GOOD NEWS WEEK



Well dong Jivan!

Well done to Jivan Drungilas of Year 10 who recently achieved a High Distinction in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz. This means that Jivan has achieved in the top ten percent in Australia in this particular Quiz, which is quite an exceptional achievement. Although he has achieved similar results in the past in Mathematics and Science, this is his first success of this nature for this year. Well done Jivan!

For more background information on the Australian National Chemistry Quiz turn to Page 16.



Web address: www.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au E-mail: woolgoolga-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

From the Principal's Desk

The 20th of October was Super Saturday, a day when the brightest and most capable Year 6 students from all of our local primary schools descend on Woolgoolga High school for a day of engaging work and assessment to gain a place in our sought after Excel Year 7 class for gifted and talented students. There were 58 eager applicants (only 30 places) who had already completed an extensive CV/application that included a recommendation from their Year 6 teacher. It is heartening to see so many eager aspirants applying to be part of this class. Quite a few applications have come from local private primary schools and this



clearly demonstrates the quality education that is being delivered at Woolgoolga High School.

All applicants will receive a letter early next week indicating the makeup of the 2013 Excel class. It should also be noted that the calibre of the entire Year 7 intake in 2013 is of a high quality and the community can be ensured that all students are gaining a quality education at Woolgoolga High.

This week saw our great work highlighted in the statewide P&C Journal, an article was included on our impressive SMILE program, a double page colour spread on the work of our Year 12 Textile class major projects as well as an article on our successful 2012 NAIDOC assembly.

Trinity Sherry was awarded a Future leaders award on assembly. This award will help Trinity to realise her potential and help her throughout her schooling at Woolgoolga High. Well done Trinity!

Our magnificent Creative Expo is on next Friday 9th November, I urge you to come along and see firsthand the quality work of our most talented creative students. The HSC major works from a number of faculties will be on display and our hospitality students practicing their barista skill will be creating excellent coffee.

Literacy will always be at the front of education in all schools. Woolgoolga High school is currently enhancing and fine tuning the pedagogy (teaching) of literacy at our school. We have enlisted the support of Paula Madigan, one of the best literacy consultants from across the state. Last Monday's staff meeting included a one and a half hour workshop for our entire staff on Literacy, getting back to the basics. I have asked Paula to ensure as part of the Accelerated Literacy program to encourage all of our staff to use our new interactive classrooms to engage our students in literacy. This ongoing program is being led by Genette Maniatis our Deputy Principal and she too has a wealth of knowledge and expertise in Literacy.

The HSC examinations are coming to a close and the Year 12 formal is on next Saturday 10th November at the Coffs Harbour Racing Club at 6pm. It will be an event to remember.

Until next time

Guy Wright

Future Leaders Indigenous Award



Some time ago Woolgoolga High School nominated a group of outstanding students to be considered for the Future Leaders Award. This award recognises and rewards young Australians who have shown strong leadership and potential. These awards also aim to inspire others to engage in community issues and make a difference.

This year we are pleased to announce the Future Leaders Indigenous Award goes to Trinity Sherry of Year 11. Well done Trinity!

The Future Leaders Indigenous Awards recognise Indigenous students who show leadership and academic potential. Trinity is a school Prefect for 2013 and a leader within our school community.

IMPORTANT	COMING EVENTS	

Every Monday Night	Woolgoolga High School P&C 'Cash Bingo'
Fri 9 Nov	The Creative Expo
Sat 17 Nov	Woopi Chat 'n' Scrap
Tues 18 Dec	Presentation Day
Wed 19 Dec	Last Day of Term



Thank you to Mr Allen for organising the year 10 Financial Seminars held in the Forum last Tuesday 23rd October.

