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Bulletin

15th September 2009

Coming Events:

- 18 Sept P&C Trivia Night
- 21 Sept Year 11 Exams commence
- 22 Sept P&C Meeting 7:30pm
- 25 Sept Year 7 Science Excursion to Taronga Zoo
- 28 Sept Year 11 Exams conclude
Year 10 Exams commence
- 29 Sept Year 7 Vaccinations
- 01 Oct Year 10 Exams conclude
- 02 Oct Year 12 Graduation Assembly

Last Day Term 3

TERM 4

- 19 Oct Staff and students return to school
- 20 Oct HSC commences at Woonona
- 23 Oct OHS Green Card
- 26-30 Oct Year 11 Metals & Engineering work placement
- 26-30 Oct Year 11 Retail work placement
- 27 Oct Year 9 TAFE Taster Courses
- 29 Oct Year 9 TAFE Taster Courses
- 30 Oct Year 11 Reports issued
- 03 Nov Year 9 TAFE Taster Courses
- 05 Nov Year 9 TAFE Taster Courses
- 9-10 Nov School Certificate
- 9-10 Nov Year 11 RYDA
- 11-13 Nov School Certificate Computing Skills Test
- 11 Nov Remembrance Day
- 13 Nov HSC Ends
Next Bulletin issued

Trivia Night!!!!

Great Prizes! Great Fun!



Friday 18th September – 6:30pm start.
Tickets \$20 at the door – help your P&C to support your school.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

P&C Meeting – is to be held next Tuesday 22nd September in the Staff Common Room commencing at 7.30pm.

Uniform 2010 - Over the course of this year there has been a change in the style of footwear worn by many students to comply with occupational health and safety regulations and the school uniform policy. Students have been given notice of these concerns in assemblies and, in some cases, they may not be permitted to attend practical classes due to the occupational and health and safety requirements. It is assumed that the correct footwear will be worn at all times.

The Department of Education states in: *School Uniforms in New South Wales Government Schools (2004)* that under the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000 "Schools must ensure that students are not exposed to health or safety risks while they are on Department premises. The school has a duty to require students to wear appropriate footwear so as to avoid injury".

The DET policy *Chemical Safety in Schools (1999)* clearly states: "It is mandatory that students carrying out practical activities using chemicals or equipment in schools wear enclosed leather footwear. Sandals, open footwear or high heeled shoes must not be worn in workshop areas or laboratories."

The school P&C in its uniform policy expects students in 2010 to wear black leather shoes. They must cover the top of the foot. Buckle styled shoes will be accepted so long as the shoes cover the top of the foot.

The following shoe styles will be accepted by the school community:



Students **MUST NOT** wear black soft leather open styled 'Mary Jane' shoes, black fabric shoes or any similar styles to those shown below:



I would like all parents/caregivers to support this policy and make sure that the next pair of shoes purchased for your daughter/son is black leather.

Year 8 2010 – Electives – the interest electives for 2010 have been finalised and students will shortly be informed as to which electives will be running.

Year 9 2010 - Electives – have been finalised and students will be informed of their two subjects shortly.

Year 10 Exams – the Yearly Exams for Year 10 commence Monday 28th September and conclude Thursday 1st October. Students should be revising for these exams as they will have a significant bearing on their School Certificate grades. To allow students to maximise their study time for these exams and relieve some of the time pressures, Year 10 students will be allowed to leave the school following their examinations each day. We will allocate a space in the school for those students who wish to stay at school to prepare for their exams or who need to remain for travel reasons.

Year 11 2010 - Curriculum – is nearly finalised and while we always endeavour to take into account the learning needs of all students it is virtually impossible to cater for every student's preferred subject pattern of choice.

Year 11 Exams – commence Monday 21st September and end on Monday 28th September. This will conclude their Preliminary HSC. At the commencement of Term 4 their HSC courses begin. This means future assessment marks will contribute to their 2010 HSC. Students will also need to consider their course pattern – no new 2 Unit course can be commenced. The only options are: a) drop a 2 Unit course and present the minimum 10 units b) be approved to do History Extension (1 Unit) c) be approved to do a second extension in Mathematics and/or English. My preference for students is to continue with 12 units as this gives them a "buffer". (Remember the best 10 units are counted for the ATAR – English must be included).

