



Dates to Remember

June 30

Last Day of Term 2

July 18 - Tuesday

First Day of Term 3 for Students

August 1

Years 7-12 Parent Teacher Interviews

August 3-4

Legal Studies Excursion

August 10

Astronomy Night at WHS

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Mitch Saxby, Billy Bartlett and Melinda Marion with Mr Bromhead and Mr Ivers.

This morning Steve Bromhead made a special visit to the school to present our school leaders with medallions. Mr Bromhead spoke to the school community about leadership and then presented the school with book resources on World War I for the library. Mr Bromhead was lucky enough to stay and hear some great tales of achievement from some of our students.

From the Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another semester. Once again the year has been full of fantastic student achievements and a plethora of educational experiences. The semester has hardly slowed with our final week's calendar being full of learning, engagement and new experiences. It is always pleasing to observe students showcasing their achievements and talents.

I was 'over the moon' with the turnout of parents and carers to our excellence assembly. It was tremendous to see such an array of students receiving awards. The assembly recognises student character embodied by our core values of respect, trust, fairness and positivity. I am proud to witness students achieving in a variety of arenas, working to their strengths and most importantly stepping out of their 'comfort zone' for the betterment of their development. We have a great student body supported by passionate staff. I thank all of those parents and carers who were able to grab some of their busy time and celebrate with their children and the school.

Students will receive their school reports which is a most important document. I encourage all to have the conversation about educational progress. Again it is a terrific opportunity to celebrate student effort and achievement and set new targets for the future.

I hope that all have a safe and relaxing break and rejuvenate for the new semester ahead. Enjoy the read.



Year 9 - A1 Status Recipients



Year 12 - A1 Status Recipients



Tannesha Jess and Prudence Smyth
For Outstanding participation in the
Model United Nations Assembly



Kelvyn Allard - Guitar Soloist performed
'House of the Rising Sun'



Above - Lincoln Harrell Outstanding
Performances at the Anzac Day
Ceremonies



Above - Coby Borg, Zoe
Brislane, Kate McWhirter,
Harley Pike, Prudence
Smyth, Holly Webb
Year 10 Music Group -
Performed 'Sign of the
Times'



Above - Luke Halverson
Outstanding Improvement in
all areas.



Left - Winning Team at the 2017
Science and Engineering
Challenge



June 22nd saw 15 of the Yr9/10 Marine Studies students attend the final day of their Boat Licence examinations. The students who successfully completed their licence included Yr 9's Karli Zanesco, Hayden Essery, Danny Bisby, Jaxen Sandford, Blake Thompson, Nathan Gutterson, Matthew Lonsdale, Joel Jarvis, Emily Madden, Jye Kucinskis, Breanna Magee, Zoe Clarkson. Yr 10's Jesse Heffernan, Tyson Richards-Riley-Peirce and Guy Beckingham.

The course was held at Newman College, Port Macquarie and involved formal testing of the students on all aspects of Safe Boating and Navigation. We set a new record of all 15 students passing both the practical and theory sections of the course on their 1st attempt.

Our students have been working towards this over many Marine lessons. The students received a certificate and applications which are current for 12 months once lodged with RMS. Parents and students need to visit RMS/Services NSW to receive their free Boat Licence after completing this school based training. Once again, we used the WHS bus with Mr John Surtees volunteering his time to drive to the 2 day course.

Our students also undertook Lab activities involving squid dissection and fish breeding. This is the first time this course has been on offer to our students and will continue into the future.

John Hawkins





Mexico at MUNA

Wingham High has once again participated in the Model United Nations Assembly, organised by Rotary International and held this year in Kempsey, from Friday 2nd June to Sunday 4th June.

Our allocated country was Mexico and our delegates were both from Year 10: Prudence Smyth (aka Hose Rodriguez) and Tannesha Jess (aka Pedro Garcia). Team Counsellor was Mr Dunbier.

