

Woolgoolga High School

Newsletter

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World Teachers' Day Awards



I would like to congratulate our outstanding teachers Ian Cook and Fiona Fluechter who were recognised for their excellence in teaching by receiving an Australian College of Educators World Teachers' Day Award. The Awards Ceremony recognised 48 quality teachers from pre schools, primary schools, high schools, TAFE colleges, and universities on the Far North Coast from both the public and private sector. The Australian College of Educators is a body that represents the entire teaching profession and is an important voice in national debates about education. Well done Fiona and Ian!

Read Ian and Fiona's citations on page 13.

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From the Principal's Desk

Teachers have had a significant input on each student's work in design and creativity. Congratulations to the fantastic partnerships that continue to develop between staff and students.

The Creative Expo once again highlighted some of the best work produced across the school during the 2017 year with an outstanding quality of works and performances showcased. The artwork, photography, multimedia, music, drama, dance, woodwork, metalwork, hospitality and textiles were all of an exceptionally high standard. There was overwhelming support from students, parents and staff who attended the evening and every person I spoke to was amazed by what students at our school can produce. We always must note that each of their teachers have had a significant input on each student's work in design and creativity. Congratulations to the fantastic partnerships that continue to develop between staff and students. Well done to all concerned.

The Year 12 Formal was held at Pacific Bay Resort last Thursday night. What an exceptional night for our Class of 2017. A big thank you must go to the Year Advisor, Simon Radford and also Claire O'Halloran for the superb organisation. Always be proud you were a 2017 Year 12 graduate of Woolgoolga High School and best of luck in the years to come. Photographs will be included in the next newsletter.

Students attended two leadership conferences over the past few weeks, the GRIP Leadership Conference (Coffs Harbour) and the Halogen Youth Leadership Conference (Brisbane). It is very important for a quality school to create future leaders, both in the later years of schooling but also for the future development of Australia. Leadership development remains a high priority at Woolgoolga High School and more opportunities will occur early next year.

Mr Pursch is excited to announce that there will be a Year 10 excursion to the snow next year. I suggest that students may like to start saving. One suggestion is that students are given money towards such excursions as Christmas/birthday presents which may help them achieve their goal to go on the snow excursion.

I had the pleasure last week to listen to Sherydan Simson speak at the Coffs Harbour Zonta Club. She represented herself and her school in a very positive manner. What a great speech! Well done Sherydan.

A reminder that the Year 6-7 Orientation Day is to be held on December 5. Our Annual School Assembly will occur on Wednesday 13 December from 9.15 where I hope to see many of our parents and community members.



Until next time
Guy Wright
Principal

IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS

Mon 27 Nov	SRC Announced
Mon 27 Nov - Fri 8 Dec	Year 10 Work Experience
Tue 5 Dec	Year 7 2018 Orientation Day
Tue 5 Dec	Year Excursion Grafton River
Thur 7 Dec - Fri 8 Dec	Year 7 Camp
Wed 13 Dec	Presentation Assembly
Fri 15 Dec	Last day for students

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

**Next meeting:
12th December**

Reminder Year 10**Compulsory work experience****Monday 27 November to Friday 8 December**

All Year 10 students are expected to return
their forms promptly to Mr Burton in Careers.

A reminder to parents to notify the school

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child's health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes, and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child's health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter's health needs or as otherwise required by law.

**Change of Details**

If you have not informed the school of your living circumstances or any other details that have changed could you please notify the Front Office ASAP. It is vital the school has up to date records should you need to be contacted in case of an emergency.

Form is available from the front office or can be downloaded from the school website:

http://www.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/documents/21717034/21724205/change_of_details_annual.pdf

GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On Wednesday the 8th of November six representatives from our Student Representative Council attended a GRIP Leadership Conference at the Coffs Harbour C.EX Club. It was a whole day event with seminars that gave the students valuable insight into ways that can help them be effective leaders in our school community. They were introduced to a multiple amount of fundraising ideas and effective strategies that other schools have employed to increase engagement in school activities. The students also got the opportunity to interact with students from other schools. They participated in seminars on improving school pride, making the SRC more effective and managing time. The students were very positive throughout the conference and engaged with the content. They have already come back to the school and are looking for ways to incorporate their ideas into making our school fun and engaging for all involved. The students who participated deserve to be commended on their impeccable behaviour and I know they will incorporate some of these ideas into our school.



