

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome back to a new year at Wingham High School. This year will again be a busy one for staff and students. Many new or recent initiatives are recommencing which aim to improve learning and social outcomes for all students.

The creation of Personal Learning Plans for each and every student will continue having started last year with all of year 7. The aim of this is to develop in students more ownership of their learning and to build aspirations for their future learning and life. Staff have volunteered to be part of Year Teams which will focus on the creation of these plans as well as other strategic programs appropriate for each year group.

With the annual enrolment census complete it is clear that the demographic trend of declining enrolments is continuing. Fewer numbers in the school has a direct impact on the number of classes and courses we can offer. As a result we have reduced the number of core classes in Year 10 (from 5 to 4) however we have been able to increase the number of core classes in year 7 (from 3 to 4). We are also fortunate to be able to use some of our RAM equity funding to maintain the breadth of curriculum particularly in stage 5 & 6 (years 9-12).

The new School Strategic Plan for 2015-17 is being formulated with input from parents, students and staff being used to articulate a whole school vision and 3 strategic directions. A focus on growing our Culture of Learning through developing teaching skills, addressing the needs of 21st Century Learners and establishing structures in the school which promote engagement of students, staff and parents has emerged.

Another focus at the start of this year has been uniform. I am pleased to say that there have been significant improvements indicating that students are buying into our core values and showing this by wearing uniform and hence availing themselves of the many extra curricula opportunities that the school provides. Shoes continue to be an issue in terms of safety as well as colour. Our uniform supported by the P&C clearly states that shoes are to be black or white. Fluoro colours are NOT part of the uniform. Canvas shoes are not safe and are unacceptable footwear in practical areas such as Science and TAS. The school is able to provide financial assistance to families to assist with purchase of uniform items. A description of Wingham High School uniform and DEC uniform policy is available on our website.

I look forward to working with everyone in 2015.



***Success at Camden
Haven Show over the
weekend***

CAREERS NEWS

It has been a busy start to 2015 in the Careers area. On the 4th and 5th February, 11 students attended the University of Wollongong Excursion to find out more information about university generally and also course specific information. We stayed at Campus East to get an idea of what university accommodation and catering is like. UOW has an Early Admission program which allows students to select 2 courses for consideration. Interviews are held in the September holidays and students find out the outcome of their application before they sit their first HSC examination. The students who attended found the excursion to be informative and also motivating to strive for success in their studies. It was a pleasure taking this lovely group of students on this excursion.

On Thursday 12th February we had the University Roadshow come to Wingham High. Representatives from Charles Sturt University, Southern Cross University and the University of New England came to give students some general and course specific information about our regional universities. Each of these representatives will return during Term 3 to speak to students again as the time nears for them to make their university choices.

I have a Careers Group on Facebook. Year 10/11/12 students and parents are invited to join this closed group as another avenue of disseminating the large volume of Careers information that comes across my desk. Also, it is useful when there is a quick turnaround time for applications etc. My group is called WHS Careers.

Our school subscribes to mhscareers, a careers service which allows students or parents to be kept up to date with Careers News and Events. The login and password for the website www.mhscareers.com are Wingham and wgh88 respectively. Newsletters are sent weekly. To register to receive the newsletters use the CONTACT US page on the website.

The school also has a Wingham Careers website which is www.winghamcareers.com. This service is provided by an outside company and has lots of useful Careers information as well as templates for resumes and letters of application. Students need to register and can then access the Students Secure Area.

There is always lots of information to be given to students. I give out relevant information at year meetings, through the student notices, my WHS Careers Facebook group and by email. Students and parents are welcome to come and see me as needed.

TAFE News.

Congratulations to Jessica Pfister of Year 12 who recently received 2 awards at a TAFE Awards evening. Jessica studies Early Childhood Education and Care at Taree TAFE. She received a TVET Achievement Award and also TVET Student of the Year. Jessica is now put forward to go to the next level in the awards process. I would like to congratulate Jessica on her achievements so far and wish her well at the next stage of the process.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The school swimming carnival was held on February, 9th at Wingham Pool. There was great competition with lots of participation.

