



WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

GREEN DAY FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

Students and staff celebrated 'Green Day for Muscular Dystrophy' on Friday 31st March to raise funds to support families living with Muscular Dystrophy and to raise awareness about Muscular Dystrophy. The fundraiser was organised by our Student Representative Council (SRC) and Mr Murtha. Students enjoyed playing dodgeball in the school hall and indulging in the sausage sizzle and green themed sweets, popcorn and snow cones. Thanks to the SRC for organising the fundraiser and for everyone who participated and supported the day, the vibe was electric!

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This week we say farewell to Ms Kath Bear who has accepted a permanent Deputy Principal position at Toormina High School. Ms Bear has been at Woopi High for more than 25 years and will be missed. I wish her all the best in her new role.

Mrs Claire O'Halloran will be returning to us as Relieving Deputy Principal for the remainder of the year. I am very happy to have her back after some time away at Coffs Harbour Senior College.

Mrs Megan Hart has accepted a position as Head Teacher Administration at the Induna School for the rest of the year. This will be a very different role for her, but I know she will do well. Ms Penny Burgess will be joining our team as Teacher Librarian.



Thank you to the parents who attended parent/teacher interviews on Monday night. I always enjoy meeting new families. Thank you to the P&C for funding our new faculty banners. They certainly made it easier to find teachers.

With the change of government, this week the Secretary for Education has announced all NSW Government secondary schools will have a mobile phone ban from the start of Term 4. This will bring more consistency between schools and support us in keeping distracting technology out of classrooms. I will be interested to see how this is implemented.

We held our annual cross-country carnival yesterday. There was a bit of wind, but the conditions were ideal. There was a mix of serious runners and those enjoying the outing, getting into the house spirit. I missed the 18's race so I ran with the 16's and 17's girls. It is such a lovely course through our local bushland so it's not a boring run. Thank you to our staff organisers and all our helpers.

Day 1 Term 2, Monday 24th April is a Staff Development Day. All staff will be attending Gumbaynggirr cultural awareness training at Yarrawarra Cultural Centre in the morning. This includes our front office staff. This means our office will not be open until 1pm this day.

ANZAC Day is Tuesday 25th April. All students are invited to attend the Woolgoolga march. Everyone is asked to meet at the corner near NAB at 10.30am with the march starting at 11am. Many students have already collected their blazer from the library. Any student without a blazer is still welcome to join us in full school uniform.

We are at the end of Term 1 and we have packed so much in. I thank everyone for their contribution to our school this term and wish you all a happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday. Students return Wednesday 26th April.

COMING EVENTS

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| Friday 7th April | Good Friday |
| Monday 24th April | Staff Development Day |
| Tuesday 25th April | ANZAC DAY |
| Wednesday 26th April | Students Return to School for Term 2 |
| Friday 28th April | Open Touch Football |
| Friday 5th May | UNE Open Day |
| Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th May | Sydney University Excursion |
| Tuesday 30th - Wednesday 31st May | Songwriters Workshop |

STUDIOSITY

For years 10, 11, & 12
Ease the stress of the
HSC with this free
online tutoring service.
Studiosity is available
through Coffs Harbour
Libraries, either in the
library or from home,
(all you need is your Library card) and
is the place to go to get help from trained,
professional tutors. You can connect live to
a tutor, get writing feedback, or make the
most of the hundreds of curriculum based
practice tests available once you log in.

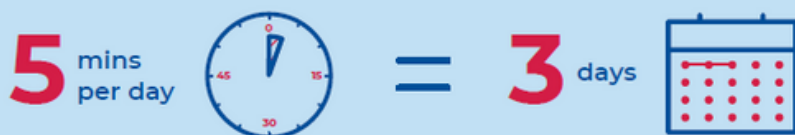


Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year



Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

OPEN BOYS SOCCER GALA DAY

This year the Open Boys Soccer team made the semi-finals against CHEC. The team unfortunately lost 2-0 in a closely contested game. After the game the referee informed our players that the match was one of the best games he has ever officiated, as both teams were competitive and respectful towards each other and all officials. Van Knight was the Man of the Match for Woolgoolga HS. The boys were great ambassadors for our school and supported each other as a team. Well done!



