



Dates to Remember

15-19 May

Wingham Beef Week

15 May

Open Boys Soccer

18 May

Zone Athletics Carnival
Yr 11&12 Immunisation

19 May

Science & Engineering Challenge
Open Boys Hockey

23 May

Cattii Wetlands Excursion

24 May

Science & Engineering Discovery Day

30 May

Taree Eisteddfod

1 June

Marine Studies - Boat Smart

8 June

Museum of Human Disease Excursion

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Wingham High's Relay for Life team raise \$3768.64

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 2, which is always a hectic yet exciting period in the school calendar. At time of writing, our Year 7 and 9 students are completing their NAPLAN. The message to our students has been the same as our message toward all challenges that students will face in their lifetime. Prepare for the challenge as best they can, ask for help or support where needed when preparing, take your time and evaluate what is being asked of you, apply yourself as best you can. The outcomes of this assessment will be provided later in the year and it is our job as a school to identify what we are doing well and where we need to provide alterations to our programming and initiatives. The same information will be provided to each individual student.

There has been the added complexity for Year 9 students this year with the links to a new HSC standard. Lots of misinformation and lack of clarity has and still surrounds this. Our message is that the NAPLAN is the first of many opportunities for students to meet a minimal literacy and numeracy standard for the HSC. There will be opportunities between now and the end of Year 12 to achieve that standard. Students in Year 9 who do not meet this standard and it is anticipated this will be the majority, will continue toward the HSC as has always been the case. They will be able to plan and choose subjects as in previous years. Again, the message to students was to commit focus to the task at hand. Below is the url for more information or simply Google "NESA". <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au>

Beef Week in Wingham is on next week. It is a great time and a fantastic opportunity to see our students excelling and practically applying their learning to real life scenarios. I find it enlightening to be taught about 'all things cattle' by our passionate students. If you have the opportunity, I encourage you to pop in at the showground and soak up the experience. You can expect reports in the next newsletter!

EFTPOS facilities available at the Accounts Office and the Canteen.



On the weekend of May 6 and May 7 a team of 20 Wingham High School students staff and family participated in the Manning Valley Relay for Life 2017 to help raise funds for the Cancer Council. Held at ClubTaree Relay for Life was a chance for the community to recognise and celebrate those who have overcome cancer or who are undergoing treatment, as well as the people who care for them. Relay also provides an opportunity to celebrate the memory of loved ones lost to cancer.

As a community-funded organisation, the Cancer Council relies on the goodwill of thousands of donors, fundraisers and volunteers to fund much-needed research and programs. Through the funds raised at Relay For Life, more than 61,000 Australian lives have been saved over the last 20 years. Improvements in cancer prevention and screening mean that less people will hear the words, "you have cancer". Advances to cancer treatments allow cancer patients to spend more time with their loved ones.

Locally the Cancer Council supports Manning Valley cancer patients with a much valued Transport to Treatment program assisting patients in travel to and from Port Macquarie and Newcastle, and direct funding support for families financially impacted by the loss of paid work due to treatment.

The Wingham High School team walked over 2500 laps, covering between 500 and 600 kilometres over the lengths of the 24hrs, and proudly had a team member on track carrying their team mascot Rowley the flying pig for the entire relay, the midnight to sunrise shift was the hardest but also perhaps the most rewarding, either way the 6:30am arrival of the team members not able to stay overnight was a relief for all who walked through the night!

The Wingham High School Relay for Life 2017 Team would like to thank all those who supported their fundraising efforts and our proud to announce they have raised \$3768 for the Cancer Council.



*Mr Austin with
team mascot
Rowley the flying pig.*

We've raised
\$3,768.64

Left to right - Clair Twaddle (Teacher), students - Kate Bevitt, Sophie Hartcher, Madi Walker, Riley Fahey, Maddie Williams, Matt Luckhurst, Rachel Bloomfield (Teacher), Jenni Boyle (Teacher) Front - Gavin & Nicole Austin with their children Lucy & Ari



Makeelly Blanch & Mitch Saxby - WHS Captains



*Abbey Drury (front)
Toby Irvine, Aaron Jarman & Amylia Eddie*

Wingham High School once again attended the Royal Easter Show with 16 students very proudly representing. There were many favourable comments about the quality of the cattle, the show stand, and general behaviour and enthusiasm of our students. A big thank you to Karen Smart for driving the bus to the week long event.



