

# Woonona High School

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### Year 5 Sample Lesson Day

Last Monday, 120 Year 5 students from Woonona PS, Woonona East PS and Russell Vale PS spent the day in classrooms at Woonona HS. During the day, students made cupcakes in Hospitality, necklaces in Metal and Jewellery, parallelograms in Mathematics, sherbet in Science and spent the afternoon playing a variety of sports.

It was a terrific day and all students certainly appeared to enjoy themselves. This was our last Community of Schools activity for the year but much more is planned for 2013. Photos in our next issue.

### School Spectacular

On Friday evening, I had the pleasure of attending the 2013 School's Spectacular at Sydney Entertainment Centre, it truly was a spectacular event. Four Woonona HS circus skills students were invited to participate

To be part of the 3,500 extremely talented singers, dancers, musicians and performers who participated was a wonderful experience for our students. Many thanks to Mr McDermott who spent many hours rehearsing and supervising the students and congratulations to our students for their commitment, dedication and outstanding performance on the silks.



(left to right) Chloe Apps, Amy Bradbury, Brooke Farrow and Emma Maslowski

### SIPS Showcase

On Tuesday evening, 7P showcased the Student Investigation Projects (SIPS) they have been working on for the last term. Students went to great lengths to convey and demonstrate the depth of their investigations from dressing in character, having an active volcano to powerpoint presentations, surveys, competitions, colourful information and pictures. Students impressed the enthusiastic audience with their public speaking skills and the depth and range of collaborative research which they had obviously engaged in. Congratulations to Ms Susan Reynolds, Mr Wayne McBride and Mr Andrew Laidler for their mentoring, guidance and encouragement of 7P students and their SIPS.



## Movember at Woonona HS



Today was the final day of fundraising for Movember. A lunchtime BBQ was held for students who were able to purchase food, drinks and a variety of mous. Ms Movember, Ms Dawn Epton raised the most funds as a MoSista and Mr Paul Hancock was awarded Mr Movember for his enthusiastic and unusual approach to raising awareness of men's health issues. Mr Tim Wilson and Dimitri Tolias Year 11 (*pictured left*), received popular vote MoBro awards at this week's Tuesday morning assembly.

A huge thank you to Mr Lance Kemp (*pictured right*), for initiating, advertising and raising awareness of Movember and bringing a sense of fun to fundraising for such an important community issue. We look forward to this being an annual feature each November at Woonona HS.



## Orientation Day

Next Wednesday, we will be hosting our 2012 orientation morning for incoming 2013 Year 7 students. All parents of incoming students will have received information about the morning, if not please contact the front office on 4284 1513 for details.

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

## CANTEEN HELPERS

|               |                                   |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Mon 3</b>  | <b>Wayne Regan</b>                |
| <b>Tue 4</b>  | <b>Jackie Overton/Lyn Wallace</b> |
| <b>Wed 5</b>  | <b>Chris Core</b>                 |
| <b>Thu 6</b>  | <b>Help Needed</b>                |
| <b>Fri 7</b>  | <b>Maryann Head</b>               |
| <b>Mon 10</b> | <b>Help Needed</b>                |
| <b>Tue 11</b> | <b>Help Needed</b>                |

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Date Event

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| Dec 3     | English WRAP Assessment Task                             |
| Dec 3—7   | Library Stocktake  |
| Dec 4     | HSC 2013 Information Evening—7:00pm                      |
| Dec 5     | Yr 7 2013 Orientation Day—9.30am                         |
| Dec 6     | Community of Schools Showcase in school hall, 5.00-600pm |
| Dec 7     | Yr 9 Commerce excursion                                  |
| Dec 10    | Yr 11 Legal Studies excursion to Jewish Museum           |
| Dec 11    | Variety Night, 7.00pm in school hall                     |
| Dec 12    | HSC Maths Ext 1 Assessment Task                          |
| Dec 13    | Yrs 7-10 Yearly Reports issued to students               |
| Dec 14    | Yr 11 Chemistry excursion to ANSTO                       |
| Dec 15    | Presentation Evening Yr 7-11—7.00pm                      |
| Dec 16    | HSC Maths Assessment Task                                |
| Dec 17-19 | HSC Maths Ext 2 & English Ext 2 Assessment Tasks         |
| Dec 19    | Activities Week  |
| Dec 20    | Legally Blonde excursion                                 |
| Dec 21    | Last Day of school 2012 - for students                   |
|           | Staff Development Days                                   |



