



From the Director.....

Another busy term has just drawn to a close. The students are all looking forward to their holidays and the staff hopefully will enjoy a well-earned break. A big "Thank You " to all staff for their efforts while I have been recovering from my operation, special mention to Wendy and Michael who have been running the school with support from our team. They have all done a great job !!!

Summer crops harvested and winter crops have been sown in our vege garden. Many have been used by Annie and her students as part of their Food Technology course. This makes for practical use of the skills learned and a positive outcome for all.

Students have participated in several excursions including Katandra Mountain Reserve and the Australian Reptile Park at Somersby. Both wonderful experiences for all involved. Full reports and photo's are ahead in this issue of our Haven Happenings. Students have also been involved in a photography workshops and exhibition at South Copacabana (sometimes called Mc Masters Beach Surf Club) as part of the recent Five Lands Walk. Many thanks to Sue Lewis for her assistance and support in this endeavor. Four of our students received awards and Matt .L, his mother, Michael Gentle and Koke attended the ceremony. Matt collected the awards on behalf our students.

This year we also displayed a variety of art works in the Five Lands Art Exhibition at Copacabana Surf Club. An award was presented to the school for the outstanding work on display. Many favourable comments were received and several students assisted in setting up our display. Once again an excellent opportunity for our students to showcase their work. Over 24,000 people viewed both the Photography and Art exhibitions over the two days they were on.

Another Thank you, this time to two St Edwards students, Will Butlin and Matty Kokegei for their assistance during the holidays. They cleaned all of our outdoor furniture and then gave them several coats of oil so they will be ready for the new term. They did a great job, Thanks again. I hope you enjoy the rest of our Haven Happenings'.

Questacon

This term the students were treated to a live scientific incursion with Scientists from Questacon. The Scientists demonstrated how to create a rocket, crush cans with pressure and experiment with the wondrous properties of Liquid Nitrogen. Our students imaginations were captivated and stimulated from the beginning and were later complemented by the Scientists for their higher order thinking during the performance. The Scientists explained that some of there answers showed more understanding and imagination than students of similar age from mainstream. As their Science teacher it was great to see the students thinking scientifically.



Katandra reserve

The Haven students have been studying Global Environments for Geography this term. As we know, the Central Coast has an abundance of fascinating environments that are there for our exploration. Therefore, the students went for an excursion to Katandra Reserve to explore our local rainforest first hand. We departed the bus at the Matcham end of the reserve and made our way through the rainforest to the bottom of the valley where there is a lake. We then made our way to the lookout at the top that provides us with an elevated view of the Terrigal and Erina regions where we had lunch. This day was thoroughly enjoyed by all students involved and could not believe a place like this existed in our local area.



Reptile Park

The Haven students also visited the Australian Reptile Park this term to explore ways people and organisations preserve animals and their habitats. They looked at all reptiles and other animals the facility had to offer. According to some students, the highlight of the day was trying to stop the emu from

Agriculture

This term students from The Haven have participated in Agriculture, the unit is essentially based on the students firstly growing and then cooking their own food over a fire. It has been a great experience cooking around the fire and one that has brought all the students together. What is truly amazing and something that adds to enjoyment is that students will respect each other and not swear whilst they are around the fire circle. This a result of John Oates, an Aboriginal Elder, running a smoking ceremony last year which designated the fire circle a place of respect. During the unit students have eaten fresh vegetables straight from the garden, each class has made a billy out of a recycled tin and wire used to boil water and they have cooked their own damper over the coals. It had been an absolute pleasure sharing this experience with the students and watching them cook and eat foods similar to the way Aboriginal people may have done thousands of years ago.



Haven Day Out

What a beautiful winters day it was for our Haven Day Out. Students that were invited to attend were Daryl Webb, Matthew Luxford, Matthew Sinclair Maude, Matthew Pilato and Adam Townrow. These students were treated to kick tennis on The Haven oval, then to watch Independence Day Resurgence at Hoytz Cinema followed by lunch at GPK. The students enjoyed themselves and loved the movie, it was a delight to spend the day with them.

Wendy



PCYC

This term students from the Haven Education Centre have been enjoying participating in sport at the local PCYC at Bateaux Bay. Each session starts with a brief informal discussion from the one of the Police outlining an issue that is relevant to the students that week. Examples of discussion topics include drug use, social media bullying, sexual assault and theft. Each session is aimed at informing the students as to what their rights and responsibilities are relating to each matter. Each session finishes with a game of sport led by an instructor from the PCYC and involves students, teachers and Police all rubbing shoulders enjoying some physical activity. This is the part I really like because through the game students see that both Police and teachers are actually real human beings that enjoy similar things to them. This helps the students to build important relationships and support networks that they will no doubt use to navigate through their problems they may face later in life.