Last Saturday students from around the area from Corindi, Mullaway, Woolgoolga, Sandy Beach and Korora Public Schools, as well as St Francis Xavier and Bishop Druitt

per Saturda

College came to Woolgoolga High School as potential candidates for the 2013 Year 7 Excel class. Prior to this day, students submitted portfolios, displaying their academic prowess in order to be considered for this prestigious opportunity. Fifty-eight students have applied for entry into this class this year, with the students enjoying the Super Saturday at the school to further demonstrate their practical skills in many areas. The day started with a general welcome to students and their families, held in the Library (Below).

They were addressed by Mr Guy Wright (Principal) and several other members of staff that students will have close contact with over their transition to High School. From this, students followed Mrs Young to the school hall to sit



their numeracy test (Below left).



Families stayed in the Library to hear further information about the school and more specifically about the 2013 excel class. Once the numeracy test was conquered students helped themselves to a tasty treat of pizza and fruit, kindly donated by Sean Williams from Woolgoolga Eagle Boys and the WHS P&C respectively (Below).



Once all food was devoured by the hungry tweens and teens, they commenced their rotations through the initiative challenges with Mrs Cathy Hall (Below left and right),



creative skills with Mrs Kerrie Hall (Below left) and creative writing and thinking with Mr Ian Cook (Below right).



Small Steps in Child Care Program

GoodStart Early Learning Centre at Moonee (formerly ABC) has adopted Woolgoolga High School students as part of their working team in order to provide an opportunity for further exposure to the workplace. All of the students involved are intending to pursue a career in child care and are completing relevant subjects at school and at TAFE including Community & Family Studies, Exploring Early Childhood and Certificate II in Children Services (TAFE) as part of their HSC. The experience is project-based where students design and present an interactive project with a small group in order to encourage interaction with staff and students.

The eight students selected for this term have all completed observational Work Experience in child care centres during Year 10 in 2011, so the Small Steps program is an opportunity to further explore child care as a career.

Congratulations to Clair Hicks, Tiarne Bryce, Shannon Morrison, Jane Perry, Lawrie Pugh, Katrina Toohey, Abby Wilcox and Tyler Quiring.



Surfers with a Disability

Recently Mr Woods addressed the assembly about the summer season for Disabled Surfing Australia. It started 27th October and subsequent events 24th November, 5th January and 9th February 2013. Contact details are on the DSA website (<u>http://</u> disabledsurfers.org/nsw/mid-north-coast-branch/) or see Mr Woods in Industrial Arts or Liz (Scholten) in the Library.





View Year 12 Major Projects

Industrial Arts

Visual Arts

Textiles & Design

Date: Friday 9th November Venue: WHS ART BLOCK Time: 6pm to 8pm Cost: \$5 or \$20 per family Light refreshments and Live Music provided.

Tea and Coffee available for purchase.

Positive Awards

Double Gold

Katrina Toohey

Gold

Conor Gallant

Silver Amy Bieman Emma-Jayne Brown Cooper-John Conway Ellissa Enersen Angie Feller **Claudia Fuller** Michael Gallant Lani Goodman Lizzie Hart **Cody Johnston Taylor Jones** Elizabeth Kelman Japjeet Maan Connor McRae Lauryn Moss Raman Phoonie Blake Power Ashley Wake **Tyler Wisdom**

Bronze

Lachlan Baker Shaylee Bennett-Stone Jakob Dillon **Michael Duguid** Jeremiah Francis Jack Heron **Matthew Hunter** Liam Jones Tarhesha Laneyrie Lane O'Hara Jessicha Quinlan-Brown Harrup Singh Madeline Stephenson **Edward Vincent Corey Williams** Maycee Wright

Eagle Boys Pizza/McDonalds/Pizza Place Sponsors of Silver Awards

Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood

Students from the Year 11 Exploring Early Childhood Course volunteered their time to help at the Sandy Beach Public School Fete. The students organised what designs they would paint on the faces and who would work in the various sections of the beauty parlour; face painting, nail painting or fake tattooing. This experience enabled the students to interact and communicate with children of various ages as well as parents/caregivers of various backgrounds and cultures. The students received wonderful feedback from various people who attended the fun filled evening regarding their commitment, work ethic and maturity on the evening. A big thanks goes to Lawrie Pugh, Lexie Hennessy, Shannon Morrison, Katrina Toohey, Ms Wilks and Ms Jeanes. A special thanks also goes to Renee Thorncroft who jumped in and helped on the tattoo station at the last minute.

