



WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

With ANZAC Day falling during the upcoming school holidays, our school commemorated ANZAC Day early by holding a student-led ANZAC Day assembly attended by our whole school on Monday. Students spoke about the meaning and importance of ANZAC Day and stood for the Last Post, a minute's silence and the Rouse.

Thank you to HSIE teacher Mr Van Schie and our HSIE students for organising the ANZAC presentation. All students are invited to represent our school at Woolgoolga's ANZAC Day march on April 25 and meet at 10.30am at the corner of the former NAB branch. Students can borrow school blazers to wear at the march from the school library this Thursday before school breaks for the holidays.

We will remember them. Lest we forget



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Thank you to Mrs Claire O'Halloran for her excellent work as Deputy Principal over the past 12 months. She has done a wonderful job looking after our students, connecting with families and leading school improvement.

Next term we welcome Mrs Carla Taylor who has been permanently appointed as Deputy Principal. Mrs Taylor comes to us from Maclean High School with a wealth of experience as a school leader.

Congratulations to Mr Paul McCormack on his permanent appointment as Head Teacher Science.



Mr McCormack has picked up where Mr Dalton left off with the organisation of the Science and Engineering Challenge. This was held at the Wiigulga Complex on Tuesday. I was honoured to be asked to give the Acknowledgement of Country and welcome everyone and I was able to stay for a while to see the students in action. One interesting addition to the challenges was an activity based on the Arrawarra Fish Traps, where students had to place "rocks" to catch "fish" of the correct size. Our Aboriginal Education Officer, Kelly Hine, was on hand as a support.

On Monday we had a whole school special assembly to commemorate ANZAC Day. Thank you to Mr Van Schie and his Year 9 History students for planning and leading this assembly. For students wishing to join the Woolgoolga ANZAC Day march - meet outside the old NAB from 10.30 am for the march starting at 11 am. All students are welcome to join, even if they haven't collected a blazer. Just come along in full school uniform.

Our last day of term is our Cross Country and Wellbeing Day. Our Sport and Wellbeing teams have prepared an exciting day of activities including the run itself, an inflatable ninja warrior course and a colour run. A huge thank you to Mrs Hozack who has been running cross-country training sessions every week. Look out for the full report and photos in our next newsletter.

I wish all our families a safe and happy holiday break and we will see our students back at school on Tuesday 30th April.

Lu Nickell
Principal


COMING EVENTS

Fri 12th April	Last Day of Term 1
Fri 12th April	Cross Country
Thurs 25th April	Woolgoolga ANZAC Day March
Mon 29th April	Staff Development Day
Tues 30th April	First day of Term 2 for students
Mon 6th May	Parent/Teacher interviews
Thur 9th May	Year 12 parents and students information evening.
Fri 10th May	Year 7 Vaccinations


THANK YOU PARENTS AND CARERS for NOT DRIVING INTO THE STAFF CARPARK in the mornings before school and in the afternoons after school to drop off or pick up your child.

It is extremely busy at this time and we appreciate you dropping your child/children off in the designated drop-off and pick-up areas near the bus bay. This allows Students to enter the school via the pathways for safety reasons.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Students are required to be in Home Group by 8:55 am



The Staff Car Park is not to be used for student drop off. Students are to enter the school via the bottom drop off/bus bay area

IMPORTANT

Wednesdays, Sports Day

If you are collecting your child early from school or sport could you please send a note in the morning or email the school before 10.30am.

Once the students have left for sport the office staff can not pass on messages unless it is a emergency.

Do you have the new School Bytes App and School Bytes Parent Portal?



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Parent App

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- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

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REMEMBER: satisfactory attendance, uniform and behaviour are required to be eligible to attend non-compulsory extra curricular activities.

UNIFORM

As per Department of Education requirements, uniforms must be worn to and from school. Assistance to purchase uniforms is available for families upon request.

Visit school facebook page or school website for Uniform Shop hours

VAPES AND LIGHTERS

As per the revised Behaviour Policy in 2024, possession and/or use of a vape or cigarette lighter will lead to suspension.

We have stationery items available for purchase at the front office

ATTENDANCE

Expected attendance is 95%. This can be achieved by only missing 1 day every 4 weeks.

A medical certificate is required for sick leave of more than 3 days.

