

# WOONONA HIGH SCHOOL

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# Newsletter

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## Poetry Awards



*Construction*

*"Unplugged 17"*

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## DEPUTY PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

### HSC EXAMINATIONS

Week 1 of the HSC examinations have been successfully completed. With English Standard and Advanced papers kicking proceedings off to a good start. According to the HSC examinations supervisor, students have worked in a calm and determined manner and are coping well with their new classroom environment. Students have settled in well and are quietly confident with how they have completed the nine different examinations that have been on this week (Music, IPT, Society and Culture, Engineering Studies, Ancient History, Economics and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education were the other examinations held this week). Congratulations to the 35 HSC students who have received early admission offers from the University of Wollongong – we are very proud of your achievement. We wish Year 12 every success as they move toward the completion of their secondary education.

### SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM

The 2016 Student Leadership Team of Amelia McPherson, Samuel Rogers, Taylah Carter and Jamie Carter are a fantastic group of young people, who produced outstanding speeches last term which capped off tenacious and philanthropic contributions to the school over the last five years. I know that Belinda Wall looks forward to working with these leaders of our school throughout 2016. I have every confidence that they will continue the proud tradition of student leadership at Woonona High School and bring to the role the strengths, compassion and enthusiasm that has served us well to this point.

### 2016 CURRICULUM

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have all made their selections for courses and electives to be delivered in 2016. I remind all parents that some courses and electives have an additional mandatory fee associated with them. Please ensure that you are aware of any financial commitment that you are making in approving your child's course/elective selection form that will be sent home in the coming weeks.

### 2016 YEAR 12 RAISING ACHIEVEMENT EVENING

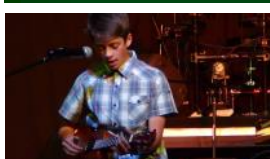
The Wednesday evening session on Raising Achievement for our 2016 HSC students was a marvellous success and very well attended. Your participation highlights the marvellous support you provide for your children. Many thanks also to the outstanding teacher presentations – they were highly informative and supportive. We look forward to your continued support over the next four terms. Good luck to the 2016 HSC students as they embark on their journey through their HSC courses. Remember the great structures Woonona High School has in place to guide and help you through this final stage of your secondary education, including Ms Pickering and Ms Abrahams as Senior Coordinators, Mr Hancock as Year Adviser and the Library Homework Centre on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.



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## UNPLUGGED 17

"Unplugged 17" was held on Tuesday 15 September. This was our 17th "Unplugged" concert and featured our Year 12, 2015 students for the last time. Many of the Year 12 students performed songs from their HSC programs which they had completed during the last two weeks in September.

Many of our regular musically talented students also performed making this a very successful evening.

Once again a huge thankyou to Mr Sean O'Brien for taking these great photos. Sean is a great photographer and has supplied many of the photos for the newsletter including previous "Unplugged" concerts, Variety Nights, the School Musical and this year, the Year 12 Graduation Day as well. Thankyou Sean, I know that our parents students and staff all enjoy seeing your photos.



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## DOROTHEA MACKELLAR POETRY AWARDS



This year Woonona High School had a record number of students enter the National 'Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards.' This competition was founded to inspire school children to follow in the footsteps of the author of the famous "I love a Sunburnt Country," to express themselves through poetry. It also aims to foster a better understanding between young Australians from across our great continent.

Students from Year 7 and Year 8 wrote poetry based on this year's theme of 'An Open Door' and judges commented that "This year students have surpassed themselves" with their understanding of the power of words to take the reader on a journey. Congratulations to all our budding young poets for your participation in this prestigious national competition.

Ms Clare Matthews  
Head Teacher English

## YEAR 8 SCHOOL CAMP 2016

The current Year 7 cohort will be participating in a 3 day school camp at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Kincumber. The aim is to provide students with the opportunity to challenge themselves, solve problems, work together, make new friends, build independence and have fun. All Year 7 students have been given a permission note which outlines the cost and payment process for this camp. The deposit and permission note are required for submission by Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.

This year's Year 8 cohort attended the Aussie Bush Camp in March this year and had a fantastic time finding the vast array of team activities challenging and fun. Hopefully the camp will be a rewarding and valuable experience for our Year 8 2016 cohort.

If you have any concerns or questions about camp, please contact me via the school.

Thank you

Mr Mucci (Year 7 Year Adviser)



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## YEAR 8 EXTENSION ENGLISH'S IN2UNI DAY

On Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, the Year 8 English Extension class participated in their second IN2UNI session at the University of Wollongong. Embarking on the bus excitement started to fill the air – we were finally going to visit an actual university (and miss out on a whole day of school!).

Our mentors, Kat and Melanie guided us through the day and gave us a tour around the university. The university was humongous, with many duck ponds, cafes and relaxation areas. There were also many Science labs, English rooms and a library with more than half a million books!

We were escorted to a classroom where we began to learn many new research skills including using synonyms and asterisks in data bank searches. Our task was to create a speech and PowerPoint on a popular culture hero of our own choice. The task required us to write about the positive and negative influences our heroes have on society and to make judgments on them. We will present our speeches and PowerPoints on October 21.

