Southern Stars

Wear it Purple  R U O K? Day  SRC Regional Conference

DELIVERING EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION, OPPORTUNITY AND SUCCESS
PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Congratulations to the 23 students who participated in Southern Stars 2015. It was another fantastic production showcasing the depth of talent that exists within Public Education. Thank you to Ms Pryor and Ms Sharp who dedicated many hours to support the thousands of students participating and once again providing opportunities and experiences for the students of Woonona High.

Congratulations to the organising committee of Wear it purple day last week, a very successful event raising both awareness and funds to support and empower Rainbow Youth.

Woonona High School recognised National RUOK Day yesterday beginning with a whole school assembly where students were informed by SRC students of the significance of RUOK Day, were entertained by a skit from ‘in uniform’ Deputy Principals and given the task of asking a randomly chosen student in their year group; RUOK? Congratulations to the SRC for another successful initiative.

Student voice at Woonona High School is powerful and meaningful; well done everyone.

Woonona High School students and staff had the opportunity today to share with Ms Sharon Bird, Federal Member for Cunningham, the very positive impact of increased school funding in 2014 and 2015. Gonski funding as supported by the Liberal State Government and the Federal Government has allowed Woonona High to put in place a number of initiatives, programs and organisational structures that have had a significant impact on the achievements of WHS students. Our message to Ms Bird was the importance of supporting the 5th and 6th year of Gonski funding. This bipartisan approach to school funding is historical and has the potential to make lasting, significant changes to public education and most importantly to the educational outcomes for all students.

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Delivering excellence, innovation, opportunity and student success
On the 28 & 29 August, the 2015 production of Southern Stars was held at WIN entertainment centre. The performance called “Beyond the Frame”, featured over 2500 students from southern NSW schools. A large contingent of 23 WHS students took part in this year’s production under the guidance of Miss Zoe Pryor and Miss Rhiannon Sharp. The show was spectacular and a huge success.

Our students were heavily involved in the production. They performed in the national anthem as well as dancing in the front row of the finale of the show. Our troop also had a featured dance item, ‘Carnivale’/‘Sweet Dreams’, which looked fantastic and was full of energy. There was even a special guest appearance from Year 10 students Bronte Petrolo, Cassandra Lane, Holly Forrest and Bianca Doronzo who featured in a drama item to open the show!

This year Miss Pryor (our very own Dance teacher) was selected to choreograph the finale of the show, which was a huge honour. At the performances Miss Pryor managed Tunnel 3 and said it was a fun process of listening to all the stage management cues & organising students to be on the floor at all the correct times! She also praised our students saying that “the Woonona High School troop had been wonderful and a credit to the school! ”.

A big thankyou to Miss Zoe Pryor and Miss Rhiannon Sharp for all their hard work, the extra hours they devoted and for their commitment they have shown to our students involved in the production. Well done!
SOUTHERN STARS EXCURSION

Last Friday Woonona students had the pleasure to visit the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong to support our Southern Stars performers. The arena styled performance event involved students and teachers from many schools around the Illawarra. Singers, circus performances and dancers wowed audiences with catchy tunes, fantastic dance moves and an atmosphere that left a lasting impression. The heart pumping finale performance involved Woonona students and another 3,000+ students was truly an impressive spectacle!

Huge congratulations to PDHPE teacher at Woonona Zoe Pryor who assisted stage management, choreographed the final performance and Woonona star performance in “Sweet Dreams”. Another congratulations goes to Ms Rhiannon Sharp who assisted with organisation and the students involved in the Woonona High School Dance Ensemble.

Amber King
(WHS English teacher)

INTERVIEW WITH JOSH BATE

Miss Zoe Prior interviewed Year 11 student Joshua Bate about his experiences performing in Southern Stars:

Q. How many years have you been involved in Southern Stars?
5 years.

A. What is your role in Southern Stars?
Primary dance for 2 years; Drum line/VET student 1 year; Orchestra Percussionist 2 years.

Q. How would you sum up your Southern Stars experience in 10 words?
A. Freaking awesome! Makes the hard times at school worth it!

Q. What is the best part of being involved in the production?
A. Definitely being around like minded people. Who understand music the way I do and who just ‘get it’ - such great people!

Well done Josh, Woonona High School and Southern Stars is lucky to have such great musical talent involved with the show.

Thank you to Ms King, Miss Sharp and Miss Pryor for these great photos of this year’s performance.

