



WOOLGOOLGA HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

INTERSCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT

The WHS Chess Team competed in an interschool chess tournament at Orara High School on August 30th. Approximately 40 students from three local High Schools competed in three different divisions. Our school's Chess Team for this tournament included eight students from Years 7 and 8. The Year 7s were: Townes Evan Wood, Brynley Harre, Talvin Harre, Timothy Allardyce, Leo Peck, Ashton Summers-Mladin. The year 8s were: Chase Hemming, and Darshan Senthil Kumar. All team members were successful in their initial rounds, but it was Talvin Harre who continued to stun his opponents with skilful strategizing and a penchant for aggressive attacks in key moments. Talvin successfully knocked out all challengers and won his division. All of our students showed a high level of respect and good sportsmanship throughout the tourney. Special thanks for Jill Fulton for her communication, organisation, and support on the day. Ongoing WHS chess tournaments organised by Librarian, Penny Burgess, and EALD Teacher, Justin Bullock are open to any students wishing to participate in break-time games. Top players from break-time tournaments qualify for future interschool tournaments.

-Justin Bullock

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This week is SASS (School Administrative and Support Staff) Appreciation Week. Our SASS have a huge variety of roles across the school that support our students. These include front office reception, finance, first aide, grounds and building maintenance, preparation and support for Science and Food Technology/Hospitality lessons, supporting students with learning and wellbeing, and looking after the animals at the farm. Thank you to our wonderful SASS staff.



At Monday's assembly, our new captains and prefects were introduced to the school. I will be sad to see our current school leaders move on, but I am looking forward to working with our new team. This week's assembly also featured the amazing song and video created by our "All One Under the Sun" group. This will be performed at our Annual Presentation Assembly in December.

On Wednesday we had our inaugural Staff versus Year 12 Trivia Night. It was a fun night and featured a guest appearance from a resident possum. Thanks to Hunter Jeffries who did a fantastic job as MC and Mr Nickell for his organisation.

On Monday, Year 11 will start their final Preliminary exams. This will run for the last two weeks of term and students are not required to attend school when they don't have an exam. All students have been given their exam timetable and briefed on exam requirements. Next term they will commence their HSC courses.

You may be aware that as of next term, there will be a statewide ban on mobile phones in schools. Our current pouch system follows this policy so we don't need to change our practices in the school. We do, however, still have parents contacting their students via phone during the day. If you need to get a message to your child, please phone the school office. Students arriving to school in uniform with their phone in their pouch may receive a special reward in the last two weeks of term.

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.



Casual General Assistant Required

Expressions of Interest to the
Business Manager
Phone: 6654 1500

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

Yr 10 Moreton Island Excursion

Payments can now be made for the upcoming Year 10 Moreton Island excursion on Monday 13 November. The total cost is \$800, and payments can be made incrementally over the coming weeks. Parents and carers of attending students are asked to please follow the link below to complete a waiver form for the student visit to the Gold Coast Aqua Park as part of the excursion.

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



State Dance Festival

Ava Wilson, Milly Stockton, Imogen Roworth and Issy Stockton are part of the MNC Dance Ensemble who will be performing at the State Dance Festival held at the Seymour Centre in Sydney during Week 9. The students will also have the opportunity to participate in a dance workshop whilst in Sydney. Congratulations ladies!



Legacy Badge Day

Several of our school students including some Student Representative Council (SRC) members joined Coffs Coast Legacy selling Legacy paraphernalia for Legacy Badge Day today. Students canvassed locals, tourists and businesses in the Woolgoolga main street and industrial area to support and help raise funds for Legacy Week this week. Coffs Coast Legacy supports around 400 war widows and children and works to ensure the families of veterans are not disadvantaged and can live rich and meaningful lives. The Legacy Week appeal has been running since the 1940's.



2024 SCHOOL PREFECTS

Congratulations to our incoming 2024 Prefect leaders who were voted for by our Year 10 and 11 students and school staff recently. Our 2024 Prefects will commence their student leadership duties at the start of Term 4 and include: Sarthak Chaudhry, Jayde Gulliford,

Simran Kaur, Isaac Lee, Riley March, Cypress Marshall, Tom Murgatroyd, Jye Pursch, Brody Robinson, Celine Shih, Ben Warden and Leevon Young.