Woonona High School staff supporting Movember (*pictured left to right*) Ms Epton, Mr Hancock, Mr Mucci, Mr Kemp, Mrs Sim, Mr Wilson, Mr Whitcher, Mr Cowan and Mr Cullen

## Thomas Stumps Gilly

Thomas O'Brien stood up to the stumps, ready to whip the bails off if Sir Vivien Richards offspin beat the at of Adam Gilchrist. In slips, Carl Hooper was ready for any edge and Brian Lara lurked at third man.



*Thomas O'Brien climbs high*

Our school captain and state under 17 wicket keeper was the only high school student selected to play in the charity Twenty 20 match at the University of Wollongong Oval last Sunday.



*Sir Vivien Richards let's one rip*

Initial nerves quickly settled as Thomas' deliveries from recent Black Cap International, Darryl Tuffy and ex-England One-Day Captain, Adam Hollioake thudded into his gloves.

"It was an unbelievable experience" Thomas said. "To play with Brian Lara, who holds the world record test score of 400 was amazing".

From the grandstands, Thomas looked at ease when "the master blaster" (Sir Vivien) put his arm around him and consulted about the field setting.



*Sir Vivien Richards, Brian Lara and Thomas O'Brien*

Congratulations to Thomas on his selection, demeanour and the example he set. Maybe the green and gold outfit he and his team wore are a portent of things to come.

**Mr Cullen  
(Cricket Tragic)**

## Reports & Monitoring

Years 7 to 10 will be issued with their reports on Tuesday 11 or Wednesday 12 December. If you have any questions in relation to your child's report, please contact the relevant Year Adviser.

Monitoring for Years 7 to 10 will not occur this week as they will be receiving their reports. Year 11 monitoring will go ahead as normal and students will receive this information in the next week.

Many thanks to all parents who have returned the reply slips when letters have been sent home. We appreciate all your feedback.

**Mrs Pickering**

## 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](mailto:woonahs.uniforms@gmail.com).

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

Please place your orders for next year as soon as possible as the turnaround can take up to six weeks. Thank you.

# Woonona High School Uniform 2013

Woonona High School is a uniform wearing school. A new school uniform was introduced into Year 7 and Year 11 in 2012. It is expected that the remainder of the school will be wearing the new uniform in 2013.

The new uniform was an initiative of the school's P&C and was introduced following extensive consultation with staff, students and the parent community. Parent volunteers now coordinate the purchase and sale of the uniform through the newly purpose built uniform shop.

Woonona High School uniform can only be purchased via the school uniform shop. The uniform shop stocks all uniform requirements with the exception of socks and shoes.

Our promotion of full uniform compliance is based on the following beliefs;

- All students are equal
- Safety is heightened
- We have pride in ourselves and our school

***It is expected that all students will be in full school uniform every day.***

Students may wear full sports uniform on Wednesday, sports day or swimming carnival and athletics carnival days.

On days when students have PE, they are to wear full school uniform to school and bring their sports uniform to change into for their PE lesson. Students are NOT to wear sports uniform shorts on any other day.

Accessories (scarves, hats) are expected to compliment the school uniform colour: bottle green. Make up and jewellery is to be minimal and ear piercings are to be a small hoop or stud only. Facial piercing is to be a clear plastic stud.

## JUNIOR UNIFORM GIRLS

School tartan box pleat skirt  
Bottle green WHS embroidered shorts  
White junior blouse  
Bottle green WHS embroidered trousers  
Black stockings in winter

## SENIOR UNIFORM GIRLS

School tartan box pleat skirt  
Grey WHS embroidered shorts  
White senior blouse  
Grey WHS embroidered trousers  
Black stockings in winter

## JUNIOR UNIFORM BOYS

Grey WHS embroidered shorts  
Grey WHS embroidered long trousers  
Green shirt with school crest

## SENIOR UNIFORM BOYS

Grey WHS embroidered shorts  
Grey WHS embroidered long trousers  
White shirt with school crest

## JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Bottle green fleece jumper with school crest  
Bottle green zip jacket with school crest  
Wool school jumper with school crest  
Black leather shoes & white socks

## SENIOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Bottle green fleece jumper with school crest  
Bottle green zip jacket with school crest  
Wool school jumper with school crest  
Black leather shoes & white socks

## BOYS AND GIRLS SPORTS UNIFORM

WHS embroidered green and gold polo shirt  
Bottle green WOONONA embroidered sports shorts

## School Shoes

It is a work health and safety requirement that all students wear black leather fully enclosed shoes. Samples of appropriate footwear include:



Students are NOT to wear slip on or lace up canvas shoes, shoes are required to be fully enclosed and leather. Socks for both girls and boys are white.

## Student Volunteers

As part of the Stage 5 Food Technology course, students work in the canteen one full day a couple of times throughout the year. This is excellent experience for the students and allows them to gain valuable hands on experience of the food industry even on a small scale. This is a chance for students to put classroom theory into practice. Students work alongside canteen staff and volunteers preparing food for service.

The students this year need to be commended for their enthusiasm and cooperation at times filling in at short notice when others are away. The canteen staff has been very impressed with the student's behaviour, commitment and work ethic. A job well done.

### Ms Chambers

## Host families required for March 2013 Japanese school visit

During March 2013, Woonona High School will be hosting a group of Year 9 students from Furukawa Reimei Junior High in Japan. We are seeking expressions of interest from families willing to host one or two of these students during this 8 day exchange from Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March to Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March inclusive. Families will be paid approximately \$240 (tax free) to cover any expenses incurred. Families may indicate a preference for either to host a male or female student.

To host a student the family must commit to:

- Pick up student from Woonona High School on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March (time to be advised but anticipated to be late morning)
- Drop off student to Woonona High School on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March (time to be advised but anticipated to be early morning)
- Provide 3 meals / day (some day's lunch will be provided by Woonona High School)
- Provide suitable sleeping accommodation (bedroom maybe shared for same sex, separate room required for opposite sex)
- Include the student(s) wherever possible in normal family activities (particularly on the first Sunday).

Past experience has shown hosting overseas students to be a fun and exciting experience for all family members. Many former host families stay in touch with their students and remain "Facebook Friends".

To confirm your interest or to obtain more detailed information, please contact Peter Lewis, Head Teacher TAS on 4284 1513.

## Canteen Volunteers and P&C

### Christmas Dinner

On Wednesday, 14th November, Year 11 Hospitality students catered a Christmas Dinner for 25 volunteers from the Canteen and P&C. Guests were treated to a 4 course dinner prepared and presented by the students. The menu consisted of:

#### FINGER FOOD

*Proscuitto Wrapped Summer Peaches  
Candied Tomatoes on Basil  
Mushroom and Haloumi Bruschetta*

#### ENTRÉE

*Beetroot Salad with Goats Cheese and Balsamic Dressing  
Chilli Garlic Prawns with Mango Salad*

#### MAIN

*Maple Glazed Ham  
Spinach and Feta Filed BBQ Chicken Rolls  
Smashed Chat Potato with Rock Salt and Rosemary  
Pumpkin and Bean Salad with Feta  
Cucumber and Tomato Salad with Lemon Dressing  
Rocket and Parmesan Salad*

#### DESSERT

*Individual Christmas Pudding  
Upside Down Passionfruit Cheesecake  
Warm Chocolate Cakes with Raspberry Coulis*

Students were very proud of their participation. Bianca Caldana took on the role of Head Waiter, ensuring that guests were never thirsty and their table always clean. Alizah Grover was Head Chef for the evening, a difficult job as it meant organising the timing, presentation and perfection of all dishes. Both students ensured that the night was successful. All students involved took on their roles with great passion and dedication, despite having a late evening. As their Hospitality teacher, I am very proud of the work they undertook and the students' professionalism. Congratulations everyone for a great evening.

### Mr de Main

## Book Packs

In 2013, Years 8 & 9 will be able to purchase Book Packs. It is a slightly different pack which is available for Year 7.

Included in the pack: Music book, Visual Arts diary, Maths grid book, Maths set, 4 x 128p exercise books, 2 x 198p exercise books, pens, pencils, coloured pencils, ruler, glue stick, sharpener.

