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Calendar

Mon 30 January	Years 11, 12 & 7 start 2017
Tues 31 January	All pupils return to school
Fri 3 February	Peer Support Years 7 & 10
Mon 6 February	UOW Discovery Day, Year 12
Thurs 9 February	Year 11 Information Evening
Fri 10 February	Peer Support Years 7 & 10



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Presentation Night 2016

On Thursday 8 December, Woonona High School and the community came together to celebrate the achievements of our students in 2016. Academic excellence, sporting achievements and community and leadership efforts were all recognised. From the amount of awards that were presented it was obvious that many, many of our students had excelled in 2016. The proud faces of the parents, carers, siblings and grandparents in the audience showed that they were as proud of their children as we are. Congratulations and well done to everyone.



Some of the major awards which were presented included:

Woonona High School Medal: Awarded to Jaime Cater

The J.N. Webster Trophy for Service to the School: Awarded to Amelia McPherson and Samuel Rogers

The Woonona Lions Club Trophy for Service to the School: Awarded to Jaime Carter and Taylah Carter

The A.J. Jenkins Trophy and the Rotary Club Prize for the Greatest Contribution to the School: Awarded to Jay Archer.

The G.M. Doyle Award and the Rotary Club Corrimal Prize for the Greatest Contribution to the School by a Junior Student: Awarded to Jade O'Brien.

The Caltex Medal: Awarded to Phoebe Basham

The Member for Cunningham for making a Significant Contribution to the School and the Community: Awarded to Bronte Petrolo

The Reuben F Scarf Award in Recognition of Consistent Effort and the Desire to Improve: Awarded to Nathan Boyle.

The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Leadership and Teamwork Awards: Awarded to Taylah Carter and Elly Moore

The ANSTO Science Award: Awarded to Sonia Hilliard, Cody Oldfield

The Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute Award for Outstanding Achievement in Science: Awarded to Jay Archer

The Engineers Australia Award: Awarded to Emily Nicholson.

The World Changer Award for Volunteering: Awarded to Cody Sweeney.

The Public Speaking and Debating Award: Awarded to Liam

The Mike Dwyer Memorial Prize for Excellence in History: Lucy Rouse



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Academic Awards

Outstanding Achievement and Dux Of Year 11: Jay Archer

Outstanding Achievement, Year 11: Nathan Boyle, Bronte Petrolo, Rachel Pollock, Lucy Rouse

