

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Looking back over this semester I am pleased to be able to think of many student achievements. Many students have been successful in sporting, cultural and academic fields as a result of the great number of hours of additional support they receive from the enthusiastic and dedicated staff at Wingham High School. These achievements have been celebrated recently at the Junior and Senior assemblies, CAPA concert and will be further acknowledged at the Semester 1 Excellence assembly in the last week of term.

Schools and education as a whole have been in the media a lot these past few months with the announcements made by the State Government in regards to Local Schools Local decisions as well as Every Student, Every School.

In regards to the latter (Every Student, Every School) Wingham High School has been fortunate to receive an increase in its staffing entitlement for Learning and Support Teachers (LST) from 0.9 to 2.2 without suffering any significant cutback in Funding Support money (other schools have not been so lucky!). This is a significant increase in staffing and I am looking forward to having the services of another specialist support teacher in the school to assist with the professional learning of all staff and direct support of students who have additional learning needs. All students benefit from this by having more engaged students in all classes.

Year 12 enter their last term of school in July and it is a busy term for them with Trial HSC exams being a significant focus. It is important for all of Year 12 to see their schooling out on a positive note. Full attendance, engagement in all class activities including revision work and doing the best they can in the Trials as a result of full study preparation will assure this.

Under 15's soccer game

The under 15's girls Wingham High Soccer team played their final game in the Bill Turner Trophy on Monday the 18th of June. The girls made it to the Lower North Coast final against Wauchope High. It was a tough match with Wingham High going down 2-0. Making it to the final was a fantastic achievement for our girls as the area includes both private and public schools from Bulahdelah through to Kempsey. Wingham's first game in round 1 was against GLC Forster, winning 6-0. Our second game was against GLC Tuncurry, winning 2-1. Round 3 was a much tougher match as it went to extra time. Our girls won it 3-2.



We are looking forward to taking it one step further next year. Well done to the girls: Jannah Gillett, Emillie Cullen, Maitlan Brown, Neisha Lowe, Genevieve Blenkin, Mikayla Peckett, Thea Wespi, Ally Unicom, Abby Barnett, Hayley Brood, Teanna Peckett, Claudia Greenaway, Miranda Deal, Amber Murray, Hannah Niksic.

A big thank you to our volunteer bus driver, Richard Greenaway, for driving us in the school mini bus to our away games.



Last week saw the passing of a well known local identity Dr Dorothy Greening. In 2009 Dr Greening became a significant benefactor for Wingham High School by donating \$50,000 to a scholarship fund to assist students to access tertiary education. To date 6 students have each received \$5000. These students went on to study at Newcastle, Bond, NSW and New England Universities. Our thoughts go to her family at this time.

In Loving Memory Of

Dorothy G. Greening
"Billie"

14th April 1917 - 10th June 2012

Aged 95 years



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Industrial Arts aprons are available for purchase from the school canteen at a cost of \$10.00 each. The canteen also supplies Industrial Arts Safety Packs which includes an apron, a set of goggles, a set of earplugs and a dust mask. The Safety Pack is \$20.00 and the canteen has stock of these items at all times.

Please Note: Students who do not have the correct footwear and safety clothing will not be permitted to participate in certain classes due to occupational health and safety regulations that the school must adhere to. A copy of appropriate footwear for school is attached for your information.

SCHOOL SHIRTS

available from the Accounts Office

PRICE LIST

White Shirt with or without school emblem	\$5.45 + GST .55c = \$6.00 (xxl – xxxxl)
Blue Shirt with school emblem	\$5.45 + GST .55c = \$6.00 (size 18 – 20)

