

WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

YEAR 12 FINAL WEEK!

Year 12 students have been celebrating their final week of school this week by dressing up each day in a different theme.

Monday saw students dress as the opposite gender for the day and enjoy a game of Dodgeball against school staff, with girls versing boys.

Tuesday saw students come to school in their Primary School uniform or as the 1st Letter of their Name, and take on staff in a volleyball match during break time.

Wednesday saw students dress up as a Movie/Superhero Character.

The students' final week of school will end with a Movie Night on Thursday 21 September, then a Year 12 BBO Breakfast at Woolgoolga Main Beach on Friday 22 September.

Congratulations to all our Year 12 students on your efforts during the 2023 school year, and we wish you all the best as you prepare for your upcoming HSC exams in October!











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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

We have come to the end of another term and being Term 3, this means our Class of '23 have their last lessons today. This week the students have had a dress-up theme each day with some very creative and fun costumes being worn. I congratulate them on the positive way in which they have been celebrating while still remaining respectful of the school and the learning needs of others. Tomorrow morning they will be treated to a BBQ at Woolgoolga Beach before they head home to knuckle down and prepare for the upcoming HSC exams. I encourage them to take advantage of the holiday tutoring sessions and thank the teachers who are giving up their time to help our students achieve their best.



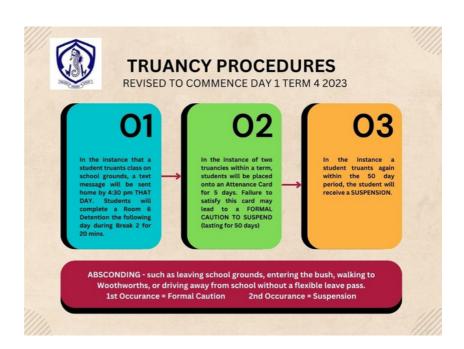
We have fit so much into this term with wonderful in-class and extracurricular opportunities available to students. This means we could publish a whole magazine for our fortnightly newsletter. We recently held interviews for the award of School Medallion. There was a common them amongst candidates that they are proud of our school and appreciate all the opportunities we provide.

As we continue to work on improving student attendance, we will be making some changes to our procedures from the start of Term 4. This includes truancy text messages being sent home the same day the truancy occurs. If you receive one of these texts, please have a conversation with your child. We find that students are telling their parents they really were in class or with another teacher when this may not be the case. I encourage you to verify this by contacting the school. Students who leave school grounds without properly signing out with permission from home will be suspended for repeat occurrences.

I would like to thank Ms Hozack for organising our Run Beyond Project team. I am really enjoying our Tuesday morning runs and it is wonderful to see the students improve their fitness and resilience each week.

Term 4 commences on Monday 9th October. Note there is no staff development day at the start of Term 4.

The first day will be Monday A.



Lu Nickell Relieving Principal

COMING EVENTS

Friday 22nd September	Last Day of Term 3
Monday 9th October	First Day of Term 4
Friday 27th October	Catch up Vaccinations - Year 7

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

Thank you for your co-operation.

Extended student leave

Parents and carers are reminded to apply for any student leave where students will be absent from school for 6 or more school days. This includes family holidays taken during the school term.

Application forms for 'extended leave-travel' are available on our school website or via the Parent Portal.





WEDNESDAY SPORTS

Notes for students to leave during sport time need to be at the office by 10:30am.

Notes received after this time will not be approved for students to leave during sport time.



AROUND THE SCHOOL

It was awesome to see our Year 10 students sit their PDHPE theory task in the Hall. It is great preparation for our students as they approach their Preliminary HSC year. Our students conducted themselves in a mature and responsible way. The assessment task was based around Remember the Titans and students explored concepts based on diversity and discrimination. Well done Year 10.



RUN BEYOND PROJECT

Celebrating Our Outstanding Student Volunteers

We're excited to recognize five students from Woolgoolga High School who recently volunteered their time at the Coffs Harbour Running Festival. These students embody the values of community, resilience, goal-setting, and commitment.



