



# WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to our 2024 school captains and vice captains Isaac Lee, Simran Kaur, Ben Warden and Riley March and school staff Mr Paul McCormack and Mrs Kate March for proudly representing our school at the Remembrance Day Commemoration Service at Woolgoolga Diggers Club War Memorial on Saturday 11 November. Lest we forget.



Our school commemorated Remembrance Day at a whole school assembly on Monday morning in the school hall. Students and staff stood for The Last Post and marked One Minute Silence. Thank you to our senior students for running the assembly and to HSIE Teacher Mr West and his Year 10 class for creating the Remembrance Day presentation shown at the assembly. We will remember them. Lest we forget.

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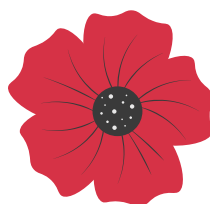
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We are moving very quickly towards the end of the year, but there is a lot happening between now and our summer holidays.

Last week we said farewell to our Class of 2023 with their graduation assembly followed by the formal dinner. Our outgoing captains handed the reins to our new captains who did an excellent job running the assembly. All the speeches were from the heart, and I sincerely thank our team for putting this together. The dinner was a lovely and fun occasion with a very positive atmosphere. Everyone looked amazing and the cake created by Mrs Rosenberg was an absolute show-stopper. Thank you to Mr Nickell who can now relax after seeing this group through as their year advisor.



Our captains had their second formal duty on Saturday at the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Woolgoolga. I thank them and the staff in attendance for helping to mark this important occasion.

This was followed by a whole-school assembly on Monday organised by our History department.

This week Year 10 have travelled to Moreton Island. The photos have inspired plenty of jealousy. These are the experiences that students will always remember. We will have more on this in our next newsletter.

Last night our Mathematics faculty hosted an information session for Year 8 students who are interested in participating in an accelerated Maths program. This was well-attended and I look forward to seeing how these students progress.

You will see later in this edition that Brydi Custance has been nominated for HSC ArtExpress. This is for outstanding HSC Visual Arts Major Works. Brydi's work has been sent to Sydney for the final round of judging to determine if it will be in the exhibition. This is a wonderful achievement just being nominated.

In Week 10, we have organised activities for Years 7 to 10. Students can choose from an amazing variety of activities ranging from crafts to sporting activities and overnight camps. Students need to choose early as some sessions will fill up quickly. Year 11 will also have an overnight camp where they will have the chance to fulfil "Life Ready" outcomes.

Year 11 reports are now available online and a hardcopy can be printed on request. Junior reports will be released later in the term. We will be reviewing our report format so we will be asking for feedback after parents receive Semester 2 reports.

**Lu Nickell**  
**Relieving Principal**

## COMING EVENTS

Tuesday 12th Dec	Annual Presentation Assembly
Weeks 8 & 9	Year 10 Work Experience
Tuesday 28 th Nov	Year 7, 2024 Orientation Day and Parent Evening
Wed 13th to Fri 15th Dec	Activities
Friday 15th Dec	Last day for students

**The Annual Presentation Assembly will be held on Tuesday, 12 December 2023. Invitations to parents/carers of students receiving an award will be emailed out, more details on this to come.**

### WEDNESDAY SPORTS

**Notes for students to leave during sport time need to be at the office by 10:30am.**

**Notes received after this time will not be approved for students to leave during sport time.**

**REMINDER PARENTS AND CARERS Please do NOT drive into the staff carpark** in the mornings before school and in the afternoons after school to pick up or drop off your child. It is extremely busy at this time and we would appreciate it if you could drop your child off in the designated drop-off and pick-up areas near the bus bay. Students should also enter the school via the pathways for safety reasons. Thank you for your co-operation.

