

WOONONA HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK 6A

15 NOVEMBER

2010

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- 15 Monday – Brick & Block
- 16 Tuesday – Brick & Block
P&C Meeting
- 17 Wednesday – Brick & Block
- 18 Thursday – Brick & Block
Yr 9 Exams
- 19 Friday – Brick & Block
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**FRIDAY 12TH WOONONA
HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC
TRIVIA NIGHT – Tickets \$20**

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm next Tuesday 16th November in the Staff Common Room at the school. A large group of parents who have kept the committee going for the past 6 years will be leaving us with their Year 12 students this year. I wish to thank them for their hard work for the school over the past 6 (or more!) years on behalf of both myself and all the students who have benefited from all of their hard work.

We desperately need new P&C members to keep the committee functional in 2011. If you have thought about joining but haven't please reconsider and come along on the Tuesday the 16th. Often we think that someone else will keep these things running... but at this stage there is no one else....so please come along! You don't need to take on a position if you don't want to. Just coming along to a short meeting when you can is all that is required. It is a great way to meet new people, support your child and have a say in how the school functions.

I hope to see you there.

Best Wishes.

Kerry Banks (Current President)

CANTEEN HELPERS THIS WEEK.

**Mon 15 – M Elphick
Tue 16 – HELP NEEDED
Wed 17 – J Eardley
Thur 18 – J Hobbs / I Rasch
Fri 20 – HELP NEEDED**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Last week saw Year 10 students complete their School Certificate examinations. They were well prepared and we hope they will all achieve to the best of their ability. They also completed *All My Own Work* – an online program prepared by the Board of Studies about plagiarism. No student can begin Year 11 unless they have completed this program. A big thanks to Mr Mete and Mrs Pike for organising this process.
- At the moment we are providing a number of career transition opportunities for students at Woonona High. Year 9 students are currently participating in TAFE taster courses in a number of job fields. This week a group of Year 9 and Year 10 students will be learning bricklaying skills in a joint project with the local TAFE and Brick & Block.
- Please remember the P&C Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 16th November. We have several retiring members and need new, interested parents to present the parent voice about the learning opportunities at Woonona High.
- STOP PRESS! Melannie Pentacost (Year 12) studied Dance for the HSC and has been asked to submit her practical performance for inclusion in *Callback* – the showcase of the best Dance students in NSW.**

STUDENT INTERVIEW

Alyce Thompson – Year 11



Alyce is one of most talented students attending Woonona High. She has always pushed herself to achieve academically because of her goals. Alyce wants to be an architect who designs environmentally sustainable houses. In fact, she is designing such a house for her major project in Design & Technology for the HSC. Her Extension 2 Mathematics and Engineering Studies subjects will also enhance her prospects of getting into Architecture at the University of Sydney in 2012. Recently, her talent was recognised with an Engineering Award at Wollongong University

Alyce is also an extremely talented musician. She plays piano at a remarkable level and has been involved in Variety Night performances, the school musical and Unplugged concerts as well as accompanying several Year 12 Music students for their HSC performances.

Alyce has, as well, represented the school in a number of sports: tennis, AFL, hockey and cricket to name just a few.

Alyce has set high expectations of herself and we wish her well.

VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

NAME: Sophie Murphy

YEAR: 9

ACTIVITY: Sophie participates in the school's Volunteer Infants Reading program held at Woonona Public School. She also participates in Knitting for Aid.



WHY I LIKE VOLUNTEERING? I like

volunteering because I love to help people. I like to help little kids read and write. Volunteering is a great way to get involved in doing things that make you feel like you are being a part of someone's life by helping them.

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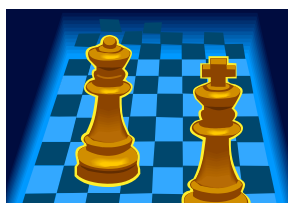
CHESS TEAM REPORT

The Woonona High School Chess Team played their last inter school match against Smith's Hill High School on the 4th November. Smith's Hill has been the NSW Country High Schools Chess Champions for the last four years. We expected a tough game and it brought out the best in our players even though we lost 3 games to 1.

Our team was Tyrell Hillier, Rhys Phillips, Cameron Ellis and Ashley Dietch. Ashley won his game and check-mated his opponent.

Mr Green was very proud of the way the team has performed this year. An award for the chess champion will be presented at the end of the year. New players are always welcome – please see Mr Green if you are interested in playing or learning to play.

Report by Cameron Ellis and Mr Green



SURFERS!!

Help out at our 18th Annual THIRROUL

"Hands on Day"

Run by the South Coast Branch of the Disabled Surfers Association for the South Coast Region's Disabled Participants.

WHEN? Saturday 4th December
9am – 1pm

BBQ lunch provided for all attendees

WHERE? Thirroul Beach – meet at the Thirroul SLSC on the park side.

COST? FREE to all volunteers and carers – bring your boardies.

Non surfers can significantly contribute as well.

Appreciation certificates will

be handed out on the day.

For more information phone

Ian – 0421 601 222

or Michael 0418 420 620



YEAR 7 YEAR ADVISERS REPORT

The year is quickly drawing to a close. One of the loveliest tasks that I have as a Year Advisor is to present students with their various merit awards. I have handed out many Green and Bronze merits this year. I have also presented a number of Silver merits. It is my pleasure to announce the very first Year 7 recipient of the *Gold Merit Award* is Jack Sandona. Our heartiest congratulations go to Jack!



The following students have received Green Merit Awards - Lucas Neaves.

The following students have received Bronze Merit Awards - Dylan Woods-Mackay, Brody O'Brien, Alyce Egbers, Tegan Baker, Grace Murphy, Teya Storm, Tim Jones, Damin Zhou

The following students have received Silver Merit Awards - Nikita Woods

There are a small number of Year 7 students who have to re-select an elective for Year 8. I am contacting these students this week. Once this is done, students will then be advised as to their electives for 2011.

Ms Sharp and I are currently organising a Rewards / Peer Support trip to Luna Park for students in Year 7 & 8. The excursion is to be held on Friday 10th December. Most students will qualify to go on this excursion. Some students will, however, be notified of their ineligibility. The trip will cost \$30 and this money needs to be presented at the Front Office, together with the Excursion permission note on or before 19th November. Should you wish to contact me feel free to do so on **42841513** or via email diana.epton@det.nsw.edu.au

Ms D. Epton.

Same names have not been published as students have not returned the photo / image permission notes

Special Examinations Provisions for students in Year 10 & 12 in 2011

Special exam provisions in the HSC and School Certificate are practical arrangements designed to help students make a fair attempt to show in an exam room what they know.

The provisions granted are solely determined by how the student's exam performance is affected. Provisions may include Braille papers, large print papers, use of a reader and or writer, extra time or rest breaks.

Applying for Special Examination Provisions

Special Examination Provisions Application forms are available for students who intend to sit for the School Certificate or Higher School Certificate examinations in 2011.

Parents or students who wish to apply for special examination provisions for 2011 should contact the Year Adviser or School Counsellor on 42 831623 as soon as possible.

Katherine Corderoy