

Woolgoolga High School

Newsletter

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SMILE TRAINING DAY 1



Friday 20 November was the first SMILE (Support, Mentor, Inspire, Listen, Encourage) training day for our latest group of students aspiring to be SMILE mentors in 2021. This year we had over 60 students volunteer their time to improve the wellbeing of our school community. When asked why they would like to join SMILE some common answers were “I just want to help”, “I want to contribute to the school communities”. Some students also said they appreciated the support the school had given them over the years and wanted to give back.

A few students had experienced the benefits of having a SMILE mentor when they were in Year 7 and they also believed in the program and wanted to give back.

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From the Principal's Desk

We will have our annual presentation assemblies in the next two weeks. These have been divided into stages to allow extra space for parents to attend. Letters will be sent home to invite parents/carers of award recipients.

I am very happy to announce that I will be continuing as Relieving Principal for the whole of 2021. I have been enjoying leading the school and am looking forward to next year. Kath Bear will be continuing as Relieving Deputy Principal.

This coming Monday and Tuesday we will have representatives from Yondr coming to the school to talk with students about how the mobile phone pouches work, as well as discussing with staff our procedures for their implementation. The pouches have arrived, but we will not start using them until Week 3 next term to ensure we have clear procedures in place that everybody understands. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions, so please have a discussion with your child about this.

On Tuesday we hosted the Year 6 students for our Year 7, 2021 orientation day. The students had a good taste of what high school will be like and were able to meet some teachers, as well as students from other primary schools. Thank you to Ms Bennett and her team for the efficient organisation of the day. We were unable to host parents for the usual information session, so this was held via Zoom.

Congratulations to two of our HSC Textiles students – Sophy Simson and Sukhjeet Tiwana who have been nominated for *Texstyle*, the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Textiles Projects. Thank you to Mrs Fluechter for her dedication to her teaching and expert guidance of these students.

Congratulations to Year 9 students Rianna Binning, Gemma Barnes, Sabriya Harrison, Brydi Custance and Olivia Thompson who created a film titled "Friends and Thieves", which is about the theft of a painting from the school. The film has been shortlisted as a possible finalist in the Nextwave Film Festival. Thank you to Mrs Hewitt for her support of the students. This is our second possible finalist and I am keen to hear the outcome. We have confirmation that our Year 9 Multimedia group, under the guidance of Mr Bordignon, have been selected as finalists for their film "Lost in the Lake". Congratulations to this team.

We will have our annual presentation assemblies in the next two weeks. These have been divided into stages to allow extra space for parents to attend. Letters will be sent home to invite parents/carers of award recipients. We will have to limit numbers to allow for social distancing, and all guests will need to sign in via a form or QR code.

Our restrictions will ease in 2021 and we look forward to being able to welcome parents into our school again.

Lu Nickell
Relieving Principal

Upcoming Events	
Monday 30 November to Friday 11 December	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 1 December	Year 6 Orientation Day
Wednesday 9 December to Friday 11 December	Yuragir Coastal Walk (TBC)
Thursday 10 December	Annual Presentation Assembly Year 11— 9.30am
Tuesday 15 December	Annual Presentation Assembly Years 7 & 8 — 9.20am Years 9 & 10 — 11.50am
Wednesday 16 December	Last day Term 4 for students
Thursday 17 December to Friday 18 December	Staff Development Days

Donations gratefully accepted

It's the Christmas season again and after a year of unprecedented first's now more than ever a lot of people need assistance. The Salvation Army are making sure no one in our local area will miss out on some Christmas joy with their Christmas Hamper Appeal.

Each year Woolgoolga High School community help with donations of non-perishable goods to assist with the cause. Please, if you can contribute, many people will be very grateful. Goods will be collected during Home Group each morning.

2021 Music Lesson Enrolments are open

Available instruments include:

Guitar, Keyboard, Violin, Cello, Voice,
Woodwind (flute, clarinet, saxophone)

Please return your signed notes to Mr Dominey by Week 9 to secure your spot.

Email jake.dominey1@det.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions.

Parents and carers can use the creative kids voucher towards lesson fees.



