

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

At this point in term 3 a number of important events are on the near horizon particularly for Years 10, 11 and 12. The 1st one that comes immediately to mind is Year 12's last weeks of school and the HSC exams which start in week 2 of term 4. It is extremely important that Year 12 increase their engagement over the final weeks of this term to make the most of the learning, revision and advice on offer from their teachers.



Year 11 are coming to the end of their Preliminary courses with their exams being held in the last 2 weeks of this term. They then move immediately into their HSC courses. Setting themselves up for success from the very beginning by being fully engaged in class and completing all assessment work to the best of their ability is essential. The start of HSC courses is an opportunity to consolidate success in Year 11. However you cannot afford to rest on your laurels as these results do not count toward HSC results, so it is important to build on gains made in Year 11. For those students who were not so successful or committed it is an opportunity to start again without the burden of disappointing results and to turn things around, making the changes necessary to improve their learning.

Year 10 students are looking forward to several important vents in term 4. These include work experience and Authentic Assessment Interviews. Authentic Assessment interviews will be held across week 8. This time will come very quickly so Year 10 are encouraged to be preparing now by shortlisting assessment tasks they will use in the interviews and to be talking to their teachers about the letter of introduction and how to approach the interview itself. Parents and Community members are encouraged to become involved as part of the interview panels. Please contact the school to express an interest in being a part of a very worthwhile program.

Work Experience will follow on from Authentic Assessment in week 9. Students should be talking to prospective employers about the possibility of placement at their business or in their industry. We would also like to thank the community for their ongoing support of work experience and encourage businesses or Industry leaders to contact the school if they would like to become involved by offering placement to any of our students. If week 9 of term 4 (2nd-6th Dec) is not a suitable time other times can be negotiated with employees and students.



During the July holidays room 40 (a demountable) was removed from the senior quad by crane. While we are disappointed to have lost a teaching space (due to declining enrolments) we are pleased to have gained some much need open space for our senior students. The redevelopment of this space into an area conducive to study and learning will commence shortly. This could be an expensive exercise which may take several years to achieve. Some funds have already been set aside to kick start this project. Other sources of funding will be pursued to complete the project in a short a timeframe as possible. The first step will be to commission designs for the landscaping and construction of a suitable shelter. Any community members interested in donating time to provide a design and plans would be much appreciated.

FORMER STUDENT'S SUCCESS

Following the successful InTech exhibition showcasing the top 50 Industrial Technology students in NSW, Wingham High ex-student Matt Brown would like to extend thanks to Wingham High School staff, P&C and SRC for their generous support. This financial support was put toward showcasing Matt's 2012 HSC Major Work at the Sydney Working With Wood and Timber show as part of the InTech display.



Acknowledgement is also extended to the Industrial Arts staff whose expertise and wealth of knowledge was very helpful in the production of the Major Work, in particular, Mr Scott Brown.

'InTech' is an annual showcase of exemplary Major Design Projects developed by 2012 Higher School Certificate Industrial Technology students put on in conjunction with the Board of Studies, by the Institute of Industrial Arts Technology Education (IIATE). The Projects were on display at the 'Sydney Timber & Working with Wood Show', at The Dome - Homebush Showground from Friday 26 to Sunday 28 July 2013.

In November last year Matthew was notified that his Industrial Technology Major Project, completed whilst he was a student at Wingham High School, Wingham, had been nominated for consideration for inclusion in 'InTech 2013'. In April, Matthew was informed his Project was one of the final 50 selected for display. At the formal opening of 'InTech 2013' Matthew was presented with a certificate by Mr Peter Thompson Board of Studies Technology Advisor.

Matthew made a Grand Father Clock. The case is made from Red Forest Oak that was sourced locally. The dial ring is American White Oak and the number dots and clock hands are from African Wengi. The gears there all cut from top grade ply using a scroll saw. The weight tube was turned on a wood lathe as well as the dial ring. The finish is Rustin's Danish Oil which was applied by hand and rubbed back while wet. This was applied in two coats.

In 2012, 5300 students presented projects for marking across 6 different focus areas of Industrial Technology (Automotive, Electronics, Graphics, Metals & Engineering, Multimedia and Timber & Furniture Technologies). From these candidates, 270 were sent letters of nomination for consideration for inclusion in 2013 InTech. From these 270 nominations, 50 candidates were offered the opportunity to display their projects in InTech 2013. Over



the weekend of the InTech display, over 2500 students came to the show and viewed the projects of Matthew and the other successful candidates.