Soon after beginning to plan our speeches we took a break for lunch by one of the duck ponds where we stuffed our faces. We noticed that there was an enclosure with a piglet, a calf an alpaca, lambs and chickens with Afro hairstyles and spent time looking at them.

Before long it was time to head back to school on our bus. Our class bid farewell to the two lovely mentors and left the university with memories of a wonderful experience which none of us will forget.

Bronte Eady & Lalita Protsenko



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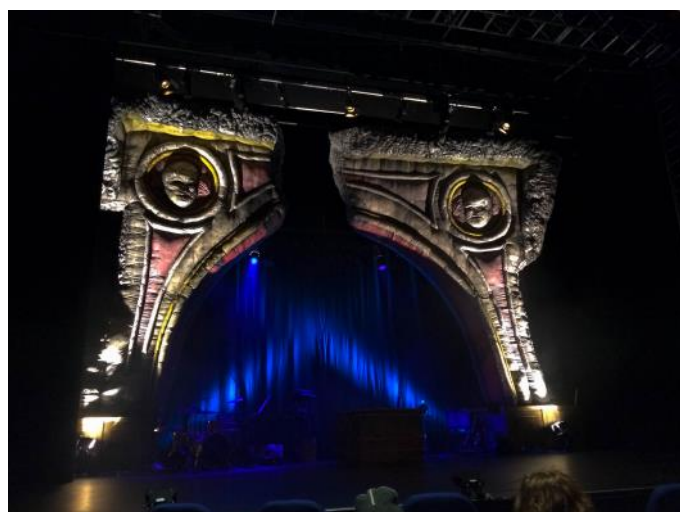
## WHS THEATRE CLUB



Last term student members of Woonona Theatre Club were treated to two spectacular performances at the IPAC theatre in Wollongong. The first was Merrigong Theatre Company's: A Sri Lankan Tamil asylum seeker's story as performed by Australian actors under the guidance of a Sinhalese director. This truth based narrative told the harrowing story of multiple characters arrival to Australia. The students were intrigued at not only the different way in which multiple storylines intertwined and were followed but also the political points of view presented. Discussions after the performance focused on humanity, the humour presented and the uniqueness of the story. It was a heartfelt performance and one which built empathy through all who viewed it.

The second performance was more light-hearted and energised performance But wait there's more.... by Circus Oz. The dazzling costumes, stupendous skills and excellent lion ladies singing brought the audience to the seat edges numerous times. Seeing a ballerina and a unicyclist duet, an extreme juggler and eight members of the circus on the flying trapeze was a wonderful combination of clowning humour, beauty and physical circus skills that were previously thought impossible. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and made the students question what is possible and what can be achieved in theatre.

Ms Amber King (English Teacher)



## SOUTHERN STARS

This week we received an official thank you from the Southern Stars "Beyond the Frame" producers for our participation in this years production. By all accounts it was a spectacular and successful show.

Our students were heavily involved in the program performing the National Anthem as well as dancing in the front row of the finale of the show. Our troop also had a featured dance item and several of our girls featured in a drama item to open the show. Congratulations to all our students involved and to Dance and Music teachers, Miss Rhiannon Sharp and Ms Zoe Pryor.



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## UOW EARLY ADMISSION SUCCESS

Once again this year Woonona High School has excelled in the number of Year 12 students being offered “Early Admission” into the University of Wollongong for 2016. “Early Admission” into UOW secures a HSC student a place in a preferred degree for 2016 even before the HSC ATARS have been announced.

This year 35 students who applied for Early Entry into UOW were granted places. This achievement is fantastic and a testament to the consistent effort by the 2015 HSC cohort and their teachers. Early Admission to university is based on a student's performance in the HSC Preliminary Examinations and in the Year 12 Trial HSC (or Yearly Examinations). Students must apply to UOW for Early Admission and based on these applications a student may be granted an interview in which the student must demonstrate a passion and dedication to their chosen field of study. After the interview process Early Admissions are announced.

Mr Chamberlain (our very hard working Careers Adviser) is to be congratulated on this outstanding result. Apart from the students working hard towards their goals Mr Chamberlain has guided each and every student who wished to apply for Early Admission through the process. From organising their academic transcripts to be produced, coaching students through the application and interview process and can I say “hounding” students to have their applications done correctly and on time, Mr Chamberlain has spent many hours ensuring our Year 12 2015 cohort have every opportunity to gain entry into university if this is what they have chosen to do.

Apart from students who wish to attend university, Mr Chamberlain also works tirelessly to assist students who wish to enter TAFE or secure apprenticeships or traineeships when they leave school. As Mr Chamberlain's Careers Report (on page 16) shows, many of our students have been successful in securing positions prior to leaving school.

Mr Chamberlain (originally from Canada) started here at WHS 4 years ago and has brought with him a high energy teaching style much enjoyed by our students. He is also a avid surfer and who helps out at the Thursday morning before school surfing sessions and supervises Wednesday afternoon Surfing for sport.

It is a huge task to guide and help our students prepare for life after WHS but it is one that is much appreciated by our students and their parents. Thank you Mr Chamberlain.



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## SURF SURVIVAL



On the 6<sup>th</sup> of October, students who chose Surfing for Wednesday afternoon sport participated in a Surf Survival Course at Bulli Ocean Pool. The purpose of this course is to educate students and equip them with surf survival and rescue skills. Students were required to perform rescues using their personal surf craft and to demonstrate their swimming proficiency by swimming 200m in under five minutes. The teachers commented on the overall high level of competence on the day.

