



WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter

WHS Swimming Age Champions

AGE CHAMPIONS

12 Years: Jesse Desmond and Taj Farrow
13 Years: Poppy Ensbey and Vann Geerlings
14 Years: Gracie Kennedy and Bailey Ensham
15 Years: Ella Dudgeon and Tristain Shih
16 Years: Celine Shih and Mitch Custance
17 Years and Over: Emily Bell and Riley Nugent

WINNING HOUSE

1ST: MULLAWAY
2ND: EMERALD
3RD: DIAMOND
4TH: ARRAWARRA

Congratulations to these students.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This week I spoke to all our students at assembly about what is happening in the last week of term. Monday the 3rd April will be Parent/Teacher Night. You will be able to book your interview times through the Sentral parent portal. We will text all parents to let them know when the bookings are live.

Wednesday 5th April is our cross-country day. We will have normal classes in the morning followed by our cross-country carnival for the second half of the day. This is a very enjoyable day and students are welcome to walk the course with their friends if they wish. I will be running with the girls in one of our older age groups. More details to come.

Thursday 6th April is the last day of term. Last year the government announced a mandatory one day per term for teachers to plan for the new syllabuses that will be rolling out in the near future. Our curriculum planning day for Term 1 will be on this date. Students will have the option of learning from home or completing the same tasks at school. Students will be supervised at school but will not follow their regular timetable. You will receive an email explaining this and inviting you to respond if your child will be working from home. This will not count as an absence from school.

You will see later in this edition that three of our students conducted a rescue while surfing for sport last week. Some parts of the media have seen our Facebook post and are wanting to run the story. So far we have ABC radio and NBN News. It is wonderful that our young heroes have been recognised for their courage and concern for others in our community.

Please see the information below regarding the farewell of former staff member, Kathy Jones:



MEMORIAL NOTICE

Kathleen (Kath) Jones

26th February 2023

Time to rest my darling



Passed peacefully at home surrounded by her loved ones on the 26th February 2023. Devoted soulmate of Allan (dec). Beloved mother of Chloe, Holli and Adam. Cherished loving Nannie to all her grandchildren Izac, Lewis, Alaina , Violet, Charlie , Summer , Penny, Olive & Ivy.

Adored by her friends who became family.

Sadly missed by the generations of those whose lives she touched through her work.

Aged 60 years
Forever loved

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the memorial and celebration of her life at Mullaway Beach Reserve on Saturday 11th March 2023 at 2pm.

Please honour Kath by wearing her favourite colours blue or purple and please bring yourself a chair or a rug to sit on.



132 West High Street, Coffs Harbour
Phone: 02 6651 5007

COMING EVENTS

Fri 10th Mar	Year 7 Vaccinations
Mon 13th Mar	NC Swimming - Alstonville
Wed 15th Mar - Mon 27th Mar	NAPLAN Testing
Wed 22nd - Thurs 23rd Mar	Yr 10, 11 & 12 Art Excursion to Sydney
Mon 3rd Apr	Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tue 4th Apr	Science and Engineering Challenge
Wed 5th Apr	WHS Cross Country
Thurs 6th Apr	Last day Term 1
Wed 26th Apr	Term 2 commences

PARENT / TEACHER NIGHT

Monday 3rd April

More information to come

P & C

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

· Voted in at the AGM for the 2023 P&C Committee are President (Julie Marshall), Vice President (Lynette Buckley), Treasurer (Karen Woolridge) and Secretary (Megan Hart). Thankyou and congratulations to our new executive members for the coming year.

- P&C Meetings will now be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.
- A preferred design for Subject pull up banners for school events such as Parent Teacher Night and Subject Selection Evenings was agreed upon. The school will hopefully receive the new banners for Parent Teacher Night on April 3.
- School funding is now available for the purchase of 10 sheltered tables near the canteen area, and a preferred shelter design was agreed upon.
- A NSW Department of Education proposal to erect a school fence around the school was discussed and a proposed design debated, with possible changes to be made to the recommended design.
- The school Uniform Shop is now fully stocked for uniform purchases.
- The school's Woolgoolga High School Facebook and Woolgoolga High School Careers Facebook accounts will be linked with the Instagram social media platform to further reach our student community.
- A social media account will be established for our school on the LinkedIn business platform to promote professional achievements within our school.
- Volunteer parents and carers are required for our school canteen from mid-May to mid-June due to staff absence.