In 2014, InTech will have both the Sydney display at the Sydney Timber & Working with Wood Show and the IATE is pleased to announce that there will be a regional display to be held at Kinross Wolaroi School at the end of term 1 to be run in conjunction with an enrichment day for students studying Industrial Technology. Both displays will also be open to the public.

The financial support afforded Matthew paid for the transport of the grandfather clock to Sydney for the exhibition and helped with accommodation costs. The total of \$550 was generously given by the P&C, via Helen Cross; the SRC was generous also – with thanks to Ms Julie Leslie and Mrs Merilyn Kendall and special thanks to Mr Scott Brown for his generous personal contribution. Special thanks are also extended to Mrs Kim Dixon for organising the fundraising at quite short notice. It was very much appreciated.

YEAR 8 CAMP 2014

The current Year 7 group of students are invited to attend a school camp during September 2014.

We need parents to complete an expression of interest and pay a \$50.00 deposit during this year (2013). Parents were asked to complete and return an expression of interest form prior to Friday 30th August, 2013. Less than 20 have been returned to date, out of 110 students. A non-return indicates non-attendance at the camp. If we don't have closed to 80 returns the camp will have to be cancelled for the 2014 session.

Thank you

Miss A Spooner and Mr J Hawkins
Year 7 Advisers



MC Class Visual Arts

During recent weeks Georgia Campbell, Isaac Emerton and Mr French decided that the MC classroom needed to be brightened up. On a window, that was uncleanable, they painted this mural which was inspired from images of old stain glass windows. The mural took several weeks to complete and involved many layers.

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FREE HPV VACCINE FOR 15 YEAR OLD MALES

The Ministry of Health has made available free **GARDASIL** vaccine for 15 year old males in year 10 via their local doctor.

MISSED VACCINATIONS

We recognise that some students missed the first (and second) opportunity to commence immunisation at school for HPV vaccination. Three doses of this vaccine are required to provide optimal protection. If parents/carers wish we can start the course for students who missed out on the first dose/s this year during the next clinic visit to the school. The course can be completed during the first visit/s next year while they are in year 8.

VACCINATION WEBSITES

<http://www.hpvvaccine.org.au/> <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

REWARDS EXCURSION



On Tuesday 25th June 169 students from Years 7, 8 & 9 went to Fays Twin Cinema Taree to see Despicable Me 2. This excursion is designed as a reward for students consistently following the Core Values of the school for terms 1 and 2. This semester there were more fantastic students than places in the cinema so unfortunately some students did miss out. The movie was well received by all who attended and the students represented Wingham High School positively displaying good manners and patience during the entire excursion. A similar excursion will be offered for all students who have not been on a whole school level for Terms 3 and 4. It is hoped that even more students will have the opportunity to attend at the end of the year.

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20 July

WILD WATERCOLOUR: Using expressive watercolour techniques and wax relief, create a miniature work inspired by the landscape works of contemporary Australian artists. Tutor - Rachel Piercy

27 July

PRINT WITH THE SUN: create a set of beautiful cards with the natureprint sun printing paper. Tutor - Ali Haigh

3 August

CREEPY CRAWLIES: Create an insect inspired wire and wool sculpture. Tutor - Rachel Piercy

10 August

3D PAPER SCULPTURE: using old magazines, bamboo sticks and some glue create a relief paper sculpture. Tutor - Rachel Piercy

17 August & 24 August

CERAMICS: Discover the beauty of clay to make your own unique forms with expert tuition. Tutor - Faye Collier

31 August

INDIAN BLOCK PRINTING: using wooden blocks with Indian inspired motifs create a design which can be printed onto paper and a calico bag. Tutor - Ali Haigh

7 Sept & 14 Sept

CERAMICS: Discover the beauty of clay to make your own unique forms with expert tuition. Tutor - Faye Collier

