
Woolgoolga High School

Newsletter

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*Wishing everyone
a happy and safe
holiday season*



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From the Principal's Desk

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Our HSC results just keep getting better!

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Congratulations to Marc Byrnes who scored a Band 6 in Retail Services and was placed 2nd in the state in that subject. Well done also to teacher Melissa Donnelly.

A significant milestone in Aboriginal Education occurred at our school this year with the first Aboriginal person in NSW, Isabella Lovelock, completing the Aboriginal Languages program in the HSC. Well done and congratulations to teacher Larry Hancock with recognition that our Aboriginal Community provided significant support to our languages program. Thank you!

As included in last fortnight's newsletter congratulations needs to go to Ashley Wake and Jasmine Hovermann for having their major textiles projects (two beautiful dresses) chosen from across the state to be showcased in March at the Rosehill Racecourse. Similarly, last night I received confirmation that Alec Oates Herrera's major Industrial Technology project was selected as part of the INTEC – Best HSC Major Works in Industrial Technology – to be showcased at the Homebush Showground from Tuesday 22nd to Thursday 24th February then at the Powerhouse Museum on 26th February till 1st May.

Unbelievable results!

Congratulations to all of our students on an outstanding HSC.

It is always fantastic to fill the hall with our high achieving students, parents and dignitaries (sponsors listed on page 3). Congratulations to all award recipients at our Annual Presentation Assembly held on Wednesday.

What a great year we'll have in 2018!

Until next time
Guy Wright
Principal

I hope all in the school community have a happy and safe holiday. School returns for staff on Monday 29th January, Years 7, 11 and 12 on Tuesday 30th January and Years 8, 9, and 10 on Wednesday 31st January.

Pictured below recipients of the Mathematical Excellence Medallion and Individual School Blue (in their chosen Sport) Award at the Annual Presentation Assembly.



IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS

Fri 15 Dec	Last day for students
Wed 20 Dec - Fri 26 Jan	School Holidays
2018 Mon 29 Jan	Staff Development Day
Tue 30 Jan	Years 7, 11 & 12
Wed 31 Jan	All years

**The Staff and Students of
Woolgoolga High School
Thank Our Sponsors
for their Support of our
Annual Presentation Assembly**

Australian Defence Force - Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Awards Australian Federal, Member for Page - Mr Kevin Hogan MP, Australian Olympic Committee, Banana Coast Credit Union, Caltex Australia, Coastal Wardrobes Coffs Harbour, Coffs Harbour City Council, Coffs Harbour Legacy Welfare Fund, Country Women's Association, Mrs Kylie David, Forest Coach Lines, Ms Gwen Landenberger, Mid Coast Connect, Dr Celia Nolan, Norco Foods, Quota International of Coffs Harbour, Mrs Helen Rook, Returned and Services League of Australia - Woolgoolga Sub Branch, Rotary Club of Woolgoolga, Scarf Memorial Foundation, Mrs Birgit Thompson, Woolgoolga Chamber of Commerce, Woolgoolga High School P&C, Woolgoolga Lions Club, Woolgoolga Returned Services Club Ltd, Woolgoolga Triathlon Committee, Woolworths Woolgoolga, Zonta Club of Coffs Harbour.

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

SPORT CHOICES 2018

There are going to be some changes to sport arrangements for 2018. As a result, sport choices for students in Years 7, 8 & 9 in 2017 will occur in Weeks 2 and 3 of next year. Sport will begin Wednesday 21st February 2018, after the two swimming carnivals.

ELEVATE EDUCATION

Early next February Elevate Education will be coming to the school to present their Award-Winning seminars on how to study effectively as senior students. The cost is only an incredible \$5.00. Notes are available from Miss Hansen and Mrs. Dorahy if you don't already have one. Return your notes to Mrs Rook in the History Staffroom and make sure to pay either before school or during Break 1 for this awesome opportunity.

**FAREWELLING
OUR
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS**

Paulina Kuntze and Janina Ehrmann from Germany; and Philippo Spagnolo (absent from photo) and Gaia Candreva from Italy.



YEAR 6 ORIENTATION DAY 2017



On Tuesday 5th December, Year 6 students from schools around the district visited Woolgoolga High School for their Orientation Day. Commencing with a greeting and formal introduction by the Principal, Mr Wright, the day's activities included a variety of mini half hour lessons designed to familiarise the students with what a typical day at high school looks and feels like.

Mini lessons included:

- A letter to the Year Adviser, Mr Green which will be used as a place mat at their 2023 formal graduation;
- A fantastic drama class;
- A cooking lesson where students made their own popcorn;
- An exciting practical science lesson which involved different coloured flames;
- And a fun packed orientation lesson designed to make students familiar with the school.