CANTEEN ROSTER

18/06/2012	Marie Reeve, Julianne Webster, Joelene Webster
19/06/2012	John Hawkins, Caroline Weekes
20/06/2012	Judy Abdo, Julie Page
21/06/2012	Louise Smith, Anne Munns
22/06/2012	Pat Skinner, HELP NEEDED PLEASE, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
25/06/2012	Marie Reeve, Caroline Weekes, Annie Upton
26/06/2012	Linda MacKenzie, Lisa Brissett
27/06/2012	John Hawkins, Melinda Murphy, Hermoine McCormack
28/06/2012	Hazel Saxby, Ronwyn Meaker
29/06/2012	Therese Hopkins, Deidre Ziekle, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
16/07/2012	Marie Reeve, Julianne Webster, Joelene Webster
17/07/2012	John Hawkins, Caroline Weekes
18/07/2012	Judy Abdo, Julie Page
19/07/2012	Louise Smith, Anne Munns
20/07/2012	Pat Skinner, HELP NEEDED PLEASE, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
23/07/2012	Marie Reeve, Caroline Weekes, Annie Upton
24/07/2012	Linda MacKenzie, Lisa Brissett
25/07/2012	John Hawkins, Melinda Murphy, Hermoine McCormack
26/07/2012	Hazel Saxby, Ronwyn Meaker
27/07/2012	Therese Hopkins, Diedre Zielke, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
30/07/2012	Lorraine McGrath, Kay Brauer, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
31/07/2012	MERE MALE DAY Ken Cameron, Allan Skinner
01/08/2012	Gai Wespi, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
02/08/2012	Jeffrey Richie, Jason Mills
03/08/2012	Marie Reeve, Jenny Collier, HELP NEEDED PLEASE

Due to Occupational Health and Safety Regulations from the NSW Department of Education and Training the wearing of appropriate, protective footwear is a mandatory requirement for participation in all practical lessons.

Appropriate Footwear includes: strong, leather shoes which cover the entire foot.

Leather School Shoes



Leather Joggers



Leather Skate Shoes



Inappropriate Footwear - Shoes which do not protect the foot



Leather Shoes which do not cover the top of the foot



All Canvas Shoes

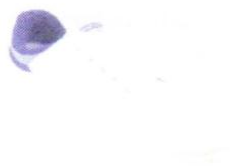


Fabric Joggers



Ballet Shoes

Dunlop Volleys



Thongs



"....a safe and friendly learning environment...."

MUSEUM OF HUMAN DISEASE EXCURSION

The 5th of June saw 50 students from Biology, PE and Year 10 Science attend the Museum of Human Disease at the University of New South Wales. This museum is a collection of diseases and human body parts and is used in medical training of university students. It was a long day with a 5.30am start and 7.00pm finish.

Mr Hawkins would like to pass on his congratulations to these students for their perfect behaviour and attitude. This excursion can sometimes be a personal, confronting experience as students see upfront what a family or friend may have suffered from in the past or present.

It is an excellent opportunity for students to view first hand specimens in preparation for their HSC topics in Biology and PE.

J Hawkins

MUNA – Model United Nations Assembly

Guns, bribery and international intrigue were rampant at Rotary's Model United Nations Assembly last weekend. Year 12 students, David Cowley and Zac Rayson, represented Wingham High School and Wingham Rotary Club at St Columba's Anglican School in Port Macquarie. Over 30 nations were represented by senior students from across the region, advocating national perspectives and arguments on a broad spectrum of controversial, current affairs and global issues. Motions put forward by the students ranged from placing a moratorium on Whaling, to approaches reducing global climate change effects. Debate was heated and well informed with the students demonstrating a thorough grasp of political rhetoric and 'spin' tactics

David and Zac had both previously participated in MUNA 2011 at Woolgoolga High School, where they were the delegates representing the country of Israel. Choosing to represent Cuba at this year's assembly, David stated how it allowed us to develop a deeper understanding of a political system, that is more radical and fundamentally different to Australia's own democratic tradition. David and Zac's impassioned speeches won the support of their fellow participants who elected Wingham High School as the best team of 2012. Zac Rayson was also awarded best individual delegate, and has been chosen to represent the region at the National MUNA in August in Canberra. They would like to thank Deputy Principal, Kim Dixon, who accompanied them as chauffeur and acted as team advisor throughout the weekend, and Wingham rotary club for providing the opportunity to again participate in an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

