**Student Leadership Elections 2016**
As part of the student leadership program new school captains will be elected before the end of Term 3. The role of the school captain is significant and whilst other leadership opportunities and programs exist within the school, being selected as school captain is the pinnacle of the student leadership program. This year the process of applying for the position has changed. Students are now required to submit a short application to address specific criteria essential to the role and the most successful candidates will be interviewed by myself and a deputy principal. Before a final decision is made candidates will be required to speak in front of the student body and teaching staff. Teaching staff and students will then vote for their preferred candidates. The successful student leadership team will be chosen based on the outcome of all three elements of the selection process. I would like to congratulate Ellie, Brody, Cello, Tim and Brenna for their commitment over the past year and their support of the school community. Our new captains will begin their journey very shortly after their selection when they lead the graduation ceremony at the end of the term.

**Year 12 Final Weeks**
Best wishes to our HSC students who have received marks and vital feedback following their Trial HSC Examinations and most recent assessment tasks. This is a very important time for students, parents and teachers. Significant improvement can occur in these last weeks of learning. Consistent attendance and commitment to class and home activities will position all students to strengthen their understanding in all subjects. All HSC teachers will be providing to students a clear description of the final week’s learning program. Once again holiday workshops will be available for all students to attend; Mr Boyle (replacing Mrs Pickering whilst she is on leave) will be providing students with the timetable of workshops and study sessions that have been scheduled. Students are continuing to utilise the support available via the Senior Student study sessions and all should be following their individual study and preparation plans.

Many students are in the final days and hours of submitting major works; visual arts and design and technology. We will all have the opportunity to view the breadth and depth of creative talent at the HSC Showcase evening on Wednesday 26th August.

**Student Attendance**
We are continuing our focus on improving student attendance and reducing lateness to school. The expectation is that all students attend school each day and arrive at school in time for roll call each morning. School starts each day at 8.30am. A note of explanation must be provided for any absence or lateness to school. Unexplained lateness and absences are recorded on school reports. Earlier in the year Mr Rayner informed parents of the new guidelines in place if you are planning to travel during the school term. The new National Standards now mean days away from school due to travel and family events outside of school holiday periods are treated as absences. These changes have come about through academic research which suggests that even short absences from school can have dramatic negative effects on student academic and social learning. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose. Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If your child is absent from school for holidays, your child’s absence will be marked as Leave and your child’s time away from school will count towards total absences for the year. Parents are required to apply for a Certificate of Extended Leave – Travel and supply evidence such as e-tickets or travel itinerary. The application is to be submitted at least two weeks prior to the period of travel, in time for students to see teachers and apply for special consideration if assessment tasks are scheduled for the period of absence. It is also the student’s responsibility to complete any work missed. This also ensures the reason for the leave is appropriately recorded on student rolls.
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Delivering excellence, innovation, opportunity and student success
On Thursday 13 August, Woonona High School held a Professional Pathways Forum where past students who have entered the professional arena as well as past students who are currently studying professional degrees were invited to be part of a panel discussion and to respond to student queries about work and study.

The professional panel included Matthew Carter (Futurist), Amanda Fisher (Fashion Designer & Social Entrepreneur), Carolyn Peiri (Clinical Nurse Specialist), Fiona Robinson (Environmental Coordinator), Melissa Russell (Journalist) and Samantha Walker (Teacher). The student panel was comprised of Kirsten Armstrong (Accounting Cadet), James Berriman (Law & Commerce Student), Kellie Kennedy (Human Resources Adviser), Izak Lucas-Parr (Mechatronics Engineering Scholar), Brodie Petrolo (Engineering cadet) and Brittany Weir (Business / Law cadet).

The evening was extremely successful and informative with many parents and students commenting on the variety and quality of speakers and the organisation of the evening. Congratulations must go to organiser Mr John Chamberlain (Careers Adviser), a big thankyou to Mr De Main & Mrs Mete for the delicious refreshments and to all the staff who attended on the night.

The following email was sent to the school the day after the event.

