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WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS CREATIVE EXPO 11th November

Woolgoolga High School would like to invite you to our annual Creative Expo this Friday evening, starting at 6pm until 7.30pm. This event is held in the Visuals Arts and Industrial Arts rooms. HSC students have worked on projects over the past 12 months to show case the culmination of skills developed over 12 years of schooling. Please come and support the vast talents of our students at this fantastic event.

Outstanding works by HSC students from TAS, including Textiles, Industrial Arts Wood and Multimedia, Visual Arts and Music will be on display. We also have a variety of Music, Dance and Drama performances from both senior and junior students to entertain you.

This year the quality of work is exceptional and a credit to our graduating students. There have been many hours spent both in school lessons and at home developing the wonderful works and performances on display.

Hospitality students will be selling coffee and drinks on the night. We ask for a gold coin donation at the door to support this event. We hope to see you there.

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From the Principal's Desk

From speaking to a large number of Year 12 students we are expecting some exceptional results from the 2016 HSC examinations which finished last Friday. The early entry to university notifications are starting to be offered to some students. Year 12 are now looking forward to their Formal that is being held on 17th November at Pacific Bay Resort.

Letters have been posted to students who attended Super Saturday. Our Excel class attracted 60 applications for only 30 places. It is very obvious, and from speaking to local primary principals, next year's Year 7 is indeed going to be a very talented group.

Our Academic Achievement Centre is still operating Tuesday mornings 8.00-8.50am and Thursday afternoons 3.15-4.30pm. Come along and work with other students and staff to enhance assignments, study for upcoming tests, eat cheese toasties and prepare yourself for academic success at our school.

Congratulations this week goes to La'Shonda Pierce and Russell Ryan who this weekend travel to Sydney for a week's rehearsal at the Company B Bangarra Dance Theatre. They were selected from hundreds of quality dancers from across the state and will, in two weeks, return to Sydney for another few days of dance rehearsal ending the 2nd week in a performance at the Spectacular. What Schools а great opportunity for our local students. I have asked that on their return, they may help a few other students learn their dance and possibly perform it on our own school stage in a large assembly. Best of luck in Sydney!

A reminder that the next P&C meeting will be held in the staff common room this Tuesday, 8th November.

Our Creative Expo is on this Friday, 11th November. This is a general invitation to all parents, caregivers, friends and community members to come to our school and enjoy the quality music, dance, drama, art, textiles and industrial arts projects on display. It will be a great night.



I had the opportunity to meet our Year 6 (Year 7 2017) students and staff at our recent sports gala day. Congratulations and thanks to our very capable high school leaders who ran the day so effortlessly. Leadership development and offering our students opportunities to develop leadership skills is a key ingredient of education at Woolgoolga High School.

Until next time Guy Wright Principal

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Nov Tue 8	P&C Meeting
Nov Fri 11	Creative Expo (to be confirmed)
Nov Mon 14 to Wed 16	Year 10 excursion
Nov Wed 16 to Fri 18	Year 9 excursion
Nov Mon 21 to Fri 25	Year 11 VET work placement
Nov/Dec Mon 28 to Fri 9	Year 10 work experience
Dec Tue 6	Years 7 & 8 reward excursions
Dec Tue 6	Year 6 orientation day
Dec Wed 14	Annual assembly
Dec Thur 15	HSC results released
Dec Fri 16	Last day for students
Dec Mon 19 to Tue 20	Staff development days

Year 11 and 12 students click the link for BOSTES past HSC papers multiple choice questions :

http://mcq.bostes.nsw.edu.au/ hsc.cfm The WHS P & C meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 6.30pm

Term 4 Maths test dates: Year 7 Week 5 Year 9 Week 5: Thurs 10/11/16



Ambulance Cover

In 2012 the Department negotiated an agreement with the NSW Ambulance Service to commence an annual licensing arrangement for school student ambulance cover for all public schools in NSW. Arrangements for the scheme have been confirmed for the 2016 school year.

This means that students enrolled at Woolgoolga High School are covered under the Ambulance Service of NSW Ambulance Group Cover Scheme-Schools, in accordance with the policy established by the Ambulance Service of NSW.

This means that NSW government schools do not have to arrange individual payments to the Ambulance Service of NSW – coverage is included through a single central annual agreement.

If an ambulance has been called to attend to your child as a result of an accident or other health related issue whilst at school, **please submit your invoice to Woolgoolga High School for payment**.







WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

CREATIVE EXPO

2016

11th November 2016

6pm

In The Art Department Quad

We would like to invite you to come and share

> Music, Dance & Drama Performances.

