

Dates to Remember

Thursday, 7 April
ANZAC Assembly

Friday, 8 April
End of Term 1

Tuesday, 26 April
Staff Development Day

Wednesday, 27 April
Whole school commences
Term 2

Thursday, 5 May
Yr 12 Bio Human Disease
Museum Excursion

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Zarah Mills and Charli Clark building robots in class

From the Principal's Desk

Here we are amongst another big wet! Resilience is definitely a word I have shared and defined with regular occurrence among our school community of late. What has been great to see is the school bus taking off with a load of students to engage in the wider school experiences offered outside of the classroom. Excursions; be it sport, local community destinations, centres outside our local bounds etc, it's just fantastic to be able to have these offerings back up for our students.

Your children will no doubt have reported the challenging times experienced at school, especially having continued access to their usual classroom teachers. The COVID crisis continues to throw complexities at us and as a consequence of the 'stay at home' rulings in an attempt to isolate the transmission of the virus we have had shortage of personnel. Be confident that we are employing every casual teacher available to us at any given point in time and had teachers taking on extra roles and classes within the school to try and keep learning continuing and consistent. It hasn't been the perfect scenario by any degree, however, we are soldiering on! COVID is definitely with us in the community, students have been provided with Rapid Antigen Tests to enable them to test for the virus. The health and wellbeing of all is important and we ask all to continue to monitor for signs and test if unsure.

We are celebrating Youth Week in the final week of school and are looking to celebrate and provide information for our students - even opportunity to conquer fears with the Tower of Terror! It might even see me climb this and take the leap of faith.....

I hope that everyone enjoys the read and have a safe holiday.

Paul Ivers

Mpower



On the Thursday 24th March, Mpower came to Wingham High School to help educate us about Mental Health. Morganix, Rangi Marie and Dingo were our presenters to teach us all these wonderful skills. Mpower used Hip-Hop lyrics and dancing to help us express ourselves. They talked about ways to cope with trauma, family problems and ways to open up to family and friends. We practised meditation and trusting one another. We made raps from the top of our heads, then we broke off into groups and we chose if we wanted to go into lyrics, dancing and mental health.



At the end of the day, we presented our lyrics and dances, we were all pumped and excited. Everyone was getting Aidan's autograph. He has been named Year 8 rapper. Everyone had a lot of fun and were getting autographs and photos with the Mpower staff, including Sharky behind the camera. We hope to have them back again soon to teach our future years.

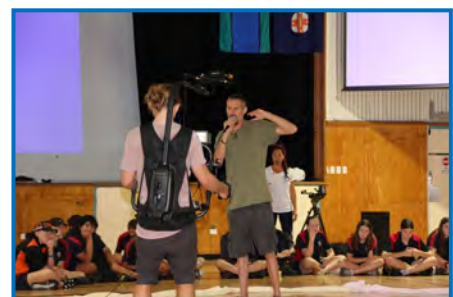
Eliza Dedman



*So we represent/ year from Wingham High
And that's right/ we'll throw (take the) rhymes and fly x2*

*It's been hard times like rain in the floods
Droughts and the fires now wars drawing blood
Look at Ukraine don't know what's going on
Ups and downs so we're singing this song
Assignments and stuff all these pens and paper
We raise the bar so what's the caper
COVID spreading around like a catchy song
Nobody knows what the hell's going on*

*So we represent year from Wingham High
And that's right we'll throw rhymes and fly x2*

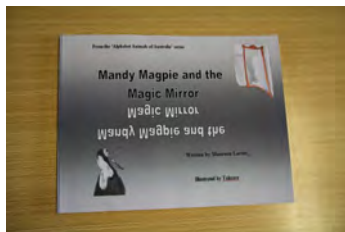


Tahzrae Commissioned to Illustrate for Local Author

A local author and family friend Maureen Larter asked Tahzrae Sheather if she would like to illustrate one of her books called Mandy Magpie and the Magic Mirror.

