Welcome Year 7

8 February 2016

Excellence Innovation Success
Let me take this opportunity to welcome all students and their families who are new to Woonona High School. This includes, of course, the 130 Year 7 students who have started high school this year. Early reports from Ms Steele, Year 7 Adviser indicate that our Year 7 students have had a very positive start to high school.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Sally Johnstone into our English faculty, Mr Matt Gilbert and Ms Sarah Somerville into our Mathematics faculty, Mrs Suzanne Montague and Ms Madeline Baddley into Visual Arts and Dr Sarah McKenzie into the Science faculty, all have reported receiving a very warm and friendly welcome from both staff and students. I would also like to welcome back after a year away from WHS, Mr Martin Whitcher into the HSIE faculty and Mr Guy McDermott into PDHE.

Ms Natasha Watt will be Deputy Principal responsible for Years 7, 9 and 11. Mr Neil Brophy will be Relieving Deputy Principal responsible for Years 8, 10 and 12. Mr Peter Holliday will be Relieving Head Teacher Mathematics, Mr Paul Zubovic will be Relieving Head Teacher TAS, Mr Tim Wilson will be relieving Head Teacher Science and Ms Ann Burns will be Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE.

Year 7 Teacher Parent welcome afternoon
On Thursday 25th February a Year 7 student and parent afternoon will be held in the school hall. The focus of the afternoon is an informal get together allowing staff and parents to meet, for parents to provide information on their child’s strengths and interests and to gauge how they have settled into the early days of high school.

2015 HSC Results
2015 was another year of outstanding HSC results for Woonona High School. Of the 62 students who undertook the HSC some of their achievements included;

16 band 6’s in the following courses; English Advanced, Extension English 2, Engineering, PDHPE, Society and Culture, Community and Family Studies, Business Studies and Hospitality.

81 band 5’s achieved in a variety of courses.

The top 16 students as calculated by their ATAR are; Grace Murphy, Jonathon Cotterill, James Overton, Stephen Wallace, Nia Flahive, Brenna Petrolo, Tahlai Reynolds, Elleigh Price, Nathan Peary, Emma Maslowski, Alyse Egbers, Rose Murphy, Chad Butterowski, Ben Brien, Tim Pollock and Meg Taylor.

Congratulations to each and every one of them, hard work, dedication and commitment articulated into wonderful HSC results.

Diaries
WHS Diaries have been issued to all students. Thank you to those families who have already paid the $15.00 purchase price of the diaries.

As outlined last year the diaries have been introduced in response to recommendations from the whole school evaluation carried out in term 3, 2013 and again in term 4, 2015. Students are required to have and use the diary each lesson, additionally recognition for student achievement will again this year be via merit stamps placed in the diary. Can I ask that parents check their child’s diary and sign (on the bottom of the page) that they have done so. Diaries will be checked by roll call teachers and Year Advisers each week in the extended roll call period.

Please note that for parents who purchased Year 7 Book Packs the price of the diary was included.

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SAFETY ALERT

Unfortunately, this week two of our students have been involved in accidents with cars, fortunately neither of the student’s sustained serious injury but both were quite shaken by the incident. Both students were either; riding or pushing a bike, both wore helmets and both were adhering to road rules, general safety rules and common sense. The drivers of the cars involved however were not!

We currently have 635 students and two main exits that are shared pedestrian and vehicle entry and exit points.

Can I please again remind and request that parents or family members drop off and collect students outside of school grounds. The school front car park and Austin Street car park are small, congested spaces and not preferred pick up and drop off zones particularly at the most congested times of the day when all 635 students are attempting to exit or enter the school grounds at the same time.

Your understanding and compliance with this request is most appreciated.

ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The school will be conducting its annual Swimming Carnival at Corrimal Pool on Wednesday 10th February.

Students are to report directly to Corrimal Pool.

THERE WILL BE NO SUPERVISION AT SCHOOL, NOR WILL STUDENTS BE SUPERVISED MAKING THEIR WAY TO OR FROM CORRIMAL POOL.

Roll Call will take place at 8.30am inside the venue and students will be dismissed from the pool at the conclusion of the carnival at 2.30pm. It is anticipated that all students will attend and all students are encouraged to participate in the events.

Students are permitted to wear house colours on the day and are reminded to bring a hat and sunscreen. Wet weather gear would also be advisable. Please leave all valuables at home.

