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Woonona High School; Hub Of Excellence

WHS has been identified as one of 11 schools in NSW as a hub of excellence in professional learning. This is an outstanding achievement and wonderful accolade for our dedicated and committed staff. This recognition has resulted in our inclusion in a program to develop a model of best practice to support, mentor and supervise pre service teachers and early career teachers. We are extremely fortunate to have been partnered with the University of Wollongong to develop this model of best practice.

Our partnership with the University of Wollongong continues to expand; our students benefit greatly from In2Uni, Learning Labs, Summer vacation Master Classes, University Preparation Program, AIME, STEM initiatives and Engineering programs.

Participation in this program over the next two years will provide opportunities for WHS staff to work alongside UOW personnel in the collaborative development of professional learning programs. Inclusion in this innovative program and our unrelenting focus upon building the capacity of our expert teachers will ensure that WHS realises Strategic Direction 2 in our school plan; Innovative world class teachers.

Year 5 Sample Lesson Day

This week we had the pleasure of 130, Year 5 students from our partner schools joining us to sample high school lessons for a day. The students had a fantastic day starting with a morning of sport. A morning of running, jumping, kicking and throwing certainly did not curb the student’s enthusiasm and energy levels, they then participated in a range of lessons including; Mathematics, English, Music, Science, History, Information Technology, Drama, Cooking and Woodwork (Design & Technology).

A huge thank you to all staff who delivered the lessons and the high school students who were leaders, coaches and mentors on the day, well done everyone.

Year 10 Examinations

Whilst Year 12 students continue to undertake their HSC examinations, this week Year 10 completed their yearly examinations. Yearly examination results will factor into the ROSA gradings achieved by each student on the completion of their Year 10 courses. In the coming weeks all Year 10 will be organising their work experience placements under the guidance of Mr Chamberlain.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Robyn Abrahams and Ms Rhiannon Sharp who both received recognition awards last week from the Australian College of Educators for their outstanding contribution to education. A well deserved award for two dedicated, expert teachers.

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CoS TRANSITION

YEAR 5 TASTER DAY

On Monday the 26th of October over 100 Year 5 students from Woonona Public, Woonona East and Russell Vale Primary Schools attended our Year 5 taster day. This gave Year 5 students the opportunity to experience some of the different subjects on offer at high school, engage with their future peers and teachers and to familiarise themselves with the Woonona High School surrounds. Judging from their enthusiastic energy and willingness to throw themselves into all activities, Year 5 students enjoyed the event and saw it as a valuable learning experience.

Many thanks to all of the teachers involved, both primary and secondary, and to the students who volunteered their time and assisted throughout the day with great maturity.

Mr Mucci

SOME FACE BOOK COMMENTS

- My daughter described the day as awesome!
- My daughter had the best day, especially the science lesson!
- My son really enjoyed the day and the science lab. Thanks for organising, it’s a great initiative for kids coming to HS!
Here at Woonona High School we will be recognising White Ribbon with a number of strategies to bring the very important message of White Ribbon to students this term.

White Ribbon is Australia’s only national, male led Campaign to end men’s violence against women. Its vision is to see all women live in safety, free from all forms of men's violence. Its mission is making women's safety a man's issue too.

The campaign works through primary prevention initiatives involving awareness raising and education, and programs with youth, schools, workplaces and across the broader community.

In weeks 5—8 there will be a number of activities and specific lessons for students in Years 8, 9 and 10. These activities and lessons will aim to teach our students how to recognise domestic violence, what can be done to combat domestic violence and the importance of respectful and healthy relationships.

Further information on these activities and lessons will be reported next newsletter issue.

Mr Rayner (Head Teacher Welfare)
On Thursday the 22nd, students from Years 7 and 9 from the SRC travelled to the WIN Entertainment Centre for a leadership forum called GRIP. GRIP stands for Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity and People, the four core principles that are valued by the leaders of the conference. Here we learned vital skills to becoming a better leader and learned ways to motivate the school. There were workshops on making events dynamic, motivating students, making speeches dynamic and also ways to get rid of bullying in the schoolyard.