At MUNA, teams from all over northern NSW come together for a weekend of debating. It is based on the workings of the UN General Assembly and the teams debate motions about topical issues of international significance. And to add an element of theatre to the occasion, all teams dress in the traditional costume of their country.

What also adds fun to the task, is that the students spend considerable time working behind the scenes, gathering support for their allocated motions. They do a lot of wheeling and dealing. They bribe one another: "We'll support you in Motion 27 if you....." Several couriers are busy delivering diplomatic notes between teams; always they are accompanied by inducements. A lot of chocolate changes hands.

Our team had to speak on four motions. We opposed the removal of religious discriminations against LGBTI people. (Mexico is a good Catholic country.) We spoke in favour of decriminalising and legalising drug use so that the funds raised could be put towards rehabilitation programs. (Mexico has a drug problem.) We opposed forming a UN body to monitor and reduce the illegal gun and munitions trade. (It simply would not work and the USA is the bad guy in this issue.) And we supported the establishment of Fair Trade guidelines for farmers in developing countries. (Mexican farmers are poor and need support; the world needs our tacos.)

The girls had mixed success in the debates, succeeding with two and losing two. Nevertheless, they spoke well on each occasion and they proved to be trustworthy and most adept in striking deals, whilst remaining faithful to the foreign and domestic policies of Mexico. Their output of diplomatic notes was astounding.

There were a number of winners announced. Oxley High from Tamworth, representing the USA, won the delegates prize for best team and most humorous. The Heritage Christian School, Port Macquarie, representing Israel, won the Rotary judges' award and will represent the District at the National MUNA later this year.

MUNA will be held in Gunnedah in 2018.

**Below - Tres Tipos Malos (3 bad guys)
aka - Gary, Prudence and Jess**



Above - Prudence seeking support for Mexican Farmers



Above - Tannesha speaking on Weapons Control



On the 14th of June, years 7 to 10 got to attend the Aboriginal Culture Show presented by Adam Hill. Children from Wingham Brush Public School and Wingham Public came to the hall in period 5, the performance consisted of him educating all of us on all the different tribes around Australia. He was showing us how all the different tribes use different instruments to tell stories, everything has a story. He talked to us in tongue (his native language) and told us what things in his tribal language were called. He made us repeat the words after him so we could learn some of it as well. He had many instruments and he played them for us, like clap sticks, a yidaki (like a didgeridoo) and a hand drum. He told us about the bush speaker which is where you put the instrument inside a bucket and play. He showed us his family and told us how he learnt that he was aboriginal. He told many stories and performed many songs on different stories. We thank him sincerely for the great experience and hope he will come back again with something new. Thank you, Adam Hill.

By: Jorja Bulley

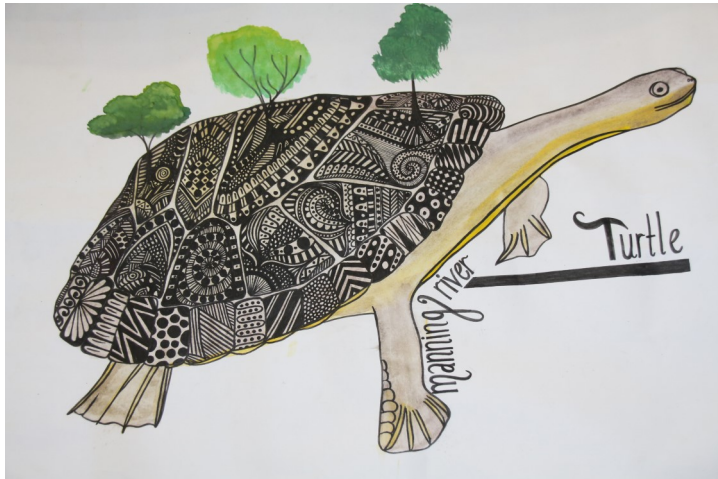


Work Experience for Hannah

Hannah Hawkins in Year 11 commenced work experience at The Red Dove Café in Taree. Hannah had not previously worked in hospitality and has since discovered a love for the industry. She really enjoys learning new skills in the kitchen such as food preparation and assembling dishes but was also keen to jump into the role of waitperson and take orders on her first day, a job most new staff members can find nerve-racking. Hannah would like to find a part-time job in the hospitality industry.