Year 12 – Graduation Assembly – this marks a significant milestone (kilometre stone?) in the lives of our Year 12 students. The assembly will be held on Friday 2nd October and for these students it marks the end of 12 years of formal education. They will be preparing for the commencement of their HSC on the 20th October. This Year 12 has been a terrific cohort which has shown a high regard for their studies and we wish them all the best for success in the HSC and in their lives to follow.

Valuables at School – parents are reminded that students should not bring valuable items to school. If it is essential to do so the student must keep the item in their possession or give them to a teacher to mind and never leave valuables in an unattended school bag.

Safety

There have been ongoing problems with students not wearing helmets when they are riding their pushbikes to and from school. The RTA and the NSW Police have indicated that our students have a very poor record of wearing helmets.

Martin Arrowsmith



Homework Centre – Missed school time?

Have you been sick? Here is your chance to catch up with help provided. The homework centre is open to all students on Tuesday afternoons between 3.00pm and 4.30pm. Mrs Pickering and Mrs Abrahams will be available to help students with any of the following:

- Subjects including Maths, Science, English, Geography and History
- Homework tasks
- Assignments
- Study Skills
- Essay Writing

OR

You may simply want a quiet place to do your homework, research an assignment through accessing the books/computer system in the Library.

Come along and check it out. Students can bring in a note signed by parents or a note in their diary acknowledging attendance at the homework centre until 3.30pm, 4.00pm or 4.30pm. A light afternoon tea will be provided.

Mrs Pickering

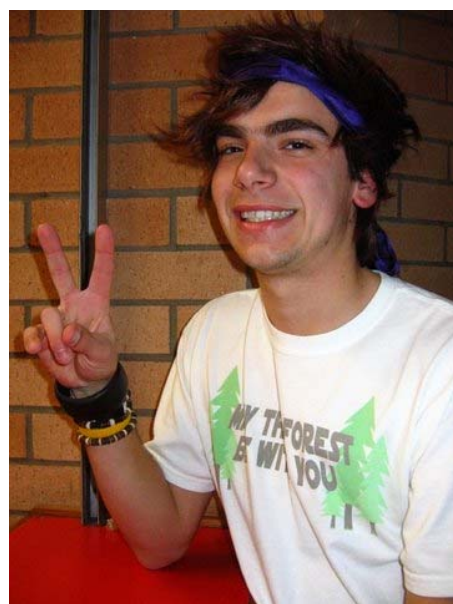
Head Teacher Student Services

SRC

Operation Christmas Child is progressing well.

At present we have 25 boxes ready to send. Well done to the students Rosemary Nobes, Beth Lockyer and Shane Pratt. They have taken the initiative and filled two boxes by themselves. All boxes need to in by the end of week 9, so they can be forwarded to Sydney.

The School Disco Wednesday the 9th - was supported by some funky dressers. Our theme was *Hippie*, and I didn't know that Woonona had so many cool cats about. A good time was had by all who attended. Our Best Dressed students were Jasmine and Jaimie, we had a Limbo Competition, won by Paris Halsey and a Conga line followed by group dancing. There were some very snappy dressers and some snazzy dancers. The lucky door prize winners were Maddy Baker and Daniel Westman.





Here are some facts about CF:

CF is the most common life threatening, recessive genetic condition affecting Australian children. Symptoms can include poor weight gain, troublesome coughs, repeated chest infections, salty sweat and abnormal stools.

Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic disease that affects a number of organs in the body (especially the lungs and pancreas) by clogging them with thick, sticky mucus.

Repeated infections and blockages can cause irreversible lung damage and death. Mucus can also cause problems in the pancreas preventing the release of enzymes needed for the digestion of food. This means that people with CF can have problems with nutrition.

CF is an inherited condition. For a child to be born with CF both parents must be genetic carriers for CF. They do not have CF themselves. In Australia, all babies are screened at birth for CF.

At present there is no cure for CF, but the faulty gene has been identified and doctors and scientists are working to find ways of repairing or replacing it. One of the main objectives of the CFA Research Trust is to fund this work.

With today's improved treatment most people with CF are able to lead reasonably normal and productive lives. A great amount of time is being directed towards finding new and improved ways of treating CF and of finally finding a cure.

YEAR 7

Year 7 are now coming towards the end of Term 3 and I'm sure they are all looking forward to starting their electives in 2010. Students will be required to get new books for Year 8 and I have been looking at the idea of a book pack for Year 8 in 2010. This means that parents simply pay one fee to get all of the books required for their child's different subjects. I will be sending home some more information about the book pack with Year 7 soon. Please discuss it with them and return the form if you are interested.

