

Woolgoolga High School

Newsletter

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TECHNOLOGY PROVIDES EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Technology is breaking down barriers to learning for students with disability.

More than 180 teachers from Greater Sydney public schools participated in a day of professional development last week to equip them with tips and tools to help students with special needs through the use of technology.

The sold-out [interactED Access All Areas](#) event was held at the department's Parramatta office and included hands-on learning sessions with some of the big names in learning technology, including LinkedIn Learning, Microsoft, Google and Apple.

Teachers also heard first-hand stories from other teachers about the accessibility journey at their schools, as well as the experience of Year 10 Woolgoolga High student Riley Saban, who communicates entirely through a speech-generating device on his computer.

Read the article on page 2 of this newsletter.

Riley Saban presents at the interactED Access All Areas event using his speech-generating device.



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From the Principal's Desk

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Students Years 8, 9, 10 – Thursday 30 January

Demonstrating a school assignment task on the novel, 'Jasper Jones', Riley explained how he uses the same educational technologies available in schools to be an active participant in educational activities.

"With the right tools, you can achieve anything," Riley said.

"My destiny is to lead people with disabilities to an inclusive society so they believe they can achieve their dreams and goals successfully."

Riley showed attendees his digital workflow which is "essential for learning" and allows digital versions of books, worksheets and assignments be read aloud to him.

He explained that he uses Eye Gaze to control his Microsoft Surface Pro, but due to the time-consuming nature of writing essays using his Eye Gaze device, Riley prefers to create short movies and music to explain his thoughts on subjects.

"Assistive technologies enable me to be independent at school, and in other environments. Without assistive technologies, I wouldn't and couldn't be doing the things I am doing today," Riley said.

The *interactED Access All Areas* also showcased new and emerging assistive technologies, such as telepresence robots that allow students who can't physically attend school to participate in classroom learning.

The department's Deputy Secretary, School Operations, Murat Dizdar, said new technology can enhance and personalise the learning experiences of every student in the classroom.

"The NSW Department of Education is committed to helping our teachers and support staff across all NSW public schools to deliver a high-quality education for all our students," Mr Dizdar said.

"*interactED Access All Areas* will empower teachers of all experience levels with the tools to increase their capabilities using technology and support every learner in the classroom with equal access to education."

For more information on upcoming events, visit the [Technology 4 Learning](#) website.

As we approach Christmas, I hope everyone has an amazing holiday break. This year has flown by and we have achieved so much.

I would like to wish Paul Woods, Alex Sutherland and Mark Feeney all the best as they finish their careers. Enjoy your well earned retirement. I would like to thank the P&C and especially Di Della for the great work she has done throughout the year as President of our P&C.

Congratulations to Nicole Rosenberg who has just been appointed to a permanent Mathematics teaching position at our school.

Meghanne Wellard, Grafton Director School Leadership and Frank Potter, Executive Director of School Performance have helped establish in 2020 a 3rd Multicategory class that comes with a new demountable building and the appointment of a Head Teacher Special Education.

Congratulations to Rachel Winter who has been selected to work with leading educator and Australian of the Year, Eddie Woo. Rachel will continue to work at our school in 2020 with the support of two new mathematics teachers and will help transform mathematics education, not only at Woolgoolga High School but also surrounding high schools including South Grafton, Grafton and Maclean.

Have a great and safe holiday. See you next year!

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Until next time
Guy Wright
Principal

COMING EVENTS

Mon 9 Dec to Fri 14 Dec	• Year 10 Work Experience
Wed 11 Dec to Fri 13 Dec	• Coastal Walk Excursion
Tue 17 Dec	• Annual Presentation Assembly • HSC Results
Wed 18 Dec	• Last Day Term 4
Thur 19 Dec to Mon 27 Jan	• School Holidays

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



Celebrate the holiday season!

Year 12 would like to thank all students who supported their fundraising and had their photo taken with Santa.

**Photos will be distributed during
homegroup in Week 9.**

WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL REPORTS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Woolgoolga High School extends an invitation to all parents of Years 7 to 12 students to the option of accessing their student's reports online. This can be done through our parent portal.

Access keys to our parent portal were given out during our parent teacher interviews in 2016/17/18/19. You can now access student reports using this system.

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

Year 11, 2019 reports are currently available online and we will let you know when you can access junior reports.