Mrs Fluechter

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FACE PAINTING



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Woopi High goes to Uni for the day



On Tuesday 23rd October, Year 11 Adviser Megan Hart and 39 Year 11 students ventured over to Southern Cross University (SCU) Coffs Harbour Campus to participate in a senior schools day. Students participate in two information sessions about careers of their choosing and general information session and lunch, while Mrs Hart went to the Careers Advisor briefing. She learned about changes in the Job & Skills Market and an SCU pilot project that helps develop student's resilience to assist with their transition into and through university and onto the workplace both fascinating presentations.

All had an informative and inspiring day and promote other students to attend next year. The students' favourite part of the day was the question and answer session held at the end of the day, where they fired questions at current students, and to their credit, were cool and collected in their response.

A huge thankyou to Mr Peter Marshall, senior recruitment officer at SCU for all of his organisation for the day, student panel members, presenters and Jason who drove the bus over and back on the day.



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Woolgoolga High students contribute to Legacy

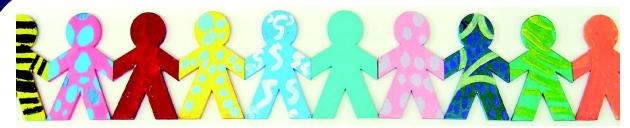
Over the course of this year a significant number of students from Woolgoolga High School have made a contribution to Legacy. These students (pictured) were presented with certificates of appreciation at last week's assembly. Congratulations to (L-R) Jessie Gentle, Maddy Weiss, Patrick Mullan, Bianca McNeill, Jamie Durning, Holly Stapleton, Zoe Schmidt, Jeremy Rush, Jasmine Thorpe and Charanjit Lidder for your contribution to this worthy community organisation.

Woolgoolga Year 11's help out at Sandy Beach Fete

Congratulations to those students from Woolgoolga High that assisted at the Sandy Beach fete recently. Pictured were some of the sample face painting that was on offer for all who attended. Well done girls!



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Are you in Years 7-12 with a flair for writing?

Enter the Cambridge University Press writing competition!

TO ENTER write a story about what it is like to be a teenager growing up in Australia. Stories can be semi-autobiographical accounts about life and teenage experiences, or a piece of fiction.

Be as creative as you like!

Writers of winning stories:

will receive a \$200 prize

will receive a set of ten copies of a current anthology in *The New Paper Series* for their school

may have their story and biographic details published in a forthcoming anthology in *The New Paper Series**

Word length: 2000 words max

Entries due: 5pm Friday 9 November 2012

Submit your story via email and send any queries to Linda Kowarzik at:









lkowarzik@cambridge.edu.au OR educationmarketing@cambridge.edu.au

*The New Paper Series: themed short stories introducing junior and secondary students

to writing techniques and the skills of critical literacy.

Enter the Cambridge University Press today! www.cambridge.edu.au/education



Terms & Conditions

1. To participate in this competition, Entrants must write a story about what it is like to be a teenager growing up in Australia in no more than 2000 words. Entries must be the work of the individual submitting them and must not have been published elsewhere or have won a prize in any other competition. It is the responsibility of each Entrant to ensure that no element of their entry infringes the copyright of any third party or any laws.2. Entry to the Competition commences on 5th September 2012 and entries must be received by 5.00pm AEST on 9 November 2012. No responsibility will be accepted for lost, late, illegible or misdirected entries.3. Winning Entrants will receive a \$200 prize, a set of ten of a current anthology in the *The New Paper Series* for their school and may have their story and biographic details published in a forthcoming anthology in *The New Paper Series*.4. Cambridge reserves the right to select the number of total winners (a minimum of one entry will be selected).5. Entry to the Competition constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions. By entering the Competition, Entrants accept and acknowledge full responsibility for their decision to participate in the Promotion and to take the Prize if they are the Winner.6. Instructions on how to enter and prize information form part of these Terms and Conditions.

