

Woonona High School

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Welcome Back to Term 4

The Higher School Certificate is well under way and our Year 12 students are coping admirably with the challenge. We wish them all the very best in their examinations.

It certainly has been wonderful hearing of all of the students who have been successful in University of Wollongong Selective Entry and those who have gained cadetships, apprenticeships and traineeships. Congratulations to each of them.

On my return this term, a number of parents have contacted me to inform me of the wonderful graduation ceremony they attended at the end of last term. Congratulation to the staff who coordinated the event and most importantly congratulations to the Year 12 students who displayed maturity, responsibility and thoroughly enjoyed their last week as students at Woonona High School; they are a credit to themselves, their families and the school. Well done.

2013 Student Leaders

Successful leadership is not easily achieved. To guide a group of young people toward a positive outcome requires a great number of skills and personal attributes. I had the opportunity to meet with the incoming student leadership team this week—what an impressive group of young people! I was particularly impressed with their intellect, commitment and confidence. Student leadership bodes well at Woonona High School.

P&C Annual General Meeting

The next meeting of the P&C will be Tuesday 20th November; it will also be the AGM for 2012 with office bearers for 2013 elected. We currently have a very committed, hard working group of parents who make a genuine contribution to the direction and vision for Woonona High School. P&C participation provides all parents with the opportunity to actively engage in the school life of their children. I would like to extend an invitation to parents who may not have previously attended a P&C meeting to come along; the current P&C executive promise not to coerce you into an elected position!

The canteen helpers and P&C Christmas party is on Wednesday, November 14th. Year 11 Hospitality students will be catering for the event. If you would like to attend please contact the front office.

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Uniform 2013

A reminder that all year groups will be in the new school uniform in 2013. The uniform shop is now open on Thursday and Friday mornings from 8am until 9.30am. Students can try on uniforms, place and collect orders. It is pleasing to see so many students proudly wearing their new school uniform.

Ms Belinda Wall
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date Event

Oct 2—Nov 8	HSC Examinations
Oct 25	10PDH.B Mini Olympics
	Video Editing Workshop at Powerhouse Museum
Oct 29	Yr 11 RYDA at Croom Rd Sporting Complex
Oct 30	Yr 11 Engineering Studies Excursion to Wollongong
Nov 2	Elevate Leadership Day for School Captains
Nov 5-9	Yr11 Construction Work Placement
Nov 12-16	Yr11 Metal & Engineering Work Placement
Nov 13-14	ESSA Tests
Nov 19-23	Yr10 Work Experience
Nov 26-Dec 7	Library Closed—Stocktake
Dec 5	Yr7 2013 Orientation Day—9.30am
Dec 13	Presentation Evening Yr7-11—7pm
Dec 19	Last Day of school 2012 - for students
Dec 20-21	Staff Development Days

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Gold and Bronze—A Great All Round Effort at CHS Athletics 2012

Congratulations to the following students who represented themselves and their school with distinction at the 2012 State Athletics Championships.

Students who medaled were:



Molly Dugan

1st

16 years Javelin (37.63 m)



**Jay Archer, Wilson Owen,
Conor Johnson, Joseph Ovington**

3rd

12 yrs Boys 4 x 100m Relay

Uniform Shop - Term 4 Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop now has an email address. To contact Renae or Jackie for any enquiries regarding uniform orders please email them at woonahs.uniforms@gmail.com.

The Uniform Shop is now open each Thursday & Friday from 8.00am—9.30am.

Other results:

Mason Hill	5th	12 yrs Boys Shot Put
Cooper Rostirolla	5th	13 yrs Boys Hurdles
Damian Rice, Brendon Hill, Daniel Baldwin, Shannon Harris-Cross	5th	17+ Boys 4 x 100m Relay
Ben Brien	9th 10th	15yrs Boys Shot Put 15yrs Boys Discus
Damian Rice	13th	17yrs+ Boys Javelin
Jay Archer	15th	12yrs Boys 800m
Tara Bain	PB	Heats of 17yrs+ Girls

Congratulations also to our past student **Cassie Lieschke** who placed **2nd** in the **17yrs+ Girls High Jump**.