We anticipate the cost of the book pack will be approximately \$35.00.

## End of Year Activities

Our school will run "End of Year Activities" on Monday 17 December to Wednesday 19 December. Students will choose the activities they would like to do on these three days. Some activities will require travel, some cost and some will require water equipment. Parents could discuss the activities with their children so they choose wisely. Below is a list of the activities being offered. The students will choose by early next week.

Mrs Sim

| <i>Monday 17 December</i>   | <i>Tuesday 18 December</i>  | <i>Wednesday 19 December</i>  |
|---|---|---|
| Learn to Surf—Southern beaches<br>Cost: \$20 plus bus fare<br>(approx. \$30 total)    | 20 x 20 Cricket<br>Dalton Park<br>Cost: train fare                    | "Legally Blonde" - musical<br>Cost: \$60  |
| Fishing—Lake Illawarra<br>Cost: \$10—\$15 includes transport and bait                 | Fishing—Lake Illawarra<br>Cost: \$10—\$15 includes transport and bait | Surf Competition<br>Woonona Beach<br>Cost: Nil  |
| Bush Walking / Beach Games<br>Shellharbour Area<br>Cost: approx. \$15                 | Jamberoo Action Park<br>Cost: \$38 (bus & entry included)             | Film Appreciation<br>Wollongong Mall<br>Cost: \$13 plus lunch                         |
| Ten Pin Bowling<br>Northern Bowls<br>Cost: \$8  | Bicycle Maintenance<br>at Woonona High School<br>Cost: Nil            | Fishing<br>Woonona Beach<br>Cost: \$2 for bait  |
| Xmas Cards & Present Making<br>at Woonona High School<br>Cost: \$4                    | Xmas Cards & Present Making<br>at Woonona High School<br>Cost: \$4    | Scrapbooking<br>at Woonona High School<br>Cost: approx. \$10                          |
| Models/Puzzles/Guitar lessons/<br>Xmas Cooking<br>at Woonona High School<br>Cost: \$4 | Walking in Sydney<br>(near harbour bridge)<br>Cost: approx. \$10      | Circus Skills<br>at Woonona High School<br>Cost: \$4                                  |
| Computer Games/Competitions<br>at Woonona High School<br>Cost: \$2                    | Fishing<br>Woonona Beach<br>Cost: \$2 for bait                        | Computer Games/Competitions<br>at Woonona High School<br>Cost: \$2                    |
| Surf Survival/Life Saving<br>Woonona Beach<br>Cost: Nil                               | Card Games<br>at Woonona High School<br>Cost: \$1                     | Card Games<br>at Woonona High School<br>Cost: \$1                                     |
| Cycling<br>Cycleway<br>Cost: Nil  | Music Video Workshop<br>Powerhouse Museum Sydney<br>Cost: \$15—\$30   | Ten Pin Bowling<br>Northern Bowls<br>Cost: \$8  |
| Circus Skills<br>at Woonona High School<br>Cost: \$4                                  | Film Appreciation<br>Wollongong Mall<br>Cost: \$13 plus lunch         | Models/Puzzles/Guitar lessons/<br>Xmas Cooking<br>at Woonona High School<br>Cost: \$4 |
| Triathlon/Biathlon<br>Local area<br>Cost: Nil   |   | Triathlon/Biathlon<br>Local area<br>Cost: Nil   |
|   |   | Games at Stewart Park<br>Cost: Train fare to Fairy Meadow                             |

## Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience was conducted the 19-23 of November. This year's Work Experience was an outstanding success with almost every year ten student participating. Over ninety seven per cent of Year 10 students were placed in Work Experience this year. Several students have been offered part time or casual jobs while a few apprenticeships and traineeships were offered as well.

As a Careers Adviser, the week was very gratifying. Calling and visiting the work placement employers was one of this year's most rewarding experiences. The employers were full of praise for our students. With well over half of the students' assessment forms returned I have not read a negative comment. As a school community we can all be proud of these remarkable young people.

A few samples of comments include:

**"... great kid who was willing to learn and jump in the deep end"**

**"... has been an asset all week. We enjoyed having her."**

**"It was a pleasure ... she was a very good representative of Woonona H.S."**

**"...pleasure to work with ..." "... beautiful person, easy to get along with..."**

**"Fantastic attitude.."**

The amount of praise heaped on to these students was incredible. These students are a credit to themselves, their school, families and communities.