## School Attendance

**Year 10 students not undertaking Work Experience during Weeks 8 & 9 are reminded that they must attend school.**

**Students not attending upcoming End of Year excursions must also attend school on those days.**

**Students attending upcoming End of Year excursions must meet the school's expectations which include a minimum 80% school attendance rate, consistent class attendance, following the school rules, and regularly wearing the school uniform.**

**Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential.**

**Parents and carers are required to explain student absences from school within 7 days of the first day of a period of absence.**

**This can be done by phoning the school on 6554 1500, emailing the school or replying to student absentee text messages.**



# AROUND THE SCHOOL

## Year 12 Graduation and Formal

Congratulations to our Yr 12  
2023 Graduates!!! We wish  
you all the best for your  
futures



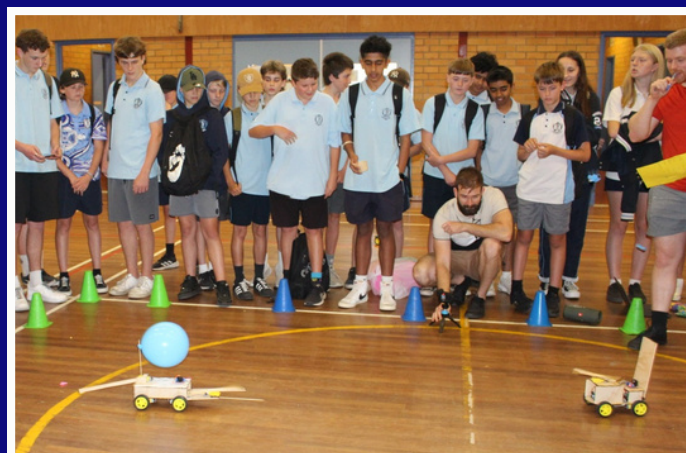
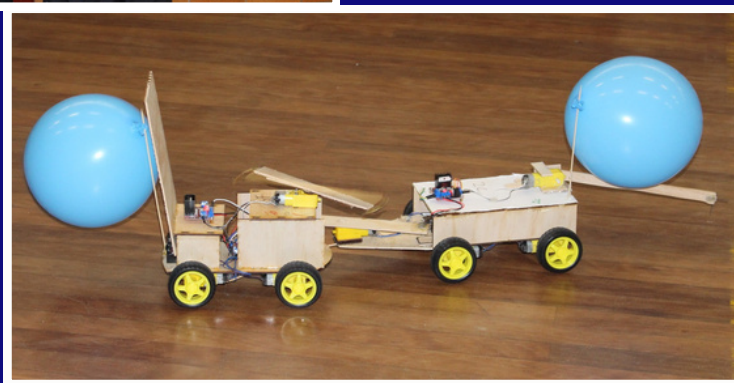
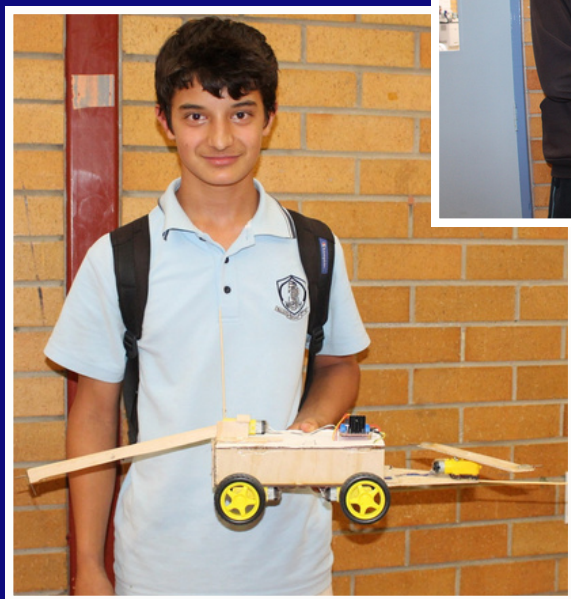
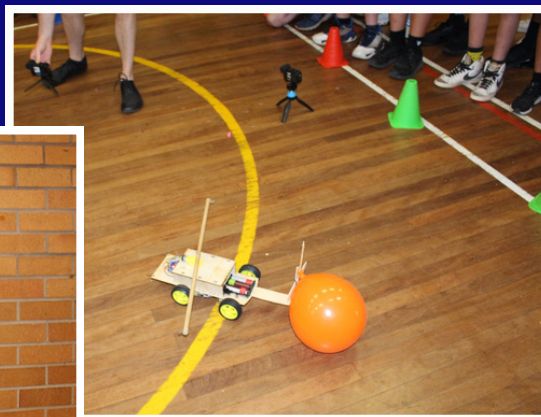
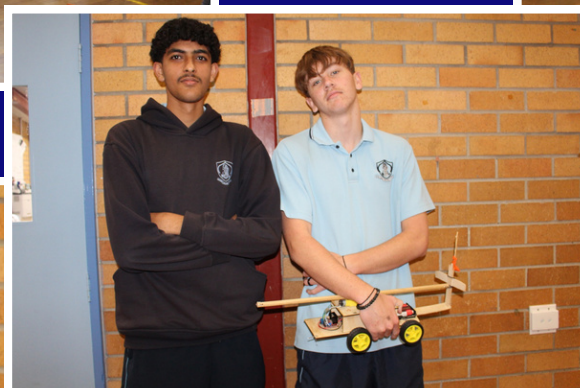
Our graduating Yr 12 2023 students celebrated the end of their schooling at their School Formal at Pacific Bay Resort on Monday 6 November. Thank you to all the parents/carers and staff who attended this momentous occasion to celebrate with our students!