OPEN GIRLS SOCCER GALA DAY 2023

Congratulations to the athletes who participated in the Open Girls Soccer Gala Day. All competitors fought hard against the experienced Bellingen High School team who were much older than our girls. We look forward to building on this team in the next two years. Thanks to Captains Smarlee and Lucy for their on-field organisation and to the parents and carers for transport to Leisure Park.



U15s BILL TURNER SOCCER MATCH

The 15s Boys Bill Turner Cup team took to the field full of hope for their match against Bellingen High School. On what was a windy day, conditions were not ideal and proved to be difficult in trying to play beautiful football. We were a bit slow to get started and Bellingen took advantage, moving the ball well to score inside 10 minutes from what was some scrappy play inside the box. The boys soon found their feet and started to get into the match with some opportunities coming our way but unfortunately unable to score and would go into halftime 1-0 down. The second half was just as difficult playing against the wind making it hard to move the ball down the field. The boys pushed forward, starting to create some good play leading to some opportunities with freekicks coming our way on top of the box. Despite our best efforts pushing forward, Bellingen scored again on a breakaway late in the second half and our run in the Cup competition ended with a 2 nil defeat against worthy opponents. Well done on your efforts boys.



EASTER SHOW 2023

The Woolgoolga High Agriculture show team spent Tuesday morning preparing their chickens for the Sydney Royal Easter show. The students washed their exhibits and prepared them to the highest standards. The birds will arrive in Sydney at 7am Wednesday courtesy of Deon's Transport .

The chickens entered in the school commercial layers clad and will be judged on their presentation and the quality of the eggs they lay. Our school honey will be competing against schools from all over Australia at the National Honey show which takes place at the Royal Easter show. Finally, one of the giant Woolgoolga High pumpkins is on the truck to compete against other schools at the show.

Congratulations to all the students who work tirelessly on a Tuesday morning to represent the school as part of this team.



STAND UP STAND BY

Stand up Stand By, is an All One Under the Sun production theatre show that weaves real life scenarios and experiences with poetry, Hip hop, film, and dance to explore how racism feels, what it looks like and how the role of the bystander can have a positive impact when a racist incident occurs. The performance was a result of anti-racism workshops conducted in schools in the Coffs Harbour region. All the performers were local school students who acted out real life scenarios on stage. Woolgoolga High School students were impressed and inspired by the skills and professionalism of the performers. The anti-racism theme was relevant to our students as most of them have either witnessed or experienced racism and understood there are still a lot of misguided people on this issue. As it was said in the performance, NO ONE IS BORN RACIST, IT IS A LEARNT BEHAVIOUR.

All Under One Sun will be doing some workshops with Woolgoolga High School next term.



Oli & Isaac need your help

The family of one of our new Year 7 students Oliver, is seeking assistance from our community to help raise money for an accessible van to transport Oli and his younger brother in. Both boys have Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a degenerative muscle wasting condition which leaves them using a powered wheelchair for mobility.

The family is holding an Auction at the Seaview Tavern on Saturday 29th April from 12-5pm to help raise money and have stated on Facebook 'We are doing this fundraiser to hopefully get an accessible van to house two power chairs, my eldest Oli can no longer access my vehicle at all. We just do not have the funds to get the vehicle we need which is a VW Caravelle Long Wheel Base valued at \$70,000'.

A Go Fund Me page has also been created by the family to assist with their cause.



https://www.gofundme.com/f/oli-isaac-accessible-vehicle?utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1&utm_content=undefined&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer&utm_term=undefined

YEAR 10 TEXTILES



Year 10 Textiles have been studying Indigenous Artists and the application of their artworks to fabrics. The students have then constructed a sewing caddy to keep their sewing supplies in instead of plastic containers. Here are a just a few of their amazing projects!

