAR 11 VISUAL ARTS

Tamika Rivers
Chantelle Shepherd