#### WINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Learning in an environment of RESPECT, TRUST, FAIRNESS & POSITIVITY

# **Dates to** Remember

#### 9 August

**CAPA Big Night Out** 6:30pm-9pm

#### 10 August

**Astronomy Night 6pm** 

#### 14 August

**HSC Trial Examinations** 

#### 16 August

Science & Engineering Challenge

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**EFTPOS** facilities available at the Accounts Office and the Canteen.



Wingham High NAIDOC celebrations.

## From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to term 3!

This term is always a big one for our Year 12 students with their trial exams looming, completing the school based assessment of their senior studies. It is always a time of nerves, worry and concern.

We do have a strong support network at Wingham High School beginning with classroom teachers. As with most challenging situations proper preparation will set you in good stead for performing at optimal levels. One myth that does need to be 'busted' is that after the trial HSC the course is over. Nothing can be further from the truth and it would be one of the most valuable times for feedback and associated learning. However, first thing is to ensure those study timetables are organised and followed, teachers are queried on aspects that we are still unsure of and plenty of practise answers are provided for teacher feedback before the upcoming exams. All the best Year 12!

Our calendar is quite full this term with some outstanding performances, events and initiatives. The Newsletter is a great way of finding out what is on in the coming weeks. Be sure to check Facebook and our website for announcements and details also.

Parent teacher night is a great opportunity to meet the staff of Wingham High and I must thank all of those parents who were able to make the recent interviews last week. Please remember that although the interviews are a planned event, this is not the only occasion that you can speak to your children's teachers. If there are reasons for conversation, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we can organise a meeting time.

Here's to a successful term 3. Enjoy the read.

### The Combined School's NAIDOC day



The Combined School's NAIDOC day at Wingham Brush Public School on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2017, with the primary schools was a very fun day.

Due to the wet weather we were transferred from the park to Wingham Brush Public School but that didn't matter because we had all stations around the school.

Aunty Wilma started the day with Welcome to Country and Emily Brown performed some beautiful dances for us. The Primary kids were then broken into groups. There were heaps of activities including weaving, painting, Language with Uncle John, games, Yarning Circle with Aunty Wilma, Community Health and taste testing of some Indigenous Foods such as crocodile, emu, kangaroo.

Thank you to the SRC for running the sausage sizzle, and Mr Doust for the work of his Anatomy class and for helping out with the loading.

All in all it was an excellent day! We all got along very well and we all got in and helped all the staff, elders, guests and the students. It was a Deadly day!



















## **NAIDOC** Assembly at Wingham High



















### Students celebrate NAIDOC with family & friends











On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, Wingham High School had their 2017 NAIDOC Celebration Assembly. We had an amazing time preparing for the assembly. We decorated the hall with our hand painted animals. Our dancers got painted up and looked great as they performed.

We welcomed all the parents and our special guests Uncle Russell Saunders and Uncle John Taylor into our school and had a yarn before our assembly. Uncle Russ did his beautiful welcome to country and spoke a bit about the theme of NAIDOC this year. Uncle John told us his story about Languages which the audience found captivating. It was great to have the elders at our school. Joel and I really enjoyed mc-ing the assembly, even if we were a bit nervous at first. Chloe, Taylor and Cody did an excellent job speaking, as did Libbie, especially speaking in language.

Thanks so much to Lester for playing deadly didgeridoo and Cody for his clap stick rhythms. They accompanied our great dancers, led by Emily Brown. Lots of people told me how great they thought our assembly was, so we should all be very proud of ourselves.

Written by Alyssa Hay.

# **DJI Spark Drones**



Introducing the schools newest resources: 2 brand new DJI Spark drones. These drones are the newest and most advanced on the market and include a number of engaging features which we are excited to be incorporating into our curriculum within the technology and sciences/agriculture departments of our school.

With features like a stabilised adjustable 1080p camera which streams live to an iPad and motion tracking technology, these are sure to keep students engaged in their learning. An example where these drones will be used is the inclusion of the new year 9/10 elective *Innovation and Technology* (Design and Technology) which will focus on new and emerging technologies and involve a unit heavily directed towards using and understanding the drones technology. A special thanks to the P&C committee for allocating the funding for these valuable new resources.



Year 12 student Connor Hughes and TAS teacher Mr Edwards test run the drone.









Drone view of the recent Indigenous soccer match on the school oval.

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## **Astronomy Night – Sky Stories**



The Wingham High School 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 start 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". There will be a guest presenter speaking on the Indigenous aspects of astronomy.

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.

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.

## 'Young Archie' Competition

Wingham High School held its own 'Young Archie" art competition this year. Entrants were asked to create an artwork of someone that is important in their life. It is likened to the annual Archibald portrait painting prize, but for budding artists from the age of 5 to 18. Congratulations go to; First place - Jorga Bulley, second place - Lea Urquhart, third place - Dylan O'Hara and runner-up - Kallista Te-Wake.



## **Dressage International Event**

Sienna Hawkins year 12 competed at the Brisbane Concours de Dressage International Event recently. She won the Concours de Dressage International Youth individual test and came 2nd in the team test and 6th in the freestyle. She has also been placed on the NSW Young Rider Squad. Sienna is now placed 1st in NSW and 2nd in Australia.







Come and see our showcase event demonstrating the amazing talents of our students in the field of entertainment.

# Wednesday 9th August 2017 @ 6:30pm

Multi-purpose Centre, Wingham High School \$5 entry - sale at the door.

Light refreshments can be purchased - money raised through the canteen will go to

'Do it for MS' and The Cerebral Palsy Alliance

#### **National Maritime Museum / Sydney Aquarium Excursion**



On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 53 students from Years 9/10/12 Science and Marine Studies travelled to the Australian National Maritime Museum to view and explore the exhibitions. Year 12 Chemistry students completed workshops for the whole day. These workshops involved practical work for the HSC Chemistry Option Shipwrecks and Salvage. The Marine and Science students experienced a firsthand insight into operating within a submarine and navy ship.

The afternoon was spent at the Sydney Aquarium exploring the various marine ecosystems and lifeforms which many of the students had only every viewed on line and in books. All the students attending had a very positive learning experience from their involvement.

John Hawkins
Relieving HT/Science/Marine









### **Careers**



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Ms Shirley Clissold

Careers Adviser



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## **Community Information**





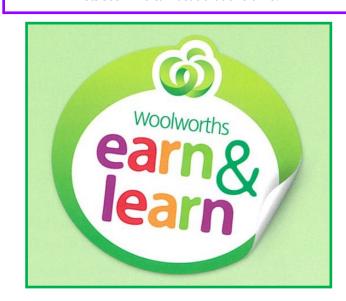


By shopping at Woolworths and collecting stickers you can help Wingham High School. Simply place your stickers in the Wingham High School box located outside Woolworths or send them directly to the school

(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!



## **Communities** for Children



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Do you want your children to listen and grow to be happy

When: Commencing Thursdays 24th of August 2017 For 3 weeks

Time: 10am-12.30pm

Location: CWA Building Gloucester

To register please call – 6551 1800 **Morning Tea Provided** 



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