If going away for more than 5 days - families will need to apply for Extended Leave and provide evidence eg flight booking

Be In The Right Place At The Right Time
Truancy Text Messages are sent at 4:30 pm each afternoon. Students will complete detentions the following day.

Leaving school grounds (Absconding) = Formal Caution

MOBILE PHONE POUCHES

Students have been provided with a phone pouch. These are to be in students bags at all times, even if their phones are at home. No mobile phones are to be used while on school grounds, including break times, Wednesday sport and excursions as per DoE Policy.

Reminder all students wishing to represent the school for events such as the Zone Cross Country, must fulfill the following requirements:

Aspect	Conditions	Exclusion
Attendance	Minimum 80% attendance	Attendance below 80%
Truancy	Attend all lessons	Three or more fractional truanies within a term
Satisfactory Behaviour	Follows school rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For 10 school weeks after a formal caution Suspension six calendar months from the suspension date
Dress Code	Regularly wears school uniform	For 10 school weeks after the second uniform letter



FOREST

A COMFORTDELGRO Company

9 April 2024

Due to the Coffs Harbour bypass roadworks, commencing 15 April 2024 vehicles will no longer be able to turn right from the M1 Pacific Highway onto Solitary Islands Way at Korora.

This will affect the Northbound bus stops along Solitary Islands Way. The four stops that will not be serviced during the closure are:

- 2450603 – Bus Stop Solitary Islands Way opposite Oceanfront Drive Korora
- 2450600 – Bus Stop Solitary Islands Way opposite 44 Korora
- 2450341 – Bus Stop Solitary Islands Way opposite Headland Road
- 2450687 – Bus Stop Solitary Islands Way before Split Solitary Road

Students who would normally board or alight at these stops will now need to do so at bus stop 24506 – Solitary Islands Way after Gaudrons Road. The routes 393, S833 and S954 will be diverted via M1 Pacific Highway to Sapphire Beach exit. Southbound services will not be impacted at this stage.

Please see below a map which shows the bus stops that will no longer be serviced and the stop they will now need to catch the bus. Further information will be updated on Travel NSW trip planner prior to the 15 April 2024.



AROUND THE SCHOOL

Senior Excursion

On Tuesday 26/3/24 the Coffs Clarence Careers Advisers network took 100 students from the Clarence Coffs schools to Charles Sturt University, Port Macquarie Campus. Six senior Woolgoolga High School attended this event and found it to be a thoroughly enjoyable and eye opening experience navigating a beautiful modern coastal campus with 500 other school students.

These students were able to take tours of the campus led by many student ambassadors and attended sessions specific to their interests. These included Business, Legal, Paramedicine and Health. This was such a well organised day and our students said :

Amelia : I enjoyed the paramedicine and thought the simulation rooms with equipment were super cool.

Olivia : I like the whole day experience with tours, music and lunch and meeting lots of current students.

Jaxon, Ewald and Tay : We enjoyed seeing the campus and understanding what Uni life looks like.

Tanika : This day has helped me make the decision of where I may like to study next year.

Students were given lunch before leaving to return to Woolgoolga in the afternoon. Thanks to the CCCAN for organising another excursion to give regional students opportunities to develop their knowledge and capability in planning for life after school.



YEAR 9 - AGRICULTURE

This week Year 9 students started their Plant Production Unit by planting their crops of Russian garlic (also known as Elephant Garlic). Just under 2000 cloves were planted between 2 classes who are expecting to harvest and process their crops in November this year.

From this point the classes will need to manage for pests, nutrition, monitor growth and overall plant health to produce a marketable product.

Completing with the high rainfall prior to planting both classes worked through muddy conditions to be planted before ANZAC Day.



YEAR 9 - WOODWORK

Some of Year 9 students finishing up this terms project.

Some excellent turning, dove tails and mortice joints.



YEAR 10 - FOOD TECHNOLOGY

students practical assessment to make cheese souffle.



YEAR 10 - GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Year 10 recently headed off on a field trip to Woolgoolga Beach, where they delved into the dynamics of our coastal environment. Led by our dedicated HSIE teachers, they examined both human and natural impacts on the picturesque coastline.

One of the key phenomena they explored was erosion and deposition—the constant reshaping of the coastline by natural forces. They learned how powerful waves and currents sculpt the land over time. Erosion was evident in the eroded cliffs and exposed rock formations, while areas of deposition showcased how sand and sediment accumulate along the shoreline.

