School’s letter reminds students that they are more than just test scores.

Term 4 is a time when examinations take place; in particular the HSC examinations are now in full swing. At the end of Term 3 students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 also received their results from the NAPLAN tests. (Please refer to my last newsletter article regarding the excellent results from these tests)

Recently a friend sent me an article from the Huffington Post which I found interesting and I thought it was a good reminder of the many facets of school life which impact on our children.

A British school wanted its students to know that they were amazing and intelligent regardless of their test scores. When Year 6 students from Barrowford Primary School in England received their results from a recent exam, they also received a letter reminding them that they are not defined by test scores.

Here is a copy of the letter:

Please find enclosed your end of KS2 test results. We are very proud of you as you demonstrated huge amounts of commitment and tried your very best during this tricky week.

However, we are concerned that these tests do not always assess all of what it is that make each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you: the way your teachers do, the way I hope to, and certainly not the way your families do.

They do not know that many of you speak two languages. They do not know that you can play a musical instrument or that you can dance or paint a picture. They do not...
Compassion to Give – Dancing in the city!

What do an old rap dancer and this Chaplain have in common?

At the end of Week 3 this term a group of 9 of our senior schools students visited Sydney for an overnight excursion, accompanied by Miss Pickering and myself. The students are some of the leaders of our Crossroads Christian ministry and compassionately give of themselves to serve other students on a weekly basis. In the city they encountered a number of examples of compassion to give that I trust will shape their own leadership.

On the Friday afternoon we attended the Inter-Cru event, where students from a number of schools joined in fellowship next to St Andrew’s Cathedral at Town Hall. They also attended a social justice conference on Saturday, ‘A Festival of Just ideas’, organised by Anglican Aid, where they gained many ideas for us as a school to further develop our compassion to give. The Friday evening saw a quite remarkable and unplanned encounter.

While waiting to enter our accommodation for the evening, we observed a group of street hip hop / rap dancers. We sat and watched from a distance. Before long we were approached by a man who looked like the leader. Dressed in black, as I was, he looked mildly foreboding! We spoke and I felt comfortable to respond to his invitation that we come over and observe his dance crew. It so happened the man who introduced himself was still an awesome dancer and 62 year old. He had appeared on Countdown in the early 1980s! After watching on the fringe for a while we started to clap along. Among the dancers was an amazing 8-9 year old. Before long, a sense of community was building and any reservation dissipated. Then 3 of our students took it in turn to dance, know that your friends count on you to be there for them or that your laughter can brighten the drearriest day.

They do not know that you write poetry or songs, play or participate in sports, wonder about the future, or that sometimes you take care of your little brother or sister after school.

They do not know that you have travelled to a really neat place or that you know how to tell a great story or that you really love spending time with special family members and friends.

They do not know that you can be trustworthy, kind or thoughtful, and that you try, every day, to be your very best... the scores you get will tell you something, but they will not tell you everything.

So enjoy your results and be very proud of these but remember there are many ways of being smart.

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Most importantly, they have the opportunity to become responsible and respectful members of our world. I believe that our school provides a safe and nurturing environment to allow this to happen.

So when you receive your child’s yearly examination results, important as they are, tell your children how proud you are of them and let them know how special they are to you.

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CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

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followed by the surprise of the night when the Chaplain stepped forward to show his moves, causing former NAC student Joe Hockey to proclaim “What is happening here!” Students agreed it was a night they won’t easily forget!

What was so special about this turn of events was the modelling of a compassionate giving of oneself to include others in community. This man reached out to us and despite some uncertainty on our part we were included in this temporary community and had an amazing experience. I was also reminded of the way Jesus reached out to others with compassion, “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36).

It is a reminder to look to those who are not ‘in the group’, those who might be excluded from school social groups or society at large, and to take the initiative to include them. We might fear that our invitation might be rejected but as we compassionately give of ourselves to others we allow God to provide the unexpected.

Jim Dayhew
College Chaplain

Curatorial Team

Congratulations to the members of the newly established NAC Curatorial Team, they are Phillip Muzzall, Sam Markham, Aliza Watson, Alisa Schreurs, Monique Bobbermien, Kylie Van Altena, Emma Sloane and Nicholas Shaw. The Curatorial Team will organise various exhibitions, competitions and art projects at NAC. Their first venture is a portrait competition. Thanks must go to Mr Daniel Jones for this great idea. We look forward to some great work from this team.

