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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

WHAT A WEEK AT WOONONA HIGH SCHOOL!!

Open Night 2015

Our week began with Open Night on Monday 16th March; it once again was a huge success with hundreds of prospective parents and students attending. Our finest ambassadors, our students, again were exemplary in their behaviour, uniform, responsibility and enthusiasm with which they engaged younger students and their parents. The feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive. Congratulations to one and all.

2015 Cross Country

It was fantastic to see so many students and staff participating in our annual cross country carnival on Wednesday afternoon. Although not all students are natural cross country runners it was terrific to see the high level of participation and students having a fun afternoon. The weather held out for us and many students achieved personal bests. Good luck to all who progress to the regional cross country championships.

Community of Schools Numeracy Day

Today we have hosted 500 primary school students from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from Woonona Public, Woonona East and Russell Vale Public schools. The students all participated in a range of numeracy problem solving activities. The teams were made up of students from each of the primary schools with the support, encouragement and assistance of Year 7 student leaders.

A huge thank you to Mr Holliday, Ms Cook and Ms Watt for their organisation of the day and the development of all the ‘tricky’ numeracy problems that each of the teams grappled with throughout the day.

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Delivering excellence, innovation, opportunity and student success
On Monday 16 March Woonona High School held an Open Night for prospective students in 2016, and what a great night it was. The “vibe” around the school was exciting and contagious—a perfect atmosphere in which to show off our fantastic school. More than 400 people took the opportunity to come and visit Woonona High School and learn what exceptional opportunities there are for students here at Woonona High.

On the night parents / carers and prospective students were treated to a fantastic performance by the WHS performing arts ensemble before joining guided tours around the school run by SRC members and other experienced students. The visitors had the opportunity to inspect the school grounds and class rooms as well as talk to Ms Wall (Principal), our Deputies, Head Teachers and class room teachers.

Each faculty had some exciting visual displays, in-class demonstrations and interactive workshops, sample lessons and activities, as well as a showcase of student work, all of which kept our visitors enthralled.

Our senior hospitality students did us proud by providing a delicious supper at the end of the evening which was enjoyed by all.

All in all it was a great night and the positive feedback has been absolutely wonderful. Many students and parents were heard to comment positively and enthusiastically about our great school and the diversity of programs available to cater for all student needs.

It was easy to see that as well as the teachers, the WHS students involved in the night were very proud and happy to be showing off our school. This made the atmosphere of the evening fun and exciting for our visitors. Well done to all involved in the evening.
Thankyou Mrs Whiddon for these great photos.
On Wednesday afternoon 18 March, Woonona High School held its annual Cross Country Carnival at Nicholsons Park, Woonona.

Although the weather was hot and threatening to storm, there was a good turn out for the annual run. Staff and students left WHS for the walk to Nicholsons Park, Woonona at around 11:50am. The senior races were the first to be run followed by the juniors.

The course was a 3km run for all students and there were some stand out performances in each race. The first ten places in each event will progress to the South Coast zone carnival. Congratulations to these students.

Unfortunately, Mrs Sim (Sports Organiser) could not be present at the carnival on the day, but still organised the event (by remote control according to Mr Landy who helped out on the day along with Mr Reynolds). Mrs Sim is currently sorting through the results and will write a full report for next fortnight’s issue. Waterpolo and basketball results will also be reported next issue. Thankyou to Mrs Armstrong for the fantastic photos of the event.
On Friday 20 March Woonona High School hosted a CoS Numeracy Day. Students in Stage 2 and 3 from our community of schools (Woonona Public, Woonona East and Russell Vale Public) came to our school for a fun and challenging day of solving mathematical problems. This numeracy day forms part of the comprehensive integration program for students from primary to high school.

Over 450 students enjoyed the group activities which were run over two sessions. The leaders of the groups were Year 7 Woonona High School students who thoroughly enjoyed being the teacher for the day.

