



## Dates to Remember

### 6 June

Under 16's Knights Knockout  
Tuncurry

### 8 June

Excursion: Year 11 & 12 Bio/PE  
Museum of Human Disease

### 9 June

Girls Open Hockey

### 13 June

Excursion: Year 11 RYDA - Driver  
Education Program

### 13 June

Subject Information Night  
Year 10 - 6pm to 7:30pm

### 14 June

Adamriginal Performance

### 20 June

Semester 1 Excellence Assembly  
9:30am

### 22 June

Excursion: Year 9 Marine Studies  
Boat Smart day 2.

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and the Canteen.



*106 Primary school students visit Wingham High for  
'A day at the farm' during Beef Week.*

*Below: Year 9 student Kara Allan with 'Manning' a 15month old  
steer raised at the school farm. More on Beef Week inside.*



## From the Principal's Desk

In this Newsletter, you will find a great amount of positive experiences for the students of Wingham High. It is an absolute pleasure to be involved as Principal in some of our outstanding events and observe our students excelling in their different areas of study. Beef Week is a mammoth event and it would be remiss of me not to thank the students, staff and community groups that make this a roaring success. It was definitely a time where I was the 'student' and our young representatives of Wingham High were the 'experts'.

I am also extremely proud of the staff who are assessing their own teaching and coming to me with different ideas and initiatives they feel could improve student learning and performance. Some of these ideas are small steps in the classroom whilst others are more radical school initiatives. The key thing I am excited about is staff and students constantly thinking how learning can be improved.

If there are any positive thoughts or inspiration that you feel the students may benefit from – please contact the school. Enjoy the read!



### National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

All Government and Non-Government schools across Australia participate annually in the National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) on students with additional needs. The data collected outlines the adjustments that teachers make so that all students are supported and receive quality teaching and learning experiences.

The data will be provided to the Australian Government from the NSW Department of Education to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the educational requirements of students with additional needs and is provided in such way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Paul Ivers – Relieving Principal of Wingham High School.

### Change to School Bank Details

Wingham High School will transition to the new NSW Public Schools' finance system and a new bank account on **4 September 2017**.

To ensure a smooth transition, there will be changes to the way we accept payments from parents and carers.

**Direct deposits:** As of **25 August 2017**, we will no longer accept direct deposits into our current school bank account as we prepare to close this account and transition to the new one. Any payments made using direct deposit after this date cannot be properly allocated to a student's account in a timely manner. Please ensure you have made any outstanding direct deposits before **25 August 2017**.

**EFTPOS payments:** We will not be able to accept EFTPOS payments between **30 August and 5 September 2017**. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding EFTPOS payments before **30 August, 2017**. From **5 September 2017**, EFTPOS payments will be accepted as before.

**Cash and cheque payments:** Between **30 August 2017** and **4 September 2017**, we will also not be able to accept payments by cash or cheque as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to the new one. Please ensure that you have made any outstanding cash or cheque payments before **30 August 2017**. From **5 September 2017**, cash and cheque payments will be accepted as before.

**Online payments (POP):** As of **25 August 2017**, payments to our current online payment facility will cease. You will not be able to use the Department of Education's Parent Online Payment (POP) system until **Monday 4 September**.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to our new finance system. If you have any questions, please contact Dianne Clarke – School Administrative Manager or Paul Ivers – Relieving Principal.



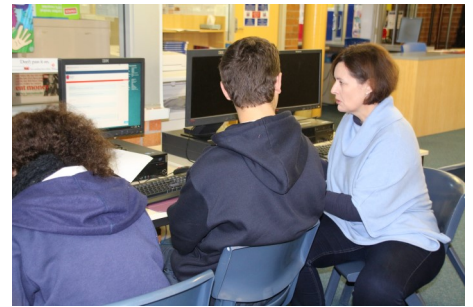


## iTrack Program

Gary Dunbier, Head of English Studies, runs an online mentoring program coordinated through The Smith Family called iTrack. It is for our Year 11 students and is held every Tuesday in Term 2. This is a program where mentors and students are matched online and it gives the student the opportunity to talk to their mentor about their work, study or post school plans or even if the student is unsure of what they want to do in the future.

A mentor is any person in the workforce that wishes to share their knowledge and experience and help the student discover their strengths and develop self-confidence.

