



HEAD OF SCHOOL'S NEWS

I am so excited about our very first newsletter. I can't wait to see what it contains: the snippets of info, interviews, photos, artwork and maybe even the occasional joke. It's so important for YOU, our students, to believe that you have something interesting and worthwhile to say. That the work that you produce should be shown off for all to see and appreciate. Remember, when you are deciding about whether you should hand your piece in, thinking is it good enough, does it make sense; don't question it, know that it IS ok. Keep always in your mind that EVERYONE has something of value to give.

Carol Everard
Head Of School

STAGE FOUR NEWS

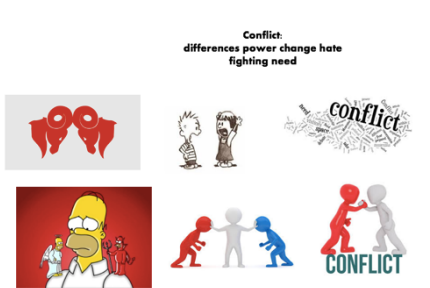
Stage Four have been working very hard in Music and exploring different instruments, including those from different times and cultures. They are learning to play the flute and trumpet from the Brass and Woodwind instrument families. The flute belongs in the woodwind family. Unlike other woodwind instruments with reeds, a flute is an aerophone or reedless wind instrument that produces its sound from the flow of air across an opening.



Our Stage Four band are working on a song for the end of term concert that has them learning different instruments from last term!

STAGE FIVE NEWS

English have been exploring Conflict in Literature through the text, *Romeo and Juliet* by Shakespeare. They have been exploring internal or external conflict and created visual mind maps of what they think conflict can mean.



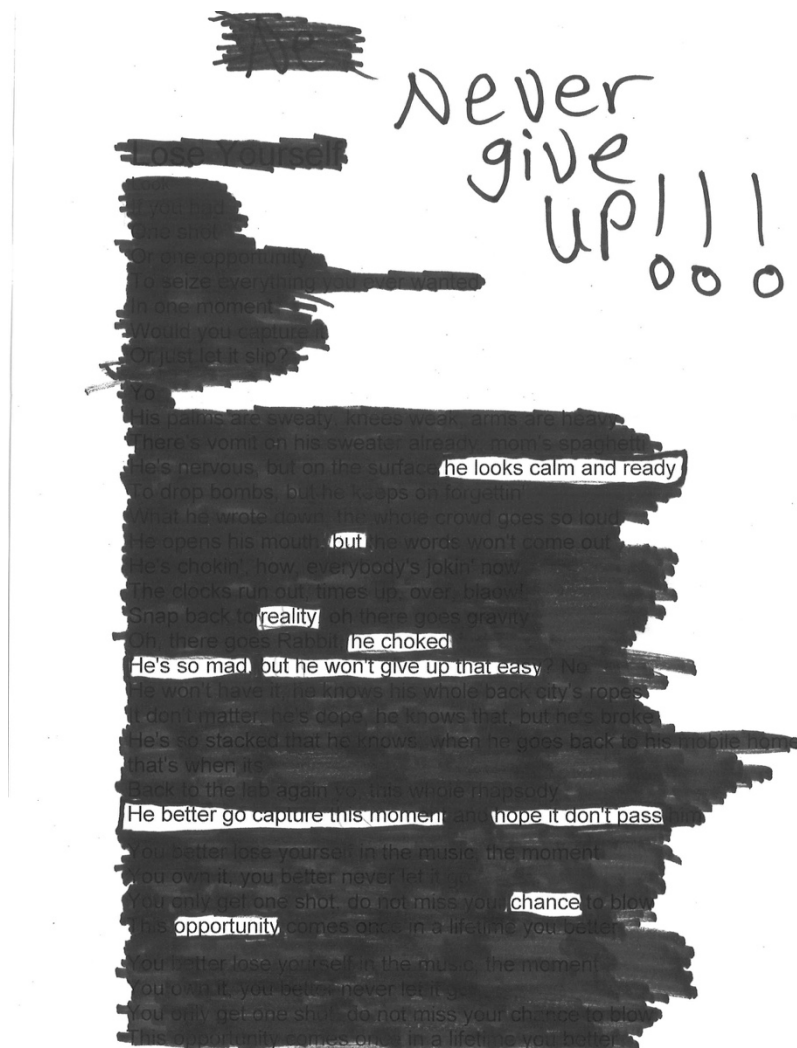
Visual Mind Maps by
Roarke, Taliya and
Veronika



Conflict



Kiran created a Blackout Poem, *Never Give Up* using lyrics from the song, *Lose Yourself* by Eminem. Using the pages of an existing text, our blackout poets isolate then piece together single words or short phrases from these texts to create lyrical masterpieces.