Thanks,

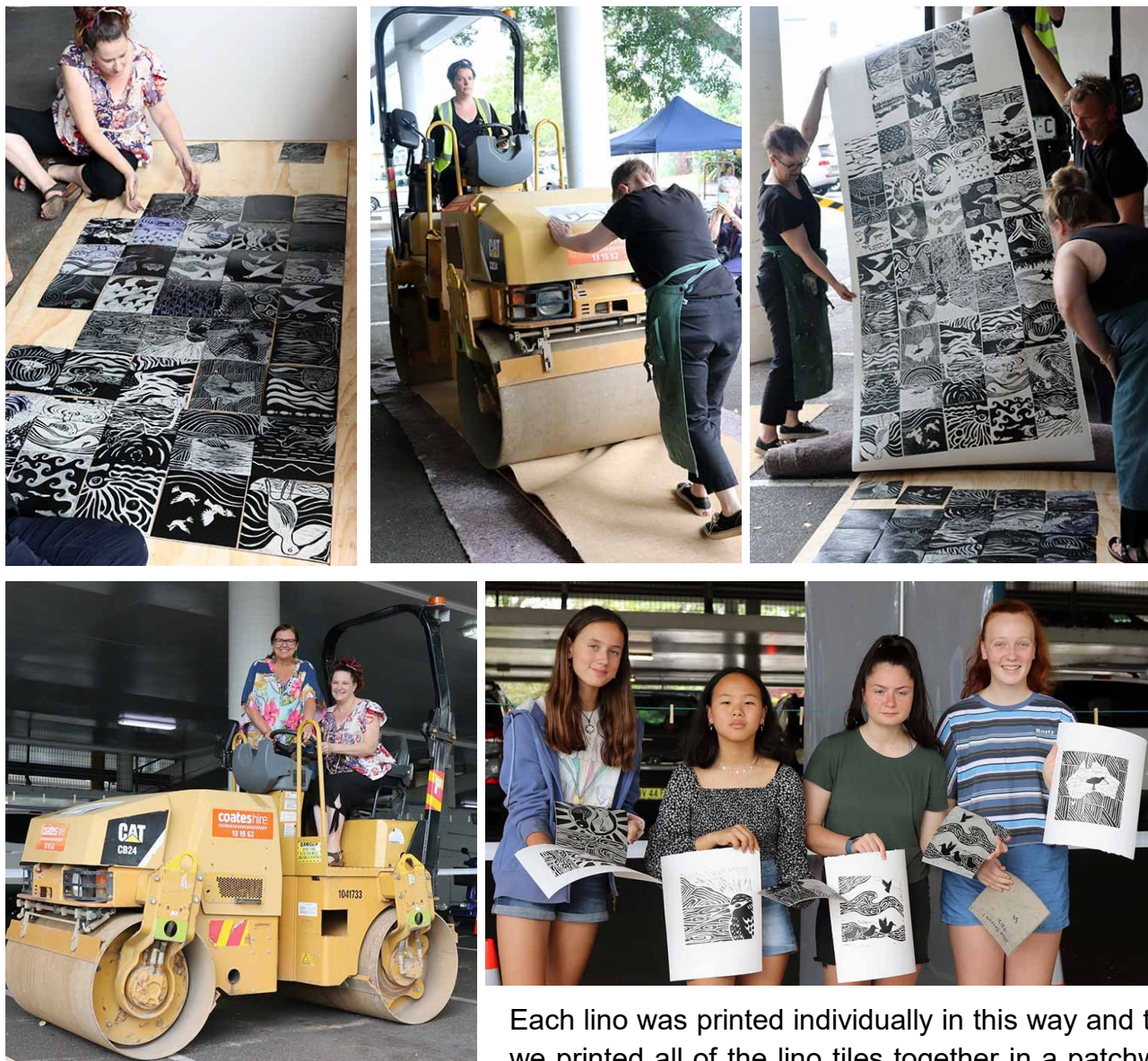
Lu Nickell

Deputy Principal

1. If you have **used parent portal and online booking process before** (2016/17/18/19), log into our parent portal with your username and password from the last interview session, use the link below to log in. You will then be able to navigate to the "reports" component to view your child's report.
<http://web3.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>
2. If you have used the online booking process before (2016/2017/2018) and **have forgotten your log-in** username and password, click on the "**forgotten password**" button on the URL below, reset your password and navigate to the "reports" component to view your child's report.
<http://web3.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>
3. Parents of students who have **never** used the parent portal and online booking system before, should contact the school to obtain an access key and registration instructions from Mr John Chadwick.

