

Dates to Remember

Friday 1 July

Last day of Term 2

Monday 18 July

Staff Development Day

Tuesday 19 July

Term 3 commences

Monday 1 August

Excellence Assembly

Thursday 18 August

Stargazing with
Jaimee Powditch



Success at Taree and District Eisteddfod

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From the Principal's Desk

As we near the end of the first semester, I think it fair to say that we continue to face different challenges in our new normal. I am sure it has been reported home the inconsistencies of classroom teachers at different times across the semester. We continue in our efforts to attract new staff to support our programs at school and staff illness so that students have qualified teachers before them each day. It has unfortunately been the case where students needed supervising in the quad due to lack of casual staff. This is something we have taken every step to avoid in the past and we will continue to have learning conducted in class in the future. It impacts on learning as we well know but also the student familiarity and the relationships developed with their teachers.

Having stated the above we have tried to continue the varied learning experiences provided by the school. We continue with our iTrack program with year 11 students being supported by external mentors for post school transition and our Growth Mindset Intervention for Teens (GRIT) program for identified students being supported through the PCYC. Unfortunately, our excursion to Sydney to watch the Bangarra Dance had to be postponed because of the dreaded COVID but should be an opportunity in early Term 3.

A great initiative for our wider school communities was run once again by Mrs Karlyn Hawkins. This enabled the students of the Manning opportunity to engage with teachers who provided them with insights into successful HSC response, study and advice. This is an awesome opportunity and was well supported with over 150 students involved from an array of high schools in our area.

Our Excellence Assembly will return this year now that we can have parents back on campus. Our Semester 1 assembly is to be held in Term 3, Week 3. It is opportunity for those students who have excelled in the different aspects of school to be recognised and acknowledged for their focus and commitment. Those students and parents will be provided with more information about the evening early in term 3.

A big thank you to those parents who have registered on our Sentral Parent Portal. We are continuing to get more information out via this resource. I hope that the information and notifications are supportive. Through the portal, you can access your child's attendance and other relevant information. Of note with student attendance, all parents should receive an SMS when their child is absent. Here you can respond with information as to why they are not in attendance. Absences over three (3) days should be accompanied by a medical certificate. In times we are facing with COVID, students should remain at home if they have cold like symptoms and complete a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT). All students should have access to RATs. If you have run out of these, please contact the school as we have plenty in reserve.

Please be aware of the NSW Government's offer of free flu vaccinations in the month of June. It applies to all residents, so it is a great initiative to take advantage of.

I hope that you enjoy the read and have a safe and relaxing break.

Paul Ivers

HSC Seminar Day

On Thursday the 9th June Wingham High School hosted a HSC Seminar Day.

One hundred and forty five Year 12 students from eight schools around Port Macquarie and the Manning Valley from both public and private schools attended. Presentations were given by HSC exam markers and experienced senior teachers going through the process of helping students to breakdown questions and the detail required in responses to assist students to improve their results going into their trial HSC exams.

We were very lucky to have Eddie Woo as a guest speaker for two of our maths presentations. The venues for presentations were held at Wingham Brush Public School, St Joseph Primary School, Wingham Neighbourhood Centre, Wingham RSL, Wingham Golf Club and at Wingham High School. Wingham High School would like to thank these venues for supporting us in hosting this event. A special thank you to our Wingham support staff for cooking the BBQ lunch for everyone and providing transport. Chatham High School also provided a bus and driver to shuttle students between venues.

It has taken the assistance of many schools and their staff to allow this day to happen for the benefit of all students.



Industrial Action Thursday, 30 June 2022

The NSW Teachers Federation has directed its membership to take industrial action in the form of a 24-hour strike on Thursday 30 June 2022. As a result of the strike, we will still be open but will be providing minimal student supervision on this date. Minimal supervision means onsite teaching and learning continues however temporary class structures and a modified timetable are required to meet safety and supervision requirements.

The department has been negotiating with the NSW Teachers Federation since October last year to reach an agreement on the new Teachers Award.

As a department we are considering this change in relation to the Teachers Award, which is next before the Industrial Relations Commission (IRC) on 29 June 2022. Dates have been reserved in October 2022 for the Teachers Award matter to be arbitrated by a full bench of the IRC, and I am hopeful for a swift outcome after this process.

Thank you for your support and understanding during this short period of disruption.

Farm Vehicle Safety Training

Year 12 Primary Industry students were able to complete the two day course at Taree TAFE on 16-17 June 2022.

