

NEWSLETTER



Wingham High School

Term 4 | Issue 1 | 2019



2020 School Leaders

Captains Billy Callaghan & Dimity Bartlett

Vice Captains
Kara Allan, Erica Colvin & Danny Bisby

Dates to Remember

11 November

Year 10 Exam week

14 November

Year 12 Formal Graduation Dinner

29-30 November

Alice in Wonderland Performance

4-5 December

Year 10 Authentic Assessment

6 December

Year 10 Rewards Excursion

9 December

Presentation Night

10 December

Annual Sports Presentation

12 December

Year 9 Rewards Excursion

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From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the first newsletter of Term 4 and I'm trusting that you will have a great read of all the goings-on in the pages following. It doesn't take long for four weeks to slip away! We are currently preparing all students for their final examinations and assessments so there are busy, busy times happening in each of the classrooms to finish off classwork and preparing students for the upcoming exams.

While it's time where we are heavily in the throes of finalising and tying up 2019 and we are also very much down the path in the planning of 2020 and curriculum offerings, staffing and student classes. There's quite a number of different initiatives that we are looking at, trying to tweak or changing different aspects of the curriculum and different experiences enabling learning to be a more comprehensive experience for students here at Wingham High School. Always central to our discussions here at Wingham High School are the needs of the students and preparing them not only for work life that will be ahead of them, but also ensuring that they will have the capabilities, skills and understanding to help them tackle life's challenges that they will no doubt have to face.

Another of the important decisions that has taken quite a lot of time and plenty of conversations with staff, students and community is our school uniform!

Uniform for 2020 will have all students wearing **navy from the waist down**. Therefore, that is; **shorts, long pants or skirts are to be NAVY BLUE.**

- ▶ Students in Years 7 to 10 will have the navy collared shirt with the red trimming. There is the option for a straight navy shirt if it is more cost effective for families.
- ▶ Students who are in **Years 11 and 12** will be different in that they will have the **white collared shirts** as their uniform.

This is so the senior students can be clearly identified as their curriculum patterns involve different times and movements than the junior school plus, it is also an opportunity that the senior students be more clearly identifiable which will help out some of our junior students, especially our new Year 7 cohort. It's important that all students feel as though they are part of Wingham High School and it's important that when we do go out of the school anyone can very easily and clearly identify us as a school.

Boys and girls are all in the same uniform. The uniform is unisex and there are shirts that are available that have a 'girls cut' to try and ensure the comfort of all students. Of particular note is that the navy, red and the white shirts are our school colours. No other colours are our school colours, therefore should not be worn. For those people that have current uniforms there is a period of up to three years where we can have a 'change over' to our new school uniform style. It is important to note however that the uniform colours are the only excepted uniform.

Another huge undertaking at the school, as I'm sure a lot of people have noticed, is the extension to the administrative block. Those works will be undertaken right at the very end of this term and taking shape all through Term 1, 2020. This will mean a fair amount of change, the biggest being that our front office will have to be part of the multi-purpose center for all of Term 1, 2020. I anticipate that there will be a few hiccups and the change will obviously be different. However, we are resilient and we will be able to get through as best as we can with the understanding that we will be moving into a new renovated administration block.

Plenty going on at Wingham High!

I hope you enjoy the read.

Paul Ivers



SRC News

SRC 2019/20 IS OFF TO A GREAT START



The new SRC cohort have continued with many of the wonderful initiatives of the predecessors. The soft plastic collection from the canteen, return and earn, snapchat and the change in school uniform and logo competition are all still in action. Our new leaders have taken charge of groups and the teams have been created — Environment led by Dimity Bartlett, Wellbeing led by Erica Colvin, Communication and Student Engagement led by Billy Callaghan and Events led by Danny Bisby and Kara Allan. These leaders will be going to a leadership conference in Newcastle on Tuesday 5th November where they will hopefully be inspired and return with some great ideas. On the same day the rest of SRC will be heading to Port Macquarie to Project Rockit to a conference about becoming Digital Ambassadors with social media and safety.



Last term we applied to become a Green Leader school and we were successful. This term we will be working with Megan Cooke from Garden to Table to build on our environmental goals, learn more about permaculture and continue our war on waste.



The new SRC is very enthusiastic and ready to make our great school even more fantastic by focusing on what the students believe are the main areas for development.





