

GOOD NEWS WEEK

Creative Expo

Woolgoolga High School
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The 2014 Creative Expo, held on Friday the 7th of November at Woolgoolga High School, proved once again that our HSC students excel in the fields of Creative and Performing Arts.



Showcasing this year's HSC works from the Visual Arts, Music, Industrial Arts, Textiles, Drama and Dance, demonstrated the exceptional talent that our students possess.

Audience members were able to stroll through the gallery, whilst tasting the exquisite food and beverages prepared by our senior hospitality class. Live entertainment was also provided throughout the evening by our exceptional music and dance students.

Overall, it was a great night and our 2014 HSC students, should be commended on their outstanding work.

CAPA staff would also like to thank all the staff and students involved in making this Creative

Expo, another successful event for Woolgoolga High School.

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From the Principal's Desk



On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week our school had two important visitors – Jenny Murray, Director, Public Schools NSW and Robyn O'Neill, Director, Educational Services Public Schools NSW. Both senior departmental officials were very impressed with the tone and feel of our welcoming school. Jenny particularly liked the high quality of work and engagement made in our TAS faculty. Simon Radford and his students were clearly excited to demonstrate the innovative project work they had completed over the past few months. Jenny also was suitably impressed with the high quality work demonstrated by our CAPA faculty, commenting particularly on the artwork completed by our students.



Ground moving object

Both Jenny and Robyn visited our MC class and our newly created small group, soon to become our Distance Education class. Robyn, who is one of the senior leaders in the Department for learning support, was very impressed with the support and structures for helping **all** students at our school. The MC class students were very happy to converse with Robyn highlighting their quality work, demonstrated with excitement. We certainly do have a great school!

Last Friday at our Creative Expo a large crowd gathered to critique, enjoy and be amazed at the high quality of our student work in the CAPA (Creative and Performing Arts) area of the school. The food and coffee prepared by our hospitality students was first rate. The artwork, as expected, was of outstanding quality and the music performances were exceptional.

Drama is increasingly being revived at Woolgoolga High and our entire school is looking forward to our Musical in 2015, Dracula Spectacular. Planning is currently underway and I urge **all** students to participate in this upcoming once every 2 years event. I would like to acknowledge Jacqui Harrison, Head Teacher CAPA, and her professional team for the continuing hard work in always bringing out the best in all our students.

I received some exciting news this week about some of our Year 12 students. Already 20 students have been offered places at Southern Cross University. Of particular note is the offer of a \$50,000 scholarship made to Callon Roach to study a double degree in Law and Commerce at Bond University – congratulations Callon. Callon worked tirelessly throughout Year 12 and will no doubt become one of Australia's future leaders!

The Year 12 Formal on Wednesday night was a complete success. It is always so refreshing to look back at our Year 12 students who have spent 6 years of their life at Woolgoolga High School and remember their path (sometimes difficult but always enjoyable) through the school. They all have certainly bloomed into fine young adults and will no doubt, each have outstanding futures ahead. I was so proud to be the Principal of Woolgoolga High School on Wednesday night and to have played a small part in each student's development. This is why I became a teacher. I spoke to many staff on the night and each and every one of them felt the same.

What a great school and what a great job we do in preparing the Australia of the future. A big thank you is extended to Jenni Williams, Year 12 Adviser 2014. **Good Luck Year 12 – we wish you well!**

Until next time

Guy Wright

Principal

Canteen—Eat Fresh

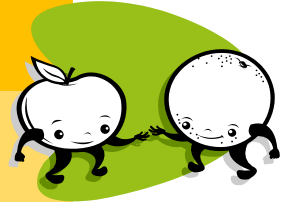
<http://www.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/parent-information>

See menu with price list on the school's website

Volunteers needed to serve in only 1 hour increments:

8.30am - 9.30am : 11.00am - 12.00 noon : 1.00pm - 2.00pm

If you can help please ring the school on 66541500 or follow the link on the school's website to complete the expression of interest.



THANK YOU

The office is always in need of second hand school uniforms for the clothing pool for emergency clothing etc. If you have any school uniforms in good condition which are no longer required and would care to donate them to the school, it would be greatly appreciated.

Mufti Day
Tuesday,
18th November

The WHS P & C
meets on the
second Tuesday of
every month at
6.30pm

On any given night, 10,500
Australians are homeless and
half of these are under 25.

On Tuesday 18th November, there will be a mufti day for "Youth Off the Streets". If everyone could show their support by wearing mufti and bringing a gold coin donation, it would be greatly appreciated.