Excellent Achievement, Year 11: Phoebe Basham, Nicole Miranda

Most Conscientious Student, Year 11: Lara Chapman

Outstanding Achievement and Dux Of Year 10: Emily Nicholson

Excellent Achievement, Year 10: Jade O'Brien, Liam, Erin Wall

Most Conscientious Student, Year 10: Madelina Camilleri

Outstanding Achievement and Dux Of Year 9: Phoebe Austin

Outstanding Achievement, Year 9: Zara Sharman

Excellent Achievement, Year 9: Maggie Esdale

Most Conscientious Student, Year 9: Maggie Esdale

Outstanding Achievement and Dux Of Year 8: Harrison Dabin

Excellent Achievement, Year 8: Carla Baker, Ryan Mills, Thura Sabbar

Most Conscientious Student, Year 8: James McLachlan

Outstanding Achievement and Dux Of Year 7: Jaida Way

Excellent Achievement, Year 7: Emma Guerrieri-Cortesi, Emily Steele

Most Conscientious Student, Year 7: Kate Moore

Sporting Achievements

Sportsman of the Year: Jay Archer, Year 11

Sportswoman of the Year: Zara Sharman, Year 9

Pierre De Coubertin Award: Phoebe Bashman, Year 11

Premiers Sporting Medal: Narran Ping, Year 9

Recognition of State Selection: Nelson Sharp, Year 9,

Thomas Heaton, Year 9

Community of Schools Awards

Woonona East Primary School: Scarlet Hancox

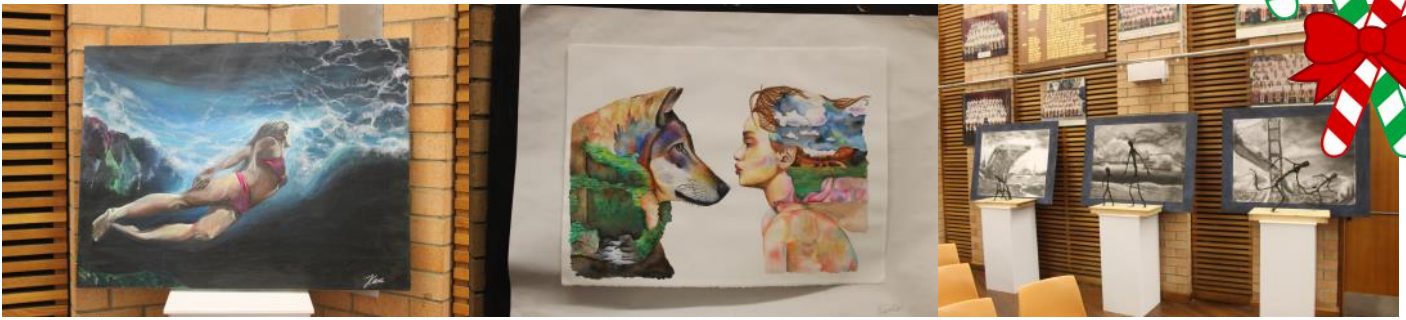
Russell Vale Primary School: Eva Maddox

Woonona Primary School: Madeleine Saxby

See our facebook page for all the photos.



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Well Prepared

Prior to our Presentation Ceremony our staff, GA, office and student helpers were all very busy in preparation. PA systems were checked, chairs set out, flowers arranged, slide shows, programs and certificates prepared and students prepared and practiced for the ceremony. Our school hall looked magnificent and the musical entertainment sounded great as they practiced their pieces. I would like to share with you some of the fantastic art work which was also on display.



"Jingle Bell Rock"



Our teachers were rocking at assembly last week as they wished our students Merry Christmas and entertained them with a great rendition of "Jingle Bell Rock". They had obviously been in training for months and on the big day overcame nerves and stage fright to deliver a fantastic performance! Students loved it and agreed that it was great to see our staff in such a festive way. See our facebook page for the official video of the event.

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Orientation Day 2016



On Tuesday 6 December our new Year 7, 2017 cohort took part in Orientation Day 2016. First up was a hall assembly where the students were addressed by Ms Watt, our Deputies, Mr Rayner and Ms Mellor as well as being allocated their classes and peer support groups. Students, along with their Year 9 Peer Support leaders, then took part in a “hunt” around the school where they had to find various locations and people – lots of fun!

Students then had a recess break before heading off to class.

Classes enjoyed by the students included: making Italian Christmas trees in Language, doing a Sierpinski’s Carpet in Maths (you’ll have to quiz your child on that one!), belting out a rhyme and rhythm exercise in Music using only their hands, feet and school desks as instruments and icing Christmas cookies in Food Technology (it was a bit messy but yum!).



Our new students thoroughly enjoyed the lunch time sausage sizzle that had been organised for them, (in fact the photographer missed out on photos it was so popular!).

In the afternoon students took part in a peer support exercise which involved each group being given a theme, newspaper and other limited supplies to produce a costume.

The creations were fantastic, there were trees, T-Rex’s, a fairy, a toothbrush, a trash can and lots, lots more. Judging by the laughter and smiles the students all had a great day.



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Variety Night—Live Loud!



On Tuesday the 13th of December, Woonona High School students took part in the Annual Variety Night. This year's theme was "Live Loud". Students ranging from Years 7-12 performed and showcased their talents from Instrumental, Vocal, Dance and Visual Arts. We also had a special performance from the "Woonona Community of Schools Primary Band". On behalf of all of us we would like to thank all the teachers, backstage workers and performers who helped make this night memorable.



