



Dates to Remember

27 February
School Photos

2 March
Parent Teacher Night
4 - 6pm Year 7

2 March
P&C Meeting 7pm

23 March
Parent Teacher Night
4 - 6pm Years 8 - 12

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to a new school year. To say that the opening few weeks have been challenging would be an understatement. With the thermometer soaring the ability to focus on learning has been quite a task for all involved. I must congratulate both staff and students on their resilience to see through this hot weather.

This year has seen an introduction of some new faces who we warmly greet to Wingham High School. Mr Longstaff and Miss Lyttle are doing a great job in our HSIE faculty. Mr Davy is taking on the role of Head Teacher HSIE to support our newcomers.

Mr Keen also returns to the TAS faculty as Head Teacher adding great experience with the pending retirement of Mr Irvine. It is also fantastic news for the school with Mr Strahan achieving permanency. Helping with the shuffle of duties is Ms Musgrove to the position of Deputy Principal alongside Mrs Doust. That sees Mrs Colvin supporting the Maths Faculty as Head Teacher. Another big win for the students of Wingham High is Ms Greenaway also becoming permanent.

As can be seen there are a number of changes continuing the evolution of Wingham High providing opportunity for new ideas and viewpoints. Support of student welfare is ongoing with Student Welfare Teacher – Miss Grimm and Counsellor Mrs Norris.

Our program at Wingham High School is once again saturated with a plethora of opportunity. Whether it be academic, sporting, cultural, arts or wellbeing we are committed to providing for all students. We continue our battle to minimise or negate costs where possible. Our calendar of events will continue to be promoted through the newsletter and website. Remember to also check our Facebook page where we celebrate these learning experiences.

Here at Wingham we welcome input, especially where there are positive thoughts and solutions. A great way of having an input is through our active Parents and Citizens Committee (P&C). On agenda is P&C financing a new array of representative uniforms for Wingham High.

If you are interested in positions on P&C please come along to the AGM on Thursday 2nd March 2017 at 6:00pm in the school Library.

I look forward to your support and ideas, persisting to make Wingham High a place where learning is valued and all students matter.

Paul Ivers
Relieving Principal



Swimming Carnival





Wingham High School's Annual Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday 7th February. Congratulations to the Age Champions who will represent Wingham High at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday 17th February at the Manning Aquatic Centre.



Age Champions

12	Orlando McDermott	Charlie Taylor
13	Taliyah Scarr	Hayden Kriss
14	Josephine Manks	Danny Bisby
15	Allie Clarkson	Blake Carey
16	Paige Webster	Taj Greaves
17	Tallulah Greaves	

HOUSE POINTS

Manning	292
Oxley	297
Parkes	308
Macquarie	411





Careers News University of Wollongong Excursion

On Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February, 16 Year 12 students the University of Wollongong Discovery Day. We travelled with 16 other Great Lakes College and Bulahdelah CS students and staff. The students who attended the excursion were: Brooke Anderson, Abby Barnett, Makeelly Blanch, Amy Carter, Jenna Chapman, Morgan Coleman, Miranda Deal, Amylia Eddie, Emma George, Melinda Marion, Emily McTaggart, Kiara McLaughlin, Izack Mills, Hannah Niksic, Briahna Parker and Dimiti Taylor.

Over 7000 students from across the state attend this 5 day annual event. Students had the opportunity to attend several lectures of their choice relating to different degree programs they are considering, as well as general

information sessions on maximising the ATAR, study skills, scholarships, early entry, accommodation options and a campus tour with a student ambassador. UOW is built on the old botanic gardens and is a picturesque campus with very modern facilities. They offer a free shuttle bus to the shops, harbour, beaches and student accommodation. Next year we are considering including a visit to Macquarie University on the way home. Year 11 students should listen out in Term 4 this year for information on how to register for the 2018 Discovery Day.

Many thanks to Mr Ivers for joining us for the evening at Wollongong – it was much appreciated.

Mrs Shirley Clissold. Careers Adviser.

Bravissimo Excursion



Bravissimo concert excursion with Caitlyn at front.



Mr Keen and Caitlyn Cameron

Music students from years 9 and 10 visited the Port Macquarie Glasshouse to see the Bravissimo concert. The concert featured some of the best of last year's HSC Music performances in the Mid North Coast. Our students were inspired by the quality and professionalism of the performances and were treated by the on-stage appearance of Wingham High School graduate Caitlyn Cameron. The excursion was a great success and students enjoyed the experience immensely.