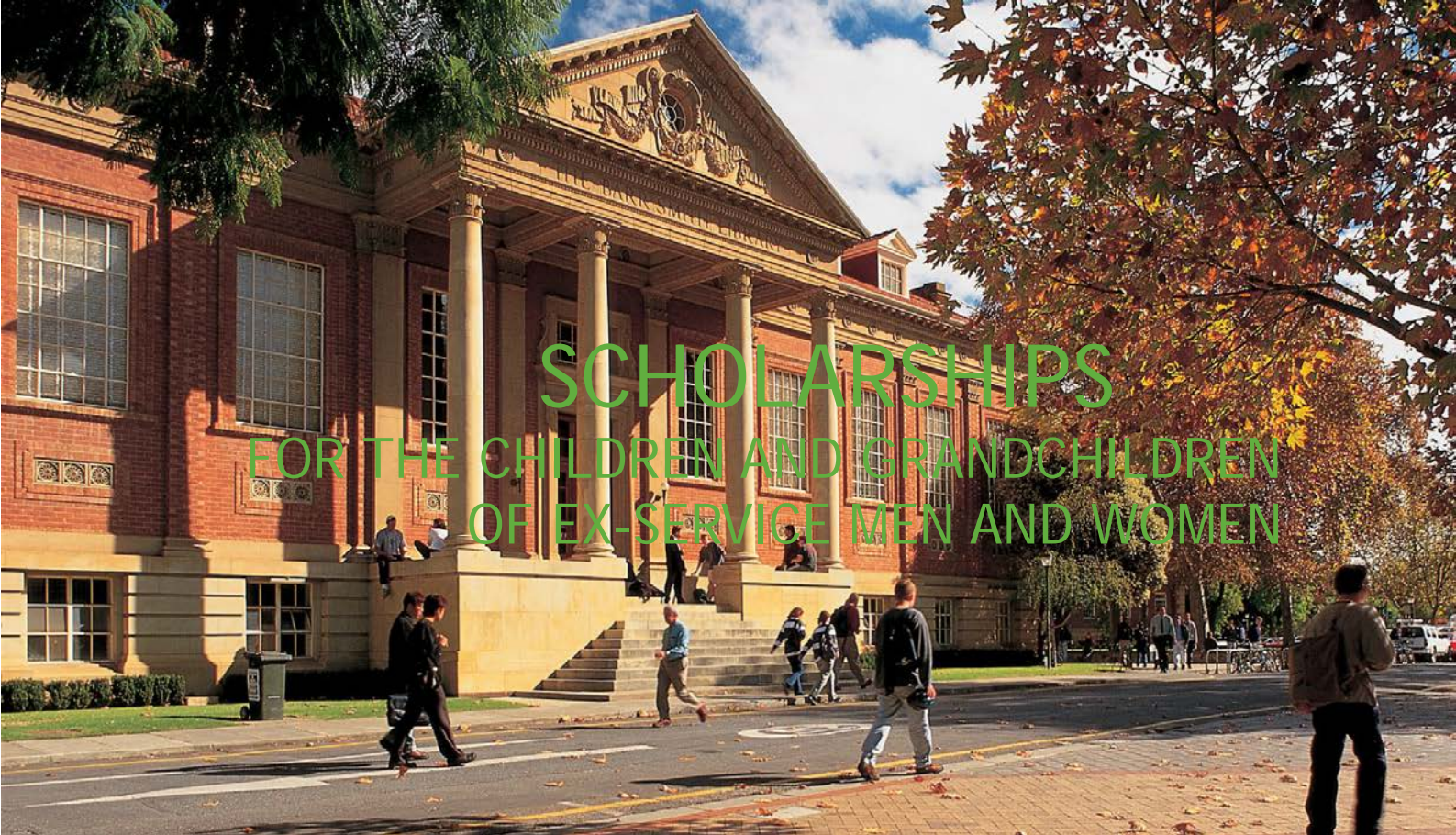


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The Australian Veterans' Children Assistance Trust is a not-for-profit organisation. AVCAT administer scholarships to help children and grandchildren of the Australian ex-service community with the costs of full-time tertiary education. The most deserving candidates are selected on merit and who, without our help, would be unable to start or complete studies without financial difficulty.

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EQUESTRIAN TEAM

What a proud moment for Mrs Karlyn Hawkins and the Wingham High School Equestrian Team, to feature in photos and an article in the Equestrian NSW Year Book during a coaching day.



Equi-Skills

Equi-Skills enrolments continue to grow, especially with the support and involvement of coaches who are involved with junior development. 53 new school student enrolments and 2 adult enrolments were received in 2012.

Kaylyn Hawkins, a teacher at Wingham High School, co-ordinator of the Wingham school equestrian team and Introductory Coach, has found the Equi-Skills programme is the ideal learning programme for members of her school team.

The students represent the school in equestrian events and also compete out of school in dressage, eventing, showjumping, camp drafting and Pony Club, applying their practical and theoretical knowledge.

As part of working towards their certificates, the students have also been able to attend a number of coach training days as demonstration riders and it has been a great experience for them to have lessons from a wide range of coaches across many disciplines as well as see the opportunities available to them through further NCAS study.

Happy coaching.

*Sue Birch
NCAS Co-Ordinator
Equestrian NSW*



A PROJECT FROM THE YEAR 10 SPANISH CLASS WON 3RD PLACE ON AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION

Earlier this year, Mrs Reay's Year 10 Spanish class agreed to take part in an international competition created by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of Castile and Leon in Spain.