First off the students enjoyed mathematical problem solving activities such as Magic “V”的, Finding Fifteens, Dominos, and a “Die Hard Water Puzzle”. These activities were then followed by a “Mathematical Relay” where teams were given a set of questions to answer. As soon as the team had an answer to a question, a member of the team raced to the front of the hall and the first correct answer was awarded a point. This continued until all the questions were answered and a winning team was announced.

The students who attended enjoyed the days events and came away knowing that mathematics can be a lot of fun.
From Wednesday 4 March to Friday 6 March, Year 8 students took part in the Great Aussie Bush Camp, held at Kincumber, NSW. The students boarded buses at 8:30am in the morning and travelled to Kincumber (approximately 1hr north of Sydney) to the camp site which is set in 400 hectares of bushland with a 600m broad water frontage.

The students (accompanied by Mr De Main, Mr Rayner, Ms Bolam, Ms Prior and Mr Mucci) spent three fun filled days at the camp being treated to a variety of esteem building and team work activities including: pioneering, abseiling, the giant swing, survivor challenge, leap of faith, mud play, camp fire storytelling and games to build resilience and trust. Hope you enjoy the photos.

Ms Bolam
Thankyou Ms Bolam for these fantastic photos.
On Friday 13 March, Year 7, 8 and 9 WHS students were invited to attend a free performance of “Connected—the Musical”. The musical, about the important issue of cyber bullying, uses music, theatre and humour to relate to students in a way relevant to them. The dangers and repercussions of not thinking of how online actions can affect others were tackled in an entertaining and educational way.

The phenomenon of cyber bullying has risen dramatically over the last several years, directly resulting in an increase in teenage suicide rates both here and in the US.

Statistics estimate that one in five students in Australia are cyber bullied. The effects on the mental health and esteem of these students can be devastating, impacting on all aspects of their lives, home, school and social.

Mr Rayner (Head Teacher Welfare) said that the issue was so important and relevant to school students that it was decided the welfare department would subsidise the performance for students to attend. He said that the students enjoyed the performance and remained focused and engaged throughout. He also hoped that they would take with them the important messages that the performance had conveyed.

Several of our students were interviewed by WIN TV after the event and all were asked “what would you do if you knew someone who was being bullied and who would you tell?” Year 8 student Faith Apps (one of those interviewed) said that the performance had helped her answer the questions and to realise the importance of telling someone if this is occurring. She said that she enjoyed and was surprised by the musical performance thinking originally that it would just be people sitting and talking, not singing and entertaining.

**Songs help clear the air on cyber bullying**

Lisa Donnelly is part of the cast of Connected, a musical aimed at tackling cyber bullying. Photo: SHARLEIGH

**MUSICAL HAS MESSAGE FOR EVERYONE**

Lauren Hurada

“TEACHERS have a new way to tackle cyber bullying, through song and dance. Connected—the cyber-bullying musical was launched on Monday at the Zenith Theatre, Chatswood, and will tour schools in 2015.

Written by Craig Christie, the musical aims to open up conversations between students and their parents and teachers.

The play follows four year old twins, the mean girl, the nerd, the jock and the new girl. New girl Emma falls into the sights of mean girl Kasey, with ramifications that affect all four characters.

“It starts innocently enough with a few jokes, it’s just a schooleaid game,” Christie said. “It gets to a point where we become worried about Emma and oneday the kids arrive at school and are surprised to see a police car there as Emma is nowhere to be seen.”

UTS’s director of health and psychology Rachel Murray said the effects of cyber bullying were just as bad as face-to-face bullying.

“Cyber bullying is often invisible,” she said. “Students are not likely to turn off their iPhones, iPads or laptops.”


**TALK THE TALK**

Tips to talk to children about cyber bullying:

- Talk to children about what they are posting online.
- Start playing computer games with children.
- Ask children what apps they are using and why they like playing them.