There were many different games called loud noises that broke up the day and created a fun atmosphere. Also the students that attended the regional SRC camp were able to catch up with friends from the camp who shared ideas and were able to collaborate with each other.

We would like to thank Miss Bolam for taking us as well as a big thanks to Mr Bradley for organising the day.

Jade O’Brien and Jessica Ayrton

On Saturday 24th October, Woonona High School's Dance Ensemble (minus a few) performed at the Woonona Public School Fete. The weather was delightful and the crowd was buzzing. Firstly, the girls performed "Like a Drum" - the finale from this years' Southern Stars repertoire, alongside the Woonona Public School students who were involved in the production too. Following this, the High School dancers took to the stage to perform "Candy Man" which was a colourful, jazz, upbeat number. The dance students had spent numerous lunchtimes and out-of-hours practicing this piece and it looked very polished - a commendable effort! I was blown away by the amount of people telling me "they looked so professional - what a wonderful dance!". A huge congratulations for the time and the effort you all put in to bringing this item together! Well done to you all!

Miss Pryor  PDHPE

Pictured left to right:

Ruby Thompson (Yr8), Taryn Boyle (Yr9), Bronte Petrolo (Yr10), Emily Parsons (Yr10) and Ellese Ilustre (Yr9)

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Last week students from Years 8, 9 & 10 doing Marine Studies went on an excursion to IMAX theatre and Sydney Aquarium. The experience of this excursion was very educational for the students. The IMAX theatre played a 3D documentary on sharks and how they are all dying. It showed the true nature of great white sharks and the importance of conservation.

After leaving IMAX we all went to a café ‘we all know and love’ “Star Bucks” for a quick bite to eat and something to drink. Mr Wilson created a game for the aquarium visit (who can take the most selfies), and who ever wins gets a prize.

The aquarium was full of fish and sharks and it was really interesting. In conclusion the whole Marine Studies team loved it including all the teachers. It was a trip we will never forget.

Article written by Bo Smith, Year 8
DANCE STUDIO 2016

The construction of our dance studio is underway. It is anticipated that the studio will be completed for use in 2016, a fantastic addition to our Creative and Performing Arts facilities. The inaugural 2016 Year 7 CAPA class will benefit greatly from this specialist performance space.

Woonona Bulli RSL have very generously contributed $3600 to cover the cost of mirrors and a ballet barre in the studio. The RSL supports many of the initiatives at WHS, most recently donating gym equipment to upgrade the school gymnasium. Our partnership with the RSL is valued and the support and opportunities they provide for our students is testament to their commitment to supporting their local community.

COMMUNITY MURAL PROJECT

The Indigenous students at Woonona High School and Corrimal High School have been working on a collaborative community project. The project is a mural for the Corrimal Cougars home ground at Ziems Park at Corrimal.

The idea behind the project is to strengthen community ties between the Indigenous communities of the two schools. Many of the students from both schools have strong ties to the Corrimal Cougars Rugby League club. The students have been working with community artist Zac Bennett-Brooke and they spent the day on Monday 26th working on the mural here at Woonona High. We are hoping to have the project completed by the end of the term.

We would like to thank Bunnings at North Wollongong for donating the materials for the project.

Paul Zubovic

Delivering excellence, innovation, opportunity and student success
Congratulations to Robyn Abrahams and Rhiannon Sharp who at a ceremony held on October 21, were recognised by the Australian College of Educators for their outstanding contribution to Public Education.

Unfortunately Rhiannon was unable to receive her award as she is on her honeymoon.

A well deserved recognition for two expert teachers.

When 8 Eng 1 participated in the In2Uni Program, we had to write a speech about a pop culture hero. The speech needed to be two minutes long and had to have a visual support in the form of a poster or a powerpoint presentation. We were given a single week to do it and all of the presentations were of a very high quality. Our group chose Ned Kelly as the hero. We had to describe the positive and negative influences he had on society. We discussed how Ned Kelly is a good role model but can be symbolic of a set back to multiculturalism. With preparation, a good presentation and a humorous jab, we made a thrilling speech.

