

Dates to Remember

Thursday, 9 December
Year 12 Formal

Thursday, 16 December
Last day of Term 4

2022

Tuesday, 1 February
Years 7, 11 & 12 Commence

Wednesday, 2 February
All Years Returned



*Leaders for 2022
Captains Lester Andrews, Miranda Frendin. Vice Captain Mía Polley
with Principal Mr Paul Ivers*

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2021. I just had a quick glance of last years' final newsletter comments and was amazed with the similarities.

Once again we have had the dreaded COVID-19 implications lapping at our community only to be outdone by the waters of the Manning lapping at our school buildings. It has been a mammoth effort by our whole school and wider community once again. To be able to look back and reflect on what we have overcome I think will build on our levels of resilience for later years.

I have spoken before of the turmoil faced by those senior students completing their Preliminary and HSC studies. We have persisted and made it out the other end of the tunnel. What I am really looking forward to (fingers crossed) is reconnecting with staff and parents – having community on campus and involved in your children's learning, celebrating the achievements of your kids. I have deeply missed the interaction. The importance of human connection is one of the greatest lessons that COVID has taught me. I am hopeful that children will be able to engage in all of those extra curricula activities that the school has been renown for in the past. Here's hoping for a more holistic 2022!

We say good bye this year to some of our stalwarts at Wingham high School. Sad as it is, we all hope that the future is tremendous for each and every one of them. A goodbye to Mr Bradney, Mr Scott Brown, Ms Lattimore, Mr Love, Mr Mills, Mr Whight, Ms Williams, Mr Broadbent, Mr Darryl Brown and Mrs Curtis.

What I would really like to do is finish 2021 on a high – it is with the greatest of pleasure that I can announce that Wingham High School was successful in Round 2 of the Cooler Classrooms project. This means WHS will be scoped for airconditioning in all classrooms beginning 2022. A long time coming and one of the greatest areas of improvement requested in survey feedback!

Have a wonderful and safe holiday, refreshed for 2022.

Paul Ivers

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Cameron - Year 7 Tech

After completing the compulsory car build in Year 7 Tech, students were given free rein to build whatever they wanted. Cameron had a speaker from home and wanted to make a box for it. Cameron is renowned for his skills of pulling things apart (especially anything electronic) and rebuilding or repurpose it. He has a very special interest in electronics. Cameron made a purpose-built timber case and had the wires at the back to be able to connect to a sound device.

He is very proud of his work and so are we.



The PCYC Taree logo, featuring silhouettes of people running and jumping inside a circular frame, with the text 'PCYC TAREE' below it.

The YLT Leadership Team logo, a circular emblem with 'TAREE PCYC YOUTH' at the top, 'YLT' in the center, and 'LEADERSHIP TEAM' at the bottom.

WHY APPLY FOR THE YLT?
THE YLT IS A SOCIAL AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GROUP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 15YRS+ WHO WISH TO IMPROVE THEIR LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND GIVE BACK TO AND CONNECT WITH THEIR COMMUNITIES.
THE YLT MEETS REGULARLY AT THE TAREE CLUB, VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME, ASWELL AS ESTABLISHING AND DRIVING THEIR OWN PROJECTS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AS A TEAM

WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO YLT MEMBERS?
+ SELF DEVELOPMENT IN LEADERSHIP SKILLS
+ DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD
+ TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES - FIRST AID, WHITE CARD
+ PLAN & FACILITATE EVENTS
+ MENTORING

IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE YOU, YOU CAN APPLY TO:
[HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/212882997782880](https://form.jotform.com/212882997782880)
OR USE THE QR CODE HERE!
ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT 6551 0292

Ready to lead?

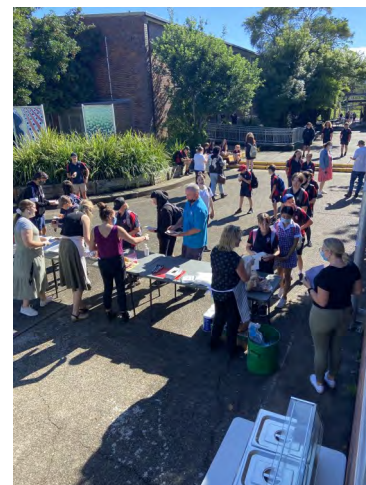
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LEAP Express

During weeks 6, 7 and 8 each Wednesday and Thursday, 7E1 took part in LEAP EXPRESS, a Macquarie University Widening Participation Unit initiative, delivered by Uni students under the direction of a trained lead facilitator. Students undertook a variety of activities exploring their sense of place and relationship with their world, guided and encouraged by the Uni students who provided feedback to build their confidence as writers. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, producing some fantastic work and we look forward to seeing some of it published in a booklet with the work of other school participants.



