Year 7 Water Awareness         Rugby League            Before School Surfing

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Community of Schools Sports 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 were coached in a variety of sports by very capable Year 9 Physical Activity and Sports Studies students. Year 7 student leaders acted as guides and encouraging bystanders. Congratulations to each of our students on their mature, responsible and enthusiastic behaviour.

A huge thank you to Ms Burns and Mr Mucci for their organisation of the day and to our Primary school teacher colleagues for supporting and encouraging each of our Learning Community initiatives.

Creative and Performing Arts Initiative 2016

Placed on our website this week was information regarding an exciting new initiative for 2016. A CAPA Enrichment class will be offered to talented creative and performing arts students in Year 7, 2016. Application will be by audition and prospective students will have the opportunity to audition in dance, drama, music and visual arts. Students selected for this discrete class will undertake the mandated Year 7 curriculum but will have incorporated into their timetable 13 hours per fortnight CAPA specific lessons. We look forward to another exciting initiative at Woonona High School.

School Plan 2015 – 2017

At the February P&C meeting the Woonona High School draft School Plan for 2015 – 2017 was shared with parents. The plan is a reflection of the consultation and discussion that has taken place with staff, students and parents during the last six months. Parents were again asked to consider the strategic directions set down in the plan and to once again contribute their ideas, suggestions and reflections for inclusion in the plan. If you would like to join the discussion please feel welcome to attend the upcoming P&C meeting on Tuesday 17th March.

Open Night 2015

Monday 16th March is the date of our annual information evening for prospective Year 7 students and their parents. Those of you living in the community will see our banners advertising the event hung at prominent places in the community. As in the past many current students will be involved either leading classroom exhibits or as guides on the evening for visiting students and their families. More information will be sent home closer to the evening for those students participating.

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CoS Sports Day Water Awareness Day Rugby League Before School Surfing STEM Travelling Roadshow

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DATE EVENT
9 March Year 7 Primary School Visits
10 March International Women’s Day Brunch
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18 March School Cross Country
19 March CoS Numeracy Day
20 March Deadline for lodgement of 2016 Enrichment Class applications

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Have you considered enrolling your child at your local comprehensive high school?

Date: Monday, 16th March 2015
Time: 6:30-8:30pm
Location: Woonona High School

Come and take a tour of our school, speak to teachers, students and parents, enjoy sample lessons/activities and experience some of the fantastic opportunities available to students at this innovative comprehensive high school.
On Friday 6 March, Year 5 and 6 students from our local Community of Schools (Woonona, Woonona East and Russell Vale Public Schools) were invited to Woonona High School for a day of sports fun. The event, organised by the Community of Schools transition team, was designed to give students the chance to come together and become more familiar with our school, our teachers and their peers. The transition program offered through the Community of Schools as well as peer support programs aim to provide a smooth and efficient transition from primary to high school.

The primary school students appeared to be thoroughly enjoying the day taking part in activities such as soccer, basketball, volleyball, circus skills (diabolo & juggling), athletics, cricket, ultimate frisby, oz tag and dodgeball.

The Year 9 PASS class (Physical Activity and Sports Science) did a fantastic job working hard to guide the students through the activities ensuring that the events ran smoothly and that all students had a chance to participate.

Mr Mucci and Ms Burns
YEAR 7 WATER AWARENESS DAY

On Thursday 19 February all Year 7 students were invited to take part in a “Water Awareness Day” at Woonona Ocean Pool and Beach. The day was initiated because in previous years it was found that some students had demonstrated poor swimming skills and limited abilities in the water. With Woonona High Schools’ close proximity to the beach and our love of water activities it was felt that this excursion would be beneficial for all students.

The Water Awareness Day gave the Year 7 students a day of water based activities and allowed the students to be upskilled in the areas of swimming, rip identification and awareness, resuscitation and learn to surf skills, all important skills for our coastal lifestyle.

The day also included a swimming assessment of the students which is a Department of Education requirement for all students on excursion near water.

Mr Mucci (Year 7 Year Adviser) said that the day proved to be fun and educational for the students with most taking full advantage of the expert guidance and tuition provided by the local surf school running the day.

As can be seen from the photos Year 7 definitely got into the spirit of the day taking part enthusiastically in all activities that were organised for the day.

