

From the Principal's Desk

Hello Wingham High School Community. We are now at the end of Semester 1 for 2024 with the winter holiday break upon us. As always much has been happening in the past five weeks in addition to great teaching and learning across the school every day. The highlights include NAIDOC Day, Year 12 Trivia Night, Circus Connections Performance, Heart to Heart for selected Year 7 and 8 girls, Year 12 Modern History Excursion to the Jewish Museum, Fit for Change for selected Year 7 and 8 girls, Hunter Drama Festival workshop, Digital Tools visit for students interested in STEM, Session 2 of Elevate Education, Irukandji Shark and Ray Year 10 Marine Studies, Year 9 EduVenture, Sustain Innovation Challenge, Singleton Beef and Lamb Day, end of term Wellbeing and Rewards Days, and our Semester 1 Merit Assembly.

All these events can only be held because the staff of Wingham High School volunteer to organise, run and supervise. These are known as extras that staff do to give the students additional learning opportunities to achieve the best possible outcomes. I'd like to thank the staff that have been involved in coordinating these activities, preparing lessons in their absence, and taking extra lessons while staff have been off class supervising the students.

We are very proud of the many teams who have recently represented WHS as well as WHS students representing Hunter in Combined High School competitions. These representatives include soccer, swimming, rugby league, cross country, and netball. Congratulations to all students who have been participating and representing our school with pride.

Semester 1 examinations and assessments have now been completed. Teachers have been busy over the last few weeks marking papers, calculating assessments and writing student reports. It is anticipated that reports will be distributed to students by the end of this term.

The Year 11 construction class has been preparing, pouring, and screening two slabs where two outdoor table tennis tables will be permanently placed. The project has enabled the students to achieve several competencies in the construction course. The idea came from the SRC and has been financially supported by the P&C and the school. I look forward to seeing the students using the tables when they are completed.

I would like to put a call out to parents and carers to join our P&C. It is a great opportunity to meet other parents, be informed as to what's happening in the school, and to be more involved in your child's education. Everything the P&C does is for your child's education. The canteen is open every day for your child and provides a wide range of food products and uniforms. We need parent involvement to keep this operational. Please consider attending the next meeting on Thursday 1 August at 6pm in the front office.

Have a great break and I'm looking forward to seeing the students back at school on Tuesday 23rd July.

Paul Rosenbaum

Dates to Remember

NAIDOC DAY

Wednesday 3 July

Academic Reports emailed

Thursday 4 July

P & C Meeting

Thursday 4 July 6pm

Rewards Day & Final Day Term 2

Friday 5 July

Students Return for Term 3

Tuesday 23 July

Parent Teacher Interviews

Monday 29 July

CareerQuip Excursion

Thursday 1 August



A word about attendance ...

When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Compulsory school attendance: Information for parents and carers

What are my Legal responsibilities? Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling. Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

Studies show that **missing more than 10% of school days** (termed chronic absenteeism) has a negative impact on academic success.



Student attendance rates **below 90%** are considered as chronically absent.

School Attendance Requirements

Regular attendance at Wingham High School is important and essential to assist students to maximise their potential. WHS, in partnership with parents and carers, is responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

Under the Education Act (1990), parents and caregivers are required to:

- ensure that children attend school every day that instruction is provided
- provide an explanation for absences (including late arrivals) promptly and within 7 school days of the unexplained absence occurring
- take measures to resolve attendance issues involving their children.

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. **Justified reasons** for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

WHS Daily attendance records

Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as **unjustified** on the student's record.

Reasons for absence are as follows:

Unexplained		
Unexplained	Absent	No explanation provided
Unexplained	Unjustified	The student's absence is unexplained and unjustified. This symbol is used if no explanation has been provided by parents within seven days of the occurrence of an absence OR if the reason provided is not accepted by the principal.
Explained		
Explained	Sick	The student's absence is due to sickness or as the result of a medical or paramedical appointment. In these cases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a medical certificate is provided or • the absence was due to sickness and the principal accepts this explanation. Principals may request a medical certificate in addition to explanations if the explanation is doubted, or the student has a history of unsatisfactory attendance.
Explained	Exempt	The student was exempted from attending school and a Certificate of Exemption has been issued.
Explained	Flexible	The student is studying off site e.g. TAFE, Y12 study pass approved by the principal.
Explained	Leave	An explanation of the absence is provided which has been accepted by the principal. This may be due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • misadventure or unforeseen event • participation in special events not related to the school • domestic necessity such as serious illness of an immediate family member attendance at funerals • travel in Australia and overseas that cannot be arranged outside school times recognised religious festivals or ceremonial occasions.
Explained	School Business	e.g., Students may be on excursion or work placement.
Explained	Suspended	The student was suspended from school
Explained	Unjustified	The student's absence is unjustified because the explanation is not accepted by the principal

Parents and carers are asked to update the school with any **changes to your contact details** so that SMS messages and emails regarding attendance and wellbeing are delivered in a timely manner.