*Written by Mr Fisher (Intern from University of Wollongong)*



## YEAR 5 TASTER DAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:

Year 5 students from Woonona Public, Woonona East and Russell Vale primary schools have been invited to attend our taster day on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. Throughout the day, students will participate in a variety of 'high school style' lessons and have the opportunity to make connections with their future classmates and teachers. This day forms part of our Community of Schools Transition program, implemented with the aim of making the transition from primary to high school a smooth and positive process.

Last year's Year 5 cohort enjoyed lessons in Science, English, PE, TAS, Food Technology and Mathematics showing the students some of the fantastic opportunities available to students here at Woonona High School

Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any inquiries regarding this day.

Thanks

Mr Mucci (Year 7 Year Adviser)

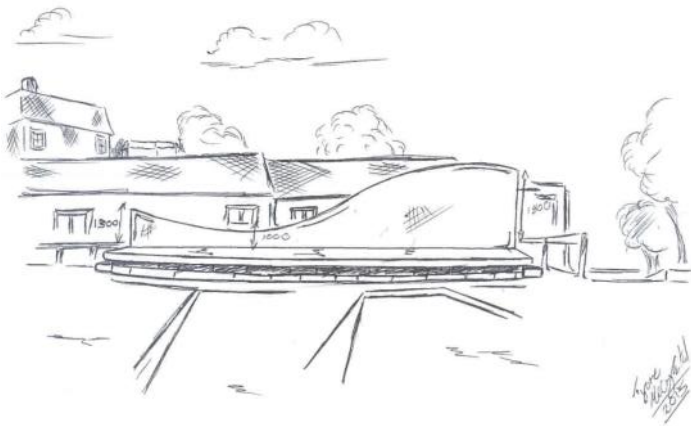


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## MAIN QUAD STAGE AREA NEARING COMPLETION

The stage area in the main quad area is now nearing completion thanks to students from Year 11 and Year 9 Construction and Woodwork classes as well as Mr Ben Bradley (Industrial Technology Teacher). During the last week of Term 3 a spectacular back drop of timber panelling in a wave design was added to the stage area.



Construction of the stage in the main quad area started towards the end of 2014 with the forming and laying of the concrete slab by the "Brick and Block" team of Year 10 students. From there it was decided to design a background for the stage. The design for the backdrop was completed in conjunction with Wollongong City Council Landscaping Department.

Initially Year 9 students Tyrone McCrystal and Isobel McLachlan had a telephone conversations with Felicity Samways (Wollongong Councils Landscape Architect) about the best way to present different designs to a client. Tyrone then set about sketching a number of presentations and embedded his sketches onto an A3 size photograph to give her the best idea of what we were trying to achieve. Above is the sketch of the design that Tyrone came up with in consultation with Felicity.

A wave design was incorporated in to the back drop to reflect the community in which the students live and to have a stand out feature for school photos and assembly presentations. To finish off construction, the backdrop will now be painted and the school logo will take pride of place against the panelled structure.

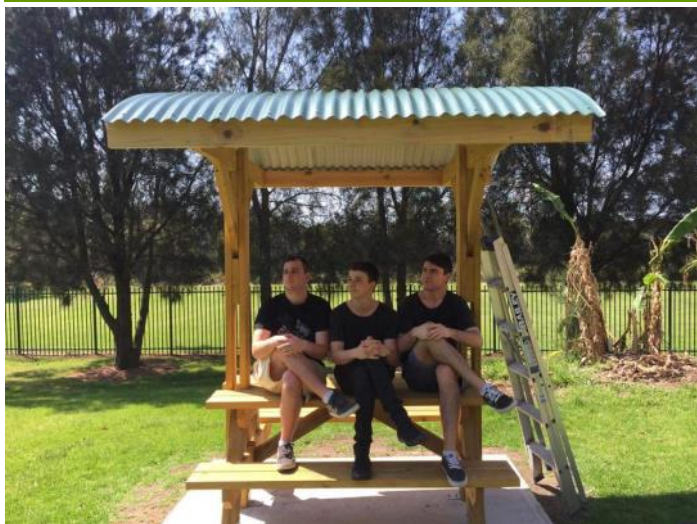
Well done to Tyrone and all the students from Year 11 and 12 Construction who assisted, as well as Cody Bain, Sam Ridgway, Tameeka Dubewec, Andy Wong and Mitchell Wall who helped to construct the background. Thankyou also to Mr Bradley for his tireless efforts helping the Construction and Woodwork classes with their projects.



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## PICNIC TABLES AND SHELTERS NOW COMPLETE



The picnic tables and shelters in the senior quad area have proven to be very popular. Senior Construction class students, under the guidance of Mr Ben Bradley (Industrial Technology Teacher), have constructed the shelters from scratch including laying the concrete slabs and building the timber picnic benches.

This week HSC Construction students took a brief break from their exam preparation to help complete one of the picnic tables. Mathew Harrison, Yianni Roukos and Oscar Lee showed their dedication to the school by assisting Mr. Bradley to install the bullnose roof to one of the picnic tables in the Senior Quad area.

