

## WHAT'S ON IN COMING WEEKS

Dec	
Mon 5	Music Camp—Ulladulla Yrs 7-9 Clearance Day
Tue 6	Music Camp—Ulladulla Yrs 7-9 Clearance Day Yr 7 Vaccinations Yr 11 Hospitality Excursion
Wed 7	Music Camp—Ulladulla Yrs 7-9 Clearance Day Open Boys South Coast Cricket Final Yr 11 Geography Task
Thu 8	Yrs 7-9 Clearance Day Yr 11 Physics Task Yr 7 Swimming/Life Saving Testing, Woonona Ocean Pool Yr 11 Senior Science Excur
Fri 9	Yr 10 Assembly—9.30- 10.30am in Hall Yrs 7-9 Clearance Day Variety Night Rehearsal
Mon 12	Woonona PS in Hall
Tue 13	Variety Night Rehearsal
Wed 14	Variety Night Rehearsal Variety Night-7pm-Hall HSC Results
Fri 16	Presentation Day—11am- 1pm in Hall

## CANTEEN HELPERS THIS WEEK

Mon 5	W Regan
Tue 6	J Overton
Wed 7	HELP NEEDED
Thu 8	K Amaru
Fri 9	HELP NEEDED

Mon 12	HELP NEEDED
Tue 13	J Hobbs
Wed 14	S Cotterill
Thu 15	J Hobbs/I Rasch
Fri 16	HELP NEEDED

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# WEEKLY eNEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Report

This morning I had the pleasure of meeting and speaking with our incoming Year 7, 2012 students and parents. Ms Packer and I are very much looking forward to sharing the achievements and successes of the incoming students over the next six years. I also look forward to building positive relationships with the parents of Year 6 students. It was terrific to speak with so many enthusiastic, supportive parents of Woonona High School.

Parents of Year 9 students would / should have received a letter inviting them to a brief meeting next Thursday evening in the school hall at 7.00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to present to parents and students an initiative that we are exploring for Year 10 students 2012. Students in Year 10, 2012 and beyond will no longer sit the external School Certificate examinations. Woonona High School has had great success in developing alternative programs previously. We see this as another opportunity to evaluate, modify and propose a different model of teaching and learning practices to ensure that we are maximising opportunities for students in their transition from Woonona High to further education, employment or training.

The Junior Girls' water polo team have been successful at local and regional level and next Monday and Tuesday they will compete in the state championships at Raymond Terrace. Not only are the girls excited about competing at state level they are very much looking forward to representing the school in a professional swimming team costume. I would like to thank Mr & Mrs Brown for their very generous sponsorship of the team and despite the outcome of the competition our girls will look great!

It always gives me great pleasure to be able to share with the school community the achievements of our students. However, there are also times when I will have to alert the community to concerns that I have regarding students, safety, incidents or compliance with school policy and procedures.

In recent weeks the senior executive have had to spend an inordinate amount of time dealing with students who have not complied with the school's Electronic Communication Devices Policy and in some instances the students have breached Telecommunications Legislation. Behaviours have included the theft of a mobile phone and ipod, harassment via facebook (whilst at school), recording of aggressive behaviour and the uploading of inappropriate images to Youtube. Staff have also raised a number of concerns regarding students inappropriate use of mobile phones in the classroom, at sport and on excursions. Inappropriate and excessive use of mobile phones whilst at school was also raised as an issue by parents at a recent P&C meeting. In response I am undertaking a review of the current policy and associated procedures. Students have been informed of the review, staff have been consulted and asked to propose amendments to the current policy and parents will be consulted via P&C and the proposed policy being available on the school website for comment. I anticipate amendments or changes to the current policy to be ready for implementation in 2012.

Year 6 students and parents this morning had the opportunity to order and pay for uniforms for 2012. Year 10 students and parents will be able to try on, order and pay for senior uniforms 2012 each morning next week in the foyer of the school hall. Parents from the P&C uniform committee will be available each morning next week with uniform order sheets and uniform samples. Payment can be made at the front office at the time of order or on receipt of the order early 2012.

