

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

This week myself, Mrs Kendall, Mrs Leslie, Mr Ivers, Mr Carney and Mrs Mudie have been interviewing prospective school captains for 2014-5. What a pleasure it has been to listen and discuss issues with such mature young adults. From a field of sixteen the school (staff and students) will elect by preferential voting 2 captains and 2 vice captains. I would like to commend all of the candidates on their leadership skills, maturity, confidence and presentation. They are all worthy candidates and those who may be unsuccessful will still be regarded as School Leaders. Congratulations.



First of all an apology for the recent decline in information being relayed via Facebook. There have been account issues which I am now led to believe are the result of Facebook removing Admin pages in an attempt to get users to pay for the use of Facebook. Hopefully these will be resolved soon and more information and reminders can be published via Facebook.

Year 12 have commenced their Trial HSC exams and this is a good reminder that the HSC exams proper are not far away. It is therefore essential that every student maximise their attendance from the end of the trials to the end of term so that they can complete all course work while availing themselves of direct instruction and revision. In other words **the end of the Trials is NOT the end of learning.**

Recently I accompanied two of our Senior Modern History students to Ellenborough Reserve for the unveiling of the Neville Howe VC Memorial. Hannah Clark and Kaaden Smith represented Wingham High School proudly, with Kaaden given the honour of reading Neville Howe's citation. Hannah's report on the significance of Neville's VC and the unveiling can be found later in this newsletter.



Organisation of events as part of the celebration of the Sesqui-centenary (150 years) of Public Education in Wingham have continued at a steady pace. Mrs Marilyn Kendall has been at the forefront of activities connected with Wingham High School (as well as co-organising Big Nights Out & HSC drama performances!!). Her enthusiasm and energy has rubbed off on many staff who have volunteered their family time to open up the school for visitors on Sunday 14th September from 9-11am. Activities during this time include a Breakfast BBQ run by our fantastic P&C and a Wingham High School Versus Wingham Rotary debate. Other activities for the celebrations can be seen in the program to be found further in this newsletter.

Recent victories by our Chess team means they travel to Newcastle soon to compete in the Hunter regional Tournament. We wish them the best of luck. The many academic, cultural and sporting opportunities provided to all students at Wingham High School are on display in this newsletter, from Marine Technology to Careers to Basketball and more.

MAJOR GENERAL SIR NEVILLE REGINALD HOWSE VC

On the cold day of July 24th, members of the community ranging from Port Macquarie and Wauchope to Wingham and surrounds gathered at historical Ellenborough Falls to unveil and commemorate a plaque and rest area for Major-General Sir Neville Reginald Howse VC. Neville Howse was a popular, dedicated doctor who served in the Manning Valley for a period of his life, leaving a significant impact on the community.

Howse was awarded the first Victoria Cross for a soldier in the Australian services for his actions in the face of the enemy. Local students laid wreaths under the eyes of supportive members of local councils. Paul Hogan, the mayor of the Greater Taree City Council and Peter Besseling, mayor of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, paid their respects followed by educated remarks from Mr Darcy Elbourne, president of the War Veterans' Remembrance Drive Association, Federal Member for Lyne Dr David Gillespie, Mr Stephen Bromhead MP Member for Myall Lakes, Emeritus Professor John Ramsland OAM, author of the extensive biography of Howse, and finally Lieutenant Commander Dr Charles Howse, Royal Australian Navy Reserve.

Guests were treated to performances from The Comboyne Choir and a Catafalque Party by Re-enactment Heritage Group Newcastle. Neville Howse was commemorated as an influential character of our valley's history.

Hannah Clarke

YEAR 9, 2015 INFORMATION EVENING

Year 8 students, with their parents and carers, are invited to attend the Year 9, 2015 Student/Parent/Carer Information Evening which will provide information about curriculum structures and subject selections for students in Year 9 at Wingham High School in 2015. The even should conclude after approximately one hour.

On the night, students will receive an Information Booklet about the subjects available to them, along with their Subject Selection sheets so that they can begin to make some very important and informed decisions about their education. These must be completed online and the confirmation email slip printed and returned to Mrs Dixon's office before the end of week 9 in term 3 (Friday, 12th September 2014).

REMEMBER:

Selection of subjects should be based on:

- Your interests and ability
- Your possible future career thoughts/needs

It is anticipated that all students and their parents/carers will attend on the night.

