

### Dates to Remember

15-26 November

HSC Exams

Thursday, 9 December

Year 12 Formal

Thursday, 16 December

Last day of Term 4



Lester Andrews and Miranda Frendin with the Remembrance Wreath

### From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to our mid-term newsletter item!

This week started with the commencement of the Higher School Certificate Examinations. This has obviously been a long time coming for our cohort of Year 12 students. In actual fact it has been eight weeks since their 'official' last day of school at the end of Term 3. We have tried to ensure as much support for students, running classes for the first four weeks of this term, to keep them as focussed as possible. It is great to see these students who have invested six years of high school finally being able to showcase their learning. We obviously wish them all the best of luck for the exams and future endeavours.

As this newsletter goes out our area has been in the thick of our local schools being closed for COVID cleaning due to positive cases. It has definitely caused considerable concern for our students and broader community. I think it is a timely reminder, I know it has been for me, for us to focus on the controllable in life. It is a discussion I often have, especially with students. We often concern ourselves with all things that could happen. In fact, there is a real positive to identifying possible outcomes especially when making important decisions. The skill is to identify those things that we are in control of. If we can control outcomes – that is a good place to invest our energy and focus. Those things we are not in control of – it is important that we acknowledge that. This can help with our time investment where we can actualise positive change. For me, it helps with feeling purposeful and positive.

I hope that we are all staying well and looking out for each other. Enjoy the read.

*Paul Ivers*



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## Year 12 Formal - Important Information

Year 12 Graduation is now going to be held at **Wingham Golf Club**.

All students and parents are invited. We will be having your graduation outside, so COVID restrictions are different. ***You do not have to be vaccinated to attend.*** The date/time has **NOT** been changed.

- **Wingham High School Graduation—Class of 2021**
- Wingham Golf Club, 30-32 Country Club Drive, Wingham
- 9th December 2021, 4pm—9pm
- Tickets \$30pp (Mains to be chosen prior to the day)
- Please pay at WHS Administration or online. Accounts already paid will be amended.
- This is an ***OUTDOOR*** event.

## Year 12, 2021

Year 12 are beginning to wind down and trying to relax before their exams. Fundraising for the Year 12 charity by charging staff to park in the carpark. Dress up day coming to school as 'oldies'. Kevin, Charlie and Ricky working at 8am on Maths Extension 1. They worked well to the end.





## Remembrance Day 2021



Due to COVID restrictions still remaining in schools, there was no Remembrance Day assembly on-site, therefore, our new leaders for 2022 laid the wreath at 11am. Also, all classes held a minute silence. Today's event was organised by our Head Teacher HSIE Mr Kurt Croker.



## Fundraising for Charity

Year 12 have started raising money for their chosen local charity (to be revealed shortly). Our first fundraiser was a success. All year 12 brought baked goods for a bake sale. Together we raised \$236.85. A great start to our fundraising.

## National Others Week

Last week the SRC organised events for National Others Week, a week focusing on being kind and showing appreciation to others. On Monday we gave people the chance to write a small nice letter to their peers. The following day SRC went around to STAR classes handing out lollies and little gifts. On Wednesday a few SRC members handed out Zooper Doopers at lunchtime. We asked Judy in the canteen if she could make jelly cups, which she was more than happy to do, and these were available in the canteen on Thursday. They were a big hit. Overall Others Week was a big success.

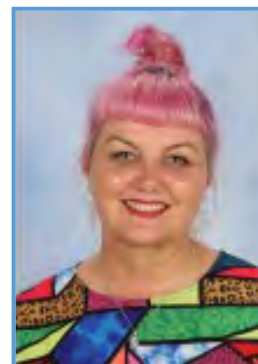
Written by Emily Prior, Nelleke O'Connell, Matilda Hurst and Alicia Goodlad



## Year 7 Students

### Learning from Home

Dear parents/carers of Year 7 students, just to advise you that if your child is learning from home due to COVID, teachers at Wingham High School have been working very hard to keep the work on Google Classroom updated to follow what is being studied at school, the expectation is that students complete and submit this work to their classroom teachers. If you do have any concerns or questions, please contact the school.