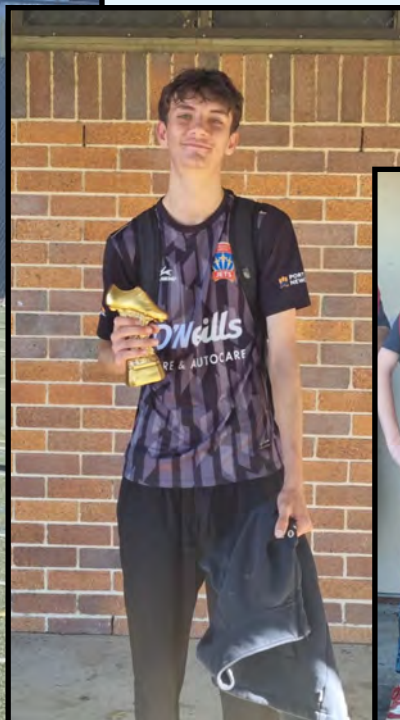
SRC News

The SRC have several projects in operation at the moment. The annual Pushup challenge ran from June 5-28 where the SRC challenged all roll call groups every morning to perform as many push ups as possible. Participants completed 3,249 push-ups (or alternative exercises) over 24 days, representing the 3,249 lives lost to suicide in Australia in 2022 (the most up to date data).

The UEFA Europa League also kicked off on 5th June and we ran our own Wingham High School version. Students nominated a 6 a side team and they competed in the all-purpose courts during lunchtimes. Jack Barry received the golden boot for most number of goals scored in the comp. Coco FC defeated Wingnuts in the grand final 1-0. Goal was scored by Harry Goodlad.

The SRC are constantly looking to better our school and have been focusing on break times. We are working on adding some hoops over rubbish bins to encourage students to put their rubbish in the bin. We have also gained support and funding from the amazing P&C, as well as Mr Rosenbaum, to purchase two outdoor table tennis tables that will be available for use for breaks as well as PE and sport. Preparations have begun to build concrete slabs for the base of the tables, as featured below.

The SRC are always open to new ideas and welcome all parents and students to let us know your ideas. Students can talk to any SRC member, we have a school snapchat, and you can email the school attention to SRC.



Circartus Connections Project

Every Friday for the past term, a selection of Wakul Gudida students and a few of our friends were invited to attend a project at the Circartus space, called "Circartus Connections Project". We caught the bus from school to Circartus for lunch and period 3. It took us about five minutes to get there, where they supplied yummy food each week. This project was about bringing old and young people together. We got to meet new people, where all went from nervous to confident as we all got to know each other better. The more we got to know them, we found that everyone was so nice and we loved them all. They came from Blue Gum Cottage. We also made up group names (Recycled Teenagers and Burrijar). At the Circartus space we were taught all types of circus skills such as juggling, hand stilts, silks, devil sticks, spinning plates and balancing the feathers on our palms. We had fun trying to do these activities with our Recycled Teenagers. We did tie-dyeing to make props, we planned our performance collaboratively and practiced every week. As time got closer to the performance, we also discussed who was going to be an animal and who was going to be a sun. We also had very delicious food every time we entered the building.

The performance was in the MPC last Friday, where some visitors and our families were invited. For a special treat on the day, the performers had their faces painted. Some of us wore costume hats and we all got a tie-dyed shirt.

It was wonderful to see everyone having so much fun on the day!

Circus Connections Project was filmed by Sati Wiriyia each week, making time for some mini interviews with each of us. This will be aired on ABC this Sunday on ABC News, around 10 am. Once the piece has been aired, it will be uploaded onto ABC digital and ABC YouTube. Sati is also happy to share a copy on USB with us.

Reuby and Maddy.



Circartus Connections Project



Design and Technology News—Co2 Dragsters

The Co2 dragster unit is an introduction for years 9/10 students to many new and different concepts and challenges. The goal of the unit is to allow students to apply concepts from physics with real world application. Furthermore, the students also learn new skills and techniques involved in the construction of the project. The unit comprises four main areas; theory of physics involved with dragster, design of vehicle, construction of vehicle, and racing of vehicle.

