



Wingham High School

Learning in an environment of Respect, Trust, Fairness & Positivity

Dates to Remember

31 October

Excursion
Southern Cross University

2 November

Year 7 Immunisation

8/9 November

Year 8 VALID Science Test

13 November

Year 12 Graduation Dinner

14 November

Year 6 into Year 7
Information Evening

22 November

Year 10 Love Bites

29/30 November

Year 10 Authentic Assessment



New school leaders inducted at the semester 2 Excellence Assembly.
Paige Webster, Ryan Smoothy, Grace Coleman, Taj Greaves

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to our first newsletter of Term 4 and I am sure that for all families it is back to business as usual in terms of school attendance. It is with great pleasure that I am able to write as the new (well kind of) Principal of Wingham High School. I can say that I feel extremely privileged and very proud to be successful in gaining the position. I am very mindful of the responsibility that comes with the job and quite excited with the opportunity of developing our new 3 year plan. Of utmost importance to me is ensuring that ALL students are provided with the environment and opportunities whereby they can achieve their best. I am very enthused by the ideas being brought forward by staff, community and students. I am confident that Wingham High School will be providing a platform for success for the next planning phase.

Speaking of success and achievement, our Year 12 students are currently completing their final phase of mainstream schooling – sitting the HSC. I have interacted with a number of students who are all aiming for very different outcomes after their exams. I look forward to the results and hope that all students gain their deserved results.

We continue with some great initiatives at the school and I am most excited about ever-increasing interactions with the wider community. I believe that the wider school community has so much to offer our students and really encourage any ideas and thoughts be brought to the school – I am all ears!

It is with great sadness that we had to say goodbye to Jaland Small, whose life was far too short. To his family and friends we pass on our sincere condolences.



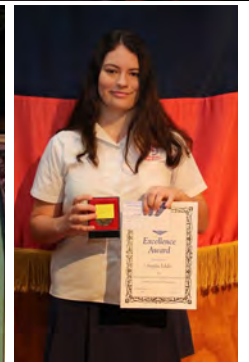
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The semester 2 Excellence Assembly was held on the last Thursday of term 3. Congratulations to all award recipients and thanks to families, friends and special guests for attending.





A new team of students have commenced their role on the Student Representative Council. The team of 45 students participated in the training day Thursday Week 1 of Term 4. They spent time getting to know each other communicating and planning future goals for the group to act on.

One of the first events they are planning is an idea from Mr Dunbier. Students are invited to dress up on Tuesday, Melbourne Cup Day. They can put aside their school uniform to wear smart clothing for the first Tuesday of November. If they participate, the SRC will be asking for a gold coin donation with all money raised being donated to the local Riding for the Disabled association. There will be lunch time activities with a horse race theme and a sausage sizzle. Bring your money to help support this worthwhile charity.

The new SRC members for Term 4 2017/2018 are:

School Leaders

Captains: Ryan Smoothy and Paige Webster **Vice Captains:** Taj Greaves and Grace Coleman

Year 11 into Year 12: Kate Bevitt, Bethany Carter, Abbey Drury, Marieke Fastovsky, Tallulah Greaves, Annabelle Hansen, Maddy Walker, Riley Fahey, Toby Irvine, Bon Morse, Canaan O'Donnell.

Year 10 into Year 11: Zoe Brislane, Shyanne Harvey, Tannessa Jess, Rawai Poini, Kate McWhirter, Memphis Nash, Prudence Smyth, Holly Webb, Callam Berry, Coby Borg, Alex Davidson, Chris Katsamangos, Harley Pike, Stephen Smith.



Year 11 Construction Course

Students in the Year 11 Construction course have been completing their carpentry modules over the last 3 terms. They have been using a wide range of carpentry tools and equipment whilst learning about the fundamentals of frames and trusses. The unit culminated in the completion of a small cubby house structure with all framing meeting Australian standards on a scaled level.



Right: Tyler Webb, Corey Eagles, Tom Anderson

Left: Matt Luckhurst, Sophie French





On the 11th of October at Forster Aunty Fay and Aunty Tracey talked to us about the area and that Biripi and the Worimi are closely related. Uncle Mick did the welcome to us he talked about the sacred area. At the Minimbah place of learning he studied as an archaeologist at New England University. He got to go to ancient sites and ancient lands.

We walked from The Tanks in Forster along the coast, on Pebbly beach around to Forster Main beach, where we saw whales on the horizon. We went past the Bullring, along the beach to the break wall then we had lunch under the bridge. A beautiful lunch was prepared for us by Aunty Tracey and Aunty Fay.

Along the walk Uncle Mick talked about the Minamurra women stealing the men so they threw her into the water. We also learnt about what tools we could use to find food, the properties of plants and how we could use them and also saw the traditional water holes.