I can be contacted at school by phone or email if you have any concerns about Year 7.

Miss Sharp

Rhiannon.Sharp@det.nsw.edu.au

Buy a Gerbera to Support Cystic Fibrosis

On Thursday we are selling Gerberas at \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. All money raised will be forwarded to Cystic Fibrosis Australia.

Following is information from Cystic Fibrosis Australia:

What is CF?

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is a recessive genetic condition. The gene involved in CF gives instructions for the cells to make a protein that controls the movement of salt in and out of cells.

Southern Stars

'Just for the Fun of It' was the title of Southern Stars this year and our dancers and musicians had a great time performing in the show. If you missed out on seeing the performances, it will be televised on WIN at 1:30pm on the 19th of September, 2009. A big thank you to Ms. South, Mrs. Whiddon and Mr. Bretag for their kind support!

Miss Sharp



YEAR 9

The **laptops** are not far away now and will be with our students early in term four. The information evening on Tuesday 15th September is a chance for parents to have the whole process explained, to raise concerns and to have questions answered. Mr. Arrowsmith, Mrs Pike and I will be in attendance. Everyone is looking forward to having this technology in the classroom and they will be a fantastic tool in our learning environment.

I am hoping to commence a sports group next week made up mainly of year nine students to do some volunteering within our local community. Some activities I am investigating include visiting local primary schools to interact with the students on many levels. This will include organizing group games, assisting with environmental projects, peer support, reading groups and enhancing the learning of the students across K-6. We are also in negotiations with IRT to have this group of students assist the elderly in the community with organizing activities with the residents of the IRT. The group will run on a Wednesday during sport time.
Mr Buswell

YEAR 10

Year 10 Geography Fieldwork cancelled!

The fieldwork trip to Windang/Warilla, planned for Friday 28/8, was cancelled due to an inadequate response in terms of payments and permission notes. With only half of Year 10 having met the deadline by Monday 24/8, and just a few more by Tuesday, there was no other practical choice but to cancel. Postponement was not an option due to time and staffing constraints. It was simply not possible to pay for buses and cover teachers' other classes, unless the whole of Year 10 had committed to the excursion.

As the School Certificate course in Geography includes mandatory fieldwork, it was essential that all students complete an alternative fieldwork task in their own time. The two-part assessment task is worth 20% of the formal course assessment. The fieldwork component of the task was due to be submitted for marking on Monday 7/9. The second, in-class part of the task was conducted on Friday 11/9.

It is unfortunate that the organisation and preparation by staff, and the interest and compliance of many Year 10 students, has been rendered a significant waste of time and effort through the lack of responsibility of a large number of students. Those who paid \$10 for the excursion

will receive a refund cheque before the end of this term.

Mr G. Condon (Head Teacher Social Sciences)

YEAR 11

Students in Year 11 are very busy at present preparing for their upcoming exams and the end of Term 3 is the conclusion of their work towards the Preliminary HSC Certificate. Each student should have received their copy of the exam timetable by the time they are issued with this Bulletin. Please see me if you haven't received your copy. You should make sure that you arrive early for each exam and have all materials that you will require to complete the paper. Should you be ill or unable to attend an exam, please make sure that you phone school on 4284 1513 and let the office staff know that you will be absent.

Year 12 HSC coursework commences with the beginning of Term 4 and I am ordering the Year 12 Senior Hooded jacket so that the jackets will be ready early in Term 4. Please make sure that you have received an order form and that you have tried on the sample jackets to ensure that you receive the correct size.

The election for School Captains, Vice Captains and School Secretary have been underway recently and I would like to congratulate Sam Davies, Ammy Lewis, Josh Martellozzo, Lucas Meehan, Elissa Nikolich, Taylour'e Organ, Lauren Peace, Tahleea Pomeroy, Huon Reay, Nicholas Whitelaw and Nathan Zaremski, on their nomination for these positions. I was very proud of the way the students presented themselves at the school assembly and of the thought that each had given their pre-election speech. The Woonona High School Student Representative Council will be in great hands with the very high quality of the nominees. Thank you for your nomination and good luck in the election.

Mrs Harris

SPORT

Our Winter Grade competition has concluded. We had 14 teams in the finals. This is a great result and students should be congratulated on the way they played against the local high schools. Further results will be in the next bulletin.