Our next and last newsletter for the year will be Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**Belinda Wall**  
Principal

## 2011 National Young Leaders Day



On the 18th November, Captain Melissa Smillie and Vice Captain, Chrystal Phillips, attended the 2011 National Young Leaders Day. The day revolved around four inspirational speakers: Mike Martin, an officer from the Australian Army; Jessica Watson, the young Australian girl who sailed around the world; Avril Henry, who introduced the paid maternity leave in the 1990's and Delta Goodrem, famous cancer surviving singer-songwriter. All

gave inspirational speeches and provided a crowd of 2000 kids from all over NSW with motivation to succeed in leadership in the future.

## Vaccinations

Each year NSW Public Health Units offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school-based program.

In 2012 the following vaccines will be offered:

- Hepatitis B will be offered in a catch-up program for all Year 7 students who have not already been vaccinated with 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine when they were a baby/younger child.
- Varicella (chickenpox) vaccines will be offered in a catch-up program for all Year 7 students who have not already been vaccinated or had chickenpox disease.
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine will be offered to Year 7 girls as a 3-dose course.
- Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (Whooping Cough) will be offered to all Year 7 and Year 10 students.

*Mrs Sim—Coordinator*

## 8SB Science Exploration



On Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, our science class 8SB went to Woonona Rock Platform, to explore the biotic and abiotic species that inhabit the area.

When we arrived, we were given a Rock Platform Booklet and Ms Tomlinson and Mrs So explained where and what to keep an eye out for. We were given our buckets, thermometers and pH indication card for each group. Our class was in great luck as it was low tide when we arrived.

Within the first 15 minutes a group of girls, Teya Storm, Emma Maslowski and Jazmin Tweddle O'Donnell found an octopus. The class soon gathered around excitedly to see the octopus.

While on our excursion we tested pH levels of our certain areas, recorded the creatures that we found and specified what zone we were in. We had to identify every creature or sea grass that we found.

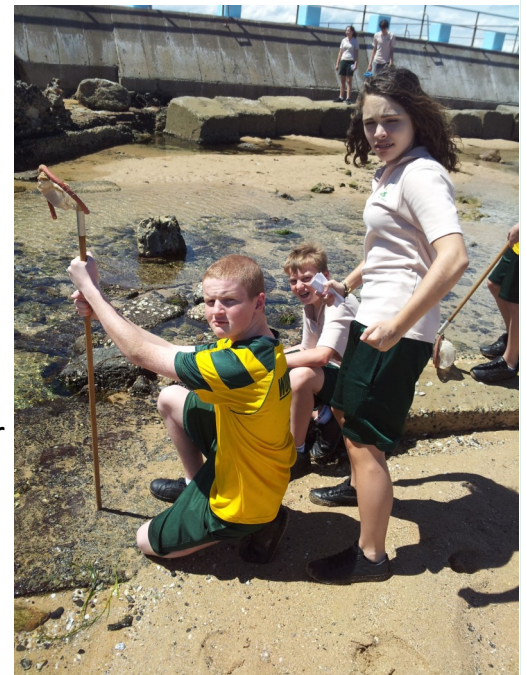
As groups started to move around into other zones many different creatures were found. Kane McRae was successful in catching two crabs, both from the side of the pools and then releasing them later on.



We were dismissed at 2:30pm, and all the people who stayed at the pool made sure that they used it!

There were many smiles and lots of laughter throughout our day. We would like to say thanks to Mrs So, Ms Tomlinson and to all other teachers that made our day possible. Also to Ms Tomlinson we wish you all the best for your teaching career, we thank you for creating great memories with us!

*Written by Eryn Te Pairi-Pratt and Hannah Rathbone (8SB)*



## Congratulations

Our very talented student, Cassie Lieschke, is among the state's top young high jumpers, recently breaking a 29-year-old record to win the Zone title. Last year, Cassie won the Zone, Area and NSW 15 years high jump titles. Cassie travelled to Canada in July and won every competition.

More recently, she defended both her Zone and Area titles by winning the NSW Combined High School title as a 16-year-old. Next for this impressive athlete, is NSW representative for the Australian All Schools Championships in Brisbane.