ALLERGY REMINDER

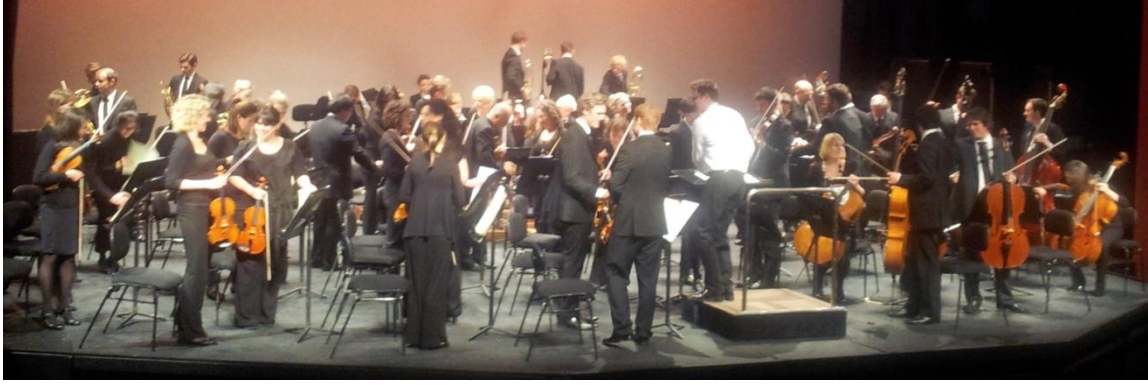
Thank you all for your cooperation and vigilance with not including peanuts and peanut products in students' lunch boxes.

Remember:

NO peanuts or peanut products are to be brought to school.



SYDNEY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Wednesday 24th May brought an amazing interactive concert experience. Mrs Kendall, Mrs Harrell and a mixture of music students from years 7 - 12 travelled to the Manning Entertainment Centre to see the Sydney Symphony Orchestra in concert. The orchestra presented four songs as well as detailed information and demonstrations of various instruments and their families. We even had the benefit of a very talented saxophone player coming to sit down with our school group and play, the year 8 girls he sat with were very impressed! After the performance the conductor came down and spoke with our students and our year 12 students received complimentary CD's from the orchestra to assist with their aural skills studies. An excellent cultural experience for all who attended and we look forward to future concerts of this calibre.



Denham Callanan, Sophie Smyth and Taylah Zanardi talking with the conductor.

EQUESTRIAN TRAINING DAY

On Thursday 14 June 2012, 11 students from Wingham High School equestrian team had a training day at Wingham Showgrounds. The team received a day of lessons from Belinda Bailey and instructors training to be NCAS coaches.

Everyone had a lot of fun and the weather was great on the day. The group was split into 2 groups with Mrs Hawkins coaching one group and Belinda Bailey and the training coaches taking the other. The morning session consisted of flatwork.

Lunch was very nice and there was plenty to spare, with Grace Callaghan's fudge and Emma George's muffins!

In the afternoon session we did a bit of jumping and some more flatwork. I am sure all the riders learnt a lot and got some helpful tips to practice until our next training day.

We all hope to have more fun days like this in the future. Thank you to Mrs Hawkins and Belinda Bailey for organising the day.

Ellana George

Hunter Region National Parks presents:



DISCOVERY
WALKS, TALKS AND TOURS

'Winter 2012'

'Rainforest Ramble' at Copeland Tops State conservation Area

Explore unique rainforest habitats- you'll be amazed!

When: Wednesday 4th July 2012

1pm-3pm.

Tour costs: \$10 per person.

Grade: Easy

Booking and pre-payment is essential for all tours as numbers are limited. Book online at <http://www.wildwildworld.com.au> or contact our Regional Office on ph 02 49848200.

'Let's Explore- Wingham Brush Nature Reserve'

When: Tuesday 3 July at Wingham Brush NR

10am-12noon Grade: Easy

Cost: \$10 per person.

Booking and pre-payment is essential for all tours as numbers are limited. Book online at <http://www.wildwildworld.com.au> or contact our Regional Office on ph 02 49848200.

Discover the wonders of Wingham Brush. Meet the strangler figs and the flying foxes!

A great family day out!

Look out for the Discovery Ranger on the day!

discover just how much fun the school holidays can be!

Bookings are Essential. Fees apply.

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