The winning house was Oxley.

Approximately 30 students competed at the Zone Swimming Trials in Taree on February 17th. The next level of competition is the Regional Trials to be held on March 3rd at Maitland.

Age Champions at the Swimming Carnival were:

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| 12 Years | Kara Allan |
| 13 Years | Zoe Clarkson
Danny Bisby |
| 14 Years | Laura Waters/Paige Webster
David Diehm |
| 15 Years | Tallulah Greaves
Taj Greaves |



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| 16 Years | Miranda Deal
Connor Hughes |
| 17+ Years | Jenna Waters
Kyle Murray |
| 18 Years | |

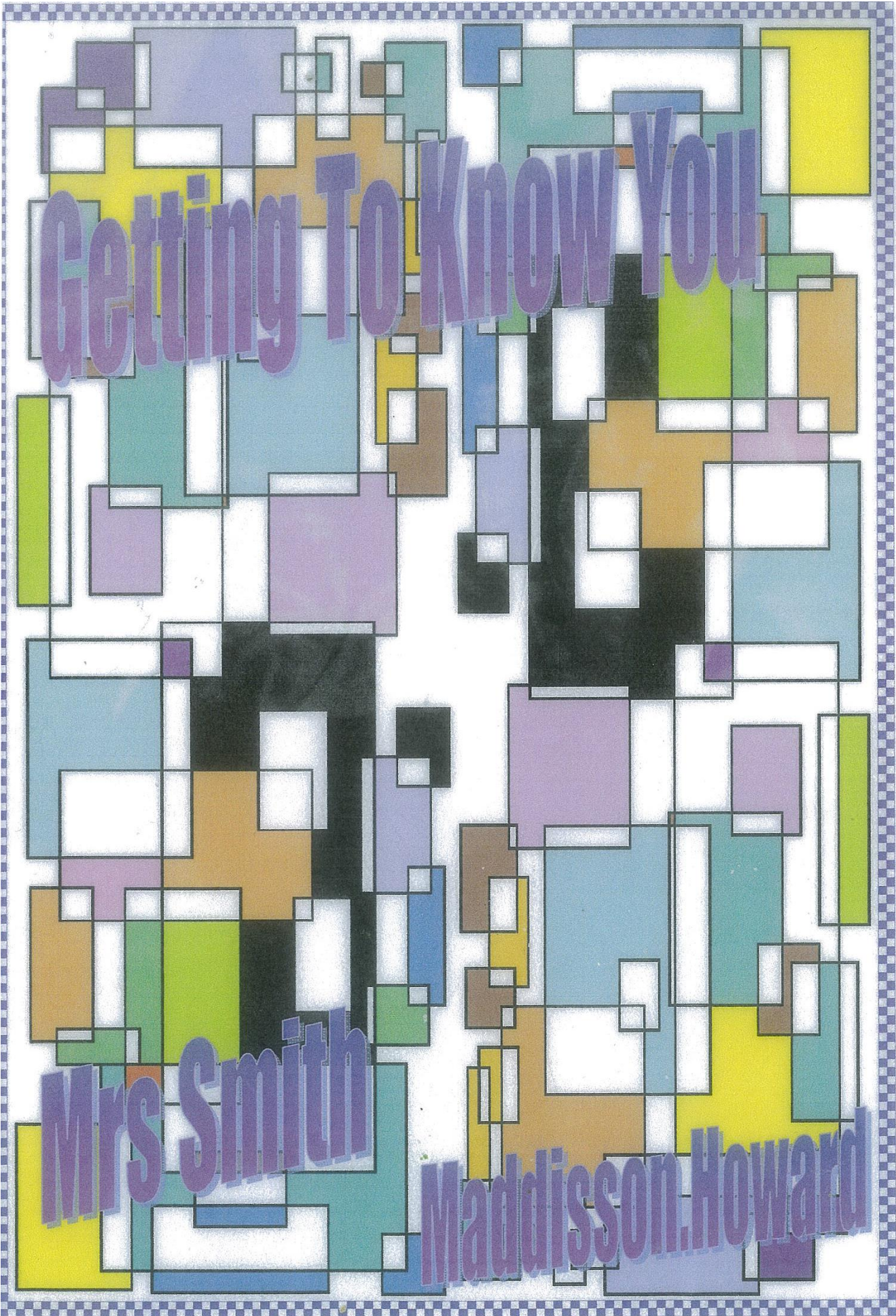


TEARDROP BANNERS

Wingham High School P&C recently purchased four coloured double-sided tear drop flags representing each of the school's sporting house teams. They were proudly on display and swinging in the gentle breeze at the school's annual swimming carnival held at Wingham Pool on Monday, 9th February.

Two other tear drop flags printed with the school's name and crest on a white background were also purchased. They look impressive and will serve the school well at special events and formal occasions.





How about you get to know me before you judge me.

friend

smiles

support

respect

help

listening

ask questions

Getting to know you

fun

time

happy



FRIENDSHIP



One on One

I would like to introduce an interesting person I met this week, Tahlae Martin. Tahlae sees herself as an energetic and fun person who is unique or one of a kind.

Home on the farm in Wingham is a place to rest or do anything for Tahlae. But on a farm there is always something to do. Tahlae helps with the farm jobs and enjoys moving the cattle. Lucky because with the energy Tahlae has open spaces and lots of walking are really important.

Tahlae also uses this energy in the sports that she loves. Soccer and futsal are two of her favourites. She is looking forward to doing even more sport at Wingham High as well as the ag farm.

On the weekends she likes inviting friends over or going to friends houses. Her best friends Tatyana and Emily came with her to Wingham High from Wingham Brush school.

In the future Tahlae would like to have a lot of money, buy a yacht and be either a dental assistant or an interior designer.

Blake, Tahlae's 19 year old brother is who she looks up to and who has influenced her the most.

While I was talking with Tahlae I noticed she was around 150 cm tall with straight brown hair past her shoulders and hazel eyes.