In the event of inclement weather please listen to Wave FM or i98 for details of possible postponements.

All parents/grandparents are invited to join us.

Mrs Sim (Carnival Organiser)
WELCOME YEAR 7, 2016

A welcome message from Ms Steele

WOW - what an amazing start to 2016. It was so lovely to see everyone dressed in their new school uniforms and ready to commence their first day of high school. All students have been off to a flying start navigating their new surroundings and positively communicating with each other - with an honorable mention to one class, whom I found chasing their tail in an attempt to find their Science room.

Nevertheless, on Wednesday of week 2, Year 7 were set free to find their own way to their timetabled lessons. A very relieved and excited cohort welcomed this news and they have proved to be quite independent. We look forward to the upcoming Swimming Carnival and Surf Day for our new students to take a part in and as for the rest of year... we welcome you and your families and wish you all the best of luck in your first year of high school.

I’m very excited to be sharing this journey with you!

FIRST DAY EXCITEMENT

On their first day there were lots of smiles and excitement as our new Year 7 cohort for 2016 began another chapter in their lives—their journey through high school. The students looked comfortable and confident as they gathered on the front lawn with teachers and peers before going to the hall for their first high school roll call.

After a hectic morning of getting their timetables sorted and attending classes, Year 7 took a well earned recess break. On talking with the students it was evident they were all enjoying their first day. Science, PE, Language and Drama classes were all proving popular so far.

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HSC ATAR MORNING TEA

On Thursday 17 December staff and 2015 Year 12 students gathered to celebrate their HSC successes. There were lots of happy faces as the students discussed their HSC results and ATAR rankings with teachers and peers.

There was reason to celebrate as six of our students achieved an ATAR ranking of over 86% and a further six students achieved ATAR's of over 80%.

Some of our high achieving students included Grace Murphy, Jonathan Cotterill, James Overton, Stephen Wallace, Nia Flahive and Brenna Petrolo.

Congratulations to these students and to all our 2015 HSC students. We are very proud of your efforts and wish you all well for your further studies and careers.
On Monday 1st February year 12 attended a study skills workshop at the University of Wollongong. Rowan Kunz presented a range of strategies based on research of successful HSC high achievers.

Students learnt the importance of:

- Creating study goals
- Making your ATAR mean something
- Working out your goal marks via a Reverse ATAR calculator
- Creating study plans
- Effective Study habits and memory retention
- Integrating past HSC questions into your study notes

Throughout the year, students will be reminded of various aspects of Rowan’s presentation at their year meetings and given opportunities to reflect on how they are progressing in their journey to HSC success.

More information and free support is available on Rowan’s YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrZDmupZ99dfVJfVfMVkFukHA or google MrStudyTV Rowan Kunz.

To ensure the best outcome for your Son/Daughter, HSC Teacher mentors will also be available to those students who would like one. Study sessions and help with assessment tasks will be available in the library on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Mr Ben Bradley
Year 12 Year Adviser

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School Photo Day this year is Thursday 11 February. The order envelopes will be handed to students as soon as they are available. Students are to bring their completed envelope to school on the 11th and hand it to the photographer.

Students must be dressed in correct school uniform. This means that excessive make-up, large or obvious jewellery, or T-Shirts under school shirts will need to be removed for the photograph.

Sibling and friends photos will be able to be taken at lunch time.

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The second last day of Term again saw approximately 24 students load into a mini bus and head out to unknown surfing destinations on a Surfari Adventure. First stop was the “farm” where the students found an uncrowded long easy rolling wave and a number of peaks. Some great waves were ridden and some long chats were had, (yes folks surfing is a very social experience, more social than physical for some and we embrace that philosophy also).

After checking Mystics, (North end of Minnamurra beach), the Kiama body boarding suck rock and the blowhole we headed again to the North End of Werri where again we found great surf which catered for all comers.

Another couple of hours in the water it was time to head home. Everyone was surf stoked and sharing stories of that massive barrel or air manoeuvre that they had completed, not all were witnessed but we were assured that they all took place. All in all again a great way to get our surfing fraternity together again for a special experience. The photos tell the story, congratulations to Phoebe Morgan on the great pics and thanks Phoebe for volunteering your services.

Many Thanks to Dal Proudfoot and Nick Logan who came along also and helped out in all aspects of the day and well done to the students on the way they conducted themselves and embraced their opportunities on the day.

