

# **WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL**

# Newsletter

# TALENT QUEST

Woolgoolga High School ended Term 2 with our inaugural Talent Quest. This was a fantastic event that really brought the whole school together. We had an amazing variety of musical acts on show with students also helping on staging, lighting and sound as our Tech Crew. Thank you to Coopers Surf for providing some excellent prizes, and a big congratulations to the following students:

Highly Commended - Oscar Stanton, Riley McCarthy, Oli **Buckley** 3rd place - Leevon Young, Judah Burnham, Tom

Murgatroyd & Jye Pursch 2nd place - Tom Murgatroyd & Scott Priest 1st place - Macee Harris

Well done to everyone who participated, we are lucky to have such amazing talent at our school!











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#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We have had another busy fortnight with so many positive things happening in our school. Last week we had our Community Yarn Up with cultural celebrations including a Smoking Ceremony, One Mob Radio, BBQ, dancing and craft activities. This was a really positive event which we hope to make a more regular occurrence.

Our annual Assembly of Excellence was held last Tuesday. This was another really positive event for our school, where academic and other special achievements were acknowledged. Thank you to all the parents who came to support their children at the assembly and at morning tea afterwards.



We still have the occasional COVID-19 case in our school population. Parents are reminded to keep their child home if they have cold or flu symptoms. Updated advice for families regarding COVID 19 is available via the COVID 19 updated advice tile on our school website's home page.

Scooters have become a more popular method of transport to and from school for students. Up until now, students have been able to leave their scooters in the deputy principals' offices. This has become unmanageable due to the number being dropped off each day. As of Monday 14th August, students bringing their scooter or skateboard to school will need to leave it in the bike cage in the school carpark. Students will need to bring their own lock to secure their scooter and walk it in and out of the school.

A reminder for students to keep their phones in their pouch for the school day. We have had some students message parents asking to sign out for an appointment or similar. I ask parents to please support us with our phone policy and not engage in messaging with students during the day.

Later in this edition you will see we now have stationary items available for purchase at the front office. It is great to see many students are using this service. We are happy to take requests for additional items if there is a need.

Lu Nickell **Relieving Principal** 

## **COMING EVENTS**

Mon 14 - Fri 25 August	Trial HSC
Tues 15 - Fri 18 August	Year 9 Maths Excursion
Mon 4 September	Parent Teacher Night



Congratulations to Isobel Stockton in Year 8 who has accepted a place for The Australian Ballet workshops with The Arts Unit.

Congratulations Isobel, this is an incredible achievement!









On Monday 7th August, 12 students went to the Grow the Music studios in Toormina, to begin recording a hip hop song for the All One Under the Sun project. Over the past several weeks, with the support of the WHS music faculty, the students have been attending workshops where they have been writing and arranging a song. The theme is "Anti-Racism", and the students have written some inciteful and inspiring lyrics along with an emotive musical piece. With most of the song complete, the students are now having the experience of recording in a professional studio. Once the song is fully recorded the students will begin making a film clip to complete the project.







## **ASSEMBLY OF EXCELLENCE**

Congratulations to all our students who received awards for academic achievement at our Assembly of Excellence ceremony last Tuesday. Well done on your achievements at school during Semester 1! Congratulations also to students Koby Kudrins, Jack Hayes and Finn Casper who received Community Recognition Statements on behalf of Member for Coffs Harbour <u>Gurmesh Singh MP</u> for their heroic efforts in saving the life of a female tourist during school Sport in March this year.

















#### YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY

Year 11 Hospitality students making a variety of drinks in preparation for taking over the coffee shop in Term 4.







## **AGRICULTURE**

Year 9 Agriculture students made the trek to
Guyra on Wednesday to sell their lambs that they
have raised and prepared for sale. They listened
to Fletcher International Exports livestock buyer
Austin who described his role in the industry.
Jiang was lucky enough to be appointed as the
honorary Fletchers buyer when our sheep were sold
and was the highest bidder. A big thanks to Austin from
Fletchers and Andrew from Thomas Foods for rallying
and putting on a great display for the students. A big
thanks to

Elders Armidale and Guyra for handling our sheep and to Stephanie for talking to our young ladies about her role and the role of women in agriculture. We then ventured out to Eastern Plains Angus for their annual bull sale. For the 2nd year, Andrew and Sally have welcomed Woolgoolga High students to this fabulous event. Again our students were very impressed by the auction process and the very high standard of the bulls presented for sale. Mr Whitburn and Mr Cummins were extremely proud of all the students and the way they represented Woolgoolga High School. Well done!