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.



Pictured: Swe Aung, Alex Rook, Komalpreet Kaur, Mr Ethan Hourigan, Sarah Goodman, Laurie Doolan, Sophy Simson

YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELD STUDY



Over the last few weeks, Year 10 Geography went to Woolgoolga Beach to complete a field study as a compulsory component of their Geography Syllabus. The purpose of their study was to *investigate the health of Woolgoolga Beach and Sand Dunes* through the completion of primary research activities including field measurements, sketches, visual observations, photographic comparisons and notetaking. This is then supplemented with secondary sources back in the classroom such as newspaper articles, graphs and historical documents. The result is the submission of an extensive report identifying the issues, aims and methods of the fieldwork, organises and processes the data collected and evaluates the effectiveness of the field work.



This part of the Year 10 Geography course is always a highlight of the year. Many students start to see their local area in a different light when studying contemporary geographical issues such as these, how can they contribute to and influence them.

Mr Wilkie, Mrs Glover, Ms Hyder



Registration forms can be collected from outside the Maths Staffroom and payment of \$20 should be made at the Office then return form to Mr Feeney. Please write receipt number on the registration form.

<http://mathsonline.com.au/?gclid=Ci2HromywsMCFQYGvAodUGgAqA>

CREATIVE EXPO 2017



The variety of Music, Drama and Dance performances on the night were fantastic. It is with such pride we have the opportunity to show our school community the wide and varied talents our junior and senior student body possess.

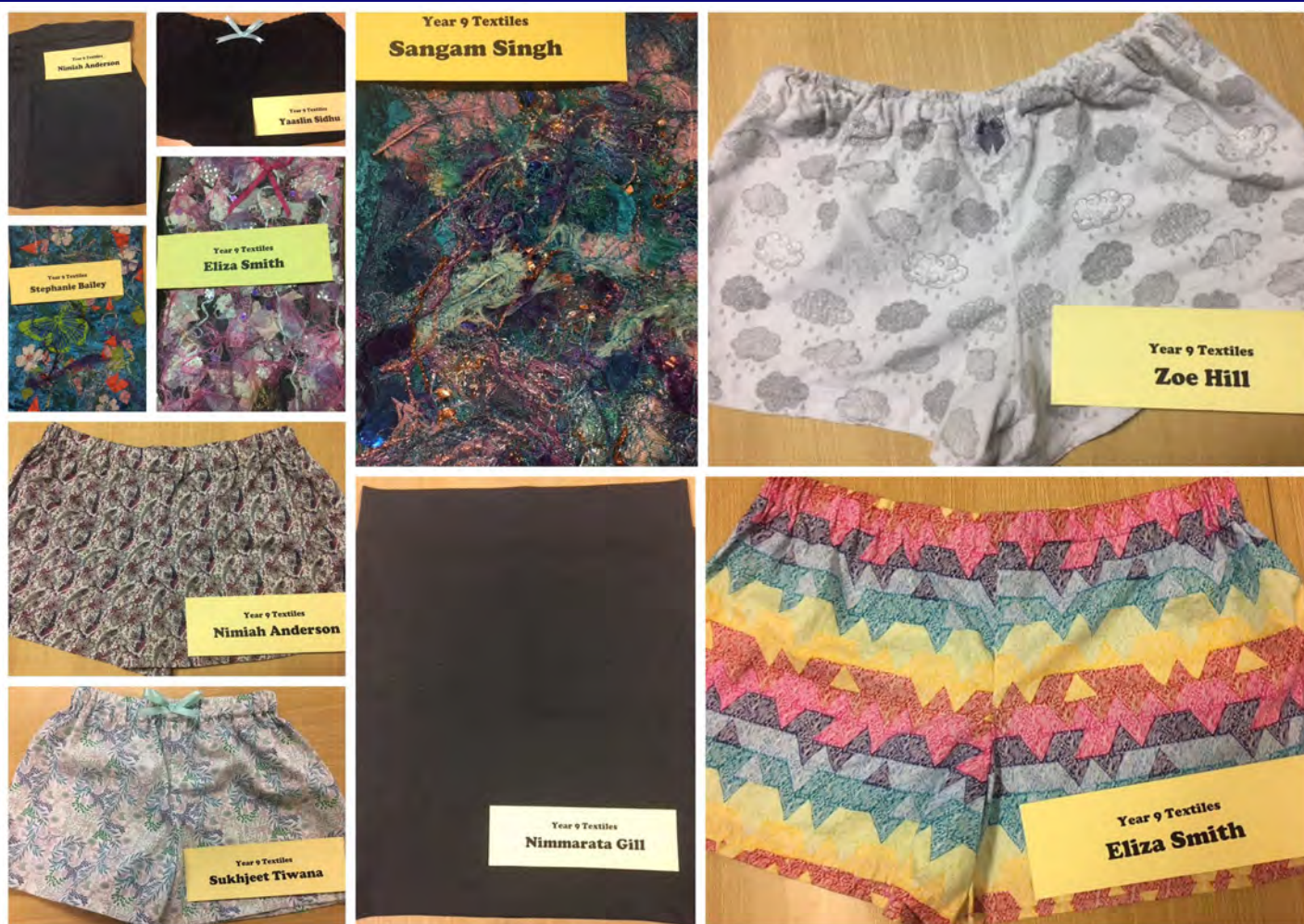
Hospitality students and staff kept us refreshed with coffee and drinks which was very much appreciated, while our newest Year 12 students offered a BBQ for those who were peckish.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, parents and students who made the evening such a huge success and congratulate our leaving Year 12 students on all their wonderful projects and performances.