YEAR 10 MARINE TECHNOLOGY



On Monday 4th August our Year 10 Marine Technology class travelled to the Australian Shark and Ray Centre at Port Stephens for an excursion. After 2 hours on the minibus filled with chatting, iPod-listening and games of Eye-Spy and Spotto (who can spot the yellow cars first), we arrived at our destination - a large warehouse filled multiple shallow pools that contained a range of different sharks and rays.

We were given waders to wear so our clothes didn't get wet. These look like plastic overalls attached to gumboots. Before we

could go into any of the pools an instructor gave us directions about how to feed and handle them properly without hurting them or us. Then we were given a feeding stick with a clip attached on the end for the food to be held on. We were then given the choice to either be brave and get a cuddle with a 300kg Black Stingray, or to wade around in the pool feeding small Port Jackson Sharks, Black Stingrays and Southern Eagle Rays – most people chose the latter. The pool was very cold and our legs felt like they were frozen. The rays and sharks were very friendly and loved the prawns we were feeding them. When we were used



to the little Rays, everyone decided to jump in the pool with the huge one. Afterwards we headed to a warmer, shallower pool with about 25 Fiddler Rays and a Shovelnose Ray, which



was really cool. If you kneeled down and got the Rays' attention with food they would come up and lay across your knees. Finally it was time to leave. We all got back on the bus and then stopped for lunch on the way back to school. We had a great day at the Shark and Ray Centre.

S Fahey, T Dwyer, and J Waters

CAREERS NEWS



The Taree Careers Expo was held on Friday 25th July at Chatham High School. There were a wide variety of exhibitors including universities, TAFE, apprenticeship brokers, employers, UAC, Defence Force and the Police. Forty four Wingham High School students from Years 10, 11 and 12 attended the Expo. The Expo is an annual event which gives students an opportunity to talk to a number people in the one location about their future Career options.

Eighteen Year 12 students attended the Newcastle University Open Day on July 16. It was a great opportunity for students to look

around the campus and its facilities and see the wide range of course options available.

For Year 10, a number of students have been involved in the Work Experience Program so far this year. We have had students working in a range of occupations in a variety of locations. All reports from employers have been positive and it is great to see our students representing our school with pride. There is still plenty of time for students to organise Work Experience for the remainder of the year.

Shirley Clissold
Careers Adviser

ATHLETICS

Students competed in Newcastle on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th July at the Hunter Region Athletics Selection Trials. Eight of our students have now been selected to represent Hunter Region at the CHS State Athletics Championships to be held in Sydney on September 4th, 5th and 6th.

The students selected are:

Maitlan Brown	Girls 17+ Years Javelin
Sophie French	Girls 13 Years Javelin
John Roberts	Boys 12 Years 4 x 100m Relay
	Boys 12 Years Long Jump
	Boys 12 Years 100m
Matthew McKellar	Boys 12 Years 4 x 100m Relay
Jack Kelly	Boys 12 Years 4 x 100m Relay
Zane Dawson	Boys 12 Years 4 x 100m Relay
Daniel Stocks	Boys 16 Years Shot Put
Luke Bailey	Boys 17+ Years Athletes With Disabilities (AWD)
	100m, 200m and 800m
Murray Doust	

STUDENTS WITH INJURIES

We take your students illnesses and injuries very seriously and provide the best level of first aide possible, however, many students come to school with injuries; bites, blisters, burns, infected belly rings, stings, sprains and strains that have been incurred as a result of sports or other activities out of school time. Our first aide officer has many duties to perform each day as well as her normal duties (first aide is a voluntary position), and the school would be grateful if injuries sustained out of school time could be treated out of school time. Of course we will continue to provide the best possible after care at school but students who require bandages, bandaids etc should provide them from home and existing injuries should be treated as well as possible at home.

Also, we wish to remind all parents that Wingham High School does not, under any circumstances, provide students with Panadol or any other non-prescription drugs and Prescription medications are only administered under strict guidelines. If your child requires medication at school please contact the school accounts office and we will be happy to discuss this further.

BOYS UNDER 15'S BASKETBALL



Wingham High's under 15's boys Basketball team played their first round game against Taree High School at Saxby's stadium in Taree on Monday 11th August.

Taree High was ready to play from the first whistle and took control of the game with a 19 to 8 first quarter performance.

The game tightened up in a low scoring second quarter thanks to Wingham High's strong defence, which saw Taree High extend their margin by just 2 points to go into half time up 28 to 15.