Delivering excellence, innovation, opportunity and student success
On Wednesday 26th August, Year 12 HSC Visual Art and Design & Technology students showcased their major works to parents / carers and other students. The display was the culmination of many, many hours of hard work and effort by the students to produce these works for their HSC.

In Visual Art, students work towards producing a “Body of Works” using the media and style of their choice for the HSC. For Industrial Technology, students are required to produce a Major Project along with supporting folio.

The works will be marked by HSC independent markers this week. Well done to all students and we wish them well in the HSC.
On Friday 28 August, Woonona High School staff and students came out in force to show their supports for 'Wear It Purple Day', with many donning purple outfits, ties, wigs and other accessories in support of LGBTI identifying youth.

Founded in 2010 by two teenagers, Wear It Purple Day is a youth-led organisation that exists to support and empower Rainbow Youth (i.e sexually diverse and gender diverse youth).

Wear It Purple Day at Woonona High School was organised and run by our 'LGBTI and Their Allies' group, with guidance from Mr Reynolds. The student-run group, lead by year 12, created a message for all Woonona High School staff and students that ‘It’s Not Okay To Say It’s So Gay!’.

Mr Reynolds would like to pay special thanks to Denym Downes, Cello Mahon, Hannah Rathbone, Olivia Fripp, Eryn Te Pairi-Pratt and Tama Howell-Rosicky for all of their organisation, campaigning and commitment to making the day run as smoothly as possible. Thank you also to Jordyn Salisbury, Mary Jane Latu, Makayla Moore and Chloe Jackson (who all supplied the cakes for the cake stall) and to Mr Bradley & SRC for their contributions and donations.
As well as all the purple clad people, Woonona High School staff and students dug deep on Friday at the sausage sizzle and the donation bin to raise $407.85! This money will be donated to Twenty10, a community based, not for profit, state wide organisation and will be put to use by supporting LGBTI identifying teens, their families and communities.

Well done to all the students involved in promoting the day and thank you to Mr Cameron Reynolds for his organisation and for inspiring us all to support this very important cause.
**R U O K? DAY**

Something we’re never too young to learn is that asking “are you ok?” can make a difference.

On Thursday 3rd September Woonona High’s SRC held RUOK? day. The day was aimed at helping students be more caring and compassionate towards others. The SRC hoped the day would enhance the school’s values and make it a place where students can be themselves, somewhere they can feel more comfortable to ask for help or just giving students someone they can sit and talk to.

After a hilarious skit by Deputy Principal’s Ms Watt and Mr McKenzie at assembly, showing how NOT to ask someone if they’re OK, students were given the name of one person in their year group. The students were encouraged to find that student during recess or lunch and ask them ‘RUOK?’.

The day was a success and there were lots of positive reports. It is hoped for RUOK? day to be an annual event, but also for the Woonona High student body to further develop a strong sense of empathy and genuine concern for people around them at all times.

So this week share the love and ask someone around you RUOK?

Mr Bradley
SRC Coordinator

**YEAR 8 ENGLISH PICTURE BOOKS**

Year 8 have spent this term investigating how different aspects of our lives are represented in images, with a particular focus on picture books. We focused on the theme of identity and studied techniques such as symbolism, vectors, reading paths, and colour connotations. Students were expected to create their own picture books with a minimum of eight double pages, exploring the idea of representation. They were also asked to compose a written reflection on the creative process and explain how they put their ideas together. Students enjoyed this highly creative activity and the opportunity to have some autonomy over the work they produced.

Marnie Whiddon (English Teacher)
Congratulations to Year 12 WRAP English on their completion of their final assignment - creating a website. Students learnt how to use and navigate the website builder Weebly and create a website based around their own interests and future job prospects. Students were required to incorporate hyperlink, videos and photos. Design features such as colours, content, typeface, loadtime, layout and navigation were also aspects that the students mastered in their creation of their site. Well done to Holly Adams, Sarah Armour, Austin Brooks, Jack Dugan, Benjamin Grief, Benjamin Mort and Justin Prokopovich.

