

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This term is flying by with many outstanding outcomes being achieved by Wingham High School students and staff.

At the recent assembly further momentum was given to the reinvigoration of the school's core values of RESPECT, TRUST, FAIRNESS and POSITIVITY. Our school captains all presented a thesis on what each of these values mean to them and how they benefit everyone at Wingham High.

By way of introduction my address to each of the Junior and Senior assemblies outlined the basis of a 'culture of learning' which has the cores values as its foundation.

Wingham High has always promoted a culture of learning. A school that has a culture of learning is one where the following is occurring:

- There are high expectations of students & staff
- positive, respectful and caring relationships exist
- interactions between everyone are caring, polite and inclusive
- everyone is a partner in the learning
- student and staff wellbeing are priorities
- all cultural backgrounds are appreciated and valued
- appropriate behaviour is expected and taught
- there is an attractive and stimulating environment
- all learning styles are explored and accommodated; and ...
- everyone has a sense of belonging

I firmly believe that at Wingham High School we exhibit all these things, sure there a few that we can do better but largely they exist across most of the school.

What can you do to help us spread this culture of Learning to embrace everyone?

1. Use manners ALL the time;
2. Invite your parents to school events such as CAPA concerts; talk to them about your learning
3. Seek the help of teachers if you have problems and encourage others to do the same;
4. Be proud of your background (it is worth noting that we have many students at Wingham High School whose language backgrounds include: Tongan; Dutch; German; Danish; Philippines and of course Indigenous Australian Languages.)
5. Be tolerant towards everybody. Celebrate difference
6. Follow the rules
7. Embrace and enact the core values
8. Participate in as many opportunities as possible particularly the "Prepare to Succeed and Senior Success programs. Be on task everywhere not just in class, on the sporting field, on stage or down the street
9. Wear uniform and be proud to wear it
10. Make sure all the conversations you have about the school are positive ones particularly those in public.

11. Have aspirations: think about your future and how YOU can determine it and NOT have it imposed on you by apathy or laziness.”

I thank the school captains for their commitment to our core values.

This week I was accompanied to an official ‘tree planting’ in central park by Amber Hawkins and Darcy Byrne of Year 11. These students were chosen because of their outstanding commitment to Modern History. A report on this event appears later in this newsletter. Both students were great ambassadors for the school and delighted the organisers with their knowledge, maturity and enthusiasm.

YEAR 11 PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

As part of the Primary Industries course in Year 11 students are required to undertake a basic users course on chemical application. The course requires completion of workbooks as part of the assessment process as well as practical assessment in the use of herbicides and drenches. The students at Wingham have been completing the theory and on Wednesday 19th of March when working as a team began the preparation of a paddock with a herbicide application (pre sowing and renovation). The students were required to set up the equipment, carry out risk assessment, calibrate it, calculate the mixture rates and apply as a working team while wearing the correct P.P.E. The students are continuing to develop their tractor driving skills while applying chemicals in a working environment. The pasture are will now be sown by the students for winter pasture. Next week students will be calibrating sheep drenches and applying these.

John Hawkins

Agriculture/Primary Industries

CAMDEN HAVEN SHOW

On 8th of March the Agriculture Show Team travelled to the Camden Haven Show with 16 competitors from Wingham High School. The team selected their top 5 animals to compete at the first show of the season to start the circuit for 2014. With a strong team Wingham High School was able to bring home supreme steer and 2 perpetual trophies, along with many other awards.

In the junior judging we had Jess Hudson placed 3rd and Jake Brook 1st in the 13s. In the 15s Kate Stocks received 1st and Teanna Peckett 2nd along with the 15s Champion Judge. In the 16s and overs Emily Holden placed 2nd and then was awarded Age Champion Judge.

In the Paraders we had Jake Brook placed 3rd in the 13 years. In the 15 years Nikitta Gallagher was awarded 3rd and in the 16 and over Jonty Hemmingway placed 2nd with Emily Holden 3rd.

In the steer classes we had a Murray Grey x led by Emily Holden awarded reserve champion heavy weight and a Fleckvieh led by Rachel Atkins place 3rd in the heavy weights. In the middleweights we had a Murray Grey x led by Jonty Hemmingway receive Champion Steer and Supreme Champion Steer of the Show and a Charolaise x Angus leg by Teanna Peckett awarded Reserve Champion Middleweight and Reserve Champion Best School Steer In Class.



At the end of the day they held events for those participants that had never won a ribbon in paraders called the Novice Paraders. In this event we had our new show team member, Hayley Brood, win Reserve Champion Novice Parader.