This is a book about a magpie that is so obsessed with her image that she forgets to enjoy her life. Tahzrae was given free reign of the design of pictures using water colour and pencil which took about a month to complete.

One copy is to be kept in the State Library in Canberra and one will be in the Wingham High School Library.



Harmony Week 2022

Students were celebrating Harmony Week in Week 9, Term 1. Students were invited to wear orange accessories to promote this. The week involved Judy in the canteen providing a variety of cultural foods such as hotdogs for America, Pizza for Italy, Sushi for Japan (completely sold out!), nachos for Mexico and meat pies for Australia.

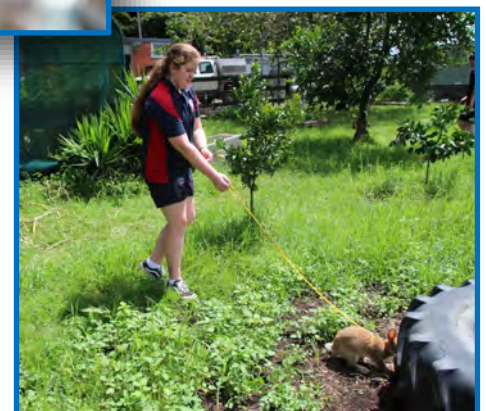
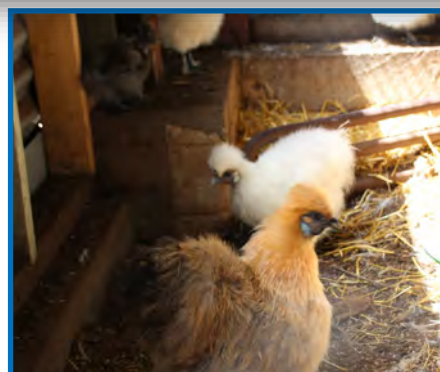
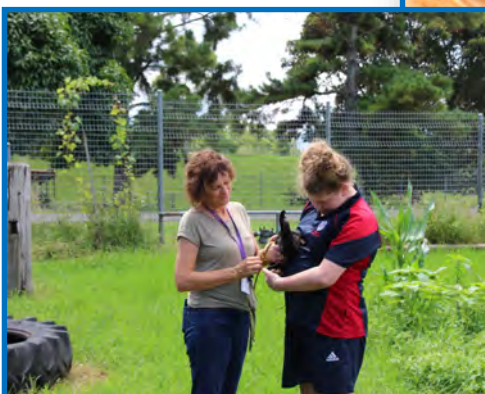
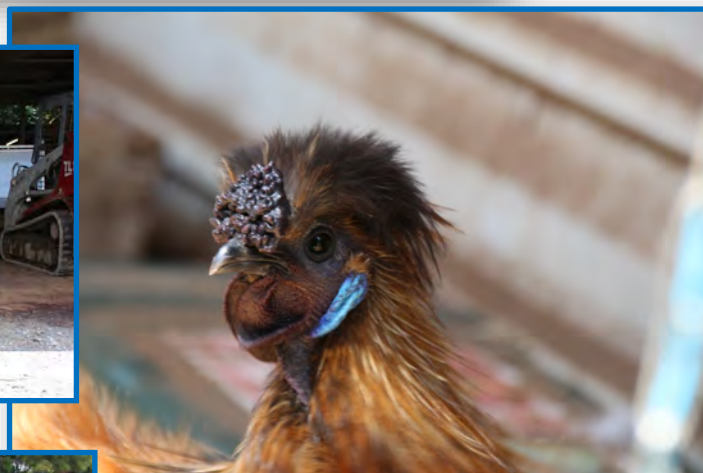
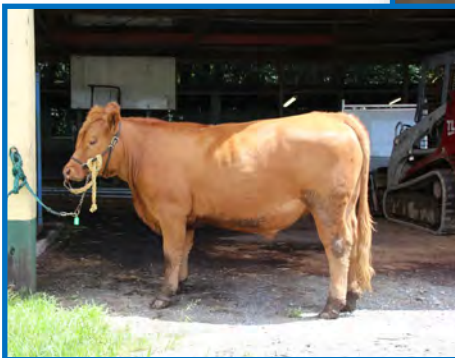
People were enjoying the music being played in the quad and Year 12 cooked up a great BBQ.