Congratulations to Miss Sharp and her band of helpers on producing yet another fantastic production showcasing the amazing talents of our students. It is a huge amount of work each year to put together such a production but our students and audience are very appreciative of the effort especially at such a busy time of the year. See our Facebook page for lots more photos.

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ATAR Morning Tea



On Friday 16 December we congratulated our Year 12 2016 cohort on their fantastic efforts in this years' HSC. HSC results were available yesterday. 7 band 6's and many, many band 5's were awarded to our students. This morning ATAR results were released and many of our students and their parents are celebrating with morning tea in the Hall. The nervous wait for our students is over and now they can begin their new directions with many of them having already accepted placements at university. Congratulations to all.



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Bronze Medallion / Community Coaching



On Friday 7 December, the Year 10 PASS class were presented with certificates for completing the online AIS approved Community Coaching course. The class were also presented with certificates for completing their Bronze Medallion which they completed earlier this year.

Both these courses are run as part of the PASS course, which is designed to cater to those students with an interest in the sporting and recreational field. The class offers students the opportunity to participate in a large number of recreational activities and reach an advanced level of ability and knowledge in PDHPE.



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Peer Support Stanwell Tops



Last week students took part in a team building day at Stanwell Tops. The students undertook several challenges which required them to work together to win against opposing teams. It was much like the survivor activities you see on television.

The students navigated through a course in the bush setting of Stanwell tops and painted their faces with bark in tribal effect representing their different teams.

There were physical and thinking challenges, such as moving patterned tyres from one holder to another, replicating the exact same pattern. This had complicated restrictions that made the task quite difficult. The students also had to use planks to work their way through a maze and climb a net without losing their balance.

Students had a lot of fun and participated with great spirit. They were rewarded with a delicious lunch which was provided for them - freshly made spaghetti carbonara, salad and garlic bread.

A big thank you to Mr de Main and Mr McDermott for organising the day.

Ms Mellor



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WHS Surfing Competition 2016

It was only the brave and committed surfers who fronted for the 2016 titles bash. The contest was held at North Side in 3-4 ft right handers mostly breaking off the suck. The brisk east south easterly and the intermittent showers ensured that both competitors and judges got a little wet. Conditions were a little bumpy but some good long rides with some steep faces in sections were ridden. It is great to see a committed bunch of Year 8 and 9 surfers reaching high levels of competency and the keenness of the Year 7 boys reaching a peak which will ensure they continue to develop quickly. On the strength of the performances, 2017 looks to be a good year for Surfing at Woonona High.

Results

Open Boys Surfboard Championship

1st Corey Gray

2nd Myles Mailing

3rd (equal) Stuart Logan, Kyan Windeyer

Year 7 Boys Surfboard Championship

1st Kyan Windeyer

2nd Jayden Kain

Year 7 Boys Body Board Champion

1st Jack Fenton

Thank you to John Chamberlain and Dal Proudfoot for their fantastic support in all things surfing at Woonona High School this year and every year. Talking of every year, thank you also to the old timers Herb Spargo and Michael Callender who are always there to fill in and help out when called upon as they did this year.

Rod Landy



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End of Year Activities



This week students have been enjoying a range of interesting and fun activities.

In-school activities included a handball competition, computer games, table tennis, art and Italian cookery classes, as well as decoration and card making, board games, movies and indoor soccer.

Out of school there was ice skating, "Surfari", Learn to Surf at The Farm, a school surf contest, Monster Skate Park, Wet'n'Wild, bike riding and a trip to Sydney to see the stage musical Aladdin.

Students were able to pick three different activities for the week depending on their interests and what they would like to try.

In the first newsletter 2017 there will be full reports of activities and lots more photos.



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Terracotta Warriors



Miss Walker’s Year 7 History class have been studying Ancient China. To finish off this unit of work the class made terracotta “Warriors” in class last week.

The students enjoyed this activity and are sure to remember this area of study.

