

School Leaders 2021

**Congratulations to our
School Leadership Team
for 2021.**

Looking forward to a great
year with this strong team
at the helm



The elected leadership team for 2021 are School Captains Sarah Busuttill and Harry Fittock with the support of Lincoln Harrell, Ava Beck and Charlie Taylor.

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome all to our mid term newsletter.

In all of what has been changing and challenging in 2020, our Year 12 cohort have just completed what is always a monumental milestone - their HSC Trial Examinations. They will be in the throws of receiving feedback on their performance from these trials over the next weeks. The trial examinations are often a wake up call in some areas and a great acknowledgement in others for all of the work students have put into their studies. Whilst many students feel as though the period of school after the exams is a time to 'cool off' nothing is further from the truth. Here is where the most important learning can take place. For most students the pressure of assessment tasks are over, enabling greater focus on the work before them. There has just been the 'dress rehearsal' before the external HSC Examinations. Here is where you gain the feedback and are provided with information and opportunity how to better YOUR performance. For all students this information will be slightly different. Most importantly it should focus on the smallest, manageable changes to get the greatest impact and improvements. Often students will find that improvement is the way in which they present their information, rather than just knowing it. As stated – it will be different for all.

The greatest challenge as a teacher and provide ongoing feedback, is to obtain those attempts to better answer questions from students. The most simple of ways in which you can support your children is to encourage them to write responses from past HSC papers. Even if it is not a complete answer, it will give scope for teachers to identify ways to continue to improve.

In terms of what events Year 12 students are able to involve themselves in..... it is basically very little due to COVID_19 restrictions. We still hope that some of the students milestones like the Year 12 Formal can take place with future relaxation of COVID restrictions. Like everyone else, we are waiting to see where this will all go.

I would like to offer my congratulations to the five students who ended up putting themselves forward for the two positions of School Captain. The five students were: Ava Beck, Sarah Busuttill, Lincoln Harrell, Charlie Taylor and Harry Fittock. A big congratulations to all who now have the opportunity to serve as the Year 12 School Leadership Team. The positions of School Captains went to Sarah Busuttill and Harry Fittock.

I would again like to thank the community for their patience and support following the updated COVID_19 guidelines and protocols. As we can all relate, the shifting sands associated with the COVID response is difficult to keep up with. I have included the latest information as it relates to student attendance and return to school after illness and Year 12 information. If you have concerns, please contact the school.

Paul Ivers



COVID Updates.....

Prioritising HSC students

COVID-19 test results for HSC students will be prioritised by NSW Health to minimise any impact on HSC preparations. When HSC students are getting tested, they need to advise the GP or testing clinic that they are currently doing their HSC so their test results can be prioritised. Given that the HSC exams are fast approaching and to minimize disruption during this period, additional precautionary measures should be taken by Year 12 students and their families while outside of school and in the wider community. This includes:

- Stay 1.5m apart where possible
- Wear a mask if physical distancing isn't possible
- Get tested asap if they have even the mildest of symptoms
- Tell the clinician doing the test they are a Year 12 student and to mark the referral 'Urgent - HSC student'
- Stay home and self-isolate until results are known
- Receive a negative test result before returning to school; showing the school a screenshot of an SMS result is sufficient
- Call the contact number provided by the clinic if results are not received within 36 hours

Students and their families can find the nearest testing clinic at: www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/how-to-protect-yourself-and-others/clinics

School attendance

Students should be at school unless:

- ◆ they have a medical certificate which states that they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition and the expected timeframe
- ◆ they are currently unwell.

In accordance with advice from NSW Health parents and carers are reminded **NOT** to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms. Schools will make arrangements for students who present as unwell or have flu-like symptoms to be sent home.

NSW Health have requested that schools encourage anyone who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, to arrange to be tested through their local medical practitioner or one of the COVID-19 clinics.

Students and staff with flu-like symptoms will need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

Schools are not required to conduct widespread temperature screening or mandate the wearing of a mask.

All schools will be vigilant when implementing infection control, physical distancing and personal hygiene protocols to protect the health and safety of students and staff. Schools will promote the need to follow good hygiene practices such as:

- regularly washing hands
- avoiding sharing drinks or food
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

Fire Fighting and Training

A select number of Wingham High School students and staff have been actively involved in either front-line firefighting in the devastating bushfires of 2019-20, training to become members of RFS or learning the basics of firefighting as a school sport and possibly go on and continue in the Rural Fire Service.

John Hawkins, Head Teacher Science, has been a member of the RFS for 26 years and tirelessly fought the fires of 2019-20 with his son Robert, all along the Mid North Coast. Photos of John and his team show the extreme conditions the firefighters faced. Some scenes were described as 'hell on earth' such as the Upper Lansdowne township under threat with the Rumba Dump fire about to impact, the truck fire on the highway at Taree with John and his crew needing breathing apparatus and the Johns River fire as it crossed the rail corridor into town across the freeway.