A day on the Farm

We have had a busy start to 2022 at the school farm. We have been breaking in new steers and teaching them to lead in preparation for beef week in Week 4, Term 2. Other students have been raising new batches of commercial layer hens whilst others have been handling the young Frizzle and Silkie chicks that were kindly donated by the Turner family.

We have also introduced meat rabbits to the school farm. These are for observation/study purposes and breeding down the track. They won't be processed. These were sourced from the O'Connell family. They have been a huge hit with students. They have been training them to walk using a harness and leash taking them on adventures around the farm.



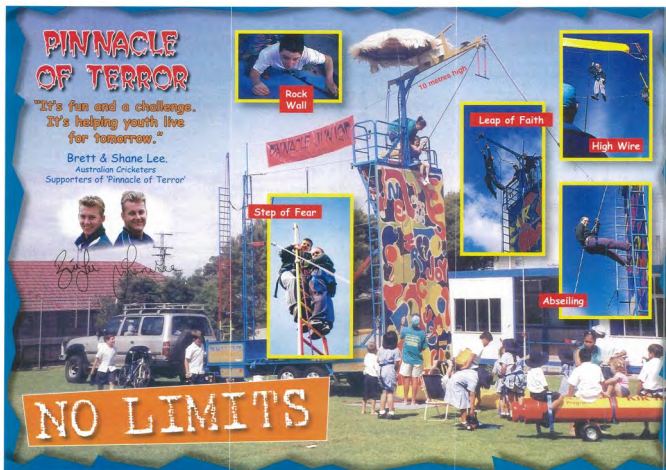


Pinnacle of Terror

A free mobile adventure program for Youth Week at Wingham High School.

From Monday, 4 April to Wednesday, 6 April. Permission notes to be handed in. School uniform must be worn.

See our website for details.



Referral to other Delhunte Park programs

High Ropes Adventure
Leap of Faith, High Wire, Step of Fear, Rock Climbing and Abseiling

Motivation and personal development
Inspiring motivational talk, positive peer support, growth through experiential learning.

Health and well being assessment
Health age survey, dynamic heart rate monitoring, blood pressure, body fat test, height and weight, Quality of Life scale.

Anger Management: Multi day residential program using experiential learning to facilitate appropriate expression and management of anger.

Bustin' The Chains: Multi day residential personal development adventure program, breaking destructive habits and creating windows of opportunity for the future.

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NO LIMITS

SRC have joined Recycling Program



Our school' is teaming up with Wonder Recycling Rewards to help reduce soft plastic waste in our environment.

By collecting and recycling our soft plastic waste at school', we can protect our environment, oceans and wildlife – and earn new sports equipment for our school!

PLUS, every registered school' will go into the draw to WIN a REPLAS Exercise Circuit made from recycled soft plastic!

We are calling on all students, parents and teachers to get collecting!

Visit wonder.com.au to find out more.

*Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.



There's 3 simple steps to helping our school' keep soft plastic waste out of the environment and earning new sports equipment for our kids to enjoy!



SCRUNCH

Do like Scrunch! That's it's plastic and you can scrunch it into a ball, it's soft plastic and we can recycle it!



COLLECT

Drop your soft plastic waste into the Wonder Recycling Rewards Collection Bag at school!



PLAY

Earn Wonder Recycling Rewards points to receive new sports equipment for your school!

To help get you started, here's a list of items you can and can't collect to recycle

YES PLEASE	NO THANKS
Wonder bread bags (and all other bread bags too)	Plastic bottles Plastic containers Glass Paper Cardboard Tin cans Food waste

Let's get collecting!