### Coffs Coast Adventure 2022

Thankyou to all of you who have handed in your permission notes and payments for our exciting overnight camp to Coffs Coast Adventure Centre for 2022. We have excellent numbers, and the camp will go ahead as planned. If you are requiring another note or have any questions about the camp please contact me at school.

Thankyou

Mrs Brown

Year 7 Adviser



## Goodbye to Mr Whight

A surprise celebration was thrown for Maths teacher Mr Whight. He has been very generous with his time and has always gone the extra mile to help the kids. He turned up to every "prepare to succeed" session. The kids were grateful and they all had a great time.





## Year 9 Marine Studies

Students from the 9 Marine studies class embarked on a journey down to the bottom farm and found themselves up on a creek bank, of Cedar Party Creek. Shoes and socks were discarded, water samples collected, and students had the opportunity to use a range of equipment to measure various abiotic factors and drew on their scientific knowledge from the Ecology topic studied this semester in Science. The stream quality was assessed as Healthy despite a considerably eroded bank due to the recent flood damage and also livestock trampling.

Year 9 will hopefully be able to get out and experience more practical aspects of the course now that COVID restrictions are easing, and since the weather has been warming up, they are keen to get back in the water to practise basic snorkelling skills towards the end of Term 4 now the Wingham pool is back open for business!

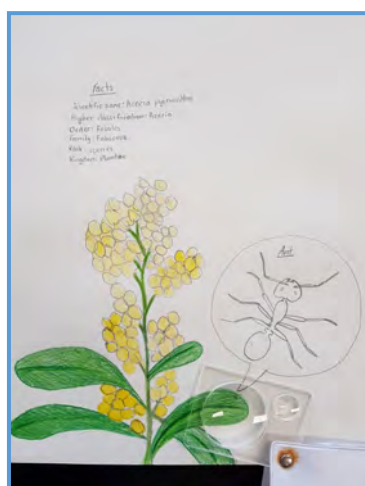
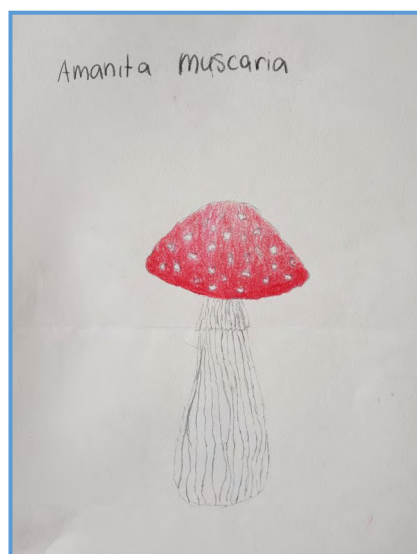
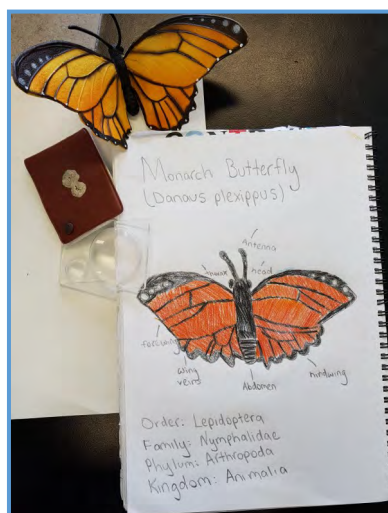
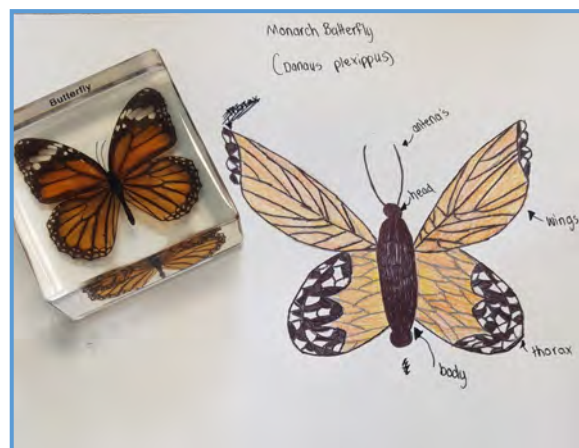