The next P&C Meeting will be held in the school library on Wednesday 10 May. All school parents and staff are welcome to attend to learn more about what is happening in our school.

Thank you Deakon!

Congratulations to Deakon Wright in Year 11 for being recognised by the Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick for his generous donation of toys, books and more to the patients and families of the hospital. Deakon recently received a 'Thank You Certificate' from the hospital and a personal letter which stated:

"Gifts like yours help make this time in Hospital more positive, bringing comfort to the families in our care. Thank you for making this difference to them and for thinking of us. Your support of Sydney Children's Hospital, Randwick is greatly appreciated."



WOOP! HIGH STUDENTS RESCUE TOURIST

Last Wednesday 1st March, some of our Year 8 and Year 9 students in the Surfing sport group were responsible for the rescue of a young woman from the surf at Woolgoolga Back Beach. The school surfing session had just finished and students were leaving the water and preparing to leave the beach when Finn Casper of Year 9 called out that a woman was in a rip in deep water and struggling to swim about 100 metres down the beach. Koby Kudrins in Year 8 started running but stopped when he realised he did not have his board with him and that it would be dangerous to enter the water without it. He instead assisted Jack Hayes, also in Year 8, who ran to the water and paddled out, using the skills that he was taught in the Surf Survival course, to help the woman onto his board and bring her back to shore safely.

We have no doubt that these boys prevented a terrible tragedy as the woman they rescued was swimming alone in a dangerous location and was a very poor swimmer.

The boys remained calm, used their skills and knowledge, and demonstrated the kind of selfless behaviour typical of so many of our students.

Congratulations boys!!! You have done yourselves and our school proud!

Mr John Morgan
Mr John Elliott
School Surfing Teachers



Upcoming webinar for parents – Using Technology and Beating Distractions

On Wed 15 March Elevate Education will be hosting its first free webinar of the year for parents.

Elevate Education works with our students, delivering high impact workshops on study skills, motivation, wellbeing, and exam preparation. By tuning into their webinar series you will learn how you can help better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school:

Wednesday 15th March @ 6:30pm (AEDT)

Here's what Elevate will be covering:

- ✓ Technology addiction and how to reduce technology dependence
- ✓ Practical strategies and apps to minimise procrastination
- ✓ How to help your child use technology productively to enhance their learning

<https://get.elevatecoaching.info/au/schoolwebinar?fbclid=IwAR2Q-8OzcQFFG8wtHBYJFSQJ1DeH2J7s15vuEyMQsVcGtb7hP3yIGBIgdjc>

Year 10 Geography Fieldstudy

Year 10 Geography completed a fieldwork study at Woolgoolga Beach as a compulsory component of their Geography Syllabus. The purpose of their study was to investigate the management of Woolgoolga Beach and sand dunes through the completion of primary research activities including field measurements, sketches, visual observations, photographic comparisons and notetaking. This is aligned with their study of coastal management in class and formed an important first step towards completing their term one assessment task. The notes taken on the day will be used to complete an in-class task which includes the human impact on the beach and sand dunes, organises and processes the data collected, and evaluates the effectiveness of the management strategies observed. This part of the Year 10 Geography course is always a highlight of the year. Many students start to see their local area in a different light when studying contemporary geographical issues such as these; how can they contribute to and influence them.

Mrs Hine, Mr Van Schie, Mr Boers, Mr Twigg, Ms Canakis and Mr West

Special Thank you to Mr McGrane for sharing his years of knowledge about this important aspect of Woolgoolga.



WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE

On Friday 18 March Woolgoolga High School SRC will be hosting a fundraiser for the World's Greatest Shave, on behalf of the Leukaemia Foundation! We're on a mission to shave the world from blood cancer. Please sponsor our team to give families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. You'll also fund vital research to help more people survive blood cancers, while improving their quality of life. Those wishing to join the Woolgoolga High School fundraising team (staff or student) please see Mr Murtha. Please click on the link to donate to the school fundraising

<https://secure.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/regisrant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?TeamID=142539>

MNC ZONE SWIMMING

Congratulations to the following students listed below who qualified to represent WHS at the Mid North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival last week which was held at the Coffs Harbour War memorial Olympic pool



12 Year Girls

Jesse Desmond, Lyla Fruedenstein, Frankie Fruedenstein, Reine Aubort, Angel Cramp & Ameilia Craig-Armstrong.

