



Excelsior December 2014 - Volume 19

# Presentation Night, Wednesday 10th December at 7pm

## Year 7 Education Week Showcase Finale at The Empire Cinema

On Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup>, The Year 7 Education Week Showcase Finale was held at the New Empire Cinemas in Bowral to two packed sessions. An audience of more than 350 people enjoyed the program of 17 student films, presentations and awards.

The audience included parents, students, teachers and dignitaries and guests from Wingecarribee Shire Council (including the Mayor) and In2Uni Representatives from our





project learning partner the University of Wollongong. Choc tops and popcorn were enjoyed alongside the films - with each class presenting a film about their learning projects and experiences in their first year of high school. Fourteen 'Oscars' were awarded on the night, along with 30 certificates of acknowledgement and 7 class trophies. It was a fabulous celebration of the wonderful achievements of Year 7.

The night also featured three Year 8 Films – the work of the school's partnership with the Youth Hub and local actor and film maker, Vincent McManus.

We would like to make special acknowledgement of the generous sponsorship of the New Empire Cinemas and the work of all our students and teachers. Special acknowledgments go to Ms Mitchell, Mrs Geer, the Year 7 Parent Organising Committee and Adam Langley.

We welcome feedback from students, guests, teachers and parents who attended. This can be done electronically through the following link on survey monkey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6H5BGPS

We look forward to the continuation of the project work with Year 8, 2015 and the projects and films that Year 7 will produce next year.

#### John Staats - Deputy Principal



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# Helping Hands, Speak Act Lead Project, 2014

**Speak Act Lead ('SAL')** winds up for 2014.

Our Helping Hands Project was a huge success. In 2014 our students made 20 prosthetic hands for landmine victims.

Shown here are some of our student leaders from Year 8, 9

& 10 who worked mentored Year 7 through the hand-making process at the Speak Act Lead Camp.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the following members of our community who have generously sponsored the purchase of a 'Helping Hand':

Mrs Beasley, Mrs Paviour, Mrs Sotirios, Bowral Public School String Group, Bowral Primary School, Kangaloon Public School, Mrs Staats, Mrs Shroff, Mrs Langton, Mr Manojolvic, Mr Donaldson. I thank Peter Nicholl of Woogelmai Environmental Education Centre for sponsoring places at the Speak Act Lead Camp for a number of our students.

Thank you also to all who participated in the 2014 40 Day Kindness Project. Special acknowledgement goes to Sophie Hall, who won the Bowral High School Kindness Ambassador Award.

I look forward to the 2015 Speak Act Lead Program and the opportunity to work with Bowral High School students and staff to 'make a positive difference' and change the world for the better.

John Staats - Deputy Principal

### **Christmas Giving Tree 2014**

It's that time of the year again for BHS annual Christmas Giving Tree. Every year we contribute in some way to the Southern Highlands Salvation Army Christmas Appeal. Your assistance and generosity with this appeal will be greatly appreciated and we encourage all students, parents and teachers to donate both food and gifts. The tree will be located in the front office. We hope everyone has a fantastic Christmas and relaxing holidays.



Some Calendar Dates for Term 4 2014					
Weeks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 10	8 December Yr 8-10 reports posted	9 December	<b>10 December</b> Presentation Night Hall 7pm	<b>11 December</b> Performing Arts Night	12 December 2
Week 11	15 December Activity Week	16 December Activity Week	17 December Activity Week	18 December School closed for students	19 December Last day for staff

2015 School Resumption Dates Wednesday 28 January - years 7 & 12 Thursday 29 January - all students return

