



2018
Tuesday
30th January
Start of Term 1
for students



Layne Watson, Reid Brown, Jaime Hemmingway, John Roberts and Cody Chambers received awards at the Annual Sports Presentation Assembly.

From the Principal's Desk

Well, here we are at the end of another eventful year. It has been a massive 2017, once again loaded with our exceptional learning experiences, successes, rebounds and growth. The final weeks have seen absolutely no reduction in learning events and celebrations, if anything they have increased!

We feature in this newsletter some great shots of different events and initiatives here at Wingham High School. Our Rotary Dinner evening was a fantastic night – I don't think I had to eat for about two days afterwards! A massive congratulation to Clair Twaddle and her hospitality and food tech classes for a wonderful job catering and serving.

Also a wonderful initiative to showcase a STEM learning project completed by the students and an opportunity for family and friends to gain an understanding of what Year 7 students are actually doing in class. Ms Brook is already looking at how she is planning to manipulate the program to further challenge students and have community interaction.

Our Presentation Evening was once again a top night of which to be a part. I relish the chance to sit back and absorb all the wonderful achievements from the students in our school. Mr Davy and his team have done a wonderful job organising and executing our sign-off assembly.

We had a large number of students who were successful at the Manning Great Lakes Technology display. There were some absolutely fantastic major works on display from a range of schools and year groups. It is really pleasing to see the creativity and skills that our region is producing and Wingham High students are right up there leading the charge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my staff for continually driving toward excellence and providing such an array of quality educational opportunities. I hope that all have a most deserving rest. I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous support that we cherish from our wider community. I firmly believe that Wingham High greatly benefits from our community interactions and that the students we are developing will have a very positive impact in their young adult years.

Finally I would like to thank Michelle Gaudron and Donna White for their efforts with our 'new look' newsletter of 2017. I have had numerous compliments and I personally think it really 'looks the goods!' Well done.

My best wishes to all, I hope everyone has a great Christmas break and fruitful time with family.

Paul Ivers

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Authentic Assessment

Another successful Authentic Assessment again this year. Students presented three tasks completed throughout the year to a panel of three people consisting of a teacher, a community member and a Year 9 student, which simulates a real-life interview. We had 88 students complete their interviews with 32% receiving an 'Outstanding' and 42% receiving a 'High'. This process can be very daunting for many students as it is the first ever experience of a real interview, but provides invaluable skills for the future.

We also advertised for community members for the first time so we had a mixture of our very dedicated regular panel members and some new recruits. Some of the remarks from our community members include "A superb educational experience for all involved" and "Being able to provide constructive support to the students, offering tools and advice".

Next year's interviews will be Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th of December. We will be streamlining our processes for next year and are continually looking for community members to assist our students in gaining confidence and skills for the future.



Spence Ratcliff - new community member



Dimity Bartlett, Andrew Edwards and Liz Jarvis



Jesse Googh, Numia Meaney and Hayley Watt with Harley Deacon. Harley received a high result.



Ellyse O'Connor with her Textiles & Design major work. Ellyse received an outstanding result for her interview.



Laura Waters received an outstanding result for her interview. Featuring her Textiles & Design major work of a black jumpsuit (pictured on page 5)



Brendan Chapman with his Industrial Technology - Timber major work. Brendan received a high for his interview.

Congratulations to Georgia

Georgia Hudson in Year 9 has received first place in her category at the NSW Youth Frontiers showcase at Parliament House Sydney last month.

Georgia was selected from thousands of students as a finalist in her section for her community project 'Seeds & Song'.

Georgia organised a free event at the Wingham Community Gardens with food, entertainment and workshops to promote community spirit and environmental issues.

A tremendous effort on Georgia's part which has been deservedly acknowledged and rewarded!

Well done Georgia!



Congratulations Anh

In Term 3, a select group of students from Year 7 Indonesian classes entered their work into a state-wide Indonesian writing competition. Entrants were required to create a book with the theme "Try and Guess".

