



WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

WHS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We are more than half-way through the term and so much has been happening. Year 8 have completed Check-in assessments which was run smoothly by our HSIE faculty. I commend the students on how well they did these assessments with no fuss. The PDHPE faculty have been running the Tell Them From Me survey for all students. This helps us to gain a picture of how students feel about different aspects of school. The parent survey will come out later in the year.

Two weeks ago we held our athletics carnival. The weather was perfect and it was an enjoyable day for everyone.

We started with the famous war cries and then straight into events.

We have moved from a two-day format to one, and I thank our sports organisers for creating such a well-planned schedule. Students were kept busy all day between track and field events and it was nice to have parent supporters present. The BBQ and music added to the atmosphere, so it was a fabulous day all around. On Tuesday our SMILE team hosted Kindness Day. We had a BBQ, bake sale, kindness cards, music and a photo booth. This was a really positive day with everything selling out and students enjoying good times with their friends in the sunshine.

The Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) is asking for parents and educators to complete a survey to inform future educational reforms. I invite you to complete the survey via the link below. It takes about ten minutes.

<https://www.education.gov.au/review-inform-better-and-fairer-education-system/consultations/review-inform-better-and-fairer-education-system-consultation>

If you know someone who is planning to or even thinking about enrolling in Woolgoolga High School in 2024 or 2025, please let them know about our Future Students' Information Evening on Tuesday June 6th. The session will cover what to expect in the process of transitioning to high school as well as the curriculum, wellbeing and extra-curricular programs we offer. The general session will be followed by an information session for those interested in the Excel Class. This meeting will be held in our school hall. We will also have an evening for Year 6 families in conjunction with orientation day in Term 4, 28th November. There is no need to RSVP. I look forward to meeting our new students and families.



Lu Nickell,
Relieving Principal

COMING EVENTS

Tue 6th June	Future Students Information Evening - 5.30 pm
Fri 9th June	Coffs Harbour Dance Eisteddfod
Mon 12th June	Kings Birthday - Public Holiday
Fri 16th June	NC Regional Cross Country
Tue 20th June	MNC Zone Athletics Carnival
Wed 28th June	Mid North Coast Dance Festival

We have a large amount of second hand school uniforms which are available to purchase for a gold coin donation. Please enquire at the Front Office if you are interested.

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.



The 2023 HSC written exam timetable is out!

Read the full timetable on the NESA website.



We used this incredible business as part of Kindness Day held this week. Keep an eye out in the next Newsletter for more photos.

The PhotoShack is a Coffs Harbour Photo Booth Hire Business. Available for parties, weddings and functions.

Website: thephotoshack.com.au
Phone: 0431 111 005



AROUND THE SCHOOL



Year 11 Hospitality Class making Focaccia Bread Art

MOCK TRIALS

Last week the WHS Mock Trial team took on Lakes Grammar Anglican School in a competitive trial to defend a case of negligent driving. Our team has shown excellent improvement in their performances as they gain experience in courtroom practice and argued their case well. Our team was successful in defending our 'client' who was found not-guilty, giving our team their first win.

We look forward to our next round in a few weeks!



POSITIVE AWARDS ASSEMBLY

The school's new 'Positive Effort Awards' were presented to students in all years at assembly on Monday. As part of the school's new Positive Effort Awards and House Points systems, 1 student in each class was awarded an 'Effort Award' for their hard work in Term 1. This award was selected by the classroom teacher and may be awarded for effort, achievement, improvement or just general commitment and diligence to class and homework tasks. These awards reflect our school motto 'Success Crowns Effort' and acknowledge the importance of student effort and commitment to learning. Class teachers will be awarding an 'Effort Award' each term to their classes. Congratulations to all of the students who received an award on Monday!

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2023 SYDNEY UNIVERSITY EXCURSION

Six Year 11 students joined the Coffs and Clarence Careers Advisers Network - Sydney University Excursion from Wed 17th to Friday 19th May. Students visited USYD, UTS, UNSW and Macquarie University. Each campus offered tours with current students and enabled these students to see what Sydney life could be like.

All students thoroughly enjoyed the trip and shared how valuable it was.

Thanks to Mrs Driscoll from BDC for organising such a great opportunity for our students!



