Karabar Distance Education Centre teachers, Robyn Edwards and Mark Hilder, spent week three of term four with students at the NSW Sport and Recreation Camp located at Borambola, near Wagga Wagga.

Located in the Riverina region of NSW, the centre is set on the banks of the beautiful Tarcutta Creek near Wagga Wagga.
It is Term 4 and we are busily trying to finalise this year’s activities but we are also gearing up for 2015.

This newsletter showcases the variety of activities that the students of Karabar Distance Education can experience. Whether that be a mini school, a camp or the activities involved in day to day learning, all our students have a chance to showcase their talents.

In this newsletter I would like to acknowledge the tremendous effort that the staff at Karabar put in everyday. From the staff who answer questions on the telephone to the staff that stay after school to have the conversations with students in different time zones, everyone does their best possible to help students achieve the outcomes of their courses. I have had discussions with a few parents lately that have appreciated the work that the staff are doing and so I would like to congratulated all of them.

I was talking with a student the other day and it reminded me of the influence a positive word can have. The student was concerned about not doing well in an assessment task. I spoke to her about being prepared, revising her work, realising what the task was asking and doing her best. I then said “The important thing is that you feel that you tried your best. The result of the task is to help your teacher see what areas that you may need help in—not what number to give you”. She smiled and said thank you. I would not have said anything different than what any other teacher could have said but I could see the negatives washing away from her as she walked away. I hope that she carried the positive feeling she left me with for the rest of the day.

It is never too late to say something that will make someone feel happy about themselves.

Just a tip to help people through the last part of the year.

Colin Devitt
Relieving Principal
Our school year is rapidly coming to its end. Teachers are busy preparing packs of work for Term 1 2015 and will be soon writing Semester 2 reports for years 7-10. The Administration staff have the enormous task of putting all these packs together and sending them off in the post to all parts of the region and the world before school breaks up in December. Term 4 is our busiest term in Distance Ed!

Parents should also expect mid-term Progress Reports for all students in Years 7-10 and for Year 12. For Year 12 students these are a vital indication of how they are settling into the HSC year and it is very important that they are up to date with their course work at the end of Term 4.

The Distance Ed. School camp was recently held at Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre near Wagga. A great time was had by the students who were able to attend, and my thanks to Mrs. Robyn Edwards for her organisation of the camp, and Mr Mark Hilder who accompanied her and the students on camp. You can see photos of the camp in this newsletter.

Mrs Sueanne Matthews and Mrs Ann Hodgson will be working to install an exhibition of artwork in Wagga created by our students in their Visual Art sessions at the Mini-schools this year. If you live in the Wagga region and can get in to the Wagga Wagga City Art Gallery, go and see the vivid images that our creative students have made. The exhibition is called Art; Science; Sound. The works used techniques from many disciplines and it should be amazing!

I would like to wish all students and parents and carers a very happy Christmas from the Distance Education staff and look forward to continuing our association in 2015.

Chris Lauder
Relieving Deputy Principal

Art : Science : Sound

Tuesday - Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm Sunday: 10:00am - 2:00pm
Closed: Mondays
ADMISSION FREE

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Civic Centre
Corner of Baylis & Morrow Streets
Wagga Wagga NSW 2650
He might be in the middle of studying for his HSC exams, but there was no distracting Alex Gersbach as he made his A-League starting debut for Sydney FC against the Wanderers.

If there were any nerves during the biggest game of his career to date, the 17-year-old defender showed no hint of them.

Gersbach, who at times looked like he has been playing at senior level for years, helped the Sky Blues to a stirring 3-2 win over Western Sydney.

It was a fantastic opportunity for Alex, “To be able to make my starting debut against the Wanderers, in front of 41,000 people, and at one of the best football grounds in the country.”
The left-back has played at Under-17 level for Australia and his talent led Sydney coach Graham Arnold to offer him a first grade contract at the start of the season, rather than play him at youth level.

Gersbach has played against Melbourne City and Sydney United in the FFA Cup already this season, before he was handed his first A-League start in the Sydney derby.

Arnold, who is known for developing young players, has full faith in his young recruit. “He’s the reason I didn’t go and chase another left fullback,” Arnold said.

“I think everyone knows I really enjoy developing youngsters, I really enjoy giving kids a go and I didn’t want anyone to stunt Alex’s development. I’ve got another good fullback there in Matt Jurman, who can play there if needs be, and we’re looking at another youngster that’s coming through.”

Gersbach isn’t the only youngster Arnold has turned to this season, with teenage striker George Blackwood given a go last weekend against Melbourne City.

It’s all part ofArnold’s plan to create depth at the club.

“The youth side of what we’re trying to do here is getting better and better,” he said. “The young boys are adding a lot of depth to the squad and they’re pushing the old blokes to another level.”

KARABAR SUCCESS STORIES

5 Seconds Of Summer


GERMAN ACER RESULTS

Congratulations to three language students who recently sat for their ACER language Certificates. The ACER is a national body, independent of government, which conducts research into language learning. Their tests assess language competence. Level 2 tests students who have studied a language for 100-200 hours and Level 3, 200-300 hours.

Their results follow:

Dylan Humphries (Mulwaree High) received a Distinction in Listening and a Distinction in Reading at Level 2 German.

David Walterlin (Mulwaree High) received a High Distinction in Listening and a Distinction in Reading at Level 2 German.

Brandon Colby (Oxley College) received a High Distinction in Listening and a Distinction in Reading at Level 3 German.
FAREWELL TAHLIA

Everyone at Karabar DEC wishes you the best of luck with your return to school.
Services for young people

Reach Out is Australia’s leading online youth mental health service, where you can get the help you need, where and when you need it. Every year ReachOut.com helps hundreds of thousands of people under 25 tackle everything from finding motivation to getting through really tough times. It’s the perfect place to start if you don’t know where to look.

au.reachout.com

Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation. We help young people who are going through a tough time.

Looking for someone to talk to? If you're 12-25, you can get health advice, support and information from headspace. With more than 60 centres around Australia, headspace can help you with:

General health
Mental health and counselling
Education, employment and other services
Alcohol and other drug services

headspace.org.au
Rosie Respect is a space where young women can connect with the best web resources out there, helping them to navigate life’s tricky situations. Rosie has a range of tips, links and videos all centered around a theme of respect – for body & mind, in relationships, work & study and for the world we live in. Rosie believes girls have the courage and resilience to change our world for the better.

Website - rosierespect.org.au

Lifeline is a national charity providing all Australians experiencing a personal crisis with access to 24 hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.

Somewhere in Australia there is a new call to Lifeline every minute. People call Lifeline’s 24 hour crisis line 13 11 14 about:

- Suicidal thoughts or attempts
- Personal crisis
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Loneliness
- Abuse and trauma
- Stresses from work, family or society
- Self-help information for friends and family

Website - lifeline.org.au
Phone - 13 11 14 (24hrs)
Did you know that a balanced, healthy diet can improve your mood, your energy levels, assist with weight loss and even help you live longer?

Find ways to move more so that you can:

- Maintain good health
- Manage your weight
- Reduce your risk of chronic diseases