Miss Walker (English / History Teacher)



Northern Illawarra Zone Blues Awards



On Thursday 8 December Hayley Walker and Zara Sharman were recognised at the Illawarra Illawarra Zone Blues Awards for their efforts in zone sports.

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November



At assembly this week the students and teachers who enthusiastically supported Movember by growing “mows” were thanked and congratulated for their efforts.

A gold coin collection was made and over \$160 was collected. Proceeds will be donated to The Movember Foundation for research into men’s health, both physical and mental. Well done to all involved!



Accelerated Reader Awards

Also at assembly, students who have reached their literacy target for the Accelerated Reader Program were presented with certificates for their efforts in reaching this important milestone. The students were: Kiarra Ali, Kaia Berennan, Tatum Fulton, Thura Sabbar, Chelsea Quayle, Jaaron Faux-Collard, Ruby Sargent-Wilson, Olivia James, Luke Bogovic, Jasmine Clayden, Aishah Muhammed, Olivia Vale, Jaida Way. Congratulations to all.



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Illawarra Mercury Design an Ad Competition

At assembly this week, Mrs Whiddon congratulated Madelina Camilleri as the winner of the Illawarra Mercury Design an Ad competition. Mrs Whiddon and Madelina had attended a ceremony where Madelina was presented with a cheque for \$700.

The competition judges from Illawarra Mercury congratulated our school on consistently having such a high standard of entries each year.

Our school also received a \$1000 cheque for placing first. We are investigating the possibility of using the money to run a workshop for students next year with guest speakers providing a range of opportunities for students to improve their design and visual literacy skills.

Mrs Whiddon (English Teacher)



Musical Talent

As we suspected we have some incredibly talented students in our school and our Music students are some of the best. If you happened to be in Crown Central last Saturday, 3 December you would have had the pleasure of listening to Year 8 WHS students Carla Baker and Riley Walker perform. Carla and Riley have performed for the centre before and last Saturday they performed a 3 hour "busking" stunt. We will look forward to following the musical careers of these two talented students!



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SRC Report



2016, What a year

From our many charitable fundraisers, in-school performances such as Unplugged and the CAPA Showcase, and the leadership forums we have attended, it has been a busy year.

We have all thoroughly enjoyed being part of the SRC this year and we have all felt that we have gained better leadership and knowledge from being a part of a leadership team.

We, Year 7 students have devoted much of our valuable time towards the school and the community. We have all put in as much as possible to make a difference in the community.

We have volunteered our lunch times for Spider Days, where we fund raised for our sponsor child Bathai, we have raised awareness of a local girl, Chloe Saxby, who has a rare disease, by dressing up in colourful accessories and having a visit from Chloe herself. On Wear it Purple day, we all dressed in purple accessories and donated a gold coin to support the LGBTQI in making them feel comfortable.

We supported "Shave for a Cure" where many of our senior students shaved their heads and beards.

The SRC also held a lolly guessing competition to raise money for our sponsor child and as a school we asked students for a gold coin donation to raise awareness for Jeans for Genes Day.

Year 7 SRC members also gave up their time after school to help in the canteen and by greeting members of the community at our school productions and performances.

We have had a jam-packed year but have showed a smile throughout all our activities. We can't wait till next year.

Ruby Sargent-Wilson (Year 7 SRC)



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through our website www.cas.nsw.edu.au
From Monday 19 December 2016 to Wednesday
21 December 2016 careers advisers will be
available on 1300 300 687 or via the Careers
Advisory Service website to answer your
enquiries. Parents and carers may also use this
service if they are seeking advice on your behalf.

The Careers Advisory Service website contains
helpful information to assist you in clarifying
course choices, employment opportunities,
career pathways and training options.



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Christmas
ON CROWN 2016

FREE Children's Christmas Making Hub

Saturday 10 – Saturday 24 December Open 10am – 2pm Daily

Lower Crown Street Mall, opposite Wesley Church

Join in the fun with homemade Christmas gifts and craft activities, including
Christmas card making, make your own stamped wrapping paper, Christmas
trees, junk jewellery or make your very own notebook.

