



## Dates to Remember

30 June

University of Newcastle Excursion

1 July

Last Day of Term 2

Year 7 to 11 Reports Issue

### Term 3

21 July

P&C Meeting

22 July

NAIDOC Celebrations

27 July

Regional Athletics Carnival

29 July

Yr 12 Careers Expo at Chatham High

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Or  
online on the schools website.*



**EFTPOS facilities are now available at the Accounts Office and the Canteen.**



*Year 8 students receiving their A1 Status awards at the Excellence Assembly.*

## From the Principal's Desk

The decisions we make .....

One of the greatest roles we have as educators is providing students with the skills to make decisions. It is a life skill that has no bounds in terms of importance. Every day we all are making decisions, some with little impact on our health, others that can provide sleepless nights and great stress.

The key to making good decisions is 'doing your homework'. By this I mean gathering as much information as possible to make sure your decision is an **informed** one. Why mention this? At this point our Year 10 students are beginning to make decisions for 2017/18 HSC. What subjects am I going to choose? What do I want to do after I leave school? What career is for me?

These are hard decisions to make as an experienced adult, yet alone as a 15, 16 year old. A similar circumstance will be had by our Year 8 students selecting subject electives for Year 9 and 10.

So what is my advice?

1. Communication! Speak to your teachers, ask them about different courses, speak with Mrs Clissold for career questions and advice, see your Year Advisers. Most importantly have the conversations at home. Ultimately the decision **must** be made by the student. They are the ones who will have to do the work and stay motivated.
2. Believe in yourself, chase your dream and think "I can!" This does come with the commitment to learning and workload however like any achievement it takes effort; otherwise it isn't really an achievement.

Enjoy the conversations and upcoming decisions; it is a great stage in life.



A reminder to students and parents that they are welcome to make an appointment at any time with Mrs Clissold if they require specific Careers information.

The Taree Future Options Expo will be held at Chatham High School MPH on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July from 9 am – 12 noon. The event is targeted at Year 12 students and coincides with the opening of university applications with the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC).

The day is organised by a team of local Careers Advisers from the Taree and Great Lakes area and each year approximately 1000 students from all of the regions schools have the opportunity to attend free of charge. The event is sponsored by the NSW Department of Education, and there is something there to interest each student, regardless of their aspiration. Over 60 exhibitors will be in attendance on the day, including employer groups, specialist trainers such as NSW Police and Defence, private colleges, TAFE, apprenticeship centres and universities from NSW, ACT and QLD will be in attendance.

It is important that all Year 12 students in particular make the most of this opportunity to research course options, early entry schemes and employment prospects, as well as scholarship opportunities, on campus accommodation options and financial assistance that may be available for study in the form of Youth Allowance from Centrelink.

Year 10 and 11 students and parents are also welcome and encouraged to attend! Decision making about the future is best made as a family, and research and knowledge is the key to success. Further information about the Expo will be sent home with students in the coming weeks. Any parent or caregiver who needs assistance in helping their child in decision making and planning for the future should contact Mrs Clissold – Careers Adviser and make an appointment to discuss options, opportunities and strategies for success.

## Charles Sturt University Visit

Year 10 have participated in a Future Moves workshop today with Charles Sturt University by completing a My Career Match quiz which matches careers to personality strengths.



## HSC Study Enrichment Day Singleton High School

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of May, 24 students accompanied by Mr Hawkins, Mrs Doust and Mr Mills, travelled to Singleton High School to participate in an HSC Enrichment Day.

The students were all from Year 12 and had the opportunity to listen to HSC examiners/markers and teachers on techniques to be used in each subject specifically to maximise their opportunities to achieve in the higher marking bands for questions. The students were able to choose their subjects over the day in a rotating timetable of events. This day not only benefits the students but is a valuable teacher in-service for the latest criteria required for teaching and examination techniques.

Again this opportunity would not be available to our students without our own school bus being used for transport on the day. Our current Year 11 students should take the time to attend this event again in 2017.





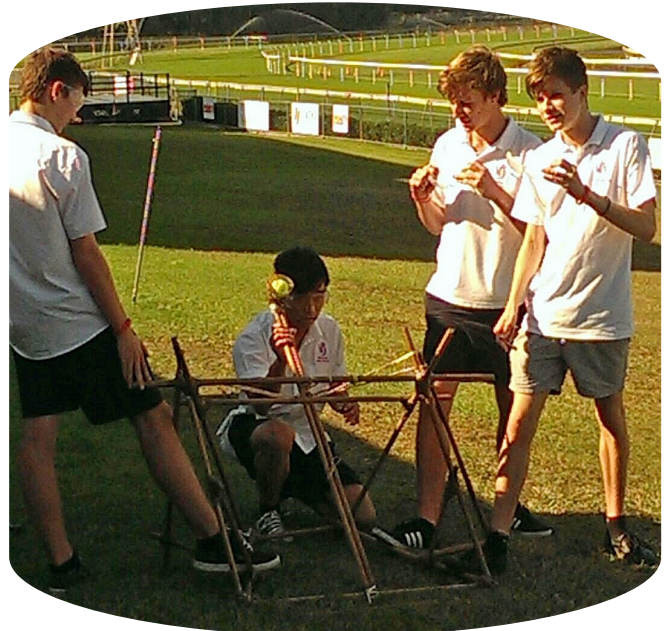


## Science and Engineering Challenge

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> of May, 19 students from Years 9 and 10 attended the Primary Discovery Day for the Science Engineering Challenge. They were responsible for organising teams of students from various primary schools in similar events and they would be competing in several weeks time. Our students were given the jobs of setting up and explaining the challenges to the different groups, monitoring the primary students progress and participating in judging some of the events alongside the local volunteers from the Rotary club. Overall the students were commended on their uniform, leadership skills and positive attitudes throughout the day.



Then on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, 32 students (including the 19 from the Primary Discovery day) returned to the race club to compete against other local high schools in the Local Science and Engineering Challenge. The students were divided into groups of 4. Some were to compete in full-day events and other groups into two half-day events. At the end of a great day we won three of the events including the Bridge Challenge, the Catapult and Helter Skelter Shelter. Unfortunately this was not enough to win the day, and Wingham High finished third behind Gloucester and then Great Lakes College.



Miss Williams and Mrs Hawkins



*Dale Dalton, Riley Fahey, Jaffar Villagrancia, Sam Madden won the catapult section( pictured)*

*Taj Greaves, Abbey Drury, Luke Percival, Madeleine Barwell won the bridge section (Pictured with the engineers).*



# WINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

## Year 7 Orientation Day

*Tuesday 6 December 2016*

This is an information and orientation day for students commencing at Wingham High School in 2017.



### ***What is happening on the day:***

- Students come along for taster lessons
- Visit classrooms and orientate around the school
- Able to meet teachers and fellow students
- Experience the day in the life of a high school student
- BBQ Lunch provided

*If you require information about Year 7 enrolments to Wingham High School, please speak to your child's primary school.*



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