Portrait competition entries should be submitted by Thursday 20 November 2014. See page 7 for more information.

Exams

Exams for Year 7-10 occur over the next few weeks. I encourage all students to use these last few days to prepare as effectively as they can. Asking questions and spending time working through their exam summaries is important for effective preparation. Best wishes to all students.

Phones reminder

A reminder that phones are not permitted to be used at school. If students are found to be using phones they will be asked to hand their phone into student services for the rest of the day. This is also the case for other handheld devices such as iPods.

David Hamaty

“Congratulations to the members of the newly established NAC Curatorial Team”
Excellent Results in Mathematics Competitions

The results have arrived for a number of Mathematics competitions that NAC students have participated in this year.

In the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) NAC students performed extremely well with 82% of participants gaining credits or higher awards. In particular, Troy Sweet(5) achieved a prize for his performance amongst the top 20 students. The AMC results were

**Credit:**
- Sarah-Joy Day(3)
- Sheldon Liang(4)
- Sebastian Riou(7)
- Anthony Liang(7)
- Courtney Western(7)
- Benjamin Herne(8)
- Nicholas Pascoe(8)
- Toby Payne(8)
- Joshua Pearson(8)
- Charlie Mullins(9)
- Keona Roulstone(10)
- Matthew Giffard(10)
- Matthew Claridge(11)
- Bridget Barker(11)

**Distinction:**
- Samuel Ebdon(3)
- Clare Thomas(5)
- Kobe Payne(7)
- Ethan Ford(9)
- Benjamin Lans(5)
- Troy Sweet(5)

**Prize:**
- Troy Sweet(5)

In the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) NAC students also performed well with 55% of students achieving credits or higher awards. In particular, Jack Sweet(5) achieved a High Distinction. The ICAS results were

**Credit:**
- Sarah-Joy Day(3)
- Brent Nowland(4)
- Toby Huard(5)
- Cameron Murray(5)
- Kimberley Gibney(7)
- Kobe Payne(7)
- Courtney Western(7)
- Jackson Balmer(8)
- Wynter Smith(8)
- Ethan Ford(9)
- Corey Bate(11)
- Alexia Oakes(11)

**Distinction:**
- Benjamin Lans(5)
- Troy Sweet(5)
- Dan Bardsley-Divina(8)

**High Distinction:**
- Jack Sweet(5)

In the National Computer Science School (NCSS) Challenge Benjamin Herne(8) gained a High Distinction and Dan Bardsley-Divina(8) gained a Distinction. Benjamin and Dan, along with Keona Roulstone(10), were also commended for their performance in the Australian Informatics Olympiad.

In the Australian problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads Jack Sweet(5) and Troy Sweet(5) performed in the top 1% of all participants and the following students gained the highest results in their NAC year groups: Troy Sweet(Yr 5/6), Anthony Liang(7), Luke Huard(8).

Congratulations go to all these students for representing the College so strongly in Mathematics competitions this year.

Mr John Day
Head of Mathematics

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**Uniform Shop**

The Uniform Shop closed on Fri 31/10/14 and will open for the Year 7 Orientation Day on Tuesday 18/11/14.
It is going to be a busy Term 4
We need to rally the community for helpers!!

Mark it in your diaries:
- RSVP to Christmas get together due 3rd November… See flyer
- Foundation/Defence Day – 14th November – P&F serving hot dogs and sausage sandwiches from the canteen. Helpers required to assist
- Junior Disco – Tuesday 18th November – Cupcakes and helpers required on the day please help out if you can
- 17th November – P&F Meeting 7pm – All welcome… Become involved… Enjoy our school community
- Christmas Get Together – 21st November – Get your RSVP’s in, rally friends and family to come along.
- Uniform Sale – 2nd December – Come along, sell your own, buy or donate…. 1.30-4.30pm Canteen area

Contact us at: ParentFriend@nac.nsw.edu.au

As another year draws to a close Nowra Anglican College P&F are holding a Christmas get together dinner and to make this evening a success we are asking for your attendance and support. Organise a table of 10 (over 18’s only) family and friends and join us for a fun night. We can help make up a full table if you have a smaller group. Please return completed forms and payments to front office staff. If you have any questions, need extra information, wish to make a donation please contact one of our P&F members or phone 0421 389267.

