

AMBARGRAM

Week 5, Term 3 2025

Celebrating a Remarkable Achievement **OUR PRINCIPAL AWARDED PUBLIC SERVICE MEDAL**



We are thrilled to share the exciting news that our Principal, Louise Barnott-Clement, has been awarded the prestigious Public Service Medal (PSM) as part of the 2025 King's Birthday Honours.

The PSM recognises outstanding service by employees of the Australian public service. It is a rare and significant honour, awarded to those who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, and commitment to public service.

Ms Barnott-Clement has long been a passionate advocate for equity and excellence in education. Her dedication to student success, unwavering support for staff, and strong connections with the community have made a lasting impact—not only within our school, but across the broader public education system.

This national recognition is a testament to the values we uphold as a school and to the exceptional leadership we are fortunate to experience every day.



Please join us in congratulating Ms Barnott-Clement on this remarkable and well-deserved honour.

Final stretch for Year 12 Major Works

Year 12 students are coming to a close on their major works across multiple subject areas as they near submission dates.

Students are wished all the best in their final days and celebrated for the commitment and effort observed so far in the last year.

Images from Year 12 Visual Arts Bodies of Works. >>>



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A message from Ms Barnott-Clement

Welcome to Term 3, and goodness isn't it cold! Nonetheless, it is wonderful to be back at Ambarvale High School following my three months as Relieving Principal at Walgett High School in the Central West of the state. I would like to thank Mrs Fitzgerald and Ms Arts for relieving in the principal chair whilst I was away.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the Stage 6 parent teacher night in Week 2 of this term. I could see and hear the rich conversations about learning, as students, parents and teachers worked together to maximise learning and results.

In Week 3, we were excited to celebrate Education Week with our Thursday morning tea, which included an opportunity to enjoy student performances and view a wide range of student work samples. We also held our NAIDOC Assembly during Education Week and it was fantastic to see the level of commitment and pride our students had in their culture.

For our students in Years 7-10, we have our Student Learning Conferences (SLCs) starting Week 4 and occurring each day until Thursday Week 6. If you haven't booked yours yet, now is the time to do so. 😊

Accident Insurance Information

In the event of injury, no accident or medical insurance cover is provided by the NSW Government Treasury Managed Fund for students participating in school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school endorsed activity, unless there is a breach of duty of care by department or school staff. The NSW Department of Education is insured to meet the financial impact of any legal liabilities arising from its activities. It does not provide, nor has it ever provided, accident or medical insurance for students enrolled in government schools. Parents/Carers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child/ward's involvement in the sport program offered by the school, school sport zone, region and state school sport associations when deciding whether additional insurance cover is required prior to their child's involvement in the program. Personal accident insurance cover is available through normal retail outlets.

Concussion Management

When a student enrolled in a government school is diagnosed with concussion, the Principal must be advised in writing as soon as the diagnosis is confirmed. Students may only return to sport and physical activity once a medical clearance has been provided to the school and if at a school sport event, to the supervising teacher. Any student that experiences a suspected concussion during a school endorsed activity, will be removed from the activity and parents/carers will be advised that a medical follow-up is required. If medical clearance is not provided, the student cannot participate in vigorous or competitive school sport or physical activities for 21 days from the concussion date.

NSW Ambulance Schools and Group Cover Scheme 2025 The NSW Ambulance Schools and Group Cover Scheme 2025 is an insurance policy that provides coverage for emergency ambulance services to NSW public school students attending approved, fully supervised school activities. In the first instance, students are covered by their family's private health insurance or Centrelink concession health care card, where available. If the student is not covered by either of these, they will be covered by the NSW Ambulance Schools and Group Cover Scheme.



