

Woolgoolga High School



Newsletter

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On Wednesday 15 August, four students, Riley Saban, Billy Sutherland, Ciarnah Robertson and Matilda Meringer competed in the State Boccia Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park. There were 16 teams from all around the state who had qualified for these championships. The competition was knockout style, meaning the team had to win each game to advance into the final.

The first game saw Woolgoolga High faceoff against East Maitland and come away with an 8-nil win. The team then had to compete against Heathcote High School and again came away with a victory 6-nil. The third game was a nail biter against Lake Munmorah High School; it was one of the closest games in the whole knockout competition but Woolgoolga came away with a 3-2 victory, making them one of only two teams to win all their games and advance to the grand final.

The grand final was against Narooma High School and they were fierce competitors being incredibly accurate with their throws. At one point in this match the referee who was measuring with callipers, could not even determine whose ball was closest to the jack to indicate the team to take the next throw. But thanks to the amazing teamwork shown by these four players, Woolgoolga High came away with a 4-1 win to see them get the gold medal and title of Boccia State Champions for 2018.

A huge congratulations to the team who demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout this entire competition.



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From the Principal's Desk

The Concert of Excellence is always a must to attend with continually developing great talent at our school. Looking forward to seeing you there this Thursday 7.00-9.15pm.

Well done to our State Boccia champions – Riley, Billy, Ciarnah and Matilda. What an amazing outcome to win a gold state medal!

Please remember that Tuesday 11 September is our next Parent Teacher night and it will begin at 3.30pm and finish at 7.00pm. Come along and find out first hand how your young person is doing at school.

The Concert of Excellence is always a must to attend with continually developing great talent at our school. I can assure you that the music, drama and dance will once again be exceptional. Looking forward to seeing you there this Thursday 7.00-9.15pm.

Mr Bordignon is promoting Minecraft as a learning tool and has helped Phoenix Risby become a Minecraft Master. Phoenix has set up a Minecraft world to help other students learn the basics of Minecraft. Well done to all concerned.

The Year 12 “Dress as a Farmer” day was a great event to support our farmers in drought.

Thanks also to Ms Hyder and Mrs Bear for taking our students to the Winter Warrior Challenge.

Last Friday I attended a professional learning event in Sydney. One presenter was the Dean of Engineering from the Australian National University. She outlined that in the near future, Australia will have a big shortage of up to 90,000 engineers and spoke positively about the importance of schools developing teamwork and scientific skills in students.

I also had the opportunity to use first hand some of the latest technology for learning. Examples included Microsoft's HoloLens and the latest in virtual reality headsets and software. These can easily be used in education and industry. Microsoft is planning its new release of Paint 3D as part of the next Windows 10 update. I was very impressed with the ease of use of this software and I am certain we will use it in classrooms across the school in the near future.

One of the best training resources in IT education is Lynda.com where learning videos created by hundreds of outstanding IT professionals are available. The Department of Education has just released this to all staff and now they are going to give access to all students in Years 11 and 12.

Have a great week!

Until next time
Guy Wright
Principal

IMPORTANT COMING EVENTS

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mon Aug 20 - Fri Aug 31 | Year 12 Trial Exams |
| Wed Sept 5 - Fri Sept 7 | State Athletics |
| Tue Sept 11 | Parent Teacher Meetings |
| Tue Sept 11 | P&C Meeting |
| Tue Sept 11 | Year 12 Getting Out There Day |
| Thurs Sept 13 | Concert of Excellence |
| Mon Sept 17 - Fri Sept 28 | Year 11 Yearly Exams |
| Fri Sept 21 | Year 7 Vaccinations |
| Wed Sept 26 | Careers Civil Contractor's Federation |
| Fri Sept 28 | Year 12 Graduation Assembly |
| Fri Sept 28 | Last day Term 3 |

Parents will be at 3 different stages of this new digital transition. Please identify your stage below and follow the instructions.

- If you have **used the online booking process before** (2016/2017), log into our parent portal with your username and password from the last interview session, use the link below to make your bookings.
- If **have forgotten your log-in** username and password, click on the **"forgotten password"** button on the URL below:

web3.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login

- Parents, who have **never** used the online booking system, should contact the school to obtain an access key from **the front office**. You can then use the link below to activate and register your account for our online booking system.

web3.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/register

- **Alternatively**, a paper appointment sheet is attached and students can book appointments by visiting each of their teachers.

A map showing the location of the teaching staff is printed on the back of the appointment sheet for you to navigate on the evening.

Note: Each interview slot is for 7 minutes. An allowance of 5 minutes for an interview and 2 minutes of time to move to your next booked interview. The smooth running of the evening depends on these times being strictly adhered to.

Tea, coffee will be provided by the P&C Association.

If you are unable to attend the Parent-Teacher Meeting but would like to discuss the progress of your child, please contact the school [**66541500**] so an alternate interview time can be arranged.