Our students Katie Benson, Lindie Kliendeinst and Sharnee Anderson were able to undertake theory and practical components of safe operation of utility vehicles and farm quad bikes. This training is highly valuable in rural industry workplaces and fulfills requirements for many employers for future employment opportunities.



M&M Maths Challenge

Mr Wrights Year 7 & 8 Maths classes had a fun challenge of making any maths they liked out of bags of M&Ms. They then had to show the class what they came up with.

It is not often you get to eat your class resources!



Success at Taree & District Eisteddfod

On the 7th of June students from Ms Graham's Year 9 and 10 drama classes attended and competed in the Taree and District Eisteddfod, performing a 10-minute one act play each.

Year 9 performed the play *12 Angry Pigs* and placed third. Year 10 performed the Monty Python classic, *The Dead Parrot Sketch/Lumberjack Song* and placed first, beating their Year 9 counterparts and Bulahdelah Central School. This was an outstanding achievement for all competitors, as this was their first eisteddfod entry and for many, their first time performing in a public space. Both groups also competed in the unscripted drama section as a last-minute entry, with the Year 9 group placing third and the Year 10's placing second. All participants are to be commended for their outstanding conduct and entertaining performances.



Rural Fire Service Visit

On Wednesday 8th June Ms Graham's Year 12 English Studies class were visited by members of the Marlee and Wallaby Joe Rural Fire Service Brigades for a talk on how the RFS act as local heroes.

Students heard about the responsibilities of becoming a member of the RFS and some exciting and entertaining stories from members such as Albert Poini. Students were given the opportunity to hold the hose and experience operating firefighting equipment for themselves. The visit was a success with students expressing a sense of gratitude for all that the RFS members do in assisting and supporting the local community.



Raising of the Torres Strait Islander flag at Wingham Public School

On Tuesday, Lester was invited to go back to Wingham Public School for the raising of the Torres Strait Islander flag for the first time.

Lester represented himself, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander, and Wingham High School with great pride. It was a wonderful acknowledgement from Wingham Primary School to remember Lester and continue to hold him in such high regard.

A wonderful leader and deserving school captain.



SRC Tree Planting

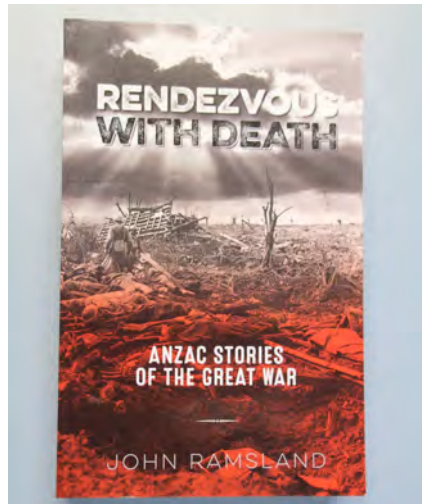
Earlier this term some of our SRC students attended a workshop on youth resilience coordinated by Mission Australia. They also donated three gum trees and a bottle brush to our school. Some of our junior SRC members - Lucy Austin, Ruby Beard, Shiloh Goss, Lorelei Harrell and Ella Young - assisted Greg Gilbert, our amazing GA, to plant the gum trees at the back oval, which should help to provide shade for future athletics carnivals as well as help the environment. The bottle brush will be planted in the main quad in the near future.



Manning Valley Historical Society Book Donation

Manning Valley Historical Society hosted the launch of three books depicting untold stories about WW1 & WW2. One of these books was written by Professor Emeritus, John Ramsland OAM. He kindly donated copies of his latest books with the specific request further copies were donated to secondary schools.

MVHS were delighted to facilitate this request.



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NSW Health

National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD)

All government and non-government schools across Australia participate annually in the national consistent collection of data (NCCD) on students with additional needs. The data collected outlines the adjustments that teachers make so that all students are supported and receive quality teaching and learning experiences.

The data will be provided to the Australian Government from the NSW Department of Education to assist in the development of a consistent, national picture of the educational requirements of students with additional needs and is provided in such a way that it cannot be used to identify any individual student or school.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Wingham High School.



Canteen Roster Term 3

| JULY 2022 | | | | | | |
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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| School Holidays | | | | | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| School Holidays | | | | | | |
| 17 | 18 Staff Development Day | 19 Start of Term 3 Jennifer | 20 Judy Marina | 21 Bev | 22 Jenny | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Garry Lorraine | 26 Jennifer | 27 Judy | 28 Bev Fred | 29 Jenny | 30 |
| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

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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