Concepts from math and physics are explored during the dragster unit. They include measurement, multiplication and division, use of formulas, graphing and estimation. This activity allows students to use academic concepts in a “real world” situation. The design process is a major component of the Co2 dragster unit helping students understand the relationship between friction, drag and weight. Moreover, consideration of the materials used for construction of the vehicle allow students to reflect on the sustainability and environmental impact of their use throughout the design process. The students conducted their own research and analysed the information to select the best design for their own vehicle. The students were also required to create a portfolio of sketches and drawings showing the development of the dragster’s final form.

CO2 dragsters must be built to certain specifications to avoid interference with the propulsion system, wheel placement, launch system, guidance system, as well as the prevention of failure or destruction during testing. During the construction the students learned to use many tools, machines, safety equipment, and identify the potential safety hazards associated with them.

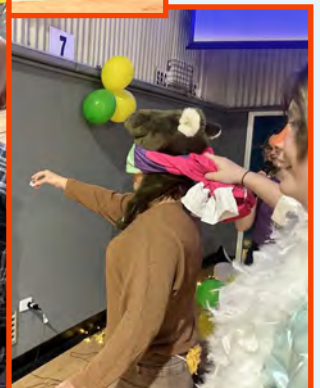
Finally, the testing of the dragsters, the vehicles are propelled down a track by compressed Carbon Dioxide gas. The CO2 cartridge is punctured so the gas can rapidly leave the canister causing the dragster to move. The dragster is guided down the track by fishing line or wire.

The track length is approximately 15 metres.—Mr Lewers



Trivia Night—Year 12 Fundraiser

Congratulations to our Year 12 students for their successful fundraiser held this week. Stay tuned for the total of funds raised for Koalas In Care! Many thanks to Ms Bec Graham, Mr Brett Sedgewick and Mrs Beth Ripley for their coordination of the event. Thank you to all community members who attended to support the evening.



Singleton Beef and Land Day

Friday the 21st of July saw 21 students from the Show team and Ag students attend the Singleton Beef and Land Day.

This is an annual event where industry based presenters provide workshops on all things beef and land related. Workshops included judging interbreed classes, cattle identification and local land services vet talks. The students looked outstanding in our new uniforms among many schools at the event. A big thank you goes out to our uniform sponsors and Mr Gilbert for transporting us on our school bus to the event. - Mr Hawkins



PREPARE TO SUCCEED

When and where?

- Learning Hub
- Wednesday 3:15 until 4:15

Who and What?

- All students welcome
- Study Space and homework club
- Students should bring their own work to focus on



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AUGUST 1ST

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CareerQuip is a free community event

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School Tree Day

School Tree Day is Friday 26 July 2024.

This year Wingham High School is participating in National Tree Day activities by planting native shrubs to regenerate the bank (slope) along East Combined Street (on school grounds), west from the farm steps.

MidCoast Council's environmental projects officer has offered to help the school by providing native shrubs with a pollinator vibe, mulch, tree guards and coir mats for cold weather, even helping with digging the holes. MidCoast Council will also look into getting the Bushland Regenerator (whom works in the Brush) to give a quick talk with planting run through. Nicholas Colman - Environmental Projects Officer will be also there for quick talk on the nature of flying foxes and pollination in general.



Regional Cross Country

Congratulations to our Regional Cross Country team who recently travelled to Tocal to represent Manning at the Combined High Schools Regional Cross Country. The team had a very successful day. We wish Jesse all the best as he heads to the State Cross Country Carnival in Term 3. Jesse qualifies for a \$150 travel grant from the Wingham High School P&C Committee to assist with his travel expenses heading to Sydney.





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Urapun Muy by Deb Belyea

SAMUAWGADHALGAL, TORRES STRAIT

'Urapun Muy', from the Kalaw Kawaw Ya dialect of the Top Western Islands of the Torres Strait, means 'One Fire'. The title of this work pays homage to Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal people everywhere, as we all have that one fire: our passion for our culture. In this work, I have depicted the hands of our ancestors that have carefully dropped to burning ember on to a fire. This ember burns hot with intensity, stoking the flames, as it combines with the new fire. The linear detail shows the energy and power as cultural knowledge is transferred from our ancestors to us today. Culture is the fire that gives us knowledge, wisdom and purpose. It is our responsibility to maintain, practice, and pass on our fire to our future generations. Afterall, Culture keeps us Blak, Loud and Proud.