Ms King (English Teacher)

This week I had the pleasure of listening to indigenous speaker Monte Pryor as he talked to Year 7 students. Monte played the didgeridoo and told hilarious stories to the students as they listened in awe. His stories were relevant and obviously touched a cord with many of the students as he spoke about issues relating to family and childhood. Boori (Monty) Pryor is a storyteller, writer and performer. He was born in Townsville, North Queensland in 1950. His father is of the Birri-gubba people from the Bowen region and his mother, from Yarrabah near Cairns, is Kunggandji. An articulate public speaker on Aboriginal issues, Boori has worked in numerous industries, including education, film, television, modeling, sport and music. He has played in two World Masters Games in basketball competition, winning a Silver Medal for Australia in 1994.
On Tuesday 25 August Year 11 WHS students travelled by bus to Homebush to attend the annual bstreetsmart presentation. The students were accompanied by Mr Hancock, Ms Packer Mrs McCarthy and Mr De Main.

For the last nine years, Westmead Hospital has held bstreetsmart, an injury prevention program that is open to students in Years 10 to 12 in all government and non-government high schools in NSW and the ACT. In Year 11 many students start to learn to drive and many of them have their licences by the time they enter Year 12. Woonona High School students have attended this important road safety program every year for the past 3 years.

The program provides students who are most at risk with a realistic look at the trauma caused by road crashes and provides them with information and strategies in an attempt to reduce serious injuries and deaths. The program’s contents and structure aim to treat young people as adults allowing them freedom to choose from a range of interactive exhibits.

The day included an exciting combination of demonstrations, crash dynamics and rescue, vehicle stopping distances and active exhibits.

The aim of the bstreetsmart is to help young people make decisions that reduce their risk of being in a crash.

bstreetsmart and RYDA (also a series of practical and powerful workshops that aim to change the way young people think about road safety) form part of the compulsory “Cross Roads” program for Year 11 and 12 students. “Cross Roads” is a 25hr life education program that aims to support senior students as they address issues related to identity, independence and the changing responsibilities they face. In Crossroads, students have the opportunity to develop knowledge, understanding and skills to enable them to make informed decisions about issues, which are pertinent to them at this stage of life.

Year 11 students will be attending the RYDA program on 2 November.
VISUAL ART ARCHILBALD PRIZE EXCURSION

On Thursday 27 August, students from Year 9 and 10 Visual Arts classes as well as the Year 8 Accelerated Art class were invited to travel to the Art Gallery of NSW as part of their Visual Arts course. The students were accompanied by Art Teachers Mrs Armstrong and Mr Hoole. At the gallery students were able to view the current 2015 Archibald prize exhibition as well as other permanent exhibitions housed at the gallery.

The Archibald Prize, first awarded in 1921, is Australia’s favourite art award, and one of its most prestigious. It is awarded to the best portrait painting. This year’s winner was Nigel Milsom with his portrait entitled “Judo house pt6 (the white bird)” (pictured far left).

SHARON BIRD VISITS

Sharon Bird, Federal Member for Cunningham and Shadow Minister for Vocational Education visited Woonona High School on Friday 4 September. Sharon who has been a tireless advocate for education and youth issues, spent time speaking to Year 12 students Elleigh Price and James Overton. Sharon was particularly interested in both students’ plans for post school education and their aspirations for their future careers.

Sharon also spent time in discussions with Principal Belinda Wall, Mr Cameron Reynolds and other staff members. The discussions centred around how Gonski funding has helped our school. Please see Ms Walls address on page 2.
Skulduggery Pleasant Last Stand of Dead Men, by Derek Landy

This book is one of the best books you will ever read. As a reader, you may want books that are just for boys or girls. But this book is recommended for 12 – 18 years old and can be read by girls and boys. The book is a fantasy themed novel so it involves magic, crime, murder, mystery, action and comedy.

In the book, war has finally come. It isn't just about good and evil, it is a war between Sanctuaries. For too long the Irish Sanctuary has been on the edge of world-disaster and other Sanctuaries from around the world have finally had enough. Skulduggery Pleasant and Valkyrie Cain are the two main characters and they have to find and team up with the rest of the Dead Men, before it's too late.

Valkyrie and Skulduggery solve crimes together around the world without non-magic people knowing like you and me. Valkyrie and Skulduggery are sorcerers and they both have elemental powers such as fire and air. In the book, they use fire balls as their main weapons and air for flying around. But Valkyrie can't fly yet because she doesn't know how to, so she relies on Skulduggery to fly her around.

Skulduggery Pleasant is a skeleton who is a detective. He looks scary and creepy but he isn't quite what you think. He is stubborn and funny which makes you kind of like his character more. During the book, Skulduggery didn't buy Valkyrie a birthday present. Valkyrie argues with him that buying a birthday present is a nice thing and he doesn't know why. This makes the reader laugh because you don't expect this to happen and that it is surprising why you don't buy someone a present.