The Agriculture show team would also like to give a huge thank you to all parents, helpers and sponsors for their support in assisting with getting out team to and from the show and donating animals for us to present and work with.

Victoria Lee

BANGARRA DANCE THEATRE



Four of our Aboriginal students were given the opportunity to participate in a one day workshop run by the Department of Education and Communities in collaboration with the internationally renowned Bangarra Dance Theatre at Camden Haven High School on Wednesday 9th April. The students learnt contemporary Indigenous dance repertoire from three of Bangarra's leading artists. The workshops were aimed to foster the development of dance skills and cultural significance in talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.



LONE PINE

On Tuesday, 8th April 2014 Darcy Byrne, Mr Thompson and I went to central park to attend a tree planting of a new Lone Pine tree. This morning consisted of a small service in remembrance of the old Lone Pine which died and was removed. Darcy and I helped plant the tree along with some council members. Allan Carlyle who was mayor of Wingham, and was there when they planted the first tree attended this ceremony.

Amber Hawkins

(This is the article that appeared in the Wingham Chronicle on 19th April 2014)

A SMALL group of community members gathered in Central Park at the corner of Bent and Farquhar Street on 8th April 2014 to witness the planting of a new 'Lone Pine' tree.

The tree replaces the original Lone Pine planted in 1965, which had died.

The gathering included members of Wingham RSL Sub-branch headed by president Ron Irwin, Wingham High School principal Mark Thomson and two year 11 modern history students, Amber Hawkins and Darcy Byrne, and Greater Taree City Council parks and garden staff.

Sub-branch president Ron Irwin welcomed all and after relating the history of the Lone Pine, invited the school students to assist with the tree planting by placing the soil around it once it had been lowered into its new location by GTCC staff members.

World War 11 veteran and sub-branch member Allan Carlyle, who had been mayor of Wingham Municipal Council in 1965 when the first Lone Pine was planted, was one of the invited guests, along with Guy Watts and Eric Richardson OAM.



A photographic record was made of this important event and it is hoped that the tree will be nurtured and become an integral part of an ANZAC Place in Central Park in remembrance of those men and women who served this wonderful country of Australia and gave us the peace we enjoy today.



World War II veterans Guy Watts and Allan Carlyle, from Wingham RSL sub branch meet Wingham High Year 11 Modern History students Darcy Byrne and Amber Hawkins, at the planting of the new 'Lone Pine.'



HEALTH CAREERS FORUM

The University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health organised the 3rd annual Health Careers Forum which was held at Taree on Wednesday 26th March. It is an opportunity for students (and their parents) who are interested in a career in the health professions to talk to academic staff and students from the University about their field of interest. Eighteen students in Years 10/11/12 from Wingham High School participated in this event. The Health fields represented were Physiotherapy, Medicine, Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Pharmacy, Medical Radiation Science, Nursing and Nutrition and Dietetics. Initially, students listened to a brief snapshot about each of these fields and then were given time to explore 3 of these areas in more detail in a theoretical and practical sense. The students who participated gained an insight into the variety of occupations available in the Health arena.

HEAD LICE

There have been reported cases of head lice in the school recently. Please be diligent in checking and, if necessary, treating your students.



CANTEEN ROSTER

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07/04/2014	Kath Palmer, Lisa Brissett, Liz Fenech
08/04/2014	Christine Donohue, Jean Cameron, Bronwyn Wallace
09/04/2014	Julie Page, Judy Abdoo
10/04/2014	Anne Munns, Mary Pilotto
11/04/2014	Jennifer Granger, Julianne Webster, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
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28/04/2014	School Development Day – Kay Brauer, Lorraine McGrath
29/04/2014	Caroline Weekes, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
30/04/2014	Judy Abdoo, Linda MacKenzie
01/05/2014	Leanne Foster, Robert Allan
02/05/2014	Jennifer Granger, HELP NEEDED PLEASE, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
05/05/2014	Kath Palmer, Lisa Brissett, Liz Fenech
06/05/2014	Christine Donohue, Jean Cameron, Bronwyn Wallace
07/05/2014	Julie Page, Judy Abdoo
08/05/2014	Anne Munns, Mary Pilotto
09/05/2014	Jennifer Granger, Julianne Webster, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
12/05/2014	Joyce Cumming, Marie Reeve. HELP NEEDED PLEASE
13/05/2014	Caroline Weekes, George Greaves
14/05/2014	Judy Abdoo, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
15/05/2014	Jason Mills, Jeffrey Ritchie
16/05/2014	Jenny Lamborne, Patricia Skinner, Marie Reeve
19/05/2014	David Osmond, Marie Reeve, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
20/05/2014	MERE MALES!!!! Ken Cameron, Allan Skinner
21/05/2014	Judy Abdoo, Lauren Robertson
22/05/2014	Sandy Osmond, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
23/05/2014	Jeffrey Ritchie, HELP NEEDED PLEASE, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
26/05/2014	Kay Brauer, Lorraine McGrath, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
27/05/2014	Caroline Weekes, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
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MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting [\\$ Make a payment](#)

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the [\\$ Make a payment](#) you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.



