

# **NEWSLETTER**

### WINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

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# Dates to Remember

22 September **Excellence** Assembly **School Captains Induction** Year 12 Farewell Assembly

23 September Last day of Term

10 October Day 1 of Term 4





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Year 12 after their successful slave auction, head shave & BBQ, raising over \$2100 for their charity Soldier On.

# From the Principal's Desk

It is that time of year again where we bid farewell to another fantastic group of young adults who will be closing the door of 13 years of schooling and embarking on a new chapter.

There is obviously still a significant stepping stone in their world of the HSC but a challenge that we have hopefully prepared well for. The year 12 group of 2016 have been an excellent representation for Wingham High School and community. They are a talented group of individuals who have plenty to offer in the future. It will be exciting being a part of their journey and we will be working hard over the next month to ensure they have their educational needs met. We wish them all the best.

It is also my pleasure to introduce our school leaders for 2017. Mitch Saxby and Makeelly Blanch were successfully voted as School Captains with Arlo Scope Caller and Holly Schwebel voted Vice Captains. They have an excellent representative platform laid by Jai Harrison, Grace Callaghan, Caitlyn Cameron and Tom Brasher. It will be fantastic continuing to work with such energetic and inspirational young leaders.

In the coming weeks parents and students will have a further opportunity to have their voice heard through the "Tell Them From Me" surveys. A student sample will complete the surveys in early Term 4 whilst parents will have a link to the survey sent by email and text to which they can complete. It has a range of short questions that provide valuable thoughts and opinions to help guide future planning for the school. It is appreciated if we can have as many parents complete the survey as possible to give a comprehensive evaluation of programs within the school.

The accolades continue! It was great to take time out and observe our Girls Hockey team contest at Newcastle in the final 8 teams in state. We were unfortunately knocked out by the eventual champions but walked away with an almighty 4<sup>th</sup> in state. An absolutely wonderful effort for our community. Congratulations to all for their efforts here.

I hope that everyone has a relaxing break and look forward to the term ahead.



### **Rewards BBQ**

A BBQ was held as congratulations to students in Years 8 & 10 that had commendable reports for the first semester. The criteria was that all the students had 'usually' or 'always' written on their reports and no 'rarely'. It was a small token of thanks for all their hard work.



Year 10 Tallulah Greaves, Zane Sharp, Luke Percival, Annabelle Hansen, Taj Greaves, Caitlyn McNeill, Hayley Goodman



Year 8 Alyssa Hay, Tamika Brown, Erica Colvin, Dimity Bartlett, Jordyn Blanch, Luka Urquhart, Emily Madden, Georgia Hudson, Jesse Gooch, Tom Evans, Logan Faunt, Aaron Smith, Billy Callaghan, Jack Evans

### **Congratulations Katelyn Robins**



Katelyn Robins is a Year 10 student at Wingham High School has been selected to attend the Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Science and Technology (ASSETS).

#### WHAT IS ASSETS?

ASSETS is a program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who are interested in going onto further study and/or into careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Maths (STEM). A nine day residential summer school when students have completed year 10, followed by an ongoing leadership and support program as they complete years 11 and 12.

ASSETS is funded by BHP Billiton Foundation and delivered by the CSIRO. This is open to students Australia wide and is a very competitive program to gain entry to. Katelyn entirely wrote her own application to the program and they were obviously very impressed. Congratulations Katelyn!!







On Wednesday of week seven, 54 students travelled to the Manning Regional Gallery. The artist on show is local artist Rick Reynolds and the students were fortunate enough to have him in the Gallery for an open discussion about his work and life as an artist. Reynolds practice encompasses a broad range of materials across the mediums of painting and sculpture. His work may be familiar to locals in the Manning Valley. They are on public display on Victoria Street, Taree as the large carved wooden goanna and metal silhouette acrobats. You may also be familiar with his round-about sculpture as you turn off the highway into Port Macquarie and he has exhibited in 'Sculptures by the Sea'. The Manning Regional Gallery is a great place to visit for families and student. Gallery staff worked hard to make sure we had an educational and fantastic time, and we did.

