

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

We are already into the middle of term 3 and some big events are on the horizon or already commencing. Year 12 start their trial HSC exams and are only 6 weeks away from the end of their schooling. It will be important for them to remain focussed and participate in all learning opportunities right up until the last day of term. Those extra marks gained from thorough revision can make all the difference in opening up more opportunities and making the transition to further study or employment much smoother and far less stressful.

The annual "Big Night Out" was held last week and once again showcased the talent we are lucky to have right across the school. Pictured are just a few of the performances.



During week 3 we invited Year 5 and 6 students from the local Primary Schools to visit and participate in some activities that demonstrated the many opportunities for learning available at Wingham High. Feedback from students and staff was very positive and already some faculties are planning next year's expo activities.

School leader nominations for 2013 are currently being submitted and already I am impressed with the quality of the candidates. Interviews, addresses to year groups and elections are scheduled for weeks 6 and 7 this term.

The annual Rotary dinner is fast approaching on Tuesday 4th September. To be held in the MPC at 6pm the funds raised from this event are allocated to maintenance and replacement (in the future) of the Wingham High School bus. This is an invaluable resource for the school and I would like to thank Wingham Rotary for their ongoing support.



SPORT REPORT

It has been pleasing to see Wingham High being recognised for its sporting excellence with many mentions in the School Sport Section of the Newcastle Morning Herald over the last few months.

Wingham High soccer, hockey and touch teams have all been included in articles of regional achievements.

Individuals have also been highlighted with Maitlan Brown for cricket and golf, Scott Williams and Tim Bridge in touch and Mikaela Coleman for her hockey achievements.

Wingham High has always been a school of sporting excellence and with the State Futsal Championships and the Years 7/8 touch competitions coming up in the near future expectations of future success remain high.

"280 MILLION YEAR OLD SECRET REVEALED!"



As part of Year 10's History Elective unit focusing on Prehistoric Studies, we and a group of Year 9 History Elective students travelled to Camden Haven, where we were given a rare opportunity to visit a private collection of intriguing fossils.

John Reilly, a world-renowned botanical artist and avid fossil collector, showed us around his extensive assortment of beautiful and uncommon minerals, bones and fossils. Here we learned many interesting things, from how fossils are formed to how to determine if a rock conceals a fossil.

After his thought-provoking tour, we walked along the beach to examine the layers of rock in the cliff-faces, which turned out to be an unexpected adventure in itself.

After a rainy lunch break, we travelled back to Wingham, already looking forward to the second instalment in our two-part History Elective fossil-centred excursions.

A week later, we journeyed to a dairy farm at Kimbriki to take part in the practical half of the excursion. Armed with chisels and hammers, we went forth into the grass and rocks to strike apart some age-old stones and hopefully find ourselves some picture-perfect fossils.

The first few minutes went relatively quietly for a majority of us, before the rocks began to yield their precious secrets. Countless fossils – mainly brachiopods, small creatures in shells, similar to oysters of today – saw the light of day for the first time in 280 million years.



No matter whether our treasure was dirty and half-broken or flawless reproductions of the animals they once were, this was a true once-in-a-lifetime experience, bettered only by the presence of cake! We were all able to keep our rare and ancient findings and enjoyed ourselves thoroughly, despite the necessity to get down and dirty and the resultant thrills and spills!

Ailie MacKenzie



SRC and YEAR 12 – INAUGRAL FANTASTIC FUN FRIDAY

On the last day of Term 2, the SRC and Year 12 combined to host the inaugural Fantastic Fun Friday. The student body had a variety of activities to participate in prior to receiving their semester report. Face painting, a singing challenge, table tennis, a haunted house, computer games, an obstacle course and basketball were just a few of the options that everyone could partake in. Year 12 used the opportunity to raise some funds for their chosen charity. All students enjoyed the day to lead them into a relaxed and happy holiday break.



Year 9 and Year 12 playing “dress ups” to raise money

SRC CONFERENCE

Olivia Mudie of Year 11 attended the State SRC Conference at Vision Valley in Sydney during week 3, term 3. She was one of the 120 participants from across the state that participated in a variety of activities, listening to guest speakers and workshop events, a forum and social events. The theme of REPRESENT will be shared among the SRC and student body over the following 12 months.