Following captain interviews with school executives last week our successful 2024 School Captains are Isaac Lee and Simran Kaur and Vice Captains Ben Warden and Riley March! We look forward to your leadership of our school from next term!



WEAR IT PURPLE DAY

Our school supported 'Wear It Purple Day' on Friday 25th August with students and staff dressing up in purple mufti dress. The day is celebrated at the end of August each year to show support for our LGBTQIA+ youth and to stand against the bullying and harassment of youths due to their gender or sexual identity. The movement aims to show young people that they are not alone, and helps them by offering support and affirmation that everyone has the right to be accepted for who they are.



SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF RECOGNITION WEEK

Thank you to our Business Manager, School Administration staff, Student Support staff, School Learning Support Officers, General Assistant and Technology Support Officer for all that you do every day for our students, staff, school families and our school!

#schoolsupportrecognition23



LIBRARY NEWS

NEW MANGA BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

A huge thank you to the very generous P & C who assisted the library in purchasing 4 new sets of MANGA books. This came about as a request from students to stock more of the very popular graphic novels and they suggested the titles they were keen on. We were able to buy a box set of 24 books in the Demon Slayer Series, 20 books to add to our "Komi can't communicate" series, a box set of "Bleach" which is a new set to the school and all the books in the first two volumes of "JoJos Bizarre Adventure" we were absolutely swamped at the library the moment that these new books hit the shelves and they are being read constantly. Thank you so much P and C, we really appreciate all the support you give the students.



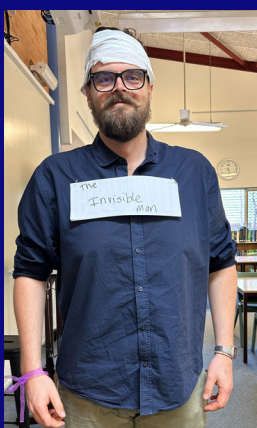
SCU Masterclass excursion

On Thursday 31st August twenty Year 10 students along with Mr Rutledge and Mrs Burgess attended an excellent Masterclass Day at Southern Cross University, Coffs Harbour. The idea of the day was for students to experience hands-on learning at Southern Cross. The students had a chance to participate in two workshops with some of the most popular being Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Environmental Science and Human Movement. Students also took part in a campus tour and Q and A with current students. It was a very interesting day and the students were wonderful ambassadors for the school.



BOOK WEEK

Our school staff and students embraced Children's Book Week 2023 with some amazing Book Week Dress Up costumes on display on our Dress Up Day on Friday! Congratulations to our Book Week Dress Up winners for Best Group (Scooby Doo gang), and Individual winners Cat in The Hat, Tank Man, Ken, Dorothy, The Good Witch, Harry Potter & Draco, Hagrid and Elsa!



ENGLISH

In English this term, year 8 have been exploring the art of storytelling. Students have worked to engage their readers through appealing to the senses and emotions. The classes have approached this differently: through collaboration, exploring the meaning of context, developing a focus question and understanding how genre influences setting and character. Here are two pieces of writing from students who have researched different genres and applied it to their writing.

Max Rosenberg, 8ENG2

Isolation, a strange concept, all I know is that I'm alone on a dirt path in a grassy field. The wind blowing through the grass and the lone tree stands. Watching. I wonder if it feels isolated to, left behind from his friends and family. I'm isolated right now. All alone, left behind, abandoned. I don't know how I got here but the last thing I remember is a big man taking me. No signs of life except for me and the plants, I start to walk.

I've been walking for what felt like forever. The clouds move but not the sun. It stays in the same spot, burning. It's only when I lay down the sun goes down and becomes night but when I stand back up the sun rises. I look to the left of the path and see the lonely tree. It feels like I haven't moved at all. I sit at the trunk of the lonely tree looking up at the leaves. "Just the two of us," I say to the tree. "Do you know where this path leads, of course you don't, you're just a tree." As I say that a branch from the tree reaches down, on top I see a wooden box. "Is this for me?" I ask. The box has obviously been there for quite some time, the wood was decaying, and the metal outlines were rusting. I opened the box and saw a piece of golden string, producing a warm glow. I pick up the string and the tree branch returns to normal, a strong gust of wind pushed on the tree, making my hair dance with it.