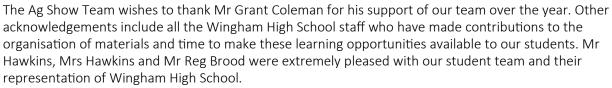


Scone Beef Bonanza 2019

The Agriculture Show Team ventured to the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza in Scone for four days from 25th to 27th of October. After a year of planning and selection, six steers were exhibited by our show team. The Ag Show Team consisting of 18 students undertook judging and parading representing Wingham High School. These students were Emily Brood, Jordyn Blanch, Jennifer James, Jade Irvine, Morgan Saxby, Sarah Busuttil, Sarah Smith, Lucinda Kern, Dylan Ruysch, Hailey Ruysch, Jaimee-Lee Woolfe, Paris Faugeras, Haylee Cole, Taylah D'Elboux, Ellie D'Elboux, Tilani Brown, Logan Holden and Shari Urquhart.



Scone Beef Bonanza is regarded as the largest steer show in NSW. Around 850 paraders and 400 steer entries are competing in the competition. Entries will compete in a hoof and hook competition with three main categories of lightweight, middleweight and heavyweight. Students at Wingham High have had the opportunity to see calves born on our school farm and follow their progress until selection for either Wingham Beef Week, local shows and now Scone Beef Bonanza. Of particular note was one steer Max who was supplied to the school from Wingham Beef Exports as a young Angus cross steer in November 2018.











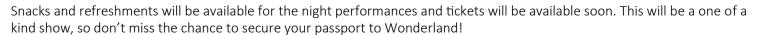


Wingham High School Presents.....Alice in Wonderland!

It's that time of the year again for students to don their costumes, tune their instruments and show their musical and theatrical finesse with the annual school production!

This year we're heading down the rabbit hole to explore the crazy, colourful and enthralling world of Alice In Wonderland. With the band playing songs both classic and modern, and the cast exploring a huge range of unique characters, the final result will be a spectacle of sights, sounds and situations guaranteed to tickle the senses.

There will be three performances; a matinee for primary schools on Thursday the 28th of November at 10.30am, and two evening performances on Friday the 29th of November and Saturday the 30th of November and 7pm.





Visit from Luke

Former Wingham High student Luke Bailey visited school on Tuesday 22nd October to speak about the upcoming Para World Championships where he will be competing and representing Australia.

The championships will be held in Dubai in the country of United Arab Emirates. Luke will compete in the T54 100m event and will race in the heats on November 7th. He is currently training in Newcastle and will travel to Dubai next week. Luke will also compete in a mixed classification $4 \times 100 \text{m}$ relay with one other male and two females.

Soon after the World Championships Luke will begin competing in competitions to qualify for the Paralympics which will be held in Japan in 2020.

We wish Luke the best at the World Championships and look forward to seeing him back at school later in the year.



Year 9 Maitland Art Gallery Visit

On the 24th of September, Mrs Campbell's Year 9 art class went on a trip to Maitland Art Gallery. After the two hour drive, the students arrived at the gallery and went inside.

The students examined all of the beautiful works around the gallery. One of the art gallery workers talked to the students about an array of jobs they could do at an art gallery and different types of art. Most of the art was paper works. They had the great opportunity to see a Picasso and two Metisse works. Some of the gallery was of contemporary works such as video/film.

The students had a great day and thoroughly enjoyed all the gallery had on display. Everyone had a picnic lunch on the grass under a tree, of delicious sushi, fruit, lamingtons and toast.



The class was intrigued by the art, had an overall great day out and would love to go back for another visit in the future! By Amber & Fay



Blackhead Cultural Excursion

On Wednesday 18th September some of our WAKUL GUDIDA group members went to Blackhead for a cultural excursion with Uncle Steve Brereton, a Worimi man to talk to us about how our people used to live and what they hunted and how they did it.

We stopped at Blackhead Beach where we had recess while Uncle Steve gave us an aboriginal language sheet and we had to find 20 things and write them in both English and Gathang language for example Wati is tree and Mirri meaning dog. After we had recess we went on a bird watching bush track to learn more about our culture, our heritage and native plants. On our bush walk we found paper bark trees and he told us that the bark is used to place over wounds. We also find out that the male turkey makes the biggest nest to attract the female turkey so that that can mate. Once she lays her eggs (up to 24) the female leaves, while the male guards the eggs for 50 days until the baby's hatch. When we came off the trail we went across the road to walk through a track that took us to the beach where we went for a beach walk and looked at the









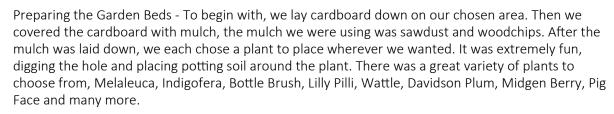
beach caves, when we went inside the and looked out on the water the entry of the cave looked like a map of Australia.