# Year 10 Engineering

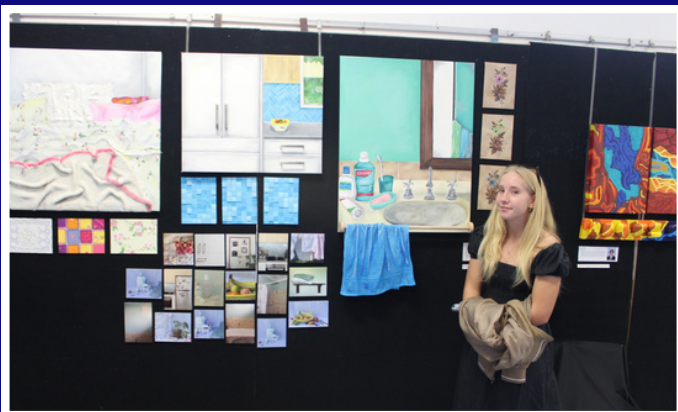
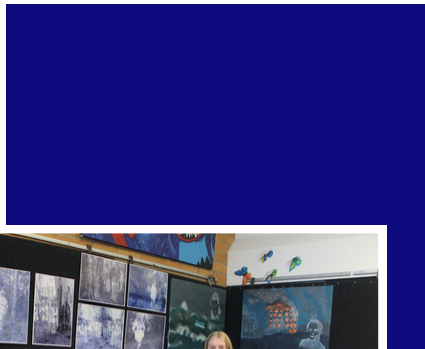
Students enjoyed watching the Year 10 Engineering class battling the robots they made in class during break 2 today in the hall. Congrats to today's Battle Bots winner Michael Sutton





# Creative Expo

Friday the 3rd November we held Woolgoolga High School's Creative Expo which is an annual showcase of HSC works across a variety of our practical subjects. There was a wide variety of excellent student works on display from Visual Arts, Woodwork, Textiles and Design and Multimedia, and more. Many outstanding junior works were also on display. Hospitality catered with yummy food and drinks for our visitors to enjoy. We had a very good turn out for the night and would like to thank all of those who came to enjoy this event.





# Visual Arts – HSC ARTEXPRESS Nomination



Brydi Custance of Year 12 has had her work nominated for the prestigious ARTEXPRESS exhibition 2023. This is a wonderful achievement and is a result of the many hours and hard work she put in over the past 12 months.