12 Year Boys

Hudson Chassher, Taj Cruise, Jyrus McKechnie & Emil Eckert

13 Year Girls

Poppy Ensby, Amelia Morrel, Josie Mamone, Kalani Grayson, Ruby Trough, Milli McInerney & Remi Wellington.

13 Year Boys

Vann Geerlngs, Tom Taylor, Henry Hoppe & Blake Button

14 Year Girls

Lilly Klewer & Grace Kennedy

14 Year Boys

Bailey Ensham, Robert Ferrarp. Azlyn Batcheldor, Kody Kudrins & Benji Lowen

15 Year Girls

Ella Dudgeon, Seena Harre, Hadley march & Alina Hidzir

15 Year Boys

Tristain Shih, Finn Casper, Jake Weston & Roy Guliford

16 Year Girls

Celine Shih

15 Year Boys

Mitch Custance

17 Year Girls

Emily Bell, Riley March & Molly Cohen

17 Year Boys

Riley Nigent, Issac Lee & Baster March



The 42 student strong team displayed excellent team spirit and swimming skills. This was particularly evident in the Relays. WHS has had 10 relays qualify for the North Coast Regional Championships.

Boys: 12, 14, 15, 17+, all age & Medley Relays

Girls: 12, 15, 17+ & All age relay

Congratulations to **Celine Shih** (16 girls) and **Bailey Ensham** (14 Boys) who were crowned Mid North Coast Zone Champion for their age group. Also well done to **Ella Dudgeon** (15 girls), **Tristian Shih** (15 Boys) and **Mitch Custance** (16 Boys) who were runners up age champions for their age groups.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to come and support our Students.

Special mention to Mrs Hart, Mr Mullan, Mr Twigg and Mr Lock for their expertise in helping run the zone carnival and organised the WHS Team.

Woolgoolga High have 31 students who have qualified for the North Coast Regional Swimming Carnival in Altonsville next Tuesday.

GOOD LUCK AND GO WOOP! HIGH!

SCHOOL BAND

The School Band will be starting again this year! We will be holding auditions for the Band over the next few weeks and locking in our band members before the end of term. Members of the Band will:

- Become a member of the Band Home Group
- Be given free hire of their instrument
- Be provided with all sheet music

The Band will be auditioning for the following instruments: drum kit, percussion, marimba, bass guitar, electric guitar, keyboard, trumpet, trombone, saxophone, flute and clarinet.

If you are interested please see Mr Dominey in Music for further information.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



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4 weeks



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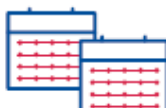
Over **1** year missed

1 day per week



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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

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MNC AFL

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the Mid North Coast zone under 15's AFL team. Well done and good luck at the North Coast trials in Byron Bay.

Year 7: Arlo Newton

Year 8: Paige Ludzik, Desiel Cheney

Year 9: Ayla Denblydon, Kaitlyn Ludzik, Roy Gulliford, Mohammand Isfandyari

Year 10: Jackson Cheney

YR 7 VACCINATIONS



Online consent now available for school vaccinations

The routine school vaccination program for students in Year 7 and Year 10, is offering online consent from 2023.

Benefits:

- get SMS notifications when vaccinations are given
- easily update your child's details
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register

You will need:

- your Service NSW log-in details
- you and your child's Medicare card number (if you both have one)
- details of which school your child will attend in 2023

More information:



NSW School Vaccination Program Year 7

Important Information 2023

ENCORE Showcase

Woolgoolga High School Senior Music students travelled to the Sydney Opera House on Monday 27th February to watch ENCORE. ENCORE is a showcase of the top performances and compositions from the previous HSC year. Our students also enjoyed a tour of the Sydney Conservatorium, the Anzac War Memorial and had fun dressing up for the Opera House. All students involved were great ambassadors for our school and made their teachers very proud.

One of our Year 11 students, Leevon Young, shared his views:

'Our excursion to Sydney was an enjoyable experience. Woopi High's musicians formed close bonds and received a taste of the state's most outstanding performances for HSC Music. Their pieces exhibited the technical skills required to excel in the course and will greatly influence my selection of examination songs for 2024's HSC.'



CAREERS



YES+ Early Childhood Education and Care GRAFTON CAMPUS

Course description:

YES+ is an initiative of the NSW Government and part of the NSW Department of Education's Educational Pathways Program.

This course provides:

Practical demonstrations and experiences from highly qualified and innovative teaching staff to develop your interests in working with young children. You will be introduced to what a day as an Early Childhood Educator involves, providing you with practical activities and knowledge building opportunities.