Thankyou boys and good luck with your HSC examinations.



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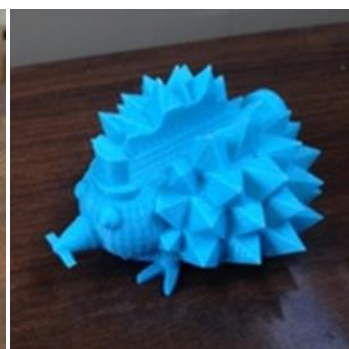
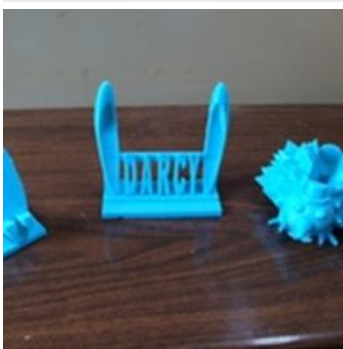
## 3D PRINTING AT WOONONA HIGH



In Term 2 this year the Faculty of Technology at Woonona High School received a donation of a 3D printer from the University of Wollongong to help promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in schools. This has been an exciting development and allowed the students to design and produce their own ideas. The first class to use this technology has been the Year 8 Enrichment class. They have designed and produced their own I phone/I pad holders. Below are some outstanding examples of what is possible to produce with this technology.

Mr Zubovic (Industrial Technology Teacher)

Pictured left—3D Printer donated from the University of Wollongong.



## STAFF MEMBER TAKES ON MS SYDNEY TO THE GONG BIKE RIDE CHALLENGE



The annual Sydney to the Gong Bike Ride will take place on November 1st this year. This annual event is Australia's most respected one day community bike ride.

The day aims to raise money for the MS Foundation with funds raised going directly to providing services and assistance to people with MS. Approximately 4 Australians are diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis every working day. The Sydney to Gong Ride has been running since 1981 and over \$33 million dollars has been raised for MS over this time.

This year one of our very popular staff members, Mrs Marie Pickering and her daughter Katrina will be competing in this prestigious event. Marie said that she was motivated to the challenge by a friend of her sons who suffers from MS. Marie and her daughter have been in training for the event for some months and are looking forward to completing the challenge.

I would like to ask everyone to support Marie and Katrina in their quest. Donations to the MS Foundation can be made at the Front Office and donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Thank you.



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MATHEMATICS REPORT

ICAS  
MATHEMATICS  
COMPETITION



ICAS International Competitions and Assessments for Schools are conducted by the *University of NSW Global* each year.

Congratulations to the Woonona High School students who entered the 2015 Mathematics event. The results have arrived and are very impressive.

The best effort recorded was from a Year 7 student **Harrison Dabin**. He achieved a certificate of **Distinction**.

Incidentally, Harrison has also received a Gold Medal this week for his efforts in the **Manga High Mathematics Challenge**.

We had 3 students who managed to achieve an ICAS result worthy of a **Credit**. These students were **Nicholas Turner (Year 9)** , **Grant Overton (Year 7)** and **Thomas Holliday (Year 7)**.

**Phoebe Austin (Year 8)** and **Casey Bray (Year 8)** both produced performances that received certificates of **Merit**.

**Jeremy Eager** and **Kale Ephraims (both Year 9)** and **Luke Bogovic (Year7)** each received certificates of **Participation**.

Overall, our Woonona High School representatives performed above the Australia wide average!!!

Mr Holliday (Head Teacher Mathematics).

Certificate of Distinction:



Harrison Dubbin

Certificate of Credit:



Nicholas Turner



Grant Overton



Thomas Holliday

Certificate of Merit:



Phoebe Austin



Casey Bray

Certificate of Participation:



Jeremy Eager



Kale Ephraims



Luke Bogovic



## YEAR 10 TERM 4 PLANNING



Term 4 is an important term for Year 10 students. Their final Yearly examinations will take place on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th October. At this time students should be into the full swing of a revision and study program for each subject for these examinations. Don't forget that if you are having difficulties, approach your teacher for help. Students are also reminded that the afternoon study centre held in the library each Tuesday is another time where students can get one on one help from teachers with their homework and study.

Students are reminded that they are expected to attend school all day during the examination period regardless if there is an examination scheduled or not. Early leave for these days will not be granted unless an appointment card or proof of appointment is produced.

More information on examination timetables will be in next fortnights issue of the newsletter.

Work experience for Year 10 will take place from Monday November 16 to Friday 20 November. Students are reminded that they are responsible for finding suitable work experience for that period. Please see Mr Chamberlain's Careers report on page 17 for more information.

Another important "must do" for Year 10 students this term is the completion of the "All My Own Work" online course. "All My Own Work" is a course on plagiarism and it is compulsory. Students who have not completed the course cannot be enrolled into the Preliminary HSC with the NSW Board of Studies for 2016. Mr Mete will be conducting the program on and students will need to be at school to complete the course.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents and carers are reminded that students who were absent on the last day of Term 3 (18 September) are required to have a note explaining the absence. An email reminder in regards to this was sent to parents last week, so if you have not yet responded can this be done ASAP.

Students are expected to attend on the last day of every term (see below for term 4 dates) and if they are absent this will appear on their yearly report as an unexplained absence if no note has been supplied. Absences on reports cannot be changed once reports are generated so it is important that notes for absences are kept up to date.

