

Woolgoolga High School



Newsletter

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WINNER OF THE REGIONAL LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

On Saturday 8 March, Lions Youth of the Year representatives from Yamba, Maclean and Woolgoolga represented their individual Lions Clubs and their schools at the Regional Final of the Competition held at Maclean RSL.

Sponsored by the National Australia Bank and supported by Lions Club, the Lions Youth of the Year competition is designed to encourage, foster and develop leadership in conjunction with other citizenship qualities in young people aged 15 to 19 about to enter the fields of employment or higher education. Students gain valuable life skills, particularly the confidence to speak in public and interview, putting them in good stead for the future.

The competition involved three components. During the afternoon competitors completed a thirty minute interview to a judging panel based on an application submitted seven days earlier. Later that evening, in front of the judging panel, Lion's members and family members, the competitors answered two impromptu questions in which each competitor had a two minute time cap to deliver their response. Finally, all candidates delivered a five minute prepared speech to the audience.

Students were judged on their leadership, sporting and cultural activities, citizenship and community knowledge, general knowledge and academic ability. Kaleb's engaging, confident and clear responses along with his thought provoking speech not only impressed the panel, but all of the audience.

Kaleb won both awards for the evening, the Public Speaking Award and the Regional Lions Youth of the Year Awards.

Thanks to the Maclean's Lions Club for organising the evening and Woolgoolga Lions Member, Michael Hope for attending and supporting Kaleb on this successful evening.

Congratulation to our school captain Kaleb Darbin. We will look forward to the District competition to be held in Port Macquarie later this month.



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From the Principal's Desk

This year's RYDA was another exceptional event and without our local Rotary Club and the many volunteers, the important message that our young people need to be safe on our roads would not be made so clear to our youth.

A big thank you once again to our community for your significant and ongoing support of our young people. This year's RYDA was another exceptional event and without our local Rotary Club and the many volunteers, the important message that our young people need to be safe on our roads would not be made so clear to our youth. Thank you Rotary and Mrs Hart for the efforts in organising the event.

Similarly many of our Aboriginal students have been working with local Garby elders, aboriginal artists, representatives of the Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Land Council and the Coffs Harbour City Council to upgrade the Arrawarra Reserve. The input of art from our students will be enjoyed in the Arrawarra area for many years to come. Thank you to all involved.

Last Friday our school wore green. "Wear green don't be mean" was the slogan to highlight the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. There are many photographs in this newsletter highlighting this important message at the current time.

Well done to our swimmers and great work Peter Cohen for being the 16 years boys MNC age champion.

Good luck to Kaleb Darbin, our school captain, when he travels to Port Macquarie next weekend to represent our school and the Woolgoolga Lions Club in the District final of Lions Youth of the Year.

Until next time
Guy Wright
Principal



COMING EVENTS

Thur 4 to Fri 5 April	• Art Excursion Sydney
Mon 8 to Wed 10 Apr	• State Swimming
Tue 9 April	• Science Engineering Challenge
Fri 12 Apr	• Cross Country Carnival • Last day Term 1
Mon 29 April	• Staff Development Day
Tue 30 April	• Term 2—students return

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



Save the date

Year 12 Formal

Wednesday
13 November 2019

Pacific Bay Resort
Coffs Harbour
from 5.15pm

Approx \$70.00 pp
includes a 2-course meal,
soft drink, cake, and access
to a photo booth

This is an alcohol free event.

Year 12 Gold Awards

Swe Aung
Sevak Clair
Kaleb Darbin
Joseph Dare
Izaak Hovermann
Komalpreet Kaur
Beau Pearce
Alex Rook

Congratulations

STUDENTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARRAWARRA RESERVE UPGRADE PROJECT

Woolgoolga High School was approached by the Coffs Harbour Local Aboriginal Land Council to choose ten Aboriginal males to take part in the upgrade of the Arrawarra Reserve on behalf of the Coffs Harbour City Council. The majority of the ten boys chosen were from the local Gumbaynggirr area; Aaron Ballangarry, Chase Ballangarry Jackson Berryman, Holdyn Cowan, Ocean Cowan, Rheaf Cowan, Ethan Murden, Zac Stewart, Jaiah Wallace and Ngayan Williams.