FOOD TECHNOLOGY



Year 12 Food Technology have been studying manufacturing and preservation this term. They have made a charcuterie board with their own tomato pickles and dried banana.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

On April 4th, a 30 strong contingent of year 9 and year 10 students went to the Newcastle University Engineering challenge held this year in the Wiigulga Sports complex and Community Centre. 8 teams of students from Bellingen High school, Dorrigo High school, South Grafton High school, Bishop Druitt College, Clarence Valley Anglican School and Toormina High School all attended on the day. The students attempted all the challenges which ranged from building grasping devices and model Mars rovers to code breaking and bridge building. Although not placing overall, the team was enthusiastic, enjoyed the competition and were individually successful in some of the challenges.

Coffs Harbour High School were the eventual winners on the day. The event culminated in the bridge challenge. Woolgoolga High School went last as they had earned the highest points for the lightest bridge. The teams bridge held together but collapsed under the second mass. The school would like to thank

Pat Delany and her organising committee, the Woolgoolga Rotary club and all the volunteers and sponsors that made the day a successful event.





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. Students should also enter the school via the pathways for safety reasons.

Thank you for your co-operation.

HOUSE POINTS

MULLAWAY 4,353 POINTS

EMERALD 4,292 POINTS

ARRAWARRA 4,028 POINTS

DIAMOND 3,982 POINTS

ARE YOU A SENIOR JOB SEEKER WHO NEEDS TO MEET CERTAIN MUTUAL OBLIGATION REQUIREMENTS?

Then our canteen needs you

We are looking for volunteers to come and help in our great school canteen and we can provide a Volunteer Organisation Approval ID Number.

Whether you want to volunteer up to 15 hours a week or a minimum of five hours a week, we'd love for you to join us.

The only requirements are a current Working with Children Check and a sense of humour.

If this is something you are interested in and would like some further information please call Diane Della (Canteen Manager) on 0418230454

We really appreciate parent/carer contact so when a staff member contacts you and leaves a message please try to catch their name. When you return the call our office staff can direct your call to the appropriate staff member.

SCHOOL BYTES FINANCE MODULE

We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 9 May 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

What this means for you

- No payments can be made online from 9am, Tuesday 2nd May 2023.
- Last day to make cash, cheque or EFTPOS payments will be close of business on Tuesday 2nd May 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>)
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal

What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)
- Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions
- Download a receipt for payments made
- View all historical payments in one place
- Complete and submit digital permission notes
- View the status of all permission notes
- Request a refund if required

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately.

While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, money order and EFTPOS.

CROSS COUNTRY 2023



YEAR 12 Ag VISIT - SUNSHINE SUGAR HARWOOD MILL AND REFINERY



The Year 12 Agriculture class visited the Sunshine Sugar Harwood Mill and Refinery on Wednesday. This excursion was a part of the students' farm product study, which focused on the processing of a farm product to the end product received by the consumer. This was a great day, students toured the mill and refinery and explored the very complex procedures that sugar cane undergoes to reach the sugar that ends up on the table in your home. Thank you to the team at Sunshine Sugar - Vivien, Leah, Ostin and Alistair.

SKILLSROAD VISIT

The Skillsroad team visited two Year 10 Careers classes on Monday 20th March 2023 and delivered an intensive work readiness program.

Students completed a:

- Skillsroad Career Quiz
- Skillsroad Job Fit Test

These activities aligned well with the 'learning about themselves activities' they have been completing in their careers classes. Students who completed this have access to their results which is a great resource to share with friends and family to strengthen career conversations, build skills and support decision making.



