

WOONONA HIGH SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WOONONA HIGH SCHOOL P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2010

As the year draws to a close I would like to thank all of the parents and friends who have attended meetings, assisted with fundraising and supported the P&C's activities throughout the year. Special thanks to Debbie Rosa (Secretary), Penny Ogilvie (Treasurer) and John Thompson (Vice President) for their hard work throughout the year. I also wish to specially thank Jill Brodie (Scripture teacher) and Lil South (Maths teacher) for their support of the P&C initiatives throughout the year, particularly their hard work on the "Love Woonona High" clean up days.

The P&C has a number of fund raising activities throughout the year: the Pizza Night, Theatre Night, Music Trivia Night and Frog Week. Whilst not all of the fundraisers have raised a lot of money, those who attended them had a great time, built friendships and a developed sense of school community. Many members of the P&C put in a lot of effort to produce a really fun major fundraiser, the Music Trivia Night. The night raised over \$2,000 which will be used to provide student prizes for the Presentation Day at the end of the year. Special thanks to Debbie Lee-Tomczynski, Carlene Prior, Rhonda Moss, Will Reynolds, Mark Reynolds and "The Bill Posters", the band who played for free on the night. The P&C initiated the "Love Woonona High School" working bees this year. Lots of work; painting, gardening, cleaning etc. was completed to improve the look and feel around the school. Thank you to everyone involved with these activities. Contact with the local council as a result of these days initiated the DET clearing of the "Goat Track" block on the south of the creek, making it safer for students to get to and from school.

I encourage all parents to continue to support the P&C. All monies raised go towards resources for our children. If you can make it to our meetings it is a great opportunity to keep informed about school issues and have an input into what is happening at Woonona High.

Kerry Banks (President)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

New P&C Executive.

Congratulations to the newly elected members of the P&C executive for 2011:

President:	Jenny Walker
Secretary:	Kerry Banks
Ass't Secretary:	Sharon Lee Murphy
Vice President:	John Thompson
Treasurer:	Penny Ogilvie

- Year 10 students are at Jindabyne this week. Thanks to the teachers who have made this possible, especially Mr McDermott as Year Adviser.

- Year 10 will be on Work Experience next week.

****THE P&C WORKING BEE ORGANISED FOR 20TH NOVEMBER
HAS BEEN CANCELLED****

The P&C has agreed to Woonona High School charging an annual fee of \$10 for all students studying Science. This fee is to cover the cost of all consumables the students use in Science e.g. chemicals, test tubes, beakers etc.

VICTOR CHANG SCHOOL SCIENCE AWARDS



Congratulations go to Year 11 student Laen Stewart who is a recipient of the 2011 Victor Chang Institute School Science Award. He was presented with the award along with other students representing the highest achievers in their respective school across the Illawarra and South East region. The awards ceremony was held at the Innovation Campus of the

University of Wollongong. The Victor Chang School Science Awards are presented to Year 11 students who are selected by their school as having excelled in their science studies during the year.

Awardees are presented with framed Certificates of Achievement.

Laen has been invited to visit the Institute for some hands on experience.

Mr Laidler

CANTEEN HELPERS THIS WEEK

22 Mon – HELP NEEDED

23 Tue – R Lowe

24 Wed – R Moss / D Tomczynski

25 Thur – R Brown / C Simpson

26 Fri – J McKeowen

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

22 Mon – Yr 10 Camp Jindabyne

**23 Tue – Yr 10 Camp Jindabyne
Year 8 ESSA**

24 Wed – Yr 10 Camp Jindabyne

**25 Thur – Yr 10 Camp Jindabyne
SRC Leadership Day**

26 Fri – Yr 10 Camp Jindabyne

Climb the Bridge! The P&C has been given a ticket to climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge (expires 13th May 2011). This ticket is valued at over \$200 and the P&C is offering the ticket to the highest bidder over the next two weeks. Ring the school on 42841513 to register your bid. If you have the highest bid at 3:00 pm on Friday 3rd December the ticket is yours.