As the current mandatory technology rotation nears the end. The year 8 Agriculture students are completing their animal husbandry tasks with their laying pullets. Next week they will begin harvesting their vegetables. These include lettuce, carrots and rainbow chard. Some amazing fresh vegetables will be delivered to the dinner tables of many year 8 households. Enjoy.











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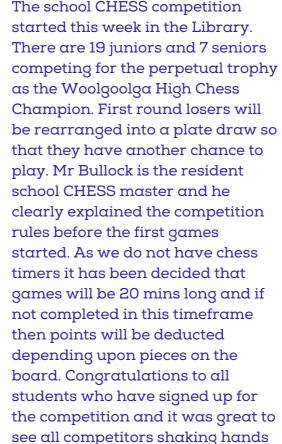


Students can now buy basic stationery supplies at the front office.
They can pay in person (cash or card) or parents can pay online using School Bytes.
The prices for items are as follows:

Pens, pencils, erasers and rulers - 20c each Sharpeners - 50c each 96 page A4 ruled exercise book - 90c each Maths grid book - \$1.10 Pencil case - \$1.80 Casio Calculator - \$45.00

## LIBRARY NEWS





before each game.







#### ICAS exams

It is wonderful to see so many students from WHS enrolled in the ICAS examinations. These started this week with Digital Technology. Next week on Wednesday, students will be sitting the English exam and the following week will be Science and then Maths. Good luck to all of our students!

#### **Minimum Standard Testing**

Year 10 students have been undertaking online Minimum Standard Testing this week in the school library. Students are being tested on their Reading, Numeracy and Writing skills. Any students who have missed their testing days or need to be re-tested will be offered Catch Up days to successfully complete these tests.



# **BOOK WEEK**

This year we will be celebrating Book Week in Week 6 at Woolgoolga High School with the following:

Monday and Tuesday: A Taste of a Tale

Students will have the opportunity to go along to a reading of a different book from different genres during each break on these days. Genres will include Crime, Fantasy, Horror and Teen Romance.

Wednesday: Why I Read?

Teachers will talk with students about what reading looks like for all different purposes across the school.

Thursday: Reading Hour and Blind Date with a Book Students have the opportunity to participate in a reading hour during Break 1 and 2 in the library. Students who participate will be gifted a book at the end of Break 2 in the form of selecting a 'blind date with a book.'

Friday: Book Week and Wear it Purple Dress Up Day AND Book Exchange

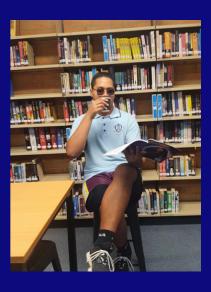
The day is a dress up day where students are invited to dress up as their favourite character from a book. It is also Wear it Purple day and alternatively, students may wear purple on this day. We will also have purple ribbons available at school for those who wish to dress up as a character and also wear it purple.

There will be a book week 'Who Am I?' competition in Break 1 and a Book Exchange running in the library in both breaks where students can exchange a second hand book from home with a book.

There will also be a matching competition, like last year, where students have to match the teacher with their favourite book, running throughout the week. Prizes will be awarded at assembly in Week 7.

We are seeking good quality second hand book donations for the book exchange. If anyone has any teenage appropriate books at home, please send these in to the school. They can be dropped off at the front office, or students can take them to the English staffroom or library.

We look forward to celebrating and promoting reading in our school. Read, Grow, Inspire!







# MID NORTH COAST ZONE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS



Congratulations to the 32 students who represented Woolgoolga High School and Mid North Coast Zone at the North Coast Combined High Schools Athletics Championships at Coffs Harbour International Stadium last Friday. There are over 40 high schools in our North Coast region. Well done everyone who made it to this level. You did Woopi proud!

Students who placed first and second in an event have now qualified to represent the North Coast region at the NSW CHS State Athletics Championships at Homebush (Sydney) next month. Best wishes and good luck to the following Woopi High students.