Come and join us if you:

- Have an interest in working with young children
- You want to understand how children learn through play
- You like being active, interacting with children in outdoor and creative experiences

There may be opportunity for you to learn about children by interacting with young children in our play session environments at TAFE NSW.

Course outcomes include:

- Students make informed career choices to access VET options like SBATs and VET at school or transitioning to study TAFE NSW.
- Students develop individual learning plans identifying courses and study options linked to their preferred careers.

Students will need to:

- Wear closed in shoes and appropriate clothing
- Bring their own water bottle and lunch

For further information:

Reach out to your school Career's Advisor

Participant eligibility

Participants must be:

- 15 years old or older AND
- attending a targeted EPP school AND
- in Year 10 or above

one of the following:

- have chosen a non-ATAR pathway OR
- are undecided about their pathway after school OR
- likely to benefit from exposure to a vocational pathway.

LOCATION

Grafton Campus

START DATE

4 May 2023

9:30am – 2:30pm



YES+ Engineering GRAFTON CAMPUS

Course description:

The YES+ (Youth Engagement Strategy Plus) gets students out of the school setting into TAFE-style learning.

This course provides:

Practical demonstrations from highly qualified teaching staff and the opportunity for students to participate in hands on activities to gain insight and knowledge in the engineering industry.

Course outcomes include:

- Students make informed career choices to access VET options like SBATs and VET at school or transitioning to study TAFE NSW.
- Students develop individual learning plans identifying courses and study options linked to their preferred careers.

Students will need to:

- wear closed in shoes and appropriate clothing
- bring water bottle and lunch

For further information:

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LOCATION

Grafton Campus

START DATE

3 May 2023

9:30am-2:30pm

Parents have a big influence on their child's future career.
Got the skills to guide them?



Parents guide to jobs, skills and career conversations

Join career coach experts and local employers to:

- Understand your child's career personality and its impact on their career decision making.
- Take a deep dive into how young people make transitions from education to employment – the wanderers, stragglers, and sprinters.
- Learn about your local economy and career opportunities for young people in the region: PLUS hear direct from local employers about skills in demand.
- Unpack Vocational Education & Training, and its value in skills development.
- Tips, tools and strategies to support your success in that next career conversation.

This workshop is free for all parents of high school aged students in Clarence Valley. Light snacks provided.

BOOK NOW

Please register early, numbers are capped.



Grafton:

Tuesday 28th March 2023
PCYC, 300 Powell Street, Grafton
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parents-guide-to-career-conversations-grafton-tickets-518348954672>



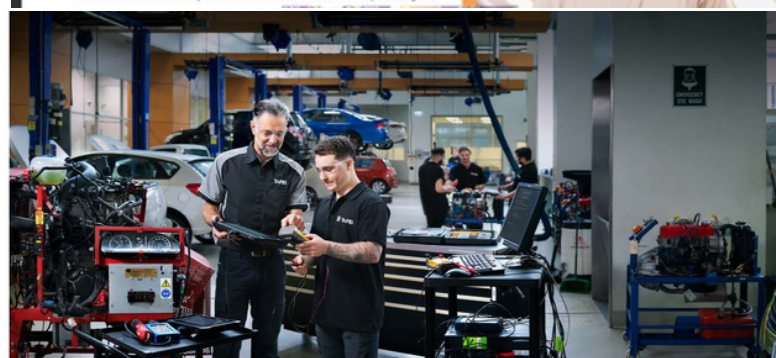
Coffs Harbour:

Wednesday 29th March 2023
HUB 2, Coffs International Sports Stadium
Stadium Drive, Coffs Harbour
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parents-guide-to-career-conversations-coffs-harbour-tickets-518371772922>

5.30pm arrive (light snacks)
5.45pm workshop starts
7.45pm finish



This initiative is funded by the Australian Government Industry Training Hub.



YES+ Automotive GRAFTON CAMPUS

Course description:

YES+ is an initiative of the NSW Government and part of the NSW Department of Education's Educational Pathways Program.

This course provides:

Practical demonstrations from highly qualified teaching staff and the opportunity for students to participate in hands on activities to gain insight and knowledge in the automotive industry.

The automotive industry is rapidly changing with ongoing technological advancements particularly in fuel delivery systems, hybrid and electric vehicles. These changes mean that you need to be skilled to meet what the future has in store.