Year 10 Christmas Raffle Fundraiser—tickets may be purchased from Year 10 students or at the front office.

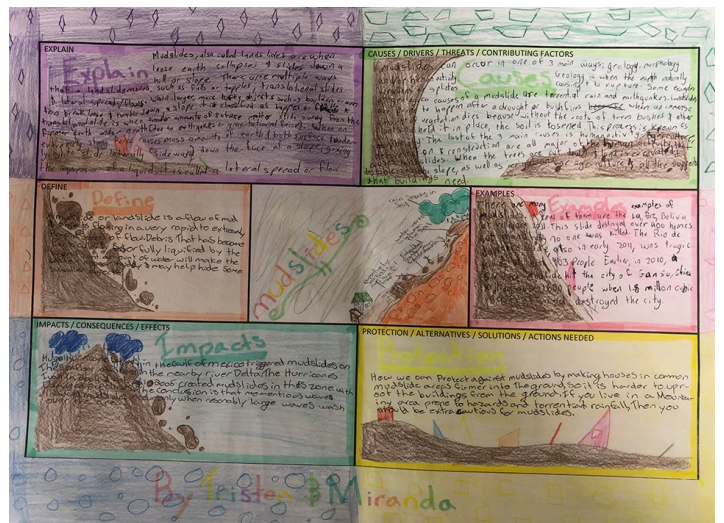
*Thanks to our supporters,
**Woodsey's Wheels and
Pacific Bay Resort***

School uniforms donations appreciated

LEAVING YEAR 12 OR YEAR 10
STUDENTS MOVING INTO SENIOR YEARS

please consider donating your uniforms to the clothing pool. Sports shorts and junior polo shirts in good condition which are no longer needed will also be gratefully accepted at the front office to replenish our stock.

YEAR 7 GEOMORPHIC HAZARDS PROJECT



All Year 7 Geography students have recently finished an in-class project on Geomorphic Hazards. This included the research and visual presentation of earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes, mudslides and avalanches and their causes and impacts. The students' presentations were outstanding, and the Year 7 Red class winners were awarded a cake on their chosen hazard. Many of the teachers voted and were extremely impressed with the quality and level of work from all students. The winners, Miranda Friend and Tristen Risby were awarded with a *Mudslide* cake made for them and their class. Well done for all your hard work Year 7's.



SMILE Training Day 1

SUPPORT
MENTOR
INSPIRE
LISTEN
ENCOURAGE

The SMILE Program is student led and the new students entering the program are encouraged to own it and make it their own. The students were very enthusiastic and were full of new ideas they would like to implement into next year's program.

The training consisted of: best mentoring practice, team building activities, discussing current issues for young people and the importance of child safety. Our new SMILE mentors are looking forward to putting their training into practice in 2021 after they complete day 2 of their training.

If you are interested in the SMILE program please contact Head Teacher Wellbeing, Ian Cook or Student Support Officer, Daniel Sweed at Woolgoolga High School.

YEAR 10 PASS EXCURSION



On November 17 Year 10 PASS students were finally able to take advantage of their double lesson and enjoy an excursion down the beach.

Solitary Islands Surf School coached the class for a learn to surf session. All students had a great time and enjoyed the afternoon.

Thanks to Darryn, Luke and Sophie from Solitary Island Surf School.

Thanks Year 10 PASS for being such a great class 2020.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Ali Dad and Ahmad had their first day working at Woolworths. Staff at Woolgoolga High School are proud of these boys as they have come so far in their progress in English and commitment to be a part of our community. Ali Dad and Ahmad were very eager to work at Woolworths and showed their enthusiasm with fantastic work (as stated by Mr Brady - their boss)!

**Community
Notice**

The Rotary Club of Woolgoolga Inc.

Christmas Stall : Saturday 5 December 2020

9.00am – 12.00pm — Outside Mullaway General Store

Funds Raised will benefit Westpac Helicopter Service North Coast . Christmas cakes, (also Gluten free), shortbread, hand-made craft, wooden toys, plants). Donations of Christmas goodies welcome: Patty 6654 2185.



