# Woolgoolga High School

## Newsletter

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## **Regional Athletics**

Congratulations to all Woolgoolga High School students who competed at the North Coast Regional Athletics Carnival. Kingscliff High won the carnival with Woolgoolga High coming in second.

Thirteen Woolgoolga High School students have qualified for the NSW CHS State Athletics Carnival at Homebush in Sydney. Students and the events they are qualified in are listed on page 8 of this newsletter.

Sadly, three Year 12 students have competed at their final North Coast Regional Athletics carnival. Emily Nudd, Gemma Hutchinson and Jonathon Gusman have represented Woolgoolga High School and Mid North Coast Zone in Cross Country and Athletics with distinction for the past 6 years. Good luck in your future sporting endeavours.



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### From the Principal's Desk

Congratulations to the 13 students who have qualified for the CHS State Athletics Carnival!

I am once again looking forward to this year's Concert of Excellence on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm. The showcasing of our outstanding performance talent in our school always makes this night one to remember.

Thank you once again to Woolgoolga Rotary for the ongoing support of our youth driver awareness program, RYDA. The community involvement in our school's program in preparing our youth for a positive and safe future is appreciated by the school and students.

Riley Saban and his Boccia team travelled to Sydney and achieved a wonderful 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the state wide event held at Sydney Olympic Park. Riley presented myself his Bronze medal so we can showcase it at the front of the school (pictured below). Riley's presentation on assembly was a show stopper, we are so lucky to have such fine students at our school. Well done also to his team members Ciarnah Robertson, Aaron Ballangarry and Kayne Woodbury.



The Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME) Program is about developing leadership in our indigenous students. It should be noted that all ten of our students stood tall and delivered their individual speeches in front of a large crowd. I have been told that only one other student from another school delivered their speech in this form. AIME provides a positive outlook and develops leadership skills for our students. Well done to all and indeed our staff who continually support our students.

Congratulations to Thia Gravino and Ryley Smidt who competed in the NSW CHS Gymnastics Championships at Newcastle and Charlie Worsnop who was selected in the Lawn Bowls North Coast Boys Open CHS Championship.

Our Academic Achievement Centre is expanding. Many students are achieving excellent results in classroom assessments and tests from this extra tuition.

HSC practical marking will occur in our school this week with Drama and Industrial Technology on Wednesday. Also Year 10 will be undertaking the Science VALID testing on Monday and Wednesday. Good luck to all students.

Until next time Guy Wright Principal

IMPORTANT	COMING EVENTS
Mon Aug 29	Year 10 VALID
Tue Aug 30	Concert of Excellence
Wed Aug 31	Year 10 VALID
Wed Sept 7	CHS State Athletics Carnival
Tue Sept 13	Year 12 Getting Out There Day
Thur Sept 22	Year 11 Reward Excursion
Fri Sept 23	Year 12 Graduation Assembly
Fri Sept 23	Last day Term 3
Mon Oct 10	Term 4—all students and staff

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

Woolgoolga High School Presents

### The Concert of Excellence

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 7.00pm in the hall

\$7.00 adult/\$4.00 concession sold at the door

Canteen will be open for interval

This concert is the last big Performing Arts event for the year, showcasing HSC Music, Dance and Drama



students performing their works just prior to their exams. Other musicians, dancers and funny drama acts will also be presented to give up a great night of entertainment. Bring your family and

friends to see how fantastically talented Woolgoolga students are!



### **UNIFORM SHOP**

# 20% Off Sale



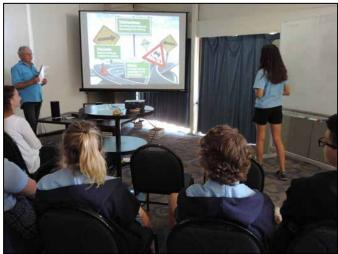
# ALL ITEMS EXCEPT BLAZERS AND SPECIAL ORDERS

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September Fri 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Available during normal shop hours ONLY 8.30am - 11.30am Wednesdays & Fridays

The program includes real examples of tragic consequences when young people don't make the right choices when getting into a vehicle, including meeting a very brave victim of an accident who has had their life changed forever.







