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Mon Oct 31-Fri 4 Nov	Year 10 Yearly Examinations
Friday 28 October	Year 7 Zone Gala Day
Monday 31 October	Year 5 Sample Lesson Day
Thursday 3 November	Science Excursion Illawarra Fly
Fri day 4 November	Year 12 Clearance Day
Mon 7 - Thur 10 Nov	Regional Performing ensemble
Tuesday 8 November	Year 6 Parent Information Evening



Principals Report

HSC Examinations

Week 1 of the HSC Examinations have been successfully completed. Although off to a nervous start Year 12 have settled well into the examination routine and we wish them every success as they move toward the completion of their secondary education.

Planning, organisation and preparation for HSC 2017 is well underway with our first workshop of new HSC students and their parents held on Wednesday evening. Students and parents were provided with information regarding the extensive support and mentoring that we provide for individual HSC students. Thank you to all students and parents who attended, our ongoing partnership is critical to the success of our students.

School Leadership Team

The 2017 Student Leadership team of Jay Archer, Brodie Petrolo, Connor Johnson and Rachel Pollock are an outstanding group of young people, our school community has chosen well! I look forward to working with this group of young people in their representation of the students of Woonona High School throughout 2017. I have every confidence that they will continue the proud tradition of student leadership at WHS and bring to the role their own skills, strengths and passions. Congratulations all.



2017 Curriculum

Students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 have all made their selections for courses and electives to be delivered in 2017. I remind all parents that some of our 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.

On Thursday evening, a number of local employers and business people very generously gave of their time to facilitate 'mock interviews' for a very nervous but impressive group of 43 Year 10 students. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience, gained an insight to what is required at interview and were most appreciative of the information and tips shared by the employers. We are very grateful for the support of our business community in this initiative that we hope will continue for the benefit of students in years to come.

SRC GRIP Leadership Conference

SRC members from years 7-10 attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the WIN Entertainment Centre. We learnt about leadership and responsibility and students attended workshops on generating ideas that are outside the box, turning ideas into action, seeking support from their peers, overcoming the challenges of leadership and making assemblies amazing. Harrison Dabin of year 8 won a \$50 iTunes card provided by University of Western Sydney, who sponsored the conference. It was a fantastic day and we all came back inspired. Stand by for more great ideas coming soon from your SRC!

Ms Johnstone (English Teacher)





A Day with Michael Mucci

On Wednesday 19 October our Year 8 and 9 Accelerated Visual Arts classes enjoyed a special treat, a visit from caricaturist Michael Mucci . Michael shared his expertise in drawing caricatures with our students.

In one exercise Michael was showed students how to identify the distinguishing facial features and shapes of Hugh Jackman and Kevin Rudd to enable them to draw a caricature of these two famous Australians. Students were fully involved in the process and the results were fantastic.

















HSC Music Encore

Every year during the HSC Music Practical examinations, the examiners nominate outstanding performances from around the state for possible inclusion in the HSC Music Showcase. This concert, called Encore, is held at the Sydney Opera House in March each year. This year we are very proud of Josh Bate, one of our Year 12 students, who received an Encore nomination for one of his HSC performances. As part of the selection process, all nominees are required to submit a recording of their HSC program for the selection panel to consider. We recorded Josh's songs at the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music this week and we look forward to hearing if he has been selected for the concert in December. It is a fantastic achievement to receive an Encore nomination – congratulations!



Outstanding Academic Achievement. Congratulations to Josh who also received an Outstanding Academic Achievement Award at the Year 12 Graduation recently. Unfortunately his award was not mentioned in the last newsletter so we would like to appologise to Josh and congratulate him on this achievement.

CAPA in the Community

After their last successful performance in the Food Court of Wollongong Central, Carla Baker and Riley Walker of Year 8 have been invited back to perform as part of the Live Sites program. This time the talented pair will be performing two 3 hour paid sets from 11:30-2:30pm on this Sunday 23rd October (outside Forever New) and next Saturday 29th October near Grill'd. This is a fantastic achievement from some of our youngest musicians so please come along and support them.

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"Discovery" Treasure Hunt

This session senior English classes are studying aspects of "discovery" as part of their English course. Our English teachers devised a great way to encourage the students to become fully engaged in their English program with an around the school treasure hunt looking for clues and aspects of discovery.