The WONDER Recycling Rewards Team

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NAPLAN 2022

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All NSW schools will sit NAPLAN online in 2022.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN between **10 and 20 May 2022**.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not recommended. Students can use the [public demonstration site](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in NAPLAN.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact Mr Darko Jovanovic or Mr Michael Wright.

NAPLAN 2022

Information for students in Years 7 and 9

How can I get ready for NAPLAN?

Use the demonstration tests to practise the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN online tests.
Access the demonstration tests here:
<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>





Can I use my own calculator for the numeracy test?

No. The online numeracy test will have an on screen calculator. Try out the NAPLAN online calculator in the numeracy demonstration tests on the public demonstration site.

Do I need to touch type?

No. You do not need to be able to touch type to complete the tests.





What is tailored testing?

The test changes depending on your performance in the test. Questions will either get easier or harder based on your answers.

Conventions of language test important information

A message will appear on your device to let you know you have finished the grammar and punctuation section.

Check your answers before selecting 'Yes, I want to start the next section'.

When you select 'Yes, I want to start the next section', the spelling section will start and you will not be able to go back to the grammar and punctuation section of the test.



Questions? Speak with your teacher or visit www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment

**NSW Education Standards Authority**

Under 14's Boy's Cricket

The under 14's boy's cricket team represented Wingham High School recently at Maitland Indoor Sports Centre.

It was great to see representative sports back on the calendar with many of the boys flourishing when given this opportunity to represent WHS. Unfortunately, due to wet weather, the game was transferred indoors with the side facing a tough opposition, Rutherford High School. The game was played in great spirit with all participating and having an opportunity to both bat and bowl due to a changed format. Many highlights were demonstrated throughout the game with both bat and ball from both sides, but the experienced Rutherford side took the win and will progress to the next round of the competition.

Overall, the boys should be proud of their efforts, especially with some players participating in their debut game of cricket!



Year 7 Robotics

Students have spent the term building and programming a variety of different style robots to complete simple tasks like moving, turning etc. They are now starting to put their robots through obstacle courses, do tricks and react to mounted sensors.

They're a great class doing some awesome work!



Check-in and Minimum Standards

Year 8 Check-in

Year 8 students participated in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment on Wednesday the 23rd of March.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessments can support schools to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

The Year 8 cohort that participated in the testing were dedicated and there were a number of students who attacked the test with enthusiasm.

Minimum Standards

The HSC minimum standard is set at Level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF). This is generally considered as using the English language at a 'competent' level.

Students need to achieve Level 3 or 4 in short online reading, writing and numeracy tests of skills for everyday life to show they meet the HSC minimum standard.

This means that students who demonstrate the standard have the skills to do things like:

- follow safety instructions in equipment manuals
- understand a mobile phone plan
- write a job application
- create a personal weekly budget.

On Tuesday the 22nd of March all Year 10 students applied themselves whole heartedly to completing the Minimum Standards Exams. The first exam involved creating a piece of writing based on a text or visual prompt. Students were engrossed in the task and all that could be heard was the tapping of the keyboard. The second test of the day was the numeracy exam, this test was multiple choice. Only some of the questions were nice enough to offer students an on-screen calculator as the focus was on students using appropriate strategies from a variety of everyday mathematical processes. For the final test the Year 10 students completed the reading exam. Also, a multiple-choice test, students were asked a range of questions around grammar, language conventions, inference, and context.

Well done to all the Year 10 students who attempted the tests, your results will be shared with you as soon as they are marked. For those who have not yet sat the tests or have not met the required Level 3, please see Miss McCarthy who will be organising a 'catch up' session.





Canteen Roster Term 2

APRIL 2022						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 Garry Fred	5 Jennifer	6 Judy Sky	7 Bev Marina	8 End of Term 1 Jenny	9
10	School Holidays					16
17	School Holidays					23
24	25	26 Start of Term 2 Staff Development Day	27 Judy	28 Bev Fred	29 Jenny	30

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!

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