David Fayle and your team for another highly successful RYDA. It was a credit to all of you hat the students were so well engaged for the whole day.

## **RYDA**

# (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) 18 AUGUST

It was the biggest RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) day yet, with 106 students, easily a record. With exemplary behaviour from all students, it was a very successful day. Notably, we had 3 students from Southern Cross School Distance Education, joining our RYDA for the first time; thank you to teacher Melissa Watson. Woolgoolga High has again demonstrated its commitment to the safety of students and the broader school community with special thanks to Megan Hart, Ian Cook, Elizabeth Hart and Julie-Anne Chivers who along with 6 group leaders were involved in the coordination of the program.

We are indebted to facilitators: Senior Constable Bernadette Snow of the NSW Police; Jason Newcombe; Danielle Canakis; driver Greg Johanson, of Coffs Harbour Auto Electrical; Stopping Distances Facilitator Sue Ridden from Aware Driver Training; Phil Hannaford from Hannafords Driving Academy; and courageous crash survivor Les Burrell, together with Carol Fear from North Coast Brain Injury Rehabilitation Services.





# 2016 Boccia School Knockout Competition

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August Ciarnah Robertson, Kayne Woodbury, Riley Saban and Aaron Ballangarry represented Woolgoolga High School in the 2016 Boccia School Knockout Competition Finals Day.

The event was held at Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre and was a 4 round knockout competition between 14 NSW state primary and high schools.

The WHS Boccia team had previously competed in the NSW Public Schools Boccia knockout competition held in May at Coffs Harbour Primary School. The team were successful in winning this competition, and by doing so, secured their place in the state finals. 70 school teams from throughout NSW competed to reach this level, but only 14 made the grade for finals day.

On Wednesday, team captain Riley Saban, advised his team members towards some carefully considered tactical plays. Experienced players Aaron Ballangarry and Kayne Woodbury placed many spectacular shots close to the jack, and newcomer to the team and first time player Ciarnah Robertson, delivered some excellent throws that assisted in moving the team through to the final 4<sup>th</sup> round.

The 4<sup>th</sup> round final game had WHS play the highly experienced Newcastle High School

team in a nail biting round that saw WHS defeat Newcastle 4-1 to take the Bronze medal.

What a great day we had, congratulations team, not only on your Bronze medal win, but also for the sportsmanship and support you showed to all players competing on the day. Each and every one of you are a credit to Woolgoolga High.

I'd also like to say thank you to the wonderful support team that accompanied us to Sydney. Blake Cusack, Donna Klauss, Casey and Clint Saban, all helped make the trip not only successful, but truly memorable.

Get ready team Woolgoolga, with training and commitment, next year we will take that big step closer to Gold.

Jo Rees Learning and Support Teacher



### **A Whole Bunch of Fun**

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 40 students from Woolgoolga High School descended upon the Big Banana as part of a reward excursion for students achieving high results on the merit system. The students' behaviour was exemplary and a good day was had by all.

Students got a full range of experiences including mini-golf, world of bananas tour, toboggan rides, laser tag, ice skating, candy shop and café. Connor and Mark even made the time to visit the cheese making workshop and found out the best cheese to have on a toasty.

The rain fortunately held off during the outdoor activities; some fast times were set on the toboggan and plenty of holes-in-one achieved at mini golf. Students were finding their feet and also carving around the rink during ice skating. Laser tag is always a hit with plenty of targets and points being scored.

The excursion was also an opportunity for Year 11 Physics to explore concepts of wave properties, kinematics and dynamics of motion. The toboggan provided opportunities for discussion of distance, displacement, speed, velocity, gravity, friction and acceleration. The physics students implemented their knowledge of reflection, refraction and intensity to win the laser tag battle. Ice skating was a great venue for analysing Newton's laws of motion during laps around the rink.