State Teams

Congratulations to Lauren Peace in Year 11 on her selection in the merit side for NSW schoolgirls' open hockey team.

Australian Teams

Congratulations to Heath Ogilvie on his selection in the Australian team for open schoolboys' hockey. Congratulations also to Flynn Ogilvie on his selection in the 16 years Australian schoolboys' hockey team.

State Results

It is pleasing to report that Woonona High won 2 silver medals at the recent State Athletics meet. Molly Dugan won silver in the 13 years javelin and Aimee Burzacott won silver in the 15 years girls' high jump. Congratulations to both Aimee and Molly for their great results at state level.

Knockout Teams

Congratulations to both our 15 years girls' basketball team and our open boys' hockey team. Both these teams have advanced to the next round in this state wide competition. The boys are now in the final eight in the state and the girl's next game is at Bombaderry stadium against the best teams in the south coast.

School Sport

Our summer sport program begins next week. This is a recreational unit where students had the opportunity to choose from a variety of sports. Most sports are at school or in the near surrounds of the school so buses will not be required. All students will walk to and from the venue with a teacher unless sports gear is needed to be picked up from the homes. This may happen for golf, surfing, surf survival and cycling. In these cases a lunch pass will be given to the students.

Margaret Sim (sports organiser)



BOYS KNOCKOUT HOCKEY

Our Woonona High School boys' hockey team has reached the 'Final 8' round of the CHS knockout competition for the third successive year, after defeating Springwood High School at Penrith on Monday 7th September.

The team played in a very positive and patient manner and displayed great sportsmanship and enjoyment of the game. All players worked hard to produce an outstanding team game, with excellent passing and communication.

Once again, I congratulate the boys for their quiet, determined attitude and the success they have achieved. Thank you also to our generous Woonona parents and to Lauren Peace, who again volunteered to umpire the game.

Our next goal is to reach the final 4 in the state and create the opportunity to defend our title as NSW CHS champions.

The team members are : Heath Ogilvie, Matt Harding, James Berriman and Ben McGinnes in Yr 12, Luke Cimek, Lachlan Jones, Alex Montgomery and Nick Whitelaw in Yr 11 and Kyle Dutton, Scott Govers, Jake Haddon, Corey Harding and Flynn Ogilvie in Yr 10.

Greg Condon (Coach)

CAREERS

All Year 12 students have been advised to get their applications into to the University Admissions Centre (UAC) and not leave applying 'til the last week. **UAC Applications close Wednesday 30th Sept.** After that date late application fees will apply up to \$125. A reminder that UOW Early Entry closes on the 18th September. Visit:

www.uow.edu.au

There have been a number of Apprenticeships on offer for school leavers in Years 10, 11 and 12. They have been receiving e-mails and Careers Newsletters informing them of Apprenticeships and Traineeships on offer. The more recent are as follows:

Mainteck Apprenticeships in Mechanical Engineering (Fitting & Machining) Positions are available in the Illawarra based heavy engineering workshops, with the opportunity for rotation, training and development throughout the shops. To download an application form and an information pack go to: www.mainteck.com.au Applications close 30th September 2009.

RTA Traineeships and Cadetships

The RTA is recruiting for Traineeships and Cadetships in Civil Engineering at UOW. Applications close 18th Sept. To apply visit website: www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers or Phone 1300 177 599.

Tarrents Corporate Group is seeking Year 12 students interested in Accounting and Financial Planning. A number of Cadetship positions will be offered. For more information please contact Sandra Pickering or send in your application by Friday 25th September. Ph 4228 5511 or Email: sp@tarrents.com.au

School Based Traineeships - Students in Year 10 going on to Year 11 can do the HSC and a part time School Based Traineeship. The Australian Training company is offering 6 Hospitality Positions in Kitchen Operation and Hospitality General. Also in Horticulture there are 6 positions in Landscaping Turf, Parks and Gardens. To apply for these positions or for further information Contact: Brett Dowd on Ph: 0407 043 062 or Email: bdowd@austrg.com.au

Defence Technical Scholarships

Applications close on 25th September, 2009 for students considering a career in the Defence Force - \$2000 for Year 11 students in 2010 and \$3000 for Year 12.