In class, students had been learning about Indonesian food, so they decided to create books describing different things that could be eaten and inviting readers to guess what they were, using written clues.

Of the several hundred entries from across the state, Anh Maggs won 2nd prize.

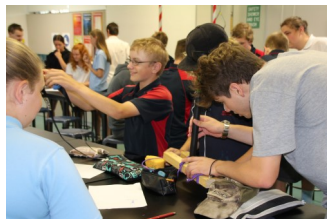
She received a \$30 gift card and a lot of kudos for her fantastic effort.



Engineers Without Borders

A group of students from the UNI of Sydney @ NSW visited on Tuesday 28th November presenting the Engineers Without Borders Program to our students. These students travel and present hands-on workshops related to projects being undertaken in developing countries. Students from Year 7 to 10 took part in activities and enjoyed the day.

Emily Turner, Mia Polley, Amber Loretan, Isobel Butler Kwa, Anh Maggs, Bailey Hilton, Yam Sarakam, Joel Eggins, Jesse Gough, Mikaela Core, Oliver Irvine, Lea Urquhart, Sean Waters, Lincoln Harrell, Charlie Taylor, Harry Fittock, Hayley Kluin, Lachlan Hall, Billy Callaghan, Sarah Busuttill, William Gee, Jordan Blanch, Luka Urquhart, Tatyana Fowler, Emily Madden, Connor Flannigan, Matthew McKellar, Tyson Richards-Riley-Pierc, Destinee Carey.



Macquarie University Outreach Program

The Macquarie University Outreach Program came to Taree on Thursday 23rd November. The following students participated in the program:

Kelvyn Allard, Coby Borg, Zoe Brislane, Ben Butler-Kwa, Courtney Eggins, Tannessa Jess, Brooke Lonergan, Memphis Nash, Rawai Poini, Stephen Smith, Prudence Smyth and Leah South.

This was a pilot program designed to support students from regional areas to aspire to, access and succeed at university. School students were able to hear from Macquarie University staff and students firsthand about what university is like, different pathways to university, student accommodation and support and all that university has to offer.

Students then moved in small groups to get some hands on experience and a taste of the different areas of study including Robotics, Business, History, Security Studies and Criminology.

The day was a great success and students thought the day was positive and worthwhile. Hopefully, this opportunity will continue next year for our current Year 9 students.



Mrs Shirley Clissold - Careers Adviser

Rotary Dinner

Year 11 Hospitality class hosted the 2017 Rotary dinner on the 9th of December to raise money for the school bus. The meal consisted of 3 courses of Asian fusion dishes and gave the students an opportunity to showcase and develop their skills and understanding in the Hospitality industry.



Charlie Cassells, Morgan Coleman, Fiona Coleman and Grant Coleman



Miss Clair Twaddle - Maddison Williams, Krystal Fittler, Tameka Gillett, Selina Marion, Jarrah Bastin and Rhianna Farrah



Paige Webster and Grace Coleman



Year 9 Marine Studies Excursion

The Year 9 Marine Studies class attended their paddleboard and kayaking excursion at North Haven. The group was coached by Ian Bell of Endless Summer Surf School and were soon out on the river. The group of students who attended were:

Danny Bisby, Cody Chambers, Allie Clarkson, Zoe Clarkson, Hayden Essery, Nathan Gutterson, Joel Jarvis, Jye Kucinski, Emily Madden, Breanna Magee, Libbie Moran-Choppin, Jaxen Sandford, Blake Thompson, Karli Zanesco.

They were a pleasure to take away on this excursion and developed new skills for life while paddleboarding / kayaking in the marine environment.

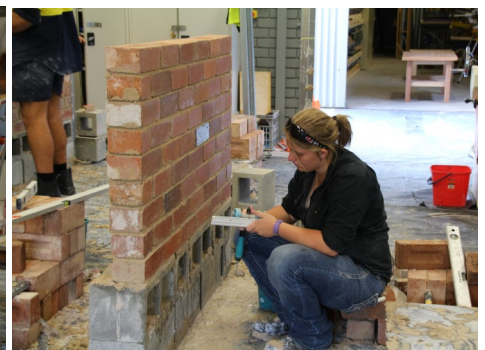
Mr John Hawkins



Year 12 Construction

Year 12 Construction class undertook their Brick and Block Laying course at school recently. Students 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 to successfully complete their competencies.

