



WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

Lest We Forget



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We are excited to announce our school will be **transitioning to 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

- *We are excited to announce that our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system very soon.*
- *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 online or EFTPOS payments.*
- Lockout Period 02/05/2023 until 09/05/2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume closer to the above date.
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to our 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 when 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This term we welcome Ms Lauren Fitzgerald to our Mathematics faculty, Mr Brendon Francis to TAS and Mrs Penny Burgess as our Teacher Librarian. Mrs Claire O'Halloran has returned as Deputy Principal for Years 7, 9 and 11.

Last week, Woolgoolga High School was well-represented at the Woolgoolga ANZAC Ceremonies. Emily Bell was the flag bearer at the Dawn Service and Emily, along with Will Rosenberg, were flag bearers at the march and the service that followed. We had a large number of students who marched including several who wore medals from family members. Our captains, Baxter and Emma, presented the wreath during the service. Baxter also assisted a (very grateful) primary student who fainted and checked on him afterwards. Our students all stayed for the service in spite of the persistent rain, and I commend them for their respect and resilience.

On Monday we held our ANZAC Day commemoration assembly. Thank you to Mr van Schie and his Year 9 History class for organising the presentation and to the SRC members for speaking to the assembly. It is very daunting standing up in front of the whole school, but they did an excellent job.

On Monday 24th April, all staff attended the Yarrawarra Cultural Centre to enhance their understanding of the culture and history of the Gumbaynggirr people. This included a history walk, weaving, painting and a bush medicine walk. It was so valuable hearing the history of the local area and gaining some understanding of the challenges our local Aboriginal people have faced. I thank the staff at Yarrawarra for providing this very informative and moving experience, especially because we were such a large group.

A reminder of the items that should not come to school:

- Vapes or tobacco products
- Lighters
- Knives or weapons of any kind (including slingshots)
- Water balloons
- Aerosol cans
- Energy drinks
- Permanent markers
- Chewing gum

We have had an increase in students throwing water bombs (despite the cooler weather). Repeat offenders face possible suspension.

The weather has definitely cooled down and we are noticing a lot of students wearing non-uniform jumpers. It is important that students wear school uniform for many reasons including it being a requirement of the Department of Education. To support families in providing winter uniform, the school will be subsidising all hoodie purchases from the Uniform Shop for the next two weeks. Hoodies can be purchased for just \$15. Please take advantage of this opportunity and ensure your child wears a school hoodie each day. As is always the case, if you need support with purchasing uniform, please contact your child's Deputy Principal – Mrs Claire O'Halloran for Years 7, 9 and 11 and Mr Iain Henderson for Years 8, 10 and 12.



COMING EVENTS

Wed 3rd May - Fri 5th May	NSW State Swimming - Homebush
Friday 5th May	UNE Open Day
Tue 9th May	WW1 Living History Exhibition
Mon 15th May	MNC Cross Country - Nana Glen
Wed 17th May - Fri 19th May	Sydney University Excursion
Fri 19th May	WHS Athletics Carnival
Tue 30th May - Wed 31st May	Songwriters Workshop
Tue 30th May	SMILE Kindness Day
Fri 2nd June	YR 10 Vaccinations & YR 7 Catch up Vaccinations

STUDIOSITY

For years 10, 11 & 12 to 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 it 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.



Click on the picture for more information regarding the 2023 HSC Timetable



The 2023 HSC written exam timetable is out!

Read the full timetable on the NESA website.

Good Luck to all students who are competing at the NSW State Swimming in Homebush this week



Year 12 Students Baxter and Ryder Enjoying some company during Class

ARTEXPRESS SYDNEY EXCURSION

Last term a small contingent of Visual Arts students travelled to Sydney to visit galleries featuring Arterxpress works from 2022 HSC candidates. Students from year 9 to year 12 set off very early on Wednesday morning and travelled to Sydney, the first stop being The Armoury Gallery at Homebush Bay. We were all blown away by the amazingly high standard of works, ranging from intricate drawings, paintings, sculptural and digital artworks. From here we headed into the NSW Art Gallery in the city. Again, the works were very impressive. We also had the opportunity to explore the other exhibitions in the gallery, along with the new North Building which houses exciting contemporary works.

On the bus again, over the Harbour Bridge..... next stop.....Taronga Park Zoo. Here we were welcomed by the enthusiastic and very knowledgeable staff and experienced the zoo after dark. We slept in tents &/or the old house overlooking the harbour with the city lights behind. Waking up to the unusual sounds of the animals was a highlight. Another early morning, behind the scenes tour, before being let loose to explore the zoo on our own before boarding the bus in the afternoon for our journey home. The students cooperation and obvious enjoyment made this trip one to remember.