Envelopes containing clues and the different aspects were placed in various locations around the school. Students had great fun finding the envelopes (14 in total) outside the Principals office, at the top gate, outside the Visual Art room, in the English staff room, admin office, on the wooden seats in the senior quad and near the bubblers outside the girls toilets, just to name a few.

Students had to find each of the locations and collect the envelopes before starting the second stage of the lesson which involved using the different aspects to create sentences about discovery. It was certainly a fun way to enjoy an English lesson.

As a follow up to Thursday's "Discovery Hunt", Year 11 English students worked in groups considering the key words and concepts they discovered during the treasure hunt. They discussed the relevance of the concepts to the area of study and created visual representations using the key words and appropriate images. At the conclusion of the lesson, students were asked to reflect on the processes of learning they had undertaken and provide their feedback using "exit tickets". Some of the feedback they provided follows:

• Good and interactive. I learned about discovery and it was valuable.

• Fun and engaging with others and sharing ideas, all contributing and using our knowledge and skills together.

- Was good to communicate with unfamiliar people. The purpose was to find out what discovery means to us.
- It was fun and different and learnt different ideas about discovery. We should do this again. I enjoyed this.
- Good activity as it helped students to understand varieties of discovery. 8/10.
- It was good and exciting. Discovery can happen everywhere.
- Cooperation is what I learnt and to get us working together and visualise discovery.
- Engaging and useful in helping develop skills.
- Fun working in a group. We learned about discovery and have a better understanding of discovery.









Year 9 Talented Mathematics Students Visit University of Wollongong

Woonona High School has a strong connection with the University of Wollongong.

Recently, our students were selected along with students from eight other schools from Macarthur and South Coast areas and invited to an event created for talented Year 9 Mathematics students.

Students travelled to UOW where they worked collaboratively on solving mathematical challenges.

Some problems were solved on whiteboards around the perimeter of a special learning Lab. Research has shown that learning can be enhanced when students are engaged working together on vertical learning surfaces. There is more energy involved in standing up, visualising and discussing the concept and trying out options on the whiteboard. Wrong options can be easily wiped off and a second option trialled.

Woonona students were excellent and represented our school wonderfully.

Mr Holliday (Head Teacher Mathematics)



Junior Debating

On Thursday 20th October one of the Junior Debating teams travelled to Dapto High School to compete in the regional quarter final of the Year 7 and 8 Premier's Debating Challenge. Before competing in the quarter final the team was undefeated in their zone, which included two victories and one win via forfeit from the opponent. This is a particularly impressive achievement as all students in the team are in Year 7 and they were mostly debating against Year 8 students. The topic in the quarter final was 'that the Australian flag should be changed' and Woonona was on the negative side. It was a very hard topic to argue against and despite putting forward some sound arguments, the team was narrowly defeated.









Congratulations to the following students who were a part of the team at some point in the competition; Sophie Percival, Emily Steele, Ruby Sargent-Wilson, Grace Ward, Jaida Way, Lara Van Loo. Looking forward to next year!

Mathematics Competition Report

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

Congratulations to the 35 Woonona High School students who entered the 2016 Mathematics event. The results have arrived and are very impressive. Woonona High School students performed above the Australian average in all year groups!

The best efforts recorded were from year 7 student Jaida Way (top 8% of Australia) and year 10 student Nicholas Turner (top 11% of Australia). They were both awarded certificates of Distinction.

Amazingly, we also had 15 students who managed to achieve an ICAS result worthy of a Certificate of Credit. These students were Samuel Inzinger (Year 10), Casey Bray (Year 9), Aiden Checklin, Harrison Dabin, Jake Greentree, Thomas Holliday, Jarred Inzinger, Thura Sabbar (all from Year 8), Alexandra Barden, Zali Dunn, Jackson Giustiani, Emma Guerrieri-Cortesi, Jayden Murray, Tuqa Sabbar and Benjamin Willson (all from Year 7).

Certificate of Credit achievements:



Certificates of Merit were received by 7 other talented WHS students, including Michael Beck, Lachlan Cosier, Matthew Hardy, Angus Waddell, Arun Wanstall, Genevieve Beck and Charli Smith.

We are also very proud of our 11 students whose performance earned them Certificates of Participation in this challenging event. Congratulations goes to Michael Usher, Benjamin Charlesworth, James McLachlan, Grant Overton, Bailey Usher, Payton brown, Aaron Franey, Thomas Joy, Luke Keevers, Kye Phillips and Jake Smith.

Mr Holliday.