STAGE SIX NEWS

Year 12 are working towards their HSC that is creeping closer. Essay writing is hard enough of a struggle when there isn't any time pressure. Add in a time limit and you can start to understand how hard these students are working and practising their English skills!

Here are some of our amazing student's work!

Human experiences are moments we go through in our lives. Some teach us lessons, while others better our wrongs. These are based in memory, growth and change. Experience means an event or an occurrence which leaves an impression on someone. An experience that has changed my way of thinking was when I got the highest mark in class for our last Business Studies Assessment.

I thought I would not of even got a good mark then ended up being the highest in the class. The reasons to why it changed my way of thinking are: that I thought I wouldn't be able to cope with my Year 12 work or assessments, but then my Business Studies mark proved me wrong. I could actually do this, and I should stop second guessing myself and just give it my best.

This is how my individual human experience has changed my way of thinking.

By Ayden, Year 12.

Diversity in a family should be represented in the media. Families in the media are often shown as nuclear, which is made up of Mum, Dad, children and pets. In advertising, this type of family is the ideal family and for most people in society think this is the perfect family. This is clearly negative because since this is normalised, this is what everyone sees. Families, however, should be represented differently because there are many other kinds of families than just Mum, Dad and children. There can be single parents, step/foster parents, Uncle, Aunties and Grandparents families. Some families have special needs or same-sex couples as well. Anyone could be a guardian/carer for their child.

It is important to represent diversity because people can identify that nuclear families shouldn't be ideal because there is way more than that. All these 'different families' should be recognised as the nuclear normal family as well.

By Tahlia, Year 11.

What are some of the typical features of discursive writing?

Explores an issue or an idea and may suggest a position or point of view

Approaches a topic from different angles and explores themes and issues in a style that balances personal observations with different perspectives

Primarily uses first person although third person can also be used

Uses figurative language or may be more factual

Draws upon real life experiences and/or draws from wide reading

Resolution may be reflective or open-ended

SCHOOL EVENTS

This Term our theme is '**BUILD YOUR FUTURE**' and what better way to have fun with that than to play with Lego!

Lego encourages team work, creativity, develops problem solving and mathematical skills, improves communication, and develops persistence, as well as lateral thinking and planning skills.

Each Tuesday at lunch time we run **Battle of the Bricks**, a 40 minute challenge where students have to build something out of Lego within a specific theme. We have been amazed at the imagination and resourcefulness of our students and their ability to complete building in the timeframe.

In addition to Battle of the Bricks we also have a design your own mini figure challenge where students use a template to create a new and fabulous mini figure!



ANZAC DAY



ANZAC CEREMONY

On Tuesday 30 April we celebrated and remembered the ANZAC day.

A special thank you to Mr Tom Jenkins who spoke at our ceremony and then spent time with our students.

Parent and Teacher Interviews

Thank you to the parents and carers that came for Parent and Teacher interviews. It was great to see you all there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NAPLAN

The testing period for the NAPLAN paper tests commences next Tuesday the 14th of May and concludes on Friday the 24th of May.

Drama club will begin Monday second half of lunch Week 4! Room A.



Solve the problem and go in the draw to win a \$2.00 canteen voucher!

Imagine a place called Occhiblu station, where they're trying to breed cows with blue eyes. They have 100 cows on the station, and some of them have one blue eye. Of the rest of the cows, half have two blue eyes.

Recently, one of the farmhands noticed that blue eyes are sensitive to light, so they want to put shaded contacts on all the blue eyes in the herd.

How many blue eyes are there?

One entry per student. Please cut out the entry form and post your answer into the answer box in the front office!

Brain Teaser Answer

Name: _____

Answer: _____

**DON'T FORGET
YOUR EARN AND LEARN!**