Lani Goodman
Year 8 SRC member

YEAR 9 EXCURSION TO CAMP KOKODA

Two weeks ago a select group of 48 Year 9 students attended a 3 day adventure camp at Camp Kokoda, situated not far from Beaudesert in Queensland, and as the name suggests it was going to be challenging.

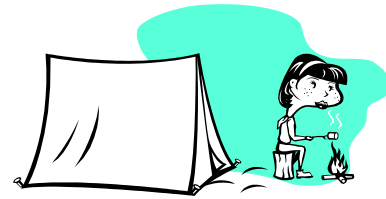
After an entertaining four and a half hour bus trip the students arrived at the camp. The first thing that became evident was that it was HOT, 42 degrees HOT. The students were broken into two groups, in which they remained for the entire camp. They packaged all their gear into the hiking back packs supplied to them, as well as all their food for the next three days. Then the hiking began.



My group spent the afternoon climbing Mount Bellamy, a steep three hour climb in the heat, which a number of students found very challenging. With the help of our considerate and fitter students we reached the top of the mountain and set up our camp. Most of the students then attempted the 15m abseil. We then retired to our camp, where dinner was prepared by the students, and a range of camp fire games were played, prior to students finally going to sleep.



The next morning, we pulled down our camp and headed back down the hill to our next camp. After setting up our tents we then started our two activities for the day – the free fall, an exhilarating 20 meter drop, that most of the students in our group completed and the exciting flying fox, upon which Kaine Stoneham unfortunately broke his arm. While Kaine was being treated, the rest of the group returned to camp and had a mega game of UNO. Kaine returned later that evening to camp, where dinner was prepared, games were played and a nice bedtime ghost story was told.



The next morning our camp was again pulled down, and the group completed our final activity of the High Ropes course. A few final team building games were played and it was time to head home on the bus.

The students as a whole, had a great time and I am very proud of the way they conducted themselves despite the heat. They all pulled together to overcome some significant challenges, and as individuals, many challenged themselves to overcome fears and take on the scary height based activities. I would also like to thank Mr Henderson, Ms Spillett and Alison Fenton for coming along and making this excursion possible.

Simon Radford
(a very proud Year 9 Advisor)



Students enjoyed a much deserved swim in the cow lined, weed filled lake.

CAMP KOKODA





HSC PDHPE putting theory into practice...
Types of Training. Learning through doing.



GRIP Leadership Day

GENEROSITY - Willingness to use what you have been given (time and resources) on behalf of those you seek to influence.

RESPONSIBILITY - We all have a responsibility to develop what we have and help others to live well.

INTEGRITY - A commitment to truth and honesty in dealings.

PEOPLE - Every human being is of great significance, and has a purpose to fulfil.



On Tuesday 28th October, nine of our SRC representatives from Year 10 and 11 travelled to the C-Ex in Coffs Harbour to attend the GRIP student leadership conference. It was an invaluable day filled with team-building and interactive sessions on effective communication, leading in different situations and maintaining momentum. Overall, we gained greater insight into being an effective leader and it strengthened the Woolgoolga student leadership team as a whole. We look forward to implementing these skills into the school community.

Bianca McNeill, Kathryn Langhorn and Patrick Mullan
(Year 10 SRC members)

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The end of the year is approaching and we have said “thank you” and “farewell” to our legendary Year 12 SMILE mentors! The SMILE mentors of 2014 (made up of Year 11 and 12 volunteers) have been such a positive and enthusiastic group committed to the wellbeing of our younger students. They have demonstrated that looking out for others has benefits beyond the lives of those they are directly mentoring. Seeing SMILE’s impact within the school clearly shows that the happiness that comes from doing good is contagious: junior students feel valued and part of the school, the mentors feel proud and

are learning valuable communication and leadership skills and the whole school is affected by the positive role modelling from SMILE mentors.

At this time of the year our current Year 11 SMILE mentors are taking on the leadership roles of SMILE and are starting to recruit new SMILE mentors from Years 10 and 11. As part of the recruitment process, the Year 11 mentors addressed the school assembly and a SMILE sign-up sheet filled up very quickly with 60 students from Years 10 and 11 excited to be part of the SMILE team.

Since then we have had our first SMILE training day covering a range of important topics including: child protection; communication skills; roles and responsibilities and peer mediation. The training day was a great experience with the new team hearing from current mentors and bonding as a group of students keen to make a positive difference in their school.