COFFS CAREERS EXPO

On Thursday 25th May, 50 interested students from the Year 10 Careers classes attended the Coffs Coast Careers Expo at the Coffs Harbour racecourse. With over 70 stalls from local and statewide industry such as the Coffs Council, Roads NSW; Coffs Harbour Bypass Project, Lindsays Transport, Southern Cross Uni, TAFE NSW, Coffs Coast Community College, and Faircloth and Reynolds.

Students had many conversations about pathways such as apprenticeships, traineeships, study and employment opportunities with the providers providing students a clearer understanding of what opportunities are available for young people in their steps towards life beyond school.

Thanks to Ms Hansen (Careers Advisor) Mr Rutledge (Transition Advisor) and Ms Rachel Copeland (SBAT Engagement Officer) for taking the students to this event.



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

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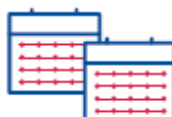
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Over **1** year missed

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8 weeks



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Over **2.5** years missed

CAREERS DAY 2023

Woolgoolga High School's annual Careers Day was held on Wednesday 17 May and saw around 40 local businesspeople generously donate their time to discuss their respective careers with our Year 10 students.

The students chose three different career information sessions to attend on the day and learnt about careers they are interested in. The careers varied from Accountant, Builder, Architect, Police Officer, Flight Attendant, Lawyer, Physiotherapist, Musician, Interior Designer, Real Estate Agent, Engineer, Pilot, Nurse and many more interesting careers. The school's Careers Day is held annually and is organised by the school's Careers faculty with the assistance of the Woolgoolga & Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce and its representatives Justine Bonney and Marney Jefferies. Our school's Careers Day was first established in its current format in 2011. We appreciate the attendance of the 40 local businesspeople at this year's Careers Day who took time out of their workday to present their 30-minute information sessions to our Year 10 students. Guest speakers were treated to some delicious afternoon tea treats as well as barista coffee courtesy of our senior Hospitality students. We also thank Justine Bonney and Marney Jefferies for their assistance in coordinating Careers Day, and the WHS staff members who were guest speakers on the day presenting a session on their respective career, and the many staff who assisted with Careers Day to ensure it ran smoothly. The Year 10 students will be able to make better informed career choices from the knowledge they gained from the day.

Woolgoolga High School wishes to thank all the local businesses for their participation and continued support of this highly valued event and for volunteering their time to discuss their careers with high school students.

Taj Dosanjh (Coffs Coast Finance); Luke Gustafson (Canakis Construct); Tony Ross (Design Studio 22); Jade Kennedy (Coastal Beauty by Jade); Sam Hill (Woolgoolga Service Centre); Tim Gibbs (Liberty Theatre Company); Jessica Shylan (Dolphin Marine Conservation Park); Annie Wales (Woolgoolga High School); Ross Nimmo (Enginuity Civil); Paul Young (Woolgoolga High School); Daniel Matthews & Hansika Badhugue (Southern Cross University); Lachie Burns & Emma Horton (Lachie Burns Electrical); Amy Knott (Southern Cross University); Sarah de Wilt (Qantas); Jena Hackett (Coast); Alyssa Simpson (Hair By RenAli & Co.); Elliotte Hyder (Royal Australian Air Force); Pardeep Grewal (G L Abbott & Co Solicitors); Rachel Benetti & Lily Piper (Mullaway Early Years Learning Centre); Snr Sgt Scott Gane (Coffs Harbour Police); Cheryl Midavaine (Woolgoolga Real Estate); Juliana Scirea & Claire Zuse Rousso (Mid North Coast Allied Health), Andrew Hackwell (Woolgoolga High School), Peter Dyball (Valleysounds Recording Studios); Kristie Peel (Kristie Peel Designs); Lisa Webb (Woolgoolga Public School); Jacob Sutton (PtGrowth.com); John Roworth (GHD); Demi Spencer-Hirt (Coffs Harbour TAFE); Snr Constable Jonathon Heinz (Coffs Harbour Police); Theo Scholl (NSW Training Awards Ambassador).



CAREERS

Our school Careers staff recently attended a Woolgoolga & Northern Beaches Chamber of Commerce business event at Rattle at Emerald Beach.

Educational Pathways Program (EPP) Head Teacher Careers David Youman discussed the EPP program operating in our school which assists students with their career pathways and provides them with vocational learning opportunities, school Careers Advisor Chris Hansen spoke about different opportunities local businesses can take advantage of to employ students including traineeships/apprenticeships and school-based apprenticeships and traineeships (SBATs), and EPP SBAT Engagement Officer Rachel Copeland discussed how she liaises with businesses and students to ensure the successful completion of SBATs for students.