SCHOOL SOCIAL

The SRC conducted the first school social for 2012 on Wednesday evening of week 3, term 3. Everyone in attendance had to sign a Social – Code of Behaviour form prior to purchasing a ticket. 260 students dressed up

as duos and danced the evening away to the great music provided by the entertainment students. Thank you to the 26 staff that attended to enable this social event to happen.



INDIGENOUS STUDENT CULTURAL DAY - SEA ACREST RAINFOREST CENTRE PORT MACQUARIE

Yun Yi Barragay (Walk with Me)

A group of 18 students identified as part of our indigenous students group visited Sea Acres Rainforest Centre at Port Macquarie with Mr Hawkins, Mr Duval and Ms Campbell on 2 August 2012. The Cultural tour was led by Nadja, a Biripi representative who took the group on a coastal tour discussing aspects of culture, plants and animals.

The students were shown examples of plants and their use as well as fish trap sites at Shelley Beach.

For all involved a connection to country was explained and an understanding of how rich the natural resources were available to the North Biripi peoples in the Port Macquarie area.

Students were able to begin to understand the significance of women's roles and the boys role in a functional society.

At the end of the day a barbecue was enjoyed and the boys practiced spear throwing on a dummy bush turkey.

We plan to discuss a similar day in the Crowdy Bay National Park to explore the Shark Totem, the environment and cultural significance of this area to the Biripi.

John Hawkins



RFS CADET TRAINING

Kira Tisdell, Renae Bishop and Lauren Deeganaars



Wingham High School is now doing Cadet Training with the RFS for sport on a Friday afternoon. The Year 9 and 10 students have been very enthusiastic under the leadership of Terry Kitching from Taree RFS. The student will be engaged in numerous course related activities throughout term 3 and will become certified cadets at the successful completion of their training.

***Kira Tisdell with
Mick Munns from Marlee***



SCHOOL LEADERS

Term 3 is an important time for Year 11 students. A new set of school leaders are to be nominated, interviewed and elected into the position. The election takes place after the Term 3 junior and senior assemblies in week 7. Successful candidates will be inducted at the week 8 excellence assembly.

P & C NEWS



On Saturday 28 July Len Lambert and I went to the P & C Federation Dinner at the Bankstown Sports Club. Len was awarded a Life Membership of the P & C Federation of NSW. Len became a member of the P & C Association in 1975 when his first son started school (Len is a father of 7 boys). In 1984 Len attended his first P & C Annual Conference and in 1986 was elected to State Council as a Councillor for the Lower North Coast and still is on State Council to this day, he is our P & C delegate for Wingham High School. Len is a tireless and hard worker for the Wingham High School P & C and is very passionate about our children's education. One of the things that Len has been trying to have implemented since 1986 is seat belts in school buses. This is still ongoing and has not been implemented into our transport system for our students. On behalf of the Wingham High School P & C I would like to congratulate Len on His Life Membership with the P & C Federation and I would also like to say a big thank you for all his tireless work throughout all of his years with Wingham High School, your knowledge is invaluable.

The Annual Conference of the P & C Federation was held on 27, 28, and 29 July at the Bankstown Sports Club in Sydney which Len Lambert and I attended. A new committee was elected. I enjoyed meeting other delegates from other schools and listening to their issues that affect their schools. We are all there for the benefit of our children.

The Rotary Dinner is coming around again quickly. The dinner is to be held on **Tuesday 4 September, 6.00pm for 6.30pm at a cost of \$20.00 Per Person, Bookings to be in by 30 August 2012.** The menu will be alternate meals of Roast Beef/Roast Chicken with vegetables and dessert will be Steamed Pudding and Custard with Cream or Ice Cream our Canteen Supervisor Mrs Lynda Nash and her volunteers will be doing all the catering for this dinner. Guest Speaker is Mr Jim Frasier Inventor/Artist, there will also be entertainment provided by Wingham High School Students. This will be held at the High School MPC and is a Fund Raiser for the School Bus that the Wingham Rotary Club started in 2010. The P & C has set up a table and so far have 13 members going. Each table can have 8 - 10 people on it with remembering that there is one SRC member to each table. The SRC will do all of the service to the tables. Many thanks to the SRC for their support.