Alison Fenton, Student Support Officer

Training for new SMILE mentors



All a-buzz in the Library

The Woopi High Library has undergone some minor changes over the last several weeks, with the vast amount of fiction titles receiving an upgrade by way of genre labels. These professionally made labels indicate the particular genre of each book, including: adventure, Australiana, Biography, Classics, Crime Mystery and Suspense, Fantasy, Horror, Humour, Relationship and Family, Romance, Sport, Science Fiction and War.

A huge thank you must go to Fran Unwin and 7 Red (and a few other) students who assisted in the re-labelling of close to 10,000 titles. In addition to this, students in Years 7-9 also participated in the Reading Hour towards the end of Term 3 and found the genre labelling quite useful when browsing texts, especially by genre.



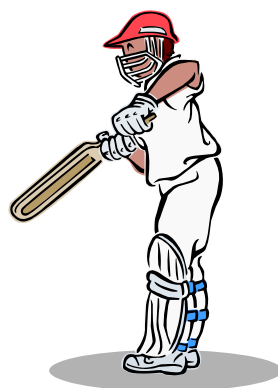
Cricket news

Under 14 Boys

On Thursday of last week the Under 14's team played Grafton High. Raman won the toss again and elected to bat. Raman opened and scored 50 runs, a top effort. Cavan Lalli was bowled for a duck (shoulda gone to spec savers! \$99 special) and Addi came in second drop and got his eye in pretty quickly. Unfortunately he tried to play one across his legs and deflected through to knock out off stump for 14 runs. Kartar came in at second drop and scored 49 runs. Noah, Gus, Humraj, Sam, Luke and Andrew all scored in single digits, taking our total to 8-163 in 40 overs.

Second innings was a whitewash really, with our bowling proving too hot to handle for the Grafton batsmen. Noah and Humraj bowled well; 3-13 and 2-8 respectively. By the 7th over, Grafton were 5-21. Their # 6 batsman was the only one to put up any resistance and scored 29 before being caught. The tail enders fell cheaply and the boys bowled them all out 10-66 in the 20th over.

The remaining bowling stats were; Sam Gustafson 2-11, Adam Hill 0-6, Andrew Collins 0-11 Gus Singh 1-6, Sevak Clair 1-6 and Regan Schuerman 1-0.



Open Boys



On Tuesday of last week the open boy's cricket team played against Grafton High. Our Captain Raman Phoonie won the toss and elected to bowl first. The opposition ended up seeing out the full 40 overs and scored 4-172. The Woopi High bowlers were fully tested and a few dropped catches was all it took to allow the Grafton HS batsman to get into a rhythm and score valuable runs.

The bowling stats for the innings; Harry Singh 0-14, Noah Pilon 0-22, Raman Phoonie 0-22, Isaiah Koopmans 0-20, Kartar Singh 3-28, Humraj Singh 2-33 and Gursevak Singh 1-19.

The second innings, with the boys in to bat had its share of surprises. Unfortunately our opening batsman couldn't cement a solid enough partnership allowing the first wicket to fall in the third over.

Another fell in the fourth over and Kartar Singh formed a short partnership with Addison Mallett before being caught for 16 runs. Raman got to the crease and scored valuable runs with Addi who was eventually bowled out for 28 runs. Raman remained at the crease for the rest of our batting order and formed a short partnership with Brodie Choice who scored 31 runs. In the end, wickets fell cheaply and we were down to our last two batsmen (Raman and Sunil) at 9-148 in the 35th over. It came down to an ill-fated hook shot into the wind that should have gone for six..... but was caught, that ended the day. 10-148 in the 36th over. Bad luck boys, better luck next year.

Congratulations!

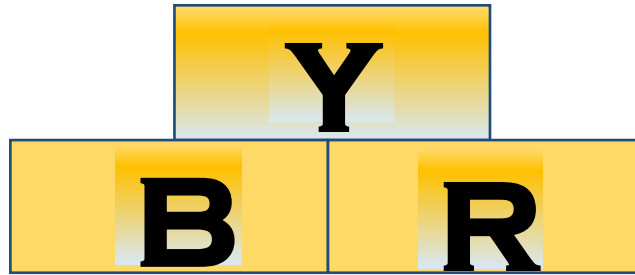
***to the 10 girls who were selected to take part in the
Mid North Coast Netball Knockout competition***

Last Tuesday 4th November in Grafton. Despite warm conditions, the Under 15 girls played with great teamwork and sportsmanship. Our first game was an automatic progression to the next round with a forfeit from Toormina HS. The second game against Orara HS proved more challenging with the girls going down 17-41 despite a hard fought second quarter. This was followed by repechage games against Bellingen HS which saw the girls win 18-2 and Coffs Harbour HS 26-7. It was great to see so many enthusiastic players trying out for selection this year, with almost enough for two teams. Thank you to the parents who provided transport and support I look forward to next year's competition.