Course outcomes include:

- Students make informed career choices to access VET options like SBATs and VET at school or transitioning to study TAFE NSW.
- Students develop individual learning plans identifying courses and study options linked to their preferred careers.

Students will need to:

- wear leather, closed in shoes and appropriate clothing
- bring water bottle and lunch

For further information:

Reach out to your school Career's Advisor

Participant eligibility

Participants must be:

- 15 years old or older AND
- attending a targeted EPP school AND
- in Year 10

one of the following:

- have chosen a non-ATAR pathway OR
- are undecided about their pathway after school OR
- likely to benefit from exposure to a vocational pathway.

LOCATION

Grafton Campus

START DATE

3 May 2023

9:30am-2:30pm

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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)

Apprenticeships/Traineeships

- Part-time Payroll Officer Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- Roof Plumbing Apprenticeships at Coffs Harbour
- Metal Fabrication Apprenticeships at Coffs Harbour
- Apprentice Greenkeeper at Coffs Harbour Golf Club
- Commercial Cookery Apprenticeship at Village Pantry, Coffs Harbour
- Electrical Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Business Administration Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- IT (Information Technology) Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- Service Technician Traineeship at Coffs Harbour

Full-time/Part-time work

- Crew Member at Red Rooster, Park Beach Plaza
- Drivers, E-bike Riders and In Store Team Members at Dominos, Woolgoolga

Go Forward

Educational Pathways Program



Jye Slater secures Apprenticeship

Congratulations to Year 11 student Jye Slater who has secured a Plumbing/Gas Fitter Apprenticeship with Allied Air Conditioning at Coffs Harbour. Jye has been working with our Careers faculty to secure his future career pathway and used his initiative to contact his employer HIA upon learning of the apprenticeship opportunity from our school Careers faculty. HIA were impressed with Jye's quick response to the job opportunity and with the way Jye conducted himself and showed initiative to pursue the apprenticeship. Following a series of interviews with HIA and Allied Air Conditioning Jye received news that he had been successful in securing this apprenticeship, which will commence next month.

Congratulations to Jye and our Careers team for this successful outcome!



UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS

- EPP Trade Readiness Program in Construction (Yr 10 students)
Wednesday 15 March
(visiting various work sites)
- YES+ Access-Animal Care course
Thursday 16 & Thursday 23 March
Grafton TAFE

WHS Cross Country

This week, our students in Years 7-10 have practiced the cross-country course. It is a perfect course with fantastic views with most of the course in shade. The **school cross country** will be held on **Wednesday 5 April 2023**. We look forward to seeing students do their best at the Cross Country event.



2023 SPORT CARNIVAL DATES

Swimming	Mon 13 Mar	NC Regional Swimming Carnvil	Alstonville Pool	1
	Wed 3 - Fri 5 May	NSW CHS State Swimming Carnival	Olympic Aquatic Centre Homebush	2
Cross Country	Wed 5 Apr	WHS Cross Country	Woolgoolga High School	1
	Mon 15 May	MNC Zone Cross Country	Nana Glen	2
	Fri 16 June	NC Regional Cross Country	Bryon Bay	2
	Fri 21 July	NSW All School's State Cross Country	Eastern Creek	3
Athletics	Fri 19 May	WHS Athletics Carnival	Woolgoolga	2
	Tue 20 June	MNC Zone Athletics	Coffs Harbour international Stadium	2
	Thu 17 Aug	NC Regional Athletics	Coffs Harbour international Stadium	3
	Wed 6 - Fri 8 Sept	NSW CHS State Athletics	Sydney Olympic Park	3

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

REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS



Congratulations to year 11 students **Marli Keating** and **Eligh Pledger** who have been selected in the North Coast Combined High Schools Open Boys' Rugby Union team. The boys will travel to Newcastle to compete in the NSW CHS State Championships three-day carnival early next term. Well done boys and good luck.

Congratulations to **Celine Shih** (16 year girls) and **Bailey Ehsman** (14 year boys) who achieved Age Champion status at the Zone Swimming Carnival at Coffs Harbour on Tuesday!!!





NSW Department of Education

2023 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

Start reading now!

Illustration by Chris Munn

Key dates for students in K-10:
 Challenge opens
 Monday 27 February
 Challenge closes
 for student entries
 Friday 18 August

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.gov.au

Sponsors



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HUB 2
 Coffs International Sports Stadium
 Stadium Drive, Coffs Harbour
 Wednesday 29th March 2023
 5.30pm arrival for a 5.45pm start