Program of Daily Activities

10am – 12 midday: Homemade Christmas Gifts & Crafts

11.30 – 1pm: Pop-Up Loose Parts Adventure Play

12.30pm – 2pm: Collaborative Christmas Installation Creation

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ative purposes.

For more information visit: www.christmasoncrown.com.au/childrens-christmas-making-hub/

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Carols on Crown, Saturday 17 December Crown Street Mall

www.christmasoncrown.com.au/2016/10/23/carols-on-crown/

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RECREATIONAL GYMNASTICS

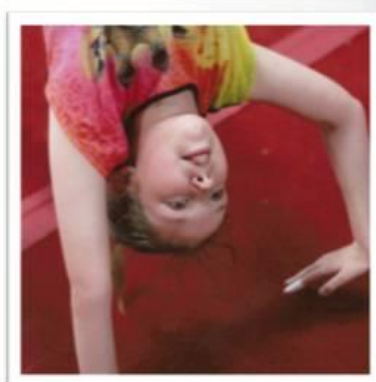
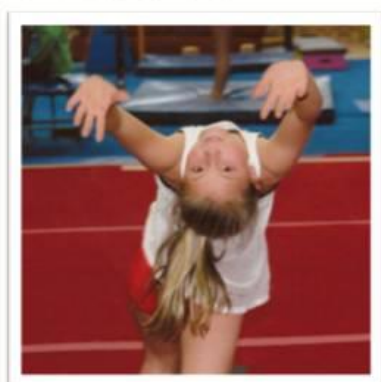
PCYC Gymnastics club's primary objective is to provide high quality gymnastics programs and events for children. Our classes are designed to improve each student's motor skills, coordination, physical confidence and self-esteem.

2017 PCYC Gymnastics Program

Recreational Gymnastics and KinderGym

Registrations open. Enrolment forms can be obtained from the PCYC Office, website www.pycnsw.org.au/bulli or request one from bulli@pynsw.org.au

A registration day will also be held at PCYC Bulli at **4:30pm to 6pm Friday 27/Jan/2017**. A wait list will be created when classes are oversubscribed.



Please see office staff for more information about fees and any questions you may have.



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Free 2HR workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers. Accompanied learner drivers welcome.

Workshops are held by Wollongong City, Shellharbour City and Kiama councils.

To help you with practical advice about:

- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the learner driver log book
- Providing on road driver practise
- L & P Plate licence laws

Workshops are held from 6pm – 8pm

Bookings are essential

Please contact Council for a suitable workshop

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2016

July	25	Shellharbour
August	24	Kiama
September	6	Wollongong
October	19	Kiama
November	7	Shellharbour
December	6	Wollongong

2017

February	13	Shellharbour
March	7	Wollongong
April	26	Kiama
May	22	Shellharbour
June	6	Wollongong



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LEARNER LOG BOOK RUN

DO YOU HAVE YOUR L'S?

Want to get more hours for your log book?

An opportunity for you and your supervisor to experience a variety of driving conditions to increase safe driver behaviour.

All learner drivers must have 40 or more log book hours

Bookings are essential

Please contact Council for a suitable workshop

2016	June	19	10.00am – 12.30pm		Shellharbour and Kiama
	July	12	6.00pm – 8.30pm	☾ night run	Shellharbour and Kiama
	August	14	9.30am – 12.00pm		Wollongong
	September	25	10.00am – 12.30pm		Shellharbour and Kiama
	November	27	9.30am – 12.00pm		Wollongong
2017	March	26	Ultimate Learner Log Book Run 10.00am – 1.30pm		Shellharbour, Kiama and Wollongong
	April	11	6.00pm – 8.30pm	☾ night run	Shellharbour and Kiama
	May	7	9.30am – 12.00pm		Wollongong
	June	18	10.00am – 12.30pm		Shellharbour and Kiama

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Get the skills to ride anywhere!