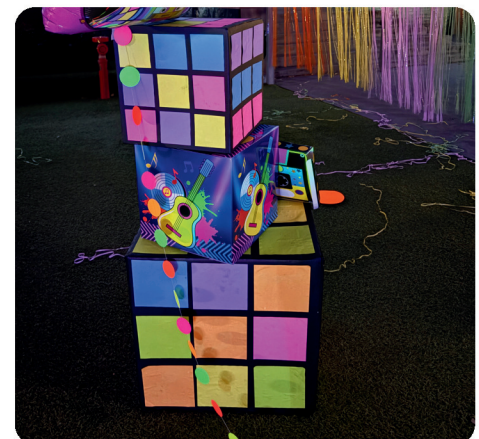
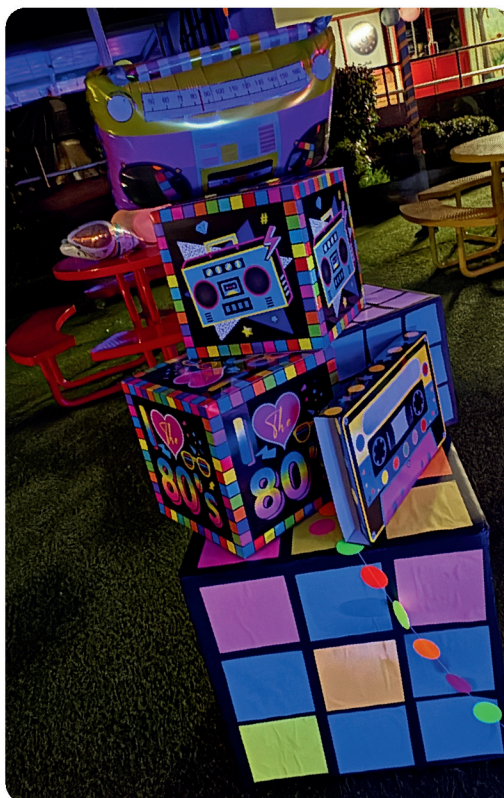
FROM THE OFFICE

ILLUMINATE 2025

In Week 3, AHS had the opportunity to participate in the bi-annual Illuminate lights festival at Rosemeadow Public School. With the theme of 'Celebrations', we chose to revisit the 80s with an abundance of fluoro artworks and sculptural displays. A true 80s inspired party. Under black lights, and a disco ball our display looked incredible.

We also had students from Year 9, 10 and 11 Music performing at the entrance of Rosemeadow Public School. They made quite an impression and added an awesome vibe to the event.

The CAPA faculty would like to thank the staff at Rosemeadow Public School for inviting us to attend the event. Thank you to Mr Williams with your help in organising the music performances on the night. Thank you to the students who performed on the night, and to all the students who helped Mrs McAteer with the production of the display. We are looking forward to the next event in 2 years time.



SUPPORT UNIT

Support Unit Students Shine!

It was an electrifying Term 2 for our Support Unit students! We've been buzzing with excitement and achievements, and we're thrilled to share the highlights with you.

Work Experience: Best & Less Partnership: Our students have been gaining invaluable skills in retail and customer service through our work experience program at Best & Less. This fantastic opportunity has helped them develop confidence and prepare for the workforce.



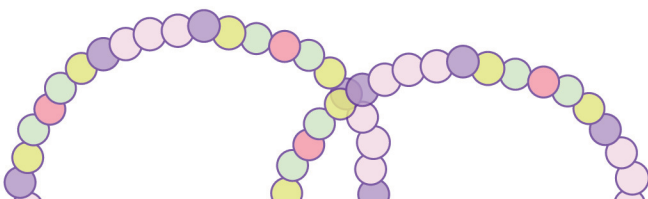
Inspire Café: A Resounding Success! Our Inspire Café has been a huge hit. The proceeds from this amazing initiative are now funding a Barista course for our Support students. We're proud to be empowering them with the skills to excel in the hospitality industry.

Community Access: Kingpin Bowling Thrills! As part of our Community Access program, we had an absolute blast at Kingpin Bowling. Our students even got to dress up and reign supreme on the Kingpin Bowling Throne. What a fantastic way to build social skills and have fun.