Rod Landy, John Chamberlain and George, (The Old Surf Dog) Cullen.
We arrived and set up for the contest and then sent all students in for an expression session warm-up surf while the draw was completed. Then ...... !!!, a massive south easterly squall hit which had us holding onto tent poles, burying loose boards in sand and as a bonus, most of us also got a refreshing fresh water rinse off. Thankfully the wind subsided to less than gale force and we were able to pack up in a fairly orderly manner. Thank you again to all students, teachers and parents who chipped in, but unlike Incy Wincey Spider our day was done.

The students all found a safe way home and the teachers regrouped at school to wash down the contest gear and trailer. Thanks to Scarborough Board riders for the loan of the contest equipment again this year.

Rod Landy, John Chamberlain, Russell Locke and Shae Arazny.
EOY BEACH ACTIVITIES

Another of the activities that students could choose from for their end of year activity was “Beach Activities”.

Mr Reynolds took the enthusiastic group of students to Woonona Beach for a day of fun beach games. While the group was there they saw the opportunity to do something worthwhile for the community and set about cleaning up the beach and surrounding area.

Well done to these students and Mr Reynolds, I’m sure the local beach goers much appreciated your efforts.

EOY LAWN BOWLS

No longer considered an older persons game, Lawn Bowls is becoming increasingly popular as a sport amongst younger people. Last year Lawn Bowls was offered as one of the end of year activities in which students were able to participate. A group of enthusiastic students along with Miss King and Mrs Whiddon took to the greens to learn and practice the art of Lawn Bowls. Not always as easy as it looks, the students made great headway under the guidance of one of Woonona Bowling Club’s bowling members.

Lawn Bowls is also offered as a Wednesday afternoon sport choice for interested students.
Last week saw the completion of our new “Dance” studio. The studio will be used for elective “Dance” classes (offered in Year 9), “Dance” for sport classes and our CAPA Dance class. We also have a WHS Dance ensemble who will be very happy with the new Dance studio.

The classroom underwent a total transformation with sprung wooden flooring, a carpeted area, change and storage rooms as well as full length safety mirrors being installed. The room was also painted and new curtains were fitted.

Dance teacher Ms Steele (Pryor) is extremely happy with the renovation and is very eager for practical dance classes to be in full swing.

As can be seen from the photos below, the disused classroom needed a lot of work and with help from an IMB grant and a generous donation from Woonona Bulli RSL Club towards the project, Woonona High School was able to provide students with a fully furbished, high class dance studio.

We will be looking forward to seeing the results of our Dance classes.

Ms Steele is asking for anyone who would like to be involved in a dance ensemble to see her as soon as possible. We may divide the group into Junior and Senior, depending on numbers.

Being involved in the ensemble will provide opportunities such as:
- Dance Festival (7-10)
- Thirroul Seaside Festival (7-10)
- Southern Stars (Yr 9-11)
- School Spectacular (excursion)
- Variety Night
- School play/Musical

There will be a meeting on Monday 8th Feb (week 3) at Recess to discuss rehearsal days and times.
During the last week of term 2015, a representative from the Salvation Army came to collect all the donations that had been collected for our Christmas giving tree. The representative was astounded at how many goodies there were under our tree and it took her two trips in her SUV to transport all the donations back to the Salvation Army depot for distribution.

Ms Steele, who took the photo with her phone, said that the severe thunder and lightning gave way to the deafening sound of hail stones hitting the metal roof and gutters. It lasted for approximately half an hour and left our school grounds (and neighbouring suburb) looking like it had snowed.

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We would like to thank every family and staff member who donated to this very worthy cause. The Salvation Army were extremely grateful for the donations—especially right on Christmas time when many families are struggling.

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Congratulations to the following Woonona High School students who were successful in their audition to become a member of the 2016 Regional Performing Ensemble.

Ethan Johnson, Year 9, Drums
Caleb Bate, Year 9, Trumpet
Phoebe Austin, Year 9, Piano

These students will undertake tuition at a 3 day camp in February, followed by 3 day tours each term wherein they will perform around the state for Public School students showcasing their talents in a 1 hour variety performance. Over 250 students auditioned for a place in the Regional Performing Ensemble so we are very proud of these students.