I get the feeling Tahlae is going to enjoy Wingham High School and have a lot of friends.

Georgia Hudson – 7B



Meet Ethan

Ethan was born on the 25th of April 2002.

He has one brother, one dog and one cat. His favorite color red and his favorite movie is fast and furious.

He has no hobbies but his favorite sport is rugby league which he really enjoys playing.

I asked Ethan why he came to Wingham High, he said he decided to come from Mt George because it was the closest high school.

When he is older he wants to be a policeman I thinks that's awesome because he wants to do something to help the community.

Ethan was a great person to interview and he gave me some great information about himself.

Listening to him gave me some useful information about who he is and I think he would be good person to get to know.

By Emily Madden

Class: 7B

Beware the Lawn Mower

Just when you thought it was safe to use a lawn mower, along came tall, lanky dad. It started off with dad buying a second hand ride on mower. From dad's description of this mower, it seems like it was made in the 18th century. No, it's not that dad can't use the ride on mower, it's just that we live on three quarters of an acre, which is quite steep out the back. The mower, being quite small and dad being a little heavy, disaster loomed.

The next day as mum was heading out the door to play golf, she turned, glared back at dad, and said, "Don't even think about using the mower".

When mum arrived home, dad appeared with his leg heavily bandaged from groin to knee. This happened because dad reversed the mower back, hit a pot hole was leaning back, uh oh ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST!!!

Donk, donk, donk, donk went the blade hitting dad's leg once, twice, three times and more, then he kicks it off.

So the moral of the story is..... the length dad goes to, to get out of doing something he doesn't enjoy.

Now it's a worry when dad does something he doesn't want to do.

Jesse Googh – 7B



Have you ever thought how good it would be to be able to learn what it's like to live in another country?



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District 9650 Rotary Youth Exchange

Phone: Allan Brown 0265535813 or

Email: secyepd9650@gmail.com

www.rotaryyouthexchange9650.com.au



**The Rotary Club of
District 9650 Rotary
Youth Exchange**

Applications are now being sought from eligible high school students to apply for a long-term overseas youth exchange.