Lynda continues to work hard and keep the canteen going. Lynda has recently started to sell Egg, Bacon and Cheese Muffins for a cost of \$3 at recess which seem to be doing well. The new milk service with Parmalat is also going well. Many thanks to Lynda and all of her volunteers. The P & C would be lost without your support. If you are interested in just helping out for a few hours contact Lynda on 6553 5488.

Year 12's time with Wingham High School is nearing the end. All of the HSC Trials start on Monday 13 August through to Friday 24 August. I wish all of year 12 the best of luck in their trial exams.

The P & C will hold their next meeting on **Thursday 6 September at 6pm** in the Staff Common Room. All are welcomed to attend, hope to see you there.

Thanks

Anne Munns
President

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

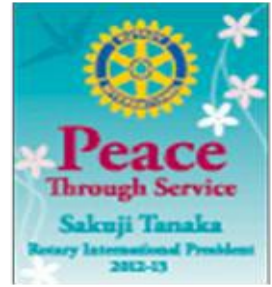
White Shirt with or without school emblem	\$5.45 + GST .55c = \$6.00 (xxl – xxxxl)
Blue Shirt with school emblem	\$5.45 + GST .55c = \$6.00 (size 18 – 20)



TAREE ATHLETIC CLUB INC - the 2012/2013 season will commence with Registration Days at 4.30pm - 5.30pm on 3.9.12, 7.9.12, 10.9.12 and 14.09.12 at the basketball side of the Taree Recreation Ground. The cost will be : Tiny Tots and U6's \$60.00 and U7 to U17's \$70.00. Please do not hesitate to contact us on Nola Bath 0419 237 715 and Robyn Phillips 0407 620 676.

CANTEEN ROSTER

13/08/2012	Marie Reeve, Julianne Webster, Joelene Webster
14/08/2012	John Hawkins, Caroline Weekes
15/08/2012	Judy Abdo, Julie Page
16/08/2012	Louise Smith, Anne Munns
17/08/2012	Pat Skinner, HELP NEEDED PLEASE, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
20/08/2012	Marie Reeve, Caroline Weekes, Annie Upton
21/08/2012	Linda MacKenzie, Lisa Brissett
22/08/2012	John Hawkins, Melinda Murphy, Hermione McCormack
23/08/2012	Hazel Saxby, Ronwyn Meaker
24/08/2012	Therese Hopkins, Diedre Zeilke, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
27/08/2012	Lorraine McGrath, Kay Brauer, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
28/08/2012	MERE MALE DAY – Ken Cameron, Allan Skinner
29/08/2012	Gai Wespi, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
30/08/2012	Jeffrey Ritchie, Jason Mills
31/08/2012	Marie Reeve, Sonia Hughes, Jenny Collier
03/09/2012	Marie Reeve, Joyce Cummings, Kim Jones
04/09/2012	Christine Donehue, Jean Cameron, Bronwyn Wallace
05/09/2012	Leanne Foster, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
06/09/2012	Christine Ritchie, Michelle Swannack, Sandi Osmond
07/09/2012	Jeffrey Ritchie, Susan Watson, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
10/09/2012	Marie Reeve, Julianne Webster, Joelene Webster
11/09/2012	John Hawkins, Caroline Weekes
12/09/2012	Judy Abdo, Julie Page
13/09/2012	Louise Smith, Anne Munns
14/09/2012	Pat Skinner, HELP NEEDED PLEASE, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
17/09/2012	Marie Reeve, Caroline Weekes, Annie Upton
18/09/2012	Linda MacKenzie, Lisa Brissett
19/09/2012	John Hawkins, Melinda Murphy, Hermoine McCormack
20/09/2012	Hazel Saxby, Ronwyn Meaker
21/09/2012	Therese Hopkins, Deidre Zeilke, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
School Holidays - 24 September 2012 to 5 October 2012	
08/10/2012	Marie Reeve, Julianne Webster, Joelene Webster
09/10/2012	John Hawkins, Caroline Weekes
10/10/2012	Judy Abdo, Julie Page
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12/10/2012	Pat Skinner, HELP NEEDED PLEASE, HELP NEEDED PLEASE



Wingham Rotary Wingham High School Dinner Night

Date: Tuesday 4th September 2012

Time: 6pm for 6.30pm

**Location: Wingham High School
Rowley Street
Wingham.**

Come and support a great night
in aid of Wingham High School.

Night Hosted by school leaders
and entertainment by students.