Big Breakfast - Term 4



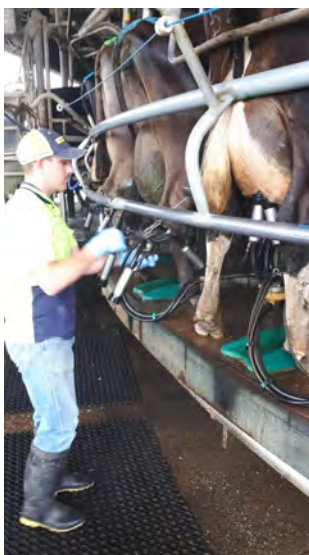
Manning Valley Dairy Work Experience

Work experience is a great way for our older students to try out a career while they are still at school.

One of our year 9 students Jaydon Brown has been lucky enough to be able to gain some work experience at Manning Valley Dairy assisting with the afternoon milking on Friday evenings for the last few weeks. Since he began here at Wingham High, Jaydon has spent lunchtimes and Friday sport working with the beef herd on the school farm. He has spent some time with dairy cattle before but the large rotary dairy, milking over 650 cows in just a few hours, has been a whole new experience. The other milkers, some of whom are ex Wingham High students, have been great help showing Jaydon the ropes and providing encouragement.

Jaydon has enjoyed the work and has put in a great effort to learn the skills to keep up the pace of the dairy. He is now more eager than ever to begin a career working in agriculture and is hoping to gain some employment milking in the holidays or on weekends.

Thanks to Simon and the team at Manning Valley Dairy for their support of our students.



SRC News

The new SRC has started making plans to benefit the students at Wingham High. We are in the process of working with Mr Ivers and the P&C to install a new water station near the cage and MPC. This will benefit PE classes and students who use the cage and MPC during sport time. We are also looking at the school environment and at getting more seating and bins. We are open to ideas and feedback. Students can talk to any SRC representative or Ms Leslie and Mrs Harrell.

Group Support opportunities at WHS from our Student Support Officer - Meg

Seasons for Growth

Young People's Program:

fostering resilience and wellbeing in children and young people.

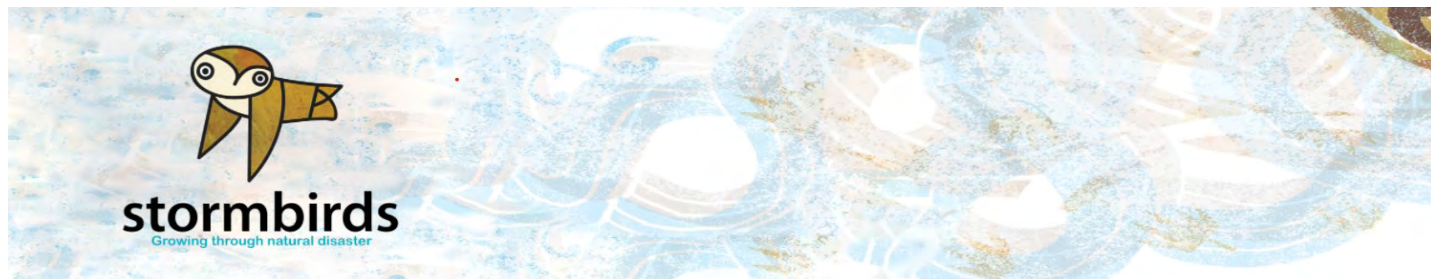


SEASONS FOR GROWTH PROGRAM

2021 has been another challenging year. We have run 2 Seasons for Growth groups this year. They went for 9 weeks each, 1 period per week. Life has many ups & downs & all people/ families need help sometimes. These groups were an opportunity for students to realise there are other people in our school who have had major losses & faced big challenges. I have been so impressed by the students who participated, their resilience & strength.