7. No responsibility is accepted for late or misdirected entries.8. All entries become the property of Cambridge University Press. 9. Entry is open to all Year 7-12 students currently attending an Australian secondary school.10. Employees, Directors, Contractors, Suppliers and Third Party Distributors (including booksellers) of Cambridge University Press and their immediate families are ineligible to enter.

11. The Competition is a game of skill, and chance plays no part in determining the Winners.12. The entries will be judged by an independent panel of judges. The Winners will be the Entrants who, in the sole opinion of the judges, displayed the most exceptional skill.13. Judging will take place at on 12 November at the Cambridge University Press Port Melbourne office, 477 Williamstown Road, Port Melbourne 3207.14. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. 15. Winners will be notified by email by 16 November 2012. ABN 28 508 204 178 ARBN 007 507 584





Fact Sheet 5

Australian Alcohol Guideline for Children and young people under 18

Not drinking alcohol is the safest option.

For children under 15

Parents and carers should be advised that children under 15 years of age are at the greatest risk of harm from drinking and that for this age group, not drinking is especially important

For Young people aged 15-18 years

The safest option is to delay the initiation of drinking for as long as possible

Adolescent brain development and alcohol

The brain is not fully developed until about 25 years of age. Excessive drinking can affect decision making, problem solving, memory, reasoning and concentration.

Permanent brain damage can result in greater risk taking, lack of judgment such as failure to think before acting, impaired visual and spatial skills, learning difficulties and poorer academic outcomes

Mental health

Drinking at a young age increases the risk of mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, attention deficit disorder and increased risk of self harm including suicide, delinguent behavior and alcohol dependency in later life.

Australian Alcohol Guidelines to reduce health risks from drinking alcohol. National Health and Medical Research Council, 2009 can be found at http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/_files_nhmrc/file/publications/synopses/ds10-alcohol.pdf

Look for information about the RRISK Program and risk taking at our website www.rrisk.com.au



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REDUCE RISK - INCREASE STUDENT KNOWLEDGE

Fact Sheet 6

Young Drivers aged 17-25 years. Why are they at risk?

Facts:

- Road crashes are one of the leading causes of injury, disability and death among young people.
- Young drivers are over-represented in road crashes compared to other age groups.
- Young drivers in rural areas experience a higher rate of fatalities than those from urban areas.
- Speeding is the number one cause of road crashes.
- Other high-risk behaviours that significantly contribute to road crashes and injuries. include:
 - Drink driving
 - Driver fatigue and distraction
 - Not using seat belts

Driver inexperience: Often young drivers don't realise that it takes time and lots of practice to develop safe driving skills.

Developing brain: Parts of the brain responsible for self control and for recognising and managing hazards do not fully mature until after the teenage years, so young drivers are more likely to experiment and take dangerous risks.

Overconfidence and risk taking: Young drivers can be over confident about their driving ability and underestimate dangers on the road.

Having friends as passengers: Young drivers may be distracted by passengers or may feel pressured to take risks, such as speeding. Every extra peer passenger carried by a young driver increases the chance of crashing.

Alcohol and other drugs: Young people often do not understand that alcohol and other drugs affect a driver's skills, mood and most importantly behaviour. Safe driving requires clear judgement, concentration and ability to react to what's happening on the road.

Busy lifestyles: Work, sport and study often mean busy lifestyles for young people, which may cause them to drive when tired - especially late at night. Driving tired significantly impairs driving, even if the driver doesn't feel sleepy.