This is set up as an online chat in a class room setting, however, the mentors are screened by The Smith Family and a high degree of anonymity is used. iTrack has been incorporated into the English Studies assessment program.



## Outstanding Achievement Program

The program recognises academic excellence and provides an opportunity for high achieving students to acknowledge their own efforts, was appreciated by this talented group of Year 8 students.

The focus of the Term 2 workshop was on **creativity and problem solving**. Students were required to show high levels of team work to complete the marshmallow challenge.

The aim of the challenge was to build the tallest structure that would support a marshmallow using sticks of spaghetti, a small length of tape and some string. The challenge gave students the opportunity to put into practice what they learnt about team work, problem solving, and creativity.

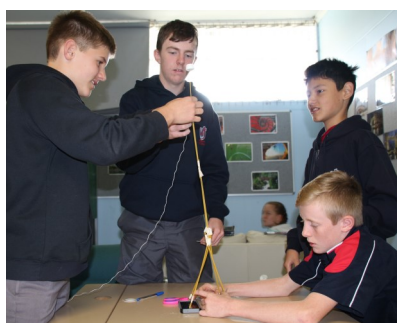
The second part of the challenge involved a presentation to the group using a PowerPoint to demonstrate the strategies they used and to evaluate the process.

Aside from the learning, participants and staff enjoyed the maturity and humour of the group.

It is planned to hold another workshop later in the year.



*Back: Rikky Green, Charlie Taylor, Lochlan Clement, Harry Fittock, Hayden Kriss. Front: Jordan Kane, Morgan Saxby, Kate Rourke, Kathryn Deal, Sarah Busuttil, Halle Dawson.*







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 10<sup>th</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Cattai Wetlands Excursion

On Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of May the Year 7 and Year 8 ATSI students went on a cultural excursion to Cattai Wetlands. We got to meet some elders and we were told about some work experience opportunities to work for the National Parks by Sean from TIDE.

We saw the Cattai Wetlands and it was beautiful. There were some black swans on the lake as well. We walked around the whole Cattai Wetland lagoon and saw some huge trees. On our walk, Uncle Steve taught us the names of some trees and we got to eat some berries.

We then walked off the trail to look for some Brolga nests and it was muddy from the rain on the weekend. We went back to the lunch area to eat some food. There were sausages, rissoles, tomato, onion, coleslaw, bread rolls and lettuce. Then we had some fruit—apples and bananas.

Afterwards, we sat down and talked about culture with Aunty Fay. We then all walked to the lookout and talked about more culture of the area.

We would like to thank Aunty Fay Ridgeway, Uncle Steve Ridgeway, Karen Bull, Lindin Tisdenn, Jamaine Wilesmith and Sean Plodder. We would like to thank Wayne as well for driving us there with Kellie and Ms Meaney.





On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 16 students that were nominated attended the Boat Smart course. The course consists of 2 days. The first is the 'on water competency day' where students demonstrate the ability to drive a runabout, row dinghies and use safety equipment. The second day will be on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Newman College, Port Macquarie where they will complete formal tests.

Our students had a busy day 1 and all had the chance to drive a runabout while navigating the marine traffic of Port Macquarie and amongst the canals of Settlement City housing developments and the Hastings River.

The students had formal discussions with Warren Bridge from Boat Smart and Peter Bennetts from RMS Boating on 'boat landing and retrieval'.

The students who completed the 1<sup>st</sup> day included Grace Boyd, Karli Zanesco, Danny Bisby, Hayden Essery, Jaxen Sandford, Joel Jarvis, Nathan Gutterson, Emily Madden, Tyson Richards-Riley-Peirc, Jye Kucinskis, Jessie Heffernan and Zoe Clarkson.

They now need to complete the online tests prior to June 22<sup>nd</sup> so they can pass the Boating Examination.

This has been a new course for Marine Studies students at Wingham High in 2017 and will now become part of our regular course activity whilst current funding of the program allows it to continue for schools.

Mr Hawkins.







The Ag Show team and Ag students attended the Beef Week events from May 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup>. The day at the farm commenced on Monday with 106 primary school students working with our Wingham High students on various farm activities. The primary students came from Wingham Public, Wingham Brush, Mount George and Moorland Primary Schools.