YEAR 8 REPORT

As we draw towards the close of another year, I would like to thank the majority of Year 8 for being so mature, cooperative and enthusiastic throughout the year. They have thoroughly enjoyed their Electives and their enthusiasm has resulted in Year 7 being offered the same opportunity next year. Year 8 have also chosen their two electives for next year. These electives are run for both Year 9 and 10, so, it is important to choose wisely. If you are unsure about any of your choices, please see Miss Sharp to change electives. It is important to do this as soon as possible, as some of these classes are already full. A reward excursion to Luna Park has been organised for Friday December 10. If your child has been working well this year they will have received a permission note about this. The cost is \$30 and is due to the Office by Friday November 19. The following students have reached the Silver Level of the Merit Award System:

Corina Balfour	Melinda Gray
Grace Jones	Ryan Jones
Keely Mar	Luke McKellar
Taylah Murrill	Rhys Phillips
Khalia Rasch	Kate Stewart
Ryan Taylor	

The following students have reached the Gold Level of the Merit Award System:

Amy Bradbury	Sheridan Brown
Brooke Farrow	Megan Fowler
Ellyse Heycott	Thomas Hobbs
Caelin Loxton	Kayla Reay
Caitlin Russell	Ellie Yates
Tameka Snelson	

Congratulations to all of these students. A Deputy Principal's Pizza Lunch will be held to congratulate them on Tuesday the 23rd November in the Common Room.

Miss Sharp

MUSIC REPORT

VARIETY NIGHT

Our annual Variety Night concerts will be held on Tuesday the 7th and Wednesday the 8th of December from 7pm in the Hall. Tickets will be available at the Front Office soon and will be \$5 for children, \$10 for adults and \$25 for a family of 4. Students will be able to purchase tickets from the Canteen soon. Auditions will be held over the next 2 weeks, please see Miss Sharp for details. Our music students will also be attending a 3 day camp in Week 8 to learn new repertoire and put different ensembles together for the Variety Night concerts.

KOOL SKOOLS

We will also be launching our Kool Skools album at Variety Night this year. CDs will on sale for \$10 on each night. The owner of Megaphon Studios was so impressed with the talent from our school that he has offered to come and judge the best original song from both nights and the winner will get a day's recording. The Awards Night for this competition will be held this week and 2 of our Year 12 groups have been asked to perform. Award winners will be announced soon!

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Woonona's Engineering Future in Good Hands

Four students enrolled in Year 11 and 12 Engineering studies attended a presentation evening last Friday night, where they were awarded major prizes for school based assessment tasks. Nick Whitelaw (Year12) received the BlueScope Steel award for best report on Steel products winning a cash prize of \$250, Brennan Hatton (Year12) received the Historical Aviation award receiving a joy flight on any aircraft of his choosing, Dylan Bardsley (Year11) was awarded 2nd place for his report on Household products winning a prize of \$125 and Alyce Thompson (Year11) was awarded 1st place for her household products report and 2nd place overall in the young women's division winning a total of \$375. Laen Stewart (Year11) also received a finalist award of \$50.

Alyce Thompson said of the whole experience, "It has been great to show me what I can do and where I can go in engineering." The University of Wollongong organizes the competition each year and Woonona High School hopes to expand its involvement in the competition in other subject areas such as Industrial Technology and Design & Technology.

Mr. Bradley/Mr. Zubovic



**Buy a
chocolate
frog!!**

Coming Soon!!!

The **We Love Woonona High Working Bee Team** are school parents who volunteer for a few hours one Saturday per month to improve the school grounds. One activity is the planting of more native trees and shrubs to enhance the appearance of the school and create further habitats for our frogs, birds and fauna. Money raised will contribute towards the purchase of native plants for our Team to continue this work. We thank you for your support.

1 Frog 70c

3 Frogs for \$2.00



Brick & Block – a group of students getting some hands-on career experience at bricklaying.