The RRISK program aims to increase awareness of these risk factors and how to improve road safety. For more information about the RRISK program and risk taking, visit our website www.rrisk.com.au

Parent Tips

HSC-university pathways

Talented students can begin their university studies while still at school. They can study by distance with the option of a weekend residential, or attend university on campus for an early experience of the university environment.

Find out about the courses on offer: <u>www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/</u> <u>syllabus hsc/pathways.htm</u>

Career options

Is your child trying to decide on a career pathway? These videos show 25 young apprentices and trainees telling inspirational stories while on the job.

Find out more: <u>http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL78g8-</u> WmjFKvFrtgPCB5CalbSAJCX7MAh&feature=plcp

Budding artists

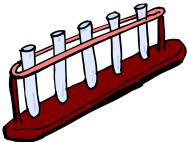
Young aspiring artists could get off to a great start by entering this competition to design the look for Youth Week 2013. Winners get to showcase their work and win \$1000.

Find out how to enter http://www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au/

A degree at TAFE

If your child has decided to embark on a degree course at TAFE in 2013, remember their application needs to be in by October 26.

Go to the application: <u>http://www.highered.tafensw.edu.au/applying-and-fees/how-to-apply.html#.UHJaLK5Nt8E</u>



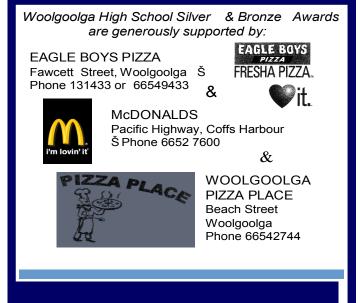
Background Infomation for The Australian National **Chemistry Quiz**

The Australian National Chemistry Quiz is a unique chemical education activity. It provides a major focus for secondary school students on the relevance of chemistry in an exciting and stimulating way. It has made a significant contribution to the development of a grass-root appreciation of the role of chemistry in our society. Many of the questions are aimed at emphasising the connection between the academic image of chemistry and its day to day applications and its importance in the home, the environment and

Tuition

All ages, all abilities All subjects, Qualified Teachers Individually tailored programs Woolgoolga and Coffs Harbour





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This term the teachers at Woolgoolga High are undertaking an intensive training and development course in prioritising grammar with a particular emphasis on spelling, punctuation and writing skills. Staff are being instructed by Paula Madigan, Learning and Development Consultant Literacy from area office.



Reminder to senior students:

* When driving to and from school you will need to complete the **'Conditions for Application for Student Drivers'** form. This can be obtained from your year Deputy Principal.

* All senior students are to remain on school premises for the **entire day**. Those wishing to leave at recess or lunch time **will need prior permission**.

* **Flexible leave passes** are for students who have no timetabled classes for the beginning or end of the school day. Applications are available from your Deputy Principal.

* All senior students with unscheduled classes are expected to study in the 'Senior Area' in the Library.

A reminder to students that the placing of game files on the Department systems can result in the loss of all computer privileges.



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
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If possible, please arrange a swap if you are unavailable on your rostered day

CANTEEN HOURS MON/TUE/THUR/FRI 11am to 2.15pm WEDNESDAY 11am to 1.15pm

Student Reminder

If you are 16 years or older you can obtain your Senior Secondary Student NSW Transport Concession Card (Form 202) from the school office. This enables you to purchase child rate fare on Country Link Services.

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WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL P&C FUNDRAISER

"CASH BINGO"



Woolgoolga RSL every Monday night Session 1: Eyes down at 6 pm with \$50 JACKPOT

Session 2: Eyes down at 7.15 with \$500 JACKPOT ALL prizes are CASH

COST for both sessions \$20 or \$10 per session STUDENTS WELCOME



Instructor : Phil Hannaford 0409135735



EFTPOS Facilities for credit/debit card transactions are now available for making payments at the school office. There is no cash out facility. The office is open for students to make payments before school and during Break 1.