When: Friday 21st November 2014
Where: Boundedry Bowling Club
Time: 6:30pm – Dinner served at 7:30pm
Cost: $40.00 per person – 2 course Christmas style meal with tea & coffee
Dress: Smart Casual
RSVP: 3rd November 2014
Activities: Silent auctions, live auction, raffles and games.
Purchases: Payment for goods may be made by cash.

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Music Lessons Available for Strings, Brass and Woodwind.

If you are interested in having your child/ren learn a musical instrument, please contact the College on 4421 7711.

Awards
Congratulations to all award recipients this week

Bronze Awards
Academic
Year 8
Ashleigh Sammut
Brock Toscan x 2
Hayden Roach x 3
Troy Strickland
Chloe Wood
Alexandra Winter
Andrew Pearson
Kyle Leslie
Jacob King x 2
Bella Inthra
Benjamin Herne x 2
Joshua Handel

Year 10
Blake Halliwell
Zachary Hale
Jesse Buckham

Year 8
Eleanor Paech
Ailsa Schreurs

Year 10
Eleanor Paech x 2

Year 8
Alexandra Winter
Lexie Templeton
Hayden Roach
Joshua Pearson x 2
Jacob King

Year 10
Eleanor Paech x 2
My Story Matters.

The art of story-telling and technology are brought together in the collaborative community project “My Story Matters (MSM)”. NAC is proud to continue the inter-generational project and this year will partner with local aged care facilities, Greenwell Gardens and Osborne House.

Year 10 students have been paired with residents and will meet once a week for four weeks to record the oral history of their resident, incorporating various aspects of their lives. Both students and residents are thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Residents have been sharing their precious photos and memorabilia and reflecting with the students on topics such as childhood memories, their lives as young adults, their work and families as well as sad, funny and memorable moments. Students are encouraged to pose thought provoking questions which allow resident to share their views and experiences.

The project-based learning program has provided students the opportunity to enhance their communication skills, IT skills and improve their public speaking ability. Importantly it has improved our students understanding of era which they may otherwise not have been exposed to in such a meaningful context.

This week we received an email from a parent of a former student who gave credit to opportunities afforded to NAC students such as MSM.

“My daughter attended the program in 2012 whilst in Year 10 at NAC and found that she so enjoyed it, she sought to obtain a traineeship in aged care with Osborne House, Nowra. Since then she has work with Home Care , Focus (Disabilities ) and has completed her Certificates in Aged Care and Disabilities . She recently gained a great role at Hammond care Horsley as a dementia specialised carer. She has done so well for herself and I give credit to the College for introducing the students to these opportunities.”

MSM will culminate on 12 November in the College library at a special presentation by students of the each of the stories followed by morning tea. It will be a wonderful celebration of learning.

Jim Dayhew
Coach

The Wiburd Shield

The U/15 cricket team played the First Round of the Wiburd Shield, which is a state wide competition for independent schools. We came up against Broughton Anglican College, Campbelltown and travelled to Camden to play the 40 over a side fixture. Losing the toss, we were sent in to bat. After the loss of 3 early wickets, our innings steadied and then exploded in the final overs. Luke Huard (Yr 8) batted magnificently with 71 runs off 35 overs. He was brilliantly supported by Ben McDonald (Yr 8) who was 18 not out, and Ben Boyce Mortlock (Yr 8) who batted intelligently to support Huard in a game winning 4th wicket partnership of 79 runs off 16 overs.

Defending a solid total of 9/164, our captain Jordan Hockey (Yr 9) and Damien Spelta (Yr 9) bowled superbly in their opening spell, with hostility and cunning, to contain the opposition to a meagre 1/9 off 8 overs. The score was even 2/22, which the venerable Richie Benaud would have loved! This trend continued with tight bowling from Luke Huard who struck twice and Ben McDonald, who capped a fine all round performance from both players. Most of our bowlers had success with the best figures being Jhie Cushan (Yr 8) who bamboozled the opposition with the cunning of his leg spinning deliveries to capture 3/10 off 3 overs. Other wicket takers were Spelta, Boyce Mortlock, Cody Murray-Green (Yr 9), Acelin ‘Ace’ Bobbermien (Yr7) and Blake Calderon (Yr9).