There are pre-requisite subjects that must be studied, including any level of Mathematics. You can download an application and reference forms

from: www.defencejobs.gov.au/dts TAFE Children's Services Information Evening Information for proposed courses in 2010 - Certificate III and Diploma in Children's Services. Wollongong Campus, 23rd September, 1 - 2pm or 6 - 7pm, Block G, Ground Floor, Room GG1

3D Animation & Programming Course -

Nationally accredited Certificate II course aimed at students interested in games design, games programming or 3D animation for movies or Visual FX. AIE are offering an intensive 2 week Certificate II course in the second week of October holidays (12th-16th October) and in the third week of January holidays (18th - 22nd). The course will run from 9 -5pm each day in Sydney and will cost \$350 (discounted from \$750). For more information, visit email: sydney@aie.edu.au

TAFE Librarian Courses & info Session. Students interested in Library work who would like to apply for the TAFE Diploma in Library and Information Services or Certificate III in Library & Information Services for 2010 - Applications close on 30th October. Places are limited to 15 students and the course is full-time. There is an information session on Wednesday 21st October at North Wollongong TAFE, L Block, Room 18, 12:30 - 1:30pm. For further info, contact Karen Smith on: karen.smith@tafensw.edu.au

Wollongong Uni Trade Show

The School of Computer Science & Software and the School of Information Systems & Technology will conduct their annual Trade Show on Thurs 29th Oct 1-4pm in the Unicentre Hall for interested students. For more information, visit www.cs.uow.edu.au/tradeshaw

Ms Repetylo/ Mrs Crump, Careers Advisers.

Construction Induction Certificate

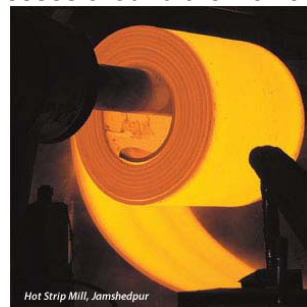
(<http://www.injuryboard.com>)



Approximately 15 students from Woonona High recently completed their training for the General Construction Induction certificate. Students were required to discuss a range of safety issues which affect the health, safety and welfare of workers on a Construction site. Students were then required to sit an exam to demonstrate their learning. All students were successful and obtained a relevant qualification that gives them the accreditation to work on any construction site in Australia. The course can be delivered internally at school by a qualified teacher and takes one day to complete. At half the cost of others training providers, it was a worthwhile exercise for the students. To register your interest for your child to attend any future courses then contact Mr. Bradley in the Industrial Arts faculty. Students must be 14 years or older.

Metal and Engineering

Metal and Engineering is a subject area that focuses on trade work in the Manufacturing sector. Trades can also lead to a career in an engineering field as an alternative pathway to university. As a mandatory component of their year preliminary HSC, 18 students from Woonona High School recently completed a one week work placement at various businesses around the Illawarra.



A Hot strip Mill is one example of where students can complete their work placement. (<http://www.tatasteel.com>)

The overwhelming feedback from employers and students was that it was a positive experience, with a few students receiving offers of employment. One student said, "It is great to be able to use great equipment and learn how a manufacturing sector operates."

As well as learning how to work safely in the workplace, students learnt valuable skills such as punctuality, wearing correct uniform, and only eating and sitting down during designated times.

Mr. Bradley

Advertisements:

1. PCYC- Bulli “Trivia Night” AMATEURS ONLY

When: Saturday 24th October.

Where: 253 Princes Highway, BULLI

Time: 6.30pm for 7.00pm Start

Cost: \$10 per person

**GAMES, RAFFLES AND FANTASTIC PRIZES TO
BE WON!**

**TABLES OF 8-10
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Local foster carers needed

We are looking for local people to provide care for children and young people who are unable to live with their own families. Foster carers provide short (e.g. one weekend a month) or longer term care. Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds, cultural groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

All carers receive training, support and financial assistance.

Interested?

Apply at: www.community.nsw.gov.au/fostercare
or call 1800 2 FOSTER (1800 236 783)

SANDON POINT SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB 2009-2010 Season

Registration for Nippers/Youth/Seniors

- Sat 12 Sept 09, 10am-2pm, Clubhouse, Point St, Bulli
- Wed 16 Sept 09, 4pm-6pm, Clubhouse, Point St, Bulli

Nippers Proficiency:


- Sat 26 Sept 09, 9am-11am, Corrimal Heated Pool (entry fees apply)

First Nippers Meeting:

- Sun 18 Oct 09, 9:30am, Season Launch

Enquiries:

clubregistrar@sandonpointsurfclub.org.au
www.sandonpointsurfclub.org.au




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