

NEWSLETTER



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WINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL



From the Principal's Desk

Welcome to the final newsletter for 2023. As the year draws to a close, there will be some changes within the school for 2024. Firstly, in 2024, there will be a change to the timetable structure, which will mean that Sport for Years 7 - 10 will occur on Tuesday afternoons. The school will finish at 2:45pm on that day. The start and finish times for the other days will remain the same as this year.

Another significant change to the school will be the inclusion of two new Multi-Categorical classes so the school will have three. Students within these classes will receive individualised support for their needs. Mrs Kat Brown has been permanently appointed as Head Teacher Special Education to oversee and manage these classes.

Dates to Remember

Excellence Awards Evening

Monday 11 December

HSC and ATAR Results

Thursday 14 December

Final day of Term 4

Friday 15 December

Australia Day Ceremony

Friday 26 January

School Returns Years 7, 11 and 12

Thursday 1 February

School Returns Years 8, 9 and 10

Friday 2 February

Next year, Wingham High School will have a new Relieving Principal, Mr Paul Rosenbaum. I have been so lucky to be part of Wingham High School for the last ten years and have valued my interactions with staff, students and parents. Thank you for your ongoing support which I am sure will continue for Paul in his new role.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our staff for the outstanding effort they have made this year. I would also like to thank all parents and community members for your support of the school, and I wish all of you a wonderful Christmas break and all the best for 2024.

Monique Cheers

Payments for excursions etc, can be made online at www.winghamh.schools.nsw.edu.au





EduVenture Careers Workshops - Taree Universities Campus

Wingham High School and Taree Universities Campus are involved in a Federal Government Project that is working to empower students in regional and remote areas to aspire to higher education.

EduVenture aims to create a coordinated community-led approach to address the challenges in following career aspirations and increasing students' access to post school education in the MidCoast area. Our students are thoroughly enjoying these sessions.





School Based Traineeships Breakfast

Students from Years 7-10 and their families were invited to an information session about School Based Traineeships run by our Job Coach Donna White.

Guest speakers were Erin Lute from Regional Industry Education Partnership as well as Evan Weller and Gemma Death from Taree Universities Campus who also supplied the hot breakfast of egg and bacon rolls and savoury muffins. Tayla Bloomfield, who is a current SBAT student, came along to share her experience with the group.

Together the students and their families gained important information about how SBAT's work, how they contribute to the HSC as a subject and what level of qualification can be gained once completed.

Tayla was able to speak about how she juggles her traineeship around her to her subjects. Interested families have made







Year 8 Mandatory Technology







On Melbourne Cup Day our administration staff were treated to a delicious lunch, created by our Year 8 Mandatory Technology students, to complete their course assessment task, "Food for Special Occasions". From the invitations to the beautiful place settings, our students outdid themselves with their impressive skills and service, with guidance from Mr Keen.







On 22nd, 23rd and 24th November students from years 7-12 staged the 2023 whole school production of Fairy Tale High. This followed the story of Snow White, a Food Technology teacher who had just begun a new position at Fairy Tale High School. The play presented the fairytales in a new and hilarious light, with characters such as the 3 Bears being represented by the three Very Silly Girls, Kim, Khloe and Kourtney. Both cast and crew worked to create a seamless, professional and entertaining performance that left audiences with rave reviews. Students are to be congratulated on their commitment, focus and professionalism, both onstage and behind the scenes.







State Drama Ensemble



During the September school holidays, Erik Waldron and Emily Prior attended a group devising workshop for the Senior State Drama Ensemble in Sydney's Inner West. More than 100 students from all over NSW applied via audition and 24 were successful. During this week-long workshop students learned essential skills in working collaboratively, devising theatre and performing. They also had the opportunity to work with experienced actors, directors and theatre producers, being immersed in all aspects of the theatre. Students then performed at the Seymour Theatre in Sydney as part of the State Drama Festival on the 26th and 27th of October in front of a sellout audience. This was an amazing opportunity for Emily and Erik and they should be congratulated on their achievement.

ATYP Work Experience

This year The Australian Theatre for Young People (ATYP) offered an immersive Work Experience program for students in Year 10 or 11 at their home in Pier 2/3 in Sydney's The Rocks. Students joined the ATYP team for an entire week between August 21st and August 25th to discover just what it takes to run a professional theatre company. More than 100 students from all over Australia applied, and 16 were successful, of which Amelia Paton was one. During the week, students took part in practical sessions in acting, directing, design, marketing, development, producing, education and writing, to explore the day-to-day running of a theatre company. They also worked in groups throughout the week to present a project to ATYP staff as a pitch for a show they would like to stage as their newly formed 'theatre company'. This was an extremely valuable experience that was highly sought after and exposed students to a wide range of essential skills that can be applied both during school and beyond.