They learned about constructive waves, which gently deposit sand and build up the beach, the reason why we can't see Buster at the moment, and destructive waves, which erode the coastline by dragging sand away. Witnessing these waves firsthand helped us appreciate their role in shaping our coastal landscapes.

They also examined the human impact on Woolgoolga Beach. Sadly, litter was a visible issue along certain parts of the coastline. It was a stark reminder of the importance of responsible waste disposal and the detrimental effects of plastic pollution on our oceans and marine life.

During our trip, they engaged in valuable discussions about coastal management strategies. We learned about efforts to mitigate erosion, such as beach nourishment and the use of seawalls. We also discussed the importance of community involvement in coastal conservation and the need for sustainable practices to protect our fragile coastal ecosystems.

Our time at Woolgoolga Beach was not just an educational outing; it was a call to action for the students who were inspired to become stewards of our environment, advocating for responsible coastal management and raising awareness about the impacts of human activities on our precious natural habitats.

A heartfelt thank you to Mr West for organizing this field trip, Year 10 HSIE teachers (current and retired) for executing the field trip, and to all the year 10 students for their enthusiasm and engagement throughout the day.

Mrs Hozack - HSIE Teacher



SPORT



CROSS COUNTRY & WELLBEING DAY

This Friday 12 April is our Cross Country Wellbeing Day!!!

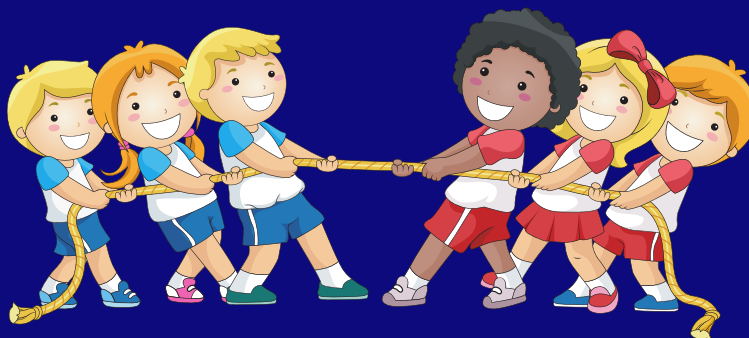
We have our school

- Cross Country
- Inflatable ninja course
- Colour fun run
- Dodgeball
- Tug o war!

There will be 10 House Points for student participation on the day!



Stay tuned for the Photos in our Term 2 Newsletter.



CELEBRATING TEAM SPIRIT:



CROSS COUNTRY ADVENTURES



Super effort to all the Wednesday Cross Country training participants! this group has truly embraced the spirit of camaraderie and perseverance.

One of the most remarkable aspects of the Wednesday runs is the diverse mix of participants. Not everyone who joined considered themselves a runner, yet the inclusive nature of the group ensures that everyone feels valued and encouraged to simply do their best.

What made these afternoons so special? For some, it's a chance to unwind and clear the mind after a day of classes. For others, it's an opportunity to challenge personal limits and push beyond comfort zones, all while surrounded by supportive peers. Mostly, it was also about sharing a little bite to eat afterwards.

To those who may have hesitated to join initially, unsure of their running abilities, each step forward was a testament to their determination and resilience. We celebrate every accomplishment—big or small—because we understand that running is hard and progress is a personal journey.

****Watch this space!**** Due to the success of the cross-country group and its open, welcoming environment, we are excited to announce that next term, we will continue our adventures on a different day, with a new goal in mind. Moreover, later in the year, we'll embark on the Run Beyond Project. This initiative will allow us to set meaningful goals, build resilience, and continue fostering inclusiveness within our school community. It's more than just running; it's about personal growth and community connection.

Thank you to everyone who has helped support. A big thank you to Mrs Burgess for joining and supporting the runners.

Yours in running, Mrs Hozack

OPEN GIRLS NETBALL TEAM

On the 8th of April the Open Girls Netball Team travelled to Coffs Harbour to compete in the Mid North Coast Gala Day. The Woopi girls were highly competitive, posting convincing wins over Bellingen and Toormina and were competitive in the final against an all Rep senior CHEC team.