"Yes, I'm mad at you. People buy presents for people who are important to them. After all this time, I didn't think I had to tell you to buy me present."

“And I didn't think I had to buy you a present to prove that you're important to me.”

“Well... I mean... you don't, but... but that's not the point. It's not about proving, it's about showing.”

“And a gift is an accurate measurement? Your parents got you a car. Does this mean you are as important to them as a car? Do they love you a car's worth?”

Valkyrie Cain is a just an 18 year old girl who feels like she doesn't really fit in. She is Skulduggery Pleasant's partner in solving crime. She has a reflection that acts like her so when she is away fighting crime, her non-magic family thinks that the reflection is their daughter. This makes the reader think how awesome it would be to have a reflection to get out of school work and be doing other things while your work is being done. While that is happening, there is another war rages; a war within Valkyrie. If Valkyrie can't stop her dark side, Darquesse will rise and destroy everything.

Darquesse is Valkyrie's true name and she is an evil part of Valkyrie. Evil sorcerers want to release Darquesse so she can destroy the world but they don't know that she is within Valkyrie. Only Skulduggery knows that she is Darquesse. Skulduggery and Valkyrie are trying to stop Darquesse from leaving Valkyrie's body. Darquesse has taken over Valkyrie's body a couple of times because Valkyrie was weak. But they stopped Darquesse and got Valkyrie back. Now, Skulduggery and Valkyrie have to find a way to stop Darquesse once and for all so she can't do any harm to anyone.

I enjoyed this book as a reader because I love the characters Derek Landy has created and I feel like some those characters relate to me. Sometimes, I feel like it is happening right now without us knowing it! I have read all the books in the series and they are the best!

The reason why I personally want you to read this book is because once you start reading, you cannot stop. The book is described so well that you can imagine anything that Derek Landy has written, even if you aren't imaginative. You feel that you are in the book and you can picture everything that is going on.

Caitlin O'Flynn, Year 8
Students who recently represented Woonona High School at the South Coast Public Speaking competition were congratulated.

As part of Book Week, the library ran a competition for students. Year 8 student Phoebe Austin was congratulated as the winner. See page 19 for the full Book Week report.

Miss Zoe Pryor and our 23 student performers were congratulated on their efforts at Southern Stars. They were presented with certificates of appreciation. See the full story on pages 4 & 5.

The pictured students (left) will represent Woonona High School at the CHS State Athletics Carnival State athletics this week. Results will be available next newsletter.

Pictured below is Ms Amy Peace (English Teacher) with Year 12 students who were presented with awards of encouragement for their efforts in HSC preparation.
From Monday 24th to Friday 28th August four students from Woonona High School, Amelia McPherson, Conor Johnson, Jessica Ayrton and Jade O’Brien along with 100 other students embarked on the 2015 Regional SRC Conference Camp which was held at Yass near Australia’s capital. The student representatives gathered to gain knowledge on how to improve their SRC and also themselves as leaders.

Amelia in Year 11 is a member in the regional SRC team along with fifteen others from around the region. Three accompanying students, Conor in Year 10 along with Jade and Jessica of Year 9 learnt the insight knowledge of school captains and other special guests to help teach the multiple aspects of being a good leader. Students also learnt how to improve the qualities of the schools around the region through workshops that brought groups of students together to discuss different strategies. Each group was lead by two Regional SRC members where discussions centred around 'big ideas' that will not only benefit their separate schools in a variety of different ways. The aim of these groups was two fold in that they created region wide collaboration.

The use of four, one and a half hour workshops that could be chosen by the 100 separate individuals split between two days that were ran by the conference organiser and special guests brought in to help with their views on being a good leader, another workshop leader was our very own Amelia McPherson of year 11 teaching with an associate about 'same difference' which was a program that focused on same gender equality throughout schools. This was a way for all participants to receive a variety of different skills that they were able to take back to their schools.

Whole group activities known as 'energisers' was a way to prepare the students for the massive day awaiting them and started around 8am every morning and once the day was done and time to go back into the dorms/rooms after a day reflection it was around 10:30pm. The final night was celebrated with a disco that ran into 11pm and left the friendships that still stand today between those from different schools say goodbye on a high as the following day was a early leave for most around 10am and so loaded with warm and fuzzies given throughout the stay all made their way back to the schools or meeting places heading for home.
On the 27th of August a group of Woonona high students from Years nine and ten went to the Illawarra Trades Road Show which was held at Port Kembla’s Five Islands Senior College. This event was designed to give students a little taste of what a career would be like in the field of their choice.

