

NEWSLETTER Term 3 | Issue 1 | 2018

Wingham High School

Learning in an environment of Respect, Trust, Fairness & Positivity

Dates to Remember

Week 5

Year 12

Trial Exams begin

August 29

Year 9 Marine Studies **Practical Course Excursion** Year 7 Rewards Excursion Taronga Zoo

September 5

Archibald Art Exhibition

September 27

Year 12

Graduation Assembly

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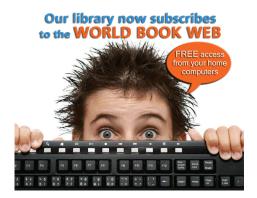
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Lester Andrews, Darcey Andrews, Keoni Steadman, Kai Wickenden, Beau Moran-Choppin. A Touch of the Brush—see page 5 for the full story.



New to

Wingham High School

WORLD BOOK WEB

See page 2 for login details and enter the competition.

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to another cracking edition of our newsletter. It can be stated that we have the engines running full throttle and Term 3 is proving to be another action packed period of high quality learning experiences. The school has been going through a comprehensive self-reflection on processes and quality of the educational offerings that ultimately impact on student learning. As an outcome of this reflection, I am amazed with the sheer number, breadth and quality of learning opportunities on offer to our students. I am so impressed with our students abilities, the way in which they challenge themselves and the outcomes that they showcase.

Many conversations I have with staff and students links to the development of culture of Wingham High School. Central to any discussion is the idea that WE are what makes Wingham High the great place it is. The vibrancy that you can witness in this newsletter comes through the concerted efforts of staff, students and community. The ability for safe, connected student learning comes from all of us appreciating those around us and taking responsibility for our actions. We continue to talk, educate, guide our whole learning community so that student potential and growth is maximised and the young adults that we help develop are great assets to the communities they are involved with. Again, I am extremely proud of the fantastic citizens we produce as a school and continue to look at ways we can improve.

Enjoy the read and thank you for supporting learning at Wingham High.

Paul Ivers



WORLD BOOK WEB

Good news!

Our library now subscribes to the following award winning World Book Web products.

World Book Student—forms the foundation of an expansive reference database that includes over 40,000 encyclopedia and reference articles, thousands of links to outside web sites selected by World Book editors and contributors. It also includes an extensive Dictionary and Atlas plus audios, visuals and animations.



World Book Advanced—tailored for the needs of older students, it includes encyclopedic content, integrates primary and secondary source databases plus more than 5,500 e-books in a single search, over 700 e-books can be downloaded to e-readers and iPads, and a wealth of research tools that allow students to customise and save their work.

Where do you get it!!!!

To access World Book Online log into your Student Portal follow the link to Oliver Library and click World Book Online.

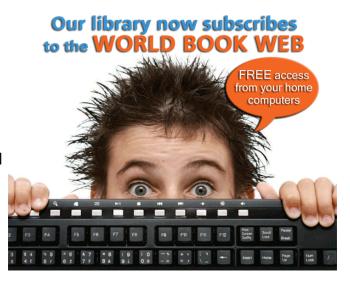
ENTER The Best thing about World Book Online is.... COMPETITION

All you have to do is visit World Book Online and find something that you think is great about World Book Online. Print you name and the thing that you think is great about World Book Online on the Entry Form.

See Mr Byrne in the Library for Entry Forms.

Competition Rules

- 1. You must visit the site (we have ways of checking)!
- 2. Open to students and staff of Wingham High School
- 3. All legitimate entries go into the draw
- 4. One entry per person
- 5. Closing date 7/9/2018





Careers

Year 11 Macquarie University Excursion

Macquarie University LEAP (Learning Education Aspiration Participation) Program invited 21 Year 11 students on to their campus in Sydney on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd July. This was a follow up to an activity which took place during Term 4 2017 at Taree – the LEAP MQ Roadshow. The aim of both of these programs is to support regional students to access and participate in higher education. Macquarie University fully funded the following students to participate in this opportunity: Kelvyn Allard, Coby Borg, Paige Brown, Ben Butler-Kwa, Bianca Debono, Courtney Eggins, Tannesha Jess, Christopher Katsamangos, Ryan Kriss, Brooke Lonergan, Tahlia Martin, Ellyse O'Connor, Harley Pike, Rawai Poini, Jayden Saunders, Emma Scowen, Stephen Smith, Prudence Smyth, Leah South, Holly Webb and Braydon Xuereb.