*Meggan Watkins, Sarah Busuttil, Jack Shepherd, Hayden Moore, Brodie Friedrich, Sophie French
Standing - Karen Smart (Teacher), Mitchell Bisley, Topanga Yeark, Guy Beckingham, Tahlae Martin,
Emily Brood, Casey Williams, Cassidy Mills, Dylan Brown, RJ Shepherd, Blake Leach*

Right - **This is Mustang**. He is an Angus x Bazadais. He won a silver medal in the carcass division. A very high accolade of which Wingham High School can be very proud.



Below - **This is Maestro**. He is a Brafford steer (Brahman x Hereford) He was donated by Mal Marks of Sunrise Braffords. He won 5th in the Middle Weight Lead Steer event and bronze medal in the Carcass event.



*Topanga Yeark, Tahlae Martin, Guy Beckingham, Meggan Watkins, Sarah Busuttil, Cassidy Mills,
Front - RJ Shepherd, Blake Leach, Emily Brood, Brodie Friedrich, Hayden Moore, Sarah Smith,
Sophie French (Handler) Mitchell Bisley*



On Wednesday 5th of April, 21 students from Year 9.1 History attended the RSL & Schools Remember Anzac Commemoration Service at the Hyde Park Anzac Memorial in Sydney. The students departed WHS at 6am and were very energetic and excited. After a quick break at the Twin Service Centre they arrived at Hyde Park.

This Anzac ceremony is coordinated by the RSL (NSW Branch), the NSW Department of Education, The NSW Catholic Education Commission (CEC) and the NSW Association of the Independent Schools (AIS). The Commemoration Service has been held each year since 1953. Schools from all sectors were invited to participate and lay a floral tribute during the Service at the Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park.

A huge thanks to Mr. Ron Irwin for his support and coordination in planning and inviting WHS students to this important Anzac Service. I am hoping next year and future years WHS students might participate more directly in the Service such as Laying of Wreaths, Readings and Bugler. The students received compliments on their maturity and behaviour from teachers and staff from other high schools. The Ceremony was extremely well organised and the WHS students represented their school and community with pride and great respect for this solemn occasion.

After the Service the students walked a short distance to the Australian Museum. Some students paid to see a new "Spiders" exhibit while the rest enjoyed exploring the many levels of the museum.

It was a fantastic excursion for all. Thanks to Ms May Bouchet for her help supervising and contributing to the success of the excursion. Thanks to Mr Dru Prewett and the Newcombe Bus Company for the safe bus trip down and back. Mr. S Harrell.

National Hockey Champion



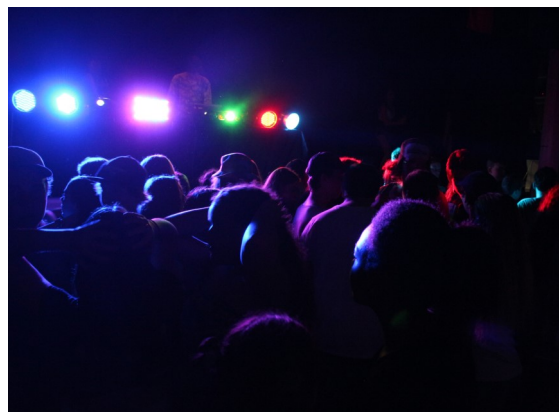
Jaime Hemmingway has returned home from Hobart with a silver medal from the Under 18 Women's National Hockey Championships.

The NSW State Team came in second to Qld State Team after a very close tussle. Jaime thoroughly enjoyed the hockey and the facilities at Hobart Hockey Centre.





The SRC hosted a school social on the 3rd of May and it was a success. There were plenty of hippies and hillbillies dancing the night away. Thank you to the two year 10 students, Jamieson and Stephen for DJ-ing the event. A big thank you to Mrs White for snapping and capturing some of the great moments for the evening. Thank you to all the students and staff in attendance. A great night was had by all. Check out the photos to see how much fun we had. Pru, Kate, Abbey & the SRC.