We were given 80 minutes to walk around and have a look at all of the different career opportunities that we were up for offer. The college was filled with many eager students and there were many career opportunities ranging from childcare, bricklaying and welding, police force, hospitality, graphic design and many more. The 80 minutes gave us plenty of time to go and have a good look at what we were interested in doing. It was good to see that the majority of the stations were very hands on and gave everyone a chance to try something new. As we walked around there was many enthusiastic workers who were keen to make sure everyone had a go and that we all took something new away from the day. Personally I learnt how to lay a brick and I am sure many other students learnt something new as well.

Overall it was a very informative day and we all enjoyed ourselves. I would now just like to thank Mr Chamberlain for organising the day and taking us there. We appreciate all the hard work you put in and all that you do for the school.

Thank you
Jasmin Wilson (Year 10)
During Book Week the Children’s Book Council of Australia also announces the 2015 Book of the Year Award Winners. These were as follows:

**Book of the Year:**
- **Older Readers (teenage) winner:** Claire Zorn - *The Protected*. Clare recently visited (June 2015) Woonona High and spoke to our students about this book.
- **Younger Readers (independent younger readers) winner:** Gleeson, Libby - Blackwood, Freya (ill.) - *The Cleo Stories The Necklace and the Present*.

These books are all available in the library.

**HSC RESOURCES**

With the HSC examinations starting soon coming up, I would like to remind senior students about the many HSC resources available in the library. There are study guides on all subjects offered at Woonona High and also guides on how to write essays.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN and LEARN PROGRAM 2015**

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**.
YEAR 12

It is down to the wire for our HSC students. I know they have put in many hours of preparation for their exams and they will be justly rewarded for their efforts. Regardless of their future plans now is the time to maintain consistent study routines to maximise their HSC results.

The University of Wollongong

WOW, a record number of HSC students have applied for Early Admission to the University of Wollongong, over fifty percent of the HSC cohort. Students will learn if they have been invited to sit an interview in the final week of term. Regardless of the result of their application they still can enter university through the more traditional ATAR route or as mature age student. Also remember that a successful Early Admission applicant is still expected to maintain their level of achievement.

It is also important to realise that there is life after the HSC; life will go on. In the wake of results being released the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) will offer a Careers Advisory Service “Navigate Your Career”. This service may be accessed form 18-23 December at 1300 300 687 or at www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au.

Gap Years

Students interesting in taking a gap year in 2016 can find information regarding gap year programs at woononahighcareers.com

TAFE

TAFE Choices Day will be Saturday 21 November. Any student wishing to attend TAFE Illawarra in 2016 should attend.

Any student wishing to leave school in 2016; with and HSC or other wise may wish to attend the event below at TAFE Illawarra, advance bookings are essential.

LEAVING SCHOOL—WHAT NEXT?

The ‘Leaving School – What Next’ Program will help you:

- Work out what careers would suit you
- See what courses may be available in 2016
- Includes a Career Assessment
- Check out TAFE and University options
- Is a FREE program for school students in years 10, 11 or 12

Career Development, Assessment and Counselling (CDAAC) (a part of TAFE Illawarra) is inviting school students to a Career and Course evening. For many young people (and their parents/guardian) the decision about whether to leave school and what to do is very stressful. This program will help you get the information you need and start planning for study in 2016.

Thursday 10th September 2015
WOLLONGONG TAFE (Map attached)
Foley’s Lane, North Wollongong
Block B, Conference Room
6pm to 8pm

To book your place or make enquiries please phone:
Sally Kettley on 4229 0535
Year 10 are now completing Career Plans in their HSIE classes. Parents can see these in the ‘Student Secure Area’ of woononahhighcareers.com. Seeing them requires their child to open the password protected area of the site.

Year 10 Work Experience will be in Week 7 of Term 4; 16-20 November. In the lead up to this students will be doing preparatory lesson in PDHPE classes. Students will be required to complete; Career Plans, resumes, A Safe at Work unit and compose cover letters. The website woononahhighcareers.com will be used extensively for all of these activities.

