On Tuesday the 31st of March, a selected group of Indigenous students went on an excursion to the No 34 Aboriginal Health Service in Ulverstone, the Cradle Coast University Campus in Burnie and the Rural Clinical School in Burnie located at the North West Regional Hospital. At Ulverstone we enjoyed a conversation with various employees about their work and journeys that they had taken in their lives and ultimately brought them all to work at the Health Service in Ulverstone. After lots of laughs at No 34 we got back on the bus and headed to the Cradle Coast campus in Burnie. There we discussed, with Michelle Purdy from TAFE, our future Health career options available to us after we finished Grade Ten. Apart from an issue getting the slideshow to work everything went smoothly at the Cradle Coast campus. Departing from the University campus with a little less time left in the day, but a whole lot more knowledge for our future we headed to the Rural Clinical School. Here we had healthy wraps for lunch, then we split into three groups for activities. The groups went to their activities with the medical students from the school. One of the activities was practising and learning DRS-ABC, which means Danger, Response, Send for help, Airway, Breathing and CPR. This activity involved watching and participating in role play of DRS and ABC. Finishing our activities we said our thanks and goodbyes, then headed back to school. With a smile on our face and a goody bag in our hand you could tell the day went perfectly to plan! A special thank you to Mr Grey and Mr Koerber from PHS and Todd Sculthorpe and Angela Baker from UTAS for arranging a fantastic experience for us all.

Sarah Self
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Welcome back everyone! I hope you have had an enjoyable Term One break and are ready for a positive and successful Term Two! We have begun the term with a new teacher in Health and PE, Mr Tom Witherden, who replaces Miss Danielle Mitchell. Miss Mitchell was successful in gaining a full time position at Penguin District School and we wish her all the best in her new position. Mr Witherden is an experienced HPE teacher and it is with great pleasure that we welcome him to our school.

Last Saturday, was Anzac Day, a day of great significance for our country. We were extremely proud of our SRC and class captains, for their role in representing Parklands High School at the Burnie service. They represented our school with pride and are congratulated for their conduct on the day. It was lovely to see so many of our students commemorating more than a century of service by Australian servicemen and women on what was the 100 year anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli.

Week 4, May 12 – 15, will see our Grade 7 and Grade 9 students participate in the the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests. NAPLAN is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. All of our students have been talking about the upcoming testing in their classes and will head in to the testing prepared and ready to go. It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. We encourage all of our students to do their best and we look forward to accessing the results later in the year.

Within the next few weeks, we will see the basketball hoops on the sealed area replaced. We appreciate our students patience whilst we replaced the old and potentially unsafe hoops, which had been there for some time. We are looking forward to the lunch time games returning very soon!

Fiona Heazlewood
Assistant Principal

HOT OFF THE PRESS
THE BEACON NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2015
Beacon School Awards

Our principal Sue Barnes, Beacon Engagement Manager, Jayne Newman and Project Officer, Jane Roper flew to Sydney on Tuesday to attend the 2015 conference. They will be returning on Friday with 2 awards! Parklands High School have picked up the Beacon New School of the Year and Best Beacon Business Blackboard. We will have more information on this wonderful news in our next newsletter so keep posted!

Congratulations and well done teachers, students and the community for a wonderful effort and a wonderful reward at the Beacon National Conference.
Outstanding Achievement
Literacy and Numeracy
Kiralee Howell has been invited to celebrate her outstanding achievement in literacy and numeracy in 2014 by the Education Department. The ceremony will be held in Penguin at the end of this month.

Congratulations Kiralee

Jim Bacon Memorial Award
Seth has displayed sportmanship and a spirit of fun in his sporting endeavours. He will receive his award and grant to assist with his sporting endeavours at the Wrest Point in May.

Congratulations Seth
Exciting Earning and Learning!

Start Smart was a presentation by a man from Melbourne about how to earn and save money. We learned about many different things, but the main one was how to gradually save enough money to buy the things we need. E.g. car, laptop, phone. Another thing that we learned from this presentation was that the little snacks that we buy every week add up to a very large number over time. As an example, one of the Grade 10 students volunteered to talk about how much they spend on McDonald's each week, the amount was $50! The man then helped us calculate how much this added up to each year; this amount was $2600. The reason that this presentation was really interesting is because he made it appealing for us, and made us realise how much money we were wasting on unnecessary things every day.

Written by Hayley Wescombe and Jacob Cock.
Grade 7 Cooking

Let’s get Cooking!
Dear Parents and Students

The students of Parklands High School have been offered an amazing opportunity to be involved with a National programme called WotOpera!

Members from the programme will visit our school for 4 weeks in August and September and work with 20 PHS students to create a mini Musical! The entire musical – including the script, music, sets and rehearsals will come together in just 4 days over 4 weeks.

As stated there are only 20 places for students across years 7 – 10. Students will be selected based on a number of criteria – prompt return of the expression of interest form, work ethic and attitude in class and interest shown in the Arts.

If you are interested you need to collect an expression of interest form Mr Turner, Mrs Perry, Mrs Goss, Mrs Stirrat or the office.

Stephanie Perry
Music Teacher for Stringalong PHS

Stringalong has started very well this year with 26 students attending the class. Around half of them have never played a stringed instrument before, but all are doing well to learn the set pieces for the upcoming Burnie Eisteddfod in June.

Last term some of our music students took up the invite to hear the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra perform at the Burnie Arts and Function Centre, where they were treated to “A Taste of Italy.” The performance was exciting and very informative as the conductor, Richard Gill, described each piece of music before it was played and interacted with the audience in an engaging manner. One of our string students was so taken by the concert that when she heard the orchestra play she found herself humming along to the main theme. Many of the students who went had never been to see professional orchestral musicians perform before. Our students also saw the Tasmanian Youth Orchestra perform the following week and had a chance to meet with them over supper after their performance.

Some of our string students have also joined the new Burnie Stringalong Orchestra that meet at PHS after school on a Thursday.

I am very pleased with the progress of each of these orchestras and look forward to seeing them improve even more over the year.

Stephanie Perry
Music Teacher for Stringalong PHS

Mean while in WA...Where's Mr Gale????
Uni Advice Desk

- Have you been thinking about uni, but have not got around to applying or don’t know where to start?
- Did you finish year 12 but still haven’t decided what you would like to do next?
- Have you completed a TAFE certificate or diploma?
- Or perhaps you haven’t completed year 12 so think that uni is not available to you? Think again.

A representative from the University of Tasmania will be at your local LINC to answer any questions you have about courses, study support and how to get started.

We are also hosting campus tours across the Burnie, Launceston and Hobart campuses. We would like to invite you, your family and friends to these tours as they are a great introduction to life on campus. The tours will be on **20 May** and **17 June, 11.00am – 1.00pm**.

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LUCAS TOLPUTT PROMOTIONS & VANGUARD BOOKINGS PRESENT

**GOT METAL?**

* A HEAVY MUSIC SHOWCASE

**FEATURING**

- **WITHIN THESE WALLS**
- **ACEOUS**
- **DILUVIAN**
- **DECEPTION**
- **SPACE SAFARI**
- **CREATE THE CRAYON**
- **THE TIDE**
- **PLAGUE OF SICKNESS**

**23RD OF MAY - CLUB 54 LAUNCESTON**

ALL AGES (NO ALCOHOL) - DOORS 2PM

$3 ENTRY