



## Co-ordinators report

It has been a hive of activity here at The Haven Education Centre for both teachers and students alike! Our outdoor adventures allowed us to visit some of the most beautiful Central Coast locations such as Putty Beach for our overnight camping experience; here we bushwalked, snorkelled, fished and spent quality time with one another. Kayaking at Patonga was a real treat along with surfing the waves at Terrigal where we were able to coordinate our balancing skills as we tried to stay afloat whilst being propelled on a wave. The student's artistic flare was seen at school as the students created their colourful mosaics as they assembled their creation piece by piece. It truly has been an inspirational term!

Fifteen students have completed their re-integration into various education institutions around the Central Coast. The anxiety levels of these students were heightened to the fact that a significant change in their lives was taking place. Change from an environment that they have become comfortable and confident in; to exposing them to new challenges and experiences. We are thrilled that these students have shown strength in their personal and academic development. We wish them well upon their future endeavours.

Sadly, several staff will be leaving at the end of this year. They have played a vital role offering a holistic approach to education ensuring each student's needs are fully supported. A huge thank you to Dan Eastwood and Shannon Joyes! Annie Lynn will be delivering the Food Technology program next year and will be in attendance at The Haven one day per week.

It is also my time to say '*goodbye*' and '*thank you*' to the wonderful people I have met on my journey over the last five years at The Haven. To those Board Members who work diligently behind the scenes, St Edward's College, Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, EREA, our sponsors and supporters within our community, the parents who have worked in partnership with us to create a brighter future for their loved one and most importantly the staff who keep the ship running day after day – Koke, Michael, Jay, Paul, Dan, Wendy, Annie, Shannon and Dawn.

**Have yourselves a merry Christmas and happy New Year!**

**Sonya Robinson**



## Sydney Jewish Museum – Darlinghurst

The Haven Education students had the opportunity to visit the Sydney Jewish Museum to develop their understanding of the Holocaust. During the visit a Jewish Survivor called Anica recalled of her experiences at the time of the Second World War and how she was treated. The students were fascinated with what the lady had to say, feeling very empathetic towards the situation in which the Jews were faced during the war. The book 'The Hitler's Daughter' was read during their English lessons, which provided them with an insight as to what it was like being a Jew during the War, which gave them some background knowledge for them to draw from and answer/ask relevant questions. Overall the whole experience was very beneficial for the students, giving them a contrasting view as to what life was like during those tougher times and a realisation that some people have had it a lot worse than they have it today.





## **Italian Forum**

This year was our second year to go to Learning with Lily at Leichhardt. The kids enjoyed the activities that Lily had set up for us. Students prepared their own lunch and applied traditional European techniques handed down through the generation of an Italian family. Through the year, the students have been very involved, with our garden, which led to a lot of interest at lilies. They asked Lily where her produce come from and if she only used fresh ingredients. They were able to explain about how sugar was in many store brought products; they shared how bad sugar is for you. It made me so proud that they were eager to share, and ask questions. The excursion was an educational experience based on the current PDHPE/Food Tech unit of work.



## **Chook Shed**

This term in Art students, led by our ever so talented Brigsy, painted a mural on the chicken coop. It was great to see their creativity and flair, getting involved in such a hands on activity. Underneath the Mural, the students created a chalkboard using chalkboard paint. Students at recess and lunch have used this area as a place to calm down. Not only has the area been used as a quiet space, teachers have been using it as an outdoor learning environment using the bench seats and chalkboards to run classes with chickens and students sharing the space. The chickens have been laying up to 10 eggs a day and Annie our amazing cooking teacher has been using these mixed with fresh produce from the garden to teach our students how to cook healthy meals using fresh produce. To finish the year off, students who got permission off their parents or carers and who built a shelter will be taking chickens home. This enables them to continue their learning and share their knowledge with parents and friends. The chicken coop has been a great bonus to our Kitchen to Garden program and I thank all the staff and sponsors that have been involved in this project.







The Haven Family...



### Putty Beach Camping Trip

In week 7 the Haven were lucky enough to embark on another adventure to Bouddi National Park, staying overnight at Putty Beach campgrounds. This was an opportunity for the students to experience a few 'firsts'. Imagine being 14 years old and never having been camping or taken into the national park? For some of our students this was the case! Apart from getting the students out into their natural environment, it was an opportunity for them to re-inforce some hobbies and interests they had been exposed to whilst at school such as snorkelling, fishing, kayaking and bushwalking. We began by pitching our tents and setting up camp – this was a test in itself for a large majority of the students, challenging they're discipline, character and comradery. The afternoon activities consisted of a 2 hour bushwalk, Brigga's Great Haven Chase, camp games and beach sports; which where all fully enjoyed by all! Students went down the beach fishing in the evening to catch 'the big one' but were only able to catch crabs. It was a credit to both the staff and students on the camp that everyone enjoyed themselves and came home safely. Members of public even commented on the good behaviour of the students!





# From the students...

## Pencil box

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of November we started a pencil box making it from scratch. Jay gave us all some wood to measure out into sections. After we did that Jay cut the wood into the sections we had measured. Then we started to put it together with glue and nails.

The next day, I put my pencil box together and then did my design on the box. It looked great after I did my design I coloured it all in then I used posca pens to colour and outline our work.