Melissa Hyder



Pictured : Maddie Macallister (8), Spohie Muggleton (8), Elissa Gillespie (8), Pavan Singh (7), Peyton Priest (8) Tahlia Gillespie (7), Mackinley Taylor (9), Lani Goodman (9), Chloe Fairbairn (8), Abby Nudd (8)



Helping to build your pathway to success

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The Yellow Brick Program is a careers-orientated program that is designed to encourage students to build a pathway (through experiences and opportunities) both within the school and the local community.

This program aims to encourage students to take on as many experiences as they can in a positive and focused manner.

During the transition period from Year 6 to Year 7, students will be engaged in a variety of workshops. These workshops will be structured in a fashion so that students are aware of the variety of experiences Woolgoolga High School and the wider community offers and how engaging in these activities will impact on their lives in the future.

Yellow Brick Road introduces students to the jobjump website. This is an invaluable tool that enables students to research and access all aspects of careers. Jobjump assists students to investigate what careers they like and what experiences or skills they may need for the future.

Anything related to careers can be found on this site including writing a cover letter and resume building.

Upon registration, this website sends you personalised information regarding your interests and any positions vacant in the local area.

To use this website the school's password is *swan*. All parents, caregivers and students are encouraged to register and utilize this website.

jobjump.com.au

Parent Tips!

Raising good digital citizens

We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills. That is, how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>

Smart travelling



Is your child heading overseas after finishing their HSC? Suggest they consult safety advice on the Australian Government's Smart Traveller website before they go.

Find out more: <http://smartraveller.gov.au/tips/schoolies.html>

The dog gave a loud **bark**.

The tree **bark** was oozing sap.

What is a homonym?

Let's face it, English can be a crazy language. Take homonyms, for example. These are words that are identical in pronunciation and spelling but have different meanings. This homonym list will provide some clarity.

Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/1084/homonym

Ready for high school

Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.

Search by language: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php



Community News

Council is seeking volunteers to assist with our second annual Super Sunday recreational bike count. Volunteers will count bicycle movements over four hours on Sunday 7th December, 7:00 am to 9:00 am and 10am to 12pm, through 18 sites. Volunteers can work in pairs and an information package will be sent out providing background, safety guidelines, instructions, maps and tally sheets. All volunteers will receive a \$15 gift voucher in appreciation of your time.

Council conducted its first recreational bike count on Sunday 24th November 2013. The information collected was used as baseline data for the Bike Plan and will complement the 'Super Tuesday' commuter data collected in September over the past three years. Data collected gives a 'snapshot' of recreational bike riding numbers and flows (preferred routes) across the LGA that can be compared on an annual basis, allowing bike riding decisions and planning to be based on accurate, up to date information. Please contact me for more information or to register.

Alana Brooks

Road Safety Officer

Coffs Harbour City Council

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PH: 02 6648 4409 Mon. & Wed.

To give it the full name "The Brian Cockbain Memorial Ride Around the River" (RATR for short) will this year form part of the Nambucca River Festival. The festival was run for the first time last year and we were very pleased with the outcome and it was very well accepted by the public. The Festival is on Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 November and is a Rotary event. Macksville Amateur Cycle Club is working with the Festival Committee to run the RATR.

The ride will be on Sunday morning (30 Nov) starting at 9am and there will be a 50km ride and a 25km ride. Additionally we are planning a kids under 12 ride on Saturday morning.

The ride sample bag will contain (among other things) a tee shirt (valued at \$17.95) and an entry wristband (priced at \$10) that enable people who register for the ride entry to the Festival at any time over the two days. The cost to register is \$40.

Riders will be able to register for the RATR on Saturday to enable them to get good value from their Festival entry wristband - Saturday afternoon and evening is a highlight of the Festival.

For details go to www.nambuccariverfestival.com.au, and select the RATR page from the dropdown menu under Associated Events. From that page you can find a separate RATR webpage and the RATR Facebook Group links.

Rod Edwards

Chair, Nambucca River Festival Steering Committee

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<http://www.nambuccariverfestival.com.au/>

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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.



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