MOCK MEDIATION AND MOCK TRIAL

WHS has entered into the Mock Mediation and Mock Trial competitions, which are run by the Law Society of NSW. These are academic extra-curricular activities that are designed for students to showcase their knowledge and interpersonal skills in matters of law. The Mock Mediation competition is for students studying Year 10 Commerce. This involves a team of six students who role play a given scenario, whereby two students act as mediators and need to assist two opposing pairs of students whom are having a disagreement. The whole process is overseen by an adjudicator who allocates marks to each student on their performance in their role. We scored a very impressive 88/100 in this first round, all while being nervous as we were assigned the President of the Law Society as our adjudicator. We are looking forward to our next round in term two!

The Mock Trial competition is for students studying Year 10 Commerce and Year 11 Legal Studies. Our team this term consisted of three students from each year. The Mock Trial competition is a direct, head-to-head competition between two schools in a courtroom-like setting. Our team was acting as the prosecution in our legal battle against Wyong Christian Community School. The case involved the defendant standing accused of cutting down a tree and blocking a railway line. While our team put up a good fight, we were defeated on the day by Wyong's defence team. We learnt a lot of lessons which will help us prepare for the next round in term two.



CAREERS



Educational Pathways Program

Apprenticeship and traineeship head start

Pre-apprenticeship skills course

Taste of Multiple Industries

Yalagan Group Training

Kick-start your journey to become an apprentice/trainee.

As part of the Educational Pathways Program, YGT is offering a pre-apprenticeship skills course in Civil Construction.

Unlock your future options by completing units of competency to gain skills and knowledge in multiple industries in NSW.

Unlock your future options

Completing this course and the below units of competency can earn you credits for further learning!

Units of competency:

- RIWHS204E - Work Safely at Heights
- RIHAN301E - Operate Elevating work platforms
- RIISAM203E - Use hand and power tools
- Intro to forklift operators (optional introductory unit)

Course Details

Start date: 29/05/2023

Duration: 5 Days

Location: Grafton

Eligibility: 16 Years or older

Cost: FREE
Fully subsidised by the NSW Government

Keen to apply?

To sign up for the course, speak to your careers adviser!

For more information:
www.ygto.com.au

UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS

- YES+ Grafton TAFE enrolment forms due Fri 28 April (to Careers Office)
- YES+ Automotive course Tuesday 2 May Grafton TAFE
- YES+ Engineering course Friday 5 May Grafton TAFE
- UNE Open Day (Yr 12) Friday 5 May



Woolgoolga High School
Careers

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CREATE FOR A DAY

WHEN: Saturday 15th April

TIME: 10am - 3pm

COST: \$25 pp including lunch



SAE Byron Bay is opening its doors on Saturday 15th of April for Create For A Day, a one-of-a-kind full day program where students can come to our campus and work on inspiring creative projects in the fields of Animation, Audio, Film, Games, Design, Songwriting & Music Production.

Due to the tertiary level of the workshop content, this event is open to anyone aged 15 years and above (Year 10 and over).

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)

- Apprentice Chef at Accor Apartments and Realty, Coffs Harbour
- Roof Plumbing Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- School-based Traineeship in Warehousing Operations at Reece, Coffs Harbour South (Yr 10 students)
- Trainee Building Surveyor at Clarence Valley Council
- Junior Staff for school holiday & ongoing work at Breakwall Cafe & Restaurant, Coffs Harbour Yacht Club
- Junior Casual Hospitality Staff at Dumpling Bar, Park Beach Plaza for school holidays
- Part-time Trainee at Young Explorers Preschool and Long Day Care, Coffs Harbour

Go.Forward

Educational Pathways Program



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-518348954677>



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-518371772927>

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



AN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE



TwoPointZero Career Coaches

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

WHS Careers Team

Left to Right : Mr David Youman, Ms Chris Hansen, Ms Emma Darbin and Mr Craig Rutledge



2023 SPORT CARNIVAL DATES

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|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Swimming | 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.