Report by Braith Nicholson, Ben Charlesworth and Lachlan Cosier
THIS WEEK AT ASSEMBLY

DISABLED SURFERS

This week at assembly we were pleased to welcome Mr Michael Morath to present participation certificates for our Disabled Surfers Event volunteers (both teachers and students) from last season.

The Disabled Surfers Association aims to provide a unique experience for disabled participants to enjoy the sport of surfing through the efforts of volunteers who gladly give up their time for this great cause. It is a fantastic day and the joy that the participants get from the experience is clearly seen.

Our participation last year was so strong that we are expanding our day this year to include pre and post free surfing activities. Lunch and breakfast will be provided and of course parents are most welcome. Put the date on your calendar—December 5th at Thirroul beach. More details later.

R Landy
At Woonona High School we have a strong tradition of community service with many students involved in volunteering. In this issue of the newsletter alone we have reported on students volunteering at the Disables Surfers Day, the Year 5 Taster Day, the Milo T20 Cricket gala day as well as giving up their time to raise funds for Pink Ribbon Day and the Christmas Giving Tree.

The school offers students in Years 9 and 10 the opportunity to participate in the DEC Student Volunteering Awards program. This program encourages students to undertake a minimum of 20 hours volunteering in their school or local community. Students who achieve this receive a certificate from the Department of Education and Communities, as well as further certificates for completing 40, 60 and 80 hours of volunteering in Years 9 and 10.

The school offered two programs this year to help students achieve their 20 hours:

The Russell Vale Primary School Infants Reading Program which involves students helping children to read and the Russell Vale Primary Sports Coaching Program which involves students helping children with sports.

This week at assembly Year 9 PASS students were presented with certificates of appreciation for their efforts at the Milo T20 cricket gala day (see the article on page 12). Time spent volunteering at this event will count towards the DEC Student Volunteering Awards program.
A small but talented group of students entered the ICAS International English competition this year. Congratulations to Luke Bogovic of Year 7 and Jeremy Eager of Year 9 for their participation in this challenging competition. Arun Wanstall of Year 7 and Lachlan Cosier of Year 8 were awarded certificates of merit and Nicholas Turner is commended for his achievement of a Distinction, putting him amongst the very top students in the whole of Australia. It is particularly heartening to see boys achieving highly in English - great to see our students challenging gender stereotypes!

Ms Matthews
(Head Teacher English)

BEFORE SCHOOL SURFING

Spring weather and warmer water has brought a resurgence in Before School Surfing numbers. Many winter softies have come out of the woodwork which is great to see. We meet at 6am at Woonona Point and sessions finish at 7.15. We have a supply of spare wetsuits and boards, both Learn to surf and normal boards, so don’t worry if you don’t have gear.

Hope to see you soon.

Mr Chamberlain, Mr Proudfoot, Ms Arazny
A Cricket Competition sponsored by Milo and the Sydney Sixers was held for primary school children on Wednesday 16th September and 21st October 2015. The events took place at Hollymount Park, Woonona, and more than 300 students attended on the second day.

Year 9PASS Students volunteered to assist on the day and were responsible for setting up 20 fields and then umpired and scored the matches. This activity complimented the work that students have learnt in class about Event Management.

Mr Paul Brockley (Cricket NSW) was highly impressed with the professionalism and enthusiasm of our students and Primary teachers, parents and students also expressed their appreciation at the end of the day.

These students have now completed 6 days of volunteer work which is a credit to the school, their families and most of all, themselves.

Congratulations to all of the following students:

These students were all presented with certificates of appreciation in assembly this week. Please see the article on page 10 Ms Burns and Miss Pryor.

In Mathematics this week, Year 9 students were doing model building. They created seven different shapes and incorporated them into a sphere. Model building is similar to problem solving where the students had to work out a way to fit several shapes into the construction.

Mrs Sim (Mathematics Teacher)
November is women’s cancer awareness month and on Thursday 29th October Woonona High School swung into action to support this great cause by holding a cupcake and Ice-cream spider fundraiser in the canteen area.