**‘Whispers of Wood and Kin’**

(Thanks to the staff who donated fence palings to Brydi.)

**Whispers of Wood and Kin’**

‘Whispers of Wood and Kin’ is an exploration of the relationship between nature and the constructs of family connections and relationships. The arrangement of stacked boxes symbolises the interconnectedness within my family. The use of wooden fence palings, convey the essence of home, highlighting how it acts as a pivotal element in fostering and sustaining family connections.



## THANK YOU

Last Thursday was 'School Counsellor and School Psychologist Recognition Day!'

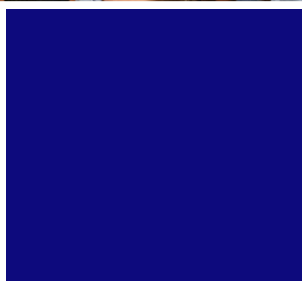
Thank you to our school counsellors Paul Young and Judy Wall for always being here for our students and staff.





# GRIP Leadership Conference

On the 2nd of November, WHS Prefects, SMILE mentors and SRC attended the GRIP leadership conference in Coffs Harbour. Students attended workshops on school leadership, running school events and promoting a positive school culture. The conference was attended by many schools from the Coffs region and the students enjoyed networking and sharing ideas



## RUN BEYOND PROJECT

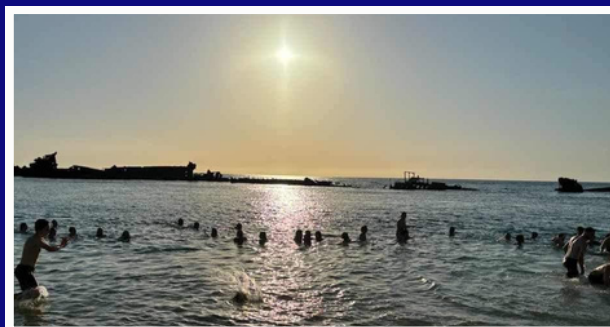
It's been a tough 12 weeks for @therunbeyondproject training group. With only three weeks to go and every student attending 100% of the training and meetings the students were rewarded with a pair of On Cloud running shoes. This will help them achieve their goal of the 12km run at the Gold Coast 50km event early December.

We are proud of the commitment that these students have shown, and are grateful for the family, friends and charity that has been supporting them. The growth in this group of students self belief and resilience has been unbelievable.





# Year 10 are loving life on Moreton Island!!!



## 🌽 Year 10 Agriculture 🌽



Year 10 corn plants look amazing. Students have been monitoring the growth patterns and have established they are at growth stage V10 and are close to reaching reproductive stages. They have been closely observing the lady beetles eating the thrips and now have an understanding of how nature can take care of its pests and the role of Integrated Pest Management in agriculture. It so close you can almost taste the sweet buttery corn.



# Library

## Bookmark Making

We have continued to be busy in the library at break times colouring in and laminating beautiful bookmarks



## PEER READING: AROUND THE WORLD IN THREE DAYS

To finish up our wonderful Peer Reading program 2023 we decided to organise a bunch of overseas born or travelled guest speakers to give a quick presentation about their country to the group.

Wednesday was Germany day. Exchange student Veronika Golden is in year 10 and is a member of our peer reading group. It was fascinating to hear about her home-town and life in Germany. We had fun learning about the intricacies of the German language and how long some words actually are.





# Sport

## Squash

On 8th November, four students from WHS attended the Secondary Schools Squash Challenge at Korora. This was a mixed school competition open to all schools in the area, both public and private. Our team (Jye Pursch, Isaac Lee, Amos Roworth, Riley March) won their round robin division, winning four rounds against different schools and only dropped a few games in the process.

This then led them to the final against the winners from the other division, where they were defeated by the more experienced School team from Coffs Harbour Christian Community School. Overall a fantastic effort from students to finish runner up in a competition that comprised ten teams. Great job!