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



PARENT TEACHER MEETING

Woolgoolga High School extends an invitation to all parents of Years 7 to 12 students to attend a Parent Teacher Meeting night on:

Tuesday 11th September, 2018

Bookings can be made **online**.
Please read the information below carefully.

CONCERT OF EXCELLENCE

Woolgoolga High School is once again preparing for the annual Concert of Excellence which traditionally showcases our talented Performing Arts students within the school and, in particular, the HSC candidates for Music, Drama and Dance.



Thursday 13 September
7.00pm-9.15pm
High School Hall

Tickets at the door.
Opening at 6.15pm.

Adult \$6.00
Student/Concession \$4.00

Canteen will be open during
the 20 minute interval.

SCIENCE REMINDER

Year 10

- Valid Science 10 exam
During week 7
3/9/18 to 7/9/18
- Genetics research task
due 14/9/18

Year 9

- Chemistry research/
practical task due 14/9/18

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YEAR 7 ICT 2 — MINECRAFT EDUCATION EDITION

Year 7 ICT 2 (Information Communication and Technology) have been using Minecraft Education Edition to learn about becoming responsible digital citizens. Their class teacher, Mr Bordignon, recently completed a Minecraft mentor training day to help promote game based learning technology at Woolgoolga High School.

Minecraft Education Edition is an open-world game which promotes creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving in an immersive environment where the only limit is your imagination.



The students are set learning goals at the beginning of each lesson when they log into their Google Classroom site and complete the prerequisite theory. Once they have understood the task for that lesson, students log into Minecraft Education Edition and complete the practical activity. Mr Bordignon enlisted Phoenix Risby, who is a Minecraft Master, to set up a Minecraft world for the other students to learn the basics of navigating Minecraft.

Students then commenced mining, building and using the Minecraft menu and hot-bar system. Once the students were comfortable using Minecraft, tasks such as creating their own houses, building positive cyber safety sign posts and creating non player characters inside the game, were accomplished. Students were required to record messages of positive behaviour, thus promoting the importance of staying safe while online within and outside the Minecraft world. Students used the Minecraft digital camera and portfolio feature to document their work as well as creating and editing a short video showcasing their built environment.

Phoenix was instrumental in assisting students who had never used Minecraft to become comfortable using this engaging and immersive teaching tool.

Minecraft gives teachers an opportunity to engage more fully with their students. It crosses all key learning areas as it challenges the students with game design mechanics, problem solving and collaborative learning. BTW it is fun as well.

Mr Bordignon's online lesson can be found at education.minecraft.net/lessons/becoming-digital-citizens/



Phoenix Risby Year 7 Minecraft Master
Year 7 ICT 2 using Minecraft

DRAMA! DRAMA! DRAMA!

The Year 9, 11 and 12 students have certainly been having a ball, showcasing their talents and ability to express themselves with their faces!



Below: Year 9 Drama students delivered a powerful group performance to their peers – and it was the very first time some of them had ever performed in front of an audience! Great Job!

Year 12 Drama students are currently preparing for the Big One—their HSC practical performances. They have practiced and performed their group piece in front of their peers and have worked hard fine tuning their lines and movements around the stage. Students pictured above from the Year 12 Drama Class.



Rhys Murray & Zoe King in rehearsal



Year 11 Drama Students have been busy behind the scenes, helping out at local theatre events and eisteddfods. They have also been “front and centre”, performing group pieces for assessment that were also written by them. Chloe McDonald, Tenisha Fogarty and Matthew Dorahy pictured above.

We are all very excited about the school musical “Camp Rock” in November. Rehearsals are underway and we can’t wait to see our students strut their stuff on stage very soon.

Well done students! You are all very entertaining. Keep up the great work!

Matthew Dorahy received recognition in the wider drama community for his talents by winning the Drama Eisteddfod Monologue section with an amazing mark of 95%, and was also awarded "Best Supporting Actor" at the James Hall Awards for his performances in *Legally Blonde Jr* at the Jetty Theatre in 2017.



MORE DRAMA!



Several of our junior and senior students were successful in auditioning for local Amateur Theatre company productions, and will be performing in "Alice in Wonderland" commencing late September, and *Les Miserables* in November at the Jetty Theatre. Pictured (in blue) Ella 'Blu' Goodman, (in red) Marley Toth-Attard

DRESS AS A FARMER DAY



Year 12 students, in particular Mrs Fluechter's Community and Family Studies class, decided to help our drought affected farmers by suggesting a fundraising activity. Woolgoolga High School is proud to announce that we raised \$983.55 from our "Dress as a Farmer" day. The money will be passed on to the Lions Club of Woolgoolga so it can be sent directly to the farming community. Well done to everyone involved.

WINTER WARRIOR CHALLENGE



On Wednesday 16 August, 30 PDHPE students ranging from Year 9 to 11 teamed up to participate in the 2018 Winter Warrior Challenge. Held at NSW Sport and Recreation camp at Lake Keepit Gunnedah, over 300 participated in this 15km run/obstacle course event which was run exclusively for secondary students in NSW.