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.



Science Technology Engineering Maths

For the past five weeks Year 7 STEM students have been undertaking a solar-car project. Their aim has been to build a car that will be powered by the sun. In Science they made balloon-powered cars in order to test the effects of friction on their car design.

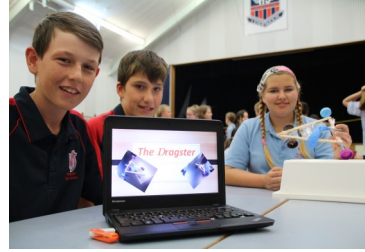
On 4th December students presented their projects to an audience comprising parents, students from Years 8, 9 and 10 as well as Year 6 students from the local primary school.



Isobel Butler-Kwa,
Mia Polley and Emily Turner



Bailey Hilton with mum Mel
and cousin Jarred



Ashton Gough, Dylan O'Hara
and Mikaela Core



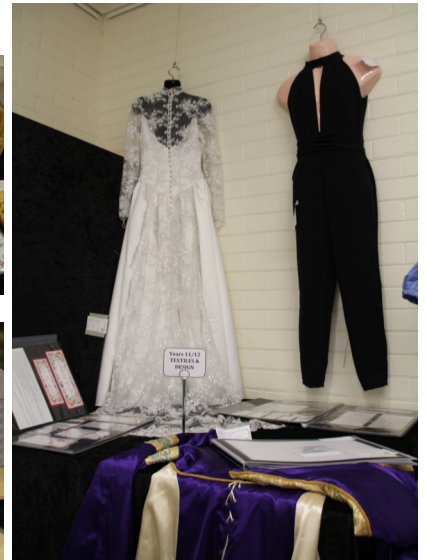
Manning Great Lakes Technology Display

The Manning Great Lakes High Schools Technology Display was on show for the 27th year. Once again the talent and quality workmanship of students from around the area was on display at the Manning Regional Art Gallery from the 29th of November to the 14th of December.

Whether you're into timber, metal, textiles, design, graphics, automotive or new technologies. The Technology Display has something for everyone and this year was no exception. With some outstanding projects on display, students from Wingham High School were deservingly awarded prizes in a number of categories.

The award winners were:

- Miranda Deal - Yr 12 Design and Technology
- Dominic Majkic - Yr 12 Industrial Technology – Timber
- Emma George - Yr 12 Textiles and Design
- Hannah MacKenzie - Yr 12 Textiles and Design
- Abbey Drury - Yr 11 Textiles and Design
- Matthew M^cKellar - Yr 10 Industrial Technology – Timber
- Georgie Moss - Yr 10 Industrial Technology – Graphics
- Guy Beckingham - Yr 10 Industrial Technology – Engineering
- Laura Waters - Yr 10 Textiles and Design
- Tim Pfister - Yr 9 Industrial Technology – Automotive/Metal
- Sarah Busuttill - Yr8 Mandatory Technology

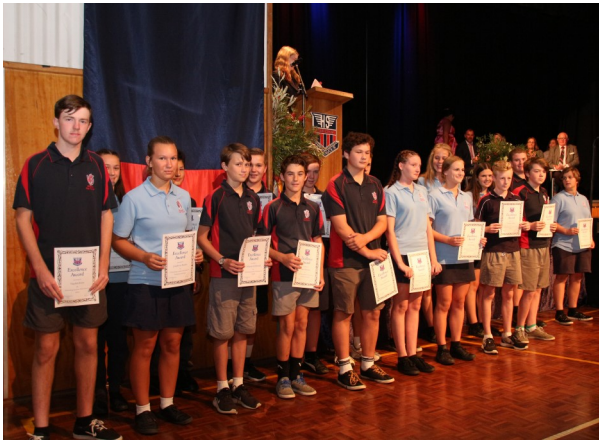


Congratulations must go to not just the awards winners but all students who had projects on display and to the dedicated staff that guide students in the production of their work.