Visual Arts, Textiles and Industrial Arts projects on display

Coffee will be available for purchase

Gold coin donation entry

It is pleasing that, with AMART'S support we can offer these great prizes that encourage our students to get physically active!!

> Mrs Bear PDHPE Head Teacher



AMART ALL SPORTS COMMUNITY KICK BACKS PROGRAM

Thanks to the support of the Community Kickbacks program, our School Welfare reward program is being extremely well supported with some great prizes up for grabs by all students.

"Woopi" tickets can be accessed by all students 7-12. These can be given to students for a range of reasons by all school staff, including our support and administration staff eg completion of homework, regularly wearing school uniform, voluntary school service, making an effort, working consistently. These "tickets" should then be placed in the "Woopi Box" in the library. These tickets are randomly drawn out at our School Assembly on Monday each week and the winning student/s can then select from a range of prizes.

Pictured: Jackson Berryman Year 7 and Mrs Bear with some of the great prizes up for grabs.

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS AMBULANCE COVER

We have been advised that the Ambulance Service of NSW has reciprocal health care agreements with all Australian states **except Queensland and South Australia**.

This means that, even though Woolgoolga High has Ambulance School Cover for students who have an accident or fall ill whilst at school or at an organised school activity, they are **not covered** while on school excursions to Queensland and South Australia.

Only students whose parents/guardians hold a Commonwealth Government Health Care Card or have private health insurance (including ambulance-only cover) are possibly covered when on a school excursion to Queensland or South Australia. *It is strongly recommended that parents/guardians who do have cover with a private health fund, check their family's eligibility with regards to travel to all the states.*

Year 6 Sports Gala Day



Last Thursday, 27th October local primary schools brought their Year 6 students to the high school for a sports gala day.

The Year 6 students played 5 rounds of Peterson ball umpired and facilitated by some outstanding Year 10 students.

This sports gala day gave the Year 6 students an opportunity to meet other students from different local primary schools and make some new friends in preparation for high school next year.

We hope all of the students who attended enjoyed their day and are getting excited for high school in 2017.



* Proudly supported by **Southern Cross** University

REDUCE RISK INCREASE STUDENT KNOWLEDGE

On 17th November 2016 all Year 11 students will participate in the RRISK program at Coffs Harbour Education Campus. This is a free, one day seminar where students are taken out of the school environment and presented with valuable, credible information which supports the PDHPE curriculum.

RRISK aims to provide Year 11 students with the skills, attitudes and knowledge needed to make informed decisions **about driving**, **alcohol and drug use**, **risk taking behaviours and safe partying**. The seminars enhance curriculum based drug and road safety education. The inter-sectoral RRISK committee and associated partners are committed to **reducing these risks for young people**. The key messages of the seminar are Plan Ahead, Know the Facts, Make Informed Decisions, Reduce Risks and Look After Your Friends. Students are challenged to think about their future decisions based on this information.

Permission notes will be distributed to students in the near future.

A professional learning opportunity for teachers, parents and community members is provided with the keynote speaker, Paul Dillon from Drug and Alcohol Research and Training Australia. The professional learning session will be held on 17/11/2016, from 4-6pm, at 'D' Block, Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour Education Campus. Light refreshments will be provided.



GOLD COAST 600 STUDENTS ON TRACK

It was a beautiful day in Surfers Paradise for a group of Year 10 students to experience the Gold Coast 600 "Students on Track" event. Several local schools were invited to take students interested in motor vehicle mechanics and engineering along for the day. Entry to the racing precinct was provided free of charge to the students as part of the program.

We witnessed the practice rounds for the Porsche Carrera's, V8 Utes, V8 Supercars, Formula 4's and Stadium trucks. The students wore their school uniforms with pride and it was such a pleasure to see how well the students got along, even when they had very different opinions on which brand of car should win.

And if the noise of the race cars wasn't loud enough (we did wear earplugs), the Air Force F/A-18 Super Hornet flew over unexpectedly, which really got the adrenalin pumping!

Thank you to Mr Newman for coming along, the staff who helped organise our trip, and the teachers who covered classes to allow this event to occur. It was truly a wonderful experience for the students which they will remember for a lifetime.

Kim Jane, V8 Ute Driver "photobombed" us just before his race (above).

To get the students in the racing mood, Mr Newman and 4 of the boys competed for victory on the Bathurst 1000 race simulator. Joshua Francis showed his supremacy and Mr Newman, well, didn't quite come last (below).





Mrs Dorahy Year 10 Advisor

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WIN a share in \$20,000* with the 2017 bcu Bill Ussher scholarship.