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.

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:

Contact 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
26 July 2023
9:30am - 2:30pm

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 Apprenticeships - Coffs Harbour
- Individual Support Worker-Aged Care Traineeships at Coffs Harbour
- Disability Support Traineeships at Coffs Harbour
- Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Apprenticeships in Coffs Harbour
- Apprentice Chef at The Amble Inn, Corindi
- Apprentice Mechanics at Brown and Hurley, Coffs Harbour (school leavers/Jan 2024 start)

UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS

- Coffs Harbour Army Barracks Open Day - Sat 3 June from 9am to 2pm Fitzroy Barracks, Coffs Harbour
- HSC Hacks webinar Tuesday 6 June at 5.30pm (https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_YRlkfym_SvGtahi9H5jCrg#/registration)
- YES+ Automotive course - Tuesday 6 & 13 June Grafton TAFE
- Charles Sturt University Early Offer Program - Facebook Information Session Wed 7 June at 6.30pm <https://www.facebook.com/csufuture>

YES + Engineering course - Friday 9 & 16 June Grafton TAFE

Thoroughbred Breeders NSW

Thoroughly Schooled

AN INTRODUCTION INTO THE RACING AND THOROUGHBRED HORSE INDUSTRY FOR HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS

This is an immersive career program focused on the racing and thoroughbred breeding equine industry. Held over six days in Scone NSW, students will acquire skills through practical training, classroom lessons, excursions, career talks and three work-experience mornings on a stud farm and racing stables. The program will conclude on Saturday 9 September with a parents/guardians lunch.

This is a program that supports students in gaining casual employment, in job roles such as: Assisting at Stables, Foal Watch, Trackwork Rider, Stud Hand, Yearling Sale Preparation.

School-based opportunities include CII Racing Industry (Stablehand)

Post-school opportunities include: Traineeships in Horse Breeding and/or Racing.

SITE VISITS

BREEDING & RACING:

Partnered with industry speakers. See the sites and explore major Horse Breeding Stud Farms, Scone Equine Hospital, Racing Stables and Racecourse.

THE DETAILS

DATES: 3rd to 9th Sept 2023

COST: FREE

ELIGIBILITY: Year 10-12 students with permission from parents and their school can apply.

ENQUIRIES: walter.mansfield@det.nsw.edu.au

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST:

Apply here: <https://forms.office.com/r/V02VgVgCld> or via QR Code by Sunday 2 July

THE SNAPSHOT

A WEEK OF DISCOVERY:

Practical Horse Skills and Industry Experiences in Australia's Horse Capital.

Local transportation and accommodation provided.

Learning outcomes

- Horse Behaviour, discipline
- Horse Health and Welfare
- Safe Handling and Transport
- History of Horse Breeding
- Ownership of Horses
- Cleaning and Maintenance
- The Thoroughbred Industry and Breeding
- Career Information, industries and pathways in the horse industry

HTBA EquiStart

This program is a Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP) initiative



HSC PDHPE



The HSC PDHPE class were very fortunate to have Darryn Quigley from Solitary Islands Surf School visit and discuss how technology and equipment advances have improved the performance of elite surfers. He discussed wetsuit development and surfboard enhancements and how this has impacted surfing over time. We are extremely lucky to have such a supportive network of business people in our community happy to connect with our students to help them succeed.

2023 SPORT CARNIVAL DATES

Cross Country	Fri 16 June	NC Regional Cross Country	Bryon Bay	2
	Fri 21 July	NSW All Schools State Cross Country	Eastern Creek	3
Athletics	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 and good luck to Woolgoolga High's School Captain **Emma Williams (Yr 12)** as she represents the Greater Northern NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association at the NSW CHS State Rugby League Championships in Wollongong.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Wow, what an awesome day the staff and students had on Friday 19th May at the Athletics Carnival. The sun was shining and it was an amazing day. We will publish the results in the next newsletter.





FAR NORTH COAST REGIONAL SURFING TITLES

Woolgoolga High School Surfing team shines at NSW Far North Coast High School Regional Titles.