## Year 10 Marine Studies

Unfortunately, our Year 10 Marine Studies students have not been able to get out into the marine environment on excursion as much as planned, due to COVID restrictions. So this term we, took to the kitchen instead! The students tried a range of tinned seafood including tuna, salmon, crab meat, smoked oysters, mussels, sardines, kippers, mackerel and anchovies. We then moved on to studying seafood consumed by different cultures, and made our very own simple sushi. In our most recent lesson, Mrs Ripley kindly let us use the Hospitality kitchen to make some seafood pizzas and calamari. Happy bellies all round! Special thanks to Mrs Gilbert and Tara Hawksford for preparing the food supplies, and helping with the oven and tidy up.

## Year 7 Science

Year 7 have been learning about Classification and the domains of life this term. As part of this topic, students investigated the kingdoms of animals, plants, fungi, protists and bacteria. They also explored the career opportunities in taxonomy and natural history illustration. After seeing a video about the nature journal of Jo Brown, a British naturalist and illustrator, students were inspired to complete their own drawings which included common and scientific names using fresh flowers and leaves, and also preserved invertebrate specimens.





## National Recycling Week

This week has been National Recycling Week. SRC has always been enthusiastic about being involved in events to help the environment. We have been posting on snapchat about the Take3 for the Sea competition of a virtual clean up where you pick up rubbish, snap a picture and post it. Some SRC students have been helping to create a turtle sculpture out of chicken wire as a unique way to get students interested in being responsible with their rubbish by putting it in the turtle. This will become a creative addition to our playground until it is full when we will dispose of the rubbish.



## *Tell Them From Me* parent survey:

Information for parents

Dear Parents and Carers

This term, your school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* parent survey. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on our parent's/carer's perceptions of their child's experiences at home and at school. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed on-line and is run by an independent research company, **The Learning Bar**, which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual parents/carers from their responses. To ensure confidentiality, participating parents/carers will be able to complete the survey at home by going to a [link sent via SMS](#). The survey typically takes 30 minutes or less to complete. Once the surveys are completed by parents/carers, reports are prepared and in most cases are available to schools within three business days.

This survey will help your school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. If, during the survey, you feel uncomfortable, you can choose to stop the survey at any time.

More information about the survey and the research is available in English on the CESE website:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me/information-for-parents-and-carers>

## Lifeline Saves Lives



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November at 6pm

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*See Mrs Clissold for more information*

**The information session is:**

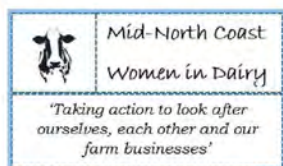
**TAFE NSW TAREE CAMPUS**

**16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

**AG ROOM KG 11**

**3:30PM TO 5:30PM**

To **RSVP** and receive an application form and information sheet please email Megan Nicholson at [meg.nicholson59@gmail.com](mailto:meg.nicholson59@gmail.com) by 2<sup>nd</sup> November or call 0427 567 347



An initiative of **MNC Women in Dairy** in collaboration with local farmers, TAFE NSW, and Manning/Great Lakes Schools with funding support from Local Land Services and Training Services NSW to establish pathways into agricultural careers.



**Local Land  
Services**

## Canteen Roster Term 4

December 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bev	2 Ray Lauren	3 Elissa Tim	4
5	6 Leane Lorraine	7 Jennifer	8 Bev	9 Ray Marina	10 Elissa Tim	11
12	13 Louise Vicki	14 Jennifer Lisa	15 Julie	16 Ray Bev	17 Elissa Tim	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## 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.

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