*It can lead to depression, anxiety, reduced concentration and reduced academic achievement.*

Cyber safety educator Leanne Smith said parents need to have conversations with their children about online issues. The worst result of online bullying would be suicide.
Dear Parents

As Part of World no Bullying Day on Friday March 20 the Student Representative Council (SRC) at Woonona High School visited all year meetings to raise awareness about the importance of taking a stand against bullying. The SRC also organised a fundraiser selling icecream spiders for $2.50 which included a 'Say NO to Bullying' wristband (see page 10). All funds raised were donated to the school to support future initiatives such as the recent seminar held for students on "Cyber Bullying", (see page 7).

At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for every one.

Sometimes it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying.

You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens. Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they have told you their story ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more stress to your child.

2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel worse. You could say things like, “That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.” or “I’m so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school”.

3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. **Visit** [ww.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://ww.bullyingnoway.gov.au) to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. On idea is to practise strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk to the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child’s safety.

6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their experiences and feelings. Your ongoing support is important.
"Last Friday the Year 7 Student Representative Council elections were held. Students had to complete an application form outlining why they wanted to serve the Woonona High School community in a leadership capacity. Questions such as “What qualities and attributes do you have that would make you a good SRC school Leader?” formed part of the application process. Mr. Mucci (Year 7 advisor) then signed his approval on the applications.

Students were given an opportunity to speak to their year group for approximately one minute, detailing why they think they should be elected to represent the school. The depth of experiences and quality of the students in year 7 shone through. It was impressive to listen to the speeches and here how talented each student was.

Due to the high Calibre of students a leadership team is to be formed made up of all students who applied for SRC in 2015. Congratulations to the successful candidates, Luke Bogovic, Tishaan Styche, Riley Meiers and Brooklyn Younger. These students will be officially inducted during our stage 6 assembly on Wednesday 1st April at 10:50am. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

SRC SPIDER DAY

On Friday 20th March, Woonona High School SRC held an “icecream spider” day to raise money for future welfare initiatives such as the anti bullying and cyber bullying programs that are run at school (see page 7).

The SCR representatives were kept busy and the students enjoyed the cooling spiders on a very warm day.
On Friday 6th March Akira Groban and Donovan Moss of Year 10 and Rose and Grace Murphy of Year 12, accompanied by Miss Walker, attended a debating workshop at Smith's Hill High School. The workshop was run by the New South Wales Debating Union, made up of several very experienced debaters with extensive knowledge to share. Attendees learned how to construct various types of arguments and also discussed current world events that are likely to be incorporated into debating competitions throughout the year. Akira and Donovan participated in a mock debate about crime and punishment at the end of the day, with some sixty students and teachers as their audience. Both students were wonderful representatives of Woonona High School during this debate and should be congratulated on their enthusiasm and excellent speaking skills. After our day learning from the very best in the business, we're looking forward to a very successful year!

**STATE TITLE ROUND WINS IN MOTORCROSS**

Historically a traditionally male sport, Motorcross racing has in the last few years become more popular with females. Year 7 Woonona High School student Tanesha Harnett has been riding in motorcross events since she was 4 years old. Now 12 Tanesha has two state title round wins under her belt.

Tanesha recently competed in round 1 of the State Title Motorcross Championships held on 13th, 14th and 15th of March in Cessnock. She competed in the 12-16 years old female 85cc class with three race wins and posting one of the fastest qualifying times of all the classes for the day. In her last race she had over a forty second lead over 2nd place.

On the Sunday she competed in the 12-14 year old 85cc boys class where she rode very well to finish 14th.

There are 4 more rounds of the state titles this year that will be held in Orange, Port Macquarie, Nowra and Appin. Tanesha also competes in the Mt Kembla, Oakdale and Appin club series.

Tanesha’s dad says that the biggest challenge this year will be finding the money for her to compete at the Australian Junior Nationals which will be held in Bunbury Western Australia in late September early October.

She will also be racing the 125cc class as soon as she turns 13.