Our students played a crucial role in setting up the finishing chute and shade tents at the Coffs Harbour Running Festival. Their dedication ensured the event ran smoothly.



Making a Difference:

Their efforts had a significant impact on The Run Beyond Project charity, helping raise an impressive \$7,500. This contribution will support The Run Beyond Project's goal race weekend in the Gold Coast this December where the students will take on the 12km fun run in the Gold Coast 50km event.

Our students demonstrated core values:

- Community: They actively engaged with and supported our local community.
- Resilience: Their commitment to weekly early morning training runs and volunteering showcases their determination.
- Goal Setting: They contributed to achieving a meaningful fundraising goal.
- Commitment: Their dedication to community service is commendable.

It has been a pleasure to get to know these students and watch them get stronger physically and mentally each week.

~ Heather Hozack ~



ALL ONE UNDER THE SUN

Some of our amazing students have created an original song which was shown at our school assembly on Monday and is now available to view on YouTube.

Congratulation to students Denelias -Jaxon (DJ), Imogen, Milly, Gypsy, Olive, Keyshia, Sianna, Aleah, Tyson, Oscar, Naavalan, Healy, Ryan, Darshan and Mohammad on the song 'Freedom, Blame'!!!

(The song was created as part of the 'Change the Story project' for All One Under the Sun at Woolgoolga High School and is about youths taking on racism and what brings people together. All One Under the Sun is based on Gumbaynggirr Country)

Produced by: Grow the Music

Recorded at: Grow the Music Studio, Toormina

Film Clip by Jay Black And the Trees Photography

Filmed at Wiigulga Sports Complex, Woolgoolga

Facilitators: Lizzy Rutten and Michael Mooney (Grow the Music) and Tory Paasi (Bruce Brazen),

Cultural Education: Uncle Tony Perkins

Project Coordinator: Naomi Steinborner, Blue Sky Community Services

Link to the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V3ihvH53sDQ

STATE DANCE FESTIVAL

On Tuesday 12, WHS students Isobel Stockton, Ava Wilson, Imogen Roworth and Milly Stockton performed as members of the Mid North Coast Dance Ensemble in the State dance Festival, held at the Seymour Centre in Sydney. The State Dance Festival showcases dance education from across NSW Public Schools. The ensembles dance 'In the Dark' showcased sleek lines and shapes with contrasting fluid and sharp dynamics. This combined effort showcases the determination of students and teachers to explore the art and techniques of dance through performance.





Tips from former Year 12 students on physical health and wellbeing



#StayHealthyHS0

Time to check in!

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Week 8 - 100%
Attendance Draw
winners were:
Alyssa Twidale,Vann
Geerligs, Rahni Brock,
Kiran Kandola and
Paige Ludzik.
Congratulations to
these students on their
perfect
attendance in Term 3!





RUOKDAY

R U OK? Day is our National
Day of Action when we remind
Australians that every day is
the day to ask, 'are you OK?'
and start a meaningful
conversation whenever they
spot the signs that someone
they care about might be
struggling with life.







YEAR 10 CHILD STUDIES

The incredible Year 10 Child Studies class has spent this term learning about the impact of food choices on children's nutrition intake. They finished off the unit by researching, planning, and cooking a child-safe food that suits a Barbie party theme, while being conscious of food allergies. The class did an incredible job and Mr Murtha and Miss Burns were really proud of them!













ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT CENTRE

Academic Achievement Centre has finished for Term 3. Some of our regular Year 12's were disappointed this may be their last session. But do not despair.

📢 Exciting News! The Academic Achievement Centre will be back in action for Term 4! 📑 🦖

We're thrilled to announce that our Academic Achievement Centre will be re-opening its doors in Term 4 to continue supporting our students on their academic journeys. Get ready for another term of dedicated guidance, personalized support, and academic success.