Last week the students ranging from Years 10 to 7 took part in an art workshop and tour of Arrawarra as part of the upgrade. The students met with Garby Elders, Aboriginal artists, representatives of the Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Land Council, and Coffs Harbour City Council Landscape Architect at Arrawarra to hear local stories and learn about the significance of Arrawarra to local Gumbaynggirr people.

They then saw proposed plans of the upgrade and walked the area with the artists and Landscape Architect to inspire them for the upcoming art workshops. Over the following two days, under the guidance of two professional Aboriginal artists, the boys worked on designs they wanted to incorporate within the upgrade. It was a great privilege for these 10 young Aboriginal men to be asked to participate and they did the school proud with their level of commitment and participation. The Coffs Harbour City Council and the Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Land Council have both expressed their extreme thanks and delight in working with Woolgoolga High School and in particular these 10 young men. They have also said that they look forward to working with our school on future projects. The boys who are chosen to have their artwork incorporated in the upgrade will have their work paid for and copy righted, but more than that, their artwork will be on display for everyone to see for many years to come.



ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS DAY (RYDA)

One person dies on Australian roads every day. Here on the North Coast of NSW, we have one of the highest incident rates of road carnage in the nation. Because of this, Road Safety Education and Rotary have partnered to implement the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Day. This informative, practical and powerful program equips Year 11 students each year with the knowledge to stay safe on the roads.

It includes talk by crash survivors, Police safety talks, safe braking techniques by a professional driving instructor, a seminar from the perspective of a crash victim's family (Genevieve's Story) and hazard and distraction awareness.

RYDA was conducted on 15 March 2019, with the assistance of presenters and Rotary volunteers and the organisation from David Fayle (Rotary) and Mrs Hart (Woolgoolga High School). It has been a successful program conducted over the last decade and saved, potentially, countless lives.

Feedback from students, including Distance Education students from as far afield as Yamba and International students from Germany, Switzerland, Italy and Norway, is that the program was very worthwhile and the rotation group's format very effective and interactive.



Well done to all.

Mrs Megan Hart



Thanks and appreciation goes out to Peter Ainsworth, Heather Messer, Jimmy Daniels, Joy Richardson, Alison Redwood and expert presenters Dani Canakis, Phil Hannaford, Sam Hill and Wayne Hardy, George Bullivant, Anthony Bell (and Carol Fear), and Police Officer Snow. Thanks also to Vanessa at Subway for catering lunch, Mark at Woopi bakery for the fabulous scones, Woolgoolga Woolworths' generous donation of fruit and Sam at Woolgoolga Service Centre for providing the car for the track.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

This year Woolgoolga High School's SMILE mentors ran a photobooth, barbeque and performed live music, to raise awareness for bullying and violence. Students and staff were encouraged to 'wear green and don't be mean' and write kind messages. Constable Snow even showed up for a few photos and to talk to the Year 7's! Great job to everyone who participated!



MNC ZONE SWIMMING



Pictured above left to right: Students representing WHS at MNC Zone; 15 years girls' relay; Aleisha Quay; 16 years boys' relay

Congratulations to the following students who represented Woolgoolga High School and Mid North Coast zone at the North Coast regional swimming carnival held at Murwillumbah.

All Woopi High students are to be congratulated on their behaviour, sportsmanship and superb swimming skills displayed at the regional carnival.

Eight students have qualified to compete at the NSW CHS Swimming Championships at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre, which includes two Woolgoolga relay teams. More details in the next newsletter.

Thank you to all the parents who provided transport and came to cheer on Woopi students.

Also thanks to Mrs Hyder for her time and effort as zone team manager.

Congratulations Peter Cohen (Year 10) for winning the 16 years boys age champion at the MNC zone swimming carnival.

Well done Peter!



MNC Zone Swimming

AGE	GIRLS	BOYS
12	Celine Shih	Zane Quay
13	Riley March	Cooper Cochrane
14	Aleisha Quay Arabella Chaplin	Baxter March Nathan Dawe
15	Alena Nieuwerth Sophie Bartlett Mikayla Watson Aheisha McPhillips	Jake Maric
16	Shania King	Peter Cohen Mitchell Batty Kai Nudd Mitchell Della
17	Jade Tapfield	Sheldon Koopmans

OPEN GIRLS' NETBALL



On Monday, 4 March the Woolgoolga Open Girls' Netball Team participated in the MNC Knockout Netball competition at Sportz Central in Coffs Harbour. The first of our two games was very challenging as our competition was very strong. Unfortunately Grafton High was very well practised and saw us get knocked out of the competition early on.