On a positive note Ms Kerrie Coleman (Home School Liaison Officer) visits our school regularly. Her role entails checking the student absentee rates at various Illawarra schools. On several of her visits to WHS she has commented on our excellent attendance rate, once even commenting that our rate was the best she had ever seen. Well done to all those students who have excellent school attendance and keep up the good work. Thank you also to those parents who support the school in encouraging all students to attend school.

## END OF YEAR TERM 4 DATES

During week 11 this term the 14, 15 & 16 of December will be students activities days.

Organisation and the activities available for this week will be announced in the coming weeks.

The last day for all students is 16 December and all students are required to attend until this date. Pupil free days for Term 4 are Thursday December 17 and Friday 18 December.

# Welfare Report

Mr Shane Rayner  
Head Teacher  
Welfare



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## 2016 SRC EXECUTIVE

As mentioned in our last newsletter the new SRC executive for 2016 were announced at the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony. Congratulations to Amelia McPherson and Samuel Rogers being voted in as our new School Captains for 2016 and to Tayah Carter and Jaime Carter for being elected as Vice Captains. We look forward to working with the new SRC executive in 2016.



This term Mr Ben Bradley will be taking extended leave to spend time with his family ( a new addition to which is due soon). Ms Jo Bolam (Technology Teacher) will be taking over the role of SRC Coordinator in his absence.

Best wishes for the safe arrival of your new baby Mr Bradley and we will look forward to seeing you back next year.

## RELAY FOR LIFE



On the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of September Woonona High participated in relay for life. This team consisted of year 12 and 11 students who donated their time to raise money for cancer by walking laps around Beaton Park. As a team we raised over \$500 through fundraising at school and donations. Many of our team members stayed up all night walking laps as one person from each team had to always be on the track. We'd like to thank all participants and congratulate them on their efforts!

Taylah Carter (Vice Captain)

## Year 7 and 8 Halloween Disco

Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October... Wanna come along?

SRC are holding a year 7 and 8 Halloween disco on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup> of October at 7:00pm. There will be Music, Lollies, Drinks, Hot Party Food, Spooky Costumes and much more!

Bring your best outfit to go in the draw for a competition to win a prize- Yet to be discovered.

Entry is \$5.00 and the following prices are listed below...

\$1.50 for a can of Soft Drink

50c for 1 fizzer

50c for a Lolly Bag

\$4.00 MEAL DEAL- 5 Party Pies or Nuggets, 1 can of fizzy (your choice), 1 Lolly bag.

\$1.00 for a packet of chips- You can choose flavours on the night.

The Disco will be held in the school Canteen/gym.

See you there!

By Brooklyn Younger and Tishaan Styche- Year 7



Mr Ben Bradley  
SRC Coordinator





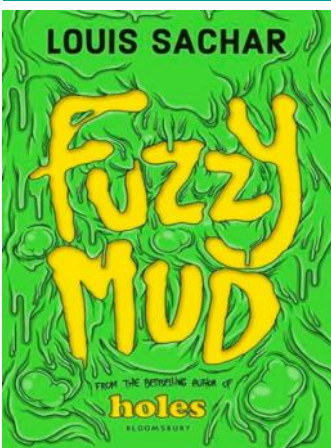
## IMPORTANCE OF READING



Ten minutes a day could change everything. In the following YouTube clip a young boy asks his dad to read to him. When he says no, what happens next indicates why everyone should take time to read together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Orb6xXPPBKo&feature=youtu.be>

## READING COMPETITION



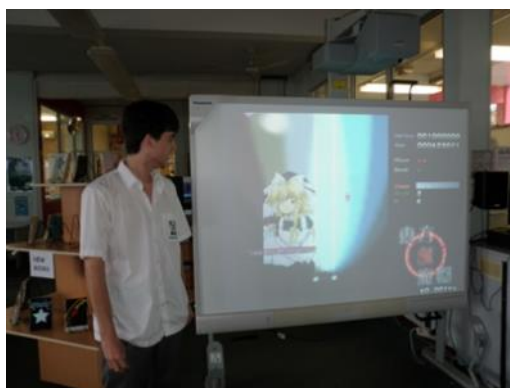
To celebrate the release of popular author Louis Sachar's new book *Fuzzy Mud* Bloomsbury Children's Books is holding a competition. The prize is \$200 worth of books for you and your school.

To enter, write a short story with the following title: A little mud never hurt anyone, did it?

Send your entry to [au@bloomsbury.com](mailto:au@bloomsbury.com) or post to Fuzzy Mud writing competition, Bloomsbury Publishing, Level 4, 387 George Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000. Remember to include your name, age, and parent/guardian email address. Deadline for entries is 31st October 2015.

## MANGA CLUB

This week Manga club members played the game Touhou. Touhou is a collection of Japanese computer games. The series revolves around a Miko (Shinto Shrine Maiden) named Reimu Hakurei who lives in a magical world named Gensokyo. Every so often, disaster strikes and it's up to Reimu to save the world from little vampire girls, ghost girls and exiled moon princess girls.