MORETON ISLAND EXCURSION

Week 6 Monday 13th-Friday 17th November.

Please keep your payments coming in - \$850 total.

Payment needs to be finalised by 17th October to start firming up numbers for organisation.

Students need to complete the addition waiver forms for both the Moreton Island excursion and the aqua park (link below).

https://waiver.roller.app/goldcoastaquapark/



CHESS ELIMINATION

Junior comp: Out of a field of 20 keen competitors, two brilliant players faced off for the final game of the tournament this week. Brothers, Brynely and Talvin Harre were our Junior finalists, and after a long, careful game, Talvin was successful in capturing the title. The marathon game was very well matched with a final chase-to-the-kill in which Talvin ultimately put Brynley into checkmate. Congratulations Talvin!

Senior comp: Senior Semi-finalists, Joel Waasdorp and Ryder Stephens faced off against each other in a perilously fast-paced, intense game in which the field was mercilessly reduced to royalty only. Ultimately it was Joel who forced Ryder's king into a corner of submission and took the tournament. Well done to both of you, and congratulations to Joel on the win.

Winners of the junior and senior comp will have the opportunity to play each other in a bragging rights game next week.

A trophy for present and future champions is currently being fabricated to celebrate this year's winners and winners in future years. Thanks to Librarian Penny Burgess for her organisation and dedication to this fulfilling tournament.

~Justin Bullock~







ENGLISH NEWS

Year 7 have been looking at Fairytales this term. Students learnt about stereotypical features of princes, princesses and villains. Classes applied this knowledge to making their own fairytale creation. Incorporating a moral, as well as narrative structure. This story is from a student in 7 Yellow.



AGRICULTURE

We welcomed some baby lambs at the Ag Farm last Wednesday.

A big thanks to our Head Teacher of Wellbeing of students and sheep, Kate March and her husband Duan for assisting with the birthing process for 2 lambs that were non-respondant when born and their hard work got them up on their feet and moving! Both are now happy little ram lambs.











P&C NEWS

Outcomes from the Woolgoolga High School P&C Meeting held on Tuesday 12 September:

- New Manga and Issues in Society books (funded by the P&C) have arrived in the school library for student and staff use.
- A new Woolgoolga High School sloppy joe has been designed and negotiations are underway with Daylight Schoolwear to sell it in the school Uniform Shop.
- Artwork for display on new student phone pouches has been finalised and includes the high school logo on one side and an indigenous image on the other.
- A new Special Ed class will be created, and the school will receive a new demountable classroom and a designated Special Ed teacher for this new class.
- A live performance of the original song 'Freedom, Blame' created by our students involved in the All One Under The Sun program will take place at our Annual Presentation Assembly at the end of the year.
- Students have been weaving birds' nests for Golden-tipped bats in the local area.
- The school canteen is cooking lots of new slices daily for students and staff. There will be some canteen price changes in Term 4.
- Starting Term 4, student class truancy text messages will be issued to parents/carers at the end of each school day, instead of the following day as presently occurs, to ensure students are at school and safe and to enable parents to touch base with students about truancy on the day.
- A dedicated Student Attendance Support Officer has been employed by the school to assist with school attendance procedures.

The next P&C Meeting will be held in the school library on Wednesday 11 October. All school parents, carers and staff are welcome to attend to learn more about what is happening in our school.



New Manga books have arrived at our school library including the Demon Slayer box set, Jojo's Bizarre Adventure, Bleach box set, and Komi Can't Communicate (No.s 6-24) just in time for students to enjoy reading over the school holidays!

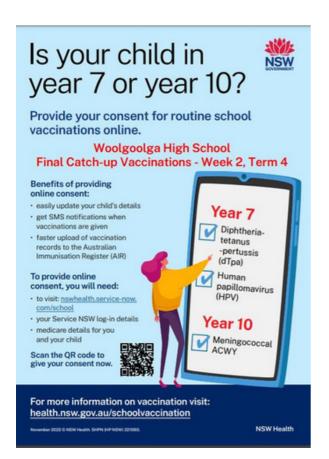
For our non-fiction book lovers we have new 'Issues in Society' texts for your general interest or to assist with school assignments in a variety of subjects.