Apply at **bcu.com.au/studentplus-scholarships** Applications close 18 November, 2016.



Careers : dates for the diary

All students are encouraged to check their email and woolgoolgahighcareers.com to ensure they are up to date with information relevant to their interests.

Year 11

October 25 : Senior Schools Day at Southern Cross University

December 1-2 : QLD University excursion

Year 10

Mrs Chivers

Work Experience : November 28 to December 2; and December 5 to 9

Indigenous School based traineeships – Year 10

Opportunities for Aboriginal students to apply for School based traineeships with Mid North Coast Health Services. If you think you might be interested and would like some more information please see Jo or Kelly Hine during your break.

School based traineeships – Year 10

If you are interested in working and coming to school, a few school based traineeships in retail, business and health are available.

Apprenticeship – Years 10 and 11

Electrical apprenticeship available.

CRITERIA & SELECTION PROCESS Awarded to a student who is a Member or the child of a Member of the C.ex Group and resides in the local Government areas of Coffs Harbour or Bellingen Shires and who has applied for acceptance to a University for a particular course. Applicants have to have made a distinctive contribution to school, University and/or community life in one or a combination of the following categories as detailed in the Selection Criteria below:

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CULTURAL / ARTISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Information brochure and nomination form: <u>http://www.cex.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/C.ex-Group-Scholarship-Nomination-Form2.pdf</u>



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Congratulations to Emily Nudd of Year 12 and Izack Smidt of Year 11 who recently received their Age Champion medals for the Mid North Coast Zone Athletics Carnival held at Coffs Harbour International Stadium back in Term 2. Well done Emily and Izack!



Under 14 Boys Cricket

Enter Corey Pickett, the young Year 7 boy who batted with conviction beyond his years.

The boys were up against a strong Jetty High side who were booming with confidence from the outset of the game. The boys had the home ground advantage and it paid off early as Xander Pilon took an early wicket. The boys constantly toiled away, but dropped catches cost us dearly. Jetty finished their 40 overs with a competitive total of 6/180. Inderjot was the pick of the bowlers with 2/28 off his 6 overs. The boys then strolled out to the High Street wicket with a big total to chase down. We lost two wickets early and things were looking bleak as a strong bowling line-up tore through the top order. Restoring some order to the innings Corey Pickett batted with maturity and finished with a solid 35. With this foundation it allowed Prabraj Sidhu and Lachlan Rook to guide us to victory with scores of 44 not out and 37 not out respectively. The score finished at 6/190 with 4 overs to spare. Great work boys! Up next we have Orara High and if the boys bat as well as they did it could spell danger for the boys from Orara.

Woolgoolga High School STATIONERY PACK YEAR 7 – 2017

Year 7 Stationery Pack will be available to purchase for \$40.00 from:

- Woolgoolga High School Canteen on Orientation Day only
- Woolgoolga News Agency

Calculators recommended – (Abacus Scientific or CASIO fx-82)

- *Abacus Scientific* are available to purchase from the Woolgoolga High School Canteen on Orientation Day only or Woolgoolga News Agency for \$26.00.
- CASIO fx-82 calculators may also be used.

School Hats (peak or broad brim) are available to purchase from the Woolgoolga High School Canteen for \$15.00.

A5, week to page

Year 7 Stationery Pack

SUBJECT

Diary 2017

Technology	 A4 display book – 4 books required Black, blue & red pens, ruler, eraser, glue stick, scissors, lead pencil, coloured pencils 8GB flash memory stick 	
English	• 192 page A4 Book	
Gumbaynggirr	• 192 page A4 book	
Geography	• 96 page A4 book	
History	• 128 page A4 book	
Mathematics	 192 page grid A4 book Compass, protractor, and ruler (already in stationary pack) Calculator (Not in Stationery Pack - purchased separately) Recommended Calculators Casio fx-82 or Abacus Scientific 	
Music	96 page Music exercise book – theory & staves	
PDHPE	• 96 page A4 book (or next size up)	
Science	192 A4 page exercise book (ruled lines)	

50% clearance sale of limited 2016 book pack stock available from the Front Office on Orientation Day - Tuesday, 6th December only.