## STAR/ACCELERATED READING PROGRAM

Woonona High is committed to improving literacy. All Year 7 students have been tested and are now engaged in the Accelerated Reading program. In this program students choose books based on their correct reading level. After they have completed each book they are given a short quiz from the Accelerated Reader™ program and the results are then used to give children, teachers and librarian's feedback.

### How can you help?

All Year 7 have selected their reading books. Please encourage them to read daily for at least 30 mins. Create a culture of reading at home by reading with your child, taking them to the library, letting your child see you reading and discussing books you have read together.



Mrs Patricia Roddis  
Teacher Librarian



# Library Report

## YEAR 12

Congratulations to the 35 HSC students who have received 'Early Admission' offers from the University of Wollongong. This fantastic result is a testament to the hard work of the students, their teachers, families and the support they receive from the school and the wider community. The support students receive, especially from Ms Pickering as well as Mr Boyle and all the teachers who go beyond the call of duty to maximise results for our students is uncommon, no school does more to support their HSC students.

A special congratulations Jonathon Cotteril and Brodie O'Brien who earned Cadetships as well James Overton and Grace Murphy who has been awarded a Dean's Scholarship. These young people will reap the benefits of their hard work with financial and ancillary support as they pursue their degrees.



Congratulations as well to Mathew Harrison, Riley Hughes, Oscar Lee and Jacob Hendriks, who have secured apprenticeships for 2016 as well as Holly Adams and Jamie-Lee roux both of who will enter traineeships. I know there are many more success stories out there that I am unaware of and I look forward to hearing them all in February when I contact all of the HSC cohort to complete the 'Destination Survey'.



## TAFE ILLAWARRA

Reminder; the TAFE 'Choices Day' for TAFE Illawarra will be held at Wollongong TAFE on Saturday 21 November. Anyone hoping to attend TAFE in 2016 (or 2017 even) should attend and they will be able to apply for programs on the day.

## YEAR 11

What a great turnout of students and families for the 'Year 11 into 12 Information Evening' on 14 October. All of our latest HSC cohort can be sure that they will receive large doses of support as they enter their HSC year.

I will meet with all Year 11 students this term to update their career action plans and ascertain what support I can be for them over the next year. Students and parents may contact me in Career's Office, through the front office or by email if they have any enquiries about anything career related.

The University of Wollongong's 'Discovery Days' will be in term one next year. Year 12 students get to experience a day in the life of a UOW student and attend real lectures that they have chosen. Woonona High School will be attending on Monday 8 February. Students must register online. Registration will open on the 21 October and lectures will be filled on a first come first served basis. I will provide students with all the details on how to register before the 21st October.

**Mr John Chamberlain**  
Careers Adviser



# Careers Report

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## YEAR 10

I am currently working with the PDHPE Department delivering Career's lessons to help students make appropriate career choices. This is also preparing them for the upcoming week of Work Experience; 16-20 November. All Year 10 students are expected to participate in Work Experience. Completed 'Student Placement Records' (SPR) must be returned by the 6 November so that that I can be sure they are completed to the standards of the Department of Education and Communities (DEC). DEC has implemented very high standards for the completion of the SPRs and I must check them over very closely to ensure that they are up to DEC standards.

Mr Chamberlain

Careers Adviser

Become your own Sherlock and Watson... Register in teams of 2. Prizes for best costumes and mystery solving. Pizza provided.



# SHERLOCK MYSTERY EVENT

**WHERE** Wollongong Library

**WHEN** Friday 13 November 5.45-9pm

**AGES** 12-18 years

To book contact 4227 7428 or book online via eventbrite or our website

[www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library](http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/library)



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## 2015 CALENDAR TERM 4

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Tues 20 Oct	P&C Meeting
Mon 26—30 Oct	Year 10 Yearly Exams
Mon 26	Year 5 Sample Lesson Day
Tues 27 Oct	CoS meeting WPS
Mon 2 Nov	Year 11 RYDA Excursion
Thur 5 Nov	Enrichment Class Day
Thur 5 Nov	SRC Year 11 Elevate Conference
Fri 6 Nov	Last day of HSC Examinations
Fri 6 Nov	Year 12 Clearance Day
Tues 10 Nov	Year 7 Sports Gala Day
Wed 11 Nov	Remembrance Day
Thur 12 Nov	CoS leadership Forum
Mon 16 Nov	Year 11 Police Workshop
Mon 16—20 Nov	Year 10 Work Experience
Tues 17 Nov	P&C Meeting
Tues 17 Nov	Year 11 Police Workshop
Thur 19 Nov	Year 12 Formal
Tues 24 Nov	White Ribbon Day Assembly
Tues 24 Nov	Yr 6 Parent Information Evening
Wed 25 Nov	White Ribbon Day Events
Fri 27 Nov	Schools Spectacular
Thurs 3 Dec	Year 6 Orientation Day
Fri 4 Dec	Stage 4 End of Year Celebration Assembly
Tues 8 Dec	Variety Night
Thur 10 Dec	Presentation Evening
Mon 14—16 Dec	Student Activities Week
Wed 16 Dec	HSC Results to students
Thur 17 Dec	ATAR Morning Tea
Thur 17 Dec	Staff Development Day
Fri 18 Dec	Staff Development Day