All Year 6 students were allocated their class groups for 2018 being one of the colours of the rainbow; either Red, Orange, Yellow, Blue, Green or Purple and followed their group around for the day acquainting themselves with their new friends.

The school canteen opened early to accommodate the new students without the hustle and bustle of the current high school students. This proved to be a great and exciting experience for all who attended.

After a BBQ lunch future Year 7 enjoyed entertainment provided by WHS students and teachers finishing the day off nicely. A big thanks to all those who participated and to all those who helped on the day.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2018 Year 6.

Mr Green



DIDGERIDOO PROGRAM

If a picture tells a thousand words then this picture wraps up the success of the workshop.

Earlier this term selected Woolgoolga High students were invited to participate in a didgeridoo program to make their own didgeridoos. Tyrone Griffiths, an elder from the Belah people located in and around Cobar NSW, came to Woolgoolga High bringing with him 15 blank didgeridoos for the students to work on. After being shown the basics of didgeridoo construction by Tyrone, students were then instructed to carry on by themselves under the supervision of teachers and helpers.

Mr Green



AMAZING YEAR 12 HELPERS AT THE ROTARY/RED CROSS AUCTION ON SATURDAY!

Twenty six Year 12 students helped throughout the day at the Woolgoolga Rotary Auction. Funds raised went to the Red Cross. The volunteers were extremely impressed with the conduct of our students. Thanks to Megan Hart for organising the event, and to Kim Beedie for adopting the "Foreman" role while the rest of us got our hands dirty! So proud of our Year 12's, as always....

The clothing pool is in need of second hand school uniforms for emergency clothing etc. Donations of pre loved school uniforms in good condition which are no longer required are gratefully accepted at the front office.

AG FARM NEWS



Year 8 have had fun raising their chicks. They arrive as day olds from the hatchery in Queensland. Students are able to compare the growth and development of both layers and meat birds during their 13 week course.

Year 9 replanted their gardens this term with summer vegetables. I have been really proud of the work ethic of this class. Almost every student in the class produced a magnificent garden.

Lately we have been harvesting honey from our bees with our Year 9 and 10 classes. Three brave students put on bee suits and assisted Jason to remove full frames of honey from our bee hives. Year 9 then spun the honey from the frames and had a lot of fun eating honeycomb. They then removed the bees' wax from the frames, which will be melted and cleaned and then made into candles.





We recently had a visit from Sandy Beach primary school Kindy class. They were such a delightful group of students, who really enjoyed being able to hold our young pullets and our rabbits. They then looked around the animal enclosures and had a good look at our Dorper sheep flock. Thank you to some of the Year 10 students who helped with this.



I would like to say a huge thank you to Neville who has worked as a volunteer on the farm for most of the year. Our Chambousin vineyard had many dead vines in it and students took cuttings and managed to grow new plants which Neville planted and nurtured, so that we have a productive vineyard again. Now we have to find someone to make our wine for us. If anyone knows of a facility that might be able to help us with this please let me know. Neville is pictured with our tractor helping to examine students for their end of year practical test.

YEAR 7 CAMP



On Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December, Year 7 students went to Evans Head for their camp. The students participated in stand up paddle boarding, laser tag, a chapel swing, rock climbing and a 'rock it' water challenge. The 70 students were split into four groups for these activities which allowed them to each work together as a small team. There was some fierce competition amongst the groups in the water challenge and it was fantastic to see everyone working together to achieve their goals. A big thank you to Miss Austin, Mr Chadwick, Mr Elliott, Miss Spillett and Daniel for attending the camp with us.



The Year 7 camp to Evans Head was one of the best overnight camps I've ever been on. My friends and I went on the mini bus, there sure were some characters on there. The rock climbing was the best activity because some people got to face their fears.
Chloe Chambers



My favourite parts of camp were laser tag, rock climbing, chapel swing and playing 'slap jack' with my friends. The food was great and they catered really well for people with dietary requirements for every meal, including dessert. Overall a great experience for me and my friends to have been there. Thanks very much to all those involved with organising this camp. Much appreciated.

Melissa Bidlingmaier



WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH ATOMI

WHS is committed to providing the best possible learning environment to foster student success. A critical step in creating this experience is equipping both staff and students with the right tools to support learning, both at school and at home. By using the latest innovations in technology we are able to encourage greater academic success for all students.

What is HSC Hub?

HSC Hub is one of Australia's leading HSC resource providers. HSC Hub produces thousands of syllabus specific HSC videos and resources aimed at increasing the academic performance of HSC students across New South Wales.

HSC Hub works closely with a number of top academic schools to help teachers and students achieve more by increasing teaching flexibility and extending learning beyond the classroom.

What does the partnership involve?

Provide unlimited access to HSC Hub for all year 11 and 12 students and staff.

Videos may be used in the classroom as a teaching support resource, whilst being issued outside of the classroom to increase support for students anywhere, anytime.