Wingham High came out firing after half time to outscore their opponents in the third quarter to the tune of 17 to 10 which saw Taree High's margin reduced to just 6 points heading into the final quarter.

The game went basket for basket in the fourth and final quarter and when the siren sounded for full time it was Taree High claiming victory 51 to 43.

Jordan Woodward was the standout scorer for Wingham High with 30 points followed by Jaland Small with 9 points. Alex Milliken and Lisiatie Hull also contributed to the score with a basket each.

Darko Jovanovic and Carissa Campbell

CANTEEN ROSTER

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11/08/2014	David Osmond, Marie Reeve, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
12/08/2014	MERE MALES!!! Ken Cameron, Allen Skinner
13/08/2014	Judy Abdoo, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
14/08/2014	Sandy Osmond, Melinda Murphy
15/08/2014	Jeffrey Ritchie, Leanne Smith, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
18/08/2014	Kay Brauer, Lorraine McGrath, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
19/08/2014	Caroline Weekes, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
20/08/2014	Judy Abdoo, Linda MacKenzie
21/08/2014	Leanne Foster, Robert Allen
22/08/2014	Jennifer Granger, Julianne Webster, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
25/08/2014	Kath Palmer, Lisa Brissett, Liz Fenech
26/08/2014	Christine Donohue, Jean Cameron, Bronwyn Wallace
27/08/2014	Julie Page, Judy Abdoo
28/08/2014	Anne Munns, Mary Pilotto
29/08/2014	Jennifer Granger, Leanne Smith, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
01/09/2014	Joyce Cumming, Marie Reeve, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
02/09/2014	Caroline Weekes, George Greaves
03/09/2014	Judy Abdoo, Lauren Robertson
04/09/2014	Jason Mills, Jeffrey Ritchie, Julianne Webster
05/09/2014	Jenny Lamborne, Patricia Skinner, Marie Reeve
08/09/2014	David Osmond, Marie Reeve, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
09/09/2014	MERE MALES!!! Ken Cameron, Allan Skinner
10/09/2014	Judy Abdoo, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
11/09/2014	Sandy Osmond, Melinda Murphy
12/09/2014	Jeffrey Ritchie, Leanne Smith, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
15/09/2014	Kay Brauer, Lorraine McGrath, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
16/09/2014	Caroline Weekes, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
17/09/2014	Judy Abdoo, Linda MacKenzie
18/09/2014	Leanne Forster, Robert Allen
19/09/2014	Jennifer Granger, Julianne Webster, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	
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06/10/2014	David Osmond, Marie Reeve, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
07/10/2014	MERE MALES!!!! Ken Cameron, Allan Skinner
08/10/2014	Judy Abdoo, HELP NEEDED PLEASE
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A COPY OF THE LATEST CANTEEN MENU HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE – Thanks to our canteen manager, lynda nash, for providing our school community with such healthy, tasty food at such great prices.

LEARNING SUPPORT NEWS

Woolworths, Taree have been generous in supporting Wingham High with a donation of \$50. This will allow students in the Literacy and Numeracy Cooking Program to purchase basic ingredients that they can use to start their program. Thank you to Elaine Hoole for organising this.

Karen Smart



SINGLETON STATE JUDGING

Jonty Hemmingway, Nikitta Gallagher and Kate Stocks – our Champion Judging team at Singleton State Judging Championships with the stud heifer that they were fortunate enough to win.

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.



Measles is about!

- Up to 2 in 5 NSW high school students are under-vaccinated against measles.
- Substantial outbreaks are occurring, particularly in South East Asia.
- 14 teenagers/young adults caught measles overseas and brought the infection back to NSW in the first 3 months of 2014.
- NSW Health is urging parents to check their teenager's vaccination records to ensure they have a record of 2 doses of MMR vaccine.

MMR IS FREE FOR ANYONE WITHOUT 2 DOCUMENTED DOSES

Parents are being encouraged to contact their GP. Catch-up clinics will be available in some high schools.

For more information visit
www.health.nsw.gov.au/measles



Health

NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2014

School vaccination clinics continue into term 4 *on 6th November 2014*

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE

If your child has missed any vaccinations they will be offered any missed doses at the next clinics at their school.

WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED ALL HPV VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2014.

Any year 7 student will be caught up for HPV only in 2015. Any Year 9 boy who has not received all 3 doses of HPV can attend their local doctor to receive any missed doses.

Additionally – any year 8 student who commenced HPV vaccination while in year 7 and are yet to finish all 3 doses (and who has not received any from their local doctor) can still receive these at the next clinic at their school.