Thank you to our P&C Committee for funding these new books for our students!











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

A4 reinforced loose-leaf paper (50 sheets) - \$2.70 A4 plastic sleeves (10 pack) - \$1.00 Casio Calculator - \$45.00

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 At Woolgoolga High School we provide a broad curriculum enabling students to discove their potential

10+ posts in the last 2 weeks



Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Parents and carers are required to explain student absences from school within 7 days of the first day of a period of absence. This can be done by phoning the school on 6554 1500, emailing the school or replying to student absentee text messages.



YEAR 12

189 DAYS

... before you lose access to:

Nour school email account

Your Google Drive contents

○ Your Microsoft OneDrive contents

Name of the Any Google Classrooms you were joined to

Name Any Microsoft Teams you were a member of

Check your stuff in these school-provided services.

Download anything you want to keep.

(There's no need to delete anything: it'll disappear in 180 days.)

SPORT

"Congratulations to Year 7 student
Holly Endycott on her 12 year old girls
Shot Put Bronze medal at the
NSWCHS State Athletics
Championships in Sydney
two weeks ago.
What an amazing achievement!







I am a Girl, I can do Anything - FREE Basketball clinic for girls coming to Woolgoolga these school holidays!With special guest coach, former Coffs Harbour Suns Junior: Isla Juffermans. Isla has just returned from her trip to China with the Opals and will be at this camp to inspire Coffs Harbour's future Opals.

Girls.... come and learn something new, be active and have fun playing 3x3 basketball with your friends!

The under-14 boy's cricket team played Grafton High School in Grafton. The boys were defeated today, but in typical Woopi style they displayed outstanding sportsmanship and resilience. Mr Whitburn was extremely proud of their performance today.

Congratulations gentlemen!



Wednesday Sports

Our students have loved playing Putt Putt and doing Gymnastics on a Wednesday afternoon for Sport.

Here are some photo's of some children enjoying their sports.









CAREERS



TAFE NSW Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) Programs

8 WEEK* INDUSTRY 'TASTER' COURSES TERM 4, 2023

The Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) is an initiative designed to create an opportunity for TAFE NSW and schools to work together and deliver an early intervention program aimed to engage young people in learning.

The program aims to showcase TAFE NSW as a viable pathway for young sle by offering authentic and industry standard education and train

Course Options include:	
Agriculture & Technology	Game Development (ICT)
Animal Studies	Maritime
Barista & Simple Food	Music
Beauty	Nursing
Gvil Construction	Painting, Decorating & Plastering
Electrotechnology	Screen & Media
Entrepreneurship (Small Business)	Welding

Term 4, 2023

1 day per week over 8 weeks

ore. Enquire: Enrol. nsw.edu.au TAFE!



Civil Construction YES Program CSO2222

Course description:

Course subjects covered:

This course will provide students with the basic skills and knowledge for a job within the civil construction industry.

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 Mand and power tools harmens, saws, drifts

 Small plant and equipment jackhammens, generators, vibratory compactors

 Basic leveling using laser levels and dumpy levels
- . Basic concreting form up a concrete slab
- Confined spaces and gas detection
 Work at heights safety harnesses, anchor points and static lines.
- Operate elevating work platform cherry picker and scissor lifts

To set involved in the YES Program, contact your School Careers Counsellor

Term 4: 13th Oct - 1" Dec 2023



The NSW Department of Education through Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP), Education Pathways Program (EPP) and Training Services NSW - Skills Broker program have come together to support 2023 school leavers as they transition from school through the Ignite Your Future Survey.

- Students looking for work will be linked to Jobs Northern Rivers with $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ targeted 2023 School Leavers Campaign created from student preferences.
- Students looking for fee free training will be linked to local skills sets created from the results of the survey.
- Students who are unsure of their next step will be linked to career resources such as Careers NSW.