ITEMS



Woolgoolga High School

STATIONERY REQUIREMENTS YEARS 8, 9, 10 - 2017

	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Agriculture	64 page A4 exercise book	96 page A4 exercise book	96 page A4 exercise book
Commerce (if running)	128 page A4 book	128 page A4 book	128 page A4 book
Computing Electives	8 GB (or greater) flash memory stick	8 GB (or greater) flash memory stick	8 GB (or greater) flash memory stick
English	240 page exercise book or 192 page A4 book	240 page exercise book or 192 page A4 book	240 page exercise book or 192 page A4 book
Geography	128 page A4 book	128 page A4 book	128 page A4 book
History	128 page A4 book	128 page A4 book	240 page A4 book
Home Economics Electives	A4 display folder with 20 extra plastic sleeves 96 page A4 lined book with margin (not spiral bound) 2 GB flash memory stick	A4 display folder with 20 extra plastic sleeves 96 page A4 lined book with margin (not spiral bound) 2 GB flash memory stick	A4 display folder with 20 extra plastic sleeves 96 page A4 lined book with margin (not spiral bound) 2 GB flash memory stick
Industrial Arts	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised
Maths	Grid book 192 pages or larger Ruler, compass and protractor Calculator – scientific (prefer Casio fx-82 or Abacus)	Grid book 192 pages or larger Ruler, compass and protractor Calculator – scientific (prefer Casio fx-82 or Abacus)	Grid book 192 pages or larger Ruler, compass and protractor Calculator – scientific (prefer Casio fx-82 or Abacus)
Music	64 page exercise book	64 page exercise book A4 display folder	64 page exercise book Display folder
PDHPE	96 page A4 book 4 GB flash memory stick	96 page A4 book 4 GB flash memory stick	96 page A4 book 4 GB flash memory stick
Photography		A4 visual arts diary (white or black pages) 4 GB flash memory stick	A4 visual arts diary (white or black pages) 4 GB USB memory stick
Science	192 A4 page exercise book (ruled lines)	192 A4 page exercise book (ruled lines)	192 A4 page exercise book (ruled lines)
Visual Arts	A4 Visual Arts diary (spiral back) Glue stick 2B pencil 0.4 black felt tip pen	A4 Visual Arts diary (spiral back) Glue stick 2B pencil 0.4 black felt tip pen	A4 Visual Arts diary (spiral back) Glue stick 2B pencil 0.4 black felt tip pen

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2016-2017 BUSH FIRE SEASON

Dear Parent or Carer

I am writing to let you know about arrangements for our school for the current bush fire season.

Our school has been identified as a school at increased risk if a bush fire were to break out on a day when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education has determined that on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place. This is based on information obtained through a bush fire assessment of our school arranged by the Department.

A Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is likely to occur on a very small number of days during the bush fire season, if at all. To ensure that we continue to support student learning on these days, I have put the following arrangements in place:

Should a catastrophic fire rating be put in place information will be placed on our school website at http: <u>www.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au</u> and messages will be broadcast on local radio stations – *Star FM 105.5 Coffs Harbour* and *2CS FM 106.3 Coffs Harbour*.

The school will only receive notification of a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating after school hours the day before the forecast is issued. To assist me in contacting all parents please ensure that you have provided the school with up-to-date home or after hours contact details.

Information for parents and carers provided by the Department about these arrangements is attached. Up to date bush fire information will also be available to you on the Department's bush fire safety website. The link for this site is as follows:

NSW Public Schools Safety website:

http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news-at-det/bushfire-safety

Please contact the school on telephone 02 6654 1500 if you would like any further information about this matter.

Yours sincerely

Guy Wright Principal

Arrangements for the bush fire season

THIS INFORMATION IS ONLY FOR SCHOOLS THAT ARE ON THE BUSH FIRE REGISTER

Information for parents and carers

Updated September 2015

This brochure provides information for parents and carers about arrangements for the bush fire season. **This information is only relevant for schools that are on the bush fire register.**

Introduction

The NSW Department of Education has conducted bush fire assessments for NSW government schools in bush fire prone areas.

These results have been validated by an independent external expert and have been reviewed in consultation with the NSW Rural Fire Service.

A small number of schools have been identified as a school at increased risk if a fire were to break out on a day when a catastrophic fire danger rating is issued for the area that the school is located in. **This includes the school your child attends.**

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the Department has determined that on days when a catastrophic fire danger rating is issued for the area the school is in, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current and alternative learning arrangements will be put in place.

What is a Fire Danger Rating? A fire danger rating is the expected fire danger on a particular day and is determined by considering a combination of factors including air temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and drought. The ratings range from Low – Moderate through High, Very High, Severe, Extreme and Catastrophic.

What is a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating?

A catastrophic rating means that if fires broke out they would be uncontrollable, unpredictable and very fast moving with very aggressive flames extending high above tree tops and buildings.

Education

When will I know if my child's school won't be operating the next day?