The main objective of this competition was to choose the best classroom project for Teaching Spanish as a Foreign Language to encourage and promote the language and the creation and development of innovative elements in the teaching of Spanish as a Foreign Language. The competition was opened to any person over 18 years living anywhere in the world.

The awards for the authors of the winning projects were going to receive a prize of a trip to the city of Salamanca (Spain), between the 26 and 28 June 2013, a free registration in the conference Congreso Global de Español and the right to present their work during the course of the conference. The prize included airfare from the place of origin of the author of the winning project, transportation to and from Madrid Airport and accommodation for the duration of the conference.

The jury was going to select a maximum of three winning projects taking into account the following criteria:

- Originality and degree of innovation of the project
- Technical feasibility and application in the classroom
- Participants' experience
- Ability to elicit interest in learning Spanish as a foreign language.

Mrs Reay's Year 10 Spanish class presented a project where the main topic was to create a virtual trip to the region of Castile and Leon. The students worked in groups and researched the various cities that comprise this region of Spain and presented their findings to the rest of the class. Afterwards, they created a daily itinerary to their chosen cities. They had to find hotels, restaurants and interesting sites to visit. Once completed, they wrote a post in Spanish for their blog "Viaje Virtual a Castilla y León". Other activities included writing e-mails to hotels or restaurants in Spanish to enquire about accommodation and menus and they also used their webcams to create a Video Message to one of their friends in Spanish to let them know about their intended trip to Spain.



The project is still continuing, and the students are now in the process to learn the topics related to travelling, such as asking for directions, eating out, etc. Further on in the year, they are going to write a diary about their experiences and include photos of the trip using Photoshop, and they are going to do some research about some famous people from the region.

This project won 3rd place in the competition, and Mrs Reay travelled to Spain in June. There she attended the international conference and was able to participate in many workshops and lectures. Most topics were about using new teaching techniques in the classroom to improve on the teaching and learning of Spanish to foreigners, cultural themes and new research on learning.

There were 662 participants from 46 different countries from all over the world, 60% of them from overseas. Europe and the USA had the most participants, but according to the organizers, there was an increase in participants from Asia, Africa and Oceania.

There were also many stands with publishing companies displaying their new textbooks, language schools offering organized trips to the region to learn Spanish and, for the first time, participants were able to apply for teaching jobs in more than 26 different countries from around the world.



On her last day of the conference, Mrs Reay had the opportunity to present the project to the rest of the participants and she presented some samples of the student work. The project was very well received by the audience and helped to put Wingham High School and especially the Year 10 Spanish students on the map. Overall, it has been a great experience for both Mrs Reay and her Year 10 class.

P & C NEWS

Welcome back to a brand new term. I would like to wish all our Year 12 students good luck with their HSC Trials. It is a very trying time for all, please try to relax a little. No-one can ask you give any more than your best. Good Luck to you all for the coming weeks.

We were given the opportunity to nominate some of our teachers for the National Excellence in Teaching Awards. The teachers nominated are: Principal; Mr Mark Thomson, Deputy Principal; Mrs Kim Dixon, Deputy Principal; Mr Paul Ivers and Technical & Applied Studies Teacher; Mr David Irvine. All of these

educators have received their nomination certificates and we wish them well. I would like to say that we value each and every teacher and staff member of our school. We appreciate the skills that you have to educate our children.

I have recently returned from the NSW P & C Federation Annual Conference. It is good to finally hear that the government is moving on the seatbelts in buses but the federation is wanting this to start by the year 2018 not in ten years, because a question was asked at how long the federation has been pushing this and it is 36 years. Our children's safety is paramount but it will somehow have to be subsidised to help our regional bus services.

Another topic that was spoken about at the conference was how the government has the school General Assistants hours linked to the school enrolments this is considered unreasonable when the grounds do not get any smaller but the GA's hours do.

The Rotary Dinner is on again on Tuesday 10 September. The meal will be Curry Chicken and Rice or Beef Stroganof and Rice with vegetables on the side. Sweets will be a Platter of sweets in the centre of the table, cost will be \$20 per person. The P & C will be having a table there, if you wish to come please contact me at home on 6550 5103 or email me on annemunns@internode.on.net

The Rotary Dinner is held at our school MPC and is held in support of our school bus. Funds raised at this dinner go to helping the maintenance and upkeep of our bus. We cannot thank the Wingham Rotary Club enough for their support to our school.

