PATHWAYS TO DREAMING

On 10 November, a group of our aboriginal students from Years 8 to 10, went on an end of year excursion to Taronga Zoo. We were accompanied by our university mentors.

Pathways to dreaming is a program initiated by Western Sydney University to help aboriginal students to get experiences in the future university life and also to encourage them to strive to take up courses of their choice. This program also helps students to value, respect and learn about their culture and connect with the elders, leaders and mentors during their time in school and later when they are in university.

The excursion was a fun filled and busy day with students very excited throughout the day. With the Zoo’s Aboriginal Education Officer, students observed animals and took many photos. Students had the opportunity to see all the totem animals up close, pat them and have time with animals like, Penny the red kangaroo, wallabies, emu and an echidna.

Students also took photos with their tribe totems which will be compiled in a presentation for the end of year celebration on 9 December at the Western Sydney University, Kingswood campus.

Invitations have been given for the end of year celebration for our students involved and parents/carers.

We look forward, on 9 December, to see parents and carers celebrate in the success of Pathways to Dreaming.

Mrs S Sharma
Program Coordinator
FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Each week, we focus on one behavioural expectation.

Week 9 - I celebrate other students’ achievements
Week 10 - Respect Ourselves, Respect Each Other, Respect Our Community

MATHS ENRICHMENT DAY
On 17 November, our school hosted the second College Enrichment Day for Mathematics.

Four students from each grade were chosen to participate with teams from the other campuses. This day was an outdoor event where the students in their teams had to complete maths activities to get the clue for the next activity. All the activities were to be completed in a set time frame to receive the most points.

I was very proud of our teams, who worked well together and also assisted the other teams with prompts. It was fantastic to see the great team spirit shown as the Year 7 and Year 10 teams came first in their respective grades. Dunheved Campus came second in overall scores.

Special commendations to Ravnit Achariya and Blake Lumsden for helping a student from another school who was the only student in his Year 7 team. Huge thanks to Alanah Fisher and Melina Vaa who were my great helpers during the feeding time. Also thanks to all the participants and volunteers on the day.

Mrs S Sharma
Program Coordinator/Organiser

Over the two days, students were divided into groups to work on their water confidence and swimming skills, as well as learning valuable water safety and rescue skills. The perfect weather, warm water and hard-working students made for two very successful days of learning and fun, with the highlight being the Olympic-standard volleyball matches played with students and teachers at the end of the day.

Congratulations to all students on their fantastic conduct and representing Dunheved so well while off site, and thank you to all the teachers who assisted.

We are looking forward to another great program in 2016!

Ms D Mackay
Teacher

YEAR 7 WATER AWARENESS PROGRAM
On Monday and Tuesday of Week 8, Year 7 took part in a Water Awareness Program at Ripples Leisure Centre, St Marys. The program was designed to develop skills necessary to cater for the swimming conditions experienced in Australia.

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www.dunheved-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
NORTH ST MARYS TASTER LESSONS
On 27 November, our school invited Year 6 students from North St Marys Public School to trial several subjects as a way to help students transition into high school next year. There were forty excited and well-presented students accompanied by three teachers on the day.

The students were given the chance to taste Ms K Smith’s palatable PDHPE practical lesson, Ms C Smith’s enticing English lesson, Mr Koch’s tantalising Food Technology and Mr Jumonong’s appetising Visual Arts lessons. A sausage sizzle lunch was provided for our guests, which was evidently enjoyed as most students tucked in for a second serving.

We thank North St Marys Public School for giving us the opportunity to work with their Year 6 students and look forward to further exciting and informative lessons with the school in 2016.

Many thanks to our passionate staff and teachers for the running of the taster lessons.

Mr Del Prado
Stage 4 Year Advisor

SPORT PRESENTATION
During 2015, Dunheved has competed in numerous competitions and has demonstrated both teamwork and leadership in all aspects of the sports.

The students who received awards at our presentation assembly demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, leadership, high level of skill and positive attitude.

Many of the students today would not have been able to make it to the level they have without the support of the parent body, which have assisted greatly in providing their sons and daughters the needs associated with participation in school sport.