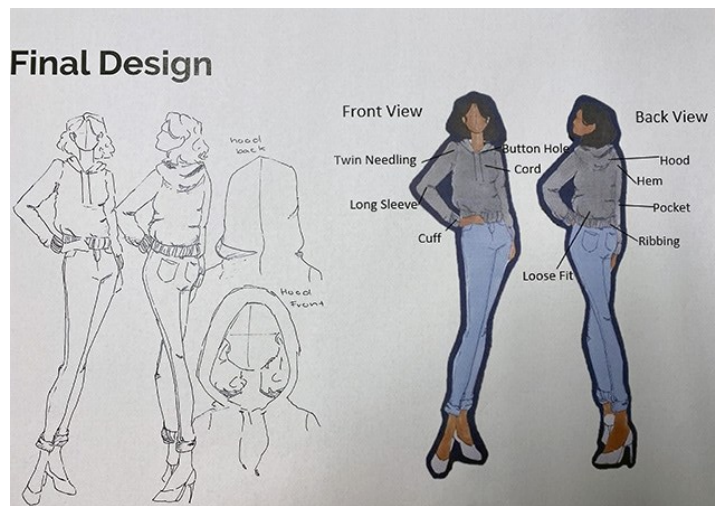
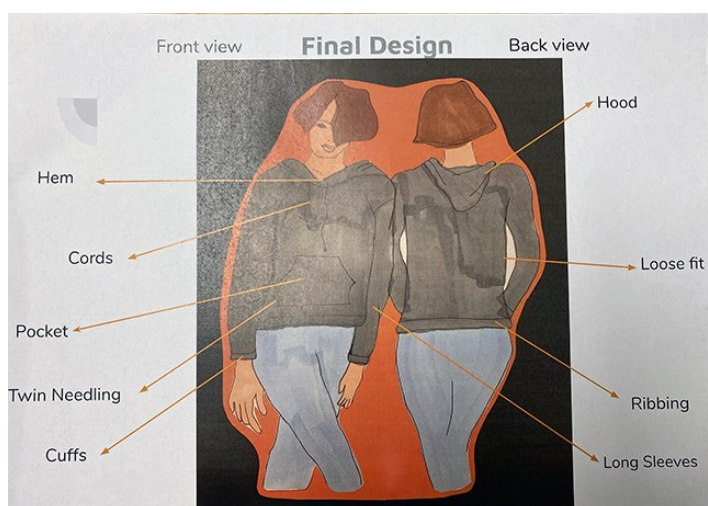
HOME ECONOMICS



Year 11 FT studying interrelationships of vitamins and minerals, eg the vitamin C in orange juice assisting the absorption of iron from meat



Year 10 textiles girls complement their hoodies with supporting documentation.



CAREERS

White Card Course

A total of 19 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 participated in a White Card Course in the school library on Monday. Students learnt about hazardous substances, how to identify risks and hazards in the workplace, and how to undertake a risk assessment. They also got to try on some personal protective equipment (PPE) including high visibility vests, hard hats, safety glasses and ear muffs, and worked through a workbook during the day and completed assessment tasks.

A White Card (or General Construction Induction Card) is required for workers who want to carry out construction work. The White Card training course is aimed at all workers including self-employed persons, labourers, apprentices, tradespersons, supervisors and project managers. Students learnt the basic principles of health and safety in the construction industry as well as information about preventing workplace injury and illness, workplace injury management and workers compensation. The course was conducted by Men at Work, Coffs Harbour, and forms part of the Educational Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP) running at Woolgoolga High School. This is the third White Card Course the school has run for students this year.



Students Joe Murray, Kye Ward and Kristan Doolan enjoyed trying on some PPE gear while undertaking their White Card Course at school on Monday.



TAFE NSW Green Living

This week Mrs Rosenberg, Miss Bennett and Mrs O'Halloran had the pleasure of being invited by students participating in the TAFE NSW Green Living as part of the YEP program. The girls have all loved being part of the six week program, gaining an insight into the Child Care industry. A wonderful opportunity for our students.