Sculpture by the Sea Excursion

Recently our art students were fortunate to travel to Sydney to experience Sculpture by the Sea. Incorporating the Bondi to Tamarama Beach coastal walk, Sculpture by the Sea is the world's largest free to the public sculpture exhibition. The spectacular coastal walk was transformed into a 2km long sculpture park featuring more than 100 sculptures by artists from Australia and across the world.











Years 9 and 10 Agriculture Excursion

Local Tour to Learn About Dairy Milk Production and Breeding.

On Wednesday 6 December, twenty Year 9 and 10 Agricultural students had a tour of Manning Valley Dairy and No Bull! Artificial Insemination Training Facility.

Our first stop was Manning Valley Dairy (known as Bungay Dairy) milking shed. Simon Scowen gave us a great insight into how the dairy industry began in this area, who they supply their milk to and the incredible technology that is required to make sure customers get the best product in the world. The students asked lots of great questions. We then visited the cute Wagyu calves.

Following this, we went to the No Bull! Artificial Insemination Training Facility. Steve Brown allowed us to watch the AI process, as he had mature-aged students from around the state learning how to correctly perform the procedure. In the training room he pulled out specimens that had been in cold storage since 1988 and were still alive once defrosted. They are stored in liquid nitrogen at -196 degrees celsius. The students were amazed.

The current Year 9 students have benefited from this especially as their first subject next year will be about cattle.

Special thanks to Donna White, Wingham High School's Job Coach for organising such a great learning experience for our students, and to Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP) who funded the excursion.











The Smith Family Careers Expo

Recently we welcomed The Smith Family and numerous business owners and experts from the MidCoast to present to our Year 9 students. Each business or career specialist had a station set up and the students rotated through all of them with a quick session outlining the career and the study or job pathway to achieve it. This expo was a huge success and our students engaged well with all of the activities.















Girls Netball Gala Day

Congratulations to our Netball team who recently travelled to Boronia Park, Forster and participated in a Gala Day. Our team played against many MidCoast schools and represented Wingham High School brilliantly. Charlotte McSweeney, Jordyn Bird and Addison Knoke made the Zone team. Thank you to Mrs Gillogly and Ms White who transported and supported the team on the day.











Bell Shakespeare Work Experience

Between the 30th of October and 3rd of November students from all over Australia participated in Bell Shakespeare's work experience program at their HQ in Sydney. The program is designed to give students insight into the entire process of making and producing theatre, not only performing on stage. More than 150 students from all over Australia applied and 12 were successful, of which Kaylan O'Keefe was one, gaining the opportunity to go behind the scenes and discover how a working theatre company operates. Kaylan, during his work experience week, was able to meet the Bell Shakespeare team and learn everything from production, casting, design, rehearsals, marketing, box office, fundraising education and administration. Students saw live theatre, viewing the Bell Shakespeare 2023 production of A Midsummer Night's Dream, explored backstage, undertook group projects, listened to panel discussions, interviewed staff and participated in practical workshops. With Bell Shakespeare holding the title of the most prestigious Shakespearian theatre company in the Southern Hemisphere, not just Australia, this was a highly competitive process and Kaylan is to be congratulated on his achievement in successfully completing this experience.





Authentic Assessment

Authentic Assessment is a program we have developed to enable our Year 10 students, via a formal interview, to demonstrate:

- ◆ Their speaking and presentation skills.
- ♦ Their skills are showcased by three Major Works across a variety of subjects, with their English, Maths or Science Major Work being a mandatory requirement.
- Accountability for their important work and assessment requirements, including reflection on their performances.
- ◆ As part of the process students will gain comprehensive feedback on interview performance.



Wingham High School





STATIONERY

Subject Specific Items

Maths____128pg Maths Grid Exercise Book and fx82 Casio calculator

English ____128pg Ruled Exercise Book

Science____128pg Ruled Exercise Book - please cover

Geography __128pg Ruled Exercise Book

History____128pg Ruled Exercise Book

Language___128pg Ruled Exercise Book

Music_____96pg Lined Exercise book and Display Folder

Visual Arts___96pg Visual Arts Diary

General Items

2 x HB pencils

1x 2B pencil

1 x scissors

1 x Maths set (including compass and protractor)

1 x coloured pencils set

6 x pens (2 x blue, 2 x black, 2 x red)

1 x glue stick

1 x eraser and sharpener

1 x 30cm ruler

1 x pencil case (to hold stationery items)

2 x highlighters

1 x 16G flash drive

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ONLINE ORDERING

- Available 24/7
- Convenient for parents
- Removes paper orders and cash
- **FREE** registration

HEALTHY

CANTEENS

SCHOOL

Online ordering is more convenient, providing a 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device.

