



WINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL



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CALENDAR

Term 4, 2010

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

On Friday 12th November Mr Pat Cavanagh and I attended a function to recognise the achievements of three of our gifted senior students. The program, Max Potential, paired interested students with community business leaders in developing students' leadership skills through a community based initiative. Sarah Fotheringham, Nick Thompson and Katherine Lynch all from Year 11 were recognised at this function for their exceptional projects. I would like to thank Mrs Liz Jarvis for giving up her time to be involved with mentoring students in this very worthwhile project and Club Taree for their support in providing the opportunity for our students. These students were recognised for their efforts in The Manning River Times.

I would like to thank the P & C for donating money to purchase a fantastic bus for Wingham High School. This bus is a huge purchase and the school is privileged to have such a supportive parent body. The bus will be used across all programs in the school and will make excursions more affordable for parents. Thanks again.

The captains and vice captains represented the school at the Remembrance Day service at the Wingham with Mr Cavanagh performing a song and Freya Mudie giving an outstanding address to the gathering. Well done.

Curriculum planning for 2011 is well under way with subject choices for students proceeding well and the timetabling process nearing completion.

Parents and carers are asked to send their students each day in the correct uniform. Uniform is a direct reflection of students' attitude towards learning, so please ensure they come correctly attired. A note is required on the odd day when uniform is not worn as a result of an unforeseen circumstance. The correct shoes for students are black or white with an enclosed top in leather or leatherette. No canvas slip on shoes are acceptable.

High energy caffeine drinks, such as Mother, Red Bull or V, are not allowed at school. They interfere with the normal functioning of the brain and lead to unacceptable behaviour. These drinks should not be brought to school as they will be confiscated.

The school has been active in working with transition programs with the Community of Wingham Schools for a smooth introduction for prospective Year 7 students in 2011. Mr Roger Smith and Mrs Stacey Harrell will be Year 7 Advisers for next year. Mr Dunbier has worked with Mr Smith and Mrs Harrell in leading this program with our local schools.

I would like to thank Teleah Hodges and Brittney Corbet for organising a presentation at a school assembly by a medallist at the recent Delhi Commonwealth Games, their cousin Casey Brown. Casey won two bronze medals and one gold medal in squash. Casey spoke to the whole student body on her experiences and pointed out the hard work, vision and commitment that are necessary to achieve. Congratulations Casey.



Nicholas Horgan from Year 10 has been duly elected to represent the Southern Network as a member of the State SRC Conference Action Team 2011. What an achievement!

Don Mitchell
Principal

It is with much sadness that I pay respect to our principal, Mr Don Mitchell who passed away suddenly on Thursday evening 18th November 2010. In Mr Mitchell's short time with us, he proved himself to be an enthusiastic and effervescent leader. He came to us with many plans and ideas to take Wingham High School forward. He worked with staff, parents and students on reviewing school uniform, forging links with the wider Wingham community, and, of course, the purchase of our new school bus, which will always remain a

visible legacy to the man. He expressed almost every day his belief in Wingham High School as a great school and how he was proud of the way we “did things around here”.

Don Mitchell was a “people person”. He liked kids and demonstrated a fair but firm approach in his dealings with them. He interacted enthusiastically with staff and actively sought their input into ways of improving the school. Not just an “ideas man”, Don had a proven record of getting things done.

Our condolences are extended to Mr Mitchell’s family and to the staff and students of The Hills Sports High School, where he was previously Deputy Principal. They obviously share our shock and sadness.

In closing, I would like to extend my personal thanks to students and staff who supported each other throughout this sad time. It is a reflection of our ability to unite in uncertain times and to show Core Values in action.