Our students attended Wingham Show Ground for the main Beef Week activities from Tuesday. The students entered 8 steers in Beef Week and the following students received awards over the week:

Georgia Hudson	1 <sup>st</sup> in Under 15 Judging Championships
Brooke Anderson	1 <sup>st</sup> in Over 18 Judging Championships
Blake Leach	Champion Herdsman Award & 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Under 15 Paraders Championship
Mitchell Bisley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Under 13 Paraders Championship
Emily Foster	3 <sup>rd</sup> Under 17 Paraders Championship
Caitlin Ernst	4 <sup>th</sup> Under 15 Paraders Championship
Sophie French	5 <sup>th</sup> Under 16 Paraders Championship
Brodie Friedrich	5 <sup>th</sup> Under 14 Paraders Championship
Meggan Watkins	6 <sup>th</sup> Under 13 Paraders Championship
Jennifer James	6 <sup>th</sup> Under 14 Paraders Championship
Sarah Busuttill	2 <sup>nd</sup> Under 13 Paraders Championship & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Meat Live Assessment

Sophie French (right) won the Wingham Beef Week Agricultural Achievement Award. The prize was entry to the TOCAL College Beef Assessment Course. Prize valued at \$540.



John Hawkins and Charlie Cassels would like to thank Mrs Foster for helping transport our cattle to Beef Week and Mr and Mrs Brood for their help with the barbeque on Monday and support of our farm events. Beef Week has become a major community event and special thanks goes out to Mr Grant Coleman at Wingham Beef Exports Abattoirs for his support of the event. With close to 400 competitors from 20 schools and private entries, Beef Week has established itself as a must do activity for many Agriculture students as a special learning experience.

Any community members who would like to help with Beef Week, please contact Mr Hawkins or Mr Cassels.

## Open Girls Hockey



Grace, Morgan and Jaime were part of the Hunter Open Girls Hockey Team that competed in the CHS State Championships at Tamworth from Tuesday 23 May to Thursday 25 May 2017.

Hunter were the dominant team in the tournament going through undefeated, winning the final 4-2 against South Coast and bringing home a gold medal.

Jaime was selected in the NSWCHS Team who will play a Tri Series against Combined Independent Schools and Combined Catholic Schools at Homebush on 19 June 2017.

*Jaime Hemmingway, Morgan Coleman & Grace Coleman*





*Back Row: Jake Peckett, Andrew Nielsen, Connor Pigott, Sam Madden, Bon Morse, Jai Tisdell, Connor Hughes, Nash McPherson, Corey Dempsey, Stephen Smith.*

*Front row: Bryceon Xuereb, Jordan Goodman, Sam Morse, Keegan Hughes, Joe Johnson, Kelvyn Allard, Canaan O'Donnell. Absent: Reid Brown, Aaron Jarman*

With wet weather playing havoc with trying to organise a game in April. The Round 2 match against Chatham High School was unfortunately decided in a coin toss. This allowed Wingham to progress to Round 3 and play Irrawang High School. With the home ground advantage Wingham came from behind to eventually win the game 3-1 with some exciting passages of play. Round 4 saw the team travel to Tuncurry and play Great Lakes College. This was a tough encounter and the boys stepped up a notch in quality of opponents. Although they lost the game 7-0, they again played well and had a couple of real chances to put the ball in the back of the net. In both games the boys backed each other up and played the whole game with spirit, never relaxing till the final whistle.



*Above: Connor Hughes defending against Great Lakes College*

*Right: Sam Morse intercepts the pass and controls the ball against Great Lakes College*



*Jai Tisdell on the attack against Irrawang High School*







On Friday May 12, a small party of footy fans from Wingham High journeyed to the hallowed Kogarah Jubilee oval to see an NRL game. It was a first time experience for Cameron Waugh (Year 10) and Hannah Hawkins (Year 11) and one, no doubt they will long remember.

Mrs Helen Cross and Mr Gary Dunbier wanted to offer Cameron and Hannah a different sort of educational and social experience, partly as a reward for being excellent students. Damon Hoole was also going to be part of the group, having never been to an NRL game before, but he was a late withdrawal due to hockey commitments.

It was a long day (12pm-12am), embracing Sydney's peak hour, but an exciting one. Unfortunately for Cameron and Mr Dunbier it was a slow, disconsolate trip home after their beloved Dragons were controversially beaten. Although they are not out-and-out Sharks supporters, Mrs Cross and Hannah were happy to support them on this occasion and it was a victory for the girls.