Dear Ms Wall, Mr Chamberlain, and all staff
We would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that you all show to your students.
We attended the Professional Pathway forum last night, and also the Student Elective Subject Information evening a few weeks ago, and found them to be very informative and helpful to both students and parents.
You are to be commended on all that you do in helping the students to achieve their very best.
The light refreshments last night were amazing!!
We never get enough thanks for all the hard work that we do, so...... to all the staff, THANK YOU very much!
Congratulations to Year 7 who did a fantastic job with Play Day this year.

All the students worked tirelessly in English to write and rehearse their plays, together with their hard working English teachers.

The plays were very professional and entertaining and it was wonderful to see Year 7 working together as a team.

7M wrote their own humorous show called "59 Minutes" and 7C performed an entertaining show about a boy who daydreams too much.

7U performed a very funny show called "Man Hunt Monday" and 7I wrote and performed a comedy based on reality television called "We Should Get Foxtel."

Thank you to Drama and Music students who helped us with lighting and sound on the day, and a huge "Thank You" to all of the English staff for all of their hard work.

Clare Matthews
Head Teacher English
STORIES COME TO LIFE: YEAR 9 ‘LIVING BOOKS’ EXPERIENCE

“It has been said that next to hunger and thirst, our most basic human need is for storytelling.” -Khalil Gibran

All of Year 9 had the opportunity to participate in authentic learning on Thursday 20th August when Wollongong City Council brought ‘Living Books’ to our school hall. This is a powerful program where students have the opportunity to borrow two ‘books’ – real people who volunteer to tell their story of resilience and survival. The adults talk in small groups with the students, telling their life stories and sharing their journeys. Students were able to choose which ‘books’ they were most interested in – from the list below.

- **Shadow of a Black Dog** – a man’s story of depression
- **Rising Above** – domestic violence & sexual assault
- **A Positive Result** – story of a young mum
- **The F Word** – Finding Feminism & Domestic Violence
- **Mick on wheels** - musician in a wheelchair
- **The F Word** – Finding Feminism
- **When life gives you lemons** – A successful high school drop out
- **Finding the straight path** – A Muslim Woman

The program aims to expose students to some stories that they might not see in the mainstream media, as well as breaking down barriers and being inspirational role models for the kids. Students were listening intently and were overwhelmingly positive about the experience. The ‘books’ commented on the interesting questions that students were asking and were very impressed with our students’ polite and friendly manners. (They were also blown away by our wonderful canteen food!) We would like to thank Tracey Needham and Vimala Colless from the Wollongong City Council for their wonderful organization, as well as thanking all the ‘books’ who so generously volunteered their time to help our kids broaden their horizons.
DRAMA

The Drama department is excited to announce the arrival of 10 new Commedia Dell’arte masks. Year 9/10 Drama are the first class to use character masks that include; Tartaglia, Dottore, Capitano, Brighella, Scaramouche, Pierrot, Pantalone, Arlechino, Colombina and Pulchinella. Drama ensembles and theatre club will also be trained in using these valuable resources.

Commedia dell’arte is an extremely colourful, exciting and amusing theatrical art form, which originated in Italian Renaissance. Students use masked stock characters to improvise performances which also involve physical and acrobatic skills.

Ms King
Drama Teacher

YEARN 8 BOOK REVIEW

Title: Little Brother
Author: Allan Baillie
Setting: (Time, Location, etc.) in Cambodia during a war against Thailand.
Plot summary

Little Brother is a really well written book. I enjoyed the style and perspective of the characters. This book is based in Cambodia where a war is verging against Thailand. The main character Vithy, who is eleven years old, is separated from his brother in the opening chapters. His older brother said ‘follow the lines to the border’ but Vithy does not know what the border is. Vithy, has lost almost everyone in his family and now could possible lose Mang his older brother as well. This book is well suited for early teenagers.

Little brother is a very exciting and suspenseful read and you won’t want to put the book down once you start it. It has a gripping story line and many twists and turns that will keep you on the edge throughout the entire book. In this book I found that the reader can connect to the main character Vithy by comparing their own family to Vithy’s and it makes you realise how much family really means to everyone.

The journey to the border was long and hard. By the end of the story, Vithy has realised that he has learnt a lot about life and his surroundings which responders can relate too. The book can teach us that we are more fulfilled with building our own things rather than stealing from others. This is evident when Vithy builds his own bike, then he comes to realise what it actually feels like to have his bike stolen from him.