The State Emergency Operations Centre (SEOC) notifies the Department at approximately 4:30pm each day when there are catastrophic fire danger ratings predicted for the following day. This means that the school will only receive notification of a catastrophic fire danger rating after school hours the day before the forecast is issued.

Your school will notify you as soon as possible. You will be notified by telephone or other communication, depending on when the school is advised that the catastrophic fire danger rating has been issued. The school will not receive this information until after school has finished on the day before the rating takes effect. The school will contact all parents and carers and, where appropriate, issue advice through local media.

Please provide your current home or after hours contact to your school.

Parents and carers should also watch or listen for local media as information may be provided through these outlets.

What educational arrangements will be in place if the school isn't operating?

Talk to your school about the arrangements that will be put in place in the event of the school temporarily ceasing operations due to a catastrophic fire danger rating being issued. Schools will be undertaking advanced planning to ensure that, if schools do need to cease operations on some days, they will have alternative educational arrangements

in place such as re-locating to another school, where practicable, or providing take home work for students.

Will my child's school be affected by severe or extreme fire danger ratings?

During the bush fire season, including days of severe or extreme fire danger rating, schools will continue to operate as normal unless advised otherwise by emergency services. During the bush fire season schools will be vigilant and monitor local conditions, particularly on days when severe or extreme fire danger ratings are issued.

Plan and prepare

The NSW Rural Fire Service has resources for all residents to plan and prepare for the bush fire season. It is important that you consider the safety of your own home from bushfire. Please find more information and resources at: http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/plan-andprepare. See also the My Fire Plan website for resource.

Further information

We appreciate your cooperation during the bush fire season. For further information about fire danger ratings and the bush fire season, please refer to the NSW Rural Fire Service website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au

The Department's School Safety website has also been established to provide up to date information during bush fires and other situations such as floods or storms.



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Get Your running gear on and come up and participate in the Dorrigo Show Fun Run on Sunday 27 November, 2016.

With 1.5km, 6.5km and 13km distances, the whole family can join in. The Course is a picturesque meander through the hills of Dorrigo. Beginning at the North Dorrigo Store at 8:00am and finishing at the Dorrigo Showground.

Registration is on the morning and includes a bus from Dorrigo Showground leaving at 7:00am and 7:30am and entry to the show. Cost \$12 Adults, \$8 Juniors

For more information contact: Grace Jones, Reception, Barwick Stevens Lawyers Dorrigo P 02 6657 2113 / E lawyers@bsldorrigo.com.au



YES I CAN SAY NO : ASSERTIVENESS WORKSHOP

2 consecutive weeks—Tuesdays 22nd, 29th November—9.30am—12.30pm

CRANES Pullen Centre, 3-7 Prince Street Grafton

This workshop helps parents to understand and develop assertiveness. Learn techniques to assist in positive and assertive communication and discover the benefits of establishing effective boundaries.

The Family Relationship Skills Program (FRSP) is funded by the Federal Government and aims to reduce the levels of stress experienced within families.

At No Cost to You!

Our courses are available **free of charge** to families in the Clarence, Bellingen, and Nambucca Valleys and Coffs Harbour area with no referral necessary.

Free childcare available for most courses

Contact FRSP at CRANES: 6642 7257 Bookings are essential

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MENTAL HEALTH

We have some new and wonderful wellbeing resources located near the entry in the library. Topics include:

- What is Mental Health
- Psychosis
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Eating disorders
- Grief
- Self harm
- How Headspace can help

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.





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Parent Online Payment (pop)

Now Available At Woolgoolga High School

A secure Westpac banking facility has now been added to the Woolgoolga High School website to allow parents/carers to make online Visa or Mastercard credit or debit card payments for things like voluntary school contributions, excursions, sporting activities or sales to students.

Look for the \$ Make a Payment button next to Contact Us at the top of our homepage.

For those experienced in paying online, the process will be familiar. Detailed instructions are available by opening the *Parent Online Payment Instructions* on the *Information* tab on our website.

We hope that you will find this payment option convenient. Payments can still be made at the Woolgoolga High School Office by cash, cheque or EFTPOS before school and during break 1.

http://www.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/

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.



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Woolgoolga High School Silver Awards are generously sponsored by:

Years 7, 8, 9 receive vouchers from

McDonalds Restaurants Pacific Highway Coffs Harbour



Years 10, 11, 12 receive vouchers from

Riptide Pizzeria Fawcett Street Woolgoolga Phone: 6654 8989

Woolgoolga Pizza Place **Beach Street Woolgoolga** Phone: 6654 2744