Name	Age	Event(s) qualified for state athletics (place)
Hudson Chessher	12	4 x 100m relay (2nd)
Emil Eckert	12	4 x 100m relay (2nd)
Taj Farrow	12	4 x 100m relay (2nd)
Holly Endycott	12	Discus (1st), Shot put (2nd)
Kalani Grayson	13	4 x 100m relay (1st)
Kyah Rea	13	4 x 100m relay (1st), Shot put (2nd)
Skyla Tucker	13	4 x 100m relay (1st)
Remi Wellington	13	4 x 100m relay (1st)
Roy Gulliford	15	3000m (1st), 1500m (2nd)
Billi Norman	16	High Jump (2nd)
Katie Hodgson	17	4 x 100m relay (1st)
Esha McCarthy	17	4 x 100m relay (1st)
Jasi Ross	17	4 x 100m relay (1st)
Emma Williams	17	4 x 100m relay (1st)
Ben Warden	17	Triple Jump (2nd)
Brodie Robinson	17	Javelin (2nd)













# SPORT



Thank you to all the parents and guardians for their support at the North Coast Athletics Championships, Ms Burns for shot put expertise, Mrs March for her timing expertise and Mrs Blanshard for managing the MNC zone team.







#### **CHS GYMNASTIC CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Congratulations to our gymnasts who competed at the CHS Gymnastics Championship at Hunter Sports Centre in week 4. The students represented Woolgoolga High with great pride and sportsmanship and should be commended on their achievements. Results and photos will be published in the next Newsletter.

## **2023 SPORT CARNIVAL DATES**

**Athletics** 

Wed 6 - Fri 8 Sept NSW CHS State

Sydney Olympic Park

# **SENIOR BOYS SQUASH**







Congratulations and well done to the Senior Boys Squash team for their effort on Wednesday 2 August playing against Yass High in Round 16 of the CHS State Knockout. Although they didn't win they demonstrated great sportsmanship.

Thanks to Mr West for his coaching and Mrs Pursch for driving the team to Newcastle to play.

Team: Jye Pursch, Amos Roworth, Scott Priest, Isaac Lee.



# **INDIGENOUS TALENT IDENTIFICATION DAY**

On Monday 24th July, 11 of our Indigenous athletes were invited to a Talent Identification Day. Participants enjoyed an introduction to multiple sports, where each student played games and participated in sport specific skills in a fun atmosphere to showcase their talent. Qualified coaches assessed participants. The students had a great day. Congratulations to Jayden Perrett who has been selected in the North Coast Academy of Sport 2023 Future Stars Program as a UAA Indigenous Talent Identification Athlete. The Academy selected a combined 13 students from the North Coast and Far North Coast regions to attend strength and conditioning sessions hosted by the Academy and ACE Performance. Selections were made based on overall testing results, coach's eye, student participation and attitude.

















## **CAREERS**

#### Social Media and Content Creation Workshop

A FREE half day entrepreneurial workshop designed to give students the experience of a day in the life of a content creator is available to interested students through our Educational Pathways Program (EPP).

The workshop will take place at Grafton on Friday 25th August.

Students will be taught how to use social media as a business tool and build a digital campaign for Facebook and Instagram on a specific product. It's perfect for Business Studies students or anyone who's creative and loves social media, digital media, creating content, photography & advertising. Please express your interest in attending to the Careers staff in the library office.



This workshop is designed to teach students digital and social media skills that would be beneficial in a creative career. The course incorporates aspects of photography, film, advertising and digital media. The goal is to give students the experience of a day in the life of a content creator. Students can work individually, in pairs or in small groups where they'll receive a professional brief from a client to advertise a product of their choosing.

- A fun, interactive and entrepreneurial workshop that teaches Social Media as a business tool.
- Suitable for anyone who enjoys creating content, photography, film, advertising & social media.
- Students will create a social media campaign on a specific product, learn how to build a brand and produce engaging digital and written content.

#### This is a half day workshop for up to 20 students. Please bring your own mobile phone.

Media For Millennials encourages students to create and carve out their own opportunities. We will finish by discussing some ideas, strategies and ways they could approach and pitch themselves to the right types of businesses or brands, who might be interested in having someone create digital content or manage a social media account for them.