## Ten Pin Bowling



The 10 pin bowling group is highly enthusiastic and competitive, they have shown huge improvement in their skill level as the weeks have progressed. With a highly competitive prize for every spare and two for a strike everyone is on task and eager to be a winner. Freddos also are awarded to the top 3 competitors each week as well as the three highest improvers.



# P & C Column

**Outcomes from the Woolgoolga High School P&C Meeting held on Wednesday 8 November:**

- School blazers for our 2024 School Captains & Vice Captains should arrive soon.
- Our school Uniform Shop will close for trading on Friday 8 December. Trading days for December/January have been posted on our school Facebook page.
- There will be some canteen price rises in Term 1 2024.
- Our school will continue to hold its annual Yr 12 Graduation Assembly and Yr 12 School Formal on the one day. Thank you to Mrs Nicole Rosenberg for creating the amazing cake for this year's formal.
- Security screens will be installed in A Block for student safety during Week 11 Term 4, after school ends for students.
- Renovation work on Science Labs 4 & 5 is progressing well.
- A 5th demountable classroom will arrive soon for additional Special Education Support classes for 2024.
- Our annual Creative Expo was a success. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the evening.
- All school canteen staff and volunteers must now undertake a 1 hour online 'Food Handling Basics training' course through the NSW Government Food Authority.

**The next P&C Meeting will be held in the school library on Wednesday 14 February 2024 at 6.30pm. All school parents, carers and staff are welcome to attend to learn more about what is happening in our school. Thank you to all the parents/carers and school staff who have attended our P & C Meetings during 2023!**



## SBAT students

### Liam Westhead - The Black Apple

Year 10 student Liam Westhead has proudly worked at The Black Apple at Moonee Marketplace since it opened 4 years ago on the 16th October.

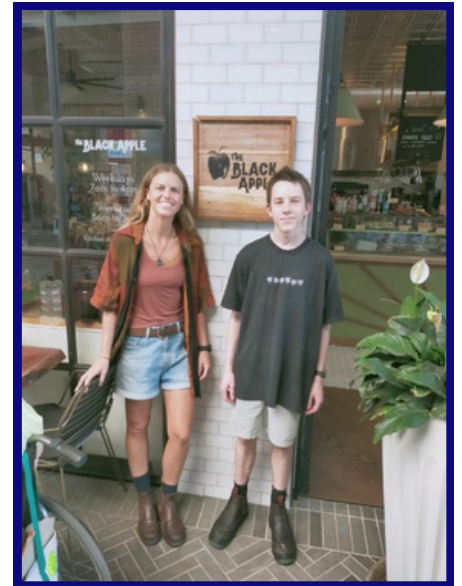
He began his pathway towards a school based traineeship (SBAT) with 1 day per week work experience.

Liam began the paid employment part of his SBAT on the 30th August and will start his formal training very soon, which will be a Cert III Retail course delivered by TAFE at his work place. This workplace training will mean more time on the job for Liam and less missed school.

Renee from The Black Apple and Liam are pleased that he will be learning all aspects of the business.

Renee has described Liam's best attributes as being his polite manner and great communication skills with customers and other members of the team, along with his barista skills and organisation and the fact that he genuinely enjoys his work and thrives when The Black Apple is busy.

Congratulations Liam!



### Minty Smailes - Neue Skin Clinic

Year 11 student Minty Smailes began her career pathway by approaching Wendii from Neue Skin Clinic at Moonee Marketplace looking for a job opportunity in the beauty industry.

After a short time doing work experience both Wendii and Minty thought their work relationship was a good fit and Minty commenced work at the clinic on the 5th of May.

Usually school based traineeships (SBATs) are either Cert II or Cert III, but Wendii and Minty have opted for a Cert IV in Beauty Therapy which will enable Minty to perform a comprehensive range of therapies and understand the science behind them.

Her course is being delivered by TAFE at the CHEC campus. Minty and Wendii's work partnership is thriving and Minty will soon transition from Woolgoolga High School in 2024 into a full-time combination of work and TAFE.