Annual Academic Awards Presentation Night Congratulations to all award recipients.





It's been another successful year for Wingham High School sport.

The school entered 18 teams across 9 sports and competed with mixed results. Term 1 saw many games washed out and being postponed or abandoned all together – we hope next year isn't as problematic with weather.

We had some stand out achievements in knockout sport this year, who deserve special mention include The Table Tennis team of Byceon, Braydon and Matthew Xuereb and Jesse Googh who reached the Hunter Finals. Our Lawn Bowls team of Michael O'Neill, Blake Carey, John Roberts and Danny Bisby contested the district final only to be beaten on a one end-shoot-off. The Boys' Open Cricket team led by Ryan Smoothy reached the Hunter semi-finals.

Of course we cannot fail to mention the outstanding efforts of the Open Girls Hockey team who finished equal 5th in the state, coached again by Mrs Colvin.

Next year we look forward to competing in all-new sports uniforms that are in production as we speak. We thank the P&C for this amazing contribution to the school sport program and look forward to wearing their near \$10,000 investment with great pride on the sporting fields around the state in 2018.

We had a number of students earn the honour of representing Hunter Region in 2017.

Layne Watson of Year 10 competed in the 16 Years Girls 100m Hurdles at the CHS Championships, and finished second behind another Hunter Region competitor.

Cody Chambers of Year 9 and John Roberts of Year 10 competed in the 16 Years Hunter Region Touch team in the CHS Tournament held in Mudgee. The team had mixed results in this tough competition.

Alex Milliken and Lachlan Burnes both from Year 12 competed for the Hunter Region Open Boys' Basketball team in a tournament on the South Coast. They came across very tough competition and finished 4th.

Grace Coleman of Year 11 and Morgan Coleman and Jaime Hemmingway of Year 12 were part of the Hunter team for Open Girls Hockey. Hunter has been traditionally strong in this competition and were unbeaten throughout the tournament to be State champions. Jaime went onto to compete in the NSW All Schools team and is currently training with the NSW Open Hockey team.

Harry Lewis of Year 10 successfully competed for Hunter Region in the Open Boys' Touch team and were well-drilled to win this tough competition.

Reid Brown of Year 12 once again was part of the successful Hunter Open Golf Team. Reid is currently working hard to gain entry into the Pro-Am circuit.





School Carnivals were once again a highlight on the school calendar. Participation was very good at the Swimming Carnival where house competition was strong and students displayed their colours very enthusiastically. Charlie Taylor of Year 8 was our most successful swimmer and has been training hard recently gaining good results in regional competitions.

The Athletics Carnival was held in perfect conditions. We must thank Mr Terry Broadbent, our General Assistant for preparing the grounds in his usual passionate way, leaving the students with excellent conditions to compete. It was no doubt a tricky operation this year with so much rain Term 1 as previously mentions. Thanks Terry. Competition on the day was tough and Layne Watson of Year 10 went on to compete her way to represent Wingham at CHS Athletics held at Homebush.

It goes without saying that a very special thanks needs to go to the parents who helped coach, train, transport and officiate at the various competitions held this year.

Mr Doust, the students and I would also like to say a huge thanks to our staff who have taken time out to coach and train these teams before, during lunchtime and after school, as well as the hours spent on the administration requirements to enable the teams to compete.

I would like to thank the Community assets that made themselves available for Friday sport, allowing us to offer over 25 options for students, Wingham Indoor Sports, RN Fitness, Wingham Bowling Club, Wingham Tennis Club, Mid Coast Council, Taree Tenpin, Manning River Rowing club, the YMCA both in Taree and Wingham and The Wingham Golf Club.

Thank you
Gavin Austin
VET Sports Coaching Teacher