The pink cupcakes were delicious and were expertly made by our Food Technology assistant Mrs Carmen Mete (Carmen is always on hand to support our students in their fundraisers efforts). Pamela Cannings (Canteen Manager) was also a great help on the day. Over 100 cupcakes were made, decorated and sold on the day.

As well as cupcakes and spiders money was also raised by selling pink ribbons, bracelets and pens.

Well done to all involved! A total of $271 was raised on the day.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Once again this year Mr De Main, Mrs Mete and the Year 8 Food Technology class will be collecting donations of tinned and non perishable items for distribution to families in need at Christmas time.

Our Christmas tree has been set up early so that families, students and staff will be able to leave donations from the first week in November. The tree is located in the front office foyer.

Year 8 students are very passionate about the cause and have even pledged to donate the ingredients from one of their Food Technology practical tasks to the cause.

Last year we had a fantastic response. If all families are able to make just one donation this could make an enormous difference to people and families in need at this sometimes stressful Christmas period.

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YEAR 10 TERM 4 PLANNING

Last week Year 10 students completed their yearly examinations. Congratulations to all those students who were well prepared for the examinations.

Work experience for Year 10 will take place from Monday November 16 to Friday 20 November. Students are reminded that they are responsible for finding suitable work experience for that period. Please see Mr Chamberlain’s Careers report on page 16 for more information.

Another important “must do” for Year 10 students this term is the completion of the “All My Own Work” online course. “All My Own Work” is a course on plagiarism and it is compulsory. Students who have not completed the course cannot be enrolled into the Preliminary HSC with the NSW Board of Studies for 2016. Mr Mete will be conducting the program and students will need to be at school to complete the course.

Year 10 students are also reminded that they are expected to attend school every day up until 16 December.

STUDENT MONITORING

Student monitoring in all subjects is being completed this week. Teachers will report on how well each student is engaging in their learning.

Student monitoring sheets will be handed to students in roll call this week and an SMS will be sent to parents to notify them that the sheets have been handed out.

Please take the time to have a look at your child’s sheet and if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to ring the school.

END OF YEAR TERM 4 DATES

During week 11 this term the 14, 15 & 16 of December will be students activities days.

Organisation and the activities available for this week will be announced in the coming weeks.

The last day for all students is 16 December and all students are required to attend until this date. Pupil free days for Term 4 are Thursday December 17 and Friday 18 December.

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR—THIS IS OUR WORLD

2015 marks the very last time that the Schools Spectacular will be held in Qantas Credit Union Arena, Sydney’s entertainment centre. After 32 years, what began as an acoustic test event for the newly built Entertainment Centre has now become a highlight on the Sydney entertainment calendar, shining a spotlight on the talents of NSW public school students. This year’s Schools Spectacular will be one of the last events staged at this iconic venue.

The 2015 theme, THIS IS OUR WORLD, captures the dreams and hopes of young people through the medium of music and dance. As the leaders of tomorrow, our students will explore their place in the world, experience diverse cultures and excite audiences with outstanding performances.

This year’s performances are Friday 27 November and Saturday 28 November and tickets are available from Ticketec.
SCARY STORIES WEEK

This week students were tangled in spider webs and spooked by bats and witches, every time they entered the library, as we celebrated Scary Stories week. A display of our most chilling and blood curdling books were also on hand, to entice our readers. We also held a scary story competition. To enter, students had to write a spooky flash fiction story. The winner will be announced next newsletter.

BOOK CLUB

This fortnight we had Ms Potter from our PD/H/PE Faculty, as our guest speaker. Ms Potter admitted to being a very spasmodic reader until she picked up the Hunger Games Trilogy. She is now into any Dystopian fiction book she can find and spends many a weekend just reading.