All students will be expected to complete Work Experience in Term 4. As the Department of Education and Communities standards for completing the Student Placement Record (Work Experience forms) has become quite rigorous and demands scrupulous review by the Careers Adviser, that is by me, all students must have their placement secured by week five; 6 November in order that I can be sure the forms are all correctly filled out. I will send provide all Year 10 students with letters to employers and parents as well as all mandatory Work Experience Documents during Week 9 of this term so they may look for Work Experience now and during the school holidays.

**CENTRAL AUSTRALIA EXCURSION**

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)
STAR™ Assessments and Accelerated Reader™ Program

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Woonona High School, as part of our ongoing commitment to best practice teaching and learning, has recently invested in two literacy programs developed by Renaissance Learning™. These are the STAR™ Reading Assessment program and Accelerated Reader™ program.

What is STAR Reading™?
STAR Reading™ is a computer-adaptive test. This means it continually adjusts the difficulty of each child’s test based on the child’s previous responses. If the child answers a question correctly, the difficulty level is increased. If the child misses a question, the difficulty is decreased. This saves time and prevents the frustration of a test which is too difficult or the boredom of a test which is too easy. The STAR Reading™ test takes approximately 20 – 25 minutes and the results from this testing will be used to place students into the Accelerated Reader program.

What is Accelerated Reader™?
Accelerated Reader™ is a computer program that helps teachers and librarians manage and monitor children’s independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at their correct reading level and reads it at his/her own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. Accelerated Reader™ gives children, teachers and librarians feedback based on the quiz results. Children are able to choose their own books to read, rather than having one assigned to them. This makes reading a much more enjoyable experience as they can choose books that are interesting to them. In most cases, children really enjoy taking the quizzes. Since they are reading books at their reading and interest levels, they are likely to be successful. Best of all, they learn and grow at their own pace.

What can parents do to help?
As with anything, performance improves with practice. Encourage your child to read at home. Create a culture of reading at home by reading with your child, taking them to the library, letting your child see you reading and discussing books you have read together.

Time will be allocated for regular reading at school as part of the English program. Please do not hesitate to call the school and talk to Ms Matthews, or your child’s English teacher, if you have any questions about this program. Alternatively, you could visit https://www.renaissance.com/ for more detailed information about these programs.

Clare Matthews
Belinda Wall

Head Teacher English Principal
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**YOUR TUTOR**

Wollongong City Libraries now has more help for students. You can gain help with your assignment or resume through a new service called Your Tutor. Your Tutor connects a student to an expert teacher who can help with writing and schoolwork. Students either connect online for immediate help or upload a draft and get feedback returned in less than 24 hours. Students can use the service from home or in any of Wollongong’s seven libraries.

The service joins students with a fully qualified, Australian tutor between 3pm and 10pm on Sundays to Fridays. All library members need to do is visit the library home page.

Tutoring is available for Years 3 to 12 and for TAFE and University undergraduates. The resume service is available for anyone! All that is required is a Wollongong Library card.

For more information see the library website http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library

**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

**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.
Delivering excellence, innovation, opportunity and student success

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


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

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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

$1,000.00 DENTAL VOUCHER

Dear Parents,

Don’t miss out on Medicare's $1,000.00 voucher for your Children’s Dental Treatment which expires in December.

Parents who receive Family Tax Benefit A are eligible to receive this offer.

Call our friendly team on 4285 1222 to make your appointment before this Medicare scheme ends.
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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
125th 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 4234 4234
or visit www.cps125.weebly.com

Road Safety Campaign
Back to School... Safely
...Are we doing all we can?
call: 1300 500 055

Boyland TGSadar
Unidirectional Extended Bidirectional
Bi-Directional

Testimonial:
Our Local opyition (SpeedCheck VP Only) has been working very effectively since they installed it about 9 years ago. They were originally purchased for our school P&C C as an add-on to the everyday activities that included speed camera schools.
This has been extremely effective and is doing what the Federal government often says is needed to deter crime and reduce accidents to all the people.
Our local council have been very supportive in our schools initiatives and local staff are always on hand to help out.
We have been working with them for a very long time and have always been impressed with their professionalism and cooperation. Our local community is very appreciative.
Should you require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the friendly and professional team at
Boyland Group
1300 300 000

TAFE NSW
ILLAWARRA

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

To see if you are eligible please ring 4229 0155.

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

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Yoga and Meditation workshops

FREE!

For ages 12-25

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

headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health under the Youth Mental Health Initiative.
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 bullisippers@gmail.com
bullisurfclub.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.cricketc.com.au

or
Email: tndjcc_registration@butcher cricket.com

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

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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

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