## **CAREERS**

Expressions of interest are now being taken for Term 4 'Start Your Future' courses at Grafton TAFE. The courses are free, courtesy of our school's Educational Pathways Program (EPP), and are available to students in Year 10 who are aged 15 years or older. Upcoming courses include Animal Care, Automotive, Barbering, and Early Childhood Education and Care. The courses run for 1 day a week for 8 weeks during Term 4. Students will be required to organise their own transport to and from Grafton TAFE to attend the course. To express your interest in any of these courses please see the Careers Team in the school library.











### **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)

- Light Vehicle Mechanic Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Plumbing Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Heavy Vehicle Mechanic Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Landscaping Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Individual Support Worker-Aged Care Facility Based Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- Trainee Aged Care Worker at Coffs Harbour
- Junior Legal & Office Assistant at TB Law, Coffs Harbour
- Hospitality Trainee at The Coffs Hotel, Coffs Harbour
- Transport for NSW Business Traineeship-Feb 2024 intake at Coffs Harbour
- · Casual staff for The Big Banana Gift Shop and Water Park
- Delivery Drivers at Riptide Pizzeria, Woolgoolga
- Casual Floor Staff for Saturday work at Pansabella Café, Coffs Harbour
- Casual Staff for summer at Stef Beachstone, Sapphire Beach
- Waitperson at Sunset Room, Woolgoolga
- Business Administration Traineeship at Coffs
- Pool & Spa Technician Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- Real Estate Traineeship at Coffs Harbour

#### **Educational Pathways Program**



As well as having school Facebook and Instagram Pages, we also have a school Careers Facebook page. Stay up to date with upcoming careers events, local job postings, university application deadlines.



#### **UPCOMING CAREERS EVENTS**

- Macquarie University Open Day Sat 12 Aug
- Griffith University Open Day (Gold Coast & Nathan) Sun 13 Aug-9am to 2pm
- SCU Coffs Campus Open Day Sun 13 Aug-10am to 2pm
- University of Southern Queensland Open Days Sun 13 Aug (Ipswich & Springfield) Sun 20 Aug (Toowoomba)
- Start Your Future (YES +) Animal Care course Thurs 17 & 24 August Grafton TAFE
- Start Your Future (YES +) Engineering course Fri 18 & 25 August Grafton TAFE
- Yr 11 & 12 Meet the University of Svdnev Thurs 17 Aug-5pm to 6.30pm C.ex Coffs
- White Card Course Thurs 24 Aug
- Term 4 'Start Your Future' courses EOI closes Fri 25 Aug



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## **P&C NEWS**

# Outcomes from the Woolgoolga High School P&C Meeting held on Wednesday 10 August:

- Our new Woolgoolga High School Instagram account is up and running and being promoted for our school community to 'follow' for school news and updates.
- The school is awaiting delivery of 2 more WHS faculty pull up banners to use at school events.
- All of the new outdoor sheltered seating has now been installed at school and is being highly used and enjoyed by students.
- A preferred design for a school jumper to sell in the school Uniform Shop was assessed, following consultation with students and SRC members on their preferred design. Discussion will now take place with uniform provider Daylight Schoolwear on a final jumper design.
- A new Canteen menu will be released for Term 4, with some price increases.
- Counter specials are now available at the canteen on most days for purchase.
- Our NAIDOC Community Yarn Up was enjoyed by school families and staff. We are looking to hold a similar event once a term, which will be open to all community members.
- Students are enjoying using the school's new outdoor gym during break times and PDHPE lessons. The gym can be used by members of the local community during school holidays, along with the school basketball court as WHS is part of the 'Share Our Space' program.
- School Medallion interviews for Year 12 students will take place on 11 September.
- Parent Teacher interviews will take place on 4 September.
- The P & C approved funding for the purchase of 25 Manga graphic novels for students and Issues in Society textbooks for use across school faculties.
- The P & C approved funding for Leadership awards, and the Public Speaking and the Dux award to be presented at the end of year Annual Presentation Assembly.

The next P&C Meeting will be held in the school library on Wednesday 13 September.

All school parents, caregivers and staff are welcome to attend to learn more about what is happening in our school.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**





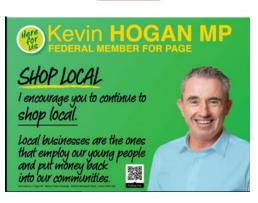


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