Mr Mucci
Year 7 Year Adviser
COUNTRY CUP RUGBY LEAGUE

Below are some of the photos from this weeks successful Open Country Cup Rugby League held at Croome Road, Albion Park. Woonona High School played extremely well defeating Bulli, Figtree, Corrimal & Keira High Schools.

David Hoole
A full rendition of the games (in Mr Hoole’s famous descriptive dialog) will be in the next newsletter edition.

U13 RUGBY LEAGUE

The WHS U 13’s Rugby League team enjoyed their day out at The Dragon's Gala Day held at Croome Road Albion Park on Tuesday 3 March. Unfortunately the team struggled to win a match on the day. The boys (who have just come together as a team) showed lots of promise and now that they will be training together with the U14 team they will improve in their confidence and abilities. It will be exciting to see how the team has progressed at their next outing later in the year.

A big thankyou to all the parents who were able to scramble and organise to get the players to Albion Park on short notice due to the Figtree venue being too wet to play on.

Mr Rod Landy
PE Teacher

The U13 Boys Rugby League team.

Pictured right to left:
Front Row: Kyel Breeze, Jett Lincoln, Jake Tatton, Riley Elliott, Corey Snelson, Daniel Sheridan, Stuart Logan.
Back Row: Josh Burton, Cooper Gould, Ryan Sweeney, Noah McInerney, Riley Walker, Jarryd Arnold, Joshua Crimston, Myles Maling, Phillip Pecipajkovski
Before School Surfing is off to a great start again this year. Every Thursday morning during the school term a group of enthusiastic surfers and supervisors gather at Woonona Beach for a surf before school.

All levels of surfer are catered for at our weekly meetings but we mainly find that the Year 7, 8 and 9 boys and girls, from the Learn to Surf sporting group, (both body boarders and surf boarders), take advantage of the supervision, coaching and fun social atmosphere. Start time is dawn, 6.10am at present, and finish time is 7.20am.

In addition to our early morning surfing we also have some fun all day surfing events such as the “Surfari” excursion (a very popular end of year activity last year), the Disabled Surfers days and the School Surfing Competition.

The morning supervision crew consists of Mr Chamberlain, Mr Proudfoot, Ms Arazny, Mr Mucci and myself as well as, on occasion, some surfing and non surfing Mums and dads.

Mr Rod Landy.

STOP PRESS: It’s very exciting but it is rumoured that Year 9 might be able to do surfing as an elective subject next year. More on this as the year unfolds.

Thankyou also to Mr Montgomery for these fantastic photos.
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**RED CROSS YOUTH AMBASSADOR**

Congratulations to Amelia McPherson who was recently accepted into the Red Cross Youth Ambassador Program. Amelia serves on the School’s Students Representative Council and is passionate about helping others in need. As a Club Red Youth Ambassador Amelia will be fulfilling a leadership role, one which asks her to encourage students to get on board and raise awareness of the ongoing need for blood donations.

Each week in Australia over 27,000 blood donations are needed to meet patient demand. Woonona High School, through the leadership of students like Amelia, aims to help make a big contribution towards this and help save lives. Well done Amelia!

Mr Ben Bradley  (SRC Coordinator)
It was a gratifying year in 2014 for the SRC, with many events taking place and the especially big 50th anniversary of Woonona High School.

The 15th of August was our school’s 50th anniversary. We hosted a school open day, where we conducted tours around the school for Parents, ex students, former teachers, and the general public. There was a display in the hall of photos from the last 50 years as well as items from the time capsule. In preparation for the anniversary, students and teachers combined in the form of a “50” on the school oval, where a drone took a photo. Each year group during last period, went to their designated areas, to participate in the “Amazing Race” which comprised of various team activities.

At the beginning of the year, All the SRC members traveled to Sydney for a GRIP Leadership conference, to help us get inspired and further improve our leadership skills and qualities. After an eventful train trip, taking over two hours, Mr Bradley finally managed to steer us to Sydney Olympic Park. At the conference we participated in team building exercises, heard other school’s SRC initiatives as well as listening to inspirational speakers to further feed our SRC plans for the year ahead.

Our annual planning day took place on 11th April. This is the day where all of our ideas come together, and we set out all of the events for the following year. The majority of our day went towards the planning and organizing of the 50th Anniversary celebrations as well as new initiatives.

On the 1st of August, Woonona High celebrated with the rest of Australia by supporting the cause, Jeans for Genes. It was great to see that many teachers and students supported this event by donating a gold coin and wearing their jeans.