We wish Cassie all the best for her future success.



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## Woonona High School Cookbook Fundraiser

It has taken all year and many hours of work, but Woonona High is proud to announce that **Come Dine With Us**, the schools cookbook, is in print! This recipe book, professionally bound, in colour, contains recipes from students, celebrities, sports stars, chefs, personalities, local businesses, and even the Prime Minister. For a one off, introductory price, if you pre-order before the 15th December, the cookbook is only \$15. Great as a gift, or to keep for yourself—it is full of tips, famous dishes, and quick meals for the whole family. After the 15th, the cookbooks will retail at \$19.95. To order, fill out the attached form and hand in to the Front Office, or access the School's Website and download an order form there. Payment can be by cash, cheque, or credit card.

Orders will also be taken by Mr de Main and Mr Lewis.

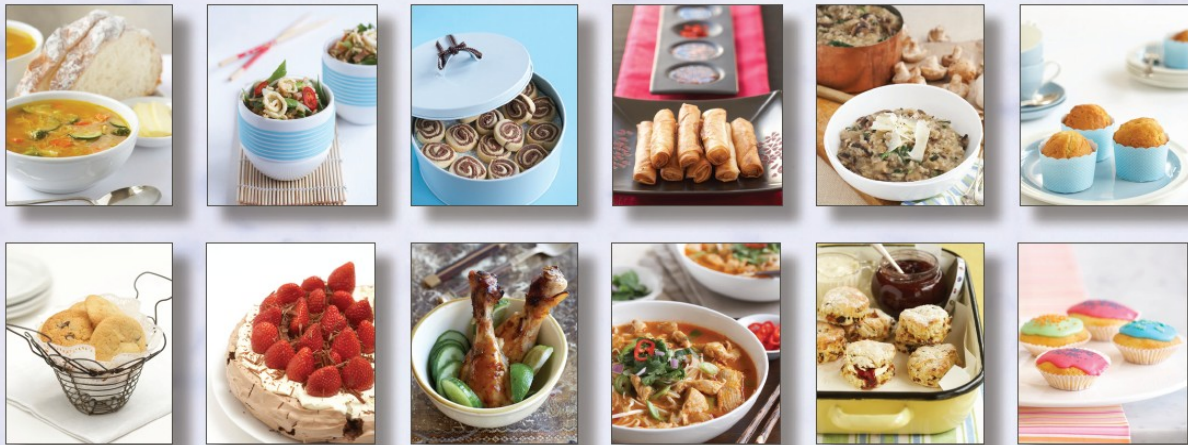
Purchase one now, as there is only a limited number being printed, and help raise much needed money for the school.

Thank you.

***Mr de Main***



# pre-order form



Woonona High School's wonderful cookbook will soon be available.

Please support our school by ordering a copy, or two!

Total number of cookbooks required: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each (special pre order price)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (please circle) cash/cheque/ credit

Credit card number

Expiry date   /   Visa  Mastercard

Cheques payable to: Woonona High School

Orders available from:  
 Michael de Main  
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 E:michael.demain@det.nsw.edu.au  
 or available at the school office.



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# Community News



## Monoxide's Half High Circus January Holiday Program 2012

Looking for something to do these holidays? Come to Circus Monoxide where we have something for everyone! If you just want to have a taste of circus then come to our amazing jam-packed days of silly games and circus skills such as aerials, tumbling, object manipulation and more. Loads of fun! For all those kids who want to fly high this summer we are running aerial intensives. And then there's our big, ginormous five day summer program for kids who just can't get enough of circus! For mums and dads we have adult aerials, the ultimate way to get super-fit. Call 4285 0066 to find out more or make a booking. Classes start at \$70.

The Outreach Unit at TAFE NSW Wollongong Campus will be conducting courses for people who want to develop skills for employment or further study. Courses include those specifically for women and cover vocational skills in the Office and Computing, Café Operations and Painting and Decorating areas. These courses have no TAFE Administration fee. Courses commence February 2012. Please contact Jennie on 4229 0149.



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