I strongly recommend this book to all kids aged 12-15. It’s a great book to imagine how you would feel and react if you were in his situation. This book really made me think how lucky we are to live in a developed country and have to not face the difficulty of wars and diseases.

By Trent Carter

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In the Visual Arts Preliminary HSC course students undertake a variety of 2D drawing, printing and painting exercises with a reoccurring theme of the body throughout. This term in the Year 11 Visual Arts elective class, students have been finishing off work on their 2D portraits. The class was asked to select a Year 11 student (or themselves) and create a portrait. Art that is limited in composition to depth and height is called 2D and includes paintings, drawings and photos. Composition of 2D art is critical. This includes line, form, colour, repetition and balance, in that order of importance. Line and form shape the appearance. Colour brings out shapes and contributes mood and depth, and the two principles of repetition and balance impart subtle moods. Examples of the work show below, show how the students have put their knowledge and talent to use in producing these fantastic art works.
On a cold and windy evening, Tuesday 18th August, eight brave Woonona High School students ventured out into the frosty night air to compete in the South Coast Public Speaking Competition. This is held annually at Holy Spirit College, Bellambi, and this year 19 schools took part from as far afield as Nowra, Tahmoor, Campbelltown and Mittagong. Students had to present a prepared speech on a set topic, with topics such as "You can change this" to "Outside the Circle" offering challenges to our students' ingenuity.

Congratulations to Jaime Carter and Tama Howell Rosicky from Year 11 who took time out from their busy study commitments to represent the school. Dylan Fildes of Year 10 and Carlie Hayward of Year 9 generously stepped in to replace other speakers at the last minute and did a great job. Arun Wanstull and Isaac Warburton of Year 7 continued their run of public speaking and debating success, with excellent speeches on the night.

Special mention, however, must be made of Claire Hilliard who stepped in at the last minute and came 3rd in her section. Congratulations to our very own Owen Thomas of Year 8 who won his section, beating out 9 speakers from selective and private schools (go Woonona!)

All of the students should be very proud and happy of their performance on the night - I have seen many speeches in my career and I can honestly say that the quality of the speeches was outstanding. Our students did themselves proud!

Clare Matthews (Head Teacher English / Drama)
"Thankyou Woonona High School community!

This is Toast Club, which happens at school every Tuesday lunchtime and Thursday recess. This runs in combination with the schools breakfast program which provided free milk and toast to students on those mornings before school, and is run by our school chaplain and SRE teacher out of room 14. On an average day, the students will typically go through between 8-12 loaves of bread, and we reckon between 60 to 100 students pack in over a lunch time to get a bite each day.

This happens thanks to the generosity of many local volunteers, our sponsorship from Corrimal Baker’s Delight, particular school parents, and from generous donations of vegemite, bread, butter, and jams, from many parents and school stakeholders such as yourselves. On behalf of the school students who benefit from these donations, thankyou!

Any further donations are always appreciated and are quickly put to use. Please consider leaving any spreads or butters at the office staff at school reception."

Mr Tom Pearson
School Chaplin

YEAR 7 BOYS MAKE US PROUD.

It is always appreciated when a parent takes the time to ring the school to complement our students. Last week a Year 7 student had a nasty accident on the way to school. He came off his bike and fractured his wrist. His mum rang the school later that day to let us know that he was in good spirits but also to praise the actions of a group of Year 7 boys who had come to her sons aid.

The mum reported that one student lent her son his phone so he could call her, one ran to notify a teacher, several others stayed and comforted him and others helped take his bike apart so that the mum could take it home. She was very appreciative of the boys actions and would like to say thankyou to them. Unfortunately we couldn’t identify all the students involved, but we would like to say well done and the school is proud of you.
This week at assembly Mrs Margaret Sim presented Year 12 students with certificates for their ongoing commitment to sport over the years. We have been fortunate to have these students and their talent represent WHS during their time here. Now that Year 12 students are preparing for their HSC and their final weeks here at WHS we must wish them well for the future and we will miss their talents in the various sporting fields that they have competed in.