In the end, Broughton were dismissed for 95 runs for a comprehensive 69 run victory to NAC under the excellent leadership of Jordan Hockey. This tremendous day finished with food stops at Macarthur Square and Gerringong. It was a pleasure to accompany this team of cricketers who represented our school with distinction. Bring on Round 2!

Jim Dayhew
Coach
**NAC Curatorial Team’s Professional Development Excursion**

I am very happy to announce the new members of the NAC Curatorial Team, they are Phillip Muzzall, Sam Markham, Aliza Watson, Ailsa Schreurs, Monique Bobbermien, Kylie Van Altena, Emma Sloane and Nicholas Shaw. The Curatorial Team will organise exhibitions, competitions and various projects at NAC.

On Thursday 24th of October the team had an excursion to the Shoalhaven City Arts Centre for a professional development workshop with Tania Morandini. It was a great day; my aim for the group is to help them gain skills and confidence to create cultural opportunities and experiences for themselves and their communities, both now in their school life and beyond in their futures. Tania was a great help towards this goal. She taught the students a great deal about curatorial practices and made it all relatable to our school context. The students and I learnt about project management and collaboration and then they worked in two teams responding to a brief. They applied their new skills with enthusiasm and impressive creativity in proposing a themed exhibition.

I am very excited to be working with these students on this project, we have high aims and I think we will do good things. Watch this space!

Big thanks to Tania Morandini at the Shoalhaven City Arts Centre for a great training session.

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**good face portrait prize 2014**

Budding artists of Nowra Anglican College Senior School, you are invited to submit a portrait for the Curatorial Teams “good face” portrait prize.

The portrait should be of a person who is special to you - someone who is known to you and plays a significant role in your life.

There are three competition categories: Years 7&8 (Stage 4), Years 9&10 (Stage 5) and Years 11&12 (Stage 6).

In each category the winner will receive a premium drawing pack including Primo Drawing Set of pencils and a Fabriano Tiziano drawing pad. 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category will win a pass to a special portrait drawing workshop with a guest artist. Works by winners and runners-up will be exhibited at ART WARS in Week 8 where there will also be a People’s Choice Award.

Entries must be no smaller than A4 and no bigger than A3. Portraits can be made using pencil, paints or mixed media (not photography).

Entries must be received by 3.15pm Thursday 20 November 2014.

Please go to the following website for more details: https://sites.google.com/a/sras.nsw.edu.au/nac-curatorial-team/good-face-2014-portrait-prize
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Wonderful NAPLAN Results

As indicated by the results in this table, this year’s NAPLAN results for Years 3 and 5 are outstanding. The table shows the number of students who have achieved in the top three bands and compares them with the results nationwide. These results are a confirmation of the excellent teaching standards that we set at the College.

The writing task was particularly challenging and yet despite this, the results for NAC are an improvement on last year’s results despite the fact that the state wide results dipped.

We have decided to strengthen our writing even more by continuing our focus on this area next year. Our staff is looking at how we teach vocabulary. They are using the latest pedagogical research and practice to better equip students to write creatively and effectively to entertain or to inform their audience.

### 2013 NAPLAN Test

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YR 10 White Water Rafting

This year saw the introduction of a new outdoor recreational experience for our Physical Activity and Sports Studies Class in year 10 - White Water Rafting. This excursion took place at the White Water Rafting Centre in Penrith which was built for the canoe/kayak slalom events during the Sydney 2000 Olympics. This trip brought real challenge for many and provided the opportunity to build team work skills. The students had to paddle hard and transfer their body weight in unison to try and negotiate each rapid down the 320m course. There was plenty of screaming and not just from the girls I might add. Rafts toppled sideways, backwards and in all manner of ways down a series churning white rapids. After several trips down the course the students were given the opportunity of an optional activity - “raft surfing”. In this challenge, students with no paddles, had to try and stay in the raft as it was held sideways on the edge of a rapid. Some were game enough to let go and put their hands in the air. Some discovered what it was like to get sucked under the raft and spat out further down the rapids. Great that this all took place in a safe and controlled environment with instructors in our rafts and on the shore. Another awesome experience for our students at Nowra Anglican College.
Physical Culture

12 girls from the Junior School have been selected to compete at the National Championships in Australian Physie & Dance. This is a fantastic achievement for so many girls from a regional area, let alone one school. The Championships are in November.