The Woolgoolga High School surfing team recently made waves at the highly anticipated NSW Far North Coast High School Regional Titles. The event, held in one of Australia's most renowned surfing destinations, showcased the talents of young surfers from various schools in the region. Despite facing tough competition, the Woolgoolga High School team demonstrated their skills and dedication throughout the tournament.



The team consisted of four divisions: Junior Boys, Senior Boys, Junior Girls, and Senior Girls. In the Junior Boys division, Toby Warwick and Benji Lowen showcased their exceptional surfing prowess. Their dynamic manoeuvres and seamless transitions left the audience in awe. Both Toby and Benji displayed excellent teamwork, which contributed to their success in the competition.

The Senior Boys division was represented by Van Knight and Benji Lowen. Van's powerful surfing style combined with Benji's technical finesse created a formidable duo. Their strategic wave selection earned them points on the board, solidifying their position as top contenders in the division.

The Junior Girls division saw an impressive display of talent from Sasha Lewis, Gracie Kennedy, Frankie Freudenstein, and Lyla Freudenstein. The girls showcased their courage and determination as they tackled challenging waves. Despite narrowly missing out on progressing to the state titles, their performance was commendable, and they left a lasting impression on the judges and spectators alike.



Representing Woolgoolga High School in the Senior Girls division were Aisha Anderson and Jasi Ross. Both surfers exhibited exceptional skill and composure in the water. Their ability to navigate through the demanding conditions was truly remarkable. Aisha and Jasi's performances garnered admiration from their peers and served as an inspiration to aspiring female surfers in the region.

The format of the competition added an extra layer of difficulty for all the teams. The tag team style, combined with a challenging time constraint that included a rock jump and paddle out, tested the surfers' endurance and adaptability. However, the Woolgoolga High School team tackled these obstacles head-on, displaying their ability to perform under pressure.

The surf conditions during the event were nothing short of exceptional. With pumping waves and powerful swell, the competitors had to be at the top of their game to maximize their scoring potential. The Woolgoolga High School team rose to the occasion, capitalizing on the favourable conditions and showcasing their skills to the fullest.

Although the junior girls narrowly missed out on progressing to the state titles, their efforts and achievements should not be overshadowed. The entire Woolgoolga High School team displayed remarkable sportsmanship, camaraderie, and dedication throughout the event.

Their performances were a testament to their hard work, training, and passion for the sport.

The Woolgoolga High School surfing team's participation in the NSW Far North Coast High School Regional Titles not only highlighted their individual abilities but also showcased the school's commitment to nurturing young surfing talents. The team's success in the competition serves as a source of pride for the school and the local community, inspiring future generations of surfers to pursue their dreams and strive for excellence in the sport.

As the competition came to a close, the Woolgoolga High School surfing team left an indelible mark on the event. Their outstanding performances and unwavering determination have solidified their place among the top surfing talents in the region. With their eyes set on future competitions, this promising team will undoubtedly continue to make waves in the world of competitive surfing.



NSWCHS Canoe Championships

NSW All-schools and NSWCHS Canoe Championships, held on the Mann River, west of Grafton last week. Maggie Carr performed extremely well in the flat water and white-water events bringing home 9 medals which included 7 gold in the following events:

- C1 Slalom
- K1 Slalom
- C1 Sprints
- K1 Sprints
- K1 Downriver



This outstanding performance by Maggie won her overall female NSWCHS champion and she accumulated so many points, Woolgoolga High were the winning school at the NSWCHS State Championships. What a fantastic achievement. Well done, Maggie!



BUCKLEY SHIELD GALA DAY

On Wednesday 10th May, Mr McCormack (manager) and Mr Cummins (coach) took a team of 12 students from Year 7 and Year 8 to compete for the NRL Gala day Buckley Shield in Coffs Harbour. The team had benefitted from coaching instruction in the months leading up to the event by Mr McCormack, Mr Murden and Mr Cummins. Due to injury or illness, the Woolgoolga High School team assembled on the day with only 12 of the original 18 players.

Woolgoolga High School was drawn to play Coffs Harbour High School in the first match of the day. The Coffs Harbour team had an enviable squad of over 20 players. Just after kick off the team was shaken with Coffs Harbour scoring a try in the first minute. They quickly recovered and pushed hard to recover and Riley Drever went in to score the next try. Already a man short, some players not at full health and a "sin bin" meant the WHS team played for ten minutes with only eleven on the field, yet still managed to hold on until the final siren. The game ended in a 20-20 draw but as Coffs Harbour HS were the first scorers, they were declared the game winner. Score triers Riley Drever, Koby Kudrins, Issac Smith and Henry Hoppe.