Jai Tisdell - year 12 participating in the long jump



*Jack Kelly, Lachlan Murphy, Andrew Nielson
Blake Carey and Steven Buddle of Year
10 supporting their team mates.*



*Luka Urquhart & Allie Clarkson
Year 9*



Lowana Ruttley - Year 7



Meggan Watkins - Year 8



Kara Allen & Allie Clarkson in the Relay - Year 9



Harry Lewis beats John Roberts (both of year 10) in the final relay.



On Thursday 23rd of March, we went on an excursion to the Art Gallery of New South Wales and Art Express exhibition at The Armoury, in Sydney Olympic Park. It was a great opportunity for those that take Art, and we had a wonderful time. The trip to Sydney was a lot of fun, as we watched movies and chatted, even though some of us used the time for study. Upon our arrival at the Gallery of NSW, we were directed to the exhibition of John Olsen, a legendary Australian abstract painter. His landscapes were beautiful and the experience was eye-opening. After the exhibition we were free to wander around the Gallery with ease, looking at an array of different pleasing artworks. We then visited the gallery's own Art Express, an exhibition of the gifted and talented works by Year 12 students. We were guided by none other than the lovely Ms Kimberley Oates, who helped each of us HSC students personally with our works. Browsing the art was a great opportunity to further our own pieces, especially when we then travelled to The Armoury to further examine the works.

The Art Express at the Olympic Park was the largest of all metropolitan exhibitions with works by over 50 students, and a diverse array of stunning art. Overall the experience was a lot of fun. We were given freedom to wander the Olympic Park, walk the halls of the NSW Gallery, study the myriad of artistic examples and enjoy the lively ride to and from Sydney. The day was great in the sense that we gained a broad amount of knowledge, and a lasting experience.

I'm sure I speak for everyone when I thank the teachers involved, Ms Meaney and Ms Bloomfield and the school, for giving us such a wonderful opportunity. Miranda Deal Year 12





UNE Excursion

Last Thursday 4th May and Friday 5th May, 18 Year 12 students participated in an excursion to the University of New England Armidale. We shared a bus with students from Great Lakes College and Bulahdelah Central School. The students from our school who participated were Brooke Anderson, Billy Bartlett, Amy Carter, Jenna Chapman, Miranda Deal, Emma George, Sienna Hawkins, Jordan Hulands, Dominic Majkic, Melinda Marion, Kiara McLaughlin, Izack Mills, Myles Mitchell-Deak, Amber Murray, Hannah Niksic, Shannae Oxenbridge, Katelyn Roberts and Mitch Saxby.



Thursday consisted of travel to Armidale and students then explored the university town before we checked in to Armidale Tourist Park. Dinner was provided at Duval College and breakfast was at Austin College. This gave the students an insight to the catering options within the colleges. After breakfast on Friday, students had the day to get a feel for the campus, explore course options and tour the academic, sporting and accommodation facilities of the university. UNE has a new Natural History Museum so some students took the opportunity to have a look at this while they were there.

The students are to be commended on their exemplary behaviour and positive attitude while representing Wingham High School.

Year 12 have the opportunity to participate in two further excursions this term - Charles Sturt University Port Macquarie Campus on Wednesday 21st June and the University of Newcastle on Thursday 29th June.

Careers Expo - Friday 28th July- Taree

Students in Years 10/11/12 will be invited to participate in this wonderful opportunity organised by our local network of Careers Advisers. The Expo is held annually at Chatham High School and is a one stop shop for students to talk to representatives from universities, TAFE, private providers, apprenticeship centres as well as local employers. There really is something for everyone and parents are also most welcome to attend.

Year 12 Careers Interviews

I will be interviewing every student in Year 12 during the first couple of weeks of Term 3 to discuss future options and pathways. As always, parents are most welcome to attend these interviews with your son or daughter. Please feel free to make an appointment at a time convenient to you.

Study Assistance Available

Access to a free after- hours, online tutor is available to interested students in Year 11 and 12 students courtesy of the CSU Future Moves Program. Visit <http://www.yourtutor.com.au/> to find out about the resource. See Mrs Clissold - Careers Adviser to register your interest.



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