Outback Australia

On the 17th September 32 students and 3 brave teachers left the Liddle St bus stop on the 2016 Central Australia tour. Driving by coach to Darwin, we eventually clocked over 6,000km on our trip and took 12 days to reach our final destination. On the way we stopped at a number of locations including Hay, Spear Creek, Coober Pedy, Woomera, Alice Springs, Daly Waters, Katherine, Kakadu and Darwin.

Some highlights of the trip included a camel ride and reptile presentation where students got to pose for photos with a giant Olive Python and various lizards including Blue Tongues and Dragons. At Crocosauraus Cove we got to see saltwater crocs that were well over 5.5 metres long, with some lucky students even getting to feed the juvenile crocs while we were there. The two cruises we went on allowed us to see some epic scenery and amazing wildlife, including saltwater crocodiles, Jabiru, eagles, hawks and water buffalo. Shae Lawrence's fear of birds was really tested at the 'Birds of Prey' display, especially when the birds flew around the audience, skimming over the heads of people in the back row (unfortunately the same location Shae had sat herself in). Miss Potter did well to hide her fear of reptiles, even managing to pose with a snake at one point, and Jade O'Brien overcame her anxiety about camels and enjoyed her ride around the camel track outside Alice Springs.



Dave and Sandy, our bus driver and cook, commented specifically on how much fun they had with our group and how polite and well behaved everyone was throughout the trip. All teachers would like to specifically thank the students for their attitude, behaviour and sense of humour as well as thank the parents for giving their child the opportunity to go on this amazing adventure! While we all had a great time, we also learned a lot about the history and geography of our country. We had some very informative guides and indigenous leaders that taught us local history as well as the reasons for the appearance of some of our countries' most famous natural landmarks. While weather was really hot at times we managed to survive 2 weeks in tents and cooled off at some local watering holes and swimming pools including the beautiful Edith Falls and Mataranka Springs.

The HSIE department hopes to run a similar excursion in the future and will provide information to students and their families in the coming year. Miss Amy Packer



Some of the Highlights — Outback Australia

Lunch at Nerrandera

Tent Assembly Lessons

Renmark—Icy cold



Pushing the bus over the border



Camel rides were popular



Kings Canyon - 350 stair climb



Uluru Discovery



Reptile Show



Royal Flying Doctor Service



Karaoke at Daly Springs



Renner Springs



Breakfast at Devil's Marbles



Sunset Cruise Kakadu wetlands





Indigenous Art Kakadu National Park



Swimming at Edith falls



Katherine Gorge Cruising

Crocosaurus Park

Coober Pedy



Coober Pedy







Hayley Stars at Tennis.

Year 10 student Haley Walker has always been passionate about playing tennis.

She recently played in the South Coast Girls Tennis team when they competed in Grafton at the NSW combined High Schools Tennis Carnival. The South Coast team came equal 5th in the event.

Hayley has been playing tennis since she was seven years old and has played in many tennis tournaments, in both team and individual events.

We wish Hayley well in her tennis career and we look forward to hearing more about her tennis events.





Year 10 Photography and Digital Media



The Year 10 Photographic and Digital Media class have been busy taking some amazing photos of our staff.

The photos are on display in the Library and students will be voting for the best shots this week. Prizes will be awarded for categories such as funniest picture, most serious picture, best colour, and best black and white photo.

Winners will be announced next week. See our face book page for all the details.

Mrs Montague

(Visual Art Teacher)







Year 7 CAPA



The Year 7 CAPA class have been busy in their Visual Arts class making clay busts.



Early Childhood Studies Playgroup Starting Term 4

Monday 17th October

9am – 9.30am

Please contact Ms Montague





Suzanne.montague@det.nsw.edu.au

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Junior Motocross Champion

From the 22/09/16 to the 2/10/16 Year 8 student Tanesha Harnett competed in the Australian Junior Motocross titles in Renmark South Australia. Tanesha represented NSW in the NSW state team and Husqvarna Australia in the junior Husqvarna racing team.

Tanesha competed in the 85 cc, 12 to 16 year class and in the junior lights female under 16 classes. After a very tough week battling with the weather and having a few bike issues, Tanesha ended up second overall in both classes. Tanesha was a little upset with the results as she knew she had the speed, winning two races in both classes but suffering from a lack of luck.



Crossroads

On the 11th and 12 October, Year 11 students attended the Crossroads program.