Overall a whole bunch of fun for all!









Last Tuesday Year 10 Indigenous students gave some awe-inspiring speeches at the 4<sup>th</sup> AIME session of the year.

It was a very moving day for all students and staff in attendance. After watching prominent world leaders deliver speeches the group was asked to write speeches and the entire cohort of Woolgoolga High students bravely presented their speeches to students, staff and AIME mentors on the day.



# **Regional Athletics**

		Events qualified for NSW CHS State Athlet-
Name	Age	ics carnival
Jasmyn Hoppe	12G	800m
Jesse Beresford	13G	High Jump
Jade Tapfield	14G	Discus, Javelin
Berach Desalegn Bekele	16G	16G Relay, 100m, 400m, 100m hurdles
Elissa Gillespie	16G	16G Relay
Abby Nudd	16G	16G Relay
Tanisha Wallace	16G	16G Relay
Gemma Hutchinson	17G	2000m Steeplechase
Taylar Briley	16G AWD	200m, Javelin, Shot Put, Long Jump
Kyle Wallace	13B	100m, 200m
Jayden Amos	15B	400m, 800m
Isaiah Koopmans	17B	1500m, 3000m, 2000m Steeplechase
Jonathon Gusman	17B	800m, 1500m



Jayden Amos, Jonathon Gusman, Isaiah Koopmans, Izack Smidt—17+ Boys Relay Team



Kyle Wallace—Longj ump

Emanuel Sutton, Fynn Robins, Kyle Wallace, Samuel Hodgson—13 Boys Relay Team













Pictured clockwise:
Jayden Amos (800m);
Jesse Beresford (high
jump); Jasmin Hoppe
(800m); Tanisha
Wallace, Abby Nudd,
Elissa Gillespie, Berach
Desalegn Bekele (16
Girls Relay Team);
Isaiah Koopmans and
Jonathon Gusman
(1500m); Berach
Desalegn Bekele
(400m); Peter Cohen
(3000m)





Thia is pictured with her North Coast team mates.

### **State Gymnastics**

Congratulations to **Thia Gravino** in Year 7 and **Ryley Smidt** in Year 8 who competed at NSW CHS State Gymnastics Championship a few weeks ago in Glendale, Newcastle. Both students were in highly contested divisions and competed really well.

**Ryley** came second overall in Division 5 boys and is pictured with his six state medals in the following events: Gold in High Bars, Silver in Vault, Parallel Bars and Rings and Bronze in Pommel Horse and Floor.





### **Lawn Bowls**

Congratulations to **Charlie Worsnip** of Year 10 who was selected in the North Coast Boys Open Lawn Bowls team. He competed at the NSW CHS State Lawn Bowls Championship last week at Wallsend. Charlie's

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



### PDHPE Faculty Latest Happenings

Year 10 have been participating in a practical unit experiencing games and activities for specific groups such as young children, the aged and various disabilities such as the vision impaired and amputees.



PASS (Physical Activities and Sports Studies) students in Year 10 have begun a unit on Lawn Bowls which has been kindly supported by Woolgoolga Bowling Club. Thank you to Nev Walmsley and his helpers.

Parents of PE Elective - PASS students. Please pay your \$40 fees for this subject to enable your child to participate in the 'fee paying 'units.

**Virtual Parenting** 

Maybe Baby, our virtual parenting program will run again this year for all Year 9 students during term 4. Please consider this most valuable program for your son/daughter and discuss their participation in the program with them.

Year 7 sport groups begin their Netball unit this week. Thanks to Woolgoolga Netball Club for their support and also those parents and carers who have paid their child's sport levy of \$50 to assist this valuable sport program to run effectively.