Stage 4 English: The Twits at the Opera House: Our Stage 4 English students had an unforgettable experience watching The Twits at the Opera House. Our amazing Allan Holt even got to ask the actors questions during Q&A. What a brilliant way to bring Roald Dahl's work to life.

Workshops and Activities: Cup-cake decorating and friendship bracelets. We've had a fabulous time with our girls' cup-cake decorating workshop with students from Mary Brooksbank, and we've been making friendship bracelets. These activities have been perfect for building social skills and having fun.



TAS Food Technology Update

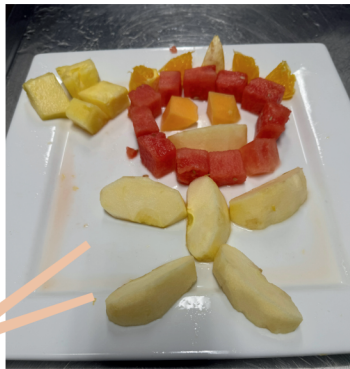
It's been a busy and creative term in Food Technology. Some Year 8 students have transitioned from woodwork to the kitchen, creating colourful and artistic fruit salads.

Meanwhile, our adventurous Year 9s have been exploring the exciting world of fusion cuisine – with standout dishes like the chicken sushi burrito, a delicious mix of Mexican and Japanese flavours.

Year 10 students have been keeping up with food trends, whipping up café-style mango pancakes that look as good as they taste.

In addition, some Year 10 and Year 12 students on the hospitality pathway had the fantastic opportunity to attend a special event with renowned chef Luke Mangan, where they gained insight into careers in the hospitality industry and what it takes to succeed.

It's been a flavoursome few weeks in the kitchen, and we can't wait to see what our budding chefs cook up next!





HSIE Faculty

Year 9 History Excursion

On Tuesday 17th June, 55 Year 9 students travelled to the Anzac Memorial in Sydney to participate in the 'War at our Door' workshop. Students participated in a mini scavenger hunt throughout the memorial, listened to a diary reading of a WWII Prisoner of War and created their own posters for activities in the Prisoner of War camps. To end the day, Memorial staff took the students on a tour of the Memorial, explaining all the details and symbolism of the Memorial. All students enjoyed the day and learnt a lot about Australian experiences of war.



Science Faculty



Last term, Year 8 Science students dove into the world of magnetic fields with curiosity and excitement! The highlight? Creating their own electromagnets – with some students powering up their coils so well, they managed to lift an incredible 48 paper clips! Sparks of wonder (and wire) were flying! They also started their journey into static electricity, where they were able to see how a balloon (if charged correctly) could bend water!

Year 7 have been learning about water and the water cycle! In a practical about the cohesion of water molecules, some students were able to place 75 drops of water on a single 10-cent coin! Some other Year 7 classes explored the use of wind turbines and spent some time constructing and testing their own!

This term, we start our new topics where Year 7 learn about the Living World and Ecosystems, Year 8 focus on Chemistry, Year 9 are studying Electricity and Year 10 is delving into Genetics and Evolution.

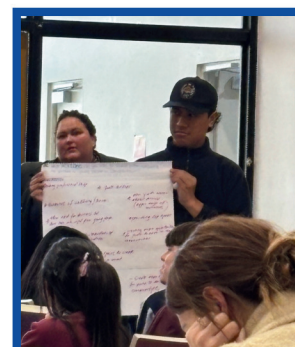
We're looking forward to Science Week this term where students will get to engage in a variety of fun Science activities, including an excursion for Year 9 and 10 to the Royal Botanic Gardens and Australian Museum. Year 7 will participate in STEM-mania and Year 8 will experience The Big Science Show from Kaleidoscope. Stay tuned for photos of all the Science action in the next Ambargram!