The Hunt for the Wilderpeople

On Wednesday, 22nd of June, students from The Haven attended Avoca Beach Theater to see the movie 'The Hunt for the Wilderpeople'. The excursion was arranged as part of a unit of work in English about Haiku poetry. After a quick lunch in the park students were entertained by the exploits of Haiku writing Ricky Baker and his foster Uncle Hec. The students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the movie which followed Ricky's journey of 'growing up' and those who helped him along the way. Students had the opportunity to respond to the movie writing some amazing haiku poetry

Students haiku poetry

Beautiful

Sitting on the tree
A dew drop secretly smiles
Looking at the juvenile

Fire

Fire begins to burn
In the truck red lights and
horns
Pull hose and douse flames

School

Kids who are crazy
Studying maths and kids
School is cool place

Love

Sick though I love her
Even though she always
lies
Cherishing my bones

Boy

Funny silly boy
With spikey bouncy brown
hair
And two brave brothers

Moon

Just look at the moon
So big and round trust-
worthy
Guarding us at night

From the students

This term students read the novel based on professional surfer Bethany Hamilton who lost her arm in a surfing accident. The book made the students think that there other people out there in this world with challenges perhaps even larger than their own. Students were asked to write Bethany a letter to finish the unit with some amazing results.

Dear Bethany,

I am a year 8 student in NSW Australia. I attend a school at The Haven Education Centre which is a small school for students facing difficult challenges of their own. I read your book and I can't believe how big the shark actually was! If something like that attacked me I wouldn't have the motivation to go back and surf like you did. My challenge at the moment is to not swear as much and behave at school. I think for me at times my challenge can seem even harder as I really struggle to make good choices at school. Like when you went to Thailand after the earthquake you realised that there are other people in this world that have bigger problems than you were facing. I have realised that if you can go on to become a professional surfer with one arm and if people in Thailand can rebuild their lives after having everything destroyed I can learn to behave at school!

Dear Bethany

I am a year 9 student in NSW Australia. I attend school at the Haven Education Centre which is a school for students facing difficult challenges of their own. I read your book and it inspired me to never giving up. I was taken off my Mum and Dad when I was a baby and I have been in and out of care ever since. I have faced lots of challenges in that time, but I never gave up that I would have a stable family. Now my Auntie is going to take guardianship of me and this will finally give me a stable life. I think your story helps people realise that they can achieve their goals what ever they

Dear Bethany,

I am a year 8 student in NSW Australia. I attend a school at The Haven Education Centre which is a small school for students facing difficult challenges of their own. I read your book and I liked it very much. It inspired me to not give up on myself. My challenge at the moment is not swearing as much at school and sometimes it is difficult. But I am going to try and hopefully I will be successful.

Dear Bethany,

I am a year 8 student in NSW Australia. I attend a school at The Haven Education Centre which is a small school for students facing difficult challenges of their own. I read your book and I think it's inspiring and good. My sister watches you on the pro surfing tour and when you surfed in Fiji I watched and I think you do amazing tricks. I like that your book was written by you not by other people, like an biographer. I was amazed by what you overcame and I hope that I can replicate this in some way in my own life.

My challenge at the moment is to improve on my behaviour so that I can make it back into mainstream, I need to learn strategies so that I can manage not only in school but also when I get a job. I try to be cool and when I do this I sometimes say silly things and this can upset other people. I need to concentrate in class so I can learn as much as I can, I want to get the best job possible and I need a good mark at school to do this. I often don't take responsibility for my behaviour and I want this to change because this is not the kind of man I want to be. I want to be respected and I want people to look up to me,

Thankyou for reading my letter godbless

Dear Bethany,

I am a year 7 student in NSW Australia. I attend a school at The Haven Education Centre which is a small school for students facing difficult challenges of their own. I read your book and it helped me to realize that you can do anything you put your mind to just as long as you keep working towards your goal in becoming something such as a professional surfer or something else.

In my life I would like to get some better friends and stop swearing. My challenge at the moment is to improve my behaviour so that I can get an education and this will enable me to become a Mortician when I'm older.

Seeing someone like yourself achieve everything you have achieved, from becoming a professional surfer to becoming a mother, gives me the strength to achieve my goals.

Thanks