Physie is a sport incorporating modern dance, ballet, lyrical, stretch and strength routines choreographed to contemporary music.

I think their achievement is worthy of mention in the newsletter and perhaps the school sign?

The girls are:
Year 1 Lara Cosgrove
Year 2 Elsa Guile, Lacey Baker
Aleisha Post, Arielle Gomez
Megan French, Chloie Guy
Year 3 Sienna Cosgrove, Sarah Joy Day
Olivia Ralph
Year 4 Scarlet Cochrane
Year 5 Breeanna Mead

ICAS Writing
Merit: Viraj Patel, Groove Brindley, Toby Huard
Credit: Lyla Mills, Kelsey Reading, Jack Sweet, Troy Sweet

ICAS Mathematics
Distinction: Benjamin Lans, Troy Sweet
High Distinction: Jack Sweet

Classes for 2015
We’re starting to think about classes for 2015. If you feel that there is something that needs to be considered for your child that you think we may not aware be of, please put your request in writing to the Head of Junior School by Friday 14 November.

While requests based on particular needs are carefully assessed, you will understand that we cannot make any promises because there are quite often conflicting considerations.

Be assured that a lot of time and care is taken when forming classes to ensure a balance of genders and consideration with respect to academic and social/emotional needs. Each year there is some rearrangement of students with the intention that, by Year 6, the children know each other and relate to all the other children in their grade. We are blessed with a wonderful staff and it is generally not appropriate to request a particular teacher. The children will be informed of their class on Day One of 2015 and no changes to classes will be made after that time.

Green Thumbs Garden Club
Mrs Delahenty and the children in the Garden Club had a great time making Tzatziki dip. I understand that the canteen staff were so impressed they used the remainder for their wraps! The veggie garden is thriving and is the source of great planning and creativity. What will we make next?

Susan Pearson
Head of Junior School

CSSA Biathlon

The CSSA Biathlon was held at the Sydney International Regatta Centre on Friday the 17th of October. This was the first occasion that this event has been run. Nowra Anglican College took 6 teams to compete in the Primary splash and dash biathlon. The biathlon consisted of a 300m swim combined with a 2km run.

We had some excellent results on the day with the team of Alyssa Dilley and Hannah Stone finishing 3rd, very close behind the top two. The teams of Jack Sweet & Harry Evans and Troy Sweet & Toby Huard performed very well against older students with both teams managing a top 10 finish.

Our other teams made up of Rylee Woods & Lily Monaghan, Ella Hughes & Claudia De Rooy and Angus Templeton & Tully Dennis also performed very well on the day finishing well in the top half of their respective races.
CSSA Dragon Tag (Oztag) Gala Day

The CSSA Dragon Tag (Oztag) gala day was held at Albion Park on Thursday 23rd of October. This day was also run by the Dragons community development team. There were eight schools in total with 14 teams in both boys and girls competitions. Nowra Anglican College took two teams of boys and two teams of girls from years five and six. The aim of the day was to learn new skills, put those skills into practice in games and to meet lots of new people.

The day was split into two sections with the boys undertaking a variety of skills activities whilst the girls played four games back to back. After a short recess break the girls went and took part in the skills activities and the boys then played four games back to back.

At the end of the day all students who participated were given a free sausage sizzle and a can of drink, which given the quite warm conditions was very well received. All students also received a free football.

It was an excellent day and all students participated exceptionally. Thank you to Tom King, Gerry Thompson, Noah Liddicoat and Rhydian Taylor who helped organise the teams and do some refereeing.

CSSA Cricket Knockout

Nowra Anglican College played their first game in the CSSA Cricket Knockout at Artie Smith on Tuesday the 21st of October. They were playing against a team from Southern Highlands Christian School. The competition consists of twenty over a side games and is played in a knockout format.

