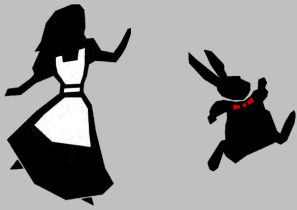


### Dates to Remember



**29-30 November**

Alice in Wonderland  
School Production

**3 December**

Year 6 Orientation Day

**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

Payments for excursions etc,  
can be made online at  
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Lincoln, Harry, Kara, Billy, Dimity, Danny and Erica attended the community Remembrance Day service.

### From the Principal's Desk

To say that the past few weeks have been 'different' would be a gross understatement. I would like to begin this post by acknowledging the great work, under extremely testing circumstances, by all the Wingham and greater Mid-Coast community. The fires that are still threatening our area have been quite catastrophic which has seen some members of our learning community lose their homes. We have had one of our primary schools lost to the blaze and it has affected all in some way, shape or form.

What the fires have initiated is the human spirit once again come to the fore. I have been amazed at the generosity and support of our local communities – coming together to help those more affected than ourselves. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the absolutely unbelievable task performed (and still continuing) by our firefighters. I know there are plenty of stories of the near misses and mammoth determinations of our 'fireys' to save whatever they could.

It was an awesome effort by our school students who attended the Wingham community Remembrance Day service which was a very hazy and had quite an eerie feel to it. Our captain, Dimity Bartlett spoke eloquently and Lincoln Harrell is becoming quite the bugler! A great support also by our school leaders and representatives as flag bearers and official party. A tremendous effort by all involved and a credit for the community to continue with all that was taking place.

Our week lost has unfortunately put great time restrictions on what is a hectic time of year. I thank all for your support and consideration. It has jammed some of our curriculum into a tight timeframe along with the many presentations and performances that take place to wind up the end of year. I am very confident that in all circumstances 'the show will go on!'

A reminder to all that Year 12 2019/2020 will have begun work toward their HSC that will be finalised in now under 12 months. This term is where the discipline really needs to be coming into play. All assessment tasks should be getting the time and fine tuning that enables students to put their best foot forward. Time moves on quite quickly. The loud message must be that teachers are there to instruct, help, guide and support in the learning process. It is imperative that students commit to putting in the necessary time to understanding and process the relative syllabus content.

Here's to you all staying safe and joining in with the whole community of support and getting on with business. Most important message is if you need help and support – please speak to someone. If not sure who that is, we are a great first point of contact.

Enjoy the read.

*Paul Ivers*



## Remembrance Day

On Monday the 11th of November our School Captains, Dimity Bartlett and Billy Callaghan alongside our leadership team, Erica Colvin, Kara Allan and Danny Bisby and Year 10 students Lincoln Harrell and Harry Fittock attended the Wingham Remembrance Day Ceremony at the town hall.

Our leadership team, along with Harry, were the flag bearers and Lincoln was the bugler. Dimity made the 2019 address and Billy laid the wreath on behalf of the school.

Our students represented our school with pride and participated in the march before the ceremony began. The students were very honoured to represent our school on such a solemn occasion.



## SRC News



This term the SRC have broken off and started work in their designated grounds. The Environmental group run by Dimity Bartlett have started working on putting out more bins into the school and more recycling within the school. Our events team run by Kara Allan and Danny Bisby are working on fundraisers for families effected by fires and the RFS.

On Tuesday the 5th of December our Leadership team was lucky enough to head down to Newcastle for a Grip Leadership Conference with school leaders and SRC members from all over the State. They heard from professional speakers from Grip team about how to be a more engaging leader, run better and more fun events and activities, as well as how to better work as a team within our school. From this the leaders have gain insight in how a good leader/leadership team works.

That same Tuesday several of our SRC students went to a Project rocket conference where they talked about ways to stop online bullying and what to do if you are being cyber bullied.

The Communications group, run by Billy Callaghan Hope to soon have an online survey monkey up around the school asking what you would like to see within the school, what activities and events you would like to see as well as how you think the SRC could better the school.

Remember to stay safe with the bushfires and take care of the smoke around the school as well. There is assistance at the front office if needed.

SRC Communication group



## Luke Bailey—Para World Athletics Championships Results

Former Wingham High student Luke Bailey visited school on Tuesday 19th November to speak about his experiences at the recent Para World Athletics Championships held in Dubai where he represented Australia.

The championships were held in Dubai in the country of United Arab Emirates. Luke competed in the T54 100m event. He finished second in his heat with a time of 14.44 seconds, just outside his PB of 14.31 seconds. His semi-final time of 14.44 seconds, identical to his heat time, claimed Luke 3rd position and a place in the final. In the final of the T54 100m Luke finished a very creditable 7th place, which is a tremendous result for a person of Luke's age.

Luke will now continue his training and compete in possibly three competitions to hopefully qualify him for the Tokyo Paralympics to be held in August-September of next year.

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





## The Smith Family student feedback sessions

The Smith Family, delivers education support programs to students in NSW and across Australia, and has been working with Wingham High School. From time to time The Smith Family holds focus groups and workshops to review and improve the services and programs it provides.

