

WHAT'S ON IN COMING WEEKS

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 19 Year 11 Exams
- Tue 20 P&C Meeting—7.30pm
Year 11 Exams
TAFE Tasters
Yr 10 PASS Assessment
Task—Pd 3
- Wed 21 Year 11 Exams
- Thu 22 Year 11 Exams
TAFE Tasters
Yr 8 Oceanography
Excursion
- Fri 23 Year 12 Graduation
Assembly—10.30am to
12 noon
Last day of Term 3

TERM 4

OCTOBER

- Mon 10 First day of Term 4—all
students
- Wed 12 Yr 10 Exams
- Thu 13 Yr 10 Exams
Yr 9 IST Excursion
- Fri 14 Yr 10 Exams
Catholic Scripture Pd 3-4

CANTEEN HELPERS THIS WEEK

- Mon 19 M Elphick
Tue 20 HELP NEEDED
Wed 21 J Eardley
Thu 22 C Simpson
Fri 23 J McKeowen

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PURSUING EXCELLENCE

WEEKLY ENEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 10 19 SEPTEMBER 2011

Principal's Report

This week has been another busy week at Woonona High with students engaged in activities here at school and outside of school.

Year 12 students have now entered their last week of scheduled classes at Woonona High. Mr Laidler has coordinated a fun, celebration day next Wednesday 21st September at Jamberoo Recreation Park for all Year 12 students. The week will culminate in a Graduation ceremony next Friday morning 23rd September at 10.30am. Students will receive a timetable of additional HSC preparation and study sessions that will be held throughout Week 1 Term 4. I would encourage all students to take this opportunity to participate in the study sessions as it will maximise their preparation in terms of focus, streamlining their study schedule and allowing them to seek that final clarification or reassurance.

As a new Principal to the school I had the pleasure this week of receiving positive feedback regarding the behaviour and conduct of our students from members of the public on three separate occasions. Students attending Woonona Bulli Gym for sport on Wednesday afternoon were the recipients of glowing praise from the instructors of the gym and Year 10 students attending an excursion on Thursday were congratulated on their politeness and positive interaction with one another by a group of elderly people with whom they were sharing a lunch space. Students who represented WHS at state athletics not only achieved an impressive 9th place overall they were recognised by teachers from other schools for their encouragement and support of one another and their exemplary behaviour.

Additionally, I received an email from a Year 12 student's parents thanking the school for the support, encouragement and opportunities provided to their daughter throughout her time here at WHS.

Woonona, Fairy Meadow, Tarrawanna and Waniora Year 6 primary school students had a fantastic day yesterday, enthusiastically engaged in a number of high school taster classes. Teachers of each of the classes were most impressed with our young visitors and again delighted with the enthusiasm and positive role modelling of our older students who acted as class assistants for the day.

Congratulations to all students involved in these activities. Our young people are and always will be our greatest ambassadors.

A reminder that we will be holding our September P&C meeting next Tuesday evening in the common room at 7.30pm. This is a great opportunity for parents to find out what is happening at WHS, contribute to what is happening and meet other parents. I look forward to meeting new parents.

Ms Belinda Wall

Year 8 Report

All Year 8 students should now be aware of the electives they will be taking in 2012-13. We have endeavoured to give as many students as possible their first two choices.

I should like to acknowledge Tyler Jordan, in Year 8, who sacrificed his locks for The Shave for a Cure Initiative which took place at the school on Monday 13th September.

The following students have recently been awarded merits.

Green Merit: Jack Sandona, Maisan Guerin

Year Advisor Merit / Bronze: Luke Dawson, James Overton, Brenna Petrolo, Hayley Fisher, Emily Doronzo, Elleigh Price, Lauren Harling, Cello Mahon, Tahlia Reynolds, Meg Taylor, Alyce Egbers, Teegan Baker, Keely Smart, Trent Cooksley

I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents that they are welcome to contact me at the school either by telephone or email, should they wish to discuss the welfare of their child or issues of a more sensitive nature.

My email details are: diana.epton@det.nsw.edu.au

Ms Epton
Year Adviser

Sport News

Athletics: Congratulations to all our athletes who competed at the State Championships at Homebush Olympic Park. All athletes displayed great sportsmanship whilst competing in this prestigious carnival. Special congratulations to Cassie Lieschke on her outstanding performance in the 16yrs girls high jump. Cassie is a talented high jumper who, at the Northern Zone Carnival at Beaton Park broke a 30 year old record. Last Friday, Cassie won the State event and was named the 16yrs NSW High Jump Champion. Cassie will next compete in the All Schools Carnival where the best private and public schools will be represented. We wish Cassie luck in her future high jump competitions.