Community of Schools Band Program

The Woonona Community of Schools Band Program has been running successfully since 2012 and last year we had 20 students from Russell Vale and Woonona Primary Schools participating. This year many of those students are now in high school playing in the Junior Band. Each Wednesday afternoon during sport time, primary students come to Woonona High School to learn an instrument and rehearse as a band. Our senior music students and outside tutors provide small group instruction on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, violin, guitar, bass, keyboard or drums.

Primary students who were in the program last year will be continuing to rehearse this term in preparation for a tour of our local primary schools to promote the program. We will be taking applications for new primary band students in Term 2 after the tour.

I would like to thank all of our Woonona High School students who assist with this program each week and to congratulate our primary band for their progress last year. The Primary and Junior Bands will be performing later in the year – details to come.

Junior Band

This band comprises Woonona HS students (most of whom learnt their instruments through the Community of Schools Band Program) and advanced primary students. Students are invited to join once they reach a certain level in the Primary Band, or schools with advanced players may contact us to put in an application for students. The Junior Band currently rehearses from 8am - 9:30am on Wednesday mornings at Woonona High School. Primary school students are able to leave the rehearsal early to attend their school at the normal time. The Junior Band will be performing at the Thirroul Seaside Arts Festival on April 3rd and many other events throughout the year.

Music Tuition Program

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On Tuesday 5th April Woonona High School will hold its 18th Unplugged Concert. These concerts have been running since 2010 and were initially designed to raise money to purchase a grand piano for the Hall. After purchasing the piano in 2011, the concerts have continued to be a strong tradition with many talented students of all ages performing great live music once a term. All money raised now goes to the maintenance of the piano and the purchase of other equipment for music performance. Tickets are $5 for kids, $10 for adults and $25 for a family of 4. They are available to purchase on the night. The concert is at 7pm in the Hall. We hope to see you there!

Unplugged 18

Congratulations to the entire cast, crew and orchestra for receiving a coveted Highly Commended Award in The Arcadians Theatre Group Interschool Musical Drama Competition for their wonderful performances of the famous Broadway musical The Wiz in 2015. The Wiz is Woonona High School’s fourth musical since 2010 but last year was the first time we entered the Arcadians competition, which involves judges coming to watch the shows, giving feedback on the local public and private schools’ performances in the areas of Entertainment Value, Direction, Musicality, Staging, Continuity, Orchestra/Music, Sound and Lighting, Dancing, Costumes and Acting. We received very positive comments in all areas with judges’ scores of 77 and 80.

The following students received Arcadians Theatre Group Encouragement Awards:
Jay Archer (Tinman)
Tayla Hubbard (Dorothy)
Carla Baker (Munchkin)
Jade Harle (Munchkin)
Elly Moore (Munchkin)
Jade O’Brien (Munchkin)
Regan King (Featured Dancer)
Donevan Moss (Uncle Henry/Royal Gatekeeper/Lord High Underling)
Bronte Petrolo (Featured and Chorus Dancer)
Lucy Rouse (Addaperle – The Good Witch of the South)
Jarrod Turcato (Lion)

These students received Encouragement Awards and an Arcadians Theatre Medal:
Jordan Nicholson (The Wiz)
Sophie Jorgenson-Partis (Featured Aerialist)
Phoebe Basham (Featured Aerialist)
Conor Johnson (Scarecrow)

Well done to all students, staff and parents who were involved in putting on our production. Photo and DVD orders are now ready for collection at the Office. If you would like to order a copy of the show DVD or photos, please contact Miss Sharp.
Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another year at Woonona High School.

HSC “BOOTCAMP”

this week all Year 11 students participated in the ‘HSC Bootcamp’. This involved five workshops; Resilience, Exam Preparation, Note Taking, What to Expect in the HSC, and How I Learn. A cursory glance at evaluations filled in by students at this morning’s roll call show that most students found the presentations informative and practical. Unfortunately pictures are not yet available for publication.

DISCOVERY DAY

A group of aspirational Year 12 students will be attending an excursion to the University of Wollongong’s ‘Discovery Day’ on Monday 8 February. Students will attend authentic lectures on topics of their choice and live one day in the life of a typical university student. This excursion is always very enjoyable.