Tanesha said she thoroughly enjoys the sport saying that it was “exciting but sometimes scary”. Well done Tanesha and we look forward to following more of your adventures with motorcross racing.
THIS WEEK AT ASSEMBLY

Pictured below are our age champion swimmers who were presented with their medals this week at assembly.

Brittany Clark and Georgia Thomas (above) were presented with medals for regional basketball representation.

Alyssa Ludewig and Hayley Walker were presented with medals for regional representation in tennis.

Liam Meredith was voted Players Player at the end of the Open Rugby League Country Cup last week. This week at assembly Liam was presented with a NSW shirt.

Well done and congratulations to all these students.
The HSIE Faculty is once again in the process of organising an excursion for 2016. At this stage the journey will take the form of a flight from Sydney to Uluru, thence coach travel and camping our way through areas such as Katherine Gorge, Kings Canyon, Mataranka Springs, Kakadu and many other locations, with our final stop in Darwin.

The final costing is yet to known, but will be in the vicinity of $2000.00 and will be advertised as soon as the quotation is received from the travel agent. At this stage the trip will be over a two week period at the end of Term 3, 2016 with the actual dates yet to be confirmed.

Instalment type payments are envisaged, with prospective travellers having 12-18 months to save and pay.

This is still in the early stage of planning, however, expressions of interest are now being sought from students that will be in Years 9, 10 and 11 next year that may be keen to travel and learn about their great country. As the final costing is dependent upon the numbers travelling, some indication of possible numbers will allow for more accurate costing.

Please email Mr Locke from the HSIE Faculty with your students name and class if you are considering taking up this offer. Enquiries may also be directed to Ms Coote, HSIE.

russell.locke@det.nsw.edu.au
Mr Locke
HSIE Faculty
HSC ENCORE EXCURSION

On Monday 9th March, Year 11 and 12 Music students attend the HSC Encore concert at the Sydney Opera House. This concert featured exemplary performances and compositions from the 2014 HSC. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the night and were impressed with the high standard of performances and the variety of repertoire.

It was a pleasure to see our students setting a great example both travelling to the venue and in the Opera House. Thank you also Mrs Arnold for accompanying us.

Miss Sharp

THIRROUL SEASIDE ARTS FESTIVAL

On Sunday 22nd March some of our elective music students will be performing as part of the entertainment for the Thirroul Seaside Arts Festival from 11:55-12:30. They will be playing a number of popular acoustic songs on the stage down near the pool. Come along for a great day of live music and to help support our talented students.

UNPLUGGED 15

On Tuesday 31st March, Woonona High School will be celebrating its 15th Unplugged Concert at 7pm. These concerts have been running since 2010 and were initially designed to raise money to purchase a grand piano for the Hall. After purchasing the piano in 2011, the concerts have continued to be a strong tradition with many talented students of all ages performing great live music once a term. All money raised now goes to the maintenance of the piano and the purchase of other equipment for music performance. Tickets are $5 for children and $10 for adults or $25 for a family of 4. They will be available for purchase at the door at 7pm. We hope to see you there!
THE WIZ – MUSICAL PRODUCTION

This year Woonona High School is proud to be staging another musical production. “The Wiz” follows the story of The Wizard of Oz with funky Motown music and quirky characters. The show was a hit on Broadway in the 70s and the movie version starred Michael Jackson and Diana Ross. Rehearsals are now under way and the show promises to be a great night of entertainment including singing, acting, dancing, a live band and circus performers, along with a crew of technical assistants and stage hands. The performances will be held during Week 1 of Term 3, from Wednesday 15th July.

Tickets will be available to purchase mid next term – put the dates on your calendar!

SOUTHERN SCHOOLS PERFORMING ENSEMBLE

Once again, Woonona High School is well represented in the Southern Schools Performing Ensemble in 2015 with Joshua Bate in Year 11 playing drums and Caleb Bate in Year 8 playing trumpet in the stage band. The group also consists of a vocal ensemble and dance troupe, and we have had representatives in each area over the years. This ensemble tours each term to local and interstate primary and high schools delivering an excellent hour of entertainment from talented students in Year 7-11. This term we are lucky enough to have a concert for Woonona High School and local primary schools included on their tour. The concert will take place on Wednesday 1st April in the Hall and the cost for each student to attend is $4 or $6 per family. A note with the details of time and cost will be distributed shortly to interested students. It is always a great show and we would love to have a big audience to support Josh and Caleb.