Guest speaker is well known artist
and photographer Jim Frazier Cost:
\$20 per person

Contact person: Allan Brown 6553 5813 or
alsbrown@westnet.com.au

Numbers by 30th August 2012



PARENTS HAVE YOU GOT A MINUTE?

You are busy people, we understand. But everyone can find a little time to help young people in our region, and here is your chance.

The Manning Valley and Great Lakes Education and Skills Forums have partnered to develop new ideas that will significantly increase access to higher learning and vocational skills training for our young people.

The project team really wants to hear what parents across the region are thinking, and have launched an on-line survey just for parents of school aged children. It takes 2 minutes to complete, its anonymous and family friendly. Click on this live link (or cut and paste into your browser) to go straight to the survey <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/skillseducationsurveyPARENTS>

There are extensive consultations and research currently underway supporting this project which will inform an Education & Skills Plan for our region due for release in November. Higher education – it's not as far as you think.

talk to us about education



Pam Fischer

School Business Community Partnership Broker

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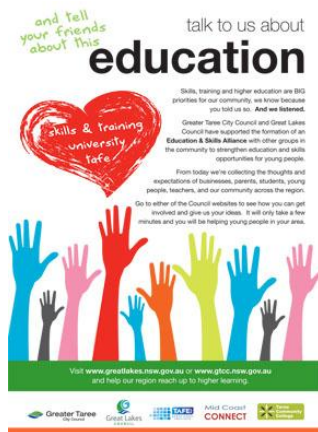
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Career Futures in the Manning

It's not often communities get a chance to do something really significant that will help shape the futures and careers of young people. But, you know what - that's exactly what's happening in our region right now.

[Greater Taree City Council](#) and [Great Lakes Council](#) have supported the formation of the Education Skills Forum Alliance with the aim of driving up young peoples' connection to higher learning.

“What we want to do is help increase our young peoples' access to the entire package of higher learning which can include, higher levels of vocational education and training; university and industry skills development”, said Partnership Broker Pam Fischer with [Mid Coast Connect](#), a not-for-profit educational organisation for young people.



The [Taree Community College](#)'s Executive Officer Sally Holt, stated, “Part of getting it right for our young people is understanding the challenges, barriers and the opportunities. Over the next four weeks we are taking this project to streets, homes and workplaces of our communities hoping to engage with as many people as possible to hear thoughts, experiences and ideas”.

Events, Workshops and Surveys

There are opportunities for everyone to be involved through a combination of community café events, focus groups, workshops and a series of on-line surveys. Visit Great Lakes Council or [Greater Taree City Council website](#) at gtcc.nsw.gov.au for more details.

“When we think about the possibilities, and the benefits for both our young people and our region it's hard not to get excited, said [Greater Taree City Council](#) General Manager Gerard José. “I would really encourage everyone to reach out and get connected to this process. We want to hit the bulls-eye with this. All the consultation and research will inform a regional strategy that is to follow later this year”, he concluded.

Already up and running is research targeting the local business community who are being asked to reflect on their current and future skills demand areas.

Launched today is an [on-line Q&A for young adults](#), part of that process is creating a thought space that will generate reflective wisdom for our current set of school-leavers.

Community Café Events

Coming up are four community café events:

- Wednesday 15th August at Jamaica Blue, Stockland Shopping Centre, in **Forster** at 9.30am; and also
- Wednesday 15th August at Gloria Jeans, Wharf Street, in **Forster** at 10.00am; and
- Thursday 16th August at Bent on Food in **Wingham**, Isabella Street at 9.30am; and then
- Thursday 16th August in at Raw Sugar, Victoria Street, in **Taree** at Noon.



Where ever you see the distinctive heart symbol (on right), stop for 2 minutes because that's all it will take, and let us hear from you! Sometimes it's the little things that can make the biggest difference. Together we can build a stronger, smarter and connected region plugged into higher education – it's not as far as you think.

An Important Invitation to Parents, Businesses and Teachers
from the
Manning Valley and Great Lakes Education & Skills Forum Alliance

Skills, education, training and higher education are BIG priorities for our community. We are collecting thoughts and expectations of **parents** for their young people to develop an Education and Skills Plan for the region.

