

### Dates to Remember

#### 14 August

Star Stories - Astronomy Evening 6pm

#### 15 August

CAPA Big Night Out 6pm

#### 19 August

HSC Trial Examinations begin

#### 2 September

Year 8 into Year 9  
Elective Information Night 6pm

#### 9 September

Parent/Teacher Meetings 3:30pm

#### 16 September

Year 11 Examinations begin

#### 26 September

Year 12 Graduation Assembly



Rawai, Sam and Layne with ex-student of Wingham High School, Brad 'Scooby' Schubert now an Air Combat Officer in the RAAF.

### From the Principal's Desk

A hearty welcome to our first newsletter of Term 3. As I hope you have all read, felt and witnessed the constant drive toward making Wingham High the best it can possibly be for all involved. We at Wingham High are continually trying to adapt our practices to improve student learning and student outcomes. At the centre of our challenge is addressing school culture to help develop students with a strong self-respect. Learning has its challenges and it is important that our students have the capabilities to battle through and draw upon skills to become resilient and aspirational.

One of such changes was an alteration to our Semester Excellence Awards. It was absolutely tremendous to see such a parent turnout. To have the MPC filled to the brim with supportive parents and carers was extremely heart-warming. I believe our attention and acknowledgement of success in the areas of Attendance, Academics, Leadership/Community reflect the qualities that will transfer to life outside of the school environment. Added to the awards, something I really like, is the Endeavour Awards. I am a big fan of character and commitment to learning. My experience is that no achievement comes without commitment and purpose. Those who achieve, whatever their specific aspiration, have had to show/employ the qualities reported in our Endeavour Snapshot. Our goal is to make these characteristics a habit. Again, the belief is that these are attributes that will serve our students well once they move from school into their next endeavour!

As always, happy to hear your thoughts and feedback. Enjoy the read.

*Paul Iwers*

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## Careers News

### University of Newcastle Excursion

The University of Newcastle School Visit Day was held on Wednesday July 3. The following students participated in the excursion - Ben Butler-Kwa, Aleah Heldon, Tannessa Jess, Ryan Kriss, Jayden Saunders, Emma Scowen, Prudence Smyth, Laura Waters, Holly Webb and Braydon Xuereb.

The excursion was an opportunity to explore the Callaghan Campus of UON and look at course and accommodation options. The students who attended felt the day was informative and worthwhile. Unfortunately, there were no photos taken on this excursion.

### Careers Expo

The Taree Careers Expo, organised by our local network of Careers Advisers, was held on Friday 2nd August at Chatham High School MPC. This was an opportunity for students to speak with representatives from universities, TAFE, private providers, Hunter New England Health, Midcoast Council, Defence Force, NSW Police, Apprenticeship Centres and local employers about upcoming events, courses and opportunities. Fifty three students from Years 10, 11 and 12 participated in this excursion. This Expo is held annually at this time and it is awesome for students to have all of these people in one location locally. [Many thanks to Mr Austin for accompanying the students on the bus to the Expo.](#)

### RAAF Guest Speaker Brad 'Scooby' Schubert

An ex-student of Wingham High School Brad Schubert came to talk to interested Year 10, 11 and 12 students on Thursday 1st August. Brad is an Air Combat Officer in the Air Force. Defence Force Recruiting were here at the beginning of the year as well. However, hearing directly from Brad as an ex student makes it all the more real for the students.

I met Brad when I went to an Influencer Tour at RAAF Williamtown approximately 5 years ago. At that time, Brad offered to come and speak to our students which he did. Recently, Brad got in touch and offered to come back again to talk about his adventures over the last 5 years. Brad's story is one that many could relate to - he left school not particularly knowing what he wanted to do and fell into a couple of Retail jobs eventually leading to management roles. Family commitments meant that he did not join the Air Force until age 30. Since then he has undertaken a number of different roles as Air Combat Officer and has completed some very specialised training. Brad spoke to the students about the benefits of working within the Australian Defence Force. [We wish Brad well in his upcoming overseas postings.](#)

## Excellence Awards Evening

Our first Excellence Awards Evening was held in the MPC on Monday 1st July. This was a change from holding this Excellence Assembly during the school day. It was great to see so many parents, carers and friends supporting our students - it literally was standing room only.

The evening was a celebration of excellence in the following areas:

- Academic Excellence
- Endeavour Gold
- Exemplary and Excellent Attendance
- Community and Leadership

There was a tangible positivity and excitement in the air.

The audience were entertained by Year 12 Music students - Cameron Waugh, Prudence Smyth, Holly Webb and Kelvyn Allard. These performances were well received and demonstrated the talent within the Year 12 Music class.

There will be a short survey sent out to parents and carers. [We welcome your feedback.](#)





## 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 a 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 Wingham High School.

## Breakfast Program Donation

We would like to thank John Dorrington and Wingham Rotary Club for their very generous donation toward our Breakfast Club. This is run by staff every Monday and Thursday serving our students toast with a choice of toppings and a big bacon and egg breakfast at the end of each term.

This donation of \$250 will go a long way to assist in the continuation of this great program.



## Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM)

A chance reply to an email launched a unique opportunity for Wingham High students and local primary school students to have an electron microscope for a week. Week 1 Term 3 saw the arrival of the electron microscope to the Wingham High Science faculty.

Such a high quality microscope is rarely seen outside of University based education and with the support of "Inspire Education/University of Queensland and NewSpec, this technology was coordinated to be available for us from the South Australian based company. We are the first regional school in NSW to have accepted an offer to host the SEM.

A Primary Schools Immersion Day was organised by Mrs Hawkins. Senior Biology students helped to prepare slides and also mentored students in the use of the light microscope on the days including specimen discussions.

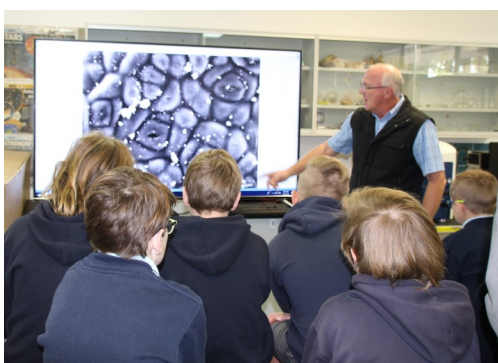
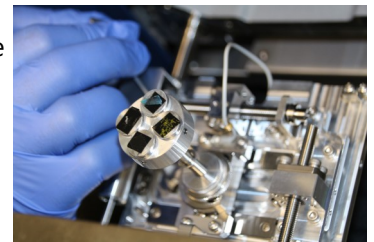
Mr Mills, Mrs Hawkins and Mrs Doust undertook a 1 day training course in the technology to be able to operate the SEM for the week with the students.

Students from Wingham Brush, Wingham Primary, Tinonee, Mt George and Bobin experienced the imaging qualities provided by the SEM including specimen preparation, Imaging produced by electron scattering and nano-technology concepts.

The Science faculty wishes to thank the Wingham Community of Schools for supporting this project and hope in the future to work towards providing such technology experiences in the future for our students.

Mr Hawkins in particular wishes also to thank his staff for organising and providing the workshops for all of our students and Mr P. Ivers for supporting this unique opportunity for engagement of students in Science/Technology.

John Hawkins  
Head Teacher Science.



## Work Experience at AIE

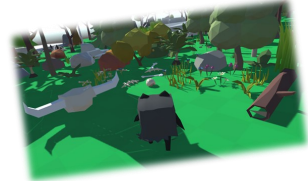
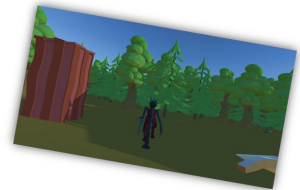
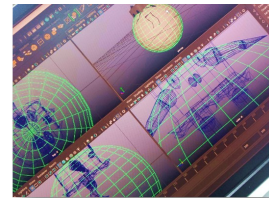
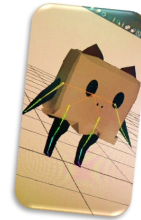
On Sunday 21st Hayley Kluin and Mew Khamhual caught the train down to Sydney at 9.52 and arrived at Sydney at 3.31. Hayley stayed at her family friend's house and Mew stayed with her mum at her friend's house.

On Monday, Hayley and Mew met up at Wentworth Park Greyhound racing course as that was one of AIE campuses. There were about 13 people doing work experience there at the same time.

"We met the teacher Bethany and she introduced the class to a program called Maya. We had to make a 3D model of our choosing using Maya, which ended up taking about 1 ½ days, after we made the model we had to create a skeleton and bind the skeleton to the model so we could animate it. On Wednesday, we had to animate it into a walking cycle which took a ½ day, and after we made the walk cycle we had to transfer the character and animation into unity and make a game. It took till Friday to finish up the game and clean up the coding so the character could move and interact with the game objects. We created a Find the Objects game. After lunch on Friday AIE took the students to the new campus in Sydney where the Year 12 students study and gave a presentation saying what some students have done after they left AIE."

Hayley and Mew really enjoyed their experience at AIE. Hayley and Mew caught the train back to Taree on Saturday at 11.52 and got back around 5.24.

AIE stands for Academy of Interactive Entertainment (Computer Games)



## Darling Harbour and Sydney International Boat Show Excursion

On Friday 2nd August, 16 students from the combined Year 9 and 10 Marine Studies classes left before the crack of dawn to travel to Darling Harbour. Incorporated into the International Boat Show, students were involved in watching a marine industry careers presentation as part of the show's Dive Expo. Students had the opportunity to explore the Boat Show's numerous displays, presentations and demonstrations, and most walked away with freebies from various exhibitors. As well as the three levels of the Convention Centre full to the brim with vessels, stands, and presentation stages, the temporary wharfs of Cockle Bay Marina offered power boats, sail boats, and catamarans.

Students then walked to the James Craig restored ship which was located on the wharf behind the Maritime Museum. On board the ship, they took part in a number of activities including a guided tour of the vessel, team challenges, headsail raising, and harness training.