Any students who have not made a payment by week 6 sport class will need to stay at school and join a senior class instead of participating in sport as all sport teachers will be going to the Netball courts. If you haven't received a permission note, please contact the PE staff. A reminder to all year 10 students that your yearly Science Examination will be the VALID 10 online test. You will be sitting this on Monday 29th August or Wednesday 31st August. Practice questions and revision material are available on the Year 10 Science section of the WHS Moodle site.



Competition

Attention all creative students! Entries for the Woolgoolga High School Art Smart Competition are now open. Categories include sculpture, painting, drawing and photography. There are great prizes to be won and your work will be displayed in the art block. Please come to the art department for further information and entry forms.



# "Reading is like dreaming with your eyes open"

Unlock the home grown treasures of Australian Literature with this year's National Book Week theme,

'Australia Story Country'!

Book Week runs from the 20-26 August and is a great chance for students to celebrate all things literal.

# USI (Unique Student Identifier) and Tax File numbers

If you are going to be applying for a job, going to university or completing some training it is essential you have a tax file number and a USI.

Please go to the ATO website for information on getting a tax file number. This takes a bit of organisation.

To get a USI (which all of year 10 must have on their career plans) please go to https://www.usi.gov.au/

Medicare card/drivers licence is required and it only takes a few minutes.

# Junior Academic Achievement Centre expands to include all years

We are delighted to announce that teachers volunteered their time to run two sessions last term for the Junior Academic Achievement Centre. The service initially catered for Year 7 and Year 10 students and has been expanded to include Year 8 and 9 students this term. Academic growth has been outstanding for students who have attended this service and we encourage students of all ability levels to attend. Due to timetable constraints, these sessions must occur outside normal school hours. The sessions occur on Tuesday mornings from 8am until roll call at 8.55am, and on Thursday afternoons from 3.15pm-4.30pm. Transport will need to be arranged by parents to and from the school for their child to participate in the program. If you wish your child to participate in the before and/or after school study program, students can collect a permission note from the school office or library.





FAMILY, FUN AND FITNESS.

Come and join the fun at Little Athletics.

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Little
Athletics
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Registration and sign up days are on Wednesday 21st & Saturday 24th September, 2016

Unique Australian sport based on track and field athletics for kids of all abilities aged 5-16 years. A great way to stay fit and be healthy. Family focused – a great opportunity for parents to get involved and have fun with the kids.

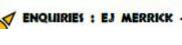
Venue: Woolgoolga sports ground (Near the High School)

Register online at www.lansw.com.au.
For more information, checkout our Woolgoolga Athletics Facebook page or contact Jasmine on 0419 601 794.









AND FRIENDSHIP



ENQUIRIES: EJ MERRICK - 0410 505 178

### ARE DRUGS AN UNWANTED LODGER IN YOUR



#### FAMILY?



#### AFFECTS EVERYONE NOT JUST THE PERSON USING IT!

Ready Mob will be running 5 workshops across 5 locations, for Aboriginal families, partners and friends about supporting a loved one using ICE.

Please register with Lauren as places are limited

#### **Coffs Harbour Community Village:**

4pm - 8pm, Thursday 25th August 2016 191 Harbour Dr, Coffs Harbour

#### Woolgoolga Community Centre:

10am - 2pm, Friday 26th August 2016 35 Beach Street, Woolgoolga

> Lunch/Dinner and light refreshments will be provided at all workshops

#### For more information and registration:

Contact Lauren Dootson

At Galambila Aboriginal Health Service

Phone 66520 800 or Email laulauren.dootson@galambila.org.au



# NORTHERN DISTRICT REBELS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB PLAYER REGISTRATION DAYS

SATURDAY 3rd......SUNDAY 11th......SATURDAY 17th SEPTEMBER

9am to 12 noon: Centennial Reserve Woolgoolga

10...12...14....16 boys/girls

Further information contact: 0417274130 Peter Holmes......President or visit our Facebook page.

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Phone: 6654 2744



# 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.