SOUTHERN SCHOOLS PERFORMING COMPANY

The Southern Schools Performing Company consists of talented students in music, dance and drama that are featured in Southern Stars each year. Congratulations to Joshua Bate in Year 11 who was successful in auditions and will be the featured drummer in the Southern Stars Orchestra this year. Congratulations also to Kira Small and Jessica Long in Year 9, and Tayla Hubbard in Year 10. These three girls made it through to the live auditions for the Vocal Company. We wish them the best of luck!
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY BRUNCH AT BLUESCOPE STEEL

On the 10th of March, Mr Chamberlain took Nenci Nhanga and Ann Bea and myself to BlueScope Steel to attend the International Women’s Brunch. The brunch included several inspiring speeches from women who have been successful in their careers.

The speakers, who comprised of Clare Murphy (a senior lecturer in Physical Chemistry), Kelly Newell (a senior lecturer in the School of Medicine), Caroline Fathers (who was in the Navy, an actress and at present an educator) and Ibtessam Tohmey (an Engineer), told us of their lives and the struggles involved with being a woman in their career paths. This included topics such as being a woman in a profession that is predominately male, being pressured to choose feminine careers and being overlooked due to stereotypes set upon women.

Caroline Father’s speech was humorous and our ultimate favourite. Her words of “we are all important, not just as women, but as people” has remained in our minds and invigorated us to accomplish all we can as humans.

The speeches were extremely motivational and all who attended were supported in following their dream career despite their gender. When we students were able to talk to each of the women, they were kind and encouraged us to pursue our goals.

The day was motivational for us girls and was an incredible experience.

Report from Rachel Pollock

YEAR 10

LOCAL BUSINESSES SEEK YOUR HELP IMPLEMENTING THEIR DIGITAL STRATEGY.

Local businesses and local high school students will both stand to gain as an innovative program launched by Kiama Community College called NextGen Digital Business Program is launched in Shellharbour and Wollongong.

We are looking for 5 tech savvy students from Year 10 to receive mentoring and support from social media & digital business experts PLUS employment readiness training PLUS earn money as you perform real digital tasks for real businesses including updating social media, updating websites, creating databases etc. If you think you have what it takes and can commit one afternoon a week we would love to receive your application. See Mr Chamberlain for an application.
CAREERS

Notice
I have recently subscribed to an additional source of career related material; MHS Careers. I will make relevant information from this source available to parents and students from Years 10 through 12 via email and on woonahighcareers.com.

UOW Open Day – Save the date!
This year, UOW Open Day will be held on Saturday 15 August to showcase our courses and facilities to those outside UOW’s traditional core drawing areas.
The event will be strongly academic in focus, giving visiting students and their families the opportunity to meet with faculty academic and professional staff for individual consultations on their future studies. There will also be campus tours, including UOW accommodation sites, and information on alternative admissions.
Interested students/parents/teachers should head to the UOW Open Day Website to sign up and receive regular updates about the event.

2015 UOW Early Admission
As in 2014, UOW will offer students the chance to earn a place at UOW in the UAC Early Round in December through UOW Early Admission.

Early Admission applications will be open to all students to apply and UOW will still be providing indicative criteria as part of the program. This criteria is based on how students should be performing at school if they hope to succeed in the course at University and is not exclusionary – students who don’t meet this criteria can still apply to be considered for Early Admission.

For a student to be made a UOW Early Admission offer in the UAC Early Offer round in December, they must be interviewed by UOW. Students who are unable to complete this interview requirement will be ineligible for an offer.

