

## WHAT'S ON IN COMING WEEKS

### SEPTEMBER

- Mon 12 Shave for a Cure
- Tue 13 10XPDM Excursion  
TAFE Tasters  
Yr 10 PASS Assessment  
Task—Pd 3  
HSC Music Prac Exam  
Yr 7 Zoo Excursion
- Wed 14 Yr 11 Study Day / Exams  
Yr 12 Chemistry Excur  
(Maritime Museum)
- Thu 15 Yr 11 Exams  
TAFE Tasters  
Primary School Sample  
Lessons  
Yr 10 Geography Excur  
U15s Girls Basketball
- Fri 16 Yr 11 Exams  
Yr 9 Commerce  
Excursion
- 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 Excur
- Fri 23 Year 11 Exams  
Year 12 Graduation  
Assembly—10.30am to  
12 noon

### CANTEEN HELPERS THIS WEEK

- Mon HELP NEEDED  
Tue J Hobbs  
Wed S Cotterill  
Thu J Hobbs / I Rasch  
Fri HELP NEEDED

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PURSUING EXCELLENCE

# WEEKLY ENEWSLETTER

TERM 3 WEEK 9 12 SEPTEMBER 2011

## Principal's Report

What a fantastic beginning to my Principalship of Woonona High School! I have received a very warm welcome from both staff and students, of which I am very appreciative.

I have had the opportunity to speak with a number of friendly, enthusiastic and inquisitive students in the playground each day this week. I look forward to meeting and talking with other members of the school community, particularly parents in the coming months.

Woonona High School has many proud traditions and this week I have been impressed with the depth and breadth of talent within our school community. HSC Music students shared their talents and gifts with us on Tuesday evening, 12 students are representing Woonona HS at State Athletics, 9 students today graduated with a Certificate 3 in Bricklaying and the whole school had the opportunity to listen to well prepared speeches from our prospective captains 2011 2012.

Additionally, this week classes across the school participated in fun, interactive moodle based Literacy and Numeracy activities in recognition of National Literacy and Numeracy week.

Our students would not have the opportunity to participate in each of the mentioned activities if not for the hard work and dedication of teaching staff, so thank you to all staff involved.

This week has clearly demonstrated that Woonona High School truly is representative of a great comprehensive public school of which we all should be very proud.

I am looking forward to the challenges and opportunities in leading Woonona High School and sharing our successes with all members of the school and wider community.

**Ms Belinda Wall**  
**Principal**

# Year 7 Report

Year 7 has had a very busy Term 3, and the pace will continue through to the end of the term. A great many students have received Achievement awards for their efforts during the first semester, which is great to see.

Week 9 sees the students visiting Taronga Zoo as part of their studies in Science, hopefully the weather holds out and they have a fantastic day.

During Term 4 the school will have a whole school assembly, which will be run by Year 7 and Year 8 SRC students. During this assembly our year group will be showing a short presentation, highlighting the various activities of the school camp. The exact date will be announced at a later date.

Although this term is coming to a close, students need to focus on their studies, and aim to improve upon their half yearly reports.

Please feel free to contact me via phone or through email.

**Paul Hancock**  
**Year Adviser**

## HSC Resources

With the HSC just around the corner I would like to remind senior students about the many HSC resources available in the library for borrowing. There are study guides on all subjects offered at Woonona High and also guides on how to study and write essays.

We have also added a new range of Board of Studies HSC Workbooks. Work through real exam questions from the 2010 exam paper. Use comments straight from the HSC markers and the guidelines set by the Board to help you. Compare your responses with real answers from top-scoring HSC students' answers.

Workbooks are available for:

- HSC Business Studies
- HSC English (Standard and Advanced) Paper 1
- HSC English (Advanced) Paper 2
- HSC English (Standard) Paper 2
- HSC General Mathematics
- HSC Mathematics
- HSC Physics



**Mrs Roddis – Teacher Librarian**

# NSW Premier's Volunteering Awards 2011

## VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

**NAME:** Samantha Eardley

**YEAR:** 9

**ACTIVITY:** Samantha recently completed 20 hours of volunteering through the Woonona Primary Infant's Reading program.

**WHY I LIKE VOLUNTEERING?** I gave volunteering a go because my friend told me how great this program was. I really liked helping out in our local community and would recommend it to everyone.



**Mrs Roddis - Student Volunteer Coordinator**

## WOOLWORTHS EARN and LEARN



Woolworths is giving away \$5 million worth of educational resources to Secondary schools right across Australia. The store will give customers 1 point for every \$10.00 they spend. Points will automatically appear on your shopping docket.

So if you shop at Woolworths we would very much appreciate your dockets as soon as possible as the program ends 18<sup>th</sup> September. Simply drop them off at the front office or Library in the specially marked boxes.



**Mrs Roddis**

# Community News

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

• **Wollongong**  
The Novotel - Keira Room  
Tuesday 18th October 2011  
6:30-8:30pm

**-Student Workshops**

• **Shellharbour**  
Shellharbour TAFE--Block F  
Ground Floor Room 1  
Thursday 20th October 2011  
6:30-8:30pm

## Employability Skills

For students Year 9-12

Limited to 36 students per venue plus parents

### 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

**+ Parent information session**

RSVP: Donna on 42857330 by 30 / 9 / 11  
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**North Wollongong Surf Club Registration days:  
Sunday - September 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
10am to 1pm at the Surf Club  
Proficiency Swim at the Uni pool from 1pm to 3pm  
on both days  
New members welcome**

Single tickets for South Coast Children's Festival shows and workshops are on sale now!

There are 12 hands-on, kids-only workshops and 3 fantastic shows that the whole family will enjoy: *Pirates*, *The Happiest Show on Earth*, and *I Wanna Be* plus loads more.

You can plan your Festival adventures RIGHT NOW! Download your copy of the program [here](#), choose which shows, workshops and activities you'll come along to and book your tickets [online](#) or call IPAC's box office on 4224 5999. Be sure to get in early so you don't miss out!

Bargain-hunters take note: the best value way to experience the Festival is with a [Festival Package](#)! Save money by purchasing a 3 or 5 show/workshop package. Read more [here](#).

## SOUTH COAST CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL 2011

Three days of fun, creative activities for families this October long weekend.

Single tickets for shows and workshops are ON SALE NOW!

**30 SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER**