Creating the future – celebrating our stories

EDUCATION Week is held each year in public schools across the state. Local and regional activities and events showcase and highlight the quality and diversity of education across NSW. Each year schools celebrate with themed days and many regional, community and local events. For Education Week 2013 the department is focusing on NSW Public Schools creating the future. This special week offers schools the opportunity to showcase to the achievements of inspirational teachers, staff, students, Parents and Citizens Associations and community members. ‘Celebrating our stories’ is an opportunity for schools to document and share their proudest moments.

Schools are being asked to ‘celebrate their stories’ by documenting their proudest moments and sharing those on websites, at assemblies, and at other gatherings of families and community members. The stories can take a variety of forms, including videos, animation, portfolios of work or slide shows.

Harrington Public School

‘Moving Forward Together’

Celebrating Education Week, 2013

Please join us on Thursday, 1st August at 12:30pm for open classrooms followed by an afternoon tea picnic and a special assembly at 2pm in the Community Hall.

Phone: 6556 1207 for 2014 Enrolments

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Nurturing values for your child’s future

SELECTING a school is one of the most significant decisions you will make in your child’s life.

The school will not only provide your child with knowledge and skills needed for future vocations, but will also play a major role in the formation of values and disciplines that your child will take into every sphere of life.

School is a community.

The interpersonal relationships established at school play a major role in developing your child’s self-image and social skills.

The perspectives of your child’s teachers will influence your child’s attitudes and view of their place in the world. We believe that Taree Christian College deserves your careful consideration as the place for your child’s schooling.

Feel free to contact Taree Christian College to arrange a visit to the school which caters for kindergarten to year 12.

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STUDENTS in the Chatham High School’s CHACE Curriculum Extension (CHACE) Class from Year 8 have experienced many different activities this term both within the school and out in the community.

These opportunities have helped students in ways that couldn’t be achieved without such a program. Miss Beckett, Head Teacher English, said “This is a wonderful opportunity for students to challenge and extend their learning”.

CHACE class students from Years 7 and 8 have recently gone on an excursion to the Manning Education Centre in Taree to learn about the different opportunities available to them after high school.

What there they experienced firsthand the resources available to students undertaking medicine and veterinary courses. They also attended a lecture in which some undergraduates from the University of Newcastle talked about their paths to University, the different courses available, clubs and ambitions.

This experience helped to broaden the horizons for students as it gave them a taste of educational opportunities available after high school. “This excursion was really good for students considering University,” Loren Isaac said.

A recent project completed by the students of the CHACE group was the Manning River Times Project.

The students were split up into three teams with each team having its own purpose and tasks. Students were trusted to manage their own time, and meet deadlines.

The teams were sales, design, and journalist/photography teams. The sales team were involved in selling the ads to local businesses. The design team was in charge of designing the ads according to clients’ specifications, whilst journalists wrote articles about topics of their choice.

The project demonstrated how people care for others within Chatham High School and the local community. This has helped develop communication and teamwork skills, and increased students’ self-esteem.

“Through initiatives like the Manning River Times Project students gain hands-on, real life experience and raise funds for charities at the same time,” Stage 4 Deputy, Mr Presslau said. “It has truly given students a taste of real life in the business of media.”

A valuable initiative, the CHACE program has inspired and pushed students to achieve their best. Students have progressed greatly in this short time and have been given numerous opportunities to excel. Such a beneficial program establishes a solid learning foundation in high school.