Pat Cavanagh
Relieving Principal

CANTEEN ROSTER

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22/11/2010	<i>Kay Brauer, Lorraine McGrath, Michelle Swannack</i>
23/11/2010	<i>Mere Male Day – Dave Fuller, Ken Cameron, Alan Skinner</i>
24/11/2010	<i>Linda Mackenzie, Gai Wespi</i>
25/11/2010	<i>Hazel Saxby, Julieanne Webster</i>
26/11/2010	<i>Della Minchin, Jenny Lambourne, Marie Reeve</i>
29/11/2010	<i>Marie Reeve, Judy Bradbury, Della Machin</i>
30/11/2010	<i>Caroline Weekes, Liz Fenech</i>
01/12/2010	<i>Donna Doulton, Roslyn Deal</i>
02/12/2010	<i>Louise Smith, Anne Munns</i>
03/12/2010	<i>Deidre Zielke, Therese Hopkins, HELP x 1</i>
06/12/2010	<i>Marie Reeve, Joyce Cummings</i>
07/12/2010	<i>Melinda Murphy, Hermione McCormack, Paul Stringer</i>
08/12/2010	<i>Julie Page, Judy Abdo</i>
09/12/2010	<i>Hazel Saxby, Denise Polley</i>
10/12/2010	<i>Della Machin, Beate Brooks, HELP X 1</i>
13/12/2010	<i>Marie Reeve, Lyn King, Della Machin</i>
14/12/2010	<i>Christine Donehue, Jean Cameron, Bronwyn Wallace</i>
15/12/2010	<i>Dave Fuller, Caroline Weekes</i>
16/12/2010	<i>Roxanne Richards, Julianne Webster</i>
17/12/2010	<i>Denise Blanch, Linelle Bird, Dana Webster</i>

Some Friday's are still a bit of a problem so if you feel that you can lend a hand please contact Lynda Nash, Canteen Supervisor; your help is always greatly appreciated.

INTER SCHOOL HORSE SPORT DAY

Wingham High had a strong team of competitors and strappers attend the 2010 event at Kendall. The team was highly visible amongst the many other schools due to the new WHS saddle cloths. Mr Mitchell approved funds via Mr Jonas to purchase the saddle cloths for all future competitions. Private and public school competitors came from all over the North Coast and Interstate to this event.

The team members this year consisted of Ellana George, Dan French, Laine Kennedy, Tamara Munns, Tara Zanardi, Lydia Williams, Kate Gardner, Elyse Kennedy, Victoria Lee and Lisa Reynolds (strapper).

The day was shortened by torrential rain which affected the events from midday.

Mr Hawkins wishes to thank all the parents that attended on the day for the long hours to prepare and exhibit the horses and riders.

Many of our students won places in their sections and it was a pity that rain shortened the competition.

CAREER EDUCATION REPORT

WINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL Year 12 students have been extremely successful in gaining positions and awards prior to the completion of their HSC.

8 out of our 10 applicants for early entry to Southern Cross University SCU at Lismore, Coffs Harbour, and Tweed Heads, have been offered guaranteed Early Entry positions in degrees. One other student is awaiting the outcome of an interview for her Early Entry position at SCU.

We have a large number of students who have been made offers and provisional offers at The University of Canberra and the University of Wollongong.

We expect even more Early Entry Offers from The University of New England in Armidale to be announced soon.

One student will get 5 ATAR points from The University of New South Wales based on application and Interview.

Another two students have been awarded The Vice Chancellors Scholarships at The University of Newcastle and The University of New England.

Many of our students will take advantage of regional ATAR points offered to our students as being part of the Regional Network for The University of Wollongong, The University of Newcastle, Southern Cross University and Charles Sturt University. Representatives from these universities visit our school on a number of occasions each year. Most universities are offering bonus ATAR points to students gain Bands 5 and 6 in subjects relative to their degrees.

A large number of our Year 12 (25), are already making applications for apprenticeships and traineeships and TAFE courses. A small number (5) have already started the sign up for traineeships locally.

Two Year 10 students have been offered apprenticeships for next year one in plumbing and the other in a dairy. These positions have come out of our work experience program.

Mike Henshaw
15/11/2010

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CAREER EDUCATION

CAREER LINK – (CAL) - 2010

The Career Link class of 2010 started out as two classes of 20 students in Year 11 2009 and finished with 22 students in one class at the end of 2010.

One student transferred to a Central Coast school and another 18 students gained employment as permanent employees, apprentices, trainees or enrolled in full time TAFE.

School Based Apprentices Trainees (SbAT's)

A large number of our CAL students gained SbAT's and have successfully transitioned into employment and training.