The students participated in campus and accommodation tours. Our students were accommodated at Dunmore Lang College which is one of three residential colleges at MQ University. The students also participated in a range of workshops including Circus 101, Programming/Robotics 101, DJ 101, Economics 101, Security Studies 101 and Astro Physics 101. Our students also had the opportunity to talk to current students to find out more about moving away from home and various support structures available.

I am sure that this excursion was successful in inspiring and motivating our Year 11 students to work hard with their senior studies and aim for the stars.

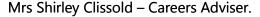
Year 12 University of Newcastle Excursion

Year 12 had the opportunity to participate in an excursion to the University of Newcastle Open Day on Thursday 5th July. The students who participated in this excursion were: Athena Adams, Kate Bevitt, Bethany Carter, Abbey Drury, Riley Fahey, Taj Greaves, Tallulah Greaves, Kye Gregory, Annabelle Hansen, Sophie Hartcher, Toby Irvine, Olivia Payne, Luke Percival, Ryan Siegel-Hensen, Hayley Thompson and Paige Webster.

Students were able to investigate course options and tour the Callaghan Campus and see the range of accommodation options available. Most of the students who attended this excursion have also participated in the other university excursions over the past 9 months which gives them an insight into how each university is different and to select the one which suits them the most.

Year 12 Careers Interviews

Year 12 will have an individual Careers Interview during the first half of Term 3. Parents are most welcome to attend.

















In the classrooms







The Year 12 Entertainment class have achieved their Hand tools competencies by building stage blocks to be used in stage performances.



Mr Scott Brown's Year 10 Design and Technology class are currently building clocks as a class project. Pictured are Alex Watkins, Billy Callaghan, Jesse Allen and William Gee.









Harry Morton (left) of Year 12 has nearly completed his Design and Technology Major work which is a timber bar.



These students (left) have chosen to spend Friday afternoons with the Rural Fire Service as cadets in place of sport to experience what it would be like to be a rural firefighter. They are doing basic training including hoses, equipment on trucks and safety procedure and it will culminate in a graduation and demonstration of what they have learned. The graduation will be held in Central Park and parents and carers will be invited to attend.



Creative Creature #4

My name: Brendan Chapman

My year: 11 My age: 16

MY FAVOURITE EXHIBITION:

My favourite exhibition was the 'Primavera Exhibition'



MY FAVOURITE ARTWORK:

My favourite artwork is 'The Starry Night', a piece by Vincent Van Gogh from 1889.



MY MATERIAL PRACTISE:

I enjoy drawing more than others because that's what I'm better at.



My favourite art period is the Expressionism period.



I do not know what I want to do as of yet.



My favourite artists is Leonardo Da Vinci because I like the way he created his works.



I don't think I want to art for a career but I will probably keep drawing for fun, and posting on my Instagram page. I have been thinking about selling my work, but I am not sure yet.





A Touch of the Brush

A fantastic cultural opportunity unique to Wingham, will be ready to entertain you on the Akoostik weekend in October 2018!

The project is funded by Regional Arts Fund NSW and auspiced by Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services. A performance at





Wingham Brush Nature Reserve will involve aerial performances, ground roving by stilt walking Grey Headed Flying Foxes and Native Bees, and the launch of a new collection of stilt costumes - "The Manning River Turtle".

Circartus is a local based community circus, directed by Jill Watkins. This project will be directed by Jill and provides a wonderful opportunity for Wingham! It will showcase our local iconic and unique qualities through the arts, and expose many people to the valuable Flora and Fawna that exist here along with their cultural and environmental significance. The project involves many volunteers and groups including, National Parks, Wingham Brush Primary School, Wingham High School, the Circartus community of families and many artists.

Aboriginal students from the Wingham High School program Wakul Gudida, have been learning to master the art of walking on stilts, to then be involved in the project by representing the Grey Headed Flying Fox.

The performances will be on the 20th and 21st of October 2018.

Staff Support Fragile X Syndrome

Fragile X Syndrome is a genetic condition causing intellectual disability, behavioural and learning challenges and various physical characteristics. It is also the most common single gene cause of autism worldwide. Every week in Australia one child is born who is fully affected and 20 children are born who are





carriers of Fragile X. It is estimated that 5 per cent of people with a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum disorder also have Fragile X syndrome. For more information or to donate to the Fragile X association, please visit fragilex.org.au. Wingham High School staff recently celebrated Fragile X day by wearing orange.