Year 7 students Deakin Brownlee, Jarvis Patterson and Phillip Pecipajkovski were congratulated on their selection in the NSW U13 Footsal (indoor soccer) team. Year 11 student Steve Bailey was congratulated on his selection in the U16 NSW team. Deakin and Phillip currently play Footsal for Woonona and Jarvis plays for the Wollongong Wolves. All four boys are very excited to be travelling to Brisbane for a week in September to represent NSW in the Australia Championships.
EX WHS STUDENT SHOWS OFF HER TALENT

Ex Woonona High School Student Misha Harrison recently held her first solo art exhibition. Misha was a Year 12 student here in 2008 and even then her artistic abilities were very evident.

After graduating from Woonona High School, Misha attended West Wollongong TAFE where she completed a Diploma of Fine Arts. She is currently in her last year at the University of Wollongong where she is studying a Bachelor of Creative Arts majoring in Visual Art.

The exhibition, which was held at Alibi Bar in Wollongong on August 7, generated lots of interest in her works. Congratulations Misha! We will be following your career in art with great interest and we wish you well in your future endeavours.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL GIRLS FOOTBALL SELECTION

Congratulations to Year 12 student Nikita Woods, who only just last week received an email informing her of her selection in the Australian School Girls Football team. Nikita currently plays Football for the NSW School Girls team.

Nikita says she loves the sport and has played since she was just six years old. In January 2016 Nikita will travel to Japan to compete in the World School Girls Football Competition.

This is an amazing achievement by Nikita. By the time she plays in the World competition she will have completed her HSC and graduated from Woonona High School, but we will be watching her and the Australian team with much excitement. Good luck Nikita!
There is always a hive of activity in the Hospitality kitchens of Woonona High School. The students and teachers are always busy not only with lessons (both practical and theory) but they quite often take on the catering responsibilities for various school functions.

This week Year 12 Hospitality class along with Mr de Main and Food Technology assistant, Mrs Carmen Mete, were hard at work preparing a delicious array of canapés (both sweet and savoury) to be presented to guests at the WHS Professional Pathways Forum which was held on Thursday 13th August (see story on page ?).

Exciting treats such as kale loaf, marinated chicken wings, polenta topped with goats cheese and olives, quinoa fritters and sweet treats such as lemon myrtle cheese cake balls, lemon and passionfruit syrup cake and rocky road were all hand prepared and served on the evening.

Food Technology for junior students provides an introduction to the Hospitality course for senior students. This is a curriculum framework course which is accredited for the HSC and provides students with the opportunity to obtain nationally recognised vocational qualifications.

Well done to all in the department for their hard work and we look forward to tasting more of your delicious food.
Each Wednesday afternoon a group of 23 enthusiastic students make their way to the Fraternity Club in Fairy Meadow, to play darts for sport.

Darts is a relatively new sport for Woonona High School but it has proven to be popular with both male and female students. Two of our Year 7 students, Isaac Warburton and Arun Wanstall (pictured above) are part of our sport darts team and said that they thoroughly enjoy the game of darts even though they weren’t to sure to begin with. They said they enjoy playing against students from other high schools and that they are improving in their game each week.

As reported in the Illawarra Mercury on 13 August, one man, Illawarra Darts Association vice-president Tony Proctor, wanted to change the image of darts (from an old mans sport) and saw the opportunity of engaging a younger set of players by introducing to local high schools the concept of darts as a school sports option. The game now attracts 120 Illawarra High School players each week.

When pitching the original idea of darts to local high schools, Mr Proctor explained that “Darts is more than just a fun way to pass time, it doubles as a mathematics lesson as well”.

Students practice their mathematics in every game of darts. A basic game of darts starts with each thrower starting from a number ending in ‘01 such as 501, 301 etc. The reason why the start numbers end in ‘01 is so that a dart thrower must hit at least one odd number to enable him or her to finish the game on a double. Each player throws three darts in turn and the sum of the score they hit is subtracted from the starting or the remaining total. The game must be finished by hitting a double equalling the amount they have left i.e. If a player is on 20 and they hit a double 10 (2x 10 =20) then they win the game. If their score more than the 20 say they hit a double 15 (2x 15 =30) they bust and go back to the score they were on before they took their throwing turn.