The Woopi girls passing game, teamwork, brilliant defence and creative attack was a pleasure to watch. All students exhibited great sportsmanship and brilliant athletic ability. It is truly wonderful to see how the growth and development of the Woolgoolga Netball Association and representative participation has created a new generation of exceptional netballs in our town.

A huge congratulations to our Goal Attack (GA) and Captain Emma Crotty and Goal Defence (GD) Kyah Rea who were successful in been selected for the Zone Team. Our Goal Shooter (GS) Zara Shields made the reserve selection and Myah Midgley in defence was given honourable mention as a up and coming player for the future. We wish the girls the best of luck at the North Coast Trials.

A huge thank you to Emma Midgley (nee Murray) for umpiring on the day for Woopi High, one of our best and most experienced ex-students. Well done girls, it was absolute pleasure to coach you and spend time together on the day.

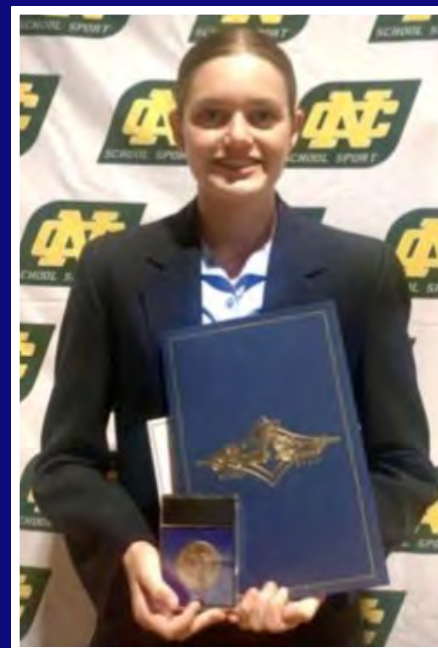


Left to Right Back: Myah Midgley, Kyah Rea, Emma Crotty, Lily Shields, Ava Wilson, Zara Shields, Allira Loomes
Left to Right Front: Asha Craig, Milli McInerney, Isla Craig

CANOEING

A belated congratulations to Maggie Carr (Yr11) for achieving a North Coast Combined High Schools Sports Blue in Canoeing presented at the end of last year at the North Coast Sports Awards in Ballina.

This prestigious award is well-deserved Maggie; for your commitment and distinction representing Woolgoolga High School in Canoeing.



A belated congratulations to Isaac Lee (Yr 12) for achieving a North Coast Combined High Schools Sports Recognition Award in Gymnastics presented at the end of last year at the North Coast Sports Awards in Ballina.

This award reflects Isaac's talent and consistent commitment representing Woolgoolga High School in Gymnastics and a multitude of other sports.



GYMNASTICS

CAREERS

Start Your Future courses



Year 10 students aged 15 and over can register now at the school Careers Office in the library to take part in these free Educational Pathways Program (EPP) courses at Grafton and Coffs Harbour TAFE 1 day a week in Term 2!!!

- Retail-Grafton TAFE
- Automotive-Grafton TAFE
- Early Childhood Education and Care-Grafton TAFE
- Hairdressing and Beauty-Grafton TAFE
- Information Technology-Game Development-CHEC



Go.Forward

Educational Pathways Program



The Educational Pathways Program (EPP) will continue at Woolgoolga High School this year, following its success at our school since 2020. It is an innovative careers program designed to improve higher education and career outcomes for students. Woolgoolga High School was lucky to be chosen as one of four schools to run the pilot program in 2020 within the Grafton School Group including Maclean High School, Grafton High School and South Grafton High School. The program features 8 initiatives including Innovative Careers Education (Careers events, parent & industry engagement), Enhancing School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship Opportunities (SBAT), a TAFE NSW Early School Leavers program (assisting school leavers under 17 to transition to a TAFE course), Back in the Game program (a referral service to support students to transition to Vocational Education and Training (VET) and employment), Job Readiness Workshops, TAFE NSW 'Start Your Future' program (TAFE taster courses across a range of different industries), Educational Pathways VET Ambassadors (Guest speakers discussing VET career pathways), and an Apprenticeship & Traineeship Head Start program (Group Training Organisations offering fee-free pre-apprenticeship courses to students).