Mrs Jacqui Harrison
Creative Expo Organiser
Head Teacher CAPA







Year 9 Textiles students have completed many projects to a very high standard and deserve to be congratulated on their creativity and attention to detail.



Year 7 Design projects are nearly complete. Students decorated and constructed their own set of three juggling balls each. Fantastic results Year 7! Pictured are Jake Maric and Caitlin Casey's work.



DISTRICT 24

Sherydan Simson of Year 11/12 2018 spoke beautifully at the Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Dinner last night. Eight students from local High Schools were asked to respond to the question "Who would you invite to dinner and why?" Sheridan spoke about Turia Pitt and her quest to educate women about inner beauty, strength and what makes a "good selfie". She also spoke about Turia's humanitarian efforts and dedication to helping others. All candidates were inspiring, and Sherydan, whilst unsuccessful in winning the evening, is certainly a winner in my opinion and should be congratulated!



December 2017

Tuesday 5th December Orientation Day 8:00AM—4:00PM

January 2018

Monday 22nd January 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Tuesday 23rd January 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Wednesday 24th January 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Monday 29th January 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Tuesday 30th January 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Wednesday 31st January 8:30AM - 11:30AM

February 2018

Thursday 1st February 8:30AM - 11:30AM

Friday 2nd February 8:30AM—11.30AM

THEN - EVERY WEDNESDAY: 8:30am - 11:30am FRIDAY: 8:30am - 11:30am



OPEN BOYS' CRICKET

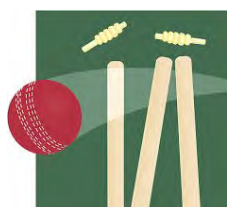
ROUND 3

WOOPI V BELLO

The boys made the long trek down the Pacific Highway to bucolic Bellingen. The Bello boys had been a formidable force in the stratosphere of the state knockout. They had confidently knocked off the impressive Dorrigo outfit and then made light work of the Jetty outfit. But little did they know they were about to face an outfit that had defied the odds on countless times in the Woopi High boys. These boys have brushed aside Orara, showed Grafton how the glorious life on the coast heavily outweighs the mugginess of Grafton.