At present training is continuing and many new recruits now completed basic training including ex-cadets from local schools ready for the new fire season beginning on September 1.

- Robert Hawkins is an ex WHS student and completed his Fire Cadet training in Year 10 here. He has been an active member now for 6 years with Lansdowne.
- Paul Hunt (current WHS English Teacher) passed his Bush Firefighter assessment last week and is now a member of the Tinonee RFS Brigade.



Fire Cadets – Friday Sports

A group of students participate in Fire Cadets for Friday sport every week. The students participate in many activities including working on how to control the pumps, how to put in standpipes to pump water back into the truck when its empty, we learn how to bowl out the hoses and rolling them back as well as learn how to put on the acorn (nozzle of a hose).

We will be learning about survival bushfire plans. The students really enjoy getting dressed up in the fire uniforms and they love doing all the activities. They all say "it's a great experience."

By Khiarna Poini & Layla Ney



White Card Course

A White Card Course was organised to be delivered on Wednesday 19th August for interested Year 9, 10 and 11 students. This qualification is required for anyone who would like to work in the Construction industry or participate in work experience or work placement in the Construction industry.

The following students participated in the training: Beau Brown, Joel Eggins, Jye Hall, Reese Harley, Logan Holden, Aidan Horsington, Arryn Jarvis, Lucas Lamey, Jack Lyon, Lleyton Moore, Beau Moran-Choppin, Dylan O'Hara, Clayton Pereira, Dominic Ridgeway, Jack Robertson, Lachlan Russell, Cooper Turner and Hayden Turner.

The boys are to be commended on their enthusiasm and participation in the course. The trainer Tim from Coastal OHS was an excellent presenter.

Tarron Phillips and Kai Wickenden participated in the training at Taree High School on Thursday 20th August with the same trainer.

Mrs Shirley Clissold – Careers Adviser.



YEAR 10 AUTHENTIC ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Due to COVID restrictions we have made some changes to Authentic Assessment for 2020. This year there will not be a community representative on the panels. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing community who support this program every year and hope that next year life will be closer to normal and we can have you back in our school and witnessing how amazing our students really are.

The interviews will still be held on **Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd of December** and on these days, Year 10 students will only be required to be at school for their interview. Normal classes for Year 10 will NOT be running.

For further information please contact Stacey Harrell at the school

Year 7 Ceramics

In Term 3 Year 7 have the experience of making a functional ceramic vessel. With this artwork students explore the theme of 'earth' to embellish and build their functional vessels.

They are asked to think about shape and decorative features that could be added such as incising or relief patterns.

This year there have been some fantastic developments. Here are just a few. These works are yet to be fired and glazed.



Wear it Purple Day

On Friday 28th August, we celebrated Wear it Purple day. A day designed to show support for LGBTQI+ students. The Wear It Purple organisation has four aims

- * Advocate for and empower rainbow young people
- * Celebrate and promote the value of diversity and inclusion in all community setting
- * Raise awareness about sexuality, sex and gender identity and challenge harmful social cultures
- * Champion rainbow role-models to help young people establish the confidence to be who they are.



Led by our SRC, many students wore purple accessories and joined in the quad to listen to music and wear purple ribbons saying 'We are the change'. It was important to acknowledge our diverse student population. At Wingham High we accept each other just as we are.

Year 9 Child Studies

Year 9 Child Studies students have begun participating in caring for simulation newborn babies as part of their assessment. This assessment links to the topic Newborn Care where students must demonstrate a capacity to care for children in a positive manner.

This experience has required students to care for the newborn babies for 2-3 nights. Some students chose to provide this care over the weekend whilst others have completed this during the school week.

Throughout this activity students have found that caring for a newborn is more challenging than they first expected and this has allowed for many meaningful discussions both within the classroom and playground.

This interactive class activity has caught the attention of many other students around the school further promoting the subject elective and displaying the real-life applications of the course.



Canteen Roster Term 3

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30	31	1	2	3	4
Week 7		Jennifer H Lisa	Judy A Julie P	Ray L Bev B	Elissa Angela C
6	7	8	9	10	11
Week 8	Leanne J	Jennifer H	Judy A Marina K	Ray L Bev B	Elissa
13	14	15	16	17	18
Week 9	Leanne J	Jennifer H Lisa	Judy A Bev B	Ray L Lauren R	Elissa
20	21	22	23	24	25
Week 10	Louise Vicki	Jennifer H	Judy A Bev B	Ray L Marina K	End Term 3 Elissa
27	28	29	30	1	2
School Holidays					

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

All you need is a free Volunteers Working with Children's Check and one simple form for you to enjoy a free morning tea and lunch and a good laugh with our fabulous canteen team. However, most importantly you are helping our students receive nutritious, NSW Government approved meals. You won't have to serve or handle money.