Applicants need to be 15 years of age and no older than 17 years & 6 months at time of departure 16th January 2016.

Application forms are available from

www.rotaryyouthexchange9650.com.au

THANK YOU LETTER TO P & C



Ms Karen Smart and Mrs Leanne Masters of Learning and Support with Mr George Greaves, Wingham High School P & C President.

On behalf Wingham High, we would like to thank the P and C for the purchase of iPads that will be used in Learning and Support to help meet the needs of students with disabilities and students with literacy and numeracy needs.

iPads enable us to use specially designed educational apps that target specific skills. They also provide access to the curriculum for students with more severe learning needs where they can utilise programs that change text to speech, for example.

iPads are also highly engaging for students who easily become disengaged with school and they will be used extensively for students in literacy groups, and to support students in class.

The purchase of the iPads and accessories will assist Wingham High to continue to provide quality learning programs for students with special needs.

INTERESTED IN HAVING SOME SERIOUS FUN ?

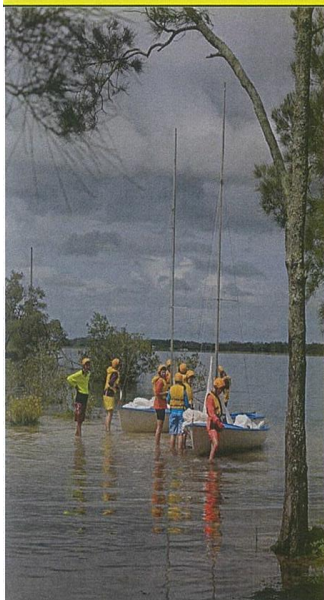
AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS

The ANC is for youth aged 13-19, if you're turning 13 this year you can join now. Cadets experience exciting personal challenges and opportunities for growth in an adventurous maritime environment.

- ❖ Teamwork
- ❖ New friends
- ❖ Leading and helping others
- ❖ Sailing, Boating, Seamanship skills
- ❖ Water safety
- ❖ Navy Ceremonial
- ❖ Safe handling of Firearms
- ❖ Navy Ships and Establishments



The ANC is supported by trained volunteer staff who assist Cadets to conduct an exciting activity program. Navy and community groups fund and help support the ANC.



TO JOIN "TS MANOORA" Taree CONTACT MARY WILKIN 0448 107 231

TINONEE EAGLES

TINONEE SOCCER CLUB INC

PO BOX 16 TINONEE NSW 2430 ABN

91225267071



Email -tinoneesoccer@hotmail.com

tinoneesc@footballmidnorthcoast.net.au

Tinonee Soccer Club-registrations

2015

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Registrations for Tinonee Eagles are now open online at www.myfootballclub.com.au We will be holding registration days on the following dates –please note, that on registration days we will have a limited number of computers on hand to assist with registrations. So to assist, if at all possible, please try to register online prior to these days. If you register and pay online there is no requirement to attend these days in person unless you just register online and want to pay manually

Registrations days for those who cannot register online
Bob Collier Oval, Bucketts Way Tinonee

Saturday February 14th 9.00am - to 12noon

Tuesday February 17th 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Saturday February 21st 9.00am to 12.00noon

Tuesday February 24th 3.30pm to 5.00pm

MUSTER DAY

This year's muster information day will be held on Sunday 29th March 10.00am until noon
at the clubhouse Tinonee Oval

For further information call registrar John on 0432 659 340
or our president Mark on 0419 614 145

SOCCKER REGISTRATION

WINGHAM FC - SOCCER SEASON 2015

To register and pay on line

go to live.myfootballclub.com.au

For those that want to pay via cash or cheque,

Committee members will be at the Wingham

Bowling Club [Saturday 14th](#) & [21st February](#)

between [10am-12pm](#) **but please note, all**

registrations must be completed online.