Grade Teams

Congratulations to the winning teams in our Northern Zone grade competition. The winning teams were:

1. Junior Girls Indoor Soccer coached by Mr McDermott
2. Junior Dodgeball coached by Mr de Main
3. Years 10/11 Boys Soccer coached by Mr Landy

South Coast Trials

Students wishing to trial this term in boys cricket, girls cricket or open girls softball will need to Mrs Sim for details and forms relating to the trials.

Mrs Sim
Sports Organiser

NSW Premier's Volunteering Awards

VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK



NAME: Tannille Adams

YEAR: 9

ACTIVITY: Tannille participates in the school's Woonona Primary Infant Reading and IRT Aged Care program.



WHY I LIKE VOLUNTEERING? I like volunteering because it's a way to help other people when they need it. It is also a great thing to do because you are out in the community meeting new people.

Mrs Roddis

Student Volunteer Coordinator

Library



QR Codes



Recently you may have seen these codes on magazines, books and shop fronts or even outside restaurants. If not, you will soon, as this technology is set to take off in Australia within months. QR stands for Quick Response, and these square barcodes are a way of connecting the real world with the online world – of connecting users, with a minimum of clicks, to some type of information: a website, a text message, an SMS or a podcast.

We have recently been trialling QR codes in the Library with great success. QR codes were generated for new books to link with book trailers and author websites, giving students additional information about the books they were going to read. Students with a smartphone or iPod (4G) could simply scan the barcode, using a QR code reader downloaded for free from their App store, to access this information. QR Codes are now a permanent feature of our library and will be seen on many of our new books in the future.



TRY IT!

Mrs Roddis
Teacher - Librarian

Year 10 Survival Guide

Information for parents - Preparation for the English School Certificate

The English School Certificate consists of:

- 45 multiple choice questions (students can access multiple choice on line)
- Short answer (focus on **language techniques** and **how they create meaning**)
- Writing (focus on **text type, grammar, spelling and punctuation**)
- Writing (focus on **text type, grammar, spelling and punctuation, vocabulary and deconstruction of provided image or excerpt**)

1. Students need to access the board of studies website www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au and use the multiple choice on line, complete past School Certificate papers and read the marker's notes.
2. Students need to practise writing in all **text types**. The history of the School Certificate paper is as follows:
 - a. 2010 – Description/Feature Article
 - b. 2009 – Speech/Creative writing
 - c. 2008– Letter to the Editor/Creative writing

When practising writing, students either need to have a thesaurus and dictionary nearby or have www.dictionary.com or www.thesaurus.com open on their computers to assist them with spelling and vocabulary.

3. Wide reading is an effective way to increase student's **vocabulary**.
4. **Who says you can't study for English???**
 - Practise multiple choice on line – remember it's the BEST answer that is correct!
 - Complete past School Certificate papers and read the marker's notes on line OR show them to your teacher.
 - Revise language techniques and how they create meaning.
 - Revise text types
 - Increase your vocabulary by reading widely or using the dictionary and thesaurus.
 - Practise writing under time constraints.
 - Self edit for structure and grammar
 - Write Write Write!!!
5. **Final tips**
 - Keep an eye on the time during exams.
 - Multiple choice is the BEST answer (there may be two answers that are correct)
 - In your short answer look at how much each answer is worth and write accordingly!
 - Write on ALL lines provided. (That also means that you shouldn't write too much either!)
 - Show off what you CAN DO in the exam!!!
 - Spend two minutes planning your writing – it'll be worth it!!!
 - Focus on **language techniques, text types, spelling, punctuation, grammar and vocabulary**.

*Mr Cullen
Head Teacher English*

Community News

**Upcoming workshop:
18th and 20th October**

-Student Workshops

Employability Skills

For students Year 9-12

Limited to 36 students per venue plus parents

+ Parent information session

- **Wollongong**
The Novotel –Keira Room
Tuesday 18th October 2011
6:30–8:30pm
- **Shellharbour**
Shellharbour TAFE–Block F
Ground Floor Room 1
Thursday 20th October 2011
6:30–8:30pm

For Students:

Résumé writing
Interview techniques
Presentation skills
Coaching experience
Social networking

For Parents:

Connecting learning with jobs
Subjects that matter
Training opportunities
Employer perspectives

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Is Your Child in Year 10?

Would you like them to be involved in a mentoring role where they can develop their ability to communicate? Do you want your child to learn valuable leadership skills for life?

Woonona High School will be training students in the 'Peer support program' during a year 10 camp from the 30th of November to the 2nd of December. All students who attend will gain a recognised qualification and contribute positively to the school community.

For further information contact Mr. Bradley via email

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