Our school also hosted two junior leadership forums in 2014. This was run by the junior SRC members, with our partner primary schools who selected future leaders to collaborate with our students in enhancing their leadership skills. The workshops were on team building, leadership styles, decision-making and building a strong vision. With the first day being such a success, the primary schools asked for a second forum to take place to which we happily obliged.

On Wednesday 5th November senior members of our SRC travelled to Wollongong University to take part in the Elevate 2014 Young Leaders Forum. Students from a large number of high schools attended the forum where they were involved in a range of activities, discussions and team challenges designed to enhance the students leadership and communication skills as well as give them a chance to network with UOW students. Several keynote speakers also provided the inspiration for the students to become better leaders.

A successful initiative that was new to Woonona High School last year was the blood drive, organised and ran by previous Vice-captain, Luke McKellar. It was great to see many participants from our senior years and we plan to continue to donate blood this year.

“Wear it Purple Day” is where we show support to people in the LGBTQI community and was ran by our then Year 11 students, who are passionate about supporting equality. Our students and teachers took part in wearing purple accessories to spread the enthusiasm.

The Christmas giving tree was a charitable-cause run again this year, in order to aid in the giving of needed provisions to people who are less fortunate over the Christmas holidays. The two charities that were chosen were Oz-harvest and The Smith Family. Oz-harvest congratulated us on the non-perishable goods that our students provided to these much-needed families. The Smith Family collected toys, clothing and sporting equipment and were most appreciative of our efforts.

As the senior Executive of 2015, we look forward to working with each and every one of the new SRC members as well as further improving its reputable status.
WOONONA HIGH STUDENT TAKES TOP SPEAKING PRIZE AT LIONS CLUB "YOUTH OF THE YEAR"

Two of our high-achieving Year 12 students had the opportunity to represent Woonona High at the recent Lions Club "Youth of the Year" competition.

This is a national award, celebrating the achievements of young people across Australia in the fields of leadership, academic attainment, sporting and cultural participation and citizenship.

Grace Murphy and Brenna Petrolo were selected to compete in a rigorous process that began last year. The girls completed a lengthy application form detailing all their academic achievements and involvement in a range of activities. These were very impressive as both students were members of the SRC in 2014, members of the debating team and highly involved in all aspects of school life. The judges were also interested to learn about their other interests such as Dance for Brenna and Drama for Grace.

On the evening, held at the Woonona Bulli RSL Club, students were interviewed by a panel which included our local Member of Parliament, Ryan Park, as well as prominent community members such as a criminal lawyer and manager at the IMB. Next the students were required to give an impromptu speech, with no preparation time at all. The topics were "What are your views on capital punishment?" where students spoke out against the death penalty, with particular reference to Andrew Chan and Myan Sukamaran on death row in Bali. The second topic was whether young people are viewed differently due to the prevalence of visible tattoos. This was an interesting and unexpected topic which led to a range of views.

The prepared speeches came next and Grace gave a humorous speech on body image, and the pressure to look like a Victoria Secret model. The audience laughed out loud when she mentioned, "my love, Leonardo de Caprio" who is constantly surrounded by skinny models! Brenna's use of humour was a highly effective way to communicate a serious topic.

Grace’s prepared speech was on the high incidence of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in members of the Australian defence force. She made a passionate argument that the government should be spending more money to help these brave soldiers, and spending less on the Gallipoli centenary (a very brave topic for a speech in the RSL).

Both students spoke extremely well and Grace Murphy was awarded the Public Speaking prize on the night. Our congratulations go out to the Vice Captain of Holy Spirit High School who was the overall winner on the night.

Thank you to Ms Wall who came to the dinner to support the students, and a huge thank you to Janice Fountain from the Woonona Lions Club. Janice was extremely supportive and helpful throughout the entire process, as well as organising this great opportunity for young people in the Northern Illawarra.

Clare Matthews
Head Teacher English
SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the following students who were the age champions at our school swimming carnival:

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Special congratulations also to Zara who was also named the champion 13 year old girl in the Northern Zone at the area carnival.

SOUTH COAST TEAMS

Congratulations to the following students on their recent selection in South Coast teams:

Basketball: Brittany Clark and Georgia Thomas. Both Brittany and Georgia will play in the State championships at Penrith and both have excellent chances of being selected in the NSW CHS team.