Crossroads is a mandatory program for students in Years 11 and/or 12 in all NSW government schools.

Crossroads is designed to help senior students address issues of health, safety and wellbeing at a time when they face significant changes and challenges in their lives. Crossroads aims to prepare and support these students as they encounter situations related to identity, independence and their changing responsibilities.

Crossroads aims to build students' sense of empowerment and respect for themselves and others and is part of the intensive welfare program offered to students at Woonona High School.

Mr Rayner (Head Teacher Welfare)

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Careers News

TAFE Illawarra

FREE Short Courses

TAFE are currently enrolling students for upcoming short courses. Applicants must be over fifteen years old and have left school. This makes anybody completing their HSC prior to the course beginning eligible. Current course offerings including RSA and RCG courses can be found at this link;

http://www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au/business-and-employers/fast-track-training eligible.

And ...

The following fee free courses will be **advertised shortly** - The offers are being created over the next week. All offers will start early to mid-November.

- Introduction to Drawing
- Introduction to Painting
- Introduction to Photo Imaging
- Introduction to Interactive Game Design with GameMakerStudio
- Introduction to Film and TV
- Introduction to Media and Communication
- Introduction to Sound Production

TAFE Choices Day

Why wait to change your life?

Whether you're finishing school, updating your skills or changing careers, we have hundreds of exciting courses designed to give you the skills, knowledge and confidence to achieve your goals. So why wait to start chasing your career dreams? It's time to start exploring your study options for 2017 - so to help with your journey, we're opening our doors for **Choices Day** on **Saturday 3 December, 9am to 1pm** at our campuses below.

What can I do at Choices Day?

Find out what courses you can study in Semester 1, 2017

Seek advice on the best course for your career goals from our expert team

Find out if you're eligible to study for FREE, with a Fee-Free Scholarship

See if you can get qualified faster and at a cheaper cost with <u>Recognition</u>

Pick up a copy of our Career Guide

Learn how you can study now, pay later with <u>VET-FEE HELP</u> and <u>FEE-HELP</u> student loans

Experience live, hands-on demonstrations at our Wollongong campus

Gain assistance with the application process

Get help creating your USI (Unique Student Identifier), which you need before enrolling

Find a Choices Day near you

Date	Campus	
NORTHERN DISTRICT		
Saturday 3 December 2016	Wollongong (including courses at Dapto, Shellharbour, Wollongong West and Yal- lah)	
HIGHLANDS DISTRICT	·	
Saturday 3 December 2016	<u>Cooma</u>	
Saturday 3 December 2016	Goulburn	
Saturday 3 December 2016	Moss Vale	
Saturday 3 December 2016	Queanbeyan	
Saturday 3 December 2016	Yass	
SOUTH COAST DISTRICT		
Saturday 3 December 2016	Bega	
Saturday 3 December 2016	<u>Moruya</u>	
Saturday 3 December 2016	<u>Nowra</u>	
Saturday 3 December 2016	<u>Ulladulla</u>	

Year 12

Wollongong Council will be recruiting the following roles for 2017 and advertising them publicly from 31 October 2016:

- Cadet Engineer
- Cadet Planner (Indigenous targeted position)
- Cadet Management Accountant
 - Cadet Facilities Management
 - Apprentice Horticulture
 - Apprentice Engineering Design
 - Trainee Cemetery Technician
- Trainee Archivist/Records Management (Disability targeted position)

Trainee Warehousing John Chamberlain Careers Adviser Woonona High School

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Tues 15 Nov	P&C Meeting
Mon 21— Fri 25 Nov	CAPA Camp
Mon 23 — Fri 25 Nov Metals & Engineering Work Placement	
Fri 25 Nov	Schools Spectacular
28 Nov—Fri 2 Dec	Construction Work Placement
Tue 6 Dec	Orientation Day
8 Dec	Annual Presentation Evening
8 Dec	Zone Blues Ceremony
Wed 14 Dec	Alladin