After lunch we walked along the break wall again and Uncle Mick told us a story about the dolphins. As he was talking some dolphins popped up.

Overall it was a deadly day and everyone enjoyed themselves!

Shannia Yeark and Taliyah Scarr



Year 10 Industrial Technology Timber class.

There was lots of activity around the school during the last school holidays, some of which involved the Year 10 Industrial Technology Timber class. This class have been eagerly working on their major projects and when Mr Edwards and Mr Keen offered to open the workshop for a day during the holidays, many of the boys jumped at the opportunity. It was an overwhelmingly positive and productive day and the major projects of the boys who attended are well and truly taking shape. It's great to see this group displaying so much enthusiasm and high motivation to achieve the most out of these opportunities offered at Wingham High.

Sam Morse
major project coming along nicely

Nash Atkins, Hudson Bird, Luke Dwyer, Ryan Kriss,
Harry Lewis, Matt Mckellar, Josh Mctaggart, Lachlan
Murphy, Sam Morse, Andrew Neilson, John Roberts

'Nothing like a chip sandwich to stave off hunger'



On the 14th and 15th October, Wingham High School volunteered at the annual Wingham Akoostik Festival. It was a fun relaxed family weekend for all who attended.

Hospitality students completed work placement hours in the tearoom by making and serving Devonshire tea and cakes. They also prepared cheese platters to sell to festival patrons. Eventually students decided that the best way to sell these cakes and cheese platters was to take the delicious goodies to the people.

The tearoom, named RTHouse, also had Ms Meaney, Mrs Bloomfield and Taree High teacher Mr Kennewell, creating artworks that promoted zero waste with festival goers. The Chihuly inspired artwork ended up hanging in a tree so everyone at the festival could see what you can do with recycling. Now it has come back to school and looks great suspended above the school's sculpture garden.

Mrs Kendall and the Year 11 Entertainment class completed work placement hours at the festival by bumping in and out, selling merchandise, working on the gate and assisting the festival committee with recycling. These students were given high praise from the festival organisers for initiative and commitment to their tasks over the five days they were involved.

Thank you to Ms Meaney, Mrs Bloomfield, Ms Grimm, Ms Tattersall, Mr Walker and Mrs Kendall for taking time out of their weekend to supervise and help out. It was lots of fun.

At the festival



Below: Thomas Moore,
Selina Marion, Erica Colvin

In our garden



Below: Teacher Miss Peta
Tattersall, Thomas Moore,
Erica Colvin





Students in Years 7 and 8 who have achieved an outstanding number of 'usually' on their report cards were invited to participate in our semester 2, successful learner's workshops. The aim of these workshops was to recognise and reward student achievement, commitment and attitude. The workshops aim to be fun and engaging, building on personal and academic strengths so that they continue to strive for their 'personal best'.

Year 8 Rewards Excursion

On Monday the 18th of September, a group of Year 8 students who have displayed our core values and followed all school rules, were invited to attend an awards excursion at the Wingham brush. We left school at 1:00pm and walked to the brush. There, students were provided with delicious burgers, scrolls and chocolate-caramel tarts made by the Year 10 food technology class. We also enjoyed activities run by the teachers, such as: hide and go seek, a chip race and a trivia competition. It was fun to relax away from school.

Charlie Taylor and Lachlan Hall



New initiative: I want to be a more successful learner

We would like to offer an opportunity for students who aspire to improve their learning outcomes. We will be conducting 'I want to be a more successful learner' sessions later this term for students who genuinely would like to be more successful in the classroom. These sessions will assist students in meeting their goals and overcoming barriers so that they too may achieve their 'personal best'.

If your child is in Years 7 or 8 and is motivated to improve their learning outcomes please contact Mary Doust (Deputy) or Karen Smart (Learning Support Teacher).



2017 MGL Technology Display and Competition

What: The Technology Display showcases student's work from local high schools from Gloucester, Bulahdelah, Tuncurry-Forster, Taree and Wingham. It has a proud history of some 25 years, organised and run by the local group of dedicated technology teachers from public and independent high schools. On display will be student's work from Year 7 through to Year 12, encompassing many and varied innovative and imaginative projects. Major prizes will be awarded to the winners of many categories, including Junior Mandatory Technology through to senior Design and Technology subjects. Projects will include areas of wood working, metal working, design, engineering, graphics, electronics, furniture, textiles, STEM and many more.

When: Exhibition dates (during Gallery opening hours Wed to Sat 10am to 4pm, Sunday 1pm to 4pm) – 30th Nov to 14th Dec 2017.

Where: Manning Regional Art Gallery

How: For details on how your project may be eligible for the display see your Technology teacher.

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