Join a fun session to improve cycle skills, learn about bike safety & improve rider confidence.

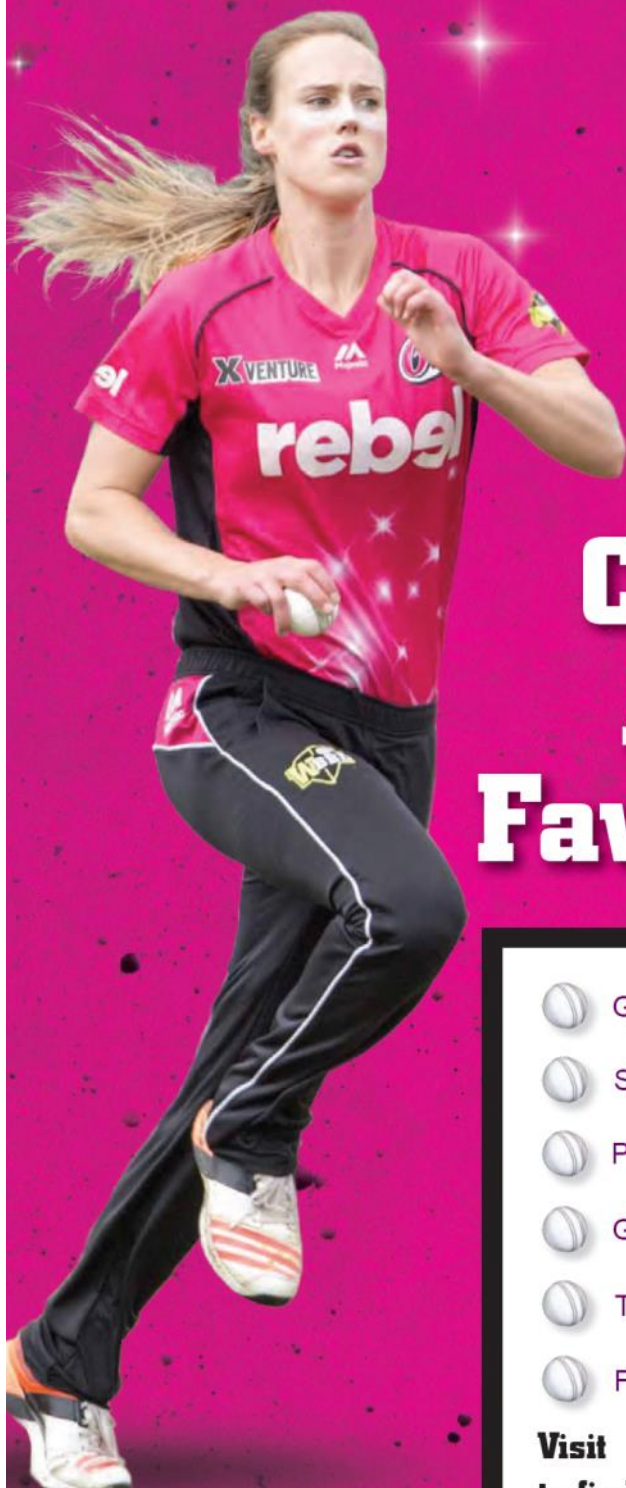
- **26th October 2016,**
5:30 - 6:30pm Lang Park (Adults)
- **5th November 2016,**
9:00 - 10:00am Southern End of Stuart Park (Adults)
- **18th January 2017,**
10:00 - 11:00am Lang Park (Family - Adults and Children)

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**SIXERS GIRLS
CRICKET LEAGUE**

**Come & Play
Australia's
Favourite Game!**



- Girls only Cricket League
- Sunday Morning - 5th Feb / 26th March 2017
- Play with your sisters and friends!
- Get fit and have fun!
- T20 Format - 9 a side games
- For girls aged 10 to u17 years old

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Club name: Illawarra Zone

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