Claire O'Halloran



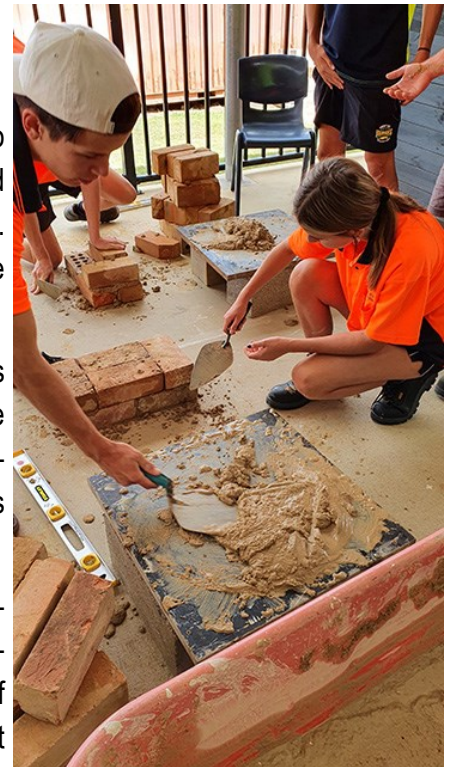
Novaskill – Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Course (EPPP – Pilot 8)

A total of 14 students from the four Grafton Cluster EPPP schools, including two students from Woolgoolga High School, have been attending a Smart and Skilled Construction Pre-Apprenticeship training course at Grafton over the past few weeks. The course has been conducted at South Grafton High School, using the Trade Skills Centre facilities.

Students have been developing skills and knowledge to demonstrate competencies in the nationally recognised units of 'Apply OHS requirements and procedures in the construction industry', 'Carry out measurements and calculations', 'Read and interpret plans and specifications' & 'Conduct workshop communications'. These units contribute to the Certificate II in Construction Pathways qualification.

The course includes 9 days of training and assessment plus 1 day of Careers development including mock interviews, industry aptitude testing, and developing a resume. All students have been aligned with an industry employer from the trade of their interest to undertake 5 days of industry learning and work experience next week.

Other areas of skill development during the course include team work, time management, leadership, planning, use of technology in the industry, and networking with students from other schools and employers. Guest speakers from the construction industry were also on hand to discuss training, apprenticeships and what to expect as a new young employee/worker.



Woolgoolga High School student Tahlia Lonsdale has been enjoying the course over the past few weeks. "It's been very good, the practical and the theory components have both been good," Tahlia said.

"I've enjoyed the hands-on learning about how to do different things."

Students have undertaken practical experience in using a laser level, bricklaying, and levelling out the ground before building a house.

The Construction Course has been offered to school students for free as part of the NSW Department of Education Educational Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP) operating at Woolgoolga High School. On completion of the training, students will undertake an evaluation survey to further improve the training in future years.



EPPP Information Video

An additional careers information video for students and parents has been released on the NSW Government Education Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP) website.

The new EPPP information video is:

School-based apprenticeships and traineeships - for employers

In the video you will hear about school-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBATs) and the difference between traineeships and apprenticeships, employer incentives to take on an SBAT (e.g., free training for the student), what employers interested in hiring an SBAT should do, and how SBATs benefit both school students and employers.

To access the new EPPP information video visit <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/educational-pathways-pilot-program/student-resources>.

JOB VACANCIES

New jobs listed on the Woolgoolga High School Careers web page this week:

- Production/Designer Trainee at the Copy Centre, Coffs Harbour
- Correctional Case Officers at Clarence Correctional Centre Grafton
(Virtual information session - Thursday, 10 December 6pm)
- Sandwich Artist at Subway, Coffs Harbour
- Bartenders, Waitstaff and Dishies at Sunset Room, Woopi
- Motor Mechanic Apprenticeship at Speedy Lube Automotive, Coffs Harbour
- Junior Casual Post Office Staff over Christmas holidays at Coffs Harbour Plaza Post Office
- Junior Summer jobs at The Provedores, Coffs Harbour
- Baristas at Zarraffa's Coffee, Coffs Harbour
- Day Staff and Cooks at Guzman Y Gomez, Coffs Harbour
- Kitchen Hands, Customer Service Assistants, Delivery Drivers at Red Rooster, Park Beach Plaza, Coffs Harbour
- Front of House Waitstaff at Brooklyn's Burger Bar, Coffs
- Cashiers and Waiters/Waitresses at Flavour, Woolgoolga
- Casual team member at Crazy Sam's Woolgoolga

Please visit the Woolgoolga High School Careers website to obtain further information about these new jobs at <https://woolgoolgahighcareers.com/>.