Our second game saw Woolgoolga HS play against another fully equipped bench of South Grafton footballers. We were able to borrow a player to go onto the field but despite a gallant effort Koby Kudrins had to come off at times to recover as his illness was now slowing him.

The game was well contested with the Woolgoolga boys being inflicted with further injury and illness taking players from the field and no substitutes to take their place. The WHS team did their best to hold out South Grafton and after Jessie Digby taking a try and Riley Drever converting, the team conceded defeat at 16-6.

The best and fairest player has been awarded to our hooker Henry Hoppe for effort, communication and coachability on the day.

Honourable mentions also go to Ayden Smith, Jessie Digby and Issac Smith for taking on board the coaching instruction and maintaining position. This was instrumental in many of the tries on the day. Further, congratulations go to Jasman Sahota and Bhavan Mann for playing their first games of competition Rugby League. While the Woolgoolga HS boys didn't get their desired result some great rugby league was played on the day and the boys gained a great deal from the social experience.



Players: Jesse Digby, Jasman Sahota, Bhavan Mann, Issac Smith, Koby Kudrins, Cooper Scheuermann, Ayden Smith, Archie Pledger, Riley Drever, Hunter Borland, Henry Hoppe, Jake Major

NSWCHS STATE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations and well done to the 23 Woolgoolga High School students who competed at the NSWCHS State Swimming Championships at the Sydney Olympic Pool in Homebush earlier in the term. We had 7 relay teams and 4 individuals race at this elite level. Special mention to Year 9 students Ella Dudgeon and Tristan Shih who swam in eight and nine races respectively at the Championships.



Thank you to all the parents and grandparents for supporting their children to have the opportunity to swim in Sydney. Also, to WHS teachers Mrs Hansen and Mrs March for the wonderful photos.



CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations and good luck to the following students who have qualified for the North Coast Cross Country Championships at North Byron Parklands on June 16th.



Lyla FREUDENSTEIN
Jesse DESMOND
Reine AUBORT
Eva MACKAY
Frankie FREUDENSTEIN
Reidon PEARCE
Poppy ENSBEY
Kalani GRAYSON
Bianca BOETTIGER
Lily MORGAN
Hadley MARCH
Ava WILSON
Riley MARCH
Molly COHEN
Katie HODGSON
Taj FARROW
Emil ECKERT
Henry HOPPE
Azlyn BATCHELDOR
Hayden COUNTER
Diesel CHENEY
Roy GULLIFORD
Tristan SHIH
Michael SUTTON
Mitch CUSTANCE
Lachie DOYLE
Sam CUSTANCE
Leevon YOUNG
Kaleb HART
Riley NUGENT
Isaac LEE
Baxter MARCH
Bradley HARBOE

HOUSE CHAMPIONS CELEBRATION

During assembly last Monday, we celebrated the success of our revised House system. We congratulated Amelia Morrell and Sophie Gustafson of Year 7 who both received 100 House Points and were awarded a Bronze award.

Students who had received over 80 House Points were also rewarded with a Pizza Lunch. It was great to celebrate our fantastic students and their attainments.

Congratulations to:

Amelia Morell - Year 7 - 135 points
Sophie Gustafson - Year 7 - 95 points
Roy Gulliford - Year 9 - 94 points
Hadley March - Year 9 - 90 points
Leevon Young - Year 11 - 86 points
Vann Geerligs - Year 8 - 84 points
Josie - Year 7 - 84 points
Reine Aubort - Year 8 - 83 points
Kalani Grayson - Year 7 - 83 points
Gracie Kennedy - Year 8 - 83 points
Milli McInerney - Year 7 - 83 points
Isaac Lee - Year 11 - 81 points
Ben Warden - Year 11 - 81 points
Mindil Berry - Year 8 - 80 points





Woolgoolga High School welcomes current Year 5 and 6 students with their parents and carers to a:

Future Students' Information Evening.

Tuesday
June 6



5.30 pm

The information session will discuss what to expect in the transition to high school and what Woolgoolga High School has to offer you.

Following the general session will be the Excel Class information session.