WHS STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

WHS staff joined with other public schools across NSW on Monday to carry out professional learning focused on Aboriginal education.

This staff development day involved a morning at Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Corindi where we participated in a History Tour, Bush Tucker and Medicine tour through the beautiful nearby bushland, basket weaving, and Aboriginal art painting on canvas. Thank you to all the staff at Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre for accommodating our staff on this enjoyable and informative day.



VACCINATIONS

Year 10 Vaccinations are scheduled for Week 6, Friday June 2.

If your child is in Year 7 or Year 10 this year, you can now provide consent for their school vaccinations online.

In Year 10, students are offered the meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

By providing consent for your child's vaccination online, you can:

- easily update your child's details
- get SMS and/or email notifications when your child has received their vaccinations
- more quickly see their vaccination records on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

Ask us about providing consent for your child's vaccinations.

Need more information? Visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

Is your child in
year 7 or year 10?



Provide your consent for routine school
vaccinations online.

Woolgoolga High School
Year 10 Vaccinations - Week 6, Friday June 2

Benefits of providing
online consent:

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

To provide online
consent, you will need:

- to visit: nswhealth.service-now.com/school
- your Service NSW log-in details
- medicare details for you and your child

Scan the QR code to
give your consent now.



Year 7

- ☒ Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)
- ☒ Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Year 10

- ☒ Meningococcal ACWY

For more information on vaccination visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

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Hospitality & Food Technology



Year 11 Hospitality class is working through a variety of sandwich types. Today's great efforts were Bahn mi (Vietnamese French fusion of pickled veg and chicken on baguette) and Turkish toasty of ricotta and tomato with basil.



Year 9 Food Technology students are studying nutrition this term have made healthy, low fat high fibre Buddha bowls.



Mr Hackwell and his metal work students creating some amazing pieces.

CAREERS

WHITE CARD COURSE

The next White Card Course will be held in Week 6 (Thursday 1 June)

Year 10 students will be prioritised for the course

1. Please pick up a permission note from the Careers Staff room in the Library.
2. Complete and return your permission note to the Careers Staff room.
3. Include your Unique Student Identification (USI) number.
4. Make payment to front office or online.
5. All these steps must be complete to secure your place.

Act quickly as only 20 places are available!



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)

- Roof Plumbing Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Individual Support Worker-Aged Care Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- Carpentry Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Admin Trainee at Coffs Harbour
- Hairdressing Apprentice at Harlow & Co, Coffs Harbour
- Trainee Educator at Milestones Early Learning, Woolgoolga
- Disability Support Traineeships at Coffs Harbour
- IT (Information Technology) Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- Electrical Apprenticeship at Solar Depot, Coffs Harbour
- Event Food and Beverage Staff at Coffs Harbour (Sat 20 May)
- Real Estate Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Part-time and Weekend Staff at Istanbul Kebabs, Coffs Central
- Service Technician Trainee at Coffs Harbour
- Apprentice Motor Mechanic at Woolgoolga Service Centre

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Civil Construction & Multiple Industries Enrolment / Expression of Interest Form Instructions

Please use the link below (Google Form) or the QR Code to complete enrolment (EOI).

1. Click on the link to enrol:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1vTW2Z0f8gAng6LW1woF4Jsc8F9UK4ouQdjWg9e-gDFU/viewform?ts=63f2a3ce&edit_requested=true
2. Students need a photo of their I.D ready. Photo of I.D needs to be uploaded onto the enrolment platform
3. Parent or Teacher needs to sign the enrolment.

QR Code Enrolment



UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS

- YES+ Automotive course
Tuesday 9 & 16 May - Grafton TAFE
- YES+ Engineering course
Friday 12 & 19 May - Grafton TAFE
- Woolgoolga High School Careers Day (Yr 10) - Wed 17 May
- Sydney Uni Excursion (Yr 11) - Wed 17-Fri 19 May
- UAC Let's Chat-Medicine Students webinar Wed 10 May at 6pm
<https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/registration-medicinestudents2023>
- UAC Let's Chat-The ATAR and Subject Selection webinar (Yr 10) Thurs 11 May at 6pm
<https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/registration-year102023>
- UAC Let's Chat-Applying to the Schools Recommendation Scheme webinar Wed 17 May at 6pm
<https://uacdigital.easywebinar.live/registration-srs2023>



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:

- RI1WHS204E - Work Safely at Heights
- RI1HAN301E - Operate Elevating work platforms
- RI1SAM203E - 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



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This course is delivered in partnership with the Educational Pathways Program
education.nsw.gov.au/educational-pathways



Brandon secures Mechanical Apprenticeship



Congratulations to Year 11 student Brandon Green he has recently been successful in obtaining work as a fulltime Mobile Plant Mechanic Apprentice at All Diesel Equipment Sales & Service at Coffs Harbour. Brandon undertook work experience at this workplace in March, with a view to secure this apprenticeship. Brandon will work the rest of this year as a Trades Assistant at the business and will commence his apprenticeship at the beginning of 2024.