Sevak Clair stepped up to the plate and won the toss and sent the Bello boys into the field in what was steamy conditions. Clair then strode to the crease with Humraj Singh and before they knew it, had put 50 on the board without loss. Sevak then departed for a solid 21. Humraj quickly progressed to 32 before failing. Once again our Vice-Captain Addisen Mallett stepped up and put away 54 runs with a mix of brute force and elegant touch. The lower order continued the hurt through Kartar Singh's 26. The boys were all out for 237 in the 38th over. The Bello boys were beaten, bruised and bellowing in pain after chasing leather to all parts of the field. From the get go they were on the back foot. Tight opening spells by Humraj and Inderjot meant that wickets steadily fell and the Bello team never stood a chance. James O'Connor finished with 3 wickets. But as a unit they stuck to their game plan and eventually rolled the Bellingen side for a miserly 94. Another dominant performance by the Woopi boys which now sees them into the Regional Semi-Finals against Camden Haven High School. Well done lads.

Ethan Hourigan



Under 15 Netball



Massive congratulations to the U15 Netball team who were successful in winning the first two North Coast CHS knockout rounds at Woolgoolga on Friday 10th October. The first round against Orara High School gave the girls the opportunity to warm-up and practice their combinations needed to win 25-21. The next game against Grafton High School was very close 20-22, won again by great team positioning and sheer determination after falling behind in the second quarter. The final was played against a very strong, and much bigger, Toormina High School going down 13-22. Stars of the court were Dayna Moss with invaluable game experience; Tayla Murphy, Macey Gardner and Alina Sturch worked super hard in the midcourt; Ella Wilson, Paris Kelsell and newcomer, Ashman Chaudhry proved their worth with some great intercepts in the circle; Riya Bhorla and Helena Oates-Herrera made a great shooting team; as always Talisha Harboe was a great asset in both defence and attack. Special mention to Pavan Singh for umpiring and Abby Nudd as our positional coach. I am very proud of the girl's sportsmanship and team effort displayed on the day and the tired smiles at the end said it all.

NORTH COAST COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS SURF LIFESAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS



On Wednesday 1st November, a healthy sized team of 16 surf sports competitors travelled to Bonny Hills, just south of Port Macquarie, to compete in the North Coast Combined High Schools Surf Lifesaving Championships. Despite the inclement conditions that included a cold southerly, big, messy surf, icy cold water and strong currents, most students braved the adverse conditions and competed with the Woopi spirit we all know and admire. The day consisted of 4 water events: surf swim, board race and iron person and the Cameron Relay as well as 3 beach events sprint, flags and relays. Pleasingly we returned with two age champions: Ethan Streigher 15 year boys and Grant Cook 16 year boys, with Woolgoolga High School coming 2nd to Camden Haven (the *home school*) in overall point score. Thanks to Ms Hyder, Ms Bear and Lani Goodman providing valuable water safety and the Woolgoolga Surf Lifesaving Club for the board loan and bus to make this opportunity available for us.

Team list below:

Tim Della, Grant Cook, Taylar Briley, Ethan Striegher, Jaimon Cowling, Liam Bartlett, Peter Cohen, Sam Hodgson, Caitlin Turnbull, Jake Jarman, Sophie Bartlett, Damon Striegher, Mitchell Della

Caitlin Turnbull Year 9



2018 SPORT CARNIVAL DATES

SPORT	DATE	CARNIVAL	VENUE	TERM
SWIMMING	Wed 7 Feb	WHS Swimming Carnival – Whole School	Woolgoolga Pool	1
	Wed 14 Feb	WHS Swimming Carnival – Competitors		
	Fri 2 March	MNC Zone Swimming Carnival	Coffs Harbour Pool	1
	Tue 6 March	NC Regional Swimming Carnival	Murwillumbah	1
	Sun 8 Apr to Tue 10 Apr	NSW CHS State Swimming	Olympic Aquatic Centre Homebush	1
CROSS COUNTRY	Fri 13 April	School Cross Country	Woolgoolga	1
	TBA	MNC Zone Cross Country	TBA	2
	Fri 15 June	NC Regional Cross Country	Nana Glen	2
	Fri 27 July	NSW State Cross Country	Eastern Creek	3
ATHLETICS	Wed 9 May	School Athletics Carnival - Day 1	Woolgoolga Sports Ground	2
	Fri 11 May	School Athletics Carnival - Day 2		
	TBA	MNC Zone Athletics Carnival	Coffs Harbour International Stadium	2
	Thur 9 Aug	NC Regional Athletics Carnival	Nambucca	3
	Wed 5 Sept to Fri 7 Sept	CHS State Athletics Carnival	Homebush	3

PLEASE NOTE: DATES AND VENUES ARE CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING BUT ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK CLOSER TO EVENT.