Please see below for a list of key UOW Early Admission dates:

May 2015 - Application information will be available at Careers Markets and from UOW. There will not be a separate UOW Early Admission brochure in 2015. Instead, the Early Admission information will be included in the 2015 UOW Course Directory.

June 2015 - The UOW Early Admission website will be refreshed with 2015 information (students can head there now if they’d like to sign up for email updates). The Early Admission website will include course and criteria information, key dates and information on how to apply.

Monday 3 August 2015 - UOW Early Admission online applications open at 9am

Friday 28 August 2015 - UOW Early Admission online applications close at 5pm

Monday 28 September – Wednesday 30 September 2015 - UOW Early Admission interviews at UOW’s Wollongong Campus

Early December 2015 (date tbc) - UAC preferences for December Early Round close

Early December 2015 (date tbc) - Early Round offers released by UAC
Last year, students entered their academic marks from years 11 and 12 into their online application and UOW required certified copies of these marks from the school.

In 2015, the process is slightly different. UOW will provide (via email) each applicant with a form that will be prefilled with the marks/grades and ranks that the student supplied as part of their application.
This form will need to be signed by either each subject teacher or the Principal to verify that the marks the applicants have provided are correct. I will send a copy of this document to you closer to the launch of UOW Early Admission.
UTS BIG DAY IN

On Thursday 5 March the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) opened its doors to technology mad students so that they could hear from industry and educational experts about careers in the field of Information Technology (IT). Students learned that IT is still a growth field and that forty percent of the best paying jobs in Australia are in IT. Students were encouraged to join a professional association (ACS Foundation) and reminded that it is really their creative, communicative and teamwork abilities that are going to set them apart and secure jobs in the field. Students were also reminded that jobs in IT are not only in IT firms but exist in virtually all industries and that IT skills are now essential in nearly every job (even mine). Participating students would like to thank Mr Mete for organising this excursion and I would like to thank Mr Mete for asking me to be part of the group.

WORK RELATED ALTERNATE PATHWAY (WRAP)

The WRAP program is up and running again this year and twenty two Year 11 and 12 students are participating in Work Experience placements every Friday. Since its inception in 2011 The WRAP program has been very successful in transiting students to apprenticeships, traineeships, employment and tertiary training opportunities. WRAP has been accepted by the Department of Education and Communities as ‘Best Practise’ for a program implemented to adapt to the school leaving age legislation of 2011. The most important link in the WRAP program has been the cooperation of our community partners, the employers, who take on our students and give them the opportunity to learn employable skills and enter the workforce. Thank you to all the employers listed below that have accepted WRAP students for w

The Computer Guy       Kids Uni Corrimal East       Escarpment Building Services
Woonona Tyres and Mechanical BM Total Constructions Cronan & Hallenan Air Conditioning
Danzo Construction       Truss T Frames       Woonona Public School
Jaffa Café               Wollongong Council       Nathan Moore Carpentry
Cast Control Web Design  St Lukes Pre School       Rollers & Wheels
Casamia                  Presbyterian Aged Care  Sandon Point Children’s Centre
Thirroul Bowling & Recreation Club Hy Qual Mowers Fairy Meadow Plumbing
PPK Mining Equipment     Hornby Transport       Plus Fitness
BOOKCLUB

Last fortnight our guest speaker was Ms Peace. She has recently joined us from Picton High School. Like all book club members, she is an avid reader and enjoys many of the classics. The Lord of the Rings Trilogy and Marcus Zuzak’s The Book Thief are amongst her favourites. She spoke about the joys of reading picture books which are normally considered suitable only for young children. Her favourite picture book is the Rabbits by authors Shaun Tan and John Marsden.

MANGA CLUB

This week Ashley Amaru reviewed the Manga novel Blue Exorcist and talked about the anime RWBY. This anime takes place in the world of Remnant, which is filled with supernatural forces and shadowy creatures known as the “Creatures of Grimm”. Mankind wages a battle of survival against the Grimm before discovering the power of a mysterious element called Dust, which allows them to fight back against the monsters. An action packed anime and very popular amongst club members at the moment.