Mr Proctor and a handful of coaches teach the students the finer points of the game each week including the intricate scoring and tactics involved in the game.
13 year old Tanesha Harnett of Woonona has totally dominated the 12 to 16 years old female 85cc motocross class at the NSW State Title Motocross series. The series was held over 5 rounds in Cessnock, Orange, Port Macquarie, Nowra and Appin motocross tracks. Tanesha won 15 out of 15 races, being the only rider in NSW to receive maximum points for the year.

Tanesha also competed in the four round state title series in Victoria having a title chance disappear from her in the last round where she blew up her engine, finishing second place for the series.

Tanesha also competes at club level with her two favourite clubs, Wollongong and Oakdale. Tanesha receives on bike training with Jay Marmont who has set up “Next” level coaching since retiring from full time racing. Jay’s wife Abbey looks after Tanesha’s fitness training at “CrossFit JAK Elite in Wollongong.

The next biggest challenge for Tanesha’s racing is finding the money to compete in the Australian Junior Motocross Championships held in Bunbury at the end of September.

Report from Chris Harnett

Mrs Margaret Sim
Sports Organiser
STUDENT MONITORING

Student monitoring was completed last week for all students in all subjects. Monitoring sheets were handed out to students in roll call.

Student monitoring is carried out twice a term and is an important indicator of how your child is engaging in their learning in each subject.

Parents / carers are asked to review their child’s monitoring sheet and if they have any concerns regarding their child’s learning please contact me at the school on 4284 1513.

It is pleasing to note that 275 congratulations letters were mailed out to students who had performed well in all subjects this monitoring period. There were less than 10 concern letters mailed home to parents.

YEAR 11 BStreetSmart / RYDA EXCURSIONS

Year 11 will be going on two Road Safety Education Excursions this year, one to BStreetSmart on Tuesday 25th August and one to RYDA on Monday 2nd November.

Students have been given information regarding these excursions.

These two excursions form part of the mandatory 25hr Crossroads Program for Year 11 students. All students are strongly encouraged to attend these two excursions and those that do not will be required to complete alternative written work to satisfy the requirements of the Cross Roads program. The 25hr Crossroads Program is a compulsory requirement of the HSC Preliminary course and students must have completed all of the required hours before the end of this year.

TIME KEEPING

It has been noted that late arrivals by students in the mornings has risen sharply. Even though it has been very cold and therefore quite tempting to sleep in and be late for school, this practice is not accepted by Woonona High School.

It is important for students to arrive at school on time each morning for roll call. The habit of being on time is an important life skill and one that will be beneficial throughout life both for work and social reasons.

If your child is unavoidably detained in the morning please send a note and make sure that your child signs in at the Front Office. Lately a few students have not signed into school when arriving late and this has meant that they have been marked absent for the whole day. As you can imagine this causes confusion with the roles that are marked each period and also causes undue stress for parents when an unexplained absence letter for a full day is sent home.

Similarly if your student needs to leave early through the day a note must be presented at the front Office in the morning where an “Early Leavers Slip” will be issued. When your child is leaving the school grounds they must sign out at the Front Office before they leave.

Thankyou for your help with these matters.
The Student Representative Council (SRC) at Woonona High School is made up of an elected group of students from each year group. The SRC endeavors to provide leadership development opportunities for its members but also for the wider student body.

An exciting opportunity exists for all students to attend the Grip Leadership conference. This is to be held at the Win Entertainment Centre on the 22nd of October and is one of six national conferences. The cost is $50 per student which is partially subsidized by the SRC through student fundraising.

A range of workshops will be delivered on the day including:

- Being a Team that Contributes
- Contributing to Your Leadership Team
- How to Make Your Speeches Dynamic
- How to Motivate Others
- How to Say Bye Bye to Bullying

For more information or to register your Child’s interest please contact Mr. Bradley or email Benjamin.bradley1@det.nsw.edu.au

Next week Year 11 student Amelia McPherson, who is our elected Regional SRC representative, Conor Johnson (Year 10), Jade O’Brien (Year 9) and Jessica Aryton (Year 9) will attend the State SRC Conference which will be held at Murrumbateman from Monday 24 to Friday 28 August.