Benefits of Team Sports—at a glance

If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer.

- Team sports provide kids with important lessons on personal values.
- Children who play team sports are less likely to feel isolated.
- Team sports can encourage parents to become active with their kids.
- Team sports help kids deal with winning and losing.
- Team sports can help kids overcome shyness.

Read it here:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports>





World Teachers' Day Awards

Ian Cook

Ian is a consummate professional who is at the hub of student wellbeing. Ian's extensive insight and experience have been integral in developing innovative and pivotal educational practices and programs at Woolgoolga High School. Woolgoolga High School's nationally recognised SMILE (wellbeing program), Distant Education Model and daily Peer Reading Program are testament to the leadership and dedication that Ian contributes to the Woolgoolga High School community. These innovative models are recognised throughout other schools across the state; many implementing successful programs in their educational settings.

Student wellbeing, whether as a school or as an individual, is central to all of Ian's decisions and he has changed thousands of students' lives. His compassion, his ability to problem solve and his skills as an educator are exemplary and Woolgoolga High School is richer for his daily influence and commitment to ensuring positive educational outcomes for all students.

Ian is a worthy recipient of recognition on World Teachers' Day.

Fiona Fluechter

Fiona is an outstanding and dedicated educator. Her commitment to her students goes above and beyond normal parameters and she often volunteers her personal time including holidays and weekends to assist students achieve their full potential. Fiona demonstrates a fierce determination to ensure her students are confidently prepared for their examinations and for them to achieve their maximum HSC results. Last year Fiona's dedication and support of her students was rewarded with two students in her Textiles HSC course achieving marks of 98% and 96% respectively.

Fiona is the ultimate professional who leads by example, inspiring colleagues and students. Her love of and commitment to lifelong learning and excellence in her profession are modelled on a daily basis throughout her teaching.

Fiona is a worthy recipient of recognition on World Teacher's Day.

Community Notices



How to Talk so Teens will Listen

Improving communication with teens.

A half-day workshop for parents and carers of adolescents 12 to 18

When: 5 December 2017

Where: Boambee East community Centre, Bruce King Drive.

Time: 1.00pm to 3.30pm

Contact: CRANES Family Relationship Services 02 6642 7257



**Woolgoolga
Rotary Club**

MONSTER AUCTION

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga holds their monster auction on the first Saturday of every month (except January). A significant portion of the funds raised goes to supporting programs for local school students.

Head down to the Rotary compound and shed behind the Woolgoolga CWA building, beside the Diggers RSL club, and check out the bargains available.

Smaller items will be on sale from 10am, with the larger items to be auctioned off at 1pm.

A big thank you to each of the members of our community who have donated goods. If you have items for pickup, call Dick Matthews on 6654 1828.

For further information visit <http://woolgoolgarotaryclub.org.au/>

Homestay Hosts Wanted

We are looking for caring families and individuals to provide a wonderful home away from home for international students attending Woolgoolga High School.

Must be able to provide meals and a Working With Children Check.

Hosts receive \$285 per week for a single room. Short (1 term) to long (4 terms) stays are available.

Apply online at www.staydownunder.com.au

For further information contact Stay DownUnder on (02) 8901 4499

Or school co-ordinator Ms Genette Maniatis (02 6654 1500)



**Opening Hours****Monday to Saturday****7.30 to 9.30am - 4.00 to 6.00pm****Sunday - 4.00 to 6.00pm****Other Times By Appointment.***Phone Heather & Max on...***0429 661 953**www.purrrfectcoffscats.com.au**17 Lake Russell Drive
Emerald Beach****The Education
Centre****After
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Woolgoolga***All ages, All abilities, All subjects**Qualified Teachers**Individual or small group***2/7-9 Market St, Woolgoolga****Phone: 6654 8397W or 66522222CH****PAID ADVERTISING*****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 66542744**

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.