The program is being led again this year by EPP Head Teacher Careers Mr David Youman, with the assistance of our school Careers Advisor Ms Chris Hansen, Transition Adviser Ms Dani Canakis, SBAT Engagement Officer Ms Rachel Copeland and EPP School Administrative Officer Ms Emma Darbin who can be contacted at any time in the school Library Office. For further information about the program visit the EPP website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/students/career-and-study-pathways/educational-pathways-program> which contains useful careers resources including information videos and fact sheets.

CAREERS

Please visit the [Woolgoolga High School Careers](#) website to obtain further information about these new jobs.

Click on Workplace Learning then Vacancies & Opportunities. (Please scroll down on the left to see all vacancies)

- Trainee Used Vehicle Sales Consultant at Coffs Harbour Toyota
- Carpentry Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Roof Plumbing Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Business & Sales Traineeship at Coffs Harbour



- **UNE Excursion - Friday 3rd May**



Reasons to help your daughter explore trade jobs in emerging industries

There are new and exciting trade jobs in renewable energy, robotics and the aerospace industry. These are a great opportunity for girls.

1 Future-proof qualifications

Girls with qualifications in areas like electrical, automotive, engineering and construction are set to be in high demand from 2025 onwards. Careers in clean energy, sustainable construction and the aerospace sector are the jobs of the future!

2 Creative problem solving

If your daughter likes hands-on, creative work where she gets to solve problems, she can find her passion in a trade.

3 New industry, new technology

Construction and automotive trades, which traditionally used to involve heavy lifting now use new technologies to carry and move the load.

4 Flexible career options

Girls with a trade qualification have a range of options available to them, whether it's working in a growing sector or starting their own business.

5 High job satisfaction and earnings

25-year-old qualified tradies report higher levels of job satisfaction and earnings than those who have completed a Bachelor's degree¹.

Scan the QR code to find out more



- Information about trade careers including what's involved and required qualifications.
- Find out what kind of training is needed in these new industries.
- Case studies of tradeswomen working in emerging fields.

1. 5 reasons you should consider becoming a tradie in 2022. (2021) Techskill



COMMUNITY NOTICES

River Youthfest

Saturday 13th April, 1.30-4.30pm (15+ after 3.30pm)

Bellingen Skatepark

To mark Youth Week there will be a free event at Bellingen for young people aged 11 to 24 years with live music, hip-hop, tree planting, food, a skateboard fixing workshop, hula hoop making, tie dying, a talisman making workshop and waterbugs. Help plant 300 trees and help protect one of the most pristine rivers in Australia! We're calling for 25 First Nations planters (all ages) to plant the first 100 trees and 50 young people (11-24 y.o.) to plant the next 200 trees. If you're not keen on planting trees, come along and enjoy everything else that this event has to offer! Register to be a tree planter or learn more about the event at www.ozgreen.org/riveryouthfest.

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FREE EVENT

RIVER YOUTH WEEK

RIVER YOUTHFEST

SAT 13 APR

1.30-4.30PM

BELLO SKATEPARK

11-24 Y.O. | 15+ AFTER 3.30PM

WELCOME TO COUNTRY & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WITH GUMBAYNGGIRR ELDERS

BUDAABANG BARI | HULA HOOP MAKING

HELP PLANT 300 TREES FOR THE RIVER

WATERBUGS | SKATEBOARD FIXY TENT

TIE DYING | CHILL N' CHAI TENT | FAIRY BREAD

MAKE YOUR OWN TALISMAN | GIANT JENGA

GIANT CHECKERS | SACK RACES | BBQ

MEET THE ARTISTS & REGISTER

We're calling for 25 First Nations people (all ages) to plant the first 100 trees and 50 young people (11-24 y.o.) to plant the next 200 trees!

WWW.OZGREEN.ORG/RIVERYOUTHFEST

No-swim + no-alcohol event. If you choose to swim, it is at your own risk. Parents/guardians are responsible after young people leave or it finishes. The event will go ahead in the case of light rain. In medium or heavy rain, the event will move to the Bellingen Youth Hub.

Supported by:

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Bella Hub | Valley Tree Services | Fire & Rescue | OzGREEN | Amy Denshire 0490 068 685 amy@ozgreen.org.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES



OzGREEN presents

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Fun activities to connect.

For 12-16 y.o | Yarrila, Coffs Harbour

tues 4-5.30pm | free

Term 1
13 Feb to
9 Apr 2024

Term 2
30 Apr to
19 Jul 2024



Limited places. Registration essential. Food included.

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