Today, we are finishing our pencil boxes and we will be using some varnish and a wood burner. After that we get to take them home!

I think pencil boxes are handy because they are cheap and easy to make. You can decorate it how you want or you can just leave it plain. You can put pencils, pens, jewellery and heaps of other stuff. It doesn't have to be used as a pencil box it can be used for so many other things. The pencil box is a great way to store stuff it can fit in your bag so easy. And that's what I think about the pencil box.



## CHICKEN COOP

I helped dig the trenches all the way around the chicken coop. We did this to stop the foxes from getting in- but the snakes can still get in because the trench is not deep enough. When it was built the chickens were put in there.

I helped paint the outside to make it look good. I was able to keep the paint smooth. I have learnt lots about keeping chickens since we have them at The Haven.





Putty Beach

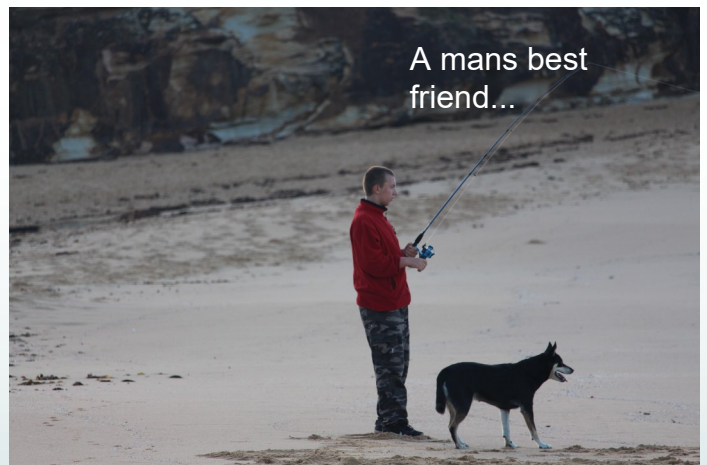
### Surfing At Terrigal beach

Every Friday we did some thing fun like surfing or Oz tag  
The surfboards were foam boards and the water was **nice**  
Because we had wet suits on and I got dunked ones or **twice**  
I stood up on the board like 3 times

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Sydney Aquarium



A mans best  
friend...

### The Sydney Aquarium

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November we travelled down to Sydney to The Sydney Aquarium, Darling Harbour. We went on a Penguin ride through a man made environment that looked very much like a natural habitat. We walked through what I called the tube and were able to see many marine animals. These were from all parts of the world. Some marine animals I found fascinating included Dugong, a variety of sharks, sea snakes, many beautifully coloured fish including tropical varieties from the Great Barrier Reef. Before we headed back to the Haven we all had lunch on the Wharf outside the Aquarium. A great fun day!

Xavier



## Patonga Kayaking

We had a great time kayaking and we went down through Patonga to a little bank to pump some yabbies and go fishing. When we came back we got fish and chips and had chip sandwiches! We then went for a swim and packed the kayaks up to go back home. When we got back to the haven we hosed off the kayaks. it was a great day!



I would also like to thank the teachers and sponsors here at the Haven for providing the funds for us to go to these places without a cost.

## Kayaking

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November I was excited to go kayaking with Dan the mail man. We went fishing and then we went swimming it was great and my score was 100%...

We arrived at Patonga around 10am. The trip from the Haven took us about 40mins. When we arrived, we assisted the Kayaks off the trailer and had to wear life Jackets.

Annie provided us with beautiful morning tea with fruits, bikkies, pretzels and cashews.

Michael got us to sit in the Kayak on sand as he explained the most effective ways to paddle & turn the Kayaks.

We travelled down Patonga Yabby creek about 25-30 mins.

We fished from a Sandbank at low to medium tide and I got a few nibbles but did not catch anything we could keep, we were proud however to score some Yabbi's. I got to learn the basics of how to use a Yabby pump which was cool!



## **The Sydney Aquarium**

*On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November the haven kids travelled down to Sydney to the Sydney aquarium, darling harbour.*

*We went on the new ride to see the man made habitat of penguins it was free so there is a bonus.*

*The kids had some fun telling people that they dropped their phone so they look at the ground. The day was filled with a lot of fun and jokes.*

*Other animals that were cool is, dugong, sharks, jellyfish, nemo, dory and the sea snakes.*

*It was a great day out for all thank you to the haven for taking us all of us appreciate the effort you guys have put into us*

*By Billy*



## **Italian forum**

In term 4 we went down to the Italian forum in Sydney and cooked with a lady named Lily.

We made pizzas and then the pizza machine broke so the Lily had to turn it by hand.

We got some gelato it was really good I had one gelato it was like cookies and cream.

We shaped our own chocolates in molds and put some colored chocolate in them.

## **Surfing**

Throughout term 1 and 4 we have been going surfing at Avoca, Terrigal and Umina Beach. I would like to thank the Central Coast Surf Academy for helping us get more comfortable with our surfing skills. During this time we also learnt how to tell where a rip or current was in the waters. I have come a long way with surfing as when I started I couldn't stand up on a board and now I'm standing up on the board with the waves I can get. We were using foam boards and we had different surfing instructors most weeks.