Interested in developing your leadership skills?

Then register for the Disaster Resilience Leadership Project

A free and fully catered non-accredited course delivered by Volunteering Queensland Inc, in partnership with NSW State Emergency Service, Greater Taree City Council and NSW Rural Fire Service.

The program focuses on the **role community leaders play in building community resilience** and covers an **all hazards approach to community resilience** and **disaster management** from a community perspective.

As part of this training you will be provided with workbooks and receive certificates of participation. The course is two days long, and although we would ideally like you to be able to attend the entire course, we do welcome those who can only attend part of the course.

"Let's discuss best practice and explore improved ways that all agencies and organisations can work together in a more coordinated effort"

Location

Club Taree
121 Wingham Road, Taree

Date

Sat 17 & Sun 18 May 2014

Time

9am till 4pm daily

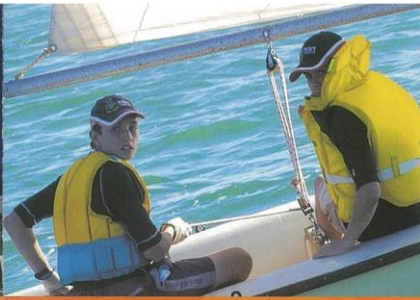
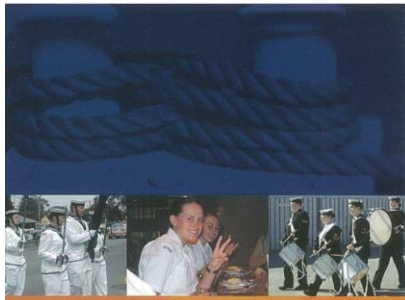
Cost

Free

Registration

For more information or to register please contact **Steve Lawrence**, Community Engagement Coordinator - NSW State Emergency Service, (02) 6592 5800 or steven.lawrence@one.ses.nsw.gov.au.

emergencyvolunteering.com.au/leadership



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The Australian Navy Cadets (ANC), consists of 92 units across Australia in 7 regions, each unit has its own name and identity and is twinned with a Royal Australian Navy ship or unit.

Cadets have FUN...The ANC has Oceans of It!



Cadets learn about:

- Sailing and Seamanship
- Leadership and Effective Communication
- Citizenship and Public Speaking
- Safe Weapons Handling and Field Craft
- First Aid and Information Technology
- Drill, Ceremonial Procedures and Navigation
- Developing Confidence, Pride and Self Discipline

How to Join:

You must be an Australian resident, be between the ages of 12½ and 18 and be able to participate in Cadet activities. Must NOT be a member of any other Cadet Organisation or the Australian Defence Force.



Have Fun!

Gain a greater understanding of the Navy

Experience Challenges

Make New Friends

Learn to take Responsibility

Take part in Physical

Education Activities



Keeping Safe In Cyberspace

Word cloud terms: Sexting, Pornography, Bullying, Communication, Cyber Safety, Safety, Boundaries, Legality, Pornography, Sexting, Bullying, Communication, Cyber Safety, Safety, Boundaries, Legality.

'Keeping Safe In Cyberspace' Workshop

An informative, entertaining and enlightening workshop for parents and carers that will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of including:

- Popular sites for kids (Facebook, Instagram, KiK, Twitter, Snap Chat, Club Penguin, World of Warcraft etc).
- What kids do on line. Where they go and the difference between an online friend and a stranger.
- Online grooming. What is it and when and how does it occur.
- Misuse of mobile phones, email, Skype, blogs and webcam including the legal and possible criminal consequences.
- Sexting – the taking and sending of explicit images and the REAL consequences.
- Potential dangers and safety tips
- Being confident in setting rules and boundaries around internet use at home.

When: Tuesday 20 May

Time: 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Where: Manning Uniting Church, 29 Albert Street, Taree

Cost: Free. Refreshments provided.

RSVP: Youth Development Officer, Greater Taree City Council
(02) 6592 5399

Presenter Profile:

Susan McLean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She was the first Victorian



Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. She took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training in this area in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's and both State and Federal Governments. She is a member of the National Centre Against Bullying Cyber Safety Committee and is afforded expert status on the Safe Internet Programme Data Base.