For any further information please call our

Club Registrar- Narelle Walker on [0429 655 063](tel:0429655063)



NETBALL REGISTRATION

WINGHAM NETBALL CLUB 2015 REGISTRATIONS

AT THE LOG, CENTRAL PARK, WINGHAM

FRIDAY, MARCH 6TH, 4.30 UNTIL 5.30

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH, 9AM UNTIL 10.30

LAPTOP WILL AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE REGISTRATIONS

COMPETITION STARTS MAY 2ND, 2015

ENQUIRIES TO ANGELA...0409 085 342





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CANTEEN NEWS

MONTH	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
FEBRUARY	23 RD Kay Brauer Lorraine McGrath Marie Reeve	24 th **Mere Males** Ken Cameron Allan Skinner	25 th Julie Page Judy Abdo Marie Reeve	26 th Jason Mills Jeffrey Ritchie	27 th Brad & Judith Martin Marie Reeve
MARCH	2 nd Marie Reeve Jean Cameron HELP NEEDED PLEASE	3 rd Caroline Weekes HELP NEEDED PLEASE	4 th Marina Kmet Judy Abdo Marie Reeve	5 th Lisa Brissett Linda McKenzie	6 th Marie Reeve Julianne Webster HELP NEEDED PLEASE
MARCH	9 th Marie Reeve Joyce Cummings HELP NEEDED PLEASE	10 th Robert Allan Leanne Foster	11 th Lauren Robertson Judy Abdo Marie Reeve	12 th Jason Mills Jeffrey Ritchie	13 th Marie Reeve Kelly Reeve
MARCH	16 th Marie Reeve Liz Fenech HELP NEEDED PLEASE	17 th Caroline Weekes HELP NEEDED PLEASE	18 th Marina Kmet Judy Abdo Marie Reeve	19 th Anne Munns Mary Pilotto	20 th Jenny Lamborne Pat Skinner Marie Reeve
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MARCH/ APRIL	30 th Marie Reeve Jean Cameron HELP NEEDED PLEASE	31 st Caroline Weekes HELP NEEDED PLEASE	1 st Marina Kmet Judy Abdo Marie Reeve	2 nd Lisa Brissett Linda McKenzie	3 rd GOOD FRIDAY

Judy would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome she has received and to advise that she is still looking for more volunteers so if you can spare a little of your time please call the school on 6553 5488. Thanks!!

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.**





WINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MENU TERMS 4 and 1 2014/2015



<u>COLD FOOD</u>		<u>ICE CONFECTIONS</u>		<u>DRINKS</u>	
Salad Subs 	\$3.00	TNT	\$0.80	Plain Milk	\$2.00
Sandwiches	2.50	Paddle Pop	1.50	Small Oak	2.00
Salad Wraps	3.50	Quelch Stick	.60	Flavoured Milk Carton	3.00
Chicken OR Ham Salad Wraps	3.80	Icy Twist	1.00	Just Natural Milk	3.20
Chicken, Lettuce, Mayo Roll	3.00	Cyclone	1.50	100% Juice	2.50
Salad Box with Egg	3.00	Calippo 	1.00	Orchy Juice Purple Lid	2.50
Salad Box with Chicken OR Ham	3.50	Frozen Yoghurt	2.50	600ml Water	1.20
Wombok Salad with Chicken	3.50	Paddle Pop Thick Shake	2.00	750ml Water	2.20
Thai Beef Salad	3.00	Splice	2.00	Cool Ridge Sparkling Water	2.50
Chicken Caesar Salad	3.00	Ice Cream Cup	1.20	Up & Go Small	2.00
Pasta Salad	2.50	Frozen Juice Cup	0.60	Up & Go Large 	3.00
Cheese & Bacon Bun	1.50	Frozen Jelly Stick	.10	LOL Juice Drink	2.00
		No TNT or Juice Cups sold at recess or 2nd half of lunch		Saxby's Bottles	3.00
<u>HOT FOOD</u>				Iced Tea, All Flavours	2.80
Chicken Chilli Wrap	\$2.50	<u>SNACKS</u>		Slushy Small	1.50
Chicken & Corn Roll	2.00	Yoghurt	\$2.50	Slushy Large	2.00
Sweet Potato Wedges	3.00	Mousse	.60	Slushy Extra Large	3.80
PBC (Potato, Bacon, Cheese Patty)	2.00	Home Baked Muffins	1.00		
Spinach & Ricotta Roll	3.00	All Chips 28 gr	1.00	<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>	
Fish Piece	2.00	Jelly Sticks	.10	Apron – Blue OR White	\$10.00
Veggie Patty	2.00	Cough Drops	.80	OHS Packs	20.00
Chicken Wedges	5 for 2.50	Sunfruits 	.80	(Apron, Goggles, Ear Plugs, Dust Mask)	
New Items arriving soon!!!		Yoghurt, Muesli, Custard Cup	1.50	Visual Arts Diary	7.00
				Exercise Book – 128 Page	1.00
<u>LUNCH ONLY</u>		Remember to Order your Lunch BEFORE School or at Recess. It saves time in the line!!! NO Ordering in class Time. NO Children allowed in the canteen at Lunch Or Recess, Before School Only NO MATTER WHAT... ..			
Hamburgers	\$3.00				
Cheese Burger	2.80				
Gourmet Chicken Burger 	3.80				