Minty has already started to build her client base and will be able to offer more services as she completes her units of competency.

Congratulations Minty!



# CAREERS

## JOB VACANCIES

Please visit the Woolgoolga High School Careers website to obtain further information about these new jobs.

Click on Workplace Learning then Vacancies & Opportunities. (Please scroll down on the left to see all vacancies)

- NSW Government Traineeship (Female) at Coffs Harbour (Yr 12 school leavers-March 2024)
- NSW Government Traineeship (Indigenous) at Coffs Harbour (Yr 12 school leavers-March 2024)
- Weekend Dispensary Technician at Woolgoolga Coastal Chemist
- Cricket Program Coordinator (Yr 12 school leaver-School holidays)
- Apprentice Trades Assistant at Oz Group, Coffs Harbour
- Christmas Casual at Katies, Coffs Harbour
- Used Motor Vehicle Sales Trainee at Coffs Harbour Toyota
- Part time Junior Cooks at a Moonee Beach burger bar (School leavers)-Trainee.
- Property Officer at The Edge, Coffs Harbour
- Apprentice Plant Mechanic, Apprentice Fitter, Apprentice Bridge Carpenter, Trainee Organisational Development & Trainee Engineer at Clarence Valley Council.

### Yr 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students are asked to please organise their work experience placements for Weeks 8 & 9 and return their work experience paperwork signed by their parents and employer to the Careers office in the school library by Tuesday next week (Week 7).

### Year 10 SBAT students

Year 10 students interested in undertaking a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT) during their senior years are urged to contact staff in the Careers office in the school library to discuss SBAT opportunities and to receive assistance with securing an employer during Term 4, ready to commence their SBAT at the start of Year 11. School-based apprenticeships and traineeships are a great way to set yourself up for the career you want while you're completing your HSC.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships>

## UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

- Start Your Future Automotive course  
Wed 22 & 29 November  
Grafton TAFE
- Yr 10 Work Experience  
Week 8 & 9

Where do young people go for career information?  
(Webinar for parents/carers)  
Thurs 30 Nov-1pm

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**Educational Pathways Program**





# COMMUNITY NOTICES

Parents and carers are invited to a free one-hour webinar to learn how to protect young people from vaping.

Each webinar will provide valuable information to:  
 help you increase your knowledge of e-cigarettes (vapes)  
 provide some tools for you to start a conversation with your young person  
 outline some steps toward supporting your young person to quit e-cigarettes (vaping)

Register on attached link


[https://nswhealth.sendaweso.me.email/v/96746/1308427/email.html?k=pXb4fCvagNjne8Gfl2VeF2EA\\_8slqVtPVYJ9fnkZFHA](https://nswhealth.sendaweso.me.email/v/96746/1308427/email.html?k=pXb4fCvagNjne8Gfl2VeF2EA_8slqVtPVYJ9fnkZFHA)



**TALK TO YOUR KIDS**

**ABOUT VAPING**

North Coast Youth Vaping Taskforce 



Is your teenager a hands-on learner?

Educational Pathways Program

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

NSW Department of Education

## Apply to join the DOVES Minister's Student Council

The DOVES Minister's Student Council is the peak forum for interaction between NSW public school students, NSW Education and the NSW Minister for Education

27 students represent 9 directorates in NSW. Council members host student forums to take the issues direct to the Minister.

For your chance to be on the council submit a video of up to 90 seconds outlining who you are; why you are interested in being part of the DOVES; and why you would be a great advocate for students across all walks of life.

Apply via Minister's Student Council

webpage: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/student-voices/minister-s-student-council/apply-to-be-involved>

Applications close Friday 22 December 2023



## DECEMBER 2023 TRADING HOURS



OPEN HOURS FOR THE UNIFORM SHOP IN DECEMBER 2023

LAST TRADING DAY WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2023

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## JANUARY 2024 SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS



Open hours for the Uniform Shop in January 2024.

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