



Dates to Remember

16 December

Last day of school 2016

30 January

First day of Term 1 2017
for Years 7, 11 & 12

31 January

First day of Term 1 2017
for Years 8, 9 & 10



School Leaders Holly, Arlo, Makeelly & Mitch officiated at the Presentation Night.

From the Principal's Desk

Well we are here at the end of another year. I can say that it has been quite a learning curve as Relieving Principal and an extremely rewarding experience. This role will continue into 2017 as Mr Thomson has extended his leave.

To be able to stand as Principal and broadcast the wonderful talents and character of our students at Wingham High School is indeed a privilege. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our staff for the wonderful efforts they have put in again this year. To those that are moving on we bid them farewell and look forward to meeting some fresh new faces in 2017.

I would also like to thank all community members and parents for their support of the school. It is most appreciated.

Your children will be bringing home reports on Wednesday so please take time in reading about the effort and achievement of your child. A considerable amount of time goes into developing the reports and they do a good job in summarising performance.

I would take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year break. I hope that you have plenty of hugs with loved ones and have a relaxing time with family and friends.

All the best

Paul Ivers



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Random Acts of Kindness

Yesterday a group of young gents went down the street in an effort to spread positivity within our community. The idea was based around the 'Random Act of Kindness' movement, which includes completing a random act of kindness for someone to make their day. In this case we presented to random members of the general public flowers and candy canes. The response was overwhelming. While the young gentlemen's club were the ones giving, they didn't expect to be receiving so much in the way of smiles and thank-you's in return. An eye opening experience for the young men of how a small act on their part, can make such a profound difference to someone's day.

I would just like to thank the young men that volunteered to complete the task alongside me and this event will be a memory I will hold close during my time as school captain.

Mitch Saxby
WHS School Captain



Healthy Minds Month- Mood Music

During the month of November students have been facilitating ways for the school community to promote healthy minds. Studies show that mood can be changed and uplifted through certain music. Our students went out to prove this study for themselves. Armed with a list of Wingham High staff's favourite mood-enhancer music and live performances from our very talented student body, lunchtime was made to be very cheery indeed.

Staff and student body alike could be seen bopping and shimmying along to Mr Cassel's personal favourite 'I'm walking on Sunshine' by Katrina and the Waves and 'Simply the Best' by Tina Turner a personal favourite of the ladies in the office, to power them through a busy afternoon. Coupled with uplifting live music sessions from Wingham High's very own year 9 students, the afternoon was most certainly set up for success!

A huge thank you to Mrs Harrell and her team of year 9 musical masters for making the event a success!

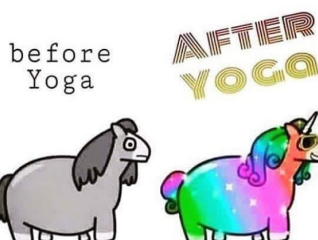


Healthy Minds Month – Yoga Day

On Tuesday 29th November students were invited to attend a yoga session in the MPC. The event ran the whole day with each year group completing a 50 minute session. What was surprising to most students was the level of fitness and agility that was required to complete even the simplest of moves such as 'Salute to the sun'. Even more surprising to students were the benefits that they gained, such as feeling more relaxed for the rest of the day and sleeping better that night.

Overall the participation was great, the feedback amazing and WHS looks to incorporating more opportunities for students to participate in Yoga in the future.

A huge thank you goes out to **Tania Lee** for teaching our students all day and to **Kate Taylor** for organizing the event. Credit to you both for such a great event.





Presentation Night

Congratulations to award recipients and thank you to parents, carers, friends and invited guests for attending the 2016 Presentation Night in recognition of our students' achievements.



Sports Awards Assembly

Congratulations to award recipients and thank you to parents, carers and friends for attending The Annual Sports Assembly on Thursday 8th December recognising students' sporting achievements.