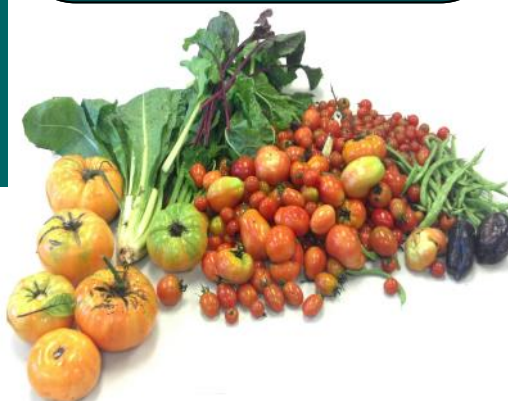
### YR 7 2016 UNIFORM FITTING DAYS

Fitting days for uniforms for Year 7 2016 students will be held on the following days:

Woonona Public School Thursday 29 October 8am—9am  
 Woonona East Public School Friday 30 October 8am—9am  
 Russell Vale Public School Monday 2 November 8:30am—9:30am

## CANTEEN HELPERS TERM 4 2015

Mon 19 Oct	HELP NEEDED
Tues 20 Oct	Susie Eager
Wed 21 Oct	HELP NEEDED
Thur 22 Oct	HELP NEEDED
Fri 23 Oct	HELP NEEDED
Mon 26 Oct	HELP NEEDED
Tues 27 Oct	Kerrie Austin
Wed 28 Oct	HELP NEEDED
Thur 29 Oct	HELP NEEDED
Fri 30 Oct	HELP NEEDED
Mon 2 Nov	Karen & Lenore
Tues 3 Nov	Carolyn McQuiggin
Wed 4 Nov	Christine Core
Thurs 5 Nov	HELP NEEDED
Fri 6 Nov	Angela Madden
Mon 9 Nov	HELP NEEDED
Tues 10 Nov	Karen Bate
Wed 11 Nov	Jo Meiers
Thur 12 Nov	Stephanie Cotterill
Fri 13 Nov	HELP NEEDED
Mon 16 Nov	HELP NEEDED
Tues 17 Nov	Susie Eager
Wed 18 Nov	HELP NEEDED
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Fri 20 Nov	HELP NEEDED
Mon 23 Nov	HELP NEEDED
Tues 24 Nov	Kerrie Austin
Wed 25 Nov	HELP NEEDED
Thur 26 Nov	HELP NEEDED
Fri 27 Nov	HELP NEEDED
Mon 30 Nov	Karen & Lenore
Tues 1 Dec	Carolyn McQuiggin
Wed 2 Dec	Christine Core
Thur 3 Dec	HELP NEEDED
Fri 4 Dec	Angela Madden
Mon 7 Dec	HELP NEEDED
Tues 8 Dec	Karen Bate
Wed 9 Dec	Jo Meiers
Thur 10 Dec	Stephanie Cotterill
Fri 11 Dec	HELP NEEDED



# Term Diary / Canteen / Uniform



# Community Noticeboard

## Yoga for Teens

### @ PCYC Bulli

**Mondays**  
**3.30pm - 4.30pm**  
**starting 12th October**

**\$2 per class**



**Garage Sale Trail** Saturday 24 October 2015

**MASSIVE GARAGE SALE**  
**SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2015**  
**9AM - 2PM**  
**FERNHILL GIRL GUIDE HALL**  
**2 DOUGLAS RD FERNHILL**




## Road Safety Campaign

### Back to School... Safely

...Are we doing all we can?

**call: 1300 500 055**

**BOYLAN GROUP**

We were utterly shocked and disappointed by the recklessness of fellow motorists when reviewing the statistics from our latest Test Case for a NSW public school and council.

The Test Case involved the placement of our traffic counting and speed radar (Boylan TCRadar) for a period of three weeks, analyzing the effects on driver behaviour around a school zone, with and without a Boylan SpeedCheck trailer.

The TCRadar demonstrated that prior to the introduction of the SpeedCheck sign, 78% of motorists were speeding within the school-zone time periods of 8-9.30am & 2.30-4pm. That's 3527 motorists out of 4528 in just one week at an average speed of 48kph. The highest recorded speed was 106kph in the school-zone, which we think you will agree is cause for concern.

The introduction of a Boylan SpeedCheck trailer saw the number of speeding incidence reduce by 30%. With the average speed reducing to 41.9kph.

When the SpeedCheck was removed, a week later, the speeding incidence increased by over 20% demonstrating that motorists were returning to historic behavioural patterns.

We thank and applaud the Public School and Council for assisting this trial which has confirmed their concerns and furnished data to allow informed decision making for the benefit and safety of their students.

SpeedCheck is available as a permanent or trailer mounted package.

**BoylanTCRadar**

**Unidirectional Extended Bidirectional Bi-Directional**

**Testimonial-**

Our three speedwings (SpeedCheck 15" Series) have been working very effectively since their initial install about 5 years ago. They were originally purchased by our school P & C as an additional measure to curb motorist speed near our school.

This has been extremely effective and it is obvious that the flashing warning when overspeed is quite a deterrent and encourages motorists to do the right thing.

Our local council have been very supportive in our school's initiative and I believe originally assisted with some installation costs (batteries).

We did have an issue with batteries a year or so ago, however, some Boylan employees drove from Sydney early one morning to check out the problem and signs and also to provide a solution. This was a great after sales service and was greatly appreciated.