Our Regional Meeting is to be held at Tinonee Public School on Saturday 17 August at 1.30pm for 2pm. It is interesting to meet with other schools and discuss issues concerning our schools.

Lynda continues to work hard at providing good food for all of the students and staff. From talking to other schools we have one of the best canteens and are very lucky that we have all of the facilities to cook, some canteens are not allowed to have a stove top and oven. The menu for term 4 is the same as Term 3. Lynda needs a few more volunteers as we have lost about five volunteers due to all different circumstances, so if you have a few free hours a month please contact Lynda I am sure she will appreciate your help and company. The work is more food preparation and tidying up. Lynda handles all monetary transactions.

Our next P & C Meeting will be held on **Thursday 5 September at 6pm in The Staff Common Room**. All are welcomed to attend, hope to see you there.

Thanks
Anne Munns
President

TAREE ATHLETIC CLUB INC

The 2013/2014 season will commence with Registration Days at 4.30pm - 5.30pm on 4.9.12 and 6.9.12 and 11.9.12 and 13.09.12 at Taree McDonald's beside the MEC.

The cost will be: Tiny Tots and U6's \$60.00 and U7 to U17's \$70.00.

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21/08/2013	Sandy Osmond, Judy Abdo
22/08/2013	Louise Smith, Anne Munns
23/08/2013	Michelle Swannack, HELP NEEDED, HELP NEEDED
26/08/2013	Annie Upton, Marie Reeve, HELP NEEDED
27/08/2013	Caroline Weekes, HELP NEEDED
28/08/2013	Judy Abdo, Julie Page
29/08/2013	Ronwyn Meaker, Jacquie Godfrey
30/08/2013	Therese Hopkins, Susan Watson, HELP NEEDED
02/09/2013	Kay Brauer, Lorraine McGrath, HELP NEEDED
03/09/2013	MERE MALES – Ken Cameron, Allen Skinner
04/09/2013	Sandy Osmond, Lauren Robertson
05/09/2013	Jeff Ritchie, Jason Mills
06/09/2013	Marie Reeve, Jenny Collier, Pat Skinner
09/09/2013	Linda MacKenzie, Lisa Brissett
10/09/2013	Caroline Weekes, George Greaves
11/09/2013	Hermione McCormack, Melinda Murphy
12/09/2013	Leanne Foster, Robert Allen, Liz Fenech
13/09/2013	Jeff Ritchie, Marie Reeve, Julianne Webster
16/09/2013	Joyce Cummings, Marie Reeve, HELP NEEDED
17/09/2013	Christine Donehue, Jean Cameron, Bronwyn Wallace
18/09/2013	Sandy Osmond, Judy Abdo
19/09/2013	Louise Smith, Anne Munns
20/09/2013	Michelle Swannack, HELP NEEDED, HELP NEEDED

MR ROURKE'S OVERSEAS ADVENTURE

As you would be aware Mr Rourke and his family are spending the Year in Indonesia. From Reading their blog they are having a fantastic time. Here are some of the blog extracts....

Hi all, Jim here taking on the blog for the first time to give you a little bit of the student's perspective. Orientation is almost over - I just have to sit my exam tomorrow to see if I go into the beginners, intermediate or advanced language classes. I was considering doing a practice essay, something along the lines of "why I'm studying in Indonesia" but heard today it's multiple choice, so I'm off the hook.

Tessa and I (and the rest of the family) are again completely healthy, so that's a relief. I blame it on eating in a fancy restaurant. In Lombok, too, the only time I got tummy problems was when I'd decided to live it up and eat somewhere a little more classy than the streetside vendors of Warung.



...On Sunday we joined the locals in travelling up to the village of Kaliurung, next to Mt Merapi, about 25km from Yogyakarta. Elevated 900m above the city, it was immediately cooler – like going up to Elands from Bobin. We passed fields of bananas and rice paddies, climbing higher towards trees with large leaves and vines. We walked to a waterfall and the girls were thrilled to find monkeys, some with babies, playing around. They are being fed by the visitors and have learned to watch you and approach if you open your bag, anticipating peanuts or fruit. It made us a little nervous!

WOLLOTUKA INSTITUTE VISIT

Recently, Wingham High hosted Karen Moran from the Wollotuka Institute (Newcastle University). She spoke to our indigenous students in Years 10-12 about career opportunities and the value of pursuing a university degree. She explained how the Wollotuka Institute could help support indigenous students to make a successful transition from high school to further study. Karen has set up contact arrangements with each student and we look forward to hearing more from her about this wonderful program. Many thanks to Carissa Campbell for her input on the day.



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