Layne Watson, John Roberts & Reid Brown



Billy Bartlett



Hayley Goodman

Michael O'Neill

Hayden Essery





School Production Success

The 2016 production "Snow White and The Seven Singers" has wrapped up and the overall response in a word: AWESOME. The sound and lighting, set and costume design, singing and acting was all top shelf this year. First time director Mr Brett Sedgwick led a talented cast and crew and all things went to plan. The script from Year 10 student Travis Cross was well received by the audience and many laughs were had. The star of the show was Year 8 student Georgia Hudson and everyone is still talking up the singing and acting abilities of this future super star! 5 Stars!





Year 9/10 Work Experience

Year 10 student Matthew Luckhurst and Year 9 Student Alex Davidson are currently participating in our work experience program within the automotive industry at Garfield's Auto and Jarrah's Automotive respectively, who have kindly agreed to take on our students. They are honing their skills to hopefully one day become fully qualified Mechanics. They have both indicated their very keen interest in this field. This is showing in their productivity and the reports from their employer.



Matthew Luckhurst



Alex Davidson



Year 11 Construction



Craig Watson



Alex Milliken



Dylan Murphy



Jack Boyd



Bianca Cornish



Year 11 Construction undertook their Brick and Block Laying course at school recently. Bearing some extremely hot and humid days, the 5 students persevered with their teachers Mr Irvine and Mr Keen to try and learn and master the art of laying a brick. Whilst many found the tasks extremely challenging, all students kept turning up and working a genuine 8 hour day in the heat to successfully complete their competencies. This was further refined with two days of excavating, erecting formwork, pouring footings and concreting a 300mm retaining wall in the Construction yard for the future development of a Shed site. All students worked admirably and left the week long activities enriched with knowledge but a little weary from the effort. A sensational week with all students to be highly commended.





Year 10 Authentic Assessment

Year 10 have once again completed Authentic Assessment interviews for 2016. Authentic Assessment is a process in which students are made accountable for their learning and explain the successes, highlights, hits and missus that they encountered over the schooling year. Held in a formal interview situation with Teachers, Year 9 students and local community business people and employers, the pressure to present and speak can be daunting for many of our students. However, the interviewing skills and presentation techniques learnt and displayed by our students was exemplary with many leaving with a valuable learning experience that will serve them well into the future.

The coordination and enthusiasm from the Authentic Assessment Team, ably coordinated by Stacey Harrell, saw many of our pupils share their amazing attitudes and talents with a vast array of people. If any community members would like to participate in this extremely valuable and worthwhile program please contact our school at any time to register your interest.



Tony Lowman from Lauders Real Estate and Barry Murray from Wingham Services Club



Angela Callaghan from Red Cross Blood Service and Louise Smith from Wingham Eye Care.



Year 9 helpers Pru Smyth, Rawai Pointi & Kate McWhirter



Abbey Drury with her Textiles Major Work



Year 10 students Jordyn Googh, Annabelle Hansen, Cassidy Mills

Barbara Montague from Commonwealth Bank, teacher Clair Twaddle and Year 9 student Ben Butler-Kwa



Volunteers End of Year Luncheon

On Tuesday 6th December the Year 11 Hospitality class prepared a luncheon to say **Thank You** to volunteers. Volunteers make a valuable contribution to Wingham High in the school canteen and various other areas of the school.

If you would like to help in the canteen, call Judy the canteen manager on 6553 5488.

Simon Morse, Marie Reeves, Robert Allan, Alan Skinner, Ken Cameron, Joyce Cummings, Kay Brauer, Jenny Cameron, Lauren Robertson, Pat Skinner, Judy Abdo, Julie Page, Hilda Sutherland, Louise Smith with Principal Paul Ivers & P&C President George Greaves



A farewell thank you from George Greaves to Jenny & Ken Cameron for their work with the P&C