VOLUNTEERING

DEC STUDENT VOLUNTEERING AWARDS PROGRAM

Woonona High School is offering students in Years 9 and 10 an opportunity to participate in the DEC Student Volunteering Awards program. This program encourages students to undertake a minimum of 20 hours of volunteering in their school or local community. Students who achieve this will receive a certificate from the DEC, as well as further certificates for completing 40, 60 and 80 hours of volunteering during Years 9 and 10.

The school will be offering two programs this year to help students achieve their 20 hours.

The Russell Vale Primary School Infants Reading Program. This program involves students helping children read every Tuesday morning.

The Russell Vale Primary Sports Coaching program. This program involves students helping children with sports every Friday morning.

If your child is interested in any of these activities please get them to see Mrs Roddis in the library to register their interest.
Woonona Community Photo Competition

Primary Students
High School Students
Open Age

THEME:
HOPE

Think you take a good photo? We’d love to see what you’ve got. Enter a photo that you think reflects the word ‘hope’ and be in the running for some great prizes.

How To Enter
Entry is free - you can enter your photo by visiting www.woononaphotocomp.com. Entries close at midnight on 28th March.

Exhibition / Presentation
Come and join us to view the top 30 photos, vote in the people’s choice award, and find out who wins the great prizes.

Thursday 2nd April / 3:30-7pm
Woonona Presbyterian Church
7 Gray St Woonona

Woonona Community Photo Competition
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THE HOMEWORK LEARNING CENTRE

The Homework Learning Centre is open in the school Library every Tuesday from 3pm to 4.30pm. Specialised teachers are on hand to help students and a light afternoon tea is provided. This is an excellent opportunity for students to use the school resources and teacher’s expertise to complete homework, assignments and study notes.

SCHOOL CAPS

Reminder to parents that school caps are now available at the uniform shop for $15.

We are trying to encourage all students to wear the correct cap as part of the school uniform.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop now has an email address. To contact Renae or Jackie for any enquiries regarding uniform orders please email them at woononahs.uniforms@gmail.com. Uniform order forms can be downloaded from our website or they are available at the Front Office.

The Uniform Shop is open each Thursday from 8.00am—9.30am.
2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

$150* TOWARDS ENERGY BILLS

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children in 2014-2015. The rebate gives:
- Up to $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer.
- Up to $150 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (town or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:
- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FIB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FIB payment in respect of that eligibility.
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (town or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to two or more principal places of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist:
- Lodge your tax return for 2013-2014 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return.
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014.

HOW TO APPLY
- ONLINE: it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER: download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FURTHER INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE
PHONE: Service NSW 13 77 60
EMAIL: familyenergy@service.nsw.gov.au

FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND SUPERVISORS OF LEARNER DRIVERS

FREE BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
Workshops are held from 6.00pm - 8.30pm
Register online or contact Council for a suitable Workshop.

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WORKSHOPS ARE HELD AT WOLLONGONG, SHELLHARBOUR AND KIAMA COUNCILS

To help with practical advice about:
- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the learner driver log book
- Providing safe and effective driving practice
- L and P Plate licence laws

For further information, contact Wollongong, Shellharbour and Kiama Councils.

LEARNER LOG BOOK RUN

DO YOU HAVE YOUR L’S?

Want to get more hours for your log book?

An opportunity for you and your supervisor to experience a variety of driving conditions including Police VPS, Speed Check and Driver Reviver.

Daylight - Sunday Runs are held at Shellharbour & Kiama:
10.00am - 12.30pm Wollongong
9.30am - 12.00pm in Shellharbour & Kiama only.

Nighttime - Tuesday Runs are held at
6.00pm - 8.30pm in Shellharbour & Kiama only.

All Learner Drivers Must Have 45 Or More Log Book Hours

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
Please register early for a suitable Learner Log Book Run.

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