YEAR 10

I will be working closely with Year 10 throughout the year. All Year Ten students will participate in lessons helping them identify their unique aptitudes and abilities, learn how to seek and apply for employment, how to stay safe at work and participate in Work Experience in Week 7 of Term 4; 21-25 November. Students may also participate in excursions to UOW, TAFE and the Trade’s Roadshow as well as ‘Future Finder’ sessions designed to aid them in subject selection for Year 11.

SCHOOL DIARIES

A reminder to students to pay $15.00 at the front office for your 2016 School Diary.

Your diary is a very important tool in keeping you organised and it is a great way for teachers and your parents / carers to communicate.

Year 7 students please note: If you purchased a Year 7 Book Pack for school, the cost of your diary was included so you do not need to pay a further $15.00.

Thankyou

Mr Rayner

PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS

A message from Westpac:

We are pleased to advise that POP is now user friendly on mobile devices.

Behind the scenes Westpac has been working on an upgrade to the Parent Online Payment webpage attached to the school’s website. In the past using the ‘$ Make a payment” page through a mobile device or tablet has not been as easy as on a computer. Now, automatically, when parents click on this page, via a mobile device, they will be able to complete the online form with ease.

Please see the picture (right) of the page running on a mobile device for you information.
CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

MORNING “BREKKY CLUB”

Once again our very popular “Brekky” club will be running again this year. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:45 till 8:30am students will be offered toast with a choice of spreads as well as milk.

The “Brekky” club is important in encouraging our students to eat breakfast and in providing a relaxed and friendly atmosphere for students to socialise in. All students are welcome to come along to the “Brekky” Club.

At present Mr Proudfoot along with a handful of teachers run the club. I would like to ask if there are any parents / grandparents or carers who could spare 45 minutes to an hour once or twice a week to help with serving our students. We would be very appreciative of any help possible. If anyone is able to help, please phone the school on 42841513.

The “Brekky” club not only relies on volunteer teachers and parents to run but also relies on donations of jam and vegemite. If anyone could help out with donations they can be left at the front office.

Thank you again.

CANTEEN HELP

In the past few years our canteen food has undergone a fantastic transformation. New healthy options and a menu that changes daily has provided our students and staff with great food choices for recess and lunch. Our wonderful canteen ladies, Ms Mete and a handful of loyal volunteers work tirelessly to provide us with delicious, healthy food.

Our canteen serves hundreds of hungry students and staff every day and to make our canteen run successfully, and to keep costs to a minimum we rely heavily on parent / carer volunteers. If anyone has a spare few hours once a fortnight or once a month could you please consider volunteering at the canteen. It is a fantastic way to meet staff and students and enjoy a cuppa and a chat with the other canteen ladies.

Please phone the school (42841513) and speak to Pam to register your interest.

THE TOAST CLUB

The “Toast Club” is also running this year and will be open on Thursdays at lunch time. The “Toast Club” will also benefit from donations of vegemite and jams.

Thankyou for your previous generous donations to the “Brekky” and “toast” Clubs and I hope you will consider volunteering at either the canteen or at the “Brekky” Club.
SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Parents will remember Scholastic Book Club from their child’s Primary School. At High school we also run this service. Recently your child received a catalogue (or see link below for e-catalogue) outlining the latest books on offer at discounted prices. For every purchase the school receives bonus points that can be used to buy new books. If you are interested in purchasing any simply bring the order form together with money to the front office.


WAYS READING AFFECTS THE BRAIN

Here’s a list of amazing things that science has figured out about reading and the brain.

1. Reading reduces stress even more than music.
   It turns out that your library is great for your mental health. In 2009, the University of Sussex did a study that showed that half an hour of dedicated reading is better for your stress levels than several other more traditional methods of relaxation, like having a cup of tea or listening to music. It reduced stress levels by up to 68 percent, which is pretty significant.
   Scientists think the reason is partially escapism, partially physical focus: complete immersion in a book means the body is less focused on its own tense muscles, and relaxes.

2. We actually react physically to metaphors in books.
   This one’s pretty awesome: A study by Emory University revealed that metaphors are actually more physical than we think they are — at least the ones about texture. They compared peoples’ MRI scans when they heard metaphors that used texture (“She had a rough day” was the example they gave), to when they heard the same statement without a metaphor (“She had a bad day”).
   The results? On hearing the texture metaphor, the part of the brain that activates when we actually touch something lit up. We’re genuinely feeling the metaphors we read.