Semester 1 Excellence Assembly





Naidoc Day

On the 3rd of July, Wingham High School hosted our combined NAIDOC celebrations with the feeder primary schools of our nearby area. Students from the Wingham Brush Primary, Tinonee Primary, Mount George and Wingham Public Schools attended the commemorative day where we celebrated the artistic and cultural aspects of the Aboriginal people, especially women referring to the 2018 theme "Because of Her We Can".

The students first attended an assembly in our MPC (Multi-Purpose Centre). Aunty Pam welcomed us all, with her Acknowledgment to Country. Uncle Michael Saunders then beautifully sang the Australian Anthem in Gathang language. Our Principal, Paul Ivers welcomed everyone to our day and then we had two dances from the Wingham High School 'Wakul Gudida' dance group. Each primary school was then split up into multiple groups and went off to their activities, which were run by Wingham High School students.

The students participated in a range of actives like traditional story telling by our visiting guest speaker Laura Bowen. Aunty Pam demonstrated some weaving techniques and there was more yarning from our Elders, Aunty Wilma, Aunty Isabell and Aunty Denise. High school students and teachers ran workshops where the primary students could par-take in leaf and dot painting, stick weaving, interactive storytelling, a variety of Indigenous games and boomerang throwing. Hunter New England Community Health representatives also came and presented interesting activities for the students, as well as handing out a goody bag.

After sampling an assortment of sessions, Wingham High School SRC held a sausage sizzle, which the primary school students bought. They looked so cute congregated in our main quadrangle having their lunches. At the end of the day, Wingham High School then said farewell to the primary schools.

We then all went to the MPC and attended our NAIDOC assembly. It was opened by Aunty Wilma giving us a lovely Welcome to Country. The Wakul Gudida dance group performed two dances, a fruit picking dance and another they learnt when they went to the Bangarra Workshop earlier in the year. It was lovely to hear the experiences of our guest speaker, Laura Bowen who addressed our assembly and spoke of her roots and the importance of the women in her life. There were many "Because of Her We Can" Awards given to out to our wonderful girls and all of our Year 7 students were traditionally welcomed to Wingham High School.

It was refreshing to see many visitors and more parents at our assembly this year, so that they could see the many achievements of our students.

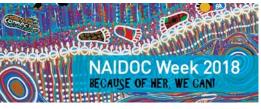
A massive THANK YOU to all staff and students who helped before, during and on the day!!!



















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| August | 4 | Marina Kmet Sandra K | Jennifer H | Judy Abdoo | Marina Kmet Leane Smith Ray Little | Jennifer H |
| August | 5 | Jennifer H Rae-Lee Diamond | Jennifer H | Judy Abdoo | Ray Little Pat Skinner | Simon Morse |
| August/ September | 6 | Jennifer H Louise Smith | Jennifer H | Judy Abdoo Julie Page 29 | Ray Little | 31 |
| (September) | 7 | Jennifer H Lorraine Mc | Jennifer H | Judy Abdoo | Ray Little Lauren R | Tara H |
| (September) | 8 | Marina Kmet Sandra K | Jennifer H | Judy Abdoo | Marina Kmet Leane Smith Ray Little | Jennifer H |
| September | 9 | Jennifer H Rae-Lee Diamond | Jennifer H | Judy Abdoo | Ray Little Pat Skinner | Simon Morse |
| September | 10 | Jennifer H Louise Smith | Jennifer H | Judy Abdoo Julie Page | Ray Little | Angela C |

Term 3 Canteen Roster Phone Judy on 6553 5488 if you would like to volunteer.

Manning River Turtle community information evening & crowd funding launch



When: Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Where: Wingham Memorial

Services Club

Time: 7.30 pm

Cost: FREE!



Meet Tim Faulkner & Dan Rumsey

Hear TV personalities Tim and Dan, from the Australian Reptile Park, talk about our very own endangered species - the Manning River helmeted turtle - at a community information evening hosted by the Manning River Turtle Conservation Group.

Tim and Dan are passionate about preventing the turtle from becoming critically endangered.

They will share their plans for creating an insurance population of the turtle, and how that will take place

Crowd funding campaign launch

The evening will also be used to launch a nationwide crowd funding campaign to help the turtle

The Manning River Turtle Conservation Group is auspiced by Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services.

