



Dates to Remember

7th September

Legacy Volunteer Fundraiser
Under 15's Netball Gala Day

11th September

Excellence Assembly

18th September

Year 9 Practical Science
Excursion to WPS

27th September

Year 12 Graduation Assembly

25th October

Agriculture Excursion
Scone Beef Bonanza

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The Wakul Gudida group perform at the welcome assembly. Full story on page 3.

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to our mid-term newsletter. As I write the Year 12 cohort have completed the last of their Trial Examinations and our new School Leader hopefuls are presenting themselves to the whole school in hope of becoming 2019 school captains. I have had the opportunity of late to talk with different members of the community on the challenges facing schools, teachers, students and parents of today. Whilst there are plenty of obstacles and challenges before us it is great to see some of the wondrous outcomes and fine young individuals we possess at our school. The students that placed themselves in the running for school captain were amazing. Parents, you would have been extremely proud. I must say they do have big shoes to fill!

The countdown is on now for our Year 12 HSC cohort. It is timely that we are all reminded that only 50% of their HSC results have now been achieved. Now more than ever is a critical time to be at school and in class. Like any learning experience, the critical aspect for improvement is feedback on your performance. Knowing what aspect of performance was done well and where I can make changes for improvement is essential to learning. I am looking forward to being involved in the next phase of life with these fine young men and women.

A big thanks to all parents, students and teachers for their involvement in the Subject Selection meeting for Year 8 into 9. It was great to see so many people highly interested in the learning opportunities of their children. A great roll up and some terrific questions of the teachers after the presentation. Thank you for your support. Enjoy the read.

Paul Ivers

2018 Sky Stories

A successful astronomy night was held on Wednesday August 15th with special guest speaker Dave Reneke.

Community members, staff and students were able to hear media personality Dave Reneke speak about astronomical experiences and his meetings with iconic names such as Buzz Aldrin and Richard Branson.

Around 120 community members attended and had the opportunity to engage in a laser star tour of the Milky Way Galaxy out on the oval. Following this we had 7 telescopes set up by various attendees. Of great note was our own Mr Murray Doust and his telescope which provided many viewers with the opportunity to see planets and galaxies in great clarity. Also attending was former Wingham High School science teacher Mr Denis Duval. He set up his telescope and provided others with the chance to see stars and planets. Also in attendance was Tanya Brown from CSU who had sponsored our school telescope in 2017.

Overall it was a positive experience for all involved and everyone left with a greater appreciation of our small place in our Milky Way Galaxy and within space and time.

John Hawkins



Quad Bike Training 2018

Year 12 Primary Industries students undertook quad bike training as part of their course training options.

Quad bike training was provided through external providers such as Taree TAFE. The course was held over 2 days and required students to complete practical and theory components.

The students involved this year included Rhianna Farrar, Tobi Irvine, Sophie French and Braiden Saville. All students left the course with a greater respect for the risks involved in operating quads in the paddock and will take this into their future careers and life skills.

John Hawkins – Primary Industries

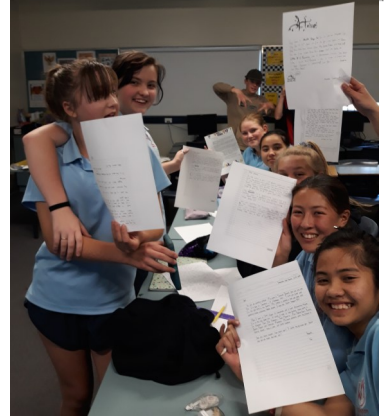




Indonesian Visitors

On 28th August, Wingham High School conducted a special assembly to welcome two teachers from our new sister school in Indonesia. Participants from the Wakul Gudida group performed the "Welcome" dance and the "Pipi" dance which 'wow'ed our visitors and made them feel truly welcome.

Yesi Cahyani and Pajar Wolverine from SMKN 4 Samarinda School, Kalimantan in Indonesia will be at Wingham High School for two weeks to develop intercultural understanding, improve Indonesian language skills, enhance technology skills, and establish a community network of learners. We are one of 16 selected schools across Australia in 2018 to participate in the BRIDGE Program, which aims to foster greater ties between Australia and Indonesia through education. We look forward to an enduring partnership with our new friends in Indonesia.