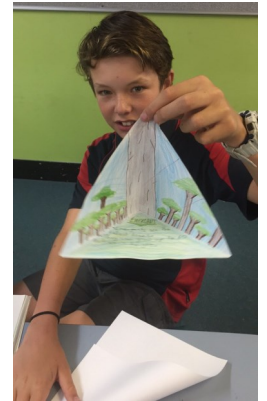
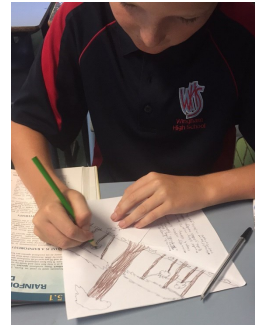
George Greaves & dedicated volunteer Marie Reeves





7W Geography Triorama & Rainforest

Year 7 Wariyan have been studying rainforests as part of their global environments unit. Recently, students have been examining the four layers of the rainforest: emergent, canopy, understory and forest floor. As part of their study, we have completed a variety of creative activities including sketching the Wingham Brush, making a triorama and creating a rainforest in a jar. After this they did a case study of the Amazon Rainforest where they studied the behavioural adaptations of animals, medicinal properties of the plants and identified tribes who still rely on the rainforest for all their needs.



Year 7 Outstanding Achiever's Program

This new initiative acknowledged the current high achievers in Year 7 and provided a program that aimed to;

- nurture personal and academic growth and develop confidence in accessing all the opportunities our school offers;
- have students recognise their abilities and how they learn so they can be proactive and aspirational in their learning; and
- develop efficient and effective study skills to maximise learning and achievement.

The program ran for one period per week for ten weeks. Students met a number of teachers who offered particular expertise during their weekly workshop.

From the students:

We learnt about leadership, 7 habits, our strengths, social skills, essay and maths tips, and how we are all different learners. On behalf of our group we would like to thank the teachers who helped and took time out of their schedules.

*Year 7 award recipients at the Presentation Night held on
Wednesday 7th December*

*Year 7 students Lincoln Harrell, Zarli Baker, Jordan Kane,
Lochlan Clement, Rikky Green & Sarah Busuttil*





Ab Ed Excursion to Saltwater

The Strong Women Saltwater Real Conciliation Camp

On Thursday the 24th and Friday the 25th of November, a group of Indigenous girls took part in a fun Women's Day at Saltwater. After the Welcome from Auntie Wilma, we went to see what activities we were going to do. There was a huge variety of activities for us to choose from such as stand up paddle boarding, dragon boat racing, dot painting, body painting, dancing, tile painting, belly dancing, dream catcher making, weaving, mindfulness tent, head band making, rock painting, mask making and Mandela making. We got to yarn with our elders and some of us were shown some sacred sites and told the stories.

There was a fashion parade at the end of the day on Friday; the little kids were dressed fabulously, and the elder aunties were very enthusiastic as they strutted with pride. In the time we were there, we were able to get educated about culture and tribes and the way some lived. There were stalls that had all sorts of services available, from legal advice to education options. We really enjoyed swimming in the lagoon and appreciating the beautiful surroundings at Saltwater. We all had a deadly time!!

Samantha Taylor



Mouse Trap Race Car Results

A range of exciting and entertaining mouse trap race car entries were raced on Thursday 8th December at the MPC.

A number of prizes were given to students.

- 1st Place - 18.65 metres Mitch McKee and Tommy Evans
- 2nd Place - 17.53 metres Danny Bisby and Ethan Trafford
- 3rd Place - Alex Watkins 14.5 metres

1st \$50, 2nd \$20 and 3rd \$10 . See above winners.

Some additional prizes of \$10 each for:

- Most creative cheater - Jordyn
- Most Colourful - Rikky
- Most improved - Emilee

Unfortunately or fortunately for me no one could beat MR. T's longest distance of 36 metres.

Thanks to all staff and students who were at the MPC to have a very enjoyable afternoon of design challenges.

Thanks to our sponsor 'Judy at Wingham High Canteen' for supplying each entry with a free milkshake voucher!

Regards Mr. T.