So come in and lend a hand as much or as little time as you like - and you don't have to have a child at this school to help!

Please call Judy on 6553 5488.



**Gluten Free Options
Now available by order**

Marie Reeve

Marie worked tirelessly in our canteen for many years and became known the school over for her spectacular muffins. Marie passed away recently and we wanted to give a tribute to Marie for the amazing voluntary work she provided to the school.



Canteen Work Experience

Keegan is a Year 12 Hospitality student and did work experience for a week in our school canteen. Keegan assisted in preparing food for our students such as lasagne and muffins, maintaining a high standard of hygiene and safe work practices. Keegan was a fantastic helping hand and showed off his great culinary skills.



Newsletters are published in weeks 3, 6 and 9.

Are available online at:
www.winghamh.schools.nsw.edu.au

Are emailed to:

- all students @education emails
- parents/carers with registered email accounts.

To receive a copy via email:
Contact the school and update your email address
Or

Hard copies are available from the front office and the library.

Payments for excursions etc,
can be made online at

www.winghamh.schools.nsw.edu.au





Wingham High School • Summer Canteen Menu *



The **CANTEEN** is **OPEN** from **Bam every day** -
For any special requirements please call in & have a chat with Judy.

REMEMBER to **ORDER** your **LUNCH & RECESS**
(you're guaranteed to get what you want & it saves time in the line)

Check the blackboard for daily specials.

HOT FOOD	
Fish Piece	\$2.50
Vege Spring Rolls	\$2.50
Chicken Fingers	\$3.00
Chicken Chilli Wrap	\$3.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Ham and Cheese Toasted Wrap	\$2.50
Lasagne	\$4.00
Baked Chicken Meal	\$4.50
Toasted Sandwich (your choice)	\$2.50
Fried Rice	\$3.00
Garlic Bread	\$1.50
LUNCH ONLY	
Cheese Burgers	\$3.50
Hamburgers	\$4.00
Chicken Burgers	\$4.00
Pizza	\$3.50

VEGETARIAN FOOD	
Spinach & Cheese Roll	\$2.50
Caesar Salad	\$3.00

Vegetarian meals available every day.
Please Order.

COLD FOOD	
Salad Roll (white or wholemeal)	\$3.00
All Sandwiches (white or wholemeal) salad/egg & lettuce/ham, cheese & tomato/ chicken & lettuce/ Beef & Pickles	\$2.50
Chicken , Cheese and BBQ sauce Roll	\$3.00
Salad Wrap	\$3.50
Salad Wrap with Chicken or Ham	\$4.00
Salad Box with Egg, Chicken or Ham	\$4.00
Thai Beef Salad	\$4.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$4.00
Half Wraps	\$2.00

Salads consist of lettuce, tomato, beetroot, onion, cucumber, carrot & low fat cheese.

All home made meals contain vegetables.

Many Gluten Free Options Available
Wraps, sandwiches, Pizzas Or Pies.
Please Order.

ICE CONFECTIONS	
Paddle Pops (2 flavours)	\$1.50
Ice Many (3 flavours)	.80¢
Sour snaps	80c
Twisted Frozen Yoghurt (2 flavours)	\$2.00
Frozen fruit	.80¢
Frozen Fruit Poles	.80¢
Low fat Ice Cream Cup	\$1.20
Frozen Juice Cups	\$1.00
Frozen Fruit Cup	\$1.00
Frozen fruit Smoothies (4 flavours)	.50c

DRINKS	
All Juices (4 flavours)	\$2.50
Flavoured Milk (large)	\$3.50
Flavoured Milk (small)	\$2.50
Just Natural Flavoured Milk	\$3.70
Plain Milk	\$2.50
Up & Go (small)	\$2.00
600ml Water	\$1.50
Active Water	\$3.50
Juice Bombs	\$2.00
Slushies	\$2.50

SNACKS	
Fruit Muffin	\$1.00
Fresh Fruit, whole or pieces	.80¢
Fresh Fruit Salad	\$2.50
Yoghurt Fruit Custard Cup	\$2.50
Fruit & yoghurt cups	\$1.00
Crispy fruit Packs (2 flavours)	\$1.50
Chips 28gm	\$1.00
Grain Waves	\$1.00

MISCELLANEOUS	
Aprons - Blue or White	\$10
W.H.S Packs (apron, goggles, ear plugs, dust mask)	\$20
Visual Arts Diaries	\$7

Please note :
NO Heating up of food not purchased through the canteen.
NO hot water will be given out.
NO Students in the canteen . Talk to Judy at front counter.