A Fantastic Big Night Out



Year 10 Certificate I in Financial Literacy

Thirteen Year 10 students took advantage of an opportunity offered in partnership with the Smith Family during Term 2 to complete their Certificate I in Financial Literacy. The students involved were: Eliza Baker, Dimity Bartlett, Travis Beattie, Jim Byrne, Billy Callaghan, Erica Colvin, Alicia Evans, Georgia Hudson, Blake Leach, Emily Madden, RJ Shepherd, Aaron Smith, Luka Urquhart, Karli Zanesco.



Heidi Prowse from the Smith Family attended a recent year meeting to present the students with their certificates. Unfortunately Georgia Hudson and Karli Zanesco were absent on that day. Our students are fortunate to be offered courses such as this which will be invaluable for their financial futures. Further opportunities will also be available in the future.

Man of Integrity

Mad souths supporter, Corey Norris, has lived up to his word this week by adorning the glorious Newcastle Knights supporters gear in meeting his debt to Mr Keen.

A bet between the two some time back over a Souths match seen Mr Keen having to publically acknowledge Corey's team winning and Corey gaining his \$5.00 winnings. However, through constant nagging (and much bragging to friends and family) another bet was established. This time the stakes where raised with Corey to acknowledge Mr Keen as the best teacher in the school and a day in servitude as a slave.

With prior consultation with Corey's mum and the Principal, Corey grudgingly made his way to the front of the school assembly to humbly mumble his acknowledgement of the best teacher and team in the NRL competition. He then lived up to his word as an indentured slave for the day and accepted his fate, wearing a large poster on his chest saying 'I'm in class to work and learn cause' Keeny said so.'

Much to the delight of his mother, who wasted no time in posting the image to Facebook, Corey came good on his word. The message: 'Don't mess with the BIG dog'.

Corey is now desperately trying to establish a third and final bet in the regular season to establish his ascendancy. Good luck trying.



Year 9 Marine Technology Boating Practical Training Day

On Wednesday 29th August, 15 of the Year 9 Marine Studies travelled to Port Macquarie to take part in the *Boat Smart*, safe boating in schools practical training day. These comprised of activities and practical experience compulsory for obtaining their general boat licence.

Students discussed and developed their knowledge and skills regarding trip preparation, mandatory safety equipment, life jackets, safe boat launching and retrieving, choosing the right anchor and anchoring techniques. The students took turns to skipper an outboard powered boat on the canals of the Hastings River, and rowed dinghies around the enclosed inlet adjacent to the Sailing Club.

I would like to thank all students who attended on the day for their confidence, initiative and enthusiasm in completing the various activities and representing Wingham High School. Also special thanks to Wayne Walker who drove the bus and offered his own personal boating knowledge and experience on the day.



Year 10 Marine Technology Fishing Excursion

On the beautiful sunny day of Wednesday 4th July, 10 of the Year 10 Marine Students travelled to several locations in the Manning Valley to practice their fishing skills.

In the morning during the low tide along the sand flats in Harrington, the students successfully pumped yabbies to use as their live bait. Hopes were high. Fishing was attempted at Crowdy Head wharf and break-wall, however after half an hour the wind speed picked up so our time spent on the coast to fish was abandoned, it was time for lunch. We then travelled back to Andrew's reserve in Taree West for the afternoon, and after another non-eventful hour with no bites, decided to call it a day.

However; only one person caught a fish that day – Wayne - a mullet! – before it broke his line a swam away... C'est la vie. So thanks to Wayne Walker who drove the bus on the day and offered his own personal fishing knowledge and experience.

The science faculty also thanks the Marine Teacher's Association of NSW who kindly donated a new fishing tackle kit, which was packed full of high quality rods, reels, line, a net, pliers, hooks and sinkers, all valued at over a whopping \$1500!





Canteen Roster For more information phone Judy on 6553 5488

September	7	Jennifer H Lorraine Mc <small>3</small>	Jennifer H <small>4</small>	Judy Abdo <small>5</small>	Ray Little Lauren R <small>6</small>	Tara H <small>7</small>
September	8	Marina Kmet Sandra K <small>10</small>	Jennifer H <small>11</small>	Judy Abdo <small>12</small>	Marina Kmet Leane Smith Ray Little <small>13</small>	Jennifer H <small>14</small>
September	9	Jennifer H Rae-Lee Diamond <small>17</small>	Jennifer H <small>18</small>	Judy Abdo <small>19</small>	Ray Little Pat Skinner <small>20</small>	Simon Morse <small>21</small>
September	10	Jennifer H Louise Smith <small>24</small>	Jennifer H <small>25</small>	Judy Abdo Julie Page <small>26</small>	Ray Little <small>27</small>	Angela C <small>28</small>

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