BJELKE-PETERSEN

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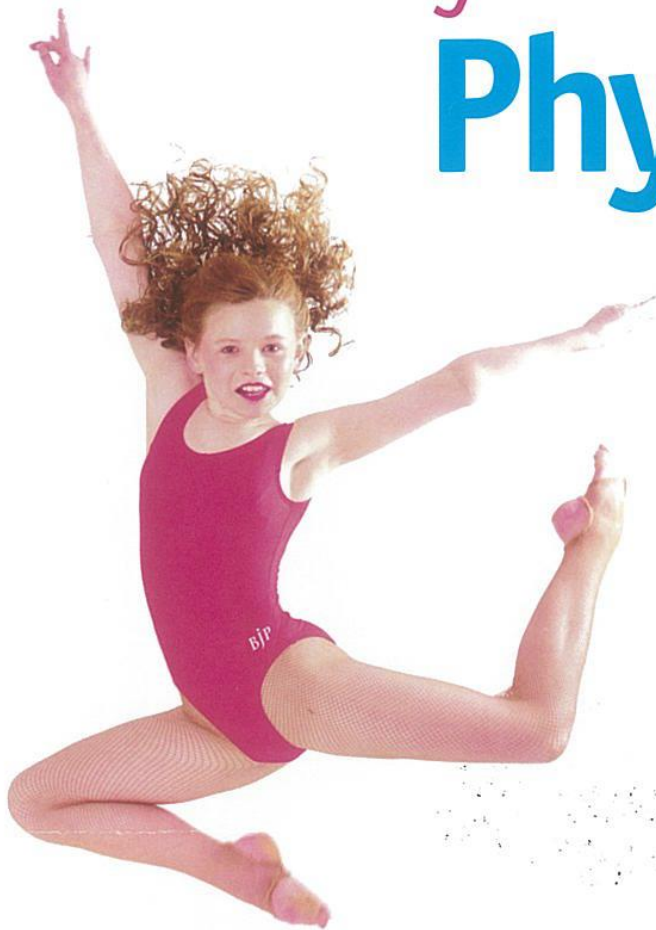
Physie is all about fun, fitness and friendship. There are optional competitions for individuals and club teams, as well as performance opportunities for all, so get involved today!



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Nola: 0419 237 715

Phone **02 9858 5122**
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Taree – Cundletown – Old Bar

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BMX Come & Try day

When: Saturday 28th February 2015

Time: 10am

Where: Manning Valley BMX Track
Urara Lane, Taree

The sport is fast and exciting and is
great exercise for kids and adults.
Suitable for total family
participation.

You need to wear a long Sleeve
Top, Long Pants, Shoes and Socks
Gloves and Full face Helmet
(available to loan from the club if
necessary)

You will also need to bring your
bike.

Free sausage sizzle!

BMX riding demonstration by
Manning Valley Senior riders!

It's great fun... see you there!