OVERWINTERING PROJECT

Steam Roller Printing



We have been very fortunate to be involved in the Overwintering Project, organised by the Coffs Harbour Art Gallery, looking at shore birds in our local environment. On Saturday, Year 9 Visual Arts students and staff participated in a lino printing event at the Castle Street carpark in Coffs Harbour.

We had students arrive to assist in inking up and printing the lino blocks that they have carved over Term 4. Once the ink was rolled onto the lino images they were pressed with a steam roller.

Each lino was printed individually in this way and then we printed all of the lino tiles together in a patchwork style pattern on both large format paper and fabric.

The prints done on this day will be on exhibition with the opening night this Friday 6 December at the Coffs Harbour Gallery at 6pm. Please come along to see our student work either on opening night or over the coming holidays where it will be displayed for the public.

I would like to extend our greatest appreciation to the Coffs Harbour Art Gallery and the team who made this event possible. Our students have truly enjoyed the experience and loved having our guest artist Willis assist throughout our classes over the term.

EXHIBITION DATES
6 DECEMBER 2019
– 8 FEBRUARY 2020

This project is supported by Create NSW's Audience Development Fund, a devolved funding program administered by Museums & Galleries of NSW on behalf of the NSW Government.

The Overwintering Project
Mapping Sanctuary

Museums & Galleries of NSW

NSW GOVERNMENT

birdlife

A multidisciplinary, environmental art project that brings together artists, local high school students, ecologists and birders to address environmental impacts on migratory shorebirds



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE OPENING OF
THE OVERWINTERING PROJECT
COFFS HARBOUR
ON FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2019 6–8PM
ALL WELCOME, FREE ENTRY — BOOK ON OUR WEBSITE www.coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/gallery

COFFS HARBOUR REGIONAL GALLERY
OPEN TUESDAY–SATURDAY 10AM–4PM FREE ADMISSION
CNR COFF & DUKE STREETS \ COFFS HARBOUR ☎ 02 6648 4863 coffsharbour.nsw.gov.au/gallery
[facebook.com/coffsharbourregionalgallery](https://www.facebook.com/coffsharbourregionalgallery) [instagram.com/coffsharbourregionalgallery](https://www.instagram.com/coffsharbourregionalgallery)
Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery is a cultural facility of Coffs Harbour City Council



YEAR 9 COMMERCE EXCURSION

Monday, 25/11/2019. With the smoke fading across the horizon, the Year 9 Commerce class and the Woolgoolga Surf Club bus were ready for the arduous journey into the abyss, otherwise known as Park Beach Plaza. The excursion started post roll call, all were eager to climb aboard noble steed.

With every stomp on the accelerator came a plume of diesel smoke, with it came the knowledge that the kilometres were being etched away, one by one. After some brief deceleration on the southern side of the Big Banana Hill, we coasted gently into our parking spot, all were excited!

Students then had a solid couple of hours to spend roaming the Plaza looking for different methods of promoting and selling. The purpose of this was to aid them in the completion of their Term 4 assessment task. Students made the most of their time, ensuring they applied an appropriate mix of business and pleasure. By the last 30-40 minutes, most had completed the formal aspects of the excursion and were busy taking Santa photos, whilst also ensuring they didn't return to school hungry.

Overall, the excursion was a success. Students were provided with the tools and advice to efficiently complete their assessment task, whilst also enjoying their time at Park Beach Plaza.



SCIENCE

In the last couple of days, the conditions have been awesome to use the Van der Graaf generator. Here are a couple of pictures of Azarlee McPhillips, Lakisha Timms and Brent Barbic Luxford with their hair in full send mode!

Mr Robins

MATHS OLYMPICS

On Thursday 28 November, 60 very keen Year 7 students participated in the Maths Olympics held for the first time at Woolgoolga High School, run by Mrs Sandhu, Mrs Rosenberg and Mrs Champion. Students were in groups of four and solved a range of mathematics puzzles involving higher order thinking skills, advanced problem solving and teamwork. The library at Woolgoolga High School was buzzing all afternoon with the excitement of students as they engaged in friendly competition.

All of the winners have the opportunity to participate in the Inter School Mathematics Olympics next year, that involves schools across the Mid North Coast. Students were on their best behaviour and enjoyed the afternoon whilst building on their teamwork and collaboration skills.