Aboriginal Flag designed by Mr Harold Thomas. Torres Strait Islander Flag reproduced by kind permission of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, designed by the late Mr Bernard Namok



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Wingham High School P&C

JOIN US

First Thursday of every month
Principal/Senior staff in attendance
Help us decide where to allocate our funds
Have a say in how our school functions
Tell us what you think about our canteen

Is your child in year 7 or year 10?

Provide your consent for routine school vaccinations online

Year 7

- Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)
- Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Year 10

- Meningococcal ACWY

Scan the QR code to give your consent now

To provide online consent visit:
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NSW Public Schools

School holiday works notification - Winter | July 2024

We regularly inspect and maintain schools to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our school communities.

The school holidays are the ideal time for a lot of maintenance and project work to take place in schools across the state without disrupting learning.

Planned work over the school holidays at some schools may involve working with hazardous materials such as asbestos or lead containing material. This may include remediation or removal of material, or sampling. This notification is to let you know about work taking place at your school involving these materials.

Planned work over the Winter School Holidays

We will be doing work involving hazardous materials at your school **during the Winter School Holidays**. This period may include **from the end of the school day on Friday 5 July 2024 up to the first day of Term 3 for staff on Monday 22 July 2024**.

For more information about the type of work and location within your school grounds, see the listing for your school on our website: <https://edu.nsw.link/HolidayWork>.

All work involving asbestos-containing materials will take place outside of school hours.

All work will be done in accordance with work, health and safety laws and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan where applicable. Safety measures will be in place while work is being done. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited contractors and monitored by independent hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority.

Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.



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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.



OPEN
From 8am every day

Wingham High School ~ Winter Canteen Menu

REMEMBER to ORDER before 9am
ORDER on-line with FLEXISCHOOLS



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	
Low Fat Plain Pie	\$5.00
Low Fat Flavoured Pie	\$5.50
Low Fat Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Ham and Cheese Pocket	\$3.00
Chicken, Cheese and BBQ Sauce Pocket	\$4.00
Fish Piece	\$3.00
Chicken Fingers	\$3.50
Pizza (Home-made)	\$5.50
Toasted Sandwich	\$3.50
Homemade Soup	\$2.50
Garlic Bread	\$2.50
Cheese Burgers	\$5.00
Roast Chicken Dinner (Home-made)	\$6.50
Gluten Free Sausage Rolls	\$5.50
Gluten Free Meat pies	\$6.00
Lasagne	\$5.00
Potato Bake (GF)	\$4.50
Spaghetti Bolognese	\$5.00
Spring Rolls (V)	\$2.50

GLUTEN FREE options available
Wraps
Sandwiches
Pizzas & Pies
Please Order

COLD FOOD	
Salad Roll (white or wholemeal)	\$4.00
All Sandwiches (white or wholemeal)	
Salad	
Egg and Lettuce	
Ham, Cheese and Tomato	\$3.50
Ham and Cheese	
Chicken, Lettuce and Mayo	
Corned Beef and Pickles	
Salad Wrap	\$5.00
Salad Wrap with Chicken or Ham	\$5.50
Half Wrap with Ham and Salad	\$3.00
Salad Box with Egg, Chicken or Ham	\$5.50

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

VEGETARIAN	
Spinach and Cheese Roll	\$3.00
Vege Mornay Pie	\$4.50
Vege Burger	\$5.00
Macaroni Cheese	\$4.50

Vegetarian meals available every day
Please Order

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.

ICE CONFECTIONS	
Paddle Pops (2 flavours)	\$2.50
TNT's	\$1.00
Sour Snaps	\$1.50
Twisted Frozen Yoghurt (2 flavours)	\$2.50
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	.50c
Juicies	\$1.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Aprons - Blue or White	\$10
W.H.S Packs (apron, goggles, ear plugs, dust mask)	\$20
Visual Arts Diaries	\$7

SNACKS	
Fruit Muffin	\$1.50
Fresh Fruit, whole or pieces	\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Salad	\$3.50
Yoghurt Fruit Custard Cup	\$2.50
Fruit and Yoghurt Cups	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$1.50
Chips 28gm	\$1.50
Grain Waves	\$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
Hot Chocolate	\$3.00
600ml Water	\$2.00
Active Water	\$3.50
Juice Bombs	\$2.50

Gluten Free Options



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www.winghamh.schools.nsw.edu.au

Are emailed to:

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

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Contact the school and update your email address
Or

Hard copies are available from the front office and the library.

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