We thank you for this and look forward to your continued support and involvement next year.

We appreciate and value the time that our guests have given us to support our presentation day, Mr Adam Pryzbyla from St Marys Leagues.

A fantastic job was done by our Gifted and Talented Dance group who performed a fun filled item showing their expertise in Dance and Gymnastics.

A special thank you to all staff that assisted in sport this year from attending carnivals to coaching a grade sport team.

Our house captains for 2015 have done a wonderful job in assisting with the preparation of carnivals and our presentation assembly.

OUR MAJOR AWARD WINNERS FOR 2015:
Service to sport
Aminata Madua

Junior Sportswoman
Jessica Thompson

Junior Sportsman
Ralph Hampton

Senior Sportswoman
Melina Vaa

Senior Sportsman – Justin Grima

Ms K Smith
Coordinator

Students from North St Marys enjoying the Food Technology Taster Lessons
# LIVING LIFE MY WAY

## Getting Prepared

The NSW Department of Family and Community Services (FACS), Ageing, Disability and Home Care, has invested in a number of projects to support people with disability, families and carers in developing their skills to participate confidence in individualised arrangements and prepare for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). These projects also provide opportunities to connect with other people with disability, families and carers. The following projects have been funded until 30 June 2016.

### What are the projects?

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<td>My Choice Matters</td>
<td>Various statewide projects to help people with disability, families and carers get the most out of person centred supports and live life their way</td>
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<td>Tailored workshops for people with disability, their families and carers from ADHC Supported Accommodation services. Statewide</td>
<td>02 8303 6598, <a href="mailto:emmorn.lawler@facs.nsw.gov.au">emmorn.lawler@facs.nsw.gov.au</a></td>
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<td>Resourcing Families</td>
<td>Three Regional conferences for people with disability, families and carers about building capacity for self direction, preparing and planning for the NDIS. Statewide</td>
<td>1800 774 764 (callers outside Sydney), 02 9869 7753, <a href="mailto:info@resourcingfamilies.org.au">info@resourcingfamilies.org.au</a></td>
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<td>Aboriginal Disability Network NSW</td>
<td>Preparing Aboriginal communities, people with disability, families and carers for the expansion of individualised funding and roll out of the NDIS. Statewide with priority to rural and remote areas</td>
<td>02 9839 0881, <a href="mailto:enquires@admin.org.au">enquires@admin.org.au</a></td>
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<td>Ethnic Community Services Co-operative</td>
<td>Workshops for people with disability, families and carers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds that promote disability awareness and build capacity to access supports. Statewide</td>
<td>02 9569 3288, <a href="mailto:admin@ecsc.org.au">admin@ecsc.org.au</a></td>
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<td>Physical Disability Council of NSW</td>
<td>A series of courses for people with physical disability focussing on individual empowerment, person centred planning and goal setting. Metro, Regional and rural areas</td>
<td>1800 688 831 (callers outside Sydney), 02 9552 3506, <a href="mailto:admin@pdcs.org.au">admin@pdcs.org.au</a></td>
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<td>Community Connections Australia</td>
<td>Training for people with disability, families and carers to develop skills and confidence using technology. Statewide</td>
<td>1300 364 088, <a href="mailto:enquiries@ccza.org.au">enquiries@ccza.org.au</a></td>
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### How can I participate in these projects?

You can contact any of the organisations directly to find out if their project can give you what you need. Places in some of these projects are limited.

Or, if you want more information about these projects, please contact staff at the NSW Department of Family and Community Services, Ageing, Disability and Home Care. See contact details below.

### Contact details

**Ageing, Disability and Home Care**

- **Telephone:** 1800 605 489
- **Email:** getting.prepared@facs.nsw.gov.au
- **Translation:** Telephone translation and interpreter services are available through the Translating and Interpreting Service on 13 14 50. Please quote 1800 605 489 to the operator.

### Feedback

To provide feedback about the Getting Prepared projects, please call 1800 605 489 or email getting.prepared@facs.nsw.gov.au. If a translator or interpreter is needed, please call 13 14 50 and quote 1800 605 489 to the operator.