3. Reading fiction improves our ethical and empathetic skills.
   Reading fiction — immersing yourself in the life of another and seeing the world through their eyes — has always anecdotally been good for broadening one’s outlook. But now there’s hard science to say it actually makes us more empathetic.

4. Poetry boosts our memory.
   Poetry, it turns out, stimulates our brains in much the same way that music does: it links to the right half of the brain, which regulates emotion. It’s also prone to send us into a self-reflective, memory-boosting state, particularly when reading well-known poems we love. Poetry also lights up the areas of the brain that concern memory and switch on when we’re relaxing. Call it the “poetry trance.”
mathsonline.com.au is now available for 2016!

Existing Users must renew their subscription by 1st March.

This computer tutor became very popular with many students in 2015.

It provides clear video lessons and covers all mathematical concepts presented in NSW schools across all levels from kindergarten to year 12.

Simple practice worksheets with model solutions are also provided.

It costs only $20 per student.

This grants the student a year long subscription.

How to join:

1) Simply pay $20 at the Woonona HS front office for Mathsonline.

2) Students then take their receipt and present it at the Maths Staffroom.

3) Students receive an account number and password from Mr Holliday.

MATHEMATICS EXCEL WORKBOOKS 2016—Available for all Year 11 & 12 students!

These books have proven that they boost student’s confidence and results.

All senior students at Woonona H.S. will use these books in 2016.

Students who purchase the book will enjoy the convenience of writing in the workbooks.

The books contain a great variety of questions along with practice HSC style exams.

A shipment has been ordered and will be available for all senior year 11 and 12 mathematics students.

Only $20

Pay now at the front office. Show your mathematics teacher your receipt and pick yours up today.

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Woonona High School’s Administration block and surrounding areas are about to undergo a major facelift as part of the Secondary Schools Renewal Program.

The works which are due to commence at the beginning of Term 2 are expected to take approximately six months to complete. The plans include the refurbishment of the administration block including a new front office with separate areas to serve parents and students. More offices and parent / teacher interview areas will also be created. Significant changes are being made to the road access which is a welcome improvement providing more parking, disabled parking and removing pedestrian access adjacent to the road.

There will be exciting new outdoor spaces designed as learning areas which will enhance our students learning experiences. Extensive outdoor seating areas and lush garden planting are also planned.

Even though, (as with all major works) there will be some disruption to the office and surrounding areas this will be kept to a minimum and will not effect the schooling of your student. As the works progress we will keep you informed, especially of changes to access to the school etc.

We are very excited about our new look school and hope that you can take time to have a look at the above plans and appreciate how nice it will be for your children to enjoy such modern and up to date facilities.
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NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2016 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students*:

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8)

* The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.

Parent Information Kits will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child’s school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation.

To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child’s name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student’s information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.
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Woonona Boardriders Junior Summer Sessions

You are invited to our Woonona Boardriders junior open days over summer

**FREE** surf sessions open to Girls and Boys from any level of ability:

- **Beginners**: Learning the fundamentals of surfing, right through to standing up on a wave
- **Intermediate**: Catching a green face wave, bottom turns, duckdiving
- **Little Rippers (Advanced)**: There’ll be judged heats for Under 14, and Under 16

**Dates**
- Round 2: Sunday 29th November
- Round 3: Sunday 20th December (Juniors only round)
- Round 4: Sunday 31st January (also rego day for anyone who wants to join for the full 2016 year)
- Round 5: Sunday 28th February

**Come along to any or all of these dates**

**Time**
Sign on at 7.30am for an 8am start (we will finish juniors around 9.30am)

**Place**
Woonona Beach or North Side, depending on conditions, look for the Woonona Boardriders tent

If you have any questions, we can be contacted on Facebook @ Woonona Boardriders
or you can call Lucas (0418 589402) or Paul (0407 263308)

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**Community Noticeboard**

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$10 Per Person

$100 Per Table

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Sat 20th Feb 6:30pm for 7pm start
To book a table or tickets call Mitch on 0415 553 313

**WEP INFO SESSIONS**

LEARN ABOUT OUR NOT-FOR-PROFIT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS TO 25 COUNTRIES

23 February
Stanton Library
234 Miller Street
North Sydney
7:00-8:30pm

**FSC WIN Network**

Senior Boys Academy

For boys aged 13 - 16 years

Monday nights 5:00pm - 6:30pm
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