Further information

E: manningvalleybmxclub@hotmail.com

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COMMUNITY

and gain

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for more information contact pcy state office 02 9625 9111



Monday, 16 February 2015

Dear Stakeholder

The Lund Foundation and Australia and Asbestos Safety Eradication Agency is holding a seminar on "All you need to know about asbestos" with the aim of information the whole community about where you might find asbestos in your home and environment and how to reduce your risk of exposure to asbestos. Could you please help spread the word about this event either with flyers, email or newsletter?

Please make mention of the need for those interested to register as per flyer details.

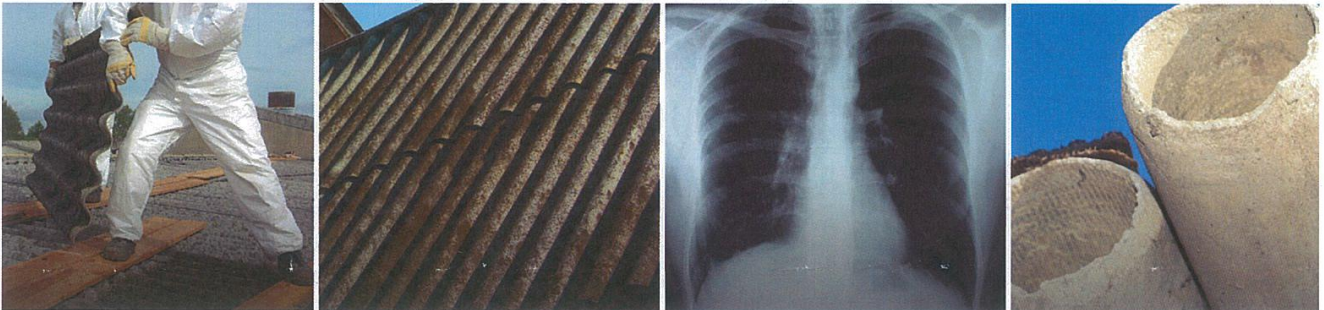
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**DANGER
ASBESTOS**

what you need to know
**ABOUT
ASBESTOS**

Are you at risk with potential asbestos in your home?



VENUE:
 Club Taree
 121 Wingham Road, Taree, NSW 2430
 4th March 2015, 6pm to 8.30pm
 Free event - contact the Lung Foundation to register your interest.

For more information, please contact:
**Lung Foundation Australia's
 Information and Support Centre**
P 1800 654 301
E enquiries@lungfoundation.com.au

Australian Government
 Asbestos Safety and Eradication Agency

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The *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

CAMDEN HAVEN SHOW REPORT

News just to hand.....

The Wingham High School Show Team competed at the Camden Haven Show with 11 steers. The Show Team had some good competition from studs, breeders and other schools such as Kempsey, Camden Haven, Chatham, Melville and Port Macquarie. The weather conditions were trying with 70mm of rain falling over the showground while parading and judging continued into the late afternoon.



The quality of the animals exhibited this year was excellent due to Mr Cassels sourcing animals from a range of breeders across the state and a strong feeding regime for these animals specifically aimed at individual market specification and show times in 2015.

The following results were gained by our students and animals while fully clad in raincoats and gumboots.

- Champion Novice Parader – B J Woolfe
- Junior Judging Finalist – 3rd Jake Peckett
- Open Parading 12 Years – 1st Georgia Hudson
- Junior Judging 14 Years – Equal 3rd Riley and Dylan Brown
- Heavy Weight (Junior) – 3rd Aaron Walker (handler)
- Judging 15 Years – 1st Charles Turner
- 1st Champion Light Steer (Kovu) – Teanna Peckett
- 1st Champion Middle Weight (Jesse) – Cassey Williams
- Reserve Champion Light and Middle Weight – Light (Kebab) – Middle (Jumpstart)
- Grand Champion (Jesse)
- Champion British Breed X (Jumpstart) – Charles Turner (handler)
- Supreme Exhibit (Jesse) – Cassey Williams (handler)



Thank you to BJ Woolf's parents for transporting all the animals to the show and other parents for their support on the day.

Mr Hawkins
Agriculture