Some of the highlights noted by students included seeing some of the luxury motor yachts, the hydrofoil raceboats, and the jibboom climb on the James Craig.

Thanks to Terry for driving the bus.

## SRC News

In the Student Representative Council (SRC) this term the communications group has made a snapchat account which has been approved by the P&C, which is now up and running, the snap codes will be placed around the school for students to scan and connect to the account. The snapchat account will post events coming up and important notices on its story and it will be run by the SRC.

The environment group has located and bought mini bins. The red bin is for garbage and the yellow bin is for return and earn bottles. The group has also started a collection for bottle-top lids, such as the ones from milk bottles and juice bottles (the ones from vegemite or peanut butter jars are not acceptable) to send them to the Envision organisation. The organisation turns the plastic lids into prosthetic limbs which are taken to third-world countries for children who need them.

The education group has been working on a new uniform and has been working towards changing the school uniform logo. The logo can be designed by individuals of the school and the community. The new logo will include aspects of the old one, with some changes to make it more modern. The emblem will be officially chosen by the end of term and the prize money for the winner is \$200. This new emblem will be placed on the new shirts and the new shirts will be implemented into the school starting in term 1 of 2020.

The applications for next years SRC will be distributed soon.

If anyone would like to be a part of SRC then please see Mrs Harrell or Ms Leslie.





## NAIDOC Celebrations

On Wednesday 3rd July a bunch of high schoolers went to Central Park to set up activities for our combined NAIDOC day. Over 700 primary schoolers came from all over Wingham and even Harrington primary came. Uncle Russ did the Acknowledgement to Country and Chatham High dancers presented some dances for us. We saw lots of kids enjoying spear throwing, the kids also enjoyed face painting, we taught kids how to plait, we also taught kids how to throw spears, they did artworks, they watched the dancing, they played indigenous games and they enjoyed it. We had Auntie Denise and Auntie Isabell having a yarn to the kids and Uncle John and Uncle Russ talked about the Bull Roarer.

On Friday 5th of July our Wakul Gudida group hosted the NAIDOC assembly at Wingham High School. We started the assembly with the Welcome to Country by Matilda and Maddison. Matilda and Bella read a story called "The Whale and the Shark", while the rest of Wakul Gudida acted out sitting around a campfire. Jonathan and Ivy spoke about learning Gathang, our local language and then they read a couple of sentences in Gathang. Matilda and Bella presented a "Pippy" dance. We then handed out awards -first were the Deadly Awards, second were the Welcome to Year 7 awards and thirdly were the High Attendance awards. It was really great to see so many awards being handed out. Uncle Russ was our guest speaker. He spoke about his mum and shared about the history of education in our area. Listening to him, we felt sad, happy, proud and exhilarated.

After the assembly Wakul Gudida kids made a barbeque for the rest of the school to eat, it cost 2 dollars for each sandwich we added it to our fundraising. We finished the day off of by watching a locally made movie called "Teach a Man to Fish".

Ivy Jobson and Jonathon Aiken (Year 7)



At its heart, reconciliation is about strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians.

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Australia's colonial history is characterised by devastating land dispossession, violence, and racism. Over the last half-century, however, many significant steps towards reconciliation have been taken.

Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that reminds us that while generations of Australians have fought hard for meaningful change, future gains are likely to take just as much, if not more, effort.

The vision of reconciliation is based and measured on five dimensions: historical acceptance; race relations; equality and equity; institutional integrity and unity.

Reconciliation cannot be seen as a single issue or agenda; the contemporary definition of reconciliation must weave all of these threads together.

Patrick Dodson said "Reconciliation must transcend Australian political theatre and promote a sense of national unity ..." *The State of Reconciliation in Australia*, 2016

Karen Mundine – Chief Executive Officer, Reconciliation Australia, has stated that "Reconciliation isn't a single moment or place in time. It's lots of small, consistent steps, some big strides, and sometimes unfortunate backwards steps ..."

"We shall never forget... but together we can heal."



## NAIDOC Celebrations



## Canteen Roster Term 3



*Volunteers Welcome*

For more information phone Judy on 6553 5488

August	<b>4</b>	Leane J 12	Jennifer H 13	Judy A Leanne 14	Ray L * 15	Elissa * 16
August	<b>5</b>	Leane J 19	Jennifer H 20	Judy A Leanne 21	Ray L * 22	Elissa * 23
August/ September	<b>6</b>	Leane J 26	Jennifer H 27	Judy A Leanne 28	Ray L * 29	Elissa * 30
September	<b>7</b>	Leane J 2	Jennifer H 3	Judy A Leanne 4	Ray L * 5	Elissa * 6
September	<b>8</b>	Leane J 9	Jennifer H 10	Judy A Leanne 11	Ray L * 12	Elissa * 13
September	<b>9</b>	Leane J 16	Jennifer H 17	Judy A Leanne 18	Ray L * 19	Elissa * 20
September	<b>10</b>	Leane J 23	Jennifer H 24	Judy A Leanne 25	Ray L * 26	Elissa * 27