SPORTS

Congratulations to Jye Pursch (Yr 11) who was selected in the Mid North Coast Zone Open Boys' basketball team. The trials were held in Port Macquarie on 5th April - more details will be available in the next newsletter.



Congratulations to Emma Williams (Yr 12) who has been selected in the North Coast Combined High Schools Under 18's Rugby League team and to Hadley March (Yr 9) who is reserve for the under 16's team. Well done girls and good luck at the Greater Northern NSW representative team trial next term in Coffs Harbour.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

FOREST FOOT RACE

11.2km – Saturday 8th April 3.00pm

****Start and finish Woolgoolga Flora Reserve****

SEASIDE SCAMPER

5km – Sunday 9th April 8.00am

Start and Finish at Beach Reserve

BEACH BASH

2km – Sunday 9th April 8.45am

Start and finish at Beach Reserve

TINY TOT TROT

1km – Sunday 9th April 9.00am

Start and Finish at Beach Reserve

\$6 per adult for Forest Footrace or Seaside Scamper or \$10 for both
\$5 for pensioners & students for Forest Footrace or Seaside Scamper
\$3 for everyone entering the 2km Beach Bash
\$1 for Tiny Tot Trot



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Rotary District 9660 RYPEN Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

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DEVELOP YOUR POTENTIAL
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BASKETBALL CAMP
COFFS HARBOUR BASKETBALL

EVERYONE'S GAME
IT'S FUN & FREE

Wednesday 12 April
7-10 year olds: 1pm-2.30pm
11-21 year olds: 3pm-4.30pm

Woolgoolga Sports Complex
Solitary Islands Way, Woolgoolga

EASTER WEEKEND YOGA

ANNA MILEY

Bookings via QR code
annamiley.com/yoga



\$17
per class

Good Friday
Easter Saturday
Easter Sunday
4-5pm

Village Hall,
8 Boundary St,
Woopi

WHATS ON AT YARRAWARRA

The Basket Cases!

Monthly Weaving Circle
Sun 2nd April 10am-12pm
Exploring a range of Basketry techniques and native fibres



\$30



\$55

Pot n' Sip

Friday 14th April 6-8pm
BYO beverages
Ticket covers tuition, materials, bisque/glaze firing and a nibble platter



\$40

Flavours Of the Bush

Monthly Bush Tucker & Medicine Tour
Sun 9th April 10:30-12pm
Learn about traditional Medicines and Foods followed by a delicious bush food tasting

Dance Workshop

Friday 19th April 10:30-11:30
Learn some goori dance moves and stomp your feet in our happy gathering place



\$17

Palm Frond Basketry

Wed 12th April 10:30-11:30
Create your own water-carrying basket from a palm sheath using ancient basketry techniques



\$17



\$17

Tie Dye Workshop

Wed 21st April 10:30-11:30
Turn your plain white clothes into a rainbow!
T-shirts available \$5 MAX 2 items



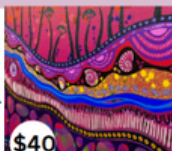
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Play with Clay

Fri 14th April 10:30-11:30am
Come and learn the basic techniques of clay modelling and explore your creativity!

Fine Arts & Wine Farts

Paint n' Sip
Sat 22nd April 6pm-8pm
Learn the techniques of middle-style painting with Alison Williams - BYO beverages



\$40



mother Spirit
Womens Gathering

Connect with other Women on Gumbaynggirr Country in this **Celebration of Sisterhood!**

FREE EVENT
Sunday 30th April
10am-2pm
69 Red Rock Road
Corindi Beach, NSW
(02) 91884370

Live Music
Dance - Ceremony
Singing - Healing - Art
Craft - Stories - Weaving
Self-care - Yoga
Healthy Food

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Baaliba Matjarrbirang
'Made from Our Hands'

Regional Showcase Exhibition

Featuring the art of Biripi Artists

Nicole Duncan

& Jeremy Saunders

Feb 10-Apr 25

at Wadjar Regional
Indigenous Gallery



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