Aiden Checklin spoke about the series called the Alchemyst by Michael Scott. Sophie and Josh Newman are 15-year-old twins who are working at their summer jobs in The Coffee Cup in San Francisco when a mysterious man, John Dee, comes into the book store right next to them for a book, the Codex – or Book of Abraham the Mage. Josh witness both Nick and Perry using magic. They discover that Nick is not an ordinary bookseller, but is the medieval and the legendary alchemist. This is a great series for both teenage boys and girls.
NEW BOOKS

We have just received the top 4 most popular teenage books of the moment. These books will be in high demand, so be quick or place a reservation on them.

WOOLWORTHS EARN and LEARN PROGRAM

A huge thank you to all those parents who supported the Woolworth’s Earn and Learn sticker program. Woonona High School earned a record breaking 22600 points. This was more than triple last year’s points. These points have been used to purchase valuable art and science equipment and also library resources. Once again thank you for your support.

Careers Report

TAFE Choices Day CHANGE of DATE

Please note that Choices Day originally scheduled for Saturday 21 November 2015 has been changed to Saturday 5 December 2015.

It is important that we are able to provide customers with correct information about courses they may be interested in. While making the change may cause us some inconvenience, it has been done to ensure that we have details of Smart and Skilled Prices, Fees and Subsidies for 2016 available for our customers.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Year 10 Work Experience Week is fast approaching; Week7, 16-20 November.

Student Placement Records are to be returned to me by Friday 6 November.

Response has been slow so far, all Year 10 students are expected to participate. Students not attending Work Experience will be attending normal classes.

Any students having difficulty attaining a Work Experience placement may see me for assistance.
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### OPAL CARD

Woonona Post Office wishes to advise customers that they are now an OPAL card retailer.

They can now issue the Adult OPAL Card and the Child / Youth OPAL card.

The office can also top up all Opal cards.
To support learner drivers to become safer drivers on our roads, Wollongong City council is offering two free programs designed for learner drivers and their parents / supervisors.

Learn safe workshop for supervisors of learner drivers.

Supervisors of learner drivers are encouraged to attend this workshop to increase their knowledge and confidence in helping their learner become a safer driver. Learner drivers are also welcome.

Participants will gain practical advise on:

- Supervising a learner driver
- The Learner driver Log Book
- L&P Plate licence regulations
- How to encourage safe driving behaviours
- A light supper will be provided

When: Tuesday 1 December 2015, 6pm—8pm

Where: Wollongong City Council, 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong. Level 9 Function Room

Cost: FREE (Including a light supper)

This workshop will particularly benefit parents and supervisors of learners before they get their L’s or in the early stages of learning. If your child or grandchild are planning on going for their L’s before term 1 2016, register for this workshop.
Illawarra
2015 White Ribbon Day walk

Not violent. Not silent.

25 November 2015

White Ribbon Day and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

7am - 9am

The walk starts at Andrew Lysaght Park (east of the WIN Entertainment Centre) and finishes at Stuart Park. Following the walk we'll hear from DV survivor Shelly Walsh and Dr Michael Flood, an internationally respected expert on violence prevention.

More information and the walk registration form is at
http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWRDwalk
You can also visit the walk’s Facebook page at
http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWRDwalkFB

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Community Noticeboard

Sun 22 November
REACH THE SUMMIT

Mount KEIRA CHALLENGE
run or bike

keirachallenge.com.au

Yoga for Teens
@ PCYC Bulli

Mondays
3.30pm - 4.30pm
starting 12th October

$2 per class

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Northern Districts Junior Cricket Club

Registrations are now open for boys and girls aged 5-15 to play cricket in 2015/16 and create your own cricket moment!

This season we will be offering a variety of options including:

- In2Cricket (Milo Cricket)
- In2Cricket (Milo T20Blast)
- Junior teams from U/10 to U/16

Register online at
http://ndcc.nsw.cricket.com.au

or
Email: tndjcc_registration@butcherocricket.com

KIDS CAN CREATE THEIR OWN CRICKET MOMENT
PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU

TAFE NSW ILLAWARRA

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) provides free English Language learning to eligible migrants.

To see if you are eligible please ring 4229 0155.

The AMEP is funded by the Department of Education and Training.
The difference is in the detail.....

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