Top: Dimitri Roukos; middle: Taylah Murrill; bottom: Isabella Cvetanovic

## Year 11 Career Inventories

In Week 9, all Year 11 students will have career inventories conducted in small groups with the Careers Adviser. Through examining students interests, activities, self-assessments and competencies these inventories will suggest to students a range of occupations they may be interested in learning more about and possibly pursuing. This process may confirm students beliefs regarding their career interests and it may also challenge some beliefs. In any case it should prove interesting. All students have been informed of their appointment times except a few students whose crowded study schedule made it difficult. These students will be informed during week nine of a suitable time.

Please note that although the assessment tool being used, John Holland's *Self Directed Search*, is highly regarded the student and their parents are free to accept or disregard the findings of these inventories.

## Year 10 Future Pathways Taster

On Wednesday 12 December, all Year 10 students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives of the University of Wollongong, TAFE Illawarra, the Australian Careers Business College, the NSW Police and the Australian Defence Force. These sessions will take place periods one and two in the Hall and the Staff Common Room. Representative of each organisation will give a brief presentation bout education and career pathways before answering question in an informal walk up.

**Mr Chamberlain  
Careers Adviser**

## Chaplain's Corner

It was a fun experience to go on Year 10 Camp a couple of weeks ago to the beautiful Waterslea site, near Nowra. I had lots of fun with the students, helping with canoeing, rock-climbing, jetty jumping, and raft building; and enjoyed getting to know staff and students a bit better, away from the school setting.

It was great to hear the Staff from the Camp talk to the students about Identity, Influence and Goals in the Personal Development session; and hear some good conversations in the small groups about how we develop our identity in life, and how to be a positive influence on our friends. I hope the students who went to camp benefitted from the program – they certainly enjoyed themselves!

Thanks to Ms Sharp for inviting me to come along!

**Rowan Keyzer**  
School Chaplain

**Brekky Club:** Free breakfasts on Thursday mornings 7:30am-8:25am in the Canteen.  
Valued supporters:



## SRC – Christmas Drive

The SRC is running a charity Christmas drive to help make a difference to those less fortunate. Parents, carers, staff and students can donate any non-perishable food items- biscuits, fruit cake, tinned food (ensure they are still in date) or a present. Place items under the Christmas tree in the foyer of the front office, Tuesday's assemblies or at your year meetings. All donations will be going to OZ Harvest Charity Group.



## Meeting for Year 12 2013—HSC Requirements

There will be a meeting in the school hall on Tuesday, 4 December 2012 at 7.00pm, where information with respect to requirements and expectations for the Higher School Certificate year will be discussed.

The Board of Studies Liaison Officer, Cheryl Russell, has been invited to attend to explain the Board's requirements to students and their parents and carers.

Woonona High School's Principal, Ms Wall; Deputy Principal for the cohort, Mr Brophy and the Year 12 Adviser, Mr Bradley, will also be in attendance to discuss a range of related issues aimed at maximising students' achievements in their HSC year.

*Mr Brophy—Deputy Principal (Rel.)*

# Community Noticeboard

## WOONONA LIONS CLUB

PROUDLY PRESENTS:

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER from 6.30PM

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## FRIDAY FOOTY

Get active, try a new sport and have fun!

Come along and join in the fun of  
BEACH SOCCER!

Thirroul Neighbourhood Centre and Sport and Recreation are offering the opportunity to come and enjoy an afternoon of beach soccer activities and a FREE BBQ!



Commencing Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 3:00pm  
At Thirroul Beach near the BBQ Area

 Office of  
Communities  
Sport & Recreation

 NC  
Neighbourhood  
Centre

A SIMPLE CHRISTMAS:

CAROLS AT THIRROUL BEACH

We invite you to join us as we celebrate Christmas with our community in Thirroul

7pm Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Thirroul Beach Park

It will be a night of joy and simplicity, warmth and community, music and celebration.

Bring your favourite picnic dinner to share with your family and friends.

Relax as our live band plays all your favourite Christmas carols.

Enjoy a night of family fun:  
rumour has it Santa may be coming to town...!

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