The five day conference will host up to 200 students from as far away as Lightening Ridge, Broken Hill and Eden. It has been held for the last 15 years and is run by Student Representative Council Leaders. The students will take part in presentations on Mental Health, Sustainable Living and Leadership as well as take part in the student driven “Big Ideas” program.

This is a great opportunity for our aspiring young leaders to join with student representatives from schools state wide to share ideas and learn the skills of leadership. We look forward to hearing of their experiences at the conference.

This week saw the start of our process of selection of the senior executive (School Captains, Vice Captains and Treasurer) for 2016. Candidates must go to interview with the Principal and deputies before their campaign for election begins. Interviews are now complete and the new executive will be announced at the Year 12 Graduation Day Ceremony which will be held on 17 September. Good luck to all candidates.

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This week, the Japanese city of Hiroshima marked the 70th anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb by a US warplane, which killed 140,000 people. Tahlia Thompson spoke about the novel "Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes" which is based on the true story of Sadako Sasaki, who lived in Hiroshima at the time of the atomic bombing. Sadako was just 2 years old when the atomic bomb was dropped. She survived only to die of cancer when she was twelve.

Our guest speaker, Ms Arazny spoke about her favourite book “A Fortunate Life” by Albert Facey. A Fortunate Life is an autobiography and chronicles Facey’s early life in Western Australia, his experiences as a private during the Gallipoli campaign of World War I and his return to civilian life after the war. It also documents his extraordinary life of hardship, loss, friendship and love.

I reviewed the book “Openly Straight” by Bill Konigsberg. This book looks at the way society gives people labels. There’s the Nerd, the Emo and the Goth just to mention a few. In this book, Rafe a Year 8 boy who is openly gay and accepted by his peers decides he is tired of being labelled as the gay boy. When he transfers to a new school he becomes openly straight.

Do you have a daughter that doesn’t like to read? Then try books from the new and hugely popular genre called “Sick Lit”. This genre contains books where the protagonists have chronic and often terminal illnesses. Popular books at the moment include; The Fault in our Stars by John Green, If I Stay by Gayle Foreman, The Perks of being a Wall Flower and Me Earl and the Dying Girl by Jessee Andrews.

The following books have arrived in the library.
Book Week 2015

Book Week is being celebrated around Australia on 22nd – 29th of August. This year’s theme is “Books light up my world.”

To celebrate the library is holding a competition. To enter, simply write in less than 25 words, why books light up your world. All entries to be to the given to Mrs Roddis.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

HURRY ! HURRY ! Time is running out! All Earn and Learn stickers have to be in by the 8th September.

This year Woonona High is again participating in the Earn and Learn program. This program provides the school with thousands of dollars of free resources but we need your help.

It is simple to participate: The store will give customers 1 sticker for every $10.00 spent. These stickers are then to be placed on the specially marked sticker card that has been sent home with your child or that can be obtained from the checkout. When completed simply drop it off at the school or the specially marked box at Corrimal Woolworths.

Rehearsals for Southern Stars 2015 Beyond The Frame are in full swing with students taking part in a wide range of dance and vocal rehearsals around the state.

The buzz around the show is growing daily and tickets are selling more quickly this year than ever before so we encourage you to buy your tickets through Ticketmaster (Adult $48, Pensioner and student over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140) as soon as possible to make sure you don’t miss out.

Beyond the Frame, featuring 3000 public school children, will take place over four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday August 28 (10am and 7pm) and Saturday August 29 (2pm and 7pm).

To keep up with all the news about Beyond The Frame including recent media stories and picture galleries, as well as profiles of performers and teachers involved in the show, visit the Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular Facebook site. Like us and share with your friends and family!
The major employers in the Illawarra have begun their recruitment drives. Anyone interested in landing an apprenticeship for 2016 should be actively looking and networking as well as watching Saturday’s and Wednesday’s newspaper and registering with employment websites such as seek.com.

The University of Wollongong’s (UOW) ‘Early Admission’ period is open as is the University Admissions Centre (UAC). UAC administer admissions for virtually all universities in NSW and the ACT. A timeline for university applications is published below. Very near two thirds of our Year 12 students intend to apply to university for 2016.