The significant results at State level by our students are directly attributable to a number of factors:

- The support shown by parents and broader family members was very evident this year.
- Most students prepared comprehensively and took part in the training provided at school by Mr. Ron Thompson.
- The school would like to again thank the family, (who wish to remain anonymous), for their generous donation of \$500 towards our Athletics Training program. This donation allowed an expansion of our training program.
- Staff allowing students time out from class to train.
- Students being willing to make up for lost class time in their own time

This year's effort had a special new energy surrounding it.

Thank you and congratulations to all who played a role. Let's build on this great 2012 foundation next year.

Rod Landy
Team Manager

Career News

Good luck to our Year 12 students as they sit their Higher School Certificate exams.

University of Wollongong Selective Entry

Congratulations to our nine successful UOW Selective Entry applicants. This is a very significant achievement that shows that they have maintained a very high standard of learning throughout their Preliminary HSC and Year 12.

The successful students are:

Kody Baker	Madison Dunn
Taylah Egbers	Abby Lewis
Angus Newman-Malone	Emily Osborne
Brodie Petrolo	Chrystal Phillips
Morgan Salisbury	

One student missed Selective Entry by only the skin of their teeth and that student will be a committed and conscientious scholar regardless of this outcome.

A word of caution; please do not remove your foot from the accelerator in your exam preparations as Selective Entry offers can be revoked.

Important Date:

UOW Options Day 3rd January – 9:00 – 2:00pm

This is a very helpful day for students who must finalise their degree preferences by 4 January. They will have the opportunity to speak to academic advisers about what programs may suit them. This is particularly relevant for students who receive a higher or lower ATAR than expected as they may want to reconsider their options and change their preferences. Computers will be available to amend UAC applications. Students do not need to register for this event.

TAFE News

Tafe Illawarra has promised that 2013 course offerings will be on their website by next week. TAFE can be contacted for career and course advice by calling:

4229 0535—Wollongong
4222 2855—Wollongong West
4262 9913—Yallah

All other TAFE campuses also offer this service and the Careers Office can provide you with their phone numbers.

Important Dates

Pre Enrolment sessions for TAFE

All potential 2013 TAFE students should attend

Wollongong & Wollongong West
(at Wollongong Campus) Saturday 10 November 9am-12 noon

Dapto - Tuesday 13 November 4-7pm

Yallah - Tuesday 13 November 4-7pm

Shellharbour Wednesday 14 November 1-3 and 5-7 pm

Please contact the Careers Office for information regarding other campuses.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience is coming up during week seven **19-23 November**. Students have been provided with blank copies of *Student Placement Records* that have sections for parents, students and employers to complete before they are returned to the Careers Office. This should be completed by 1 November (before the year ten camp). There is significant administrative work to be completed after these are received.

Students are responsible for finding their own Work Experience employer; however, any students having difficulty may seek assistance from the Careers Office.

Congratulations

Brodie Petrolo has earned a Cadetship with Bluescope Steel. Brodie has had a stellar high school career and this is a tremendous result.

Please watch this space for more good news as students achieve their career goals.

Mr Chamberlain—Careers Adviser

Chaplain's Corner

Welcome back to school for Term 4! I hope everyone had a relaxing time over the holidays, and enjoyed some of the beautiful weather. I am looking forward to getting into Term 4, running programs, spending time with staff and students, and running the Brekky Club.



Any students, staff or families are welcome to make an appointment to see me during school time. Students may see me during class, pending approval from their class teacher; or can chat with me on the playground at recess and lunch Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. I am here to help students explore their spirituality; provide guidance on values and ethical matters; help the school counsellors and staff in offering welfare services and support; and help students find better ways to deal with issues ranging from family breakdown and loneliness to drug abuse, stress and anxiety.

All the best for Term 4, looking forward to some great conversations and fun times!

Rowan Keyzer
School Chaplain

Brekky Club kicks off again in Term 4: Free breakfasts on Thursday mornings 7:30am-8:25am in the Canteen.

Valued supporters:



Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

I would like to thank all those parents who sent in sticker cards for the Woolworth's Earn and Learn program last term. We earned 17760 points for the school which equated to approximately \$1450 worth of resources.