Congratulations to the winners:

1st Riley March,
Cypress Marshall
Maggie Hansman
Ronin Lane

2nd Isaac Lee
Leevon Young
Amos Roworth
Sarthak Chaudhry

3rd Beau Jefferies
Caleb Mitchell
Ben Warden
Arshpreet Singh

Runners up –

Thomas Morton
Jaiah Wallace
Kaiden Larkin
Jett Armstrong
Chloe Featherstone
Kiran Kandola
Soraya Mills Izard
Sophia Bollen



MADAGASCAR MUSICAL

A huge THANK YOU to the cast and crew for all of their effort and involvement in the 2019 musical. It was absolutely fantastic and what a way to end the year. There were nearly 100 students from all year groups involved in a range of roles including set painting, sound, lighting, backstage, prop construction and cast, with each student having a range of different musical experience prior to participating. Last week saw two matinee performances with nearly 600 students from our local public schools and Orara High School coming along to watch; and three evening performances with strong audience numbers each evening. Everyone did a wonderful job. A special mention to Miss Lisa Austin (English), Mrs Kerrie Hall (Art), Mrs Jacqui Harrison (Head Teacher CAPA), Mrs Jenni Williams (Drama) and Mr Jake Dominey (Music) for all of their hard work throughout the production process and show week – without their hard work and effort, the musical would not be possible.

Cast and Crew, you are amazing.

Mrs Claire O'Halloran - Director





BUSHFIRE APPEAL



Congratulations Woolgoolga High!!

We raised \$1926.00 on Friday to assist local firefighters with the current fire situation.

Thank you all for your support. Thanks to our Prefects, Smile Mentors, SRC, Mr Pursch and everyone who helped out on the day and also those who have donated for the hamper.



The Bake Sale raised \$328!!

Special thanks to the organizers and everybody who contributed with baked goodies.



UNE FUTURE FINDER



Liam and Chloe from UNE conducted one hour sessions with small groups of Year 10 students to profile their employment personality type. The students completed a quiz then learnt more about their personality profile and possible career paths. Usually these personality profiles can cost up to \$100 by employment agencies but UNE Future Finder log on and service can be used for free once the student has registered and may be used into the future as they mature and change.

YEAR 9 CHILD STUDIES



In Week 9, Year 9 Child Studies students visited Coffs Harbour. It was a culmination of their learning from throughout the year: Planning for Parenthood, Newborn Care, Play based Learning and Children and Culture. Students visited Brelsford Park where they observed children, the Child and Family Health Clinic, 3 Bears Cottage where they observed and interacted with children aged 6 weeks to 6 years old and Coffs Central to explore family friendly facilities. It was a lovely day. Well done to the students who were all fine advocates for our school.

Mrs Claire O'Halloran, PDHPE Teacher

YEAR 9 REACH OUT AND REFLECT!

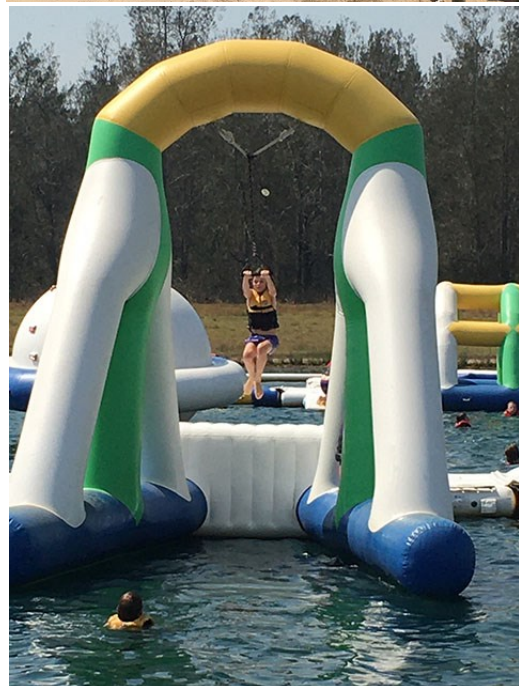


On Wednesday 27 November all of Year 9 participated in the REACH workshop. This was a high impact workshop that encouraged students to explore their world, challenge their perceptions and find meaning and purpose in their lives. Being young is not without its' struggles. Today's world is pretty complex and young people can experience a bunch of challenges that adults might not be able to relate to. One of the biggest hurdles is just having the confidence and support to be who they want to be.