In November, on the 6th and 7th representatives from The Smith Family visited Wingham to run financial skills focus groups.

Students opted in to give us their time and expertise. Students took time to work through money content and give us feedback on topics, skills and their experience of the sessions.

The purpose of the focus groups is to better understand the learning needs of students; and determine how we can better support these young people.

The students attention and insights will help the Smith Family to design more engaging and relatable content for high schools across Australia.



## Year 6 Transition Day

We had Uncle Russ, Uncle John, the school teachers and some Year 6 indigenous students from Wingham Brush and Wingham Public School come into our school for a little look around so they can get to know the school before becoming Year 7 students.

We partnered up with the students and took them around our school and showed them the Year 7 cola, toilets, canteen, the library, Ms Meaney's staffroom, Kelly's office, the Language Centre and our two gorgeous gardens.

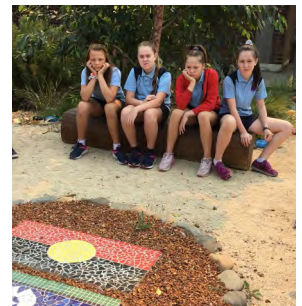
After we showed them the main parts of the school, we then sat down at our garden and had a yarn about the language we know, Gathang. All the students got engaged and had something to say. They asked many questions and we gave them the best answers we could. Uncle Russ showed us how to make trumpet noises with gum leaves. It was really fun.

We then went back to the canteen and showed them how to go through and collect what food you want. We showed them where and how to order your recess and lunch. We also talked about what the red and yellow bins are for. They listened very well.

They all engaged together on how they feel about coming to high school! Some were very excited, others not so much. Overall they were amazing students.

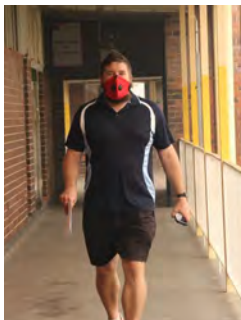
Everyone had an excellent time and we all enjoyed a sausage sandwich and some cordial at the end of the day!

Tayla Bloomfield and Ivy Jobson



## Friday 15th November – First Day Open after Fires

We had a limited number of students that were present on the day so we had some great volunteers feeding the students freshly made yummy biscuits and muffins and staff served up beautiful espresso coffees to keep the smoke away and spirits high. It had been a tough week but the kids were all smiles. Thanks to Clair Twaddle, Julie Leslie, Dimity Bartlett, Mia Polley, Amber Loretan and Erica Colvin.





## Sculptures by the sea

Excursion to Bondi Thursday 7th November 2019 We started the day early by leaving school at 4:30am. We stopped at McDonalds for breakfast at the twin servos at 6:30am and left by seven. It was a mildly long trip but we made it there in one piece, we arrived at about 10 and we had some time to take our time. When we got to the work shop we separated into two groups, we than listened to one of the creators talk about her sculpture design after that we tried to design our own clay bowl and put whatever patterns on it.

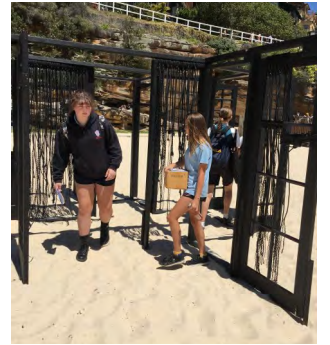


When we finished out clay bowls we had to put them in the garden outside as a decoration, we than drew where our designs were placed in the garden. We were than told we can keep them!! Yay. The organisers then gave us free drinks and the program for the walk. We went on the beach for the first step of our adventure, we saw multiple amazing pieces of art work on the walk including Peter Lundberg, *Column*, and *sculpture by the sea bondi2019*. Photo Clyde Yee was one of the first artworks we saw.



It was a hot walk around but we eventually made it and settled down to have lunch at the Bondi fast food restaurant's after having lunch we got back on the bus and proceeded to make our journey home, we started to watch the movie "Coco" about 20 minutes into the trip home. We were than told that an inconvenience had happened and we couldn't have a full meal due to possibility to road closures we got home at around 7 o'clock. Thank you Ms Meaney, Mrs Brown, Mrs Cross and the sponsors and to the artists that made it happen.

By Stephanie Sims and Alexis West.



## Wingham High School Presents *Alice in Wonderland!* It's Nearly Time.....

.....for students to don their costumes, tune their instruments and show their musical and theatrical finesse with our annual school production! Wingham High School is going to take you 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. This Friday 29th and Saturday 30th. See our Website for details!



## Scone Beef Bonanza Results

The last event for the year for the Wingham High Show Team.

Under extremely variable weather conditions of 38°C days, high winds and a dust storm, the Show Team was able to achieve some of our best parading results at this event. Scone Beef Bonanza has 700+ competitors annually and for 16 of our 18 students to place in their events is a pleasing achievement for all involved.