Apprentice Metal Trades: Brendan CROSS – Wingham Beef – Brendan continues into his second year full time in 2011.

Trainee Civil Construction: Marcus BLANCH – GTCC

Trainee Green keeping: Mitch PEDRON – Wingham Golf Club

Trainee Dairy Industry: Brenan NASH – Bungay Dairy – Brendan will enter full time employment at Bungay in 2011.

Trainee Automotive: Nathan DANTL – Wingham Tyres and Exhausts. Nathan will continue employment in 2011

Trainee Health Services Assistants: Luana WOODHOUSE, Kaley BARNETT, Lainie WILLIAMS: Hunter Health Care – Manning Rural Referral Hospital – All three are eligible for University Early Entry in Bachelor of Nursing (Registered Nurse) at SCU and UNE as a result of their SbAT and successful completion of their Cert. III in HAS through TAFE.

Trainee Hospitality: Paige REID – Bent on Food – Paige will continue employment in 2011.

Mike Henshaw

17/11/10

FLASH DRIVES

Many students are using Flash Drives (Thumb Drives) to back up and carry work between home and school. We realise that this is a necessary tool but request that you have your student put their name on their drive as they are easily lost or forgotten and it could be quite devastating to the student if this work is lost. We suggest that you purchase a plastic key tag and clearly mark the students name and a contact telephone number and attach it to the drive, so that when one turns up the staff and other students can quickly return it to its rightful owner. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

ABSENCE NOTES AND LEAVE PASS NOTES

It is increasingly difficult to process notes explaining student absences and requests for leave passes as there is often a lack of information on them. We request that parents writing notes please include the student's first and last name and school year. **Also, the first and last name of the parent/carer if your surname is different to your child's.** We also require a reason for the leave request, e.g. appointment, sick etc. The time that your child needs to leave and will be returning to school is also extremely important. If we have an emergency evacuation we need to be able to verify the whereabouts of **all** students at **all** times.

Also, if your student will be arriving late to school for any reason they **MUST BE** accompanied by a parent/carer to sign them in or provide a note explaining their lateness. If a note is not provided the student will be marked unjustified and dealt with by the deputy principal.

We are quite tolerant of students attending appointments in school time within reason. While Doctor, Dentist/Orthodontist appointments that cannot be made after hours are acceptable, hairdressing/nail etc appointments are more likely to be frowned upon and refused. Also, a reminder that Friday afternoon is sport afternoon and sport is a compulsory component of the junior curriculum.

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Welcome to Year 12!

Charles Sturt University (CSU) would like to welcome all Year 11 students to their final year of study and to let you know about a great resource to help you through Year 12. Developed as part of the survival guide for students and parents, NSW HSC Online is an educational resource that has been helping students since 2001. It provides study materials for over 50 HSC subjects as well as study tips and forums. Have a browse at www.hsc.csu.edu.au

Explore life on campus now!

If you're in your final years of school, it's never too early to start looking at university campuses. Charles Sturt University (CSU) has an **open day every day** scheme which means you can book a tour at any of their five regional campuses when it suits you. A tour with an experienced student ambassador will help you acquaint yourself with the campus and its facilities. You can also organise to talk to staff members or lecturers about courses of interest and find out what really it's like to study at CSU. Tours are available Monday to Friday and bookings are essential at least three business days before the time you require. Find out more at <http://www.csu.edu.au/campustour.htm> or call

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The Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS) Provider Number is 00005F for Charles Sturt University and the Charles Sturt University Language Centre

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NOTICE

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au.

In January 2011 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Japan, Europe, the USA and South America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3-10 months.

As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter/bulletin or mention it on your website. Please note that all our host families are interviewed in their homes and carefully checked for suitability.

You can download the newsletter notice here in [Word format](#), as a [JPG](#) or in [PDF format](#). For more information please download the Host an Exchange Student Flyer in [PDF format](#).

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies ranging from playing the guitar, drawing Japanese animations to skiing. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also download some student profiles in either [Word format](#), as a [JPG - Page 1 / JPG - Page 2](#) or in [PDF format](#). This is just a small sample of all the students who will be arriving. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life!

If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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