Complete our quick survey now to stay connected beyond school and receive valuable career advice, local training, and job opportunities based on your career preferences.

From free training options to full-time jobs, we'll give you the keys to owning your future.

Start your journey here: https://shorturl.at/ciszL



Scan this OR code, to complete our survey!







Year 10 SBAT students

Year 10 students interested in undertaking a School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT) during their senior years are urged to contact staff in the Careers office in the school library to discuss SBAT opportunities and to receive assistance with securing an employer during Term 4, ready to commence their SBAT at the start of Year 11. School-based apprenticeships and traineeships are a great way to set yourself up for the career you want while you're completing your HSC.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-andstudy-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-andtraineeships

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ADF VISIT

Around 40 interested Year 10 students attended a Defence Careers Information Session presented by members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) at school on Tuesday 18 September. Australian Air Force members Emma and Craig along with Grace from the Australian Army discussed with students the many different job roles available to undertake in the Defence Force (around 280 jobs), what the ADF does, career pathways into the ADF, the lifestyle benefits of joining the ADF, as well as the fitness standards required to join the different divisions of the ADF. Students then toured the dedicated ADF Recruitment Bus which travels to regional areas to ensure those living away from the city have the opportunity to join the Australian Defence Force.

CAREER CORNER

A dedicated 'Career Corner' has now been set up at the back of the school Library for students to easily access Work Experience paperwork, University Guides, School Based Traineeship/Apprenticeship (SBAT) information, Current Job Vacancies via the Jobs Board, Australian Defence Force information, TAFE information, Creative Arts/Media flyers, Educational Pathways Program (EPP) information leaflets, and a folder detailing different Job Spotlights. Make sure you head down to the back corner of the library to check out our new Career Corner whenever you need any careers information!









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.





Woolgoolga High School Careers

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Job Vacancies

Please visit the Woolgoolga High School Careers website to obtain further information about these new jobs.

Click on Workplace Learning then Vacancies & Opportunities. (Please scroll down on the left to see all vacancies):

- Retail Assistant Christmas Casual at Michael Hill Jeweller, Coffs Harbour
- Crew Member at Red Rooster, Park Beach Plaza
- Admin Trainee at Advanced Technology, Boambee
- Metal Fabrication Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Carpentry Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Cabinet Making Apprenticeship at Sawtell Kitchens
- Tyre Fitting Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Landscape Construction Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic at Handybin Waste Services, Coffs Harbour
- Customer Field Technician Traineeship at Nbn, Coffs Harbour (for females)
- Apprentice Accessory Fitter with Tony White Group, Coffs Harbour
- Apprentice Plant Mechanics & Apprentice Fitter Machinists at North Coast Construction Equipment, Coffs Harbour (Jan 2024)
- Junior Staff at Ground Earth Café, Woolgoolga
- Dishy's & Wait Staff at Bella's Pasta Bar & Pizzeria, Coffs Harbour
- Café All Rounder at She Brews, Coffs Harbour (weekend work)
- Casual Activities Instructor at Darlington Beach Holiday Resort
- Seasonal Casual Staff at Rebel, Coffs Harbour

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Educational Pathways Program



<u>Upcoming Careers</u> <u>events</u>

- University Early Bird Processing Charge deadline - Fri 29 September
- <u>UAC Digital Let's Chat-Applying for</u> <u>the Educational Access Scheme</u> (<u>EAS)</u>

Wed 4 October at 6pm

- HSC Exams commence Wed 11
 October
- EPP Industry Pathway Project White Card Course -Wed 11 October Wiigulga Sports Complex
- EPP Industry Pathway Project
 Engagement Visit Tues 17 October
- Start Your Future Automotive course - Wed 18 October -Grafton TAFE
- Start Your Future Animal Care course - Thurs 19 October-Grafton TAFE

COMMUNITY NOTICES