BAGS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED IN THE SCHOOL



Paid Advertisement

DUE TO SECURITY REASONS

Please avoid awkward situations by abiding by this rule

Library Staff

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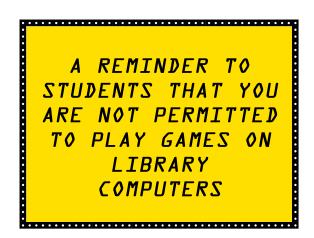
Students' Photographs

There are many occasions where we would like to publish photographs of students involved in various school activities, including reports for the local papers, school newsletters, and the annual report and on our school website.

If you do not wish your child's photograph to be used for these purposes, please notify the school in writing.

Free Maths tutoring for Year 10 students available with Mrs Young on Monday after school till 4pm







There has been a report of a highly infectious disease called

Scabies ("The Itch") in our school community.

The usual time between infection and illness is several days, sometimes even weeks.

Symptoms and signs include severe itchiness continuing for days or even weeks and becoming worse at night. The itching is caused by a tiny mite which burrows under the skin. Warm parts of the body such as wrists, armpits, elbows, back of shoulders, buttocks, groin and around the genitals are most affected. Scratch marks and sometimes tracks showing the line of the 'burrow' are seen on the skin. Secondary infection may cause pus-filled sores, very like impetigo ("scabby sores"), where the affected areas have been scratched.

Please keep your child at home if they show signs of these symptoms.

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COMMUNITY NOTICE

DORRIGO SHOW





Dorrigo Challenge 13km -start 8.30 am Traditional 6.5km – start 8.45 am Walkers 6.5km – start 9am 8 yrs & under runners 1.5km – start 9.30 am (starting at Summit Close)

Entry: Adults 18 & over \$12.00 Junior 17 & under \$ 8.00

Entry includes admission to Dorrigo Show

Entry forms available at start

All entrants must sign a waiver form. Junior entrants must have a parent signature. Please arrive early

Free Bus to Start leaves show ground at 8am

Fun Prizes to be won



Contact: Kellie Cochran on 0266 574006, 0429808455





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How to register:

How much: Where: Who:

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COFFS HARBOUR LIBRARIES Page 23

are hosting a

Friday, 23rd November 5:00pm—FREE family BBQ fun for all ages 6:00pm—FUN trivial



A National Year of

Discover and rediscover the joy of reading.

The Australian Literacy & Numeracy Foundation

The Australian Literacy & Numeracy language, literacy and numeracy standards in Australia and raises funds to develop, implement and sustain innovative projects for individuals, families and communities — so come along and support a great cause!

Tickets can be prepurchased at the library; Adults \$10 Children \$5 – maximum 8 per table – Call 6648 4900 or email coffs.library@chcc.nsw.gov.au to secure your tickets

-Trivia,

games and

-Loads of grea

prizes to

UNIFORM REMINDERS

- Enclosed shoes in school colours—black, white, navy, grey, blue preferably leather—NOT canvas as they do not adequately ensure safety.
- Years 8-10 students are allowed to wear their sports uniform to school on Wednesday: Years 8-10 Sport will be held on Wednesday afternoon

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club, school or charity. Many schools and charities are receiving over \$1000 every month. By shopping at Ritchies' Coffs Harbour IGA, you can help our school and benefit students.	Students must bring a note from submit to Head Teacher Admin (M will be outside the deputy's office b on Wednesday morning.
Ritchies' Community Benefit Card saves you money and helps your favourite organisation at the same time	After approval for leave is granted Teacher Admin students take their front office where a 'leave pass' wi the student stating the time t departing school grounds.
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Woolgoolga High School Centenary Drive Woolgoolga NSW 2456 E-mail: woolgoolga- h.school@det.nsw.edu.au	Failing to follow the above pro result in your child having fractiona the record and a demotion in welfare merit system.
	We're on the Web:
www.w	voolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.ed
The WHS P & C meets on the second Tuesda	v of everv month at 7.00pm

Pass for Sport

Parents are reminded that a compulsory requirement for

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