Under cool, grey skies NAC was sent in to bat after losing the toss. Ben Lans and Troy Sweet got the team off to an excellent start with a 100 run partnership in very quick time. Troy ended up retiring on 51 whilst Ben was very unlucky to be bowled off his legs for 49. After such a solid start the next few batsmen came in and pushed the scoring along quickly, with Angus Templeton scoring a very quick 34. At the close of the twenty overs NAC had amassed 3/192.

With such a large score on the board it allowed the team to give all bowlers a chance and as a result everyone was able to have a bowl. Five of the bowlers managed to take a wicket. There were also 3 run outs. At the end of the twenty overs Southern Highlands could only manage 8/49, with only 17 runs coming off the bat.

Nowra Anglican College now goes through to the next round which will be played some time in the next 2 weeks. Thank you to Callum Mackay who gave up his time to score for the team.

Connecting with the community...........

“Children belong first to a family, a cultural group, a neighbourhood and a wider community” (DEEWR, 2009:7)

Leading up to the Shoalhaven River Festival, I showed the children this photo to get their thoughts.

Grace: “I go there with my nanny.”
Beau: “I go across that bridge to get here.”
Miles: “It’s a water roed.”
Sid: “I think it’s a bridge we have here.”
Peter: “I have to go across that bridge.”
What is this water called?
Miles: “A water road.”
Zahra: “A river.”
who uses the river?
Morgan: “To sail.”
Saskia: “To put boats in.”
Peter: “Fish and sharks.”
Saskia: “To play Poch sticks.” (Saskia explained the game of throwing sticks into the water off the bridge and seeing whose is the first to come out from under the bridge from Winnie the Pooh.)
Grace: “Crocodile?”
Peter: “There are no crocodiles, only at the zoo.”
Sidney: Crabs.”
Beau: “Lobsters.”
Sid: “I know what you can eat from there-oysters!”
Saskia: “Or crabs. I’ve eaten a live crab!”
Beau: “Keep it not dirty”
Sid: “Not throw bark and dirt in there.”
Beau: “Animals might choke on the rubbish.”
Sid: “Don’t throw needles in there.”
Peter: “And no paper”
Grace: “People go fishing.”
We chat about how beautiful our river is and how we need to look after it.
Zahra explains about the duck Dash. “There are lots of help ducks that will go along the river and there is a winner.”

“Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment, as they develop an awareness of the impact of human activity on environments.” (DEEWR, 2009:29). Learning outcome 2: children are connected with and contribute to their world.

Duck Dash @ The Shoalhaven River Festival

It was great to see some preschool families at the Duck Dash on Sunday afternoon. $29,500 was raised by the amazing committee for the Shoalhaven Education Fund!! Check out the amazing posters that some Wattle Room children designed, to promote this event.
FREE ZUMBA IN THE PARK
Four weeks, starting
Friday, 31 October, 11am
Bomaderry Oval, Bolong Rd
10.00am sign up to Get Healthy Service 1300 806 258
10.30am Health Checks with Bomaderry Pharmacy
First 50 people to sign up to the free Get Healthy Service are given a free pedometer.
For more information:
bomaderrychallenge@yahoo.com facebook.com/bomaderrychallenge
or call Kim on 4424 6389, 4455 5366

Girls – Live Your Goals Football Session
U9s-U11s girls with a passion for football are invited to attend Southern Branch’s FIFA Live Your Goals training session on Tuesday 28 October 2014. The Skills Acquisition Program session will run from 6-7.30pm at the South Nowra Football Complex. Participants will have the opportunity to meet and train with Renee Rollason current Matilda and Sydney FC W-League player. To register for the session go to www.southernnswfootball.com.au Further details can be obtained from Matthew Shepherd on 0419 925 006.

Girls and Youth League Football Trials
Southern Branch Football Club is holding trials for girls and boys for its 2015 competition teams. Under 13 girls are trialling on Sunday 2 November 1pm, Tuesday 4 November 6pm and Sunday 9 November 1pm. Boys are trialling on Sunday 16 November U12s at 9am & U13s at 10.30am; Tuesday 18 November U12s & U13s at 6pm; and Sunday 23 November U12s & U13s 2pm. All trials are being held at South Nowra Football Fields. To register complete the online forms at www.southernnswfootball.com.au Further details can be obtained from Phil McColl Southern Branch Manager on 0418 255 209.