What are the benefits of this partnership?

This partnership is aimed at creating value for both the school and each individual student.

- **Increased results** - at the core, HSC Hub is designed to work alongside staff to increase academic performance, providing students the tools to achieve the best possible results.
- **Unlimited access** - each student will receive complete access to 1000's of premium curriculum aligned videos designed for HSC success.
- **Increased support** - HSC Hub is available to students 24/7 on all devices. This means students will receive support beyond the classroom at times when teachers are not accessible.
- **Better learning** - staff members are able to teach more effectively with HSC Hub resources by issuing videos for homework and receiving data on individual student use and progress. This facilitates deeper learning and better HSC preparation.



Technology



Semester 2 Gold Awards

Congratulations

Year 7

Hannah Allen-Tatters
Thidar Aung
Chase Ballangarry
Riya Bhorla
Michaela Brauman
Mia Decent
Kieran Dosanjh
Leyton Dunn
Jorja Flaherty
Kobie-Mai Fox
Bree Franz
Emelia Garbers
Macy Gardner
Ella'Blu Goodman
Charlie Greenhalgh
Mackenzie Hammond
Taiga Harada
Isaac Hart
Bonnie Henderson-Smith
Zoe Hewitt
Bonnie Hills
Kalan Hull
Ryan Humphreys
Sachpreet Kaur
Amber-Rose Kelly
Nic Lodge
Remi Malone
Ned McLeod
Zac Mildren
Matthew Milne
Joe Murray
Alena Nieuwerth
Helena Oates Herrera
Hannah Phoonie
Rachel Polgady
Jack Ramirez-Sheen
Bradley Reinecker
Erin Richardson
Marquille Roberts
Teo Ross
Skye Simson
Skye Stacey
Nathalie Warden
Erinna Watson
Shawn Weston-Freeman

Year 8

Kelsey Blackhall
Layla Cox-Simpson
Miles Darbin
Anthony Durham
Mya Featherstone
Isaac Fowler
Soraya Franklin
Georga Gonzalez
Leilani Gray
Talisha Harboe
Aurielle King
Jack Nelson
Corey Pickett
Jacob Roberts
Lily Robson
Jaye Smiles
Nakeisha Smith
Toby Snowling
Damon-Leigh Striegher
Brady Thelander
Kyle Wallace
Lilliana West
Joel Young

**Year 9**

Kobi Amos
Nimiah Anderson
Sandon Barkley
Jorji Bradbury
Celeste Campbell
Nicholas Casey
Candice Constable-Love
Kane Corbett
Nicholas Damjancuk
Heather Dawson
Connor Dillon
Kiana Dosanjh
Katie Dunning
Melody Edwards
Lara Enersen
Kasey Frahm
Joel Garrett
Tahshi Gatti
Nimmarata Gill
Sarah Goodman
Alex Greenhalgh
Cooper Hill
Emily Hoppe
Avreen Kaur
Marigold Kraemer
Sarah Langhorn
Matilda Mairinger
Kirra Marsh
Amy McRae
Jack Meale
Ryan Merrett
Tyler Murray
Emma Nelson
Brock Parker
Lawson Porter
Sienna Reeves
Harry Robertson
Beau Robinson
Sangam Singh
Brynd Storrie
Billy Sutherland
Caitlin Turnbull
Emily Wall
Brea Watts
Emmett Weiss

Year 10

Tokumma Aulfina Deressa
Swe Aung
Maddison Avery
Sevak Clair
Erin Dalton
Joseph Dare
Joshua De Fraine
Matthew Dorahy
Lynzi Fittler
Tannen Fraser
Kulraj Gill
Kristy Golsby
Alexis Gonzalez
Tia Hall
Adam Hill
Izaak Hovermann
William Hyde
Tiarna Marsden
Madison McVey
Alex Merrett
Reece Rainbow
Ciarnah Robertson
Harlin Sidhu
Pavan Singh
Ethan Striegher

Year 11

Angus Allison
Georgia Bartley
Zoe Batty
Lachlan Beedie
Bianca Cain
Andrew Collins
Grace King
Pavanveer Mullee
Delilah Thorncraft
Tanisha Wallace
Paris Woodgate
Charlie Worsnop



Senior Marine Studies students undertaking a first aid course

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		
	Thur 22 Feb	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.



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

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)



MONSTER AUCTION



Woolgoolga Rotary Auction of used household goods takes place the first Saturday of every month except January for small goods, furniture and a whole lot of mixed items. Location is the Rotary shed behind the CWA, next to the RSL club in Beach Street (parking available behind the RSL club). Come down to grab a bargain!

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

**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.purrfectcoffscats.com.au**17 Lake Russell Drive
Emerald Beach****The Education
Centre****After
School
Tuition
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.