### **Art Gallery Excursion**



Elizabeth Anderson-Wisely, David Gilligan, Natasha McCormack, Jack Upton, Sophie Smith, Denham Callanan

## Year 10 Marine Studies Excursion

On Thursday 8 September Year 10 Marine Studies completed the practical components of the fishing, estuary studies and ecosystems sections of the course.

A trip out to Harrington using the WHS bus allowed the students to experience the local ecosystem. Students were able to pump for "saltwater yabbies' and review aspects of the estuary environment and then undertake fishing for the practical experiences. This day was an excellent opportunity for our students as many had never set up

their own fishing equipment, collected baits and undertaken fishing on their own. It also gave us the opportunity to meet up with commercial fishermen and set up a visit for Term 4 to Wingham High for practical review of the commercial fishing industry.

John Hawkins.









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### **Sport News**

The following students recently competed at the CHS Athletics State Championships during week 8 at Olympic Park in Homebush.

Layne Watson - finished 4th in 15 Years Girls 90m Hurdles final - finished 6th in 15 Years Girls Triple Jump

John Roberts - raced in 14 Years Boys 100m did not progress to final - finished 6th in 14 Years Boys Long Jump





### Netball

Our Under 14 Years Girls Netball team competed in the Zone Gala Day held at Gloucester on September 1st. They played against teams from Chatham, Taree, Gloucester and Great Lakes. The girls defeated Chatham High and Gloucester High and finished 4th. They displayed great skills and sportsmanship during their five games. Thanks to Miss White for training the team.





Wingham Swimming Club are holding a try before you buy on the 5th & 12th of October. Wednesday nights starting at 6pm at Wingham Pool. Come along and enjoy a swim night with the Wingham Swimming Club.







Table - Chris Simpson



Pontoon – Jai Harrison

Drafting Table - Denham Callanan



Resin Chess Set - Sophie Smyth



Outdoor Setting - Luca Pigott





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#### Rustic Bar - Josh Essery

### Year 12 Visual Art Major Works

**Jack**. **P**–Jack's artwork was a collection of street art inspired pieces that involve the view of a "Dystopian future".

**Bernie** – Bernadette used a repetition of images which she manipulated to create a stunning modern Pop style artwork.

**David** – David's collection of works portrays his friends as superheroes based on their personality. His works were intriguing and insightful to view.

**Denham** – Denham's work depicts the transition of Mother Nature in a compelling, destructive and highly detailed way.

Sarah's – Sarah's artistically redesigned skateboard shows a modernistic view on a traditional art style, showing the destructive force of nature.

**Katie** – Katie's work depicts the various feelings and emotions that combine with mental illnesses. She used sculpture and drawing combined in her body of work.

**Rubie** – Rubie has used various sculpture and painting techniques to create a unique art piece inspired by the concept of "Life".

**Sophie.** M – Sophie used fabrics to tell the narrative and developments of Love using various vibrant colours and intricate patterns

**Sophie S** – "Liminal" is a collection of works inspired by the process of having an idea and seeing it through to its completion. Artist Sophie Smyth conveys this with a comic strip style and juxtaposition of a shark out of water.

Liz – Artist Elizabeth Anderson-Wisely loves books and combined this with the idea of representing the Seven Deadly Sins to produce a work that confronts the audience to create stimulation and self-reflection.

Tash – Artist Natasha McCormack used stunning colourful watercolour effects to create works that evoke the audience to talk about mental health issues. It was created to start a conversation about a topical and sensitive issue.

**Will** – Artist Will Spee used his highly developed skills in pencil sketching to create a series of works that are inspired by and reflect his life as a Gamer.

Jack. U - A large chocolate wheel inspired mixed media collage, symbolising the many and varied choices we take in Life.





At lunch time on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016, the year 12 art class presented their completed body of works to the school, showcasing the fabulous creations and ideas that run through our student's minds. Located in room 29 the small class of thirteen set up their works and journals to be critiqued by the student body and staff, gaining opinions and awareness of how others may view their creations. A multitude of people showed up to help support and encourage our students, giving input of their own thinking on the artworks surrounding them, creating an atmosphere of tension (for the art students) and fun. All in all, it was a good experience for all involved in the day and helped to ease the student's minds on the looming deadline before them.



























