Baseball: Jack Dugan and Sam Luyten. Both Jack and Sam will fly to Lismore on the far north Coast and also hope to gain selection in the State team.

Hockey: Cody Bain and Lachlan Jones. Both Cody and Lachlan were selected in the coastal zone team and will trial for the South Coast soon.

15 Years Touch: Angus Rawlinson and Nelson Sharp. Both boys will travel to Mudgee for their State carnival.

Knockout Teams: Woonona High enters many teams in the State wide knockout competition. This year we have entered netball, basketball, 15 years cricket, open cricket, water polo, soccer boys, soccer girls, touch boys, touch girls, golf, hockey, volleyball and swimming. From this list it is evident that there are many sporting opportunities at school.

Summer Sport and Cross Country: Our summer sport recreation unit will finish next Wednesday. During sport time on Wednesday 11th March our school cross country carnival will be held at Nicholson Park. All students will walk, supervised by teachers to the park and all students are expected to participate.

Grade Sport: During Term 2 and Term 3 our school participates in the Northern Illawarra Zone inter school sports competition. We play against Bulli High, Corrimal High, Figtree High and Keira High schools during sport on a Wednesday afternoon. Students will travel by bus to Central venues where they will play against the other schools. Students who are unsuccessful in being selected in our grade teams will do sport at school or in the local area. Many sports are offered in the grade competition in both junior and senior levels. Junior teams will be selected from Year 7 and Year 8 and senior teams will be selected from Years 9, 10 and 11.
BREKKY CLUB

A message from Mr Proudfoot who is running the “Brekky Club” this term. The club is in desperate need of donations of jam, maple syrup and vegemite. If any families or staff are able to donate any of these items it would be much appreciated.

The “Brekky club” is run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:45 to 8:30am in the canteen area. All students are welcome.

Donated food items can be left at the front office.

Mr Proudfoot.
Cody Oldfield spoke to the group about the history of Manga and how to read it. The history of manga is said to originate from scrolls dating back to the 12th century which represented the right-to-left reading style. Manga is a Japanese term that can be translated as "whimsical sketches"; it generally means "comics" or "cartoon". Historians and writers on manga history have described two broad and complementary processes shaping modern manga. These are the historical events following World War II and the role of pre-War, Meiji, and pre-Meiji Japanese culture and art.

Many new students joined the Manga club this week. Although the majority of members are males we are starting to see more females join, which is great to see.

LIBRARY CELEBRATES
WORLD POETRY DAY
21ST MARCH

The library is celebrating World Poetry Day with a poetry competition. To enter students are to write a poem about Gallipoli to mark the 100 year commemoration of the ANZAC’s landing.

A decision to proclaim 21 March as World Poetry Day was adopted during UNESCO’s 30th session held in Paris in 1999. One of the main objectives of the Day is to support linguistic diversity through poetic expression and to offer endangered languages the opportunity to be heard within their communities.
Illawarra Coal Careers Expo

The annual Illawarra Coal Career Expo is taking place in week three of next term. On Tuesday 12 May all Year 10 and 12 students will take a bus to Unanderra to attend this year’s Expo. Universities, TAFES, private colleges, major employers as well as representatives of employer organisations and much more will be on hand. This is the major career event presented by the Illawarra Careers Advisers Network. For parents and students of other years there will be a public session on Tuesday evening that all are free to attend.

UMAT 2015

The test is used specifically to assist with the selection of students into the medicine, dentistry and health science degree programs at undergraduate level at a number of universities in Australia and New Zealand.

For Full details you must see UMAT 2015 Information Booklet which is downloadable from the website.

Registrations are now open for this year’s UMAT exam and close at 5pm on Friday June 5, 2015. Exam is on Wednesday 29th July.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO BRENDAN ARCHER (2013 HSC COHORT) WHO WAS RECENTLY AWARDED A DEANS SCHOLAR AT UOW. HE IS STUDYING AN ARTS DEGREE.
CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Week 5 may have been a wash out, but Woonona High School’s strong link to the local environment ensured our sense of civics and citizenship was not dampened. March 4th found a dedicated contingent of volunteers, decked out in colour coded ‘Woonona Gold’ gloves enthusiastically engage in celebrating 25 years of nationwide rubbish awareness by cleaning up the Woonona Beach foreshore and parkland area.