The success of the trip was such that Mr Ivers and Mr Austin will look into taking some students to see an A League game next season.



*Helen, Cameron, Hannah & Gary*

## Chess League

On President Ho Chi Minh's Birthday 2017, the Wingham High School Chess team; Isaiah Hardy, Ryan Siegel-Hensen, Bryceon Xuereb, and Mathew Xuereb went into battle with Gloucester High School in the second round of the Country Secondary Schools Chess Teams Competition. In hard fought games that lasted over an hour, and threatened to cancel a Staff Meeting scheduled later that day, our team went down 3-1. Congratulations to Bryceon, who emerged victorious after an arduous struggle. The team now goes into the Second Place competition. And of course it would be ridiculous to suggest that the Gloucester Team were somehow inspired by a dead communist revolutionary – no one would believe you... (even if it was Gloucester who suggested the date).



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FROM:

SCHOOL: Wingham High School

REGION: HUNTER

COORDINATOR: Brian Byrne + Sam Gough

DATE: 12/5/17

Home School: <u>WINGHAM HS</u>				Away School: <u>GLOUCESTER HS</u>			
Board	Player	Year	Score	Player	Year	Score	
1	Isaiah Hardy	11		Shayne Harris	12		
2	Ryan Siegel-Hensen	11	0	Gabe Hennessy-O'Reilly	12	1	
3	Bryceon Xuereb	11		Ryan Palmer	12		
4	Mathew Xuereb	8		Jacob Bird	12		
TOTAL				TOTAL			

Win = 1; Loss = 0; Draw = ½; Win on Forfeit = 1F; Loss on Forfeit = 0F; Game sent for adjudication = A





# Blak Douglas aka Adam Hill presents

# Adamriginal

## The Didgerido's and Don'ts of Urban Aboriginal Arts

*"The workshop was very informative, interesting and enlightening. The kids loved it and have obviously been influenced by him, his knowledge and his words."*

**Kara Townsend, Mackillop Catholic College, Busselton**

*"He was fantastic - .He made everyone laugh, a very talented man."*

**Lisa Dann, Kolbe Catholic College, Rockingham**

### THE PERFORMER

Adam Hill is a multi-talented Dhungatti (Kempsey area of N.S.W.) Aboriginal artist who works as a professional exhibiting painter, graphic artist, cartoonist and illustrator. He is also a respected Yidaki (Didgeridoo) player, having studied formally with traditional Yolngu teachers from North East Arnhem land. He has a keen sense of humour and a strong sense of social justice which is evident in a lot of his artwork.

He has toured extensively as a performer to Italy, Canada, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Vietnam, Korea, Japan, the Philippines and the South Pacific with 'Musica Viva'. In Australia, Adam has performed for Nelson Mandela and featured in The Rugby World Cup opening ceremony and the final of Australian Idol.

Adam studied Graphic Design at U.W.S. Nepean gaining acclaim as an Urban Indigenous Artist and is a member of Boomalli Aboriginal Artists. He has staged numerous exhibitions over the past eight years, including ten solo shows. Adam has been the recipient of the Mil-Pra award, a finalist in the Telstra awards, has works in government collections and the National Gallery of Australia. In 2009 Adam was a finalist in the Wynne Prize and in 2015 was a finalist for the Archibald Prize with his portrait titled 'Smoke and Mirrors'.

### THE PERFORMANCE

Adam presents an original, humorous, highly energetic programme of song, puppetry, language, personal stories and Yidaki (didgeridoo). While he draws on story telling and performance traditions for inspiration, Adam has added his own unique touches to this cultural programme – including a display of his basketball prowess.

Using a map of Indigenous Australia, Adam provides an informative interactive introduction to various language groups. Guided by Adam, students name the various Indigenous regions, their Instruments and their songs.

Adam demonstrates the complex 'Tongue Talk' techniques and various playing styles of the Yidaki, and gives a history of its origins.





## Stressed about high school costs?

Would \$500 help pay for uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a laptop or tablet?

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## Stressed about paying for the tablet on the stationery list?

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## 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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A call out to all Musicians, Thespians, Dancers, Acrobats, Gymnasts or any student with particular skills. Big Night Out will be held Wednesday 9th August.

Nominations will open week 8 and Auditions will be held in the first week of Term 3.

Students to collect nomination forms from Mrs Harrell or the CAPA staffroom.