Uncle Steve showed us another plant that's called pigface which is a great pain relief for blue bottle stings and you may also suck the plant juice for a food source. We also tasted the sea beans which were bitter. Later that day we went back to Blackhead Beach to have a BBQ while Uncle Steve talked more about the plants and the environment.

Royal Botanic Garden Visitors

"The best thing about today was studying new plants" and "learning about how to prepare a garden bed".

The people who donated the plants, were members of The Sydney Royal Botanical Gardens. Peter and Josh didn't only donate to us, beautiful, native plants, but they also told us some interesting things about each of the plants. They told us that the wattle leaves could be used as 'Fish Poison', for when you grind up the leaves, it creates a soapy substance. When this substance is mixed into the water, all fish that are close by will rise to the surface, this allows us the grab the fish while they are stunned! Smart!



At the beginning of the day the area we chose to make the garden, was bare apart from a few trees and some lantana bushes. Kelly and a few great students had spent a few days preparing it for us clearing and cutting down weeds. By the end of the day, all our hard work had paid off, and the garden looked amazing!

There was a cute little path, running through the centre of the garden with tracks to go left and to the right. The new, little garden is an amazing addition to the school. Not only does it make the area look prettier, but it has also taught the majority of us how to

make and prepare a garden bed.

Josh and Peter also seemed pleased with the effort of the job and were happy that their plants had gone to good use.

Thank you so much for teaching us and donating the plants and your time to us!

We all had a great day!













CREATIVE CREATURE

My name: fllyse 6'Connor

My year:12 My age:18

MY FUTURE **CAREER:**

I'd like to peruse a career in interior design or graphic design. Basically, a profession with that requires creativeness.



MY FAVOURITE ART **PERIOD:**

Expressionism -1905 - 1920

My favorite art period is based on the majority of my most loved artist and their works.

Artist like Paul Klee, Wassily Kandinsky and not to sound to cliché, Pablo Picasso.

MY ART FUTURE:

I'd like to continue just creating art as a past time and when in need of expressing myself.



PRACTICE:

I shift from using multiple different materials. It varies depending on the aim or design I'd like to create. Traditionally I'll use paint and experiment with different forms of applications. Recently I like experimenting with photography as well.







MY FAVOURITE **EXHIBTION:**

Archibald Prize Exhibition at the Glasshouse gallery at Port Macquarie in 2018.

This is me, Ellyse O'Connor

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November	4	Leanne J Cheryll B	Jennifer H *	Judy A Julie P	Ray L Marina K	Elissa Leanne J
November	5	Leanne J Louise S	Jennifer H *	Judy A Leanne J	Ray L Bev B	Elissa Angela C
November	6	Leanne J *	Jennifer H *	Judy A Leanne J	Ray L Lauren R	Elissa Simon M
November/ December	7	Leanne J *	Jennifer H *	Judy A Leanne J	Ray L Bev B	Elissa Rae-lee
December	8	Leanne J Lorraine M	Jennifer H *	Judy A Julie P	Ray L Marina K	Elissa Leanne J
December	9	Leanne J Cheryll B	Jennifer H	Judy A Leanne J	Ray L Bev B	Elissa Angela C ₁₃
December	10	Leanne J Louise S	Jennifer H	Judy A Leanne J	Ray L Lauren R	Elissa Simon M



Message from MidCoast Council

MidCoast Council will soon be re-visiting 12 locations across the MidCoast to continue the conversations we started with you earlier this year, when you told us what was important for your local community. In our follow-up sessions we'll let you know how we're delivering on your feedback, and check-in with you on local priorities for the coming year. This is also a great opportunity to ask our leadership team about the activities taking place, or being planned for your area.

Please join us when we visit Wingham on Wednesday 20 November from 6pm-8pm at the Services Club. View the flyer attached for details, or visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/conversations for the full schedule of meeting locations.

As we did last time, we'll be answering commonly asked questions when we visit, and then collating Q&As to distribute and upload on our website afterwards. To register a question specific to your community before the session, visit www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/ questionsforcouncil. This is a great way for those who can't make it to ask a question, or for people who aren't keen to stand up and ask their question in front of a crowd – however you will be more than welcome to ask a question on the night also.

We hope to see you when we visit Wingham.

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WINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS ...

ALICE WONDERLAND



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