All games were played with a high level of sportsmanship and enjoyment, and a great opportunity to represent Woolgoolga High School in netball. Congratulations to Pavan Singh for being selected in the MNC Zone Team. Thanks to our umpires Ella Wilson and Ros for volunteering their time; and parents/carers for providing transport. Team: Pavan Singh, Sarah Goodman, Sophie Simson, Nimiah Anderson, Brooke Stewart, Talisha Harboe, Dayna Moss, Helena Oates Herrera and Paris Kelsall.

SPORT CONGRATULATIONS



U/15 AFL

Congratulations to Hunter Jefferies (Year 8) and Joe Murray (Year 9) who represented Mid North Coast School Sport at the North Coast under 15 AFL trials in Byron Bay last week. The boys are pictured with their zone team mates.

Rugby League

Congratulations to Year 11 students Ethan Duncombe, Brock Parker, Preston Oake, Beau Robinson and Emanuel Sutton, also Year 9 students Kade Levingston and Kane Whitehouse who have been selected in Mid North Coast zone rugby league teams. The boys will now travel to Macksville to play against Lower North Coast team in the quest to be selected in the Southern North Coast rugby league teams. Well done boys and good luck!

2019 SPORT CARNIVAL DATES

	SWIMMING	CROSS COUNTRY	ATHLETICS
WHS	Completed	Friday 12/4/19 Woolgoolga	Wed 8/5/19 & Fri 10/5/19 Woolgoolga
MNC	Completed	Friday 24/5/19 Nana Glen	Friday 14/6/19 Coffs Harbour
NC	Completed	Friday 21/6/19 Nana Glen	Thursday 8/8/19 Coffs Harbour
NSW	Mon 8/4/19 to Wed 10/4/19 Homebush	Friday 26/7/19 Eastern Creek	Wed 4/9/19 to Fri 6/9/19 Homebush

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

Safety First

Parents, carers and students are reminded not to use the staff car park for dropping off or picking up their children, unless using the disabled parking bays.

Our car park is very congested, especially on rainy days directly before school begins and after school finishes. Parking is available at the front of the school for safety and a covered walkway for students' convenience, leads from the bus bay into the grounds.

REMINDER

NO use of aerosols at school due to health and safety of our school community.
Please buy a roll on deodorant alternative.

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.

Community Notices



Winter Mixed Touch.
starts **MAY 2019**

go to: woolgoolga.mytouchfooty.com
to register your team of mixed players

one off payment for the whole comp.
Adults : \$90,
14 to 17yr : \$60

Woolgoolga sports fields
under the new lights

**Woolgoolga
High School
Silver Awards
are sponsored by:**

Years 7, 8, 9 receive vouchers from

McDonalds Restaurants
Pacific Highway Coffs Harbour



Years 10, 11, 12 receive vouchers from

Woolgoolga Pizza Place
Beach Street Woolgoolga Phone 6654 2744



Riptide Pizzeria
Fawcett Street Woolgoolga Phone: 6654 8989



Rotary 

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

Monster auction held at the Rotary compound and shed **behind the Woolgoolga CWA building** (beside the Diggers RSL club) on the first Saturday of every month (except January).

A significant portion of the funds raised goes to **supporting programs for local school students.**

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.

Apply online at www.staydownunder.com.au

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

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



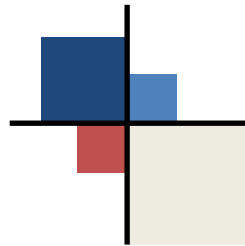
Parent Online Payment (POP)

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.

To make a payment click on the link and go the "Make a Payment" tab: <http://www.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

We hope 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.



WOOPI HIGH CANTEEN

fresh food daily

Volunteering in the canteen is a great way to give back and the students always love seeing their family members helping out. We are flexible with days and hours as any help is always appreciated. Ring the school on 6654 1500 to speak to one of the canteen team.

To view the menu and price list click [here](#)