Greater Taree City Council and Great Lakes Council have supported the formation of the **Education and Skills Forum Alliance** who are working together to strengthen education and skills opportunities for young people. Your contribution is vital.

How you can participate

1. We are conducting a **Parent Focus Group on Tuesday August 14, 2pm** at Taree Community College (duration 40mins time to be confirmed)
2. We will be seeking community contributions at a Community Café Live event, **Jamaica Blue on Wednesday August 15** between 9.30-10.30am and at **Gloria Jeans Wharf St Forster** 12-1.30pm. Alternatively **Thursday August 16, Raw Sugar Taree** 12 noon – 1.30pm.
3. Complete the **on-line survey** to be launched on Thursday August 2. Links are available on both the Greater Taree City Council www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au, or Great Lakes Council www.greatlakes.nsw.gov.au websites.
4. There are also online surveys for Business and Industry, Young People (18-35) and Teachers to complete. Links are also through the Council websites.

I encourage as many people in the community to take part in this opportunity.

The strategic plan will be released in November.

Thank you

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Noon Monday, 30 July 2012

New Energy to Education

Greater Taree City Council and Great Lakes Council are working together with other members of the Manning & Great Lakes Education and Skills Forum on a strategy to energise education in our communities.

Reaching Up to Higher Learning

“All young people have hopes and dreams about their future, but sometimes there are barriers to achieving those goals,” stated Gerard José, the General Manager at Taree.

“We’re developing innovative solutions that will help increase our young peoples’ access to and participation in tertiary studies and vocational education and training” he outlined.

Pathways to Opportunity

Consulting firm, NINE creative, have been commissioned to research, identify and develop opportunities to increase the uptake of higher-level education and training. The development of a Strategic Plan, has been funded through a Federal Grant sourced by Rob Oakeshott.

An important part of the process will be to consult with young people, parents, businesses, community members and regional education leaders, gather all thoughts and ideas, look at what is working, identify challenges and barriers and work towards a package of strategies tailor-made for the region.

“It’s an ultra-competitive and dynamic market out there so it's time we step up and develop new ways that connects the community with higher learning,” said Mr. José.

Great Lakes Council's Economic Development Manager, Deb Tuckerman, who is involved in the project steering committee, reinforced that understanding the current and future needs of local business and industry is important.

Businesses are encouraged to fill out the short online survey, available on the Great Lakes and Greater Taree City Council websites from the end of July. "The survey will only take a few minutes. You'll be helping local young people and who knows, one day you might just need them," states Ms. Tuckerman.

Progress on Delivery Model

The Strategy is due to be completed by the end of the year. The report will outline outcomes and achievements towards formulating the most effective integrated educational service delivery model, which will meet the needs of the Great Lakes and Manning Valley communities.

Rob Oakeshott, notes, "We are already starting to see the fruits of our work. A tertiary education strategy for the region has been developed."

"The Manning Education and Skills Forum is continuing this good work. Much of this activity is happening behind the scenes and without fuss, but it is some of the most important work we can do to improve our region's prosperity by reversing historically high unemployment rates and low wages."

The Manning Valley & Great Lakes Education Skills Forum Alliance is supported by its project partners, with funding from the Commonwealth Government.

You Can Help Right Now!

If you have a local business or industry in the Greater Taree City Council area, we invite you to take a quick three-minute survey available at

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SkillsEducationSurveyBUSINESS>

Please check back at our www.gtcc.nsw.gov.au website on 1 August for a survey specifically for families in our area.

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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



Dunlop Volleys



Thongs



Ballet Shoes



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Hey Parents,

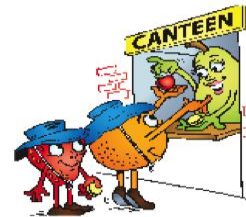


Our school cares about your child's health and nutrition! Did you know that our school is a member of Healthy Kids Association? That's right, we want to provide good food and nutrition education to your children and Healthy Kids provides us with resources for the canteen. This is just one of the ways that we ensure your children learn about healthy food and eat well from the canteen.

Healthy Kids Association also provides a free parent e-newsletter with important nutrition information and great recipes that can help you stay on top of what is going on in the world of nutrition. To sign up, simply visit www.healthy-kids.com.au.

Cheers,

Your School Principal



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Any question please contact
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WITH YOUR
FRIENDS**



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Taree PCYC

starting 17th August

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