Don't forget a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Any questions, visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at:

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

MEASLES CATCH-UP CAMPAIGN

You may have heard through a media campaign about the school based measles catch-up program due to the recent measles outbreaks in NSW. Details are at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/measles-catchup.aspx>

Due to high measles coverage rates in the Hunter New England Local Health District not all schools will be participating in this school catch-up campaign. However if your child's school is not participating in the measles program and your child needs vaccination, you can take your child to their doctor to receive free MMR vaccine (you may be charged for the consultation).

To check if your child has received two doses of MMR:

- Look in your child's Blue Book for a record of two doses of 'MMR vaccine' or 'Priorix vaccine' OR
- Check with your child's doctor

Wingham Sesquicentenary of Public Education – Programme of Events

FRIDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

Tabloid Sports Day

Central Park, Wingham
From 9:30am

Exhibitions

Manning Valley Historical
Society, Wingham
and
Hibiscus Room, Wingham
Services Club

Musical Reunion

"The Top Pub", Wingham
From 7:30pm

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Wingham Public School

Open for Inspection
10am - Midday
Morning Tea Provided

Wingham Brush Public School

Open for Inspection
12:30pm - 2:30pm
Sausage Sizzle Provided

Official Reception

Wingham Services Club
Bent Street, Wingham
Tickets on Sale Now!

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

Wingham High School

Open for Inspection
9:00am-11:00am
Sausage Sizzle
Breakfast Provided

150
Years

Public Education
Wingham NSW

1864 - 2014



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- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Amy Hogan, your local Saver Plus Worker:
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or amy.hogan@thesmithfamily.com.au

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Aussie music icons head Akoostik line-up

Aussie music icons James Reyne, Grace Knight and Rick Price head the exciting and diverse line-up announced for this year's Wingham Akoostik festival, being held from 17th to 19th October.

Alongside the Australian musical legends, multi-instrumentalist Blake Noble returns to his homeland from his adopted city of Seattle, USA, to join the festival line-up.

The full list of artists includes more than 25 acts, including Caravana Sun, Harry Hookey, Mojo Bluesman, AFRO and the Ultimate, Tom Richardson, Galleri, Floyd Vincent and Swamp Stompers.

Alongside the musical performances, the Wingham Akoostik festival includes a vibrant array of activities and entertainment, such as circus performances, roving entertainers, market stalls and a variety of workshops.

A highlight on this year's program will be the 'Getchya Music to the Masses' workshop for budding performers, with Jake Stone from the band BLUEJUICE, and Thom Rawle from Papa Vs Pretty providing their insights.

This year the Akoostik festival will be run at the Wingham Showground over three days, kicking off on Friday night 17th October, and continuing

throughout the weekend, with onsite camping available.

Other performers over the weekend include Holly Who, Suntura, The Travelling Teardrops, Matt Zarb, MD West, The Last Train, Up in Annie's Room, Harrys Lookout, Jake Davey and Peggy van Zalm.

Tickets are on sale now at earlybird prices on the Wingham Akoostik Festival Facebook page on the Ticketbooth link.

For more info visit www.akoostik.com.au.

For further information contact:

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James

Reyne...

James Reyne has a music career that spans four decades, and more than two million album sales under his belt. With well-known hits such as 'The Boys Light Up' and 'Reckless', Reyne is well-known for both his success as lead singer of Australian Crawl, and as a solo artist, having released his most recent album, Thirteen, in 2012.

Rick

Price...

Rick Price came to fame in the early nineties, with top 40 songs such as 'Walk Away Renee', 'Not a Day Goes By' and 'Heaven Knows'. With his most recent album released in 2011, Price also co-writes and produces music for other artists including Becky Cole, Gina Jeffreys, Adam Brand and Tina Arena.



Grace

Knight...

Grace Knight is the former lead singer of the internationally acclaimed band, Eurogliders, and a highly successful solo artist in her own right. This 'jazz diva', whose career began in the UK in the seventies, has also appeared on the ABC mini series Come In Spinner and the long-running TV show Neighbours.

[Buy Tickets Now!](#)





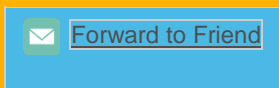
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RHEE TAE KWON DO



Manning River Sailing Club

Monday 5.30pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 5.00pm – 6.00pm

First 3 lessons free when you mention

Wingham High School

Brent Williams

0427 646 737



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.