‘Early Admission’ closes 28 August at 5pm sharp; no excuses, technical or otherwise so get your applications in a few days, at least, early.

All students applying to UOW must also apply to UAC. This should be done by 28 September to avoid heft late fees. UOW ‘

**TIMELINE FOR 2016 UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS**

*This advice is provided as a general guide only. Students are advised to contact individual universities in order to check specific course information.*

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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, then 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
TERM 3 2015 CALENDAR

Fri 21 Aug                          Yr 9 / 10 Boys Leadership Forum
                                      Yr 9 Wollongong Council “Living Books”
Wed 26 Aug                          Southern Stars
Thur 27 Aug                          Southern Stars
                                      SRC Yr 11 “Elevate” Conference
Fri 28 Aug                          Southern Stars “Wear it Purple Day”
Mon 31 Aug - 4 Sept                 Yr 11 Final Examinations
Tues 1 Sept                         Young Australia Workshop
Thur 3 Sept                         CHS Athletics
Fri 4 Sept                           CHS Athletics
Thur 10 Sept                       Yr 12 Holliday Study
                                      Sessions Timetable issued
                                      Catholic Scripture
Fri 11 Sept                         Yr 7 Immunisations
Tues 15 Sept                        P&C Meeting
                                      “Unplugged” Concert
Wed 16 Sept                        Yr 12 Picnic Day
Thur 17 Sept                      Yr 12 Graduation Ceremony

COMPANY

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SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The uniform shop has now got spray jackets, school jumpers and zipper jackets in stock in most sizes. Previous orders have been filled and if you wish to purchase cooler weather clothing the uniform shop is now able to supply these items.

New Prices are as follows:
Spray Jackets: $65
Jumpers (Sloppy Joes): $35
Zipper Jackets: $40

Prices for all other items remain the same.

J Overton, R Walker & P O’Brien
Your friendly uniform shop volunteers.

CANTEEN HELPERS

TERM 3 2015

Mon 24 August                      HELP NEEDED
Tues 25 August                     Kerrie Austin
Wed 26 August                      HELP NEEDED
Thur 27 August                      HELP NEEDED
Fri 28 August                      HELP NEEDED
Mon 31 August                      HELP NEEDED
Tues 1 Sept                         Carolyn McQuiggin
Wed 2 Sept                          Christine Core
Thur 3 Sept                        HELP NEEDED
Fri 4 Sept                         Angela Madden
Mon 7 Sept                         Karen & Lenore
Tues 8 Sept                        Karen Bate
Wed 9 Sept                         Jo Meiers
Thur 10 Sept                      Stephanie Cotterill
Fri 11 Sept                        HELP NEEDED
Mon 14 Sept                      HELP NEEDED
Tues 15 Sept                      HELP NEEDED
Wed 16 Sept                      HELP NEEDED
Thur 17 Sept                      HELP NEEDED
Fri 18 Sept                      HELP NEEDED

SCHOOL CAPS

Please remember that part of our official school uniform is the WHS school cap.

School caps are available at the uniform shop.

Cost is $15
FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND SUPERVISORS OF LEARNER DRIVERS

WHEN: Tuesday 8 September 2015, 6pm—8pm
WHERE: Wollongong City Council, Level 9 Function Room
COST: Free (including a light super)

Participants will gain practical advice on:
* Supervising a learner driver,
* The Learner Driver Log Book,
* How to encourage safe driving behaviours,
* Accompanied learner drivers also welcome.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Wollongong City Council on 4227 7111

DO YOU HAVE YOUR L’S?

WHEN: Sunday 30 August 2015
TIME: 9:30am—12 noon
LOCATION: Bulli PCYC
COST: Free (including driver reviver stop snacks and lunch on completion)

The learner driver Log Book Run is a practical course for learner drivers who have completed a minimum of 40 log book hours.

The program provides learner drivers and their supervisors with an opportunity to participate in a planned drive. Participants will also experience a Random Breath Test (RBT). The program is delivered in partnership with Wollongong City Council, Bulli Police and Community Youth Club.

Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting Wollongong City Council on 4227 7111
Mastering the Exams
A free* lecture to help students excel in their exams

Date: Sunday 30 August 2015  Time: 10am—3pm  Venue: The University of Sydney Camperdown

To assist students in their preparation for the HSC Examinations there has been one last session of the popular lecture "Mastering the Exams" scheduled.

The lecture is **free of charge**, however, it is a requirement that the students participating in the program make a minimum donation of $10 to the "Fred Hollows Foundation. Charity representatives will be in attendance on the day. The total donated to the charity to date is $289,810.15.

_Bookings are essential—book online at www.tsfx.com.au or call 1300 364 173_
Would $500 assist you with education costs?

Back to School time is here again! Are you financially ready? Saver Plus can help you with up to $500 in matched savings for next year’s school costs. You save for 10 months and receive FREE financial education along the way!

To be eligible you must:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Call or SMS Lindi Jamieson-Brown, your local Saver Plus Coordinator at The Smith Family on 1300 610 355

with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.

Sandon Point Junior Surf Lifesaving

Become a Sandon Point Scorpion!

Registration for the 2015-2016 season will be held on the following dates at Sandon Point Surf Club house:

- Saturday, 5th September 10am-1pm
- Tuesday, 8th September 4pm-6pm

Please email: clubregistrar@sandonpointsurfclub.org.au

with any questions.

New nippers MUST present a Birth Certificate as proof of age during registration.

2015/2016 Membership Fees:

- Individual Membership $60,
- Two Member Family $115,
- Three Member Family $165,
- Four Member Family $215,
- Additional Family members $50 each.

Please go to the club website for more information on the coming season www.sandonpointsurfclub.org.au

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Community Noticeboard

1890-2015
Corrimal Public School

CELEBRATES
125 YEARS!
16th & 17th October 2015

Come and join in the festivities!
Families, former students, staff and the community are all welcome.

FRIDAY 16th
Open Day 9am-1pm
Tour of the school, special assembly, lunch & old school activities
P&C Twilight Fete 4pm-8pm
Rides, food, raffles, live music, and kids activities
Entrance via Wilga Street

SATURDAY 17th
126th Anniversary Celebration from 7pm
Finger food, drinks and a night of reminiscing at Woonona Bulli RSL
in the Auditorium room
Tickets for entry $42.50pp
Buy tickets online now or from the school

For more details contact 4284 4284
or visit www.cps125.weebly.com

Road Safety Campaign
Back to School... Safely

...Are we doing all we can?
call: 1300 500 055

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.

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Yoga and Meditation workshops

For ages 12-25

headspace Wollongong

Wednesdays, 4pm-5pm
Find out more about how you can use yoga and meditation techniques to relax, unwind and manage stress in our free yoga workshops with Rosie.

- 22 and 29 July
- 5, 12, 19 and 26 August

For more info, contact headspace Wollongong on 4220 7660 or email headspace@gph.org.au.

www.headspace.org.au/wollongong

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THE MONTH BEFORE THE HSC
WITH ROWAN KUNZ

WHEN: Wednesday 9 September, 5.30-6.30pm

WHERE: Thirroul District Library

BULLI SLSC NIPPERS
REGISTRATION DAYS
2015-2016

10am-12noon Sunday 30 August
10am-12noon Sunday 13 September

CORRIMAL POOL, Short St, Corrimal
Please use front entrance (entry fees apply)
Pool proficiency swim to be competed
Club uniforms available for sale

Nippers commence
930am Sunday 11 October
Bulli Surf Club

Go to http://sls.com.au/join
To register and pay online

For any information contact bullinippers@gmail.com
bullisurflclub.com.au

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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@butcher cricket.com

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

Number 1 in Sales!

Why are we Number # 1 in the 2517 postcode?

- Est. in Woonona for over 25 years!
- Largest Franchise in Australia
- Largest in the Illawarra with 17 offices
- Local Agency + Local property = Sales!
- Over 50 years combined sales knowledge!
- We undertake regular & extensive training
- Realistic and competitive selling fees
- Compare our fees with other agencies
- Expert marketing of your property
- No additional costs for an Auction!
- We supply honest & reliable information
- A committed sales & support team

Ray White
Woonona 4284 8888

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