The parading results, related to age groups in large heats, were as follows:

Sarah Busuttill—4<sup>th</sup>

Logan Holden—3<sup>rd</sup>

Jennifer James—Highly Commended

Dylan Ruysch—Highly Commended

Hayley Ruysch—2<sup>nd</sup>

Taylah D’Elboux—3<sup>rd</sup>

Tilani Brown—Highly Commended

Paris Faugeras—4<sup>th</sup>

Jaimee-Lee Woolfe—2<sup>nd</sup>

Jade Irvine—5<sup>th</sup>

Ellie D’Elboux—4<sup>th</sup>



Two of the six steers placed well within their steer class:-

Paul – 3<sup>rd</sup> in Heavy Weight Class

Pie – 1<sup>st</sup> in Middle Weight Class

As the drought continues the cost of feeding our animals continues to increase. The continued support of Wingham Beef Exports with feed donations has been greatly appreciated. Water restrictions are also affecting our pasture production at the top farm.

The Show Team has now begun the process of steer selection and breaking in for the 2020 show season beginning with Wingham Show and Wingham Beef Week.

Any community member or students who wish to involve themselves with the Show Team or support of the Show Team can contact Mr/Mrs Hawkins for details.



## 2020 School Uniform

Wingham High School is a great place to come to work and I believe that the key to our success is our combined 'team' approach in creating a positive learning culture.

A significant identification of any team is through uniform. It has been my thought, which has been supported by the wider community, that WHS was not instantly identifiable and clashed with other schools in terms of uniform. After much conversation and consultation I feel that we have well and truly brought about a change that is crisp and states quite clearly – Wingham High.

**From 2020 WHS uniform is:**



*The following items are **not acceptable**:*

Board shorts, denim shorts, jeans, active-wear/tights, Items of clothing with large and obvious brand names, images promoting drugs or alcohol, canvas or mesh shoes, thongs and sandals.

I encourage any new uniform purchased be in line with stated 2020 changes.

There is a period of **up to three years** where we can have a 'change over' to our new school uniform style. This is for those who still fit their 'old uniform' only and does not include anything that never was uniform. (eg: black!)

Students Years 7 – 10	Students Years 11 - 12
<b>Pants/skirt = navy</b> from the waist down. <i>(ie: Navy – shorts, long pants, skirt)</i>	<b>Pants/skirt = navy</b> from the waist down. <i>(ie: Navy – shorts, long pants, skirt)</i>
<b>Shirt = navy</b> collared/polo shirt with red detail (see photo) <b>OR</b> straight <b>navy</b> polo	<b>Shirt = white</b> - collared button up/polo shirt
<b>Jumper = navy</b> <b>Socks = navy, black, white</b>	<b>Jumper = navy</b> <b>Socks = navy, black, white</b>

**Footwear:** Due to **work, health and safety regulations** from the **NSW Department of Education** the wearing of appropriate, protective footwear is a mandatory requirement in NSW Schools and in participation in all **practical lessons**.

## Canteen Roster Term 4

For more information phone Judy on 6553 5488

### Volunteers Welcome

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November/December	7	Leanne J 25	Jennifer H 26	Judy A 27 Leanne J	Ray L 28 Bev B	Elissa 29 Rae-lee
December	8	Leanne J 2 Lorraine M	Jennifer H 3	Judy A 4 Julie P	Ray L 5 Marina K	Elissa 6 Leanne J
December	9	Leanne J 9 Cheryll B	Jennifer H 10	Judy A 11 Leanne J	Ray L 12 Bev B	Elissa 13 Angela C
December	10	Leanne J 16 Louise S	Jennifer H 17	Judy A 18 Leanne J	Ray L 19 Lauren R	Elissa 20 Simon M



To all new Parents, Carers, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and Friends,

My name is Judy Fowler and I am the canteen supervisor at Wingham High School. The school's P&C runs the canteen, therefore, any profit goes back to the school. As with most canteens, ours relies heavily on volunteer contribution so we are always on the lookout for new helpers.

Most of our volunteers come in once a month, either for a couple of hours in the morning or until lunch is over. These great helpers enjoy a free morning tea and lunch and a fun time in the canteen. It's always a bit of a laugh and a good way to meet new people. Duties include food preparation, stocking fridges etc, but you are not required to handle money. A Volunteer Working With Children check is required to enable you to work in the canteen, but there is no cost involved and only one simple form to complete and return to me.

I enjoy watching parents become familiar with their child's teachers and friends. It's a great way to get to know more people at our school. Students love it when mum, dad, nan or pop are having a day at the canteen, although they may eat more than usual as they tend to book it up to you.

We are proud to advise that our canteen meets all the health regulations for a NSW High School and our menu has received the tick of approval from the NSW government so don't be concerned if your child wishes to buy lunch as we only have healthy options, even our slushie machine is 99% fruit juice.

You don't need to have a child at school to come and lend a hand, in fact I have more volunteers with no children than I do with kids here. So please, if you know of anyone in the community with some time to spare ask them to give me a call as I'm always happy to explain how our canteen works.

If your child has any dietary requirements that you would like to discuss, please call me or pop in to the school for a chat and a look through the canteen at any time.

Hope to see a lot of new faces in the new year.

Kind regards



Judy Fowler  
Canteen Supervisor  
T: 6553 5488