Year 12 Drama Excursion

The Year 12 HSC Drama class enjoyed an epic journey to Sydney this month to view performances and lectures related to their course. They joined hundreds of other drama students from public and private schools who descended on Sydney during On Stage Week to view "the best of the best" group performances at the Seymour Centre.

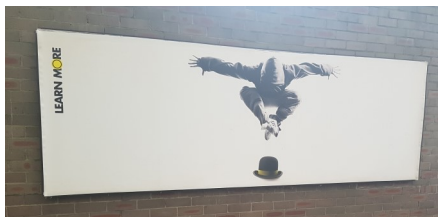
All nine Wingham High School students and their teachers assembled at 6am to board the coach to the train at Broadmeadow and then on to Sydney Central. After procuring Opal cards the group tapped on with rolling luggage, pillows and snacks to the YHA Hostel in the Rocks. Taking public transportation throughout the excursion was a unique experience for some of the students and helped boost their confidence about travelling in general.

The first performance was an acting seminar about the community-based drama ***Fearless*** by Mira Todd. Actors from the original production revised their parts and discussed their characters. It was a bonus to hear some of the lines sung in cabaret style with the accompanying piano by the original composer. A question and answer session followed, which cleared up many misconceptions about this contemporary Australian drama.

The highlight of the trip was the On Stage showcase with nine performances including groups and monologues. The students had front row seats to watch the show which opened with a memorable group performance by the Taree High School 2016 drama class. Their theme of public verses private education hit some raw chords with the audience but ultimately drew laughs and applause for their topical group performance. Students also had a chance to view costume, poster and set design displays in the lobby from the Band 6, 2016 submissions.

The next day, students walked through the Rocks and down the historic lanes and staircase to Sydney Theatre Company Wharf theatre. A panel of playwrights, critics and theatre company directors discussed contemporary Australian theatre, its context and relevance. A bonus for our HSC English students was the informative discussion of ***Away***, one of the prescribed texts for Standard English, by author Michael Gow.

After the seminar, students retrieved their luggage and headed back up town for a final meal and shopping moment at Paddy's Market. Mrs. Smith guarded the luggage on Platform 2 while Mr Jovanovic supervised the last-dash shopping spree.



Mrs Smith and Robert Wallace

*Georgia Whiteley
Shelby Robertson
Maggie Sky
Katelyn Roberts
Katie Ryan
Tiani Halfacre-Ryan*



On the train home, all agreed that the group journey was a success--the first step in building their own group performance for the HSC in August.



Snow White and the Seven Singers available on DVD

Snow White and the Seven Singers will be available on DVD to buy for \$10 each. It includes a free program that includes song lists from acts 1 & 2 and cast and crew list. All proceeds will go directly to funding the next great production so please be sure to buy copies for your friends and family too!

Please go to the Accounts office to pay and fill in the order form.

No orders will be taken without payment.

DVDs will be available Monday 20th March.





Community News

Taree West Raiders Hockey Club

Hockey is a great sport for everyone with training and games all at the one venue.

We are a Fun, Family and Team focused Club.

We are looking for players to join our 2017 season. Even if you have never played before there are teams for everyone!

All players are welcome!

From juniors to seniors both Women's and Men's

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**Taree City Netball Club is
welcoming new and existing players to
register for the 2017 season.**

Details about how to register can be found on our website:

tcnc.nsw.netball.com.au/.

You can also find this information on the Taree City Netball Facebook page. Interested families are also invited to join us for a meet and greet at Club West (Edinburgh drive, Taree West) on Friday 10th & 17th February 2017 between 4:30 and 6pm. We can answer any questions you may have about registering and playing. We will also have uniforms to try on for sizing. Why not come on down for a chat, and enjoy a dinner afterwards.

For further information:

find us on facebook

email: tareecitynetballclub@hotmail.com

or contact Sasha Cairns on 0410 562 636

Are you looking for a great team sport to play?

Come to [Taree Tigers Hockey Club](#) & give Hockey a go.

There is a free starters pack for all new junior players.

It is a great team sport for boys and girls from 5 years of age. Taree Tigers Hockey Club is looking for players in 2017 for both Junior & Senior competitions. No matter what your age or ability we have the junior Boys or Girls or senior team just for you. We have a registration day on Monday February 27th 4.30 to 6.30pm at the Taree Hockey Centre. If you would like to just come and try before you decide you are very welcome also. Contact Tony Lewis on 0418510986 or Nicole Clark on 0467433428 for more information.

So come on, give hockey a go in 2017.



COME ALONG AND TRY IT OUT!!

**1st Wingham Scout Group
20 Bungay Road (behind the Tennis Courts)
WINGHAM**

For more information call Bruce Cooke

0416 186 369