"Put it on," a mysterious voice said, "The string... put it on". The voice felt like it came from the wind, as if the whole world was speaking to me. I obliged and twirled the string around my finger. "Good," the voice said. Then it burned, hotter than the sun. It melted my flesh as it coiled further down my arm, like a snake squeezing around my arm. Its radiant glow brighter than any star in the sky. It was engraving in my flesh, my blood rushing to the wound, my heart pounding as thoughts flew through my head. Then it stops, the pain, the glow, the coiling, the thoughts, it's just gone. My eyes close from the pain and I pass out.

My eyes are open, but the edges are blurry, and noises are muffled. I feel awake and asleep at the same time. Then I realise this is a memory. I was walking home from school when a van pulled up and four men with ski masks hit my head with a rock. When I awoke, I had a potato sack on my head. I heard clanking metal in the background of the loud arguments of men. Then over all the other voices I heard.

"You get what you deserve!" Bang! Bang! Bang! Three gunshots and the sound of a body falling. "You nark!", someone yells. Bang! Bang! Bang! Three more gunshots. The room went silent. Through the sack I could make out a man with a gun pointed at me,

"Hey, hey, hey, what are you doing?" questioned another man.
"Getting rid of the evidence." The shooter answered, BANG!

I awoke to the voice again, "hey Kid."

"Who... where are you?" I ask.

"Look down," it replied, I slowly looked down to see my arm. My eyes widen, sweat rains down my forehead. A scar running through my hand and arm where the string was, but the scar wound was glowing a golden light. It pulses with my heartbeat.

"Wha... never mind that, where are you?!" I demand.

"OK... ok. I was the spirit locked in the string. A powerful demon, the Prince of the Underworld actually but I digress, I came to you to pass on my powers."

"Why me?" I asked.

"You're not from this world, are you?"

"No..." I said sheepishly.

"So that means you're immune to the string curse," I tilted my head in confusion. "Anyone who wields the string's power gets a sickness that eats at their soul, especially if they fuse with the string like you did. Unless they're from a different world or they're worthy of the string's powers, which in your case you're both." My brain is overloaded with thoughts. How does this power work? Why me? Didn't I just die? Where am I? And you're the prince of WHAT?!

"Hey kid look alive," he warned, "bandits will be searching for you if they see that glowing arm of yours."

"Hey guys, it's coming from over here," a man's voice yelled.

"Damn it, they found us, it's time to go," the Prince said, "I'll explain everything later, it's time to run!"

Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online.

Woolgoolga High School
Final Catch-up Vaccinations - Week 2, Term 4

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-nsw.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

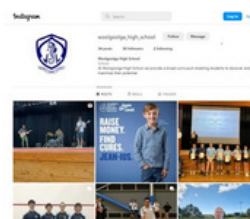
- ☒ Meningococcal ACWY

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

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Woolgoolga High School

High School · 0.5 mi · Open now · 2.4K followers

- At Woolgoolga High School we provide a broad curriculum enabling students to discover their potential
- 10+ posts in the last 2 weeks



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

SPORT



MNC ZONE ATHLETICS CHAMPION

Congratulations to Holly Endycott (Yr 7) who was crowned 12 Girls Age Champion at the Mid North Coast Zone Athletics carnival earlier in the term. Well done, Holly!

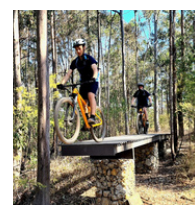
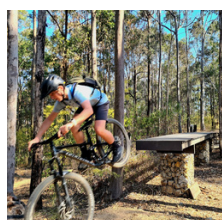


LAWN BOWLS FOR SPORT

We are so grateful to Woolgoolga Lawn Bowls Club and supercoach Brendan for hosting us each week at Lawn Bowls for Sport. He has been blown away with the talent of this years Year 10 Bowlers and predicts great things for them next year. The winners of this weeks competition were awarded Australia bucket hats to wear with pride.