The course took approximately 3 hours to complete which involved a 5km run as a team, followed by a 2km log and tyre carry, 7km of obstacles including scaling vertical climbing walls, along monkey bars, as well as jumping and crawling through mud pits.

The opportunity saw our students work as teams, supporting each other to succeed in an extremely physically challenging event. All students who participated should be extremely proud of their personal achievement of completing such an event.



Thanks to Miss Hyder and Mrs Bear for organising!



We enjoyed Winter Warrior because it was a fun team building experience that challenged us to the limit. It also provided us with an unknown and unique experience. The most fun part of the course was the giant (50m) water slide.
Team Green



2018 SPORT CARNIVAL DATES

| SPORT | DATE | CARNIVAL | VENUE | TERM |
|-----------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|------|
| ATHLETICS | Wed 5 Sept to Fri 7 Sept | NSW 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.

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Did you know?

- The Government recommends kids do at least **60 minutes** of moderate-to-vigorous activity each day.
- This is activity which makes kids huff and puff!
- Sadly, only **1 in 5** kids meet the guidelines!*

* NSW SPANS Survey 2015

Physical Activity for Everyone (PA4E1)

Our school is now part of PA4E1. This will help us in our aim to increase student physical activity levels. Some ways we will do this are:

-  More activity in our PE lessons
-  Creating physical activity plans
-  Resistance training at our school
-  More activities during our breaks
-  More information sent home
-  More links with our community

For more information, visit: pa4e1.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au



Physical activity is important for our health, not just our physical health, but also our mental, emotional and social health. However, physical activity tends to decline (by about 7% per year) during adolescence. Very few (about 1 in 5) adolescents meet the Australian physical activity [guidelines](#) of 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity physical activity (MVPA) each day. As an example, anything as intense or of higher intensity than brisk walking is classified as MVPA. Or [put another way](#), during moderate physical activity you can talk but not sing, whereas during vigorous intensity activity you will not be able to say more than a few words without pausing for a breath. Examples of MVPA include brisk walking, jogging, cycling and active sport time.

We also know that inactive adolescents tend to become inactive adults. So now is an ideal time to support your child to develop healthy physical activity behaviours to improve their long term health outcomes. With all this in mind, we need to work together to find ways to increase adolescent's participation in physical activity that can improve their health and wellbeing.

The PDHPE Department is excited to be involved in the PA4E1 pilot program which aims to improve opportunities for students to engage in more active physical activity. The PA4E1 flyer gives some details regarding this program.

To help support parents and students to increase their physical activity levels we will be including some ideas and tips in our newsletters and on our School Facebook page over the coming months.

Parents can contact staff members of the PDHPE department if they would like to discuss these ideas/tips further or can offer ideas or support for PA4E1 in our school or wider community.

We look forward to working together, as a community to support, promote and improve the physical activity levels and overall health of all of our students and our wider family community.

The Woolgoolga High School PDHPE Department

WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL'S PARTNERSHIP WITH ATOMI

**A timely reminder coming into serious study time
in the lead up to HSC exam period**

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?

Currently we are running a trial with HSC Hub across our Year 11 and 12 cohort. The trial will provide unlimited access to HSC Hub for all year 11 and 12 students and staff members with the aim of assessing its effectiveness to improve learning.

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. Upon the success of the trial WHS may look to implement HSC Hub as an ongoing resource.

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.

YEAR 7 CAMP REMINDER

Venue/Date: Koinonia, Evans Head—Thursday 13 to Friday 14 December 2018

Total cost: \$210. Suggested payment plan—4 x \$40.00 instalments due on: 1 June; 29 June; 10 August; 14 September; 1 x \$50 instalment due on: 19 October.

For a permission note or more information, see Mr Green. I am really looking forward to our first high school camp and hope that we are able to make the most of this opportunity together as a year group. *Jonathan Baggs-Green Year 7 Adviser*

Community Notices

Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers

Workshop Overview:

Parents and supervisors play a vital role in providing young drivers the experience they need to be safe on the roads. The Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers workshop has been developed to help them teach with confidence so they can help learner drivers be safe on the road. The free two hour workshop includes information about license conditions for Learner and P plate drivers, tips for using the learner driver log book and the importance of providing constructive feedback. The course also reinforces the important role families play in providing ongoing support for young motorists in their early years of driving. Courses will be held on:

Grafton October 29 : Coffs Harbour October 30 : Bellingen October 31

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ROTARY AUCTION

First Saturday of month (except Jan), at Rotary shed behind CWA
inspection from 10am; auction starts 1pm

WEBSITE: woolgoolgarotaryclub.org.au FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofwoolgoolga

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 from 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.

Wanted Homestay Hosts

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.

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

Or school co-ordinator Mrs Megan Hart
(02 6654 1500)



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.