School Based Apprenticeships for Year 12 Students

School Based Apprenticeships are now being offered to Year 12 students in EPPP schools for 2021. This exciting new trial gives Year 12 students at EPPP schools the opportunity to start a school-based apprenticeship in their final year of school. This option provides meaningful pathways for students who adjust their pattern of study, maximising their ability to achieve the HSC while undertaking apprenticeship training and employment.

This is the first time that a school-based apprenticeship has been offered to students in Year 12, and it is only available at schools running the Educational Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP). It allows students to combine an apprenticeship with their HSC without having to extend their schooling, and gives them a head start on their post-school training. A Year 12 School Based Apprenticeship is perfect for students who decide they would like to start their apprenticeship at school after all, as well as those who were always planning on doing an apprenticeship after completing their HSC.

The school-based apprenticeships are being offered in various vocations on the North Coast. TAFE courses offered to students at Coffs Harbour TAFE and CHEC include courses in Plumbing, Carpentry, Hairdressing, Commercial Cookery, and Bakery. TAFE courses offered to students at Grafton TAFE include Electrotechnology Electrician, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration, Hairdressing, and Commercial Cookery.

Enrolled students will complete 50% of the formal training requirements of Stage 1 of their apprenticeship at TAFE NSW (2 units of HSC credit). They will also be required to complete at least 50% of the minimum required days with an employer. Students wishing to take on a Year 12 School Based Apprenticeship will need to submit their SBAT TAFE Notification forms by Week 9 Term 4. Entry through this pathway is non-ATAR.

This new initiative is being offered under the Educational Pathways Pilot Program (EPPP) "Increasing the uptake of School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships" initiative. Interested students should speak with School Careers Advisor Craig Rutledge, EPPP SBAT Mentor, Steve Montgomery or EPPP Head Teacher Careers David Youman to express their interest.

2021 SPORT CARNIVAL DATES

SPORT	DATE	CARNIVAL	VENUE	TERM
SWIMMING	Wed 3 Feb	WHS Swimming Carnival – Whole School	Woolgoolga Pool	1
	Wed 10 Feb	WHS Swimming Carnival – Competitors		
	Mon 22 Feb	MNC Zone Swimming Carnival	Grafton Pool	1
	Tue 2 March	NC Regional Swimming Carnival	Coffs Harbour Pool	1
	Wed 28 Apr to Fri 30 Apr	NSW CHS State Swimming	Olympic Aquatic Centre Homebush	2
CROSS COUNTRY	Fri 1 April	WHS Cross Country	Woolgoolga	1
	Fri 7 May	MNC Zone Cross Country	Nana Glen	2
	Fri 28 May	NC Regional Cross Country	Lismore	2
	Thur 15 July	NSW All Schools State Cross Country	Eastern Creek	3
ATHLETICS	TBA	WHS Athletics Carnival - Day 1 WHS Athletics Carnival - Day 2	Woolgoolga Sports Ground	2
	Thur 10 June	MNC Zone Athletics Carnival	Coffs Harbour Inter- national Stadium	2
	Thur 29 July	NC Regional Athletics Carnival	Cudgen	3
	Wed 25 Aug Fri 27 Aug	NSW CHS State Athletics Carnival	Homebush	3

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

Change of Details

Please notify the Front Office ASAP if your living circumstances or any other details have changed.

It is vital the school has up to date records should you need to be contacted in case of an emergency.

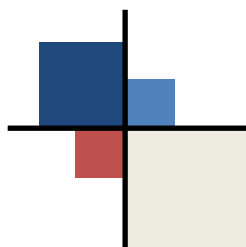
Parent Online Payment (POP)

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.



WOOLI HIGH CANTEN

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 66541500 to speak to one of the canteen team.

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