Australia wide an estimated 526,268 volunteers cleaned up 13,563 tonnes of rubbish at 6,165 clean-up sites across Australia. Hopefully next year the weather gods will be kind to us and allow our original, substantial number of volunteers to again participate. For those with eagle eyes you will notice that yes that is Miss Green, now a retired Woonona High School teacher, participating for the second year in a row during her retirement.

Same time next year and plenty of room for parents, friends and former staff to come along.

Mr R Locke
HSIE Faculty
WHS Clean-up Australia Day Coordinator
Drama Ensembles

Mrs Crawford is very excited to announce that Woonona High School has two Drama Ensembles running this year.

Senior Drama is for students in years 10-12 which runs on Tuesdays from 3-4pm.

Junior Drama is for students in years 7-9 which runs on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30pm. Both ensembles have begun their rehearsals for their first performance later this term.

If any student still wants to join either ensemble, we will be starting a new play at the beginning of term 2, so let Mrs Crawford know if you’re keen!

Stay tuned for performance dates!

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.

NSW DEC BYOD SOFTWARE DOWNLOAD INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS

The department has made available the necessary software for all students. All NSW students will now have access to FREE Microsoft Office 2013 and various Adobe software. Access the following web link:

http://byodsandpit.weebly.com/- Click the following link Microsoft and Adobe Student software on the left hand side.

Watch the video for instructions.

Mr Mete (Computer Coordinator)

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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.

TERM 1 2015 CALENDAR

March 9—27  Yr 12 Mid Course Assessment
             Period
             Year 7 primary School Visits
March 13    Peer Support
            Immunizations
March 16    Open Night 6;30pm
March 17    P&C Meeting
March 18    Cross Country
March 20    CoS Numeracy Day
            Last day for Enrichment Class
            applications
            Peer Support
March 23    Capa Enrichment Class
            Workshop Day
March 27    Applications for Capa
            Enrichment Class close
March 23—27 Student Monitoring Week
March 30    CoS Lunch Box Expo
31 March    Year 11 Minnamurra Exc
April 1     Stage 6 Assembly
April 2     Last Day for Term 1

CAANTEEN HELPERS

Monday 9 Mar HELP NEEDED
Tuesday 10 Mar HELP NEEDED
Wednesday 11 Mar Jo Meiers
Thursday 12 Mar Stephanie Cotterill
Friday 13 Mar HELP NEEDED
Monday 16 Mar HELP NEEDED
Tuesday 17 Mar Susi Eager
Wednesday 18 Mar HELP NEEDED
Thursday 19 Mar HELP NEEDED
Friday 20 Mar HELP NEEDED
Monday 23 Mar HELP NEEDED
Tuesday 24 Mar Kerri Austin
Wednesday 25 Mar HELP NEEDED
Thursday 26 Mar HELP NEEDED
Friday 27 Mar HELP NEEDED
Monday 30 Mar HELP NEEDED
Tuesday 31 Mar HELP NEEDED
Wednesday 1 Apr HELP NEEDED
Thursday 2 Apr HELP NEEDED
Affluenza: When Too Much is Never Enough

Dr Richard Denniss is now at the helm of the Australia Institute, a non-profit think-tank that devotes its time to exposing how “expert” economic advice is taken for granted in public policy debates.

Location: Excelsior Hall, Thirroul Community Centre
Date: Seniors Week, Tuesday 17th March
Time: 4.00 to 5.15pm

Entry is Free to the Public
Please ring to reserve a seat with the Thirroul Public Library. Tel: 42278191 prior to the 17th of March.

Announced to Present
Dr Richard Denniss

FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND SUPERVISORS OF LEARNER DRIVERS

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL
Workshops are held from 8.00am - 9.00pm
Please contact Council for a suitable Workshop.

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To help you with practical advice about:
- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the learner driver log book
- Providing on-road driving practice and
- L and P Plate Licence laws

Do you have your L’s?

WENT TO GET MORE HOURS FOR YOUR LOG BOOK?

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

Daylight - Sunday Runs are held at:
Wollongong: 10.00am - 11.30am
Shoalhaven: 10.00am - 11.30am

Nighttime - Tuesday Runs are held at:
Wollongong: 8.00pm - 8.30pm in Shellharbour & Kiama only.

All Learner Drivers Must Have 40 Or More Log Book Hours

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2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

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 $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan 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 (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged 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.

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