Canteen Roster

Monday, 24 October 2016 Tuesday, 25 October 2016 Wednesday, 26 October 2016 Thursday, 27 October 2016 Friday, 28 October 2016 Monday, 31 October 2016 Tuesday, 1 November 2016 Wednesday, 2 November 2016 Thursday, 3 November 2016 Friday, 4 November 2016 Monday, 7 November 2016 Tuesday, 8 November 2016 Wednesday, 9 November 2016 Thursday, 10 November 2016 Friday, 11 November 2016 Monday, 14 November 2016 Tuesday, 15 November 2016 Wednesday, 16 November 2016 Thursday, 17 November 2016 Friday, 18 November 2016 Monday, 21 November 2016 Tuesday, 22 November 2016 Wednesday, 23 November 2016 Thursday, 24 November 2016 Friday, 25 November 2016 Monday, 28 November 2016 Tuesday, 29 November 2016 Wednesday, 30 November 2016 Thursday, 1 December 2016 Friday, 2 December 2016 Monday, 5 December 2016 Tuesday, 6 December 2016 Wednesday, 7 December 2016 Thursday, 8 December 2016 Friday, 9 December 2016 HELP NEEDED

HELP NEEDED **KERRIE AUSTIN HELP NEEDED** DONNA THOMPSON **HELP NEEDED** HELP NEEDED JANECE PENDER HELP NEEDED JANELLE TE PARIRI ANGELA MADDEN **GABI JAMES** HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED **KAREN BATE** HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED JANECE PENDER JO MEIERS SUSIE EAGER JESSICA TINELT HELP NEEDED **KERRIE AUSTIN** HELP NEEDED DONNA THOMPSON HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED JANECE PENDER HELP NEEDED JANELLE TE PARIRI ANGELA MADDEN **GABI JAMES** JANECE PENDER HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED



Save the Date for Reclaim The Night March



Reclaim the Night March is on again next month. Save the Date Thursday 27th October 2016 commencing 5:30pm. At the event last year hundreds of Illawarra residents marched through the streets of Wollongong to protest against gender-based violence and sexual harassment. The Illawarra Reclaim the Night Committee is hoping for an even bigger event this year.

Last year's keynote speaker was The Hon Linda Burney MP who silenced the crowd with her own personal story and insight around violence and its need to cease. Ms Burney encourages the Reclaim The Night Marches held across Australia stating "they were more relevant than ever with domestic violence now at a national crisis...These marches are a demonstration to the broader community about the unacceptability, the concern and the impact of domestic violence,".

The event will begin with a gathering before the March at Civic Plaza on Burelli Street and then participants will proceed to March through the Wollongong Mall coming together at the Mall Amphitheatre. Again the event will include some entertainment, we will hear from prominent guest speakers, personal stories of survival and light entertainment. Before closure at 7pm there will be a candle lighting ceremony to remember those women who have passed away this year from violence.

This event is an all family event and everybody is welcome. People are encouraged to wear a purple shirt to the March and the Lighthouse will again be lit up purple on the night.

Details:

Thursday 27th October 2016, from 5:30-7pm

The Gathering for the March Commences at 5:30pm at Civic Plaza on Burelli Street.

The Event: At the amphitheatre steps in the mall from 6pm and the event closes at 7pm.

For any further information regarding the Reclaim The Night event please contact Lynelle at Wollongong Women's Information Service (WWIS) on 4228 1499.





Domestic Violence specialist workers Janine McEvoy & Lynelle Samways are members of the Illawarra Reclaim The Night Committee helping organise this year's event.



Now is the time to kick-start your future with one of TAFE NSW Illawarra's Fee FREE Short Courses which you can enrol in now!

Our short courses are a great way to build your skills, explore a new career path or meet the changing legislative requirements of your job.

Many of our short courses also count towards full qualifications - so if you're ready to take your training to a new level, you'll be ahead of the game.

This Fee-FREE training is subsidised by the NSW Government.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A FEE-FREE SHORT COURSE?

If you meet the following criteria, you may be eligible to undertake one of our Fee FREE Short Courses:

- are aged 15 years or older
- have left school
- live or work in New South Wales
- are an Australian citizen, permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or New Zealand citizen.

This opportunity is only available for training which is completed by Saturday 31 December 2016.

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WHAT CAN YOU STUDY?

Choose from a variety of courses across our 14 locations and enrol now!



MORE TO COME!

Corringle Swim Club

DO YOU Enjoy Swimming?





Come join in the FUN at

Corrimal Swim Club

FREE club membership

For all swimmers 7 years and under

https://corrimal.swimming.org.au

Take part in

Friday night Club Point Score

The first 2 Friday nights are free to new members.

The main aim of Friday night point score is to encourage swimmers of all ages and standards. Come and enjoy a fun social night, including a BBQ, whilst improving swim times and fitness.

Season starts October 21st 2016 at 6pm

Transition and squad swim training also available