DID YOU KNOW that the Manning River has its own unique turtle found only in the middle and upper stretches of the river? Our living 55 million year old fossil has recently been listed as 'endangered'. To help raise awareness the 'Manning River Turtle Conservation Group' hosted an art competition for Wingham public and high schools. All entrants did a fantastic job, with three prizes being awarded to Wingham High School entrants. The lucky winners on this occasion are; Olivia Payne - first place, Caitlin McGilvray - 2nd place and Kellie Clark - 3rd place. Congratulations and well done everyone, hopefully we won't lose this unique little creature!



Left - first place by Olivia Payne

Below - 2nd place by Caitlin McGilvray



Below - 3rd place by Kellie Clark





The Year 10 Drama class performed in the Taree and District Eisteddfod in May. They performed in the One Act or Play section and were successful in bringing home the gold!! Congratulations to this talented team of young actors.

Back: (left to right) Zane Dawson, Jamieson Hanna, Holly Webb, Hari Barker, Rawai Poini, Brooke Lonergan, Courtenay Avery
Front: Ben Butler-Kwa, Harley Pike, Zoe Brislane, Memphis Nash, Kate McWhirter, Cameron Waugh

Reminder - Astronomy Night - Sky Stories

The Wingham High School Science Faculty in cooperation with Charles Sturt University have received a telescope to help develop our understanding of our universe.

We would like to invite our parents/students and community members to an evening of star gazing on the 10th August at 6pm. We would like you to bring your telescope if you have one and you could be a 'citizen scientist/astronomer' with us. We are organising to preview the new series of 'Star Stories of the Dreaming'. Two guest presenters will also speak on the Indigenous aspects of astronomy. One will be Aunty Barb Clarke who will provide us with local star story perspective on the night.

Even if you do not have a telescope but are interested, come along and be part of the universal experience with an Indigenous experience.

Bring your chair/blanket and snacks to help your evening go smoothly.

Thursday, 10th August, 6pm - Wingham High MPC for a video preview.

Then on to our oval for stargazing.

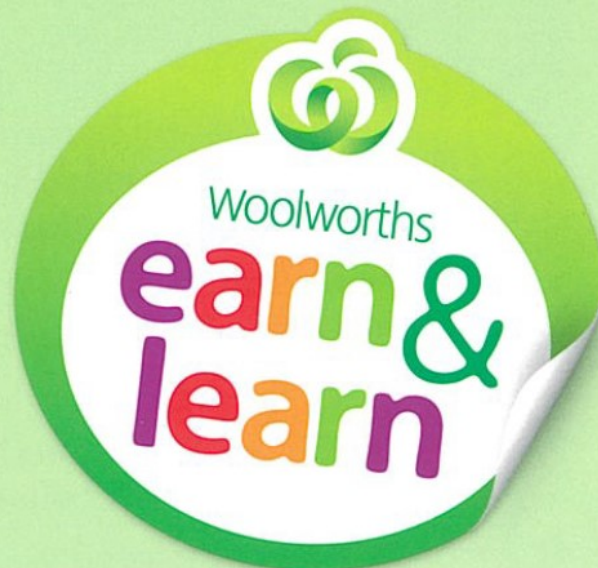
If you would like to attend, please phone Wingham High office to register your interest prior to the date. Ph. 6553 5488.





By shopping at Woolworths and collecting stickers you can help Wingham High School. Simply place your stickers in the **Wingham High School box** located outside Woolworths or send them directly to the school (there is a box located in the Front Office area).

We can redeem these stickers for valuable educational resources. Get everyone involved, it really does help. **Last time we reached over 6000 stickers. Lets see if we can beat that this time!**



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You could receive up to \$500 for help with school costs!

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