The Seasons for Growth Children and Young People's Program strengthens the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people (aged 6-18 years) who have experienced significant change or loss in their lives. The program provides a safe learning environment for children and young people where they can give voice to their experiences, understand and befriend their feelings, learn skills that help them adapt, develop friendships, and recognise 'I'm not the only one'.

Let Meg know if you would be interested in being a part of the group next year.



STORMBIRDS PROGRAM

Stormbirds provides an opportunity for young people who have experienced a natural disaster to share their experiences of change and loss in safe and creative ways, understand and attend to their feelings, and learn skills for adapting and recovering. This takes place in an atmosphere of like-to-like peer support.

During 4 weeks, one period per week students are able to give a voice to their experiences and learn appropriate knowledge, skills and attitudes to understand and manage the changes brought about by a natural disaster. Essentially, the program allows them to connect, communicate and understand they are not alone.

If your child would be interested in participating in a group like this please get in touch with Meg.

Meg Goodsell our Student Support Officer at Wingham High

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Parent and carer webinars

2022

2022 schedule

eSafety's free webinars provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to support children to have safe, positive online experiences.

Our live webinars for parents and carers attracted record attendance numbers in 2021. To meet the growing demand, our education and training team is expanding the program in 2022 to include more dates and topics to support school communities.

Each month, we will present either a new webinar topic or a video with simple tips to keep young people safe online.

2022 Parent and carer education topic schedule

January

Can't make it to a webinar?

You can watch this short video on [Cyberbullying and online drama](#).
(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).

February

Webinar: Helping kids thrive online
(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 5 to 12 years old).

8th February –
Safer Internet Day 2022 #SID22

March

Webinar: Cyberbullying and online drama
(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 11 to 18 years old).

April

Can't make it to a webinar?

You can watch this short video on [Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse](#).
(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).

May

Webinar: Parental controls
(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years old).

June

Webinar: Online gaming
(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).

July

Can't make it to a webinar?

You can watch this short video on [Parental controls](#).
(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 4 to 13 years old).

August

Webinar: Popular apps
(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).

September

Webinar: Online sexual harassment and image-based abuse
(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 13 to 18 years old).

National Child Protection Week #NCPW22

October

Webinar: Digital technologies and mental health
(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 10 to 18 years old).

November

Webinar: Guide to the holidays
(Suitable for parents and carers of young people aged 8 to 13 years old).

December

It's December! You can check out our annual [Gift Guide](#) here.

Subscribe to [eSafetyNews](#) for dates and registration details or visit esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars.

Calendar 2022



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Key dates

Term start and end dates*

- Term 1 (Eastern) – 28 Jan to 8 Apr 2022
- Term 1 (Western) – 4 Feb to 8 Apr 2022
- Term 2 – 26 Apr to 1 July 2022
- Term 3 – 18 July to 23 Sept 2022
- Term 4 – 10 Oct to 20 Dec 2022

School development days

- Term 1 (Eastern) – 28 Jan and 31 Jan 2022
- Term 1 (Western) – 4 Feb and 7 Feb 2022
- Term 2, 3 and 4 – 26 April, 18 July and 20 Dec 2022

School vacation dates 2022

- Summer (Eastern) – 20 Dec 2021 to 27 Jan 2022
- Summer (Western) – 20 Dec 2021 to 3 Feb 2022
- Autumn – 11 Apr to 22 Apr 2022
- Winter – 4 July to 15 July 2022
- Spring – 26 Sept to 7 Oct 2022
- Summer (Eastern) – 21 Dec 2022 to 26 Jan 2023
- Summer (Western) – 21 Dec 2022 to 2 Feb 2023

Education Week

1-5 August 2022

Exam dates

- Selective high school placement test – 10 Mar 2022
- NAPLAN online test window – 10 to 20 May 2022
- Opportunity class placement test – 28 July 2022

Public holidays



Scan me for practical school tips!

To help your child get the most out of their school year and to explore our resources, check out our back to school hub at education.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school

School zone speed limits apply on all school days, including school development days.



* Check with your school as starting and finishing dates may change.

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.



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