Mrs Roddis
Earn and Learn Coordinator

CANTEEN HELPERS

Mon 22	Help Needed
Tue 23	Kerrie Austin
Wed 24	Help Needed
Thu 25	Janelle Te Pairi
Fri 26	Julie McKeowen
Mon 29	Anna Rindlisbacher
Tue 30	Sue Boyle
Wed 31	Help Needed
Thu 1	Help Needed
Fri 2	Maryann Head

Celebrate Attendance

Hints and Tips No. 5: Tips for Parents



Going to school is important. It makes learning easier for your child and helps build and maintain friendships with other children.

- Keep your child home only when they are sick.
- Advise the school of any absence.
- See doctors and dentists after school times.

Friends are important.

- Show an interest in your child's friends
- Invite friends to come and play
- Encourage your child to play with other children.

Helping your child have a happy day at school is important for you and your child.

If you are having difficulties in getting your child to school you should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the problem and ask for help.

The principal may ask a Home School Liaison Officer to contact you for further assistance and advice.



Missing school leaves gaps in your education

Need some log book hours? An opportunity exists for learner drivers and their supervising drivers to experience a range of driving conditions including multi lane roads, traffic lights, roundabouts, Police RBT and Driver Reviver fatigue stop.

A Learner Log Book Run will be held on Sunday 04 November 2012 between 9:30 am and 12:00 mid day. Learners must have a minimum of 40 hours driving experience.

The Log Book Run will start and finish at the Bulli PCYC.

Bookings are essential - please call Jack Harrison on 4227-7261.

Community Noticeboard

citylife COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

ADHD SUPPORT GROUP

Growing up with ADHD
Several speakers

WHEN: 24th October 7pm

WHERE: Citylife Church
2/129 Jardine St (west end)
Fairy Meadow 2519

Information: 0242844414
0434783710 (Cathy)
0413048453 (Jill)

Gold coin donations appreciated.

**You're invited to help
us celebrate
60 YEARS OF**

**Tarrawanna
Public School**


STRIVE TO ACHIEVE

Saturday, 27th October, 2012
Kendall Street, Tarrawanna
11:00am – Celebration Assembly
Followed by a BBQ lunch, photo and
Korean displays, games and more!!

**Drop in any time throughout
the day to help us celebrate!**
(12.50pm – Tae Kwon Do Demonstration)

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WOULD YOU LIKE \$500 TO SPEND ON EDUCATION COSTS?



☒ **Saver Plus will cover expenses such as:**

- text books
- stationery
- equipment for subject activities such as sport, art, music
- subject costs
- computer accessories (e.g. software, monitor, printer or other hardware)
- internet connection costs
- computer, including laptop, netbook, tablet or second-hand computer
- furniture for studying (e.g. desk, chair, book shelves, desk lamp)
- equipment or fees community activities such as sport, music, dance, art, photography or other hobbies
- tutor, subject extensions or summer classes
- TAFE/VET fees
- equipment needed for vocational training

To be eligible, you or your partner or a parent must:

- ☐ Have a current Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- ☐ Be at least 18 years old
- ☐ Be in study or returning to study yourself, or have a child or partner studying
- ☐ Have income coming into the household (wage or cash in hand)

Contact: Saver Plus Coordinator, Lindi Jamieson-Brown toll free on 1300 610 355 or lindi.jamieson-brown@thesmithfamily.com.au

Come join Thirroul Amateur Swimming Club

Want to have fun, make new friends and hang out at the pool on a Friday evening?

Do you want to beat your personal best time each week all the way to the school swimming carnivals?

Registration from 6.00 pm on Friday 2nd Nov 2012 at Thirroul Pool.

All Swimmers catered for.

Children can start at 25metres and go to longer distances as they progress.

New and old swimmers welcome.


Mums and dads very welcome to have a go – the kids will love it!

Swim season starts Friday 2nd Nov 2012 at 7pm.
Check details at www.thirroul.org



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**AND HELP US BUILD A
BIGGER AND BETTER
CLUBHOUSE**



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