MOUNTAIN BIKING FOR SPORT

Our students have been thoroughly enjoying the local Mountain Bike tracks. We are very grateful for our enthusiastic staff members Mr Bromell and DJ for providing this amazing opportunity to our students



NSWCHS STATE ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our state athletes competing in Sydney this week. You all look amazing in your North Coast uniforms.



CAREERS

Attention Year 12

Get "Job Ready" Workshop

Interested Year 10 students attended a free full day interactive Job Readiness Workshop in the school library on Thursday 31 August. The 'Get Job Ready' workshop is a new student offering as part of the Educational Pathways Program (EPP). The workshop provided students with the confidence, job ready life skills and motivation to take the next steps on their learning and career pathway. Students learnt about the kinds of jobs and careers available in the local area, how to network effectively, how to keep a positive online digital identity, and essential employability skills such as communication, teamwork, and leadership. Students also sat a mock job interview with workshop facilitators to provide them with important job interview advice and to gain further experience and confidence in this job seeking area.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=muagBYpBwUecJZOHJhv5kd15E4FfrItEoTArG9PX2KdUMzNDSjhWRVINQ1RBWDVCSFVCVldEWFFOUy4u>



Get connected to stay connected!

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>



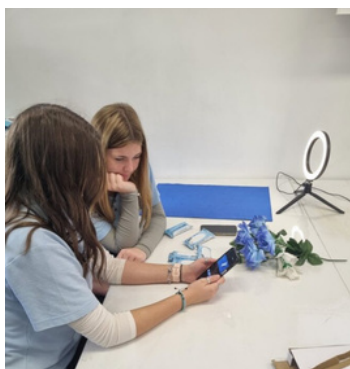
Scan this QR code, to complete our survey!



CAREERS

Social Media Content Creation Workshop

Year 10 students Lily Shields and Olivia Gardner enjoyed participating in a hands-on interactive Social Media Content Creation Workshop at Grafton Gallery on Friday 25 August. The half day entrepreneurial workshop by Media 4 Millennials, gave students the experience of a day in the life of a social media content creator. The students were taught how to use social media as a business tool and build a digital campaign for Facebook and Instagram on a specific product. The students also learnt about different social media careers, how to create engaging social media content, and how to take promotional photos for social media including different photography techniques. Workshop facilitator Steph Aceglav said "these skills have pretty much infiltrated every industry. These are highly desirable employability skills." The free workshop was funded by Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP) and offered to students' courtesy of our school's Educational Pathways Program (EPP).



UAC Live

What you need to know about applications and offers

Tuesday
26 September 5.30pm

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
Public School · 2.8 mi · 227 followers

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):

- Hospitality Trainee at The Coffs Hotel (Over 18)
- Christmas Casual Team Member at The Reject Shop, Coffs Harbour
- Landscaping Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Business Administration Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- Plumbing Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Accounting & Bookkeeping Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- Care Support Officer-Aged Care Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- Trainee Educator at Milestones Early Learning Emerald Beach
- Trainee Soil Technician at Douglas Partners, Coffs Harbour
- Juniors at Zarraffa's, Coffs Harbour North
- Apprentice Butcher at Russells Prime Quality Meats, Moonee Marketplace
- Christmas Casual at Bras N Things, Coffs Harbour
- Pool & Spa Technician Traineeship at Coffs Harbour
- Hairdressing Apprenticeship at Coffs Harbour
- Casual Sales Assistant at Lowes, Coffs Harbour (Thurs nights & weekends)
- School Holiday Casual Positions at Twisted Wonderland Café, Coffs Harbour Butterfly House (15 yrs +)
- Apprentice Butcher at The Proveedores Butchery, Coffs Harbour
- Casual Waitstaff at Grazie Papi, Coffs Harbour
- Junior Staff at Coffs Harbour Nursery (weekends & school holidays)
- Casual Staff at McDonalds, Coffs Harbour North

Go.Forward

Educational Pathways Program


Upcoming Careers events

- **SAE 'Create For A Day' at Byron Bay**
Sat 9 September & Sun 10 September-10am to 4pm
<https://sae.edu.au/event/create-for-a-day-at-sae/>
- **NTHA Timber & Hardware Pre-apprenticeship skills course** Mon 11 Sep- Thurs 14 Sep - Grafton
- **SCU Parent Information Evening**
Tues 12 September-5pm to 7pm
SCU Coffs Harbour
<https://www.scu.edu.au/study/information-for-parents/events/coffs-harbour-parent-information-evening/>
- **Start Your Future (YES +) Animal Care course**
Thurs 14 September & 21 September
Grafton TAFE
- **Start Your Future (YES +) Engineering course**
Fri 15 & 22 September - Grafton TAFE
- **University of Canberra Open Day**
16 September-10am to 2pm
- **Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS) applications close**
Mon 18 September
- **ADF visit to school (Yr 10, 11 & 12)**
Mon 18 September

COMMUNITY NOTICES



UNIFORM SHOP

**Friday 1st September
to
Friday 22nd September
2023**

**** 20% OFF Sale applies to
IN STOCK ITEMS ONLY & ONLINE STORE**

Items **EXCLUDED** from the sale include
Woolen Jumpers, Blazers, Backpacks

**NO Refunds or Exchanges
(Unless garment is faulty)**

NO Rainchecks

20% OFF

SHOP NOW

<https://daylightsportswear.com/wooloolga/>



WOOLGOOLGA JUNIOR TOUCH



AGE DIVISIONS

Kindergarten
Year 1/Year 2
Year 3/Year 4
Year 5/Year 6
Year 7/Year 8/Year 9
Year 10/Year 11/Year 12*
Team Registrations:
<https://wooloolga.nswtouch.com.au/>



**TO REGISTER AS A
TEAM**



Mixed gender (minimum 2 girls on field)
Girls tries = 2 points
Modified rules for our younger age
groups and some coaching in first
weeks to learn basic skills.



Start: Wednesday 6th September
No games in school holidays
Finish: Wednesday 13th December



\$82 which includes insurance, team
shirts and referee payments.

Active Kids Vouchers accepted.

**TO REGISTER AS AN
INDIVIDUAL**



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Run, Jump, Throw, Walk or Roll
TO BE YOUR BEST

**WOOLGOOLGA
ATHLETICS CLUB**

Sign up for Little Athletics this Summer!

Tuesday afternoons: 4.30pm-6.15pm
Solitary Islands Sportsground, Centenary Drive
30 October 2023 - 5 March 2024
3.5-5 years - \$100, 6-17 years - \$130 (Full year rego)
For more information: Matt 0478 655 199
Register: wooloolgaathletics.com.au

Opportunity for all athletics to compete in zone, regional,
state and national carnivals.

Active Kids vouchers accepted

Little Athletics is a Foundation sport that focuses on learning and
developing fundamental skills and Family, Fun and Fitness!

Little Athletics NSW

Register to compete at your
Little Athletics Centre

McDonald's

**RUGBY
FOR GOOD**

REGISTER NOW!!!

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

BOYS - U11, U12, U13, U14

GIRLS - U12, U14, U16

**NSW RUGBY
SEVENS**

SPRING 7S

FRIDAY NIGHT RUGBY

COFFS HARBOUR & PORT MACQUARIE

**MID NORTH COAST
RUGBY UNION**

**AUSTRALIAN FUTSAL ASSOCIATION
COFFS HARBOUR**

**WOOLGOOLGA
JUNIOR SUMMER
FUTSAL**

BOYS & GIRLS

**JUNIOR LEAGUE
u8 u10 u12 u14**

KICK OFF TUESDAY 10TH OCT - 19TH DEC 2023

**XMAS BREAK RETURN
30TH JAN - 12TH MARCH 2024**

14 ROUNDS + FINALS COST \$195/PLAYER

**\$50 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER ACCEPTED
TEAM REGISTRATION FREE**

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