No more fumbling around for coins in the morning or sending kids to school with excess cash, online orders are faster and more accurate giving parents peace of mind that their order and payment is received accurately at the school.

Registration is free and only takes a few minutes.

EASY, ONLINE REGISTRATION

- · Go to www.flexischools.com.au
- Click REGISTER NOW
- · Enter your email
- You will be emailed a link to an online form follow the link
- Choose a username and password and complete the form
- · Add each student and their class
- · Top-up the account VISA or Mastercard preferred.



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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.



every day



Wingham High School ~ Summer Canteen Menu

REMEMBER to ORDER before 9am ORDER on-line with

FLEXISCHOOL



For any special requirements please call in & have a chat with Judy. Payment by cash or card only

Check the blackboard for daily specials

HOT FOOD		
Cheese Burgers	\$5.00	
Chicken Burgers	\$5.50	
Fish Burger	\$5.50	
Hamburgers	\$6.00	
Toasted Sandwich (your choice)	\$3.50	
Garlic Bread	\$2.50	
Chicken, Cheese, BBQ Sauce Pocket	\$4.00	
Ham and Cheese Pocket	\$3.00	
Chicken Chilli Wrap	\$3.50	
Chicken Fingers	\$3.50	
Fish Piece	\$3.00	
Sausage Roll	\$3.50	
Pizza, BBQ Chicken or Hawaiian	\$5.50	
Lasagne	\$5.00	
Spaghetti Bolognaise	\$5.00	
Baked Chicken Meal	\$6.50	
Potato Bake	\$4.50	

Please note:

NO Heating up of food not purchased through the canteen. NO hot water will be given out. NO Students in the canteen. See Judy at the front counter.

Salad Roll (white or wholemeal)	\$4.00
All Sandwiches (white or wholemeal) Salad Egg & lettuce Ham, cheese & tomato Ham and cheese Chicken & lettuce and mayo Corned beef & pickles	\$3.50
Salad Wrap	\$5.00
Salad Wrap with Chicken or Ham	\$5.50
Salad Box with Egg, Chicken or Ham	\$5.50
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$6.00
Half Wraps	\$3.00
Chicken, Cheese and BBQ Sauce roll	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese and Pineapple roll	\$4.00

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

VEGETARIAN

GLUTEN FREE options available

Spinach & Cheese Roll	\$3.00
Caesar Salad	\$4.00
Vege Mornay Pie	\$4.50
Vege Burger	\$5.00
Vege Spring Rolls	\$2.50
Macaroni Cheese	\$4.50

Paddle Pops (2 flavours) \$2.50 TNT's \$1.00 Sour snaps \$1.50 Twisted Frozen Yoghurt

ICE CONFECTIONS

\$2.50 (2 flavours) Frozen Fruit \$1.00 Frozen Fruit Poles \$1.00 Low fat Ice Cream Cup \$1.50 Frozen Juice Cups \$1.50 Frozen fruit Smoothies \$1.00 Moosies \$1.50 Sour Snaps \$1.50 Berri Sticks \$1.00

Vegetarian meals available every day Please Order

MISCELLANEOUS

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

SNACKS	
Fruit Muffin	\$1.50
Fresh Fruit, whole or pieces	\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Salad	\$3.50
Yoghurt Fruit Custard Cup	\$2.50
Fruit & Yoghurt Cups	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$1.50
Chips 28gm	\$1.50
Grain Waves	\$1.50
Cheese Sticks	\$1.50
Noodle Snacks	\$1.00

DRINKS		
All Juices (4 flavours)	\$2.50	
Flavoured Milk (large)	\$3.50	
Flavoured Milk (small)	\$2.50	
Just Natural Flavoured Milk	\$4.00	
Plain Milk	\$3.00	
Up & Go (small)	\$3.00	
600ml Water	\$2.00	
Active Water	\$3.50	
Juice Bombs	\$2.50	
Slushies	\$3.50	
Sparkling Water	\$2.50	

Gluten Free Options Now available by order



Wraps

Sandwiches

Pizzas & Pies

Please Order



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