Junior Leadership

Several of our junior leadership students attended the Campbelltown Council Youth Forum.

The Forum's focus was on Youth Wellbeing. The students worked with members of Campbelltown Council and student leaders from other schools to tackle issues around mental health, support structures and service development. Our students participated with confidence, maturity and insight.



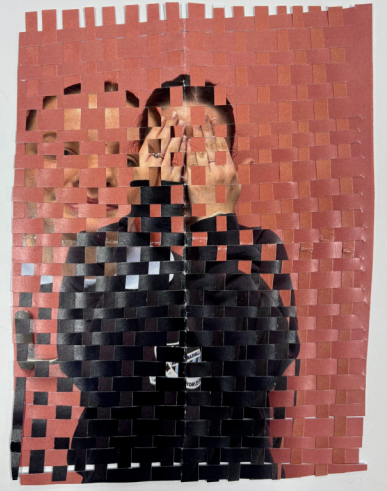
Archibald Workshop

Our talented art students had the opportunity to view the finalists of the Archibald Prize for portraiture at the NSW Gallery. They also attended a 90-minute workshop where they created a self-portrait modelled on the techniques used by one of the finalists. The students had a great day and received praise for their finished portraits.



ARCHIVALE 2025

Ambarvale High School's CAPA Faculty was proud to present another edition of our portrait competition, Archivale. We would like to thank our voluntary entries from Miss James' and Miss Tobin's' Art Club and Mrs McAteer's Year 10 Visual Arts class, our panel of supportive judges, the participating primary schools, members of our community who visited, and all our curriculum students and their teachers for making this event possible. Our winning students should keep a look out for rewards coming their way soon!



CAPA FACULTY

Photography Deep Learning Day

Miss Tobin's Year 12 Photography had the opportunity to head to the Maritime Museum to see the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibit. Students were immersed in the extraordinary professional exhibition where they witnessed the world's leading photographers. Students will apply this inspiration to their own professional portfolios back at school. The students had a fantastic day and were commended for their behaviour by a member of the public!



Art Club

This term, Art Club have been working hard to create some NAIDOC week artworks. Students also are invited to come along to work on their own sketches, and weavings while getting guidance from art teachers and creating new friendships. Everyone is welcome to join, every Tuesday, break 1 in H1 with Miss James and Miss Tobin – See you all there!



Year 7 Art

Miss James' Year 7 Visual Art class are putting their learning to practise when painting a colour wheel with only the primary colours, red, yellow and blue. Students have applied their understanding of colour theory to mix the correct proportions of each colour, creating their unique flower of originally mixed secondary and tertiary petals.



From the Senior Ceramics Studio

Year 11 Ceramics

Miss Tobin's Year 11 Ceramics class have begun wheel throwing this term! Students learnt all about the pottery wheel's functions, the history of the pottery wheel, and WH&S on the wheel to ensure they were experts in all things wheel throwing. Over the next few weeks, students will take turns in completing a master class with Miss Tobin to learn all the fundamental skills required before they try their hand at wheel throwing. Check out the forms that have been thrown by talented students so far this term!



Year 12 Ceramics

Mrs McAteer's Year 12 Ceramics class are working hard on their final Ceramic pieces for the course. Students are working on a self-directed project using all of their favourite techniques learned throughout the course. It's a bittersweet time of the year as they are nearly at the end of their school ceramics journey. They have all come such a long way!



A TASTE OF POTTERY AND DESIGN

In Week 1, some Year 8 students elected to engage in a taster lesson in Pottery and Design. Students used earthenware clay to create a small trinket dish. They then used a bubble under glazing technique to make some amazing patterns on the surface of their works.

It was a little chaotic and very messy, however lots of fun. Student works were later bisque fired and then glaze fired ready for students to collect and take home. If you haven't collected yours, be sure to visit Mrs McAteer in the CAPA staffroom. Well done Year 8 on your beautiful ceramic pieces!