2023 SPORT CARNIVAL DATES

Swimming	Wed 3 - Fri 5 May	NSW CHS State Swimming Carnival	Olympic Aquatic Centre Homebush	2
Cross Country	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.

WHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our Athletics carnival is fast approaching and will take place at Woolgoolga Sports Ground on **Friday 19th May**. It is a **compulsory school event** and all students are expected to attend. Students will receive 5 House Points for attending the carnival and additional points for going in events. We will have music and the atmosphere will be awesome. We encourage students to wear house colours or school sports uniform. It is always a great day and we are very much looking forward to our carnival.

REPRESENTATIVE SPORTS



Congratulations and well done to year 11 student **Marli Keating** who represented the North Coast Combined High Schools Sports Association at the Open Boys NSW CHS State Rugby Union Championships this week in Newcastle.



Congratulations to Year 9 student **Kaitlyn Ludzik** who has been selected in the Greater Northern NSW Combined High Schools under 15's girls AFL team. Later in the term she will travel to Albury to compete in the NSW CHS State Championships carnival. Well done and good luck Kaitlyn!



U15s Boys Soccer Bill Turner Cup match

The U15s Boys Bill Turner Cup team took to the field full of hope for their match against Bellingen High School yesterday. 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 free kicks 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!



MNC CHS CHAMIONSHIPS

Our Open Girls and Boys teams competed at the MNC CHS Championships in Grafton on Friday. It was a great day for all students. The Open girls had a convincing win against South Grafton, but were defeated by Grafton HS (overall winners). Their play-off against Toormina High School was very exciting with the game going into a 3 v 3 drop off with Woolgoolga HS winning 3-2. The Open Boys had 2 narrow defeats in their first 2 games, however won their final game.



We would like to congratulate the following players who have been selected in the MNC Open teams who will compete in Goonellabah on Friday 12 May,

- Emma Williams
- Hadley March
- Katie Hodgson
- Jax Fuller
- Eligh Pledger



CHS SQUASH COMP

In week one, four boys from Woolgoolga High played in the CHS Squash competition in Coffs Harbour. The boys were undefeated against both South Grafton and Orara High, showcasing some great games and rallies. The boys are through to the next round of the CHS Competition, which will see them travel to a yet to be determined location, pending the outcome of the other regional competitions. Well done to Jye Pursch, Amos Roworth, Isaac Lee and Scott Priest for their efforts.



Extended leave for students (travel or holiday)



We encourage parents to take holidays with their child/ren during school vacation periods.

Where this is not possible; the application form for extended leave can be collected from the front office or on the school website. Applications need to be lodged with the Principal, TWO WEEKS before the start leave date.

The Principal will only accept the application if it is in the best interests of the student. The educational, social and participation reasons which should be specified on the application.

Travel is considered to be domestic or international travel for the purpose of a family holiday, family business, bereavement or other reasons, which should be specified on the application.

Travel documentation, such as travel itinerary or e-ticket, must be attached to the application

<https://woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/parent-information/forms.html>

As the cold weather approaches a reminder of WHS uniform Cold Weather Alternatives



**Uniform Shop
Hours:
Wednesday
8:30 - 11:30
Friday
8:30 - 11:30**



COLD WEATHER ALTERNATIVE

- Navy zip front hoodie with logo and sky-blue lining inside of hood; all hoods must be worn down in class
- Girls - Navy trousers and white (senior), sky-blue (junior) blouse or top; navy or black non-patterned stockings or tights with skirts or shorts are also allowed
- Boys - Navy (senior) or grey (junior) pants and white (senior), pale blue (junior) shirt
- Girls & Boys – Woolgoolga High School navy tracksuit pants with embroidered school logo and sky-blue piping
- Plain long sleeve undershirts in black, grey, navy, white or sky-blue may be worn under the school polo or buttoned shirt



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Time to Warm Up!!

Super Winter Sale

Hooded Fleece Jacket now **ON SALE** for **\$15.00**

WHILST STOCKS LAST

Only available during **Weeks 3 and 4 of Term 2.**

Sale commences **Monday 8th May** and finalizes **Friday 19th May**
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