This workshop allowed Year 9 to develop deeper connections with each other, a sense of belonging, and the dispelling of judgements. Many of our Year 9 students were moved to bravely share their own stories in front of their own friends (not an easy thing to do). The triumphs and troughs of being an adolescent was shared so honestly. It was unanimous among all the students and staff who attended this workshop that it was a powerful and rewarding experience.

REWARD EXCURSIONS

Years 7 & 8 Stony Aqua Park



A fantastic day of slipping, sliding, swinging and splashing was had by a select group of Year 7 and 8 students at Stony Aqua Park. A cruise down the highway to Telegraph Point saw us dodge the worst of the smoke and arrive raring to go. After suiting up in our life jackets the hooter went to signify a mad rush into the water where a few hours of fun were had, including pushing poor unsuspecting teachers into the water! Thanks to all students for their great behaviour on the trip.



Year 9 Paintball

SYDNEY SWANS VISIT

On Thursday 12 December we had two members of the Sydney Swans Squad visit Woolgoolga High School and play a game of AFL with the students who attended the AFL Gala Day in Coffs earlier this year.

The two Swannies, Jackson Thurlow and Hayden McLean, were both sporting foot injuries but were still keen and impressed all the students with their skill level.

After the game, students were invited to ask questions and the boys explained their individual sporting careers and how they have all played multiple sports before finding a home in AFL.

All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and thanked Jackson and Hayden, even being granted multiple autograph opportunities.

Miss Bennett



Congratulations and Thanks!

Congratulations to Samuel Moriz of Year 8 for receiving the prestigious North Coast School Sport Recognition Award. Samuel's award acknowledges his achievement in the sport of squash. Pictured above is Samuel at the North Coast School Sport awards presentation ceremony held at Coffs Harbour Education campus last week.



On Sunday 8 December, Year 11 had a fundraising opportunity to run the canteen at the concert of the Woolgoolga Dance Studio. The students were excellent helpers throughout the event. They practiced mathematics, food handling and customer service skills!

Massive thanks to the Year 11 helpers, Dianne Della, Anne Duroux, Adelaide Zietsch, Kathy King, WDS and Kristy Pursch.

2020 SPORT CARNIVAL DATES

	SWIMMING	CROSS COUNTRY	ATHLETICS
WHS	Wed 5/2/20 Whole school Woolgoolga Wed 12/2/20 Competitors only Woolgoolga	Thu 9/4/20 Woolgoolga	Wed 6/5/20 & Fri 8/5/20 Woolgoolga
MNC	Mon 24/2/20 Grafton	Fri 15/5/20 Nana Glen	Thurs 18/6/20 Coffs Harbour
NC	Tue 3/3/20 Coffs Harbour	Fri 12/6/20 Lismore	Thurs 6/8/20 Kingscliff
NSW	Wed–Fri, 1–3/4/20 Homebush	Fri 24/7/20 Eastern Creek	Wed–Fri, 2–4/9/20 Homebush

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



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)



Community Notices

Dear Parent or Carer,

Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for children aged 7 to 13 years, who are above a healthy weight. Best of all it's **absolutely FREE!**

WHEN DOES GO4FUN RUN? Go4Fun runs for 10 weeks after school during the school term, and children attend a fun filled 2-hour session each week with their parent.

WHAT DO WE DO AT GO4FUN? Every week children play fun and interactive games and activities to get their heart rates up and enjoying being active. You and your child learn about healthy eating, setting goals, portion sizes, label reading and more. The child receives up to 3 attendance prizes, and parents a \$20 fresh fruit and vegie voucher each session they attend. School-aged siblings welcome.

Registration for Term 1, 2020 is open with limited places in the FREE, FUN Coffs Harbour Go4Fun which will run on Tuesday afternoons from 4pm – 6pm at Woolgoolga Seniors' Centre, 6 Boundary St Woolgoolga, starting 4 February 2020.

Register NOW at Free call 1800 780 900 or at www.go4fun.com.au

GO4FUN
HEALTHY ACTIVE HAPPY KIDS



- U/15's & Youth Girls -



FREE COME TRY AFL

CENTENNIAL PARK - BEACH STREET - WOOLGOOLGA
NEAR POLICE STATION

STARTING ON DECEMBER 1ST - 4PM

Chris 0419 883 298 northernbeachesblues@gmail.com

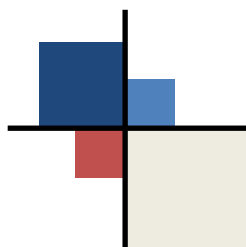
Parent Online Payment (POP)

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](#)