Should you require assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the friendly and professional team at the Boylan Group 1300 500 055

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**BOYLAN Team Safety**



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## Fete Newsletter Issue 8

Contact: Louise Southall on [louise@therightresearch.com.au](mailto:louise@therightresearch.com.au).

Don't forget to regularly visit our fete Facebook site and thank those many businesses that are supporting our school.

[www.facebook.com/WoononaPublicSchoolFete](http://www.facebook.com/WoononaPublicSchoolFete)

### Calling all walkers!

Everyone at our school knows about the fete but we want to get the word out to the rest of our community so that lots of people can come along. We have about 10,000 promotional leaflets that need to be delivered to local houses over the coming weeks. If you can help with this please contact Carley Austin on [carley@emvy.com.au](mailto:carley@emvy.com.au).

### Students can win an iPad-mini

Before the end of this term students will be bringing home raffle tickets to sell ahead of fete day. Tickets are just \$2 each and we have great prizes for the raffle:

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize is an Intel notebook, Office 2013 Home and Student + loads of extras – valued at \$1000 – **donated by The Computer Guy**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a joy flight for 4 people – valued at \$1000 - **donated by Avis Wollongong**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is 12 months gym membership – valued at \$650 – **donated by Woonona Bulli Fitness Centre at Woonona Bulli RSL**

And we also have great prizes for students!

The individual student that sells the most tickets will win an iPad mini, donated by **Martin & Marsh Mortgage Solutions**. The family that sells

the most tickets will win a family fete pack including a ride band for each student in the family who attends Woonona Public plus drinks, food and activity vouchers. So make sure you keep an eye out for those tickets and get selling for your chance to win.

### Unlimited rides all day for \$25

For most kids fete day means fairground rides. We have secured a special pre-purchase price for an unlimited ride band of \$25 each – this is a \$5 discount on bands purchased on the day. Order forms will be coming home before the end of term.

### Are you growing plants?

We know there are lots of busy gardeners out there preparing plants for our stall. We would like to be able to promote the types of plants that will be for sale. If you are growing something, and haven't yet let us know what, please contact Rebecca Cusack [rebeccacusack@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rebeccacusack@optusnet.com.au).

### Thank you for your stall donations

We had another successful collection of toys, books and handicraft on Friday. A big thank you to all the families that donated items – there will be lots to sell and some great bargains. If you still have items you would like to donate then please contact the co-ordinators directly to make arrangements.

- Toys - Renae ([beckettrenae@yahoo.com.au](mailto:beckettrenae@yahoo.com.au))
- Books - Kylie ([kyliedundas@optusnet.com.au](mailto:kyliedundas@optusnet.com.au))
- Handicraft – Kellie (0405 127615)



# Community Noticeboard

## Northern Districts Junior Cricket Club



Registrations are now open for boys and girls aged 5-15 to play cricket in 2015/16 and create your own cricket moment!

This season we will be offering a variety of options including:

In2Cricket (Milo Cricket)

In2Cricket (Milo T20Blast)

Junior teams from U/10 to U/16

Register online at  
<http://ndcc.nsw.cricket.com.au>

or

Email: [tndjcc\\_registration@butchercricket.com](mailto:tndjcc_registration@butchercricket.com)

KIDS CAN CREATE THEIR OWN  
**CRICKET MOMENT**  
[PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU](http://PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU)



...TAFE<sup>NSW</sup>  
 ...ILLAWARRA

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) provides free English Language learning to eligible migrants.

To see if you are eligible please ring 4229 0155.

The AMEP is funded by the Department of Education and Training.

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# Advertisement

## ***Number 1 in Sales!***



### **Why are we Number # 1 in the 2517 postcode?**

- Est. in Woonona for over 25 years!
- Largest Franchise in Australia
- Largest in the Illawarra with 17 offices
- Local Agency + Local property = Sales!
- Over 50 years combined sales knowledge!
- We undertake regular & extensive training
- Realistic and competitive selling fees
- Compare our fees with other agencies
- Expert marketing of your property
- No additional costs for an Auction!
- We supply honest & reliable information
- A committed sales & support team

**Ray White**

Woonona

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#### Specialist Orthodontist



Are you thinking about straightening your smile?

Did you want to know your options and when to start treatment?

Want your teeth straightened, but don't want to wear traditional braces?

Do you want to know what is the quickest option to straighten your teeth?

Did you know the ideal age for an orthodontic consultation is between 7 and 9 years old?

**FREE**  
Orthodontic  
Consultation

Get your teeth straightened properly, get them done by a specialist!

Then come in for a free consultation and meet Kamal, our Sydney trained registered specialist Orthodontist.

After working for over a decade in the Illawarra, you can be sure your smile is in good hands.

At Ambience we can align and straighten your teeth to correct your smile and improve function, as well as help in alignment for reconstructive or complex dental cases.

There are several options available to align your teeth from traditional and ceramic (clear) braces, to Invisalign, where your teeth can be straightened with almost invisible clear plastic aligners.

At Ambience Dental, not only do we have some of the Illawarra's most experienced